

COM Certificate in Rock Engineering

Learning material guidelines

Note:

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3. IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO YOU TO DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL THE COMPLETE RANGE OF MATERIALS, I.E. PAPERS 1,2,3.1,3.2,3.3 AND 3.4 AS THEY ARE LINKED TO EACH OTHER IN MANY CASES AND WILL ALLOW YOU TO ENJOY THE FULL EXTENT OF THE MATERIAL DEVELOPED.
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5. Computer anti-virus security settings may also affect the opening up of some linked websites. Consult your IT department to assist.
6. Note that some animations were created in ‘Flashplayer’ and that this software may not be supported by your browser and may not function properly.

Installation instructions

1. Download the compressed / zipped files for the paper(s) required to any directory your computer or to an external disk. It is suggested that you create a specific folder for all materials to be downloaded into.
2. Ensure that previous versions of the material has been uninstalled from your computer (Go to Start / Control Panel/ Uninstall a program and check whether the COM Learning Guide papers have been installed. If so, uninstall them. If not, ignore and go to next step).

3. Double click on the compressed folder.
4. Extract all files to the same folder.
5. Double click on the 'Installpaper' application icon. (note that each paper is called by its number i.e. Installpaper1 is paper 1 and Installpaper31 is 3.1)
6. A DOS window will appear and show the copying of all files to a set directory which is fixed for all installations. (Note: you cannot install these files to a directory of your choice as links have been pre-set to look for files in specific folders.)
7. When completed, a note in the window will indicate: "Installation complete, Press enter to exit".
8. Press enter and the window will disappear. All relevant files have now been copied into the directory C:\COM Certificate Learning Guides\Handbooks and this should NEVER be changed i.e. files must NOT be copied to any other space on the computer as this will prevent linked files to open.
9. On some installations a note from windows stating "Program has not been correctly installed" can appear. Ignore this and click on "Cancel" to close the note.
10. An icon for the specific paper installed will appear on your desktop.
11. To access the learning material, find the relevant icon and double click. A pdf file containing the material will open.
12. When clicking on links within the pdf document, the user will be asked whether windows should open the link. Click on "allow". The linked to file will open in a separate window. When done, simply close this window to return to the main pdf document.