



Student Start-up Support System (S4)

REPORT:

Microsoft Azure Training Session for Startups in ICT space

Date: 27th September 2014

Time: 10:30 to 15:30

Venue: 126, GTU S4-Co-Creation Center (S4-C3), ACPC Building, LDCE Complex, Ahmedabad.



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We are living in the world of internet where every day new applications and websites are launched. Making a website or an application might be easy but maintaining servers, web services etc. is a tough task. Microsoft provides you a platform with Azure which enables you to rapidly deploy websites, mobile services, notifications etc. quickly and easily. Microsoft Azure is open and flexible enough to even support various non Microsoft technologies. Startups can join the BizSpark program and get all the features for free. So, GIC (GTU Innovation Council) had held Microsoft Azure Training Session for Startups in ICT start-ups.



Picture: Students listening to the mentor Mr. Sanket Shah

The workshop started at 10:30 a.m. Around 50 students from various colleges attended this workshop. Mr. Prabhjot Bakshi (Consultant, Microsoft Azure) started the workshop by giving information about various applications working on online storage facilities like One Drive. He also gave the introduction about Microsoft Azure.



Picture: Participants during the event

Microsoft Azure is Microsoft's cloud platform. MS claims that Azure has a growing collection of integrated services like computer, storage, data, networking, and applications that help you surf faster, do more work in less time, and save money. Gartner has said that Azure Cloud platform can be used both for infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS) and platform-as-a-service (PaaS). This combination of managed and unmanaged services can help one build, deploy, and manage applications in a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Bakshi also gave the information about One Drive. One Drive (formerly SkyDrive) can store and share photos, videos, documents and more. When you upload photos and videos from your phone to OneDrive, you can get to them when you are on your PC, MAC, tablet or phone. With OneDrive for phone, you can access, manage and share files on the go.



Picture: Mentors of the event Mr. Prabhjot Bakshi & Mr. Sanket Shah



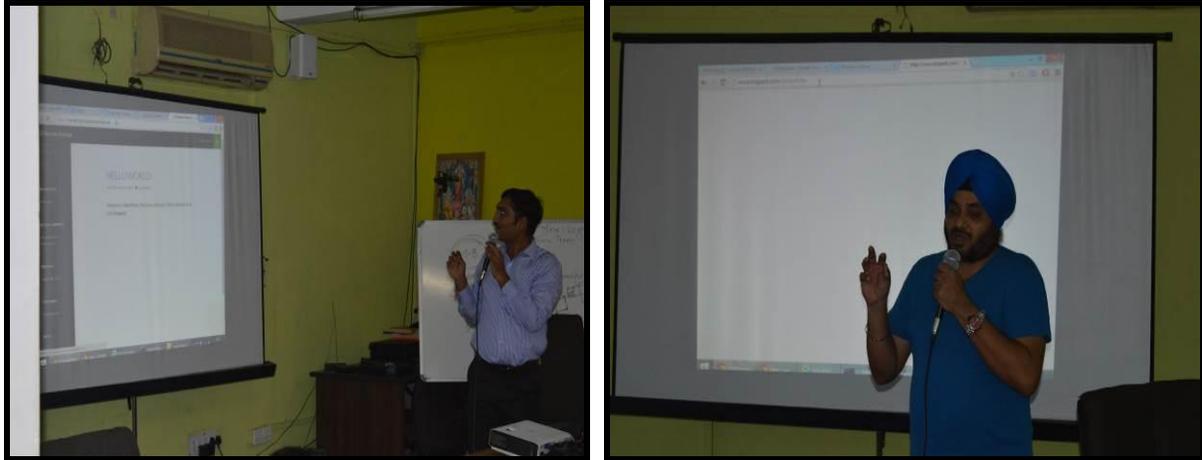
Picture: Participants during the session

After that the next session was conducted by Mr. Sanket Shah, who mentored participants about various websites like Citizenwatch.com which is very famous in U.S. He also gave the information about how to create websites.

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After that Mr. Prabhjot Bakshi continued the session by giving information about how to use the mobile services and develop database for it. Next he allotted a task to the participants, where they had to create a database with their personal details as the input entry.



Picture: Mentors elaborating on Azure during the event

The workshop was continued after lunch by Mr. Prabhjot Bakshi, where he provided a detailed demonstration and presented the data base of mobile services which he had made for the Windows phone. Thus the workshop provided information about the websites and mobile services.

All the participants were highly motivated after this workshop as such facility by Microsoft at early stage of start-ups can be of great help to young start-ups. GTU Innovation Council and S4 will continue to explore such tools and facilities and link its student start-ups so that they can make best out of these facilities, if useful.

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