

Localisation Lab at the University of Limerick

Sun Microsystems Ireland and the Localisation Resource Centre (LRC) at the University of Limerick (UL) are to establish a Sun Localisation Laboratory at the LRC. The facility will be used for research, teaching and doing localisation work on Sun and open source platforms. Sun is kitting out the facility with 10 computers running either Solaris or Linux.

The venture is intended to strengthen the relationships between industry and education by allowing researchers to learn more about Sun and open source platforms and students to gain experience in the practical application of localisation quality assurance (QA) concepts while gaining exposure to Sun technologies.

It will be a key QA facility in helping Sun to deliver high-quality globalised products for its Java Desktop and Java Enterprise System products. The initiative will be "vital" in developing partnerships between industry and education in the software industry in Ireland. "Open source software is becoming an increasingly important part of international software development and localisation," said Reinhard Schäler, director of the LRC. "The exposure students will have through their work with Sun Microsystems will be invaluable for their future career development."

The Localisation Research Centre (LRC) was established at University College Dublin in 1995, before re-locating three years later to UL's Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. It positions itself as the focal point and research and educational centre for the Irish localisation community.

