

Classrooms for the Boot Camp

We always arrange tables in a U-shape for Boot Camps (and for specialist workshops if possible). A large open U is preferred, as at NUS.



We can open up the front of the U so that the screen and whiteboard are visible to all.



For some workshops, we use two screens and a whiteboard, and a wide room is needed to accommodate those, as at the JAGS workshop at KMUTT. Everyone should be able to see the bottom of the screen or whiteboard, without having to peer over the heads of the folks in front.



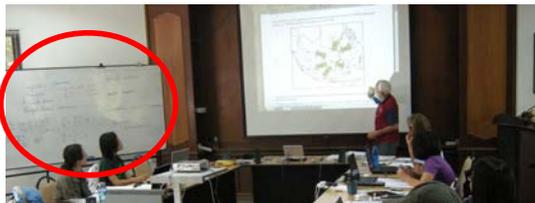
This classroom is 7.5m wide and 13.5m long, though 10m length would be enough.



We have conducted Boot Camps in smaller rooms. The picture below is the hotel meeting room at Kulna, Bangladesh; the low ceiling means that the screen is small.



Rooms set up as conference rooms are rarely good, unless we can move the tables to make the U-shape wider. In the pictures below, the whiteboard or the screen is behind some of the participants.



We use the projectors a lot – mostly for showing how to use software rather than slide presentations – so a reasonable blackout is important, and a reliable power supply.



All participants will be using laptops, so lots of extension strips are needed. It helps if there is enough cable to be able to keep the leads close to the tables and leave walkways clear.



A screen is essential. A ceiling-mounted projector is good, provided it is bright enough and has a remote control. We bring our own projector(s). A large whiteboard is essential, as is an open area for practical activities.



It's best if morning and afternoon tea breaks can be served just outside the classroom, or at the back of the room itself.

