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Dear Sandy,

Never Fear... Help Is Here!

Chuck Heinzelman

PASS Director of Technical Publications



Have you ever had one of those moments where you really need help? Whether it is working through a problem at work, trying to get something done around the house, or just something that you need to talk about, I'm sure that every one of us has

had a moment where we need the help of others.

My problem is that I hate asking for help. I tend to procrastinate and say things like "It shouldn't be a problem for me to get that done." There have been times where I have let this stubbornness get in the way of accomplishing things that are very important.

Well, I asked for help with my work with PASS, and I got it in the form of a new Editorial Committee. You have started seeing members of the committee writing editorials for the Connector, and you will be seeing more and more of their handy-work in the near future. The committee consists of Scott Klein, Kathi Kellenberger, Grant Fritchey, Tim Ford and John Allman. All of these people have been involved with PASS for quite some time, and many of them currently hold many roles within the organization. Over the next few months, I'll be publishing bios of each of them so that you can get to know them.

Now, I'm going to ask for help again. As you probably know, PASS has two publications - the Connector newsletter and the SQL Server Standard magazine. The Connector is published every two weeks, and the SQL Server Standard is published six times each year. We are in need of authors to write technical content for both of

these publications. Articles for the Connector are in the 1,000 - 1,500 word range, and articles for the SQL Server Standard are in the 3,000+ word range. Our Connector authors are all volunteers. Authors for the SQL Server Standard are paid on a per-article basis. I can provide additional information - such as editorial focus for the magazine and other style requirements - if you are interested. Drop me a line at chuck.heinzelman@sqlpass.org if you are interested.

Thank you in advance for your help. By working together, we can all help each other succeed.

Best wishes!

Chuck Heinzelman



SQLTeach!

Training you can't get any other way!

This event will be held **Nov. 26-30** in conjunction with DevTeach in Vancouver, Canada. It will offer the elements of an intimate community event while bringing together **SQL Server gurus** from around the world for three days of networking and hands-on training.

The tracks will cover the latest technologies and techniques for SQL Server 2005, .NET 3.0, Vista, ASP.NET, Software Architecture and Agile.

On November 26th Paul Nielson, William R. Vaughn and Kevin McNeish are presenting fantastic Pre-Conference workshops and November 30th Itzik Ben-Gan, Rod Paddock, Scott Bellware are presenting Post-conference workshops.

Please visit www.sqlteach.com for more information, registration and exhibiting opportunities.

European PASS Conference 2008

April 14th - 16th, 2008

The European PASS Conference is being held in Neuss,

Germany in 2008.

It is a 2 day conference with 24+ technical sessions. Two distinct tracks of pre-conference seminars are also offered.

Get a chance to deep dive into the new Microsoft SQL Server 2008 features - right after it's officially launched!

Click [here](#) for more information.

PASS Exhibitor Interviews - Part 9

PASS Exhibitor Interview Questions for:
Quest Software

Tell us about the most exciting product(s) in your line-up.

LiteSpeed for SQL Server and specifically the Object Level Recovery feature. This feature is unique to LiteSpeed within the SQL Server backup and recovery space and provides a new perspective on database recovery.

Who are your offerings intended to help?

DBAs and IT professionals responsible for a SQL Server environment. Theoretically, it also helps end users because Object Level Recovery is designed to minimize downtime in a database recovery operation.

What does it do?

Object Level Recovery allows the database administrator to recover objects (schema and data) from a backup set (full and differential backup files). It also provides the ability to query the backup file (also a capability unique to LiteSpeed) and return a result set directly into the database or a .csv file.

What is the most significant advantage or workplace change that your product offers to its users?

This product allows for the flexibility to recover only the data required as an alternative to having to restore the entire database. It is faster than performing a full database recovery and the database can remain online during an Object Level Recovery operation - thus,

mitigating the effect on applications and end users.

Many users are used to having most of their needs met by native tools. How does your product go over and above the native tool offering?

Object Level Recovery is unique to LiteSpeed. Native tools do not offer this capability. In addition, LiteSpeed's Object Level Recovery works on native SQL Server backups as well as LiteSpeed backups.

What's your vision for these offerings? What's it going to do in the future that it doesn't do now?

LiteSpeed's Object Level Recovery technology will be available in other products within the Quest portfolio such as Recovery Manager for SharePoint which allows for quick and efficient document recovery. We will also be integrating this technology into Quest Change Director for SQL Server.

Tell us about licensing your product. Do you have any special programs in place for PASS members?

All versions of LiteSpeed are licensed per server.

Where can we find out more about it?

<http://www.quest.com/litespeed-for-sql-server>

PASS Organization & Mission

PASS was founded by Microsoft and CA to provide users of SQL Server a peer network and to help build a body of expertise to help educate millions of SQL Server users around the world.

Currently, PASS is a global community for more than 25,000 SQL Server professionals. It is the first independent, user-run, not-for-profit association dedicated to providing SQL Server users around the world with the tools and knowledge to achieve unparalleled business results.

Our Mission:

- Provide a forum for SQL Server education
- Build and grow the SQL Server Community
- Facilitate member networking & provide an infrastructure to enable the exchange of information within SQL Server disciplines- DBA/Developers, BI Professionals, etc.
- Work with Microsoft to influence the direction of the SQL Server product and services
- Publish high quality technical materials including the Connector & the SQL Server Standard Magazine

- Build the largest archive of user created SQL Server and Business Intelligence reference material

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