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## Community Connector

A Biweekly Newsletter for SQL Server Professionals



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### Founding Partners

## 2008 PASS Community Summit

Microsoft SQL Server and BI Users Conference and Expo

November 18–21, 2008 • Seattle, WA  
Washington State Convention & Trade Center

### Correction from the last issue of the Connector...



Chuck Heinzelman  
PASS Director of Technical Publications

In the last issue of the Connector, the Guest Editorial was provided by Denise McInerney. It was mistakenly indicated that she is the NJ SQL Server User Group Leader & member of the PASS BI Program Committee. In actuality, Denise is the Chairperson of the Women in Technology SIG. Melissa Demcsak is the NJ SQL Server User Group Leader & member of the PASS BI Program Committee.

I would like to send my apology to both of these volunteers for the mix-up, and to thank them for their efforts in helping put out this newsletter.

### DBA SIG

The next DBA SIG Live Meeting Event will be held May 28th, 2008



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at Noon Eastern. James Luetkehoelter will speak about recovery planning. Abstract, bio and connection details will be provided in the next Connector.

Many people have asked about the recordings of the Live Meeting Events. The events are indeed recorded, however, our current web page will not support files as large as these recordings. We are working on making them available in the same area as other PASS webcasts. Watch for details in the next SIG eNews.

## Webcast Series

### Solid Quality™ Mentors & PASS Hosts Webcast Series

Solid Quality Mentors, in partnership with the Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS), is presenting a free webcast series.

The webcasts feature leading SQL Server and business intelligence (BI) experts and are scheduled for every Wednesday from April 30 to June 4, running from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. India Standard Time (GMT + 05:30).

The series includes the following presentations:

#### **April 30**

Peter Myers: Introduction to SQL Server 2008 Reporting Services

#### **May 07**

Rushabh Mehta: Introduction to SQL Server Integration Services

#### **May 14**

Greg Low: Avoiding Stored Procedure Recompiles

#### **May 21**

Randy Dyess: SQL Server 2005 Clustering

#### **May 28**

Sony Jose: Budgeting with Microsoft Performance Point Server

#### **June 04**

Craig Utley: Avoiding Common Analysis Services Design Problems

**For more information** about any of the webcasts, go to the Solid Quality Mentors [Events page](#); to register, simply click the Register Now button beside the webcast you want to attend.

**The call to Speakers for the PASS 2008 Community Summit is now Closed.**

Thanks to everyone who has submitted an abstract!

Speakers will be notified by May 30th regarding the status of their abstract submissions.

## Volunteer at Microsoft Launch Events!

March - June 2008

Microsoft has invited PASS to exhibit in its booth at the 61-city "Heroes Happen Here" launch road show and **we need you!**

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help man the PASS table, spread the word about PASS, and sign up new members. **As a thank you, every volunteer will receive a special, limited-edition PASS golf shirt AND a chance to win 1 of 2 Zunes!**

Check out the Heroes Happen Here website at <http://www.microsoft.com/heroeshappenhere/register/default.msp> and email Hazel at [hazel.maxwell@sqlpass.org](mailto:hazel.maxwell@sqlpass.org) to advise which city you can attend. Thank you for your support!



SQLSaturday #3 is a free one day training event that will be held in Jacksonville Florida on May 3, 2008 at the University of North Florida. [Registration](#) and [call for speakers](#) is now open! This event is being organized by the Jacksonville SQL Server Users Group. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Information from Microsoft

### [Win a Windows Home Server!](#)

Evalu'08 and you could win! Download a free trial or take a Virtual Lab of Windows Server 2008, Visual Studio 2008, SQL Server 2008 or other Microsoft Server products and be entered for a chance to win an HP MediaSmart Server powered by Windows Home Server software. To sign up and for the official rules, visit [Evalu'08](#).

### [Knowledge Base Article: How to extend the Windows Server 2008 evaluation period](#)

This article describes how to extend, or re-arm, the windows Server 2008 evaluation period up to 240 days.

### [Test Drive Windows Server 2008](#)

The Windows Server 2008 test drive allows you to try the latest release from Microsoft instantly. By simply logging onto our test-

drive environment using your web browser, you will be able to experience Windows Server 2008 first hand through a collection of short virtual labs and video walk-throughs.

[Webcast Series: 24 Hours of Windows Server 2008](#)

Watch these 90-minute Windows Server 2008 webcasts and learn how your organization can leverage the enhancements in Windows Server 2008 improve your organization's networking infrastructure and security, server performance and reliability, remote resource access, and client deployment. Subject matter experts break down what these upgrades mean for your environment and how to take advantage of them. Tune in for live webcasts and stream or download webcasts for on-demand viewing.

**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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