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Dear Sandy,

Happy New Year!

We apologize for any SQLPASS website access issues you may have experienced over the holidays. We were performing an upgrade to the site which caused some unforeseen issues that affected access. We have since corrected the problem and the site is now available. Thank you for your patience!

### SQL Virtual Event to be held on January 24, 2008...

Join PASS as it partners with SQL Server Magazine and Solid Quality Mentors for the day-long virtual 'Get Ready for SQL Server 2008' virtual event to be held January 24, 2008. The event will kick off with a keynote that will address SQL Server 2008 readiness. You'll learn how to prepare for an upgrade and how to prepare for the future evolution of SQL Server.

Following the keynote, you'll have a choice of sessions across three tracks: Administration, BI, and Developer.

In the Administration Track, you'll learn:

- about the importance of SQL Server virtualization
- how to tune SQL Server for better performance

In the BI Track, you'll learn:

- about SQL Server Reporting Services and how it integrates with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server
- about building a SQL Server Integration Services framework

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In the Developer Track, you'll learn:

- about developer tools available for SQL Server
- and about Language-Integrated Query

Don't miss your chance to register for this free virtual event coming soon on Jan. 24, 2008!

**THE EVENT URL:**

<http://events.unisfair.com/rt/sql~jan08?code=pass>

## Call For Speakers for 2008 European PASS Conference: Deadline January 31st

The 2008 European PASS Conference Call for Speakers is only open for 3 more weeks! Submit your abstract today!

[Click here](#) to submit your abstract.

PASS is an association for users, run by users. It is important that our members be involved and help build the community they are a part of.

As a speaker at the [2008 European PASS Conference Summit](#) in Neuss, Germany (Near Dusseldorf), April 15 and 16, 2008 , you will receive:

- Complimentary registration to the 2008 European PASS Conference
- Industry recognition
- Networking opportunities with hundreds of attendees

Microsoft employees are encouraged to submit presentations using the online submission form, however, please note that these submissions will be reviewed and abstract status will be determined by Microsoft.

The deadline to submit a presentation is January 31, 2008. If you have any questions, please e-mail [speakerbureau08@european-pass-conference.com](mailto:speakerbureau08@european-pass-conference.com). Thank you and we look forward to your participation!



## SQL Saturday! in Tampa, Florida

February 16th, 2008

[Register](#) now to participate in a one day free training event for SQL Server Professionals.

There will be over 25 technical sessions, lots of raffle prizes, and... free lunch!

The [call for speakers](#) closes on January 14th, so if you are interested in presenting, contact them today.

SQL Saturday will be held at Doubletree Hotel Westshore in Tampa, Florida.

For more information, check out their website: [www.sqlsaturday.com](http://www.sqlsaturday.com)

## SQL Server 2008 CTP5 Beta Now Available for Free in a Secure Hosted Environment!

**PASS, MaximumASP, Dell and Intel have partnered to offer this advance preview...**

Try out real-world data online in a secure, hosted environment - you don't have to download or install a thing - and your feedback will influence the final version!

Get started today at [www.sqlserverbeta.com](http://www.sqlserverbeta.com) and discover the powerful functionality of the **latest** version of SQL Server 2008 including:

- Reporting Services
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## 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 and an additional German track to choose from. The Keynote speaker this year is Greg Low. Spotlight speakers include James Luetkehoelter (Spyglass LLC), Allan Mitchell (Konesans), Remus Rusanu (Rusanu Consulting) and Chris Webb.

Two tracks of Pre-Conference seminars are also offered: BI with Reed Jacobsen (Hitachi Consulting), and DBA with Joseph Pilov and Bob Ward (Microsoft PSS).

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 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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