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Dear Sandy,

Summer Registration Discount

PASS Community Summit 2008

Summer is here...time to soak in the sun and enjoy a little rest and relaxation!!! But before packing your bags and taking that long awaited summer vacation, don't forget to register for the [PASS Community Summit 2008](#) at our discounted summer rate. With record high registrations to date, you really don't want to miss out.

This year's Summit, being held at the Washington State and Convention Center in Seattle on Nov 18-21, will have over [130 in-depth technical and skills development sessions](#) from which you will gain expert knowledge presented by outstanding [keynotes and speakers](#) on the SQL Server environment.

Book by August 30th and you pay the discounted rate of \$1,595 -- saving hundreds of dollars! [Register now](#) to take advantage of this opportunity.

Don't wait! [Register today](#) before you take that well-deserved break from work. Just think...it'll be one less action item for you when you get back!

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

The PASS Board

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Access this tutorial, and free SQL Server newsletters, expert tips, webcasts, white papers and more by [clicking here!](#)

DBA SIGS

General News

Well, just when we thought we had the Live Meeting events running smoothly, reality intervened once again when our presenter for May found himself in a location with no network connectivity. We have rescheduled his presentation for July. I know we keep promising the recordings of past Live Meeting events and we are still working on this project. Hopefully, we'll have something to announce in the next connector.

Upcoming Live Meeting Events:

Connection information for both of these events will be provided at a later date.

James Luetkehoelter, July 23rd, Noon Eastern

James Luetkehoelter will give a presentation titled SQL Server Disaster Recovery: Recovery/Backup Planning. Disaster recovery planning has essentially two phases: mitigation (trying to prevent or minimize the effect of a disaster) and response (actually recovering from a disaster). In the SQL Server world, the response phase is dominated by the backup and recovery process. When planning for the backup and recovery process, it is imperative to actually think about the process in reverse. Whatever backup scheme you end up using should be driven by the recovery needs the business requires. We'll look at various business cases and discuss possible recovery/backup schemes that might satisfy them.

James Luetkehoelter is an MSCE, MSCD, MCDBA, MCT, and Oracle Certified Professional who has been working in the database field for more than a decade. He is currently the principle consultant and owner of Spyglass LLC, a data-centric consulting company and the author of Pro SQL Server Disaster Recovery published by Apress. James is a frequent presenter at SQL Server conferences, both in the US and in Europe. His teaching and presenting style is best described as "eclectic", though some may say "just plain goofy". In his spare time he catalogues the various pronunciations of "Luetkehoelter". He is currently at 2,017 distinct variations.

Live Meeting Presenters Needed!

Interested in presenting at one of our Live Meeting events? Choice of topic is yours. If you're interested, contact sharond@voicenet.com.

BI SIGS

The Business Intelligence Special Interest Group is being resurrected.

This special interest group will be diving into areas and SQL Server technologies such as Dimensional Data Modeling, ETL using Integration Services, Analysis Services, Data Mining, Reporting Services and Performance Point. The BI SIG is a place for BI professionals to network with others and share information that may help others with challenges they are experiencing.

Kickoff Meeting is scheduled for Wed July 16th at 10AM PST.

To participate, please contact Amy Lewis, amylewis_az@hotmail.com for dial-in information.

Volunteers! We are currently looking for volunteers to kick start the group into high gear by sharing their knowledge and experiences in any of the above mentioned areas.

If you would like to be a BI SIG volunteer, Please feel free to contact me, Amy Lewis, at amylewis_az@hotmail.com.

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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