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2008 Community Summit - Now Online!

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PASS Director of Technical Publications



Have you seen the new website for the [2008 PASS Community Summit](#)? The site lists out some of the vital details of this fall's conference, and there will be more added over the coming weeks and months.

The conference is scheduled for November 18 - 21, 2008, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, Wa. The opening day keynote will be given by Ted Kummert. Ted is the Corporate Vice President of the Data and Storage Platform Division at Microsoft. The keynote on the second day of the conference will be provided by Tom Casey. Tom is Microsoft's General Manager for SQL Server Business Intelligence. Both of these keynotes should be quite interesting and informative.

There are fourteen pre-conference seminars spread over two days. Topics include the following:

- Advanced T-SQL Querying and Programming in Microsoft SQL Server 2005 and 2008
- SSIS 2005 and 2008 Boot Camp
- System Performance Monitoring & Troubleshooting



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- Database Maintenance: From Planning to Practice to Post-Mortem
- SQL Server Data Storage Formats: Internals, Performance and Best Practices
- SQL Server 2008 Features for Developers
- Designing, Planning, and Tuning a Scalable BI Solution

More information can be found on the summit website - including registration and hotel information, and additional schedule information - such as session speakers and topics - will be filled in as that information is announced to the public. Check back often for updates.

One more thing...Now through June 30, 2008, you can register for the [2008 PASS Community Summit](#) for \$1,395. That's a discount of \$800 off of the full conference price of \$2,195.

Hope to see you in Seattle this November.

DBA SIGS

The overall SIGs web site move is proceeding apace. Look for our new website soon!

We have downloaded all of the recordings of previous Live Meeting Events. They should be available at the PASS web site page within a couple of weeks.

Next Live Meeting event: June 25th. Sharon Dooley will present a talk titled "New SQL Server 2008 DBA Toys - Part 1".

Details will be provided in the next Connector.

Auditing & Compliance SIG

The Auditing & Compliance SIG would like to share an article that has been recently published on this topic: [Audit Data Modifications](#)

Look for another article on Audit Database Changes to be published soon.

We'd like to hear from you. Let us know any ideas, needs, issues, etc. that we can help you out with. Email me at TJay.Belt@yahoo.com for any ideas you may have.

At some point in the near future, we'd like to have Live Meeting Events to share ideas with each other. Any volunteers that would like to share their knowledge and experience with the rest of us on an Auditing & Compliance topic?

Watch for details of new and exciting things coming on the [SIG website](#).

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.



SQLSaturday #4 is a free training event that will be held in Orange County on June 7th and 8th, 2008 at the Orange County Convention Center. [Registration](#) and [call for speakers](#) is now open!

This event is being organized by the Orlando 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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