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Come Learn with Us

Our Training expands to Auckland, Canberra, Adelaide and Hobart!

We are very pleased to announce we now offer SQL Server and Business Intelligence Training throughout Australia (Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Darwin, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth), and New Zealand (Auckland)

SQL Server

**SQL Server Query
Performance Tuning and
Advanced T- SQL**

July 19 – 23, Canberra

T-SQL Fundamentals

May 10 – 13, Melbourne

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TECH FEATURES

SQL Server 2008 R2 eclinics – (Free Training)

SolidQ have also been working hard to produce a series of online SQL Server 2008 R2 eclinics for Microsoft. These eclinics have been published and each provides hours of free training on the products.

Topics for the eclinics include:

- Master Data Services
- Multi-server/application management
- SQL Azure
- Stream Insight
- Self-Service BI (including PowerPivot) (to be released soon)
- Parallel Data Warehousing (to be released soon)
- SQL Server Virtualization (to be released soon)

Click here to download the eclinics (detailed under the Digital Media section of our resources page)

SQL Server 2008 R2 Update for Developers Training Kit – April 2010 Update

(FREE Training)

SolidQ's mentors: Greg Low and Peter Myers have been working with Microsoft to produce the Metro training materials for SQL Server 2008 R2. We've using those materials to train other trainers around the world on SQL Server 2008 R2 in recent months.

These have now been released by Microsoft as part of the update to the SQL Server 2008 R2 Training Kit and include recordings of presentations and demos by Greg and Peter along with a series of hands-on-labs.

Extensive list of topics include:

- Introducing Application and Multi-Server Management with SQL Server

Business Intelligence

Microsoft SQL Server Business Intelligence Bootcamp

May 31 – June 4, Melbourne

Solving Business Problems with MDX in SQL Server 2008

September 23 – 25, Melbourne

Working with SQL Server Integration Services

May 31 – June 1, Melbourne

Working with SQL Server Analysis Services and Data Mining

June 2, Melbourne

Working with SQL Server Reporting Services

June 3 – 4, Melbourne

For more information or to register for these or other courses, see the Solid Q™ full course schedule. Need a different date or to schedule any of our courses as a private class at your premises? Contact ozinfo@solidq.com.

SPECIAL OFFER

Free T-SQL Fundamentals book

All attendees of our 4-day T-SQL Fundamentals course will receive a Itzik Ben-Gan's T-SQL Fundamentals book.

2008 R2 and Visual Studio 2010

- Introducing SQL Server 2008 R2 StreamInsight
- What's New in SQL Server 2008 R2 Reporting Services
- Developing Reports with the New Features of SQL Server 2008 R2 Reporting Services
- Visualizing Data with Maps in SQL Server 2008 R2 Reporting Services
- Working with Shared Components in SQL Server 2008 R2 Reporting Services
- Embedded Reporting in Applications with SQL Server 2008 R2 Reporting Services and Visual Studio 2010

[Click here](#) to download the training kit

We are offering customers a one-day onsite workshop for SQL Server 2008 R2. If your team needs to be across the changes or for assistance with any SQL Server 2008 R2 Issues, please just contact us.

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SPOTLIGHT

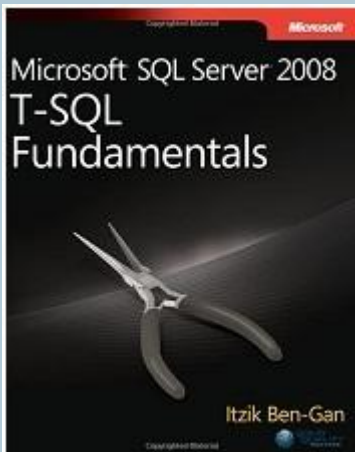
CASESTUDY: Payvision Migrates to SQL Server 2008 with Only 4 Seconds of Database Downtime

SolidQ have been helping our clients migrate to SQL Server 2008. When Payvision, a provider of international payment solutions, recently needed to migrate to SQL Server 2008 with the minimum amount of downtime, it set up a comprehensive testing environment and turned to our mentors.

Payvision specializes in multicurrency processing for all types of card-not-present electronic transactions, efficiently and securely processing exchange transactions in more than 150 currencies for all credit card companies, including VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Diner's Club, Carte Bleue, and JCB. Headquartered in Amsterdam with offices in New York, the UK, Singapore, and Madrid, Payvision also offers credit, debit, gift, loyalty and stored-value card processing, MO/TO, secure billing, reporting and underwriting, CNP chargeback remediation, and uninterrupted customer service.

[Click here](#) to view the case study

For mentoring and consulting assistance with SQL Server 2008 projects contact us on ozinfo@solidq.com or phone 1300SQLPRO (1300775776)



The T-SQL Fundamentals course was developed by Itzik Ben-Gan, a mentor and one of the founders of Solid Quality Mentors. He is an author of several books about T-SQL, a columnist in SQL Server Magazine, and a regular speaker in SQL Server related events.

For more information regarding course outline [click here](#).

NEWS/EVENTS

24 hours of PASS: Celebrating SQL Server 2008 R2

Greg is also presenting his session on Reporting Services Enhancements in SQL Server 2008 R2

[Session 16 \(03:00 GMT on May 20\)](#)

Other SolidQ mentors who will also be presenting include:
Peter Myers and Rushabh Mehta

TRAINING, MENTORING & SERVICES

We are pleased to announce that our training has been expanded to New Zealand and Adelaide.

Microsoft SQL Server Business Intelligence Bootcamp

31 May – 4 June, 2010 | Sydney

12 – 16 July, 2010 | Melbourne

26 – 30 July, 2010 | Auckland

This course has been updated and now includes a preview of the BI-related enhancements in SQL Server 2008 R2, most notably including PowerPivot and Reporting Services enhancements. Business intelligence solutions provide the infrastructure that enable people at all levels of a business to make better decisions based on more accurate and up-to-date information. This workshop focuses on the teaching IT professionals the best practices and skills required to successfully design, build, deploy, and operate a business intelligence solution using SQL Server 2008. This course is also directly useful for those working with SQL Server 2005.

SQL Server Query Performance Tuning and Advanced T- SQL (NEW!)

2 – 6 August, 2010 | Melbourne

9 – 13 August, 2010 | Sydney

The course focuses on two areas; firstly it is designed to provide highly practical advice on performance tuning of T-SQL queries, then it discusses how to write better queries using advanced T-SQL concepts. The focus of the materials is on the actual problems typically encountered by our mentors during their client engagements.

T-SQL Fundamentals (NEW!)

10 – 13 May, 2010 | Melbourne

29 June – 2 July, 2010 | Brisbane

This course was developed by Itzik Ben-Gan, a mentor and one of the founders of Solid Quality Mentors, author of several books about T-SQL, a columnist in SQL Server Magazine, and a regular speaker in SQL Server related events.

This course is intended for T-SQL programmers, DBAs and SQL Server power users who just started working with SQL Server and need to write queries and develop code using Transact-SQL—SQL Server's dialect of the standard ANSI-SQL language. The course will provide a very solid introduction to the T-SQL language including retrieving and modifying data, and will also provide an overview of programmable objects supported by SQL Server.

Advanced SQL Server Integration Services (NEW!)

28 June, 2010 | Brisbane

This one day Advanced SSIS course is usually offered as private training, as a special event this will be offered as a one day public training option.

[Click here](#) to learn more about any of these courses.

And contact [ozinfo @solidq.com](mailto:ozinfo@solidq.com) for scheduling information.

TechEd USA

SolidQ will again be well represented amongst the speakers at TechEd USA in New Orleans in June.

Our Mentors

Congratulations to ...

our mentors that were reawarded their MVP (Most Valued Professional) status in the April round, for again showing their exceptional commitment to SQL Server community. April awardees included Greg Low, Bill Chesnut, Peter Myers and Rushabh Mehta.

Bookings: [Download Booking Form](#) or phone 1-300-SQLPRO (1300775776)

Get SQL Server 2008 R2 training from the team that has been working directly with Microsoft product teams to develop SQL Server 2008 R2 courseware. We are currently training other world-wide trainers on SQL Server R2 and our trainers have deep insights into the products.

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Attention: Local User Groups: Our mentors would love to speak at your user group when they're in the area. Contact us at ozinfo@solidq.com to make arrangements.

HOT LINKS

[Blog: Davide Mauri, "SQL Server Best Practices for Developers"](#)

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