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## Come Learn with Us

SQL Server

### [Advanced TSQL and Query Tuning for SQL Server \(UPDATED\)](#)

March 1 – March 5, Melbourne

### [Writing T-SQL Queries for SQL Server 2005 and 2008](#)

January 28 – 29, Melbourne

Business Intelligence

### [Microsoft SQL Server Business Intelligence Bootcamp \(UPDATED\)](#)

December 14 – 18, Brisbane

### [Solving Business Problems with MDX in SQL Server 2008](#)

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## TECH FEATURE

### Consolidation Using SQL Server 2008

“Consolidation Using SQL Server 2008” is a new Microsoft MSDN white paper by SolidQ mentor Allan Hirt.

Many companies are considering or have already implemented consolidation of computing resources, including Microsoft SQL Server instances and databases, in their organization. A consolidation effort is a complex task that requires information, a detailed plan and timeline for success, and a strategy for administering the consolidated environment. This white paper walks through the journey of gathering and analyzing the information to base all planning and implementation decisions on; how to plan, architect, and implement consolidation; and finally, the considerations for administering a consolidated SQL Server environment.

[Click here](#) to download the whitepaper.

### SharePoint guidance for SQL Server database administrators

This book is a guide for database administrators who implement or maintain Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007. It provides guidelines for improving the performance of Office SharePoint Server 2007 solutions that run on Microsoft SQL Server 2008. It also provides information about key considerations for configuring storage and SQL Server 2008 before installing Office SharePoint Server 2007; the required steps in installing Office SharePoint Server 2007 when using DBA-created databases; backup and recovery considerations for Office SharePoint Server 2007, including what can and cannot be protected by SQL Server 2008 backups; and maintaining and monitoring SQL Server 2008 databases that support a Office SharePoint Server 2007 implementation.

[Click here](#) to download the book.

**For assistance with any SQL Server Issues or early advice on how to consolidate your SQL Servers please contact us**

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## SPOTLIGHT

### Bill Chesnut (Microsoft MVP) has joined SolidQ!



Bill is an accomplished Microsoft MVP and the leader of the Melbourne BizTalk User group and past leader of Melbourne .Net User Group. He is a speaker at TechEd, Usergroups and Code Camps. Bill has over 25 years experience in IT and has been driving various application integration projects using SQL Server , VB.NET, ASP.NET, XML, XSLT and Biztalk Server to connect to a variety of Microsoft Business Solutions Applications with other systems.

## TRAINING & MENTORING

Come and learn from the leading SQL Server mentors and trainers in Australia!

In this tough economy, the complex process of budgeting for technology and training only gets more difficult. SolidQ can help your organization plan to weather these choppy financial waters while keeping your staff trained on the most important technologies.

### Exciting new SQL Server 2008 R2 (An Early Look) course!

SolidQ's mentors have already been working hard gaining experience with the upcoming second release of SQL Server 2008, known as SQL Server 2008 R2. We have now scheduled a series of 2 day courses around the country that will let you get early experience with this next release. Hurry don't miss your chance to experience something extraordinary!

*"SolidQ provide the skilled and experienced trainers that just can't be found elsewhere!"*

Steve Chater (St George Bank)

**Perth - Mon 1 February to Tue 2 February 2010**

**Sydney - Thu 4 February - Fri 5 February 2010**

**Melbourne - Mon 9 February to Tue 9 February 2010**

**Brisbane - Thu 11 February to Fri 12 February 2010**

[Learn more and register](#)

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

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

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

## SERVICE OFFERINGS

### SQL Server Health Check

Are you certain that your SQL Server system has been configured correctly and that it

February 22 – 24, Sydney

### SQL Server Bootcamp for SharePoint Administrators

November 16 - 18, Melbourne

### Working with SQL Server Integration Services

December 14 – 15 , Brisbane

### Working with SQL Server Reporting Services

December 17 – 18 , Brisbane

**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?**

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**SQL Down Under**

## Podcasts

### SQL Server Integration Services

**Guest: Jamie Thomson**

SQL Server MVP Jamie Thomson discusses SQL Server Integration Services and the lessons he's learned along the way. Jamie also discusses issues when upgrading from DTS and a series of best practices for working with SSIS.

To download this free podcast [click here](#).

## EVENTS

### Melbourne CBD SQL PASS Chapter

#### Introduction to SQL Azure (SQL Server 2008 R2)

November. 16, Melbourne – Bill Chesnut

at 12:15-2:00pm

Location Level 8, 500 Collins Street.  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Come along and see how SQL in the cloud has evolved from this time last year when Windows Azure was announced at PDC 2008. We will look at what it is not and how we can use it in our enterprise data architecture. From a developer's perspective we will look at how easy it is to convert our existing applications to use SQL Azure and from a DBA's perspective what we need to do to manage it. And last but not least we will look at the cost and usage scenarios for SQL Azure.

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is performing as well as it could? If not, our Health Check service should be considered.

SolidQ's experienced mentors provide an effective and comprehensive Health Check service for systems using any version of Microsoft SQL Server. This service provides a predictable outcome every time and at a fixed low cost. And we do not stop at the symptoms: we search for the root causes of any problems that are identified.

The SolidQ Health Check for SQL Server is an advanced service that we provide to make sure that your investment in the Microsoft Data Platform is well protected.

The result of the Health Check is a detailed report that covers your findings. We take the time to go through this report with you in detail so you are well placed to act on any recommendations. This service can also provide peace of mind when systems are healthy.

Contact us today at [ozinfo @solidq.com](mailto:ozinfo@solidq.com) or phone 1-300-SQLPRO (1300775776)

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## SolidQ Journal Real Practices for the SQL Server Ecosystem

Solid Quality Mentors is excited to announce the launch of The SolidQ Journal-a free, interactive, monthly publication, featuring in-depth articles, practical case studies, on-target advice, and behind-the-scenes discussions from the organization's roster of global experts.

"The SolidQ Journal will offer the world-class knowledge and 'real practices' you need to succeed within the complex SQL Server ecosystem."

With more top book, magazine, and white paper authors than any other organization in the SQL Server industry, SolidQ has been providing compelling how-to articles, independent insights, and expert guidance for years. Through The SolidQ Journal (SQJ), the organization can now share original content directly with the community and provide a central hub for accessing all the different resources its mentors create.

SQJ are currently under development, with the first journal issue planned in Quarter 1 2010. Sign up for SolidQ's newsletter by sending an email to [ozinfo @solidq.com](mailto:ozinfo@solidq.com) to catch the latest updates

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