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### **O-ZONE** *Newsletter*

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#### **O-ZONE NEWS**

Welcome to all new members who joined us during April. We look forward to welcoming more members in the months ahead. Please pass this newsletter and details about the O-Zone portal to any of your colleagues that have an interest in developing .NET applications for Oracle Database.

If you are an Oracle on Windows expert or have any relevant experiences you can share, we would like to hear from you please. If you are able to provide articles, a case study or can help in any other way, please contact me at [grahamk@greymatter.com](mailto:grahamk@greymatter.com)

#### **O-Zone: The first twelve months**

O-Zone was launched about a year ago and from the statistics we've gathered, there is considerable interest in the portal and its content. We now have over 700 registered members and the number of monthly visits and page hits have been maintained at an encouragingly high level.

This is perhaps not surprising given the increasing number of businesses here in the UK that are becoming more comfortable with cross-platform technology. There are a number of reasons for this, most being related to the growing adoption of a service orientated architecture (SOA). The standards that make this possible have matured and there are also an increasing number of third party tools that make it easier to manage a cross-platform environment. Some of these are listed on O-Zone under Discover About / Complementary Tools. Oracle from the outset has been committed to ensuring that its database technology is portable and cross-platform enabled. The

latest Statement of Direction for Windows Server 2008 support was recently published on O-Zone (see below).

I recently attended the UKOUG .NET special interest group meeting in London and took valuable feedback concerning both Oracle and .NET technology issues and O-Zone. The feedback will be shared with Oracle. I would like to ensure O-Zone users are involved in this so if you have any particular issues or views that you would like me to take note of, please contact me at [grahamk@greymatter.com](mailto:grahamk@greymatter.com)

While on the subject of cross-platform development, I mentioned last month that Oracle and Grey Matter have recently launched a new web site to provide resources to ISV developers. This site will be of interest to a good number of O-Zone members who are developing third party .NET applications for deployment on Oracle. For some environments this may well involve a broader range of Oracle technologies such as Oracle Fusion Middleware and J2EE, both of which are covered on the new site. To find out more, please visit the ISV Resource Centre at [www.oracleisv.com](http://www.oracleisv.com)

## **WHAT'S NEW ON O-ZONE?**

### **Oracle Database running on MS Windows Server 2008, Statement of Direction**

Oracle has announced a road map for Oracle Database running on Windows Server 2008.

### **Oracle Critical Patch Update**

Oracle released another Critical Patch Update in April 15th, some of which affects Database users.

For further details on both the above, please visit the News page on O-Zone.

### **New tutorials and articles**

A number of new tutorials and articles have recently been posted on O-Zone.

Christian Shay, principal product manager at Oracle, explains how to use Oracle Data Provider for .NET (ODP.NET), a high-performance ADO.NET compliant data provider, to take advantage of Oracle Database's enterprise features with built in performance tuning and security features. His tutorial entitled ***It takes all types*** deals with Oracle user-defined types.

David Peake, principal product manager in Oracle's Server Technologies division, introduces Oracle SQL Developer and Oracle Application Express working together. He illustrates how to browse Oracle Application Express information from within Oracle SQL Developer. His tutorial entitled ***Using SQL Developer to aid Application Express development*** provides an example of remotely debugging a browser-based application's PL/SQL code from Oracle SQL Developer.

Sue Harper, Oracle senior principal product manager, provides a ***Making Database Connections*** tutorial in which she explains how to connect to Oracle and third-party databases from Oracle SQL Developer. Sue also discusses authorisation options for Oracle Database connections.

Technology writer, Alan Joch, specialises in enterprise, Web and high-performance-computing applications. His article ***Energizing the Efficient Enterprise*** deals with the success companies are experiencing with Oracle on Windows implementations.

## **EVENTS**

Further details of the following can be found on the O-Zone Events page.

### **Oracle on Windows meeting, May 13 - POSTPONED**

This meeting for UKOUG members has been postponed. Please visit the Events page regularly to be kept updated.

### **Real Application Clusters and High Availability, May 15**

This one-day UKOUG event for members will cover Oracle Real Application Clusters and High Availability. It will take place in London at 1 Great George St and will cover topics such as DataGuard and RAC on Oracle VM.

### **Northern Server Technology Day, June 19**

This UKOUG event will take place in Newcastle at the Copthorne Hotel. There will be two streams that cover Oracle Database 10g and 11g management features. Topics will include security, performance and partitioning.

### **20th annual UKOUG Conference and Exhibition, Dec 1-5**

Planning ahead, be sure to make a note of the 20th annual UKOUG Conference and Exhibition which will take place on 1-5 December at the ICC in Birmingham. The UKOUG is planning to celebrate the 20th anniversary by making this conference their biggest and best event to

date.

### **Microsoft Visual Studio Events**

Special 1-day workshops are being hosted by Microsoft at their Thames Valley Park, Reading offices. These are intended for project managers and those embarking on an evaluation program. The sessions are designed to provide insight into Microsoft's .NET development framework and the collaboration tools that form part of the Visual Studio Team System environment. The events occur monthly and allow small groups of customers to get in front of Visual Studio and some of the product specialists at Microsoft. Please contact me if you require further details or would like me to make arrangements for you to attend one of these free events.

### **O-ZONE MANAGED EVALUATIONS PROGRAM**

Is your interest in Oracle on Windows related to a requirement to complete a formal, managed evaluation or perhaps a .NET development and deployment project? If so, the articles, tutorials and downloads provided by O-Zone will assist with this. In addition, we can allocate a technical account manager to help manage the provision of the resources you need. This could involve answering questions, pointing you in the right direction or helping to enlist assistance from Oracle or third parties. If you have a serious Oracle on Windows requirement or would like to find out more, please contact me at [grahamk@greymatter.com](mailto:grahamk@greymatter.com) or call me direct on 01364 655129.

Regards,

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