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O-ZONE NEWS

Progress

Welcome to all new members who signed up during July. Our membership continues to grow and we look forward to welcoming more members in the months ahead as we improve the site and its resources.

Can you help?

Are you an Oracle on Windows expert? Do you have any relevant experiences you can share? If you are able to provide articles, a case study or can help in any other way, we would like to hear from you. Please contact me at grahamk@greymatter.com

... and can WE help you?

Is your interest in Oracle on Windows related to a requirement to complete a formal evaluation or perhaps a .NET development and deployment project? 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 or call me direct on 01364 655129.

WHAT'S NEW ON O-ZONE?

Here are a few of the recent additions posted on O-Zone:

Oracle Database 11g new features

Oracle Database 11g was unveiled on July 11th. We have added a considerable number of whitepapers about the new features, including those that will particularly interest .NET developers. These cover Real

Application Testing, application development, performance enhancement - and much more. For further information, [click here](#).

'11g and .NET' - slides from Oracle Develop

Slides from some of the presentations given at the recent Oracle Develop events have been posted on O-Zone. These cover the new features in Oracle Database 11g from the perspective of .NET development. The slide decks include 'Getting Started with Oracle 11g and .NET' and '11g; Best Practices for .NET Developers'. To view the presentations, [click here](#).

Oracle Application Express 3.0 new patch

A new patch is available for Oracle Application Express (APEX) release 3.0. APEX is a rapid browser-based application development tool for Oracle Database and is one of the free downloads available from O-Zone. For further information, please [click here](#).

Microsoft Visual Studio

Most .NET developers working with Oracle will be using Microsoft's Visual Studio integrated development environment, for which Oracle have developed plug-ins (Oracle Developer Tools for Visual Studio .NET). O-Zone has been updated recently with a number of articles and tutorials about Visual Studio and the .NET Framework - and we have provided information and links for the Beta 2 release of Visual Studio 2008.

EVENTS

The number of events over the summer period has diminished temporarily following a busy spring. These will pick up again during the autumn so please keep checking the O-Zone Events page as details of future events will be added as soon as they become available. This newsletter will also help keep you posted.

ORACLE NEWS

Oracle Database 11g

The new Database 11g edition was being launched just as last month's newsletter was being e-mailed. Some confusion immediately followed as the launch event in New York on July 11th was more of an unveiling than a product release! The Linux edition is expected to be released sometime this month but the Windows edition which will be of more interest to the O-Zone community could be a few months off yet. The concept of a launch prior to actual release has been adopted by Oracle in the past, so shouldn't have come as too much of a surprise!

Reaction to the launch has been fairly unanimous. Most agree this is a

major release that carries a lot of useful and innovative features to ease manageability and availability. Some of these represent the maturation of features already introduced with 10g while others will be back-ported which will make it easier for 10g users to upgrade when the time is right. There is no reason not to continue with development in a 10g environment although 11g will provide better facilities for testing and tuning - and open up new opportunities if your .NET applications need to store and retrieve XML from the Oracle datastore. Keep an eye on O-Zone for more on this subject in the near future.

It is anticipated that an 11g edition of the free Oracle Database XE will be made available - but probably not for a while. In the meantime, we can expect further enhancements to be made to the free Application Express (see above) and the developer tools for .NET, the 11g editions of which are currently in Beta. These tools and Database XE can be downloaded via the O-Zone download page.

The improved management features are expected to hold particular appeal for smaller to medium sized businesses. If you are developing third party products for this space, you might expect to see a growing demand from your customers for an Oracle-ready version of your .NET application. A good number of those using O-Zone are doing so as a reaction to this.

Regards,

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