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O-ZONE NEWS

Welcome to all new members who signed up during November. 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

WHAT'S NEW ON O-ZONE?

Keynote presentations from Oracle OpenWorld 2007

The keynote presentations from OpenWorld 2007 are now available. The OpenWorld event held last month brought together one of the largest ever gatherings of Oracle IT professionals and users. Andy Mendelsohn's presentation, Oracle Database 11g - Innovate Faster, will be of particular interest to those evaluating the latest release of Oracle Database 11g. The slides from his presentation and others are available on O-Zone.

Oracle Database 11g for Microsoft Windows

The 64-bit Microsoft Windows edition of Oracle Database 11g is now available for download. These are full downloads of Standard Edition One, Standard Edition and Enterprise Edition, so they are restricted in use for development purposes. The O-Zone download page provides a link to the software. You will be asked to accept a license agreement that covers the restricted terms of use in detail.

Oracle Outside In Technology 8.2.0

Outside In Technology is a suite of software development kits that allows developers to access, transform and control the contents of over 400 unstructured file formats including PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel and Office 12. This will interest those building applications on Oracle that interface with Microsoft Office documents. Developers can implement any combination of the Outside In SDKs to provide additional functionality in their application while minimising integration and coding effort. You can reach the Oracle Outside In Technology download from the O-Zone download page.

Oracle Coherence for the Microsoft .NET Framework 3.3.1

Oracle Coherence provides replicated and distributed, partitioned data management and caching services for your data grid. It is now available for .NET. Oracle Coherence for the .NET Framework is the first data grid solution built entirely with .NET technologies. VB and C# .NET applications on desktops and servers now have real time access to Oracle Coherence data and events along with the ability to cluster application state across multiple machines. Visit the O-Zone download page for further information and to obtain a copy of the .NET edition.

EVENTS

UKOUG Events

At present, we are awaiting details of future UKOUG events that will interest .NET developers. These will be posted on the O-Zone events page as soon they are announced.

Oracle Database Upgrade Workshop for Partners

During December and January, Oracle will be holding a number of workshops for partners at their Hatfield Partner Technology Centre. These are designed to provide practical experience of upgrading to the latest Oracle database release. It describes the tools and methods to automate the upgrade and installation of the Oracle Database. Scheduled dates so far include Dec 18/19th and Jan 22/23rd. For further details, please visit the events page.

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 perhaps 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 at grahamk@greymatter.com if you require further details or would like me to make arrangements for you to attend one of these free events.

ORACLE NEWS

More on Oracle Database 11g

The latest release of Oracle Database 11g introduces many new innovative features. I have selected four below that help qualify this release as a new generation database. A closer look at each of these areas would make a good starting point for anyone considering a formal evaluation of Oracle Database 11g.

Secure Files: This enables large unstructured data such as media to be stored and managed directly on the database rather than in a file system. Secure Files creates a central unified repository for a much wider range of enterprise data and enhances security and performance.

Real Application Testing: Readers of previous editions of this newsletter will already have been introduced to this innovation. It captures a real life database workload for replay in a test environment. This helps address many of the challenges that face users when implementing system changes or upgrades.

Total Recall: Continuous data archiving allows users to track and maintain data changes so that it may be recalled with ease. Improvements in this area help meet compliancy issues and provide a means of better managing the information lifecycle.

Advanced Compression: Improved compression technologies have been deployed to reduce storage capacities and realise a host of other benefits such as reduced network loads, cost, power and space.

There are plenty of other features around manageability, self-repair and performance generally that will interest those taking a closer look at Oracle Database 11g. Further information on the four singled out here and the other 11g innovations can be found on O-Zone.

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 or call me direct on 01364 655129.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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