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O-ZONE NEWS

Welcome to all new members who joined us during January. 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?

Real Application Clusters on Windows adoption

An increasing number of businesses are adopting Oracle's Real Application Clusters (RAC) to improve performance, reliability and scalability of critical applications. With this news announcement, Oracle provides detail about an important adoption of this technology on the Windows platform. TALX Corporation has deployed RAC on an Oracle Database 10g on Windows configuration.

Database 11g wins eWEEK top-ten product award, 2007

Oracle has also announced that eWEEK Labs recognised Oracle Database 11g as one of "The Most Important Products of 2007." Oracle Database 11g delivers more than 400 new features to ease everyday challenges such as rapid data growth, high availability, managing all of an enterprise's information and managing change. Its grid computing capabilities offer high performance, scalability and reliability with unique capabilities designed to help accelerate the

change towards consolidated enterprise grids.

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

The Top New Features for DBAs and Developers

An invaluable, multi-part series of tutorials by Arup Nanda is almost complete. It demonstrates important new Database 11g features such as Database Replay, Flashback Data Archive and SecureFiles. Arup uses simple how-to's and sample code to help get you up to speed with these innovative technologies.

Please visit the O-Zone Tutorials page to access the tutorials and to check for further additions.

EVENTS

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

Ask Tom Live, Feb 25/26

A 2-day seminar with Oracle Database expert Tom Kyte will be held in London. It will be presented in the same style that he uses on the well known AskTom website. Topics relevant to DBA and developers alike will be covered by the sessions.

Back to Basics: Database Administration, Feb 28

This UKOUG event for DBAs is now **fully booked**. A variety of speakers, including Tom Kyte (Database Product Evangelist, Oracle) will be present at this London event. If you missed out this time, be sure to keep an eye on the Events page for future opportunities.

OUG Ireland Conference and Exhibition, Mar 11

The Ireland Oracle User Group community is holding a conference and exhibition at Croke Park, Dublin 3. The technology stream will include sessions on Oracle Database 11g and SQL Developer new features.

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 or call me direct on 01364 655129.

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