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

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

A Happy New Year to all our members and a special welcome to those who joined us during December. 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)

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

The following are located on O-Zone under Discover About and Tutorials.

##### **Oracle Data Guard**

Oracle Data Guard runs continuously in the background, constantly moving data from the production site to a secondary target site. Ari Kaplan describes a number of beneficial uses of this over and above pure disaster recovery. A more in depth Oracle Data Sheet on this subject has also been added (see below).

##### **Database Replay**

A test platform that faithfully represents the database's actual workload is a valuable asset. Oracle ACE, Arup Nanda, describes how to use database replay to record and replay database activities

for improved testing.

### **Reporting from Your Browser**

An article by David Peake describes how to publish high-fidelity business intelligence reports using Oracle Application Express and Oracle Business Intelligence Publisher.

### **Oracle 11g Data sheets**

Three more Oracle 11g data sheets have been added. These cover Total Recall, Advanced Compression and Active Data Guard.

*Total Recall* provides a complete and secure framework for the retention and management of historic data. This helps to overcome the challenges many companies face over the need to retain data for longer.

*Advanced Compression* not only reduces disk space requirements, it improves application performance and enhances memory and network efficiency. It is also completely application transparent and can be used with any packaged or custom application without code changes.

*Active Data Guard* allows you to offload ancillary work to a replica of the production system. Resource intensive tasks such as queries, reporting, backup operations and development work can be conducted off-line without impacting on critical business transactions. For development purposes this has the additional benefit of providing a copy of the 'real-life' environment to work against.

### **EVENTS**

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

#### **Oracle Database Upgrade Workshop for Partners, Jan 22/23**

Oracle will be holding further workshops for partners at their Hatfield Partner Technology Centre in January. These are designed to provide practical experience of upgrading to the latest Oracle database release. It describes tools and methods for automating the upgrade and installation of Oracle Database.

#### **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**

A variety of speakers will present at this UKOUG event for DBAs who are relatively new to their role and are looking to fill gaps in their knowledge. It will be held at the Odeon Whiteleys, London. Among the speakers will be Tom Kyte, Database Product Evangelist, Oracle.

**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.

**ORACLE NEWS****Oracle Critical Patch Updates**

These are released four times a year and cover a broad range of Oracle products, including Database and tools. The next update will be released on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Thereafter, the next four release dates are:

April 15, 2008

July 15, 2008

October 14, 2008

January 13, 2009

For further information, please see:

<http://www.oracle.com/technology/deploy/security/critical-patch-updates/cpujan2008.html>

**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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