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O-ZONE NEWS

Progress

Welcome to all new members who have signed up in the past month. We are pleased to welcome those that signed up following the Oracle Develop event in London last month. Likewise, a warm welcome to members of the UK Oracle User Group (UKOUG) that signed up following the mention of O-Zone in their last monthly ebulletin. A number of their members are very active in the world of Oracle on Windows and they hold regular .NET meetings across the UK. These are listed on our Events page. For further information about UKOUG, click here.

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

WHAT'S NEW ON O-ZONE?

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

Extending Oracle SQL Developer

It is possible to extend this useful free Oracle developer tool using nothing more than simple SQL and XML. Oracle SQL Developer helps you export and share reports across your team, add custom context menus, add extra information tabs for displayed objects and provide more-complex wizard-driven utilities. Sue Harper (Senior Principle Product Manager) explains how you can build Oracle SQL Developer extensions easily with no code. To read Sue's tutorial, click here.

Oracle Database 11g to be released very soon

A new release of Oracle's flagship database is expected to launch this

month. We have added several items that provide details about the anticipated new features in Oracle Database 11g and its associated developer tools. A slide deck by Mark Townsend, Oracle Vice President Data Product Management, provides insight into the 'Future of Database Technology'. It looks at how Oracle Database 11g will respond to some of the emerging trends and challenges such as Change Management. Alex Keh (Oracle Principle Product Manager, Server Technologies) takes a look at some of the new features in Oracle Database 11g, this time from a .NET developer's perspective. He covers some of the new features in Oracle Developer Tools for Visual Studio. I have also posted an overview of what I expect to see in the new release. To read this and the information provided by Mark and Alex, please [click here](#).

New ODAC 11.1.0.5.10 beta features

The new and updated features in the beta release of Oracle Data Access Components are covered in this article. The new versions of Oracle Data Provider for .NET and Oracle Developer Tools for Visual Studio .NET introduce features that greatly simplify .NET application development for Oracle developers. At the Oracle Develop event, Christian Shay informed us that the beta is stable and he urged developers to start using it now to gain immediate benefit from the enhancements. To read more, [click here](#).

New User Groups page

A number of user groups serve both the Oracle and .NET developer communities. We have added details about two of these - UKOUG and VBUG, [here](#).

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.

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Oracle Develop

This important two day Oracle developer event took place in London on June 26-27th. It was well attended and provided me with an opportunity to meet some of the users of this portal. The keynote speeches dealt with the imminent release of Oracle's flagship Database 11g and the benefits this will bring to the developer community. Following these key sessions, separate streams got underway covering .NET, Java and SOA. These more specialist sessions were

supplemented by hands-on labs. I followed the .NET stream which provided an opportunity to hear Oracle's Christian Shay talk about the new Oracle developer tools and best practices for using these tools to develop .Net applications for Oracle Database. Slides from these sessions will be posted on O-Zone as soon as they become available.

Oracle Database 11g

Last month's newsletter carried news about the beta releases of ODP.NET and ODT for Visual Studio. We now await the imminent release of Oracle Database 11g itself. As mentioned above, we have already put some material on O-Zone about this. Over the next few weeks we will replace this 'speculative' material with definitive documents about the new release. Based on the beta edition and announcements at Oracle Develop and elsewhere, we can safely say that 11g will contain innovative new features that address the risks associated with change management, encapsulated by the theme 'Lowering the Risk of Change'. The new release will also provide improved fault detection and correction. Performance gains (resulting from the latest caching, I/O and compression technologies) and extended BI and content management will also feature in the new release. To read my overview 'Oracle Database 11g: What to Expect', [click here](#).

Regards,

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