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

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

Welcome to all new members who joined us during February and March. 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)

#### **New web site for ISV developers**

Oracle, in conjunction with Grey Matter, has recently launched a new web site to provide resources to ISV developers who are interested in Oracle technology. This site will be of interest to a good number of O-Zone members who are developing third party applications for deployment on Oracle. In addition to some content related to Oracle on Windows, the new site provides assistance in understanding how Oracle works with partners and provides many benefits to assist them. In addition to covering the technology issues, the resources provide in depth details about partnering with Oracle. The site also includes details about the assistance that is available to partners to help them market their applications based on Oracle software. To find out more, please visit the ISV Resource Centre at [www.oracleisv.com](http://www.oracleisv.com) To read the press release, please [click here](#).

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

## **Organisations ease web application development with Oracle Application Express 3.1**

Oracle has recently described how an increasing number of organisations are using Application Express 3.1 (APEX) to rapidly develop data driven web applications. Using only a browser and limited programming experience, developers and end-users can use APEX to build and deploy applications based on all editions of Database 10g and 11g. There are a number of articles and tutorials on O-Zone to help get you started with APEX. For further details, please visit the O-Zone News page.

## **Installing Oracle Database 11g on Windows tutorial**

This Oracle by Example tutorial shows you how to use the Oracle Universal Installer to load and test Oracle Database 11g on Windows and create a database. There are a considerable number of similar tutorials on O-Zone that will guide you through the many features and tools that are part of the Oracle Database family. For further details, please visit the O-Zone tutorials page.

## **EVENTS**

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

### **Oracle and .NET meeting, April 24**

An Oracle and .NET Special Interest Group meeting is being held at the Oracle City office, London for UK Oracle User Group (UKOUG) members. The topics being covered include:

- Using Microsoft reporting / integration in an Oracle environment
- Oracle Database and .NET for mobile devices
- Understanding the ADO.NET entity framework
- Understanding Oracle Providers for ASP.NET
- ASP.NET web development with Oracle Database

### **Oracle on Windows meeting, May 13**

This is also a meeting for UKOUG members. It will be held at the Oracle Thames Valley Park offices, Reading and on this occasion, will take the form of a hands-on workshop covering Windows Server and Oracle Real Application Clusters.

### **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](mailto:grahamk@greymatter.com) or call me direct on 01364 655129.

Regards,

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