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This is the first Oracle on Windows Zone monthly newsletter. We hope you will find the content both informative and interesting if you're working in an Oracle on Windows environment. If you would like to provide feedback or content for future issues, please contact me at grahamk@greymatter.com

O-ZONE NEWS

Progress

The O-Zone membership has grown substantially this month, thanks to all who have signed up in the past few weeks. The portal runs on Oracle Database 10g using DotNetNuke. We will be upgrading soon to provide a number of performance and feature enhancements, including improved support for Firefox, and to enable us to launch the forums. We will also be engaging some industry experts to provide content.

Can you Help?

Are you an Oracle on Windows expert? Do you have any relevant experiences that you can share? If you're 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:

Getting Started

Visit the O-Zone home page to access the two Getting Started articles provided by Oracle's Paul Brankin – Oracle on Windows I and II. **click here.**

Oracle Technology on the Windows Platform Pumps up Performance and Reliability

Read this 'Step Into Windows' article by David Baum to learn how Oracle 10g Real Application Clusters addresses your scalability,

manageability and availability issues. [click here](#).

Application Express v3.0 new features

The new features of APEX 3.0 include PDF printing, Access migration, Flash charts and more. This article describes all of the new features of this browser based development environment. [click here](#).

Oracle Application Express Application Migration Workshop

The Oracle Application Express Application Migration Workshop is a new feature of Oracle Application Express (Oracle APEX) that assists customers in migrating Microsoft Access applications to Oracle APEX. It works in harmony with the Oracle SQL Developer Migration Workbench to provide a total solution for your Access Migration requirements. You first use the SQL Developer Migration Workbench to migrate your schema definition and data and then use the new APEX Migration Workshop to migrate your forms and reports. [click here](#).

Migrate from Microsoft Access to Oracle Application Express

This paper describes a migration path from Access to the browser based Oracle Application Express running on an Oracle database. The solution migrates the Access data, forms and reports. [click here](#).

EVENTS

More than just Windows Roadshows

These nationwide events are taking place in May. They will be similar to last years Open Your Windows events and one should be taking place in a city not too far away from you. The events are designed to help you explore the ways in which Oracle can help maximise your investment in a Windows and .NET infrastructure. For further details [click here](#).

Oracle Develop

Oracle Develop, the premier two day conference for developers, is coming to London on June 26th and 27th. Over 40 sessions of expert led, technical sessions and hands-on labs are planned, including details on the new Oracle Database 11g. The .NET track is a must for serious Oracle on Windows developers. For further details about this important event [click here](#).

Please check the events and news pages on O-Zone for updated information on these and other events.

ORACLE NEWS

Both Oracle Database XE and the 32-bit Oracle Client 10.2.0.3 are now certified on Windows Vista. This delivers one of the items covered by Oracle's Statement of Direction for Oracle Database on Windows Vista.

Oracle has also released version 3.0 of Application Express, the free browser-based tool that enables you to build applications against your Oracle data. The new release features PDF printing, Flash charts, a Microsoft Access Application Migration Workshop, a drag and drop item layout and improved support for document-style web services such as those produced by Oracle BPEL Process Manager.

For further information about Vista support and the Application Express release, please see the recent announcements posted on O-Zone, **click here**.

.NET NEWS

Microsoft has made its latest improvements to Visual Studio available in the past few weeks. These include the Visual Studio 2005 SP1 Update for Windows Vista. The changes in Vista security and networking support make it difficult to ensure that older versions of Visual Studio will work correctly. Consequently, Visual Studio.NET 2002 and 2003 are not supported under Vista. Developers using these older editions should upgrade.

What will probably be the last release of the Visual Studio 2005 SDK (4.0) has also been made available recently. It contains tools to extend Visual Studio, including the Visual Studio SDK Browser, the Package Load Analyzer to assist with debugging and a toolbox control installer. The Team Foundation Server samples and contents have been updated and there are lots of bug fixes.

The next version of Visual Studio (code name Orcas), is expected to be released later this year. The preview release of the Orcas SDK is now available with the Orcas CTP release – but please note, it can't be run side-by-side with the previously mentioned Visual Studio 2005 SDK. It includes the long-awaited WPF designer, new WF and WCF tools and Language Integrated Query (LINQ). There are also many improvements to Team Foundation Server, AJAX, Office development and .NET 3.5.

The latest update to Visual Studio 2005 SP1 and the SDK 4.0 – and the Orcas SDK preview release are available for download. This can be reached from the O-Zone Free Downloads link. **click here**.

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