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

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

Welcome to all new members who have recently joined us. 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?**

##### **Baillie Gifford reports success with Oracle .NET developer tools**

Edinburgh based Baillie Gifford is taking advantage of Oracle's .NET development tools to build applications for Oracle Database 10g. We have provided a link to this Oracle announcement.

#### **IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY**

##### **What would you like to see in the next release of Oracle Developer Tools for .NET?**

Oracle product managers Christian Shay and Alex Keh would like your feedback about features you'd like to see in the next .NET developer tools release. This is an important opportunity for O-Zone members to influence the future direction of the .NET developer toolset for Oracle. Please visit the O-Zone Home page to provide feedback or contact me at [grahamk@greymatter.com](mailto:grahamk@greymatter.com) if you need any assistance.

## **EVENTS**

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

### **Microsoft Tech-Ed North America 2008, June 10-13**

Microsoft Tech-Ed North America 2008 is the premier Microsoft technical education conference. An anticipated 10,000 IT professionals will gather in Orlando, Florida for the event. There will be specialist tracks for .NET developers. Oracle is an event sponsor.

### **Northern Server Technology Day, June 19**

This UKOUG event will take place in Newcastle at the Copthorne Hotel. There will be two streams that cover Oracle Database 10g and 11g management features. Topics will include security, performance and partitioning.

### **Oracle on Windows SIG Meeting, September 17**

This Special Interest Group meeting for UKOUG members will take place in Leeds. Further details to follow.

### **Oracle OpenWorld 2008, September 21-25**

Oracle OpenWorld is the world's largest gathering of Oracle customers, partners, developers and technology enthusiasts. The 2008 event will be held in San Fransisco at the Moscone Center. A dedicated developer stream with hands-on labs (Oracle Develop) will include .NET topics. Oracle Develop will run from Sunday September 21 through to Tuesday September 23 at the San Francisco Marriott.

### **Oracle and .NET SIG Meeting, October 1**

This Special Interest Group meeting for UKOUG members will take place at the Microsoft Offices in London. Further details to follow.

### **RAC & HA SIG Meeting, October 2**

This Special Interest Group meeting for UKOUG members will take place in the Midlands, venue to be confirmed. Further details to follow.

### **20th annual UKOUG Conference and Exhibition, December 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**

### **New release of Oracle SQL Developer 1.5**

A new release of Oracle SQL Developer 1.5 was made available in April. One of the key features is integration with open source version control products, CVS and Subversion. A browser allows you to work with files stored in the file system. You can open and edit these files from within SQL Developer. Release 1.5 also includes many updated features such as SQL Formatting, Schema Compare, Copy and Export wizards and the addition of migration support for Sybase. Times Ten support is also integrated with the product.

The new release of Oracle SQL Developer can be downloaded from the O-Zone Download page.

## **MICROSOFT NEWS**

### **Visual Studio 2008 and .NET Framework 3.5 Service Pack 1 Beta**

With Service Pack 1, Visual Studio 2008 introduces a large assortment of new features and enhancements that target .NET development on Windows, Office and the Web. These include improved performance in the WPF designer, new components for Visual Basic and Visual C++ as well as an MFC-based Office 2007 Ribbon. Web developers will see continued improvement in the client-side script tooling including JavaScript IntelliSense. The ADO.NET Entity Framework and performance improvements for the IDE are also included.

The .NET Framework 3.5 Service Pack 1 delivers more controls, a streamlined setup, improved start-up performance and powerful new graphics features for client development and rich data scaffolding, improved AJAX support and other improvements for Web development. Additionally, it introduces the ADO.NET Entity Framework and ADO.NET Data Services, to simplify data access code in applications by providing an extensible, conceptual model for data from any data source.

A link to the download is provided on the O-Zone Download page.

## 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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