



## Services Overview

### Advanced Training

SolidQ offers instruction worldwide, providing solid, cutting-edge training, led by quality industry experts. Our Private Training is surprisingly affordable for as few as two or three students. When you weigh the time, money, and value allocated to a custom private training experience you'll find that private classes can maximize your investment.

### Project Delivery

Do it right the first time. SolidQ delivers customized client solutions applying best practices and leveraging lessons learned and a full understanding of product roadmaps. A focused team of our worldclass experts develops more effectively and with less rework to assure timely project success at an overall lower total cost to develop.

### Expert Mentoring

SolidQ provides solid client support and quality technical consulting. While blending hands-on mentoring with remote technical support, SolidQ enhances the traditional consulting experience by becoming a key part of your company's team and generating sustainable best business practices.

# Technology at Work for You



**SolidQ** is comprised of over 100 of the world's top technical experts. Since 2002, we have become a trusted global provider of advanced consulting, mentoring and education solutions for the Microsoft Data, Business Intelligence, Collaboration and Development platforms.

Leverage SolidQ's Solution Offerings, Education Solutions and ad-hoc mentoring to accelerate results from your IT investment.

## **PowerPivot**

PowerPivot enables end-users to create compelling Self Service BI solutions with unprecedented power and flexibility. SolidQ's PowerPivot life cycle framework helps you understand how PowerPivot can accelerate BI value in your enterprise, reduce IT "reporting overhead" and establish critical policies for usability and governance by leveraging SolidQ's technical leadership and offerings with PowerPivot, SQL and SharePoint.

## **Fast Track**

Get on the Fast Track to SQL Server 2008 Data Warehousing. Fast Track Data Warehouse reference architectures take the guess work out of setting up a SQL Server 2008 infrastructure optimized for a scale-up data warehouse database, targeted at up to 15TB of data. SolidQ's new "Fast Track to SQL Server 2008" offering can help you take advantage of the Fast Track reference architectures.

## **PDW**

Microsoft's SQL Server 2008 R2 Parallel Data Warehouse (PDW) enables you to scale up your relational data warehouses with a massively parallel processing appliance that scales to hundreds of terabytes of data. SolidQ's new "Parallel Data Warehouse" offering helps you take advantage of a new Parallel Data Warehouse deployment by helping you plan a PDW installation, migrate data, determine the right architecture, and deploy supporting data marts around your PDW installation.

## **Azure**

The number of cloud offerings grows daily. Cloud vendors include multiple mega vendors. Which offering is right for your organization? So many questions surround cloud decisions. SolidQ's Cloud Accelerator offerings will help enterprises and ISVs analyze how cloud fits into their application portfolio and recommend specific strategies for integrating cloud into IT operations. We have three offerings: SolidQ Cloud Accelerator for Enterprises ... for Applications ... and for ISVs.



## Architecture

- **SQL Server 2008 R2 Upgrade Assessment and Planning** – We provide a roadmap that defines your ideal upgrade or migration plan for all parts of SQL Server to the 2008 R2 version.
- **Application Architecture Design Assessment** – Our Mentors assess your existing application design and provide recommendations for an optimal architecture and best practices.
- **SharePoint Governance** – Internal guidelines and procedures for how SharePoint is used and administered is a critical component to any successful SharePoint deployment, ensuring a rich, secure user experience while maintaining high IT standards.
- **SQL Server Consolidation Assessment and Planning** – We assess database consolidation opportunities and provide expected benefit, resources, and budgeting recommendations.
- **SQL Server 2008 Data Warehouse Competitive Benchmark** – The 2-3 week benchmark provides a cost and performance evaluation using the organization's data warehouse data, migrated to SQL Server 2008, and implemented on a scale-up SQL Server Fast Track architecture or a scale-out SQL Server PDW platform.
- **Oracle Migration Assistance** – SolidQ can assist you in your effort starting with a migration complexity assessment all the way through the live deployment of your database.

## Performance Tuning and Optimization

SolidQ's PTO Service Offerings quickly identify the root cause of current or future application performance issues. We review opportunities for immediate performance improvements and implement them when appropriate.

- **PTO Mentoring and Assistance** – Determining and solving PTO issues supported by expert knowledge transfers.
- **Relational Database** – Identification (and recommendations) of root cause for performance issues within a specific application and/or SQL Server instance(s).
- **SSAS** – Assessment and recommendations of SSAS environment for optimal performance.
- **.NET** – Application (code) specific assessment and recommendations using best practices and automated tools.
- **Hardware Expansion Assessment** – Measure twice, cut once. We identify opportunities for improving application performance before a purchase of new or additional hardware. If you still need hardware, we provide specific recommendations.

## Collaboration

SolidQ's industry-leading SharePoint experts can help you identify the appropriate technology solutions to your company's current IT problems, business concerns and objectives. We are focused on making sure that the SharePoint solution is aligned to your business needs and provides your company with an economic benefit; as well as help you make big IT decisions regarding your SQL Server environment, storage and hardware needs.

- **Enterprise Content Management** – We help to leverage SharePoint 2010 for Enterprise Content Management, Document Management, or Web Content Management for public web sites while upgrading rapidly and easily. Consideration is made for strategies surrounding user awareness and adoption.
- **SharePoint Assessment with Upgrade or Migration Services** – SolidQ can evaluate your SharePoint needs or environment. We help you plan an initial implementation, and for upgrade and migration, we help you keep all your content and metadata (original author, posting date, versioning).
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- **Extranet and Intranet Portals** – SolidQ can provide development and mentoring for private collaboration portals for staff, partners and customers.
- **Dashboards and Business Intelligence** – SolidQ's industry-leading BI team is the go-to source for visually representing organizational information for trend analysis, forecasting and planning.

## Business Intelligence

SolidQ is committed to providing unparalleled Business Intelligence (BI) expertise and service. As an elite group of experts, our primary goal is to deliver expert consulting services and to empower you through focused mentoring, facilitating the promotion of independence and long-term success with Microsoft's full BI Stack.

- **SSIS Framework** – We help you establish a reusable ETL framework to speed development and improve performance. We teach the framework and customize it for your unique environment while helping you implement.
- **SSAS Performance Tuning and Optimization** – Our Mentors assess your SSAS environment and provide recommendations for optimal performance.
- **SharePoint PerformancePoint Services Jumpstart** – This focused effort helps you evaluate and realize quick value from SharePoint PerformancePoint Services while establishing relevant best practices for your environment.
- **Data Mining Jumpstart** – We help introduce Data Mining into your environment to improve strategic decision making.

## Mentoring

Side-by-Side Mentoring Intensives – These 2- to 5-day, side-by-side engagements improve your skills related to a specific strategic technical resource. Strategic value is especially high when transferring past experience to a new platform or technology.

Mentoring can be expanded to a more consultative engagement where we work on your project one-on-one to ensure best practices architecture, design, and full life cycle development. If you want to get it done right the first time, SolidQ can help.