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SCHEDULED COURSES

FEATURED COURSE: Agile Database Techniques with VSTS

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TECH FEATURE: Clustering SQL Server 2008 on Windows Server 2008

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SQL Server

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Aug. 3-14, via Microsoft Office Live Meeting - Randy Dyess

T-SQL Fundamentals

Aug. 31-Sept. 3, Beaverton, OR - Ron Talmage

Live Online: Agile Database Techniques Using Visual Studio Team System 2008

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TECH FEATURE

Clustering Microsoft SQL Server 2008 with Windows Server 2008

The way you deploy clusters has completely changed in both SQL Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008. Whether you're a DBA responsible for the SQL Server portion, an IT admin responsible for Windows, or will have to deal in some way with clustered SQL Server 2008 implementations in your environment, this TechTalk by Solid Quality Mentors' Allan Hirt and Microsoft's Bryan Von Axelson takes you from planning to deployment and administration of a SQL Server 2008 failover cluster on Windows Server 2008. Learn what to do, what not to do, and the tips that will make your deployment highly successful.

[View the TechTalk](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Top SQL Server, SharePoint Experts Share Insights at Best Practices Conference

Avoid pitfalls, cut costs, and gain competitive edge with insights from Solid Quality Mentors' top experts and other industry leaders at the Best Practices Conference in Washington, D.C., August 24-26.

The conference, covering both SQL Server and SharePoint, brings an incredible roster of SQL Server minds together to help you "do things the right way." Join Solid Quality Mentors' Itzik Ben-Gan, Randy Dyess, Allan Hirt, Andrew Kelly, Greg Low, Rushabh Mehta, Douglas McDowell, Craig Utley, and Erik Veerman for this unique event.

"For any organization planning to deploy or that has already deployed SQL Server, Business Intelligence, and SharePoint Server technologies, there is no better conference to attend this year," says Mark Elgersma, Best Practices Conference Director. "You can be assured that sending your team, or attending yourself, will help your organization achieve a greater ROI on your technology investment, experience a more pervasive, thoughtful use of Microsoft technologies, and allow your users to work smarter, be more productive, and be more agile in making better decisions in the coming year."

[Learn more and register](#)

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, via Microsoft Office Live Meeting -
Richard Hundhausen

**SQL Server 2005 & 2008 Integration
Services for Database Professionals**

Sept. 8-11, Bellevue, WA - Mentor TBD

**Business Intelligence
Enterprise ETL with SQL Server
Integration Services 2005 & 2008**

Aug. 17-20, Bellevue, WA - Mentor TBD

**Solving Business Problems with MDX
in SQL Server 2008**

Aug. 3-5, Minneapolis, MN - Tim Peterson (Remote
learning available)

**SQL Server 2008 End-to-End
Business Intelligence Workshop**

Aug. 31-Sept. 4, Minneapolis, MN - Jessica Moss
(Remote learning available)

Sept. 14-18, Beaverton, OR - Mentor TBD

**Microsoft Office PerformancePoint
Server 2007 Monitoring & Analytics**

Sept. 9-11, Minneapolis, MN - Mentor TBD (Remote
learning available)

**Microsoft BI Bootcamp: SQL Server
2008, Office System 2007 and
PerformancePoint Server 2007**

Sept. 21-25, Beaverton, OR - Mentor TBD

**Deploying, Operating, and Tuning an
Analysis Services 2008 Solution**

Oct. 5-7, Minneapolis, MN - Mentor TBD (Remote
learning available)

For more information or to register for these or
other courses, see the Solid Quality™
Learning [full course schedule](#).

Need a different date or to schedule any of our
courses as a private class at your premises?

Contact info@solidq.com.

Featured Course

**Agile Database Techniques
Using Visual Studio Team
System 2008**

Richard Hundhausen brings this
intensive 3-day course to a computer
near you Aug. 31-Sept. 2, via Solid
Quality Mentors' Live Online training

TRAINING & MENTORING

Learn Wherever You Are

**Remote Learning Meets Needs of Solid Quality Mentors and New
Horizons Customers**

Solid Quality Mentors is teaming with New Horizons of Minnesota to provide the full classroom experience to any remote location. Remote students can hear the instructor's lecture and see the instructor's slide presentation, demonstrations, and whiteboard work as well as perform labs by remotely controlling the in-classroom student computer. Remote students can also communicate with the instructor and other students in the classroom via microphones in the classroom, the online chat feature, and the remote student's headphones/microphone combo.

Remote learning gives IT pros the same top-notch learning opportunities while

- Cutting commuting challenges
- Eliminating additional travel expenses
- Diminishing unwanted time away from home commitments
- Connecting virtual teams for collaborative group training

[Learn more](#) and see remote learning opportunities on our [public course schedule](#).

Go from Zero to BI!

Download presentations from 2 full days of seminars from Microsoft and Solid Quality Mentors' popular "Supporting Better Business Decisions" road show:

- Analysis Services OLAP
- Analysis Services Data Mining

SERVICE OFFERINGS

Do More with Less

**Solid Quality Mentors, NEC Partnership Brings Mainframe-Class
Capabilities to SQL Server Data Center**

Solid Quality Mentors and NEC Corporation of America are working together to deliver the industry's first dynamic scale-up or scale-out solution for Microsoft SQL Server environments. With Solid Quality Mentors' SQL Server consolidation expertise and NEC Express5800/1000 Series servers' dynamic hardware partitioning capabilities for Windows Server 2008, the integrated solution provides new, flexible scaling options for SQL Server administrators and data center managers who are constrained by performance or system resources.

[Learn more](#)

[Watch Webinar about solutions](#)

Customer Testimonial

using Microsoft Office Live Meeting.

Intended for developers and administrators already comfortable with the concepts of designing, programming, testing, and deploying SQL Server databases, this course gives you the knowledge and skills you need to properly manage the SQL Server database development lifecycle in an agile environment.

Focusing on using Visual Studio Team System 2008 Database Edition to maximize productivity while minimizing mistakes, the workshop teaches you how to manage changes to the database structure, ensuring quality through T-SQL unit testing, and how to automate the building and deploying of SQL Server databases.

[Learn more and register](#)

Events

"Craig Utley walked us through a technique for troubleshooting performance issues and was instrumental in showing us how to get at the root of the issue in just a few hours. Without his help, I suspect it would have taken several more person weeks to get to where we are now -- and we likely would have had less confidence in our conclusions."

News & Views

Solid Quality Mentors Says 'Namaste, India' as It Opens Operations in Mumbai

SQL Server MVP Rushabh Mehta has been named Managing Director of the latest addition to Solid Quality Mentors' global team: Solid Quality India Pvt. Ltd. in Mumbai, India.

[Read more](#)

- Plus! [SQL Server MVP Pinal Dave -- the Voice of SQLAuthority.com -- Joins Solid Quality Mentors in India](#)

IT Team a Finalist in Dell Technology Excellence Awards

Solid Quality Mentors practices internally what it teaches IT teams around the world, developing an effective, innovative IT infrastructure that supports its industry-leading technical pros, support teams, and global business initiatives. As a result, Solid Quality Mentors is among 10 finalists in the Technology Excellence Awards for Small and Medium Enterprises. The winner of the award -- sponsored by Dell, the Spanish Confederation of Small and Medium Enterprises, and the International Council for Small Business (ICSB) -- will be announced in September. Congratulations, IT team!

HOT LINKS

[Rushabh Mehta: Gracefully Handling Task Error in SSIS Package](#)

[Itzik Ben-Gan: Puzzled by T-SQL -- Solutions to Dice Substitute Puzzle](#)

[Andrew Kelly: Cleaning Up Un-named Defaults](#)

[Joe Chang: Automating dm_exec_query_stats and dm_db_index_usage_stats Analysis](#)

Don't Miss It: SolidQ Speakers Headlining PASS Summit Unite 2009

Four of Solid Quality Mentors' leading SQL Server and Business Intelligence experts will be presenting full-day pre/post-conference seminars at PASS Summit Unite 2009 in Seattle, WA, in November -- with the company claiming more prestigious Spotlight sessions at the event than any other single organization.

[Learn more](#)

Plus:

- See [Program sessions](#) from SolidQ and other experts
- Check out the PASS Summit Speaker Q&A with Itzik Ben-Gan: [Beware the NOLOCK Hint and Other Tips](#)
- [Register](#) for PASS Summit 2009 with the code EXCUST3D and get \$100 off!

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