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**ACCESS USER GROUP
NATIONAL SEMINAR**

Thursday 13th November 2008

To be held at Microsoft, Thames Valley Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1WG

AGENDA

- 8.45 – 9.15 Registration Tea and Coffee
- 9.15 – 9.30 Introduction – by Rod Gordon, Chairman of the Access User Group
- 9.30 – 10.30 **Visual Studio 2008, LINQ and the implications for Access Developers**, presented by Andy Couch
Just what has a new technology like LINQ to offer those who develop with Access? What steps are required to revise your database design? Can you afford to pass this technology by? In this presentation we take stock of making the transition from an Access front-end connected to SQL Server to a webform application developed with LINQ. Debate is encouraged!
- 10.30 – 10.45 **Break for Tea/Coffee and refreshments**
- 10.45– 11.45 **What's New for Access Developers in SQL Server 2008?**, presented by Eric Nelson, Microsoft
We'll take a look at what's coming down the line for database developers with SQL Server 2008. We'll look at changes to the core engine and the T-SQL language, any changes in the toolset and we'll also take a good look at what's coming with ADO.NET V3.0 in terms of the new Entity Framework and the new Microsoft Synchronisation Framework. If you're a SQL Server developer, come along and see what's in store for 2008.
- 11.45- 12.45 **Using Enhanced Graphical Components in Access Forms**, presented by Steve Jones, Orchard Professional Computer Services Ltd
The potential of modern VBA code is well documented and understood using standard components like pull down menus, tick boxes and list boxes. However, integrating some of the optional components such as progress bars, web browsers and tree view objects can transform the interface of your Access solution. In this presentation Steve will demonstrate the use of these controls and explain in detail how to optimise VBA code to enhance them seamlessly. He will also highlight some of the purchasable third party components available online including electronic calendars.
- 12.45 – 13.30 **Break for Lunch**

- 13.30 – 14.30 **SQL Server Reporting Services for Access Developers**, presented by Anoop Patel, Aztec Computing
Microsoft's SQL Server Reporting Services provides comprehensive tools to design, manage and deploy reports in a wide variety of formats, including XML, PDF and Excel. And it is available free with all versions of SQL Server, including Express. We will take a look at the latest version of this powerful reporting software, including the Report Designer tool which allows end users to create their own reports.
- 14.30 – 14.45 **Break for Tea/Coffee and refreshments**
- 14.45 – 15.45 **Adding Business Intelligence to your Access/SQL Server Projects**, presented by Derek Goodridge, WorkerThread Limited
SQL Server Analysis Services is now in its third iteration and the analytical capabilities that it can add to your Access/SQL Server application are extremely powerful. In this presentation we will take you on a whirlwind tour around Analysis Services, showing you what all of the Business Intelligence buzzwords mean, how to prepare your data for use in a cube and how to use familiar tools like Excel as your BI client. Derek will also give a quick demonstration of the power of SQL Server Integration Services and how it can be used to populate your Data Warehouse.
- 15.45 – 16.00 **Closing** by Rod Gordon

SEMINAR FEES:

£135.00 + VAT (£158.63 including VAT) for members

£185.00 + VAT (£217.38 including VAT) for non-members

Annual membership of the Access User Group costs £70.00 + VAT (£82.25 including VAT) for an individual membership and £225.00 + VAT (£264.38 including VAT) for corporate membership (up to 5 named employees). Payment for membership should be made to: Access User Group.

For further details on membership and seminar contact Margaret Chamberlain at:

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SPEAKER PROFILES

Andrew Couch

Andrew has been developing with Access and SQL Server for many years and specialises in Client-Server applications in both the manufacturing sector and banking. Andrew is a director and one of the founding members of the Access User Group, having acted as magazine editor, running the web site and on many occasions as a guest speaker. Today in addition to consultancy work, he runs training courses for the group and has in the past acted as an international trainer for other training organisations. Andrew is the author of the Migration Upsizing SQL Tool; www.upsizing.co.uk and is also a MVP for Office Access.

Eric Nelson, Developer Evangelist, Microsoft Ltd

After many years of developing on UNIX/RDBMS (and being able to get mortgages) Eric joined Microsoft in 1996 as a Technical Evangelist (and stopped being able to get mortgages due to his new 'unusual job title' in the words of his bank manager). He has spent most of his time working with ISVs to help them architect solutions which make use of the latest Microsoft technologies – from the beta of ASP 1.0 through to ASP.NET, from MTS to WCF/WF and from the beta of SQL Server 6.5 through to SQL Server 2008. In July 2008 he switched role from an Application Architect to a Developer Evangelist in the Developer and Platform Group. Currently Eric's interests include digging into LINQ to Entities, ADO.NET Data Services and switching from C# to Visual basic development.

At home he battles rat infestations, comes second to the family dog and uses any spare moments he has after 10pm to team up and play online with and against friends – keep an eye out for 'erknel' and say 'hi'.

Steve Jones, Orchard Professional Computer Services Ltd

After graduating with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in electronic engineering, Steve joined Xerox Corporation to develop solutions to integrate computer technology into electronics manufacturing. Through projects of increasing business responsibility, dramatic improvements were introduced that helped Xerox secure major business improvements across the world, resulting in Steve's team receiving the coveted Presidents Award at a ceremony in Virginia, USA.

Steve left Xerox to form Orchard Professional with the aim of assisting other organisations achieve similar improvements through the development and training of bespoke database solutions. Over the past nine years Orchard Professional has expanded its staff and skills base to offer data driven systems on a variety of platforms and to include other database technologies and languages. Currently Orchard offers development and training services to both small businesses and large corporations alike. Many customers choose to use Access as their core database engine and utilising the potential of the VBA language Orchard continues to deliver productivity and efficiency to its customers.

Anoop Patel, Aztec Computing

Anoop is a senior consultant at Aztec Computing where he has been developing Access and SQL Server based applications for over 15 years as well as looking after the London Access User Group meetings.

Derek Goodridge, WorkerThread Limited

Derek has worked with both SQL Server and Access since their earliest releases, helping to develop and deliver software applications to a wide range of organisations in the private and public sector. He now runs WorkerThread Limited, a consultancy focused on collaboration and Business Intelligence technologies such as SharePoint Services and Analysis Services. You can read his blog at:

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