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## Quick Tips for our Insider friends!

Hey Insiders!

This newsletter is coming to you from New York City where we're visiting some of our best friends. NYC is always great at holiday time, but it is sooooo cold compared to Australia, where we were up to a few days ago!

The big news is that we announced last week that we've hired Tim Radney to join our world-class consulting team! You can read about it [here](#).

In other news, I've been nominated in three categories for Red Gate's yearly Tribal Awards (you can vote in all the categories [here](#)), and we've scheduled a whopping 52 remote user group sessions across the team for 2015!

There isn't a Paul's Ponderings or a Video Demo this time as it's a holiday week, so this is a short newsletter. Kimberly and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who read the newsletter, read our blogs, watch our videos, come to our classes, or do anything related to SQLskills – we do it all for you! (Btw – if you've never heard it before, check out [Kimberly and I singing](#) our Christmas messages for you back in 2010). Happy holidays!

Oh, one part of the newsletter that I'll never leave out though, is my book review. The most recent book I've read is Greg Iles' *Natchez Burning*. This is easily the best book I've read this year, and is fantastic. It's long, really involved, and deals with a murder case on the Mississippi/Louisiana border. Apparently it's the fourth in a series about the main character – so I just bought the first three to add to my pile of unread books. The book is centered on the extreme racism in that area in the late 1960s and its continuation in some cases today, and is quite shocking in parts. The writing is superb, with rich characters and excellent dialog. I'm very glad I took a chance on this after seeing it reviewed in the W.S.Journal. Strongly recommended, but definitely not for the faint-hearted.

Please [let us know](#) if you liked what you read/saw here and/or have any suggestions for future Quick Tips.

Note: you can get all the prior Insider newsletters [here](#).

## SQLskills Offerings

We've released most of our classes for 2015. We might add one more domestic delivery of IEPTO1 and possibly IEPTO2 / IEBI but these will be partially based on instructor and conference schedules; it's important to note that 2nd half courses will be limited. Also, please be aware that all US classes have discounts for registering in 2014.

Finally, to help your boss understand the importance of focused, technical training, we've added a few new items to help you justify spending your training dollars with us:

- [Letter to your boss explaining why SQLskills training is worthwhile](#)
- [Community blog posts about our classes](#)
- [Immersion Event FAQ](#)

### **Upcoming Immersion Events**

Sydney, NSW, Australia

- February 23-27, 2015: **IEPTO2**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 2 (formerly IE2)

Chicago, IL

- April 27-29, 2015: **IE0**: Immersion Event for the Accidental/Junior DBA
- April 27-May 1, 2015: **IEPTO1**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 1 (formerly IE1)
- May 4-8, 2015: **IEPTO2**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 2 (formerly IE2)
- May 4-8, 2015: **IEBI**: Immersion Event on Business Intelligence
- May 11-15, 2015: **IEHADR**: Immersion Event on High Availability and Disaster Recovery (formerly IE3)

Bellevue, WA

- June 8-12, 2015: **IEPTO1**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 1 (formerly IE1)
- June 15-19, 2015: **IEPTO2**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 2 (formerly IE2)

London, UK

- August 24-28, 2015: **IEPTO1**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 1 (formerly IE1)

Dublin, Ireland

- October 12-16, 2015: **IEPTO2**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 2 (formerly IE2)

See [here](#) for the main Immersion Event Calendar page that allows you to drill through to each class for more details and registration links.

### **Summary**

We hope you've enjoyed this issue - we really enjoy putting these together.

If there is anything else you're interested in, we'd love to hear from you - [drop us a line](#).

Thanks,

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