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If you know someone who you think would benefit from being an Insider, feel free to forward this PDF to them so they can sign up here.

Quick Tips for our Insider friends!

Hey Insiders,

This newsletter is coming to you from Redmond, where we're two weeks away from heading to Chicago to start an Immersion Event series of IE0, IEPTO1, IEPTO2, IEHADR and IEBI. It's been great having some time at home but it always feels like it's not enough and there's still so much to do!

Our Chicago classes are almost all sold out, with seats remaining only in our IEHADR and IEBI classes. The Bellevue classes are filling up fast so don't delay registering to avoid disappointment.

If you need a warm getaway and an infusion of great technical content, consider joining us for our popular SQLintersection and DEVintersection conferences, in Scottsdale, AZ this May – see here for details. Our SQLintersection show will mainly focus on the troubleshooting and performance problems that we know you're facing today but will also highlight best practices in architecture, design, and SQL Server 2014. For a total of 6 full days – you can immerse yourself into great content with speakers that you know will deliver! Also, use the discount code "SQLskills" and you can save $50 off registration.

Back in the 100th newsletter in February I told you about my top 10 books or book series of all time, and realized there were some I hadn't read for a long time, so I decided to re-read the Horatio Hornblower series by C. S. Forester. I've read the first four so far, following Hornblower's time in the Royal Navy in the late 18th and early 19th centuries from a lowly midshipman to being 'gazetted' (having the rank published in the Naval Gazette and thus made official) as a post captain. These really are a fabulous series of books, full of very accurate historical detail and every one lets you soak in the atmosphere of Hornblower's exciting naval life. I can't recommend these books enough!

Note: you can get all the prior Insider newsletters here.

Paul's Ponderings

The SQL community was saddened last week by the untimely death of Larry Toothman (@IowaTechBear) after a sudden stroke at the end of March. Larry was a really great guy, widely liked and respected, and very active in the SQL community. His passing is a true loss for community, as well as being an obvious tragedy for his family, friends, and colleagues.

We at SQLskills all knew him, from him being in several of our classes, at SQLSaturdays, and the PASS Summit. Here's a photo of us with Larry at PASS last year (next to Kimberly), and in one of our classes (in the middle at the back in green shirt), also last year.

It was heartwarming to see the outpouring of support from many, many people in the SQL community to Frank's husband and family, through Twitter and through Facebook (mostly on the #SQLFamily group homepage). I think it's amazing how strong the SQL community is and how many of us treat it as a kind of extended family, helping others when they have problems and accepting help from others when we have problems.

It also made me realize that tragedy can strike at any time and we should all strive to make the most of the time we have, try to do everything we want to do, try to achieve everything we want to achieve, and spend as much time with loved ones as possible. And that's my call to action this time.

Rest In Peace Larry – you are already dearly missed.

For more information, please consult the #SQLfamily page on Facebook:

- Larry's funeral is set up to be on Tuesday, April 14.
- Donations can be made through Monica Rathburn.
- There will likely be a memorial group at PASS this year.

Video Demo

The demo video this time is from my mammoth SQL Server: Logging, Recovery, and the Transaction Log Pluralsight course. In the video I explain and demonstrate how compensation log records work – the log records that are generated during a transaction rollback to undo the effects of the transaction.

The video is just over 5 minutes long and you can get it in WMV format here.

You can get the demo code here.

Enjoy!

SQLskills Offerings

We've released most of our classes for 2015. We are going to add one more domestic delivery of IE0 and IEPTO1 in the 2nd half of the year and they will be in Chicago in November; we will publish more details shortly.

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](#)

<u>Upcoming Immersion Events</u>

Chicago, IL

- April 27-29, 2015: **IE0**: Immersion Event for the Accidental/Junior DBA *SOLD OUT!*
- April 27-May 1, 2015: **IEPTO1**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 1 (formerly IE1) *SOLD OUT!*
- May 4-8, 2015: **IEPTO2**: Immersion Event on Performance Tuning and Optimization – Part 2 (formerly IE2) *SOLD OUT!*
- May 4-8, 2015: **IEBI**: Immersion Event on Business Intelligence *5 seats remaining!*
- May 11-15, 2015: **IEHADR**: Immersion Event on High Availability and Disaster Recovery (formerly IE3) *4 seats remaining!*

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.

<u>Spring SQLintersection</u>

This year our Spring SQLintersection conference will be the week of May 17th in Scottsdale, AZ. See here for details. Don't forget to use the discount code "SQLskills" (without the quotes and it isn't case-sensitive) and you can save $50 off registration. We hope to see you there!

<u>Summary</u>

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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