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



Note: As an Insider, you can read all prior Insider newsletters [here](#).

Quick Tips for our Insider friends!

I hope you're all doing well and thriving as 2023 progresses – I can't believe it's almost April already! It's been a few months since I published a newsletter as I've been sorting out a big personal issue, which you can read more about in the Curious Case section below.

As always, take care and be safe!

SQLskills Easter Basket Bundle SALE!

We're having another sale, rolling back our bundle prices to the same as our end-of-year sale, for the month from April 9th through May 8th.

Everything below will be in our [shop](#), from April 9th (GMT).

These SUPER LOW (**AT LEAST 85% OFF**) prices are for all our **recorded** course bundles. These courses are available for you to stream immediately after a successful payment!

These prices are so low... there are no additional discounts available. If your team wants to bulk purchase courses or bundles for at least 6 people, we can offer an easier way to pay (one bill and then each attendee sets up their accounts after payment is received). Send [Training an email](#) to ask about a bulk purchase order.

Orders for individuals are available for credit card payment only.

**** Remove the Expiration Date! ****

If you purchase any bundle a second time, no matter when you purchased the first time, we will remove the expiration dates from the constituent courses, giving lifetime access!

If this is your first purchase and you want to remove the expiration date, purchase it a second time and we'll remove the expiration date.

NOTE: we'll have to remove the expiration dates manually. Once you complete your second purchase, send an email to training@sqlskills.com with your username and order numbers and we'll remove the expiration dates!

Pricing for our BUNDLES

These prices are for already delivered and recorded, online courses. Access to these courses is available immediately! Access to your courses is for ONE year from date of purchase.

SQL Server Jumpstart Bundle

Courses included: IE0 + IEQuery + IETLB:

SALE price: only \$749 ** 85% SAVINGS off full price **

SQL Server Jumpstart+ Bundle

Courses included: IE0 + IEQuery + IETLB + IEQS + IEVLT + IECS

SALE price: only \$1,210.50 ** 85% SAVINGS off full price **

Performance Tuning Bundle

Courses included: IEPTO1 + IEPTO2

SALE price: only \$1,198.50 ** 85% SAVINGS off full price **

Complete Short Course Bundle

Courses included: IEQuery + IETLB + IEQS + IEVLT + IECS

SALE price: only \$686.25 ** 85% SAVINGS off full price **

BlackBelt Bundle

Courses include: IEAzure + IEPTO1 + IEPTO2 + IECAG + IEQS + IEVLT + IECS

SALE price: \$2,125.00 ** 87% SAVINGS off full price **

Book Review

With all the 'extra' time I have available now, I've been plowing through my to-read booklist, and have already read 14 books in March! Here are two book reviews for you...

The first is Lawrence Bergreen's [Over the Edge of the World Updated Edition: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe](#). I've had this book for 16 years and it finally bubbled up my interest list. It's very well written and a total page turner. The story is fascinating and all the more interesting as we've been to some of the Pacific, Philippine, and Indonesian islands mentioned. Five ships set out in 1519, with more than 200 men and only 22 eventually made it back to Spain after sailing 60,000 miles around the globe in search of the Spice Islands and a fortune in cloves. Magellan never made it, although he did discover the Strait of Magellan in

Tierra del Fuego and has two dwarf galaxies visible in the Southern Hemisphere named after him, the Large and Small Magellanic Clouds. Now I can't wait to read about the next circumnavigation voyage – Sir Francis Drake in 1580. Highly recommended!

The second is Yuval Harari's [*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*](#). Excellent book! From Amazon: "From a renowned historian comes a groundbreaking narrative of humanity's creation and evolution—a #1 international bestseller—that explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be “human.” One hundred thousand years ago, at least six different species of humans inhabited Earth. Yet today there is only one—homo sapiens. What happened to the others? And what may happen to us? Most books about the history of humanity pursue either a historical or a biological approach, but Dr. Yuval Noah Harari breaks the mold with this highly original book that begins about 70,000 years ago with the appearance of modern cognition. From examining the role evolving humans have played in the global ecosystem to charting the rise of empires, *Sapiens* integrates history and science to reconsider accepted narratives, connect past developments with contemporary concerns, and examine specific events within the context of larger ideas. Dr. Harari also compels us to look ahead, because over the last few decades humans have begun to bend laws of natural selection that have governed life for the past four billion years. We are acquiring the ability to design not only the world around us, but also ourselves. Where is this leading us, and what do we want to become?" Thought provoking and highly recommended!

The Curious Case of... and this newsletter's Ponderings

This section of the newsletter explains recent problems we've helped with on client systems or been asked about over email or #sqlhelp; they might be something you're experiencing too.

On February 24th I finally made the decision to conquer my alcoholism, after ten years. You can read about it in my post [here](#)...

#TBT

(Turn Back Time...) Blog posts we've published since the previous newsletter plus some older resources we've referred to recently that you may find useful.

The TBT this time is about identifying and fixing esoteric query plan performance issues, and Joe recorded four excellent courses on this:

- [*SQL Server: Common Performance Issue Patterns*](#)
- [*SQL Server: Common Query Tuning Problems and Solutions – Part 1*](#)
- [*SQL Server: Common Query Tuning Problems and Solutions – Part 2*](#)
- [*SQL Server: Troubleshooting Query Plan Quality Issues*](#)

And blog posts since the last newsletter:

- Jonathan: [*Do you need Trace Flag 460?*](#)
- Jonathan: [*Event exceeds the number of allowable bound actions*](#)
- Jonathan: [*SQL Server 2022: Measuring Extended Events Performance Impacts*](#)

I hope you find these useful and interesting!

Video Demo

In this insider demo video, Jon starts a series on the Server Audit feature in SQL Server, which is, as the name eludes to, the mechanism for auditing activity on SQL Server 2008 and higher.

The video is 7.5 minutes long and you can get it in WMV format [here](#).

The demo code is available [here](#).

Enjoy!

Upcoming SQLskills Events

We've decided to record SQL Server 2022 updates relevant to our class material rather than running full classes, as, to be honest, not much has changed in our space and 2022 focused a lot on Azure extensions.

With our new streaming system, you can now choose to attend a live, online event or purchase a recording to watch at your leisure, either individually or as part of a bundle. And all attendees of live events get lifetime access to the class recordings too!

To help your boss understand the importance of focused, technical training, we've also added a few 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](#)

You can get all the details on our [training options page](#) or just go directly to our [shop](#).

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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