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Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Hands-on Workshops
 Due to popular demand, new sessions have been added to this event. [Register today](#) and receive an early bird special.

Gain a Masters Degree in IT

Outlook Anywhere Special Invitation

Throughout May, the Microsoft Australia Server team will be on the road again and, more than ever, weâ€™ll be exploiting the latest mobility solutions available. To see how we all manage to stay in touch with the office while weâ€™re on the road, why not attend an [Executive Briefing: Email on the move - Outlook Anywhere](#) in a city near you.

Andrew Cunningham, the Australian Exchange Server Product Manager, will be hosting these sessions and will share with you the mobile capabilities of Microsoft Exchange Server 2003 right out of the box, and the latest in Microsoft Windows Mobile devices.

Having real-time access to my inbox and calendar is the "killer app" for me: however, it is just the start. If you are interested in how you provide further functionality to your mobile teams, such as providing access to line of business data, read our mobility [white paper](#). This paper discusses our approach, and outlines Microsoft's products and infrastructure for delivering mobile solutions.

Now, we understand that you support a variety of software applications from different vendors and need to deliver integrated solutions, including mobile, that leverage these. In a recent survey by Jupiter Research, 72 percent of IT Managers rated Microsoft as the vendor most interoperable with their existing environments. At the recent [APAC Regional Architecture Forum](#), Simon Guest, Program Manager for Architecture Strategy, discussed how Microsoft's technology fits within a heterogenous environment. Visit the [Architect Forum Web site](#) to learn more.

Finally, I'd like to make a request of you - tell us what topics you'd like to see at Tech.Ed 2005, by visiting [Charles Sterling's blog](#). Charles, a Developer and Platform Evangelist, is collecting this information until Tuesday, 17 May 2005 and would appreciate your feedback.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and I'll look forward to writing to you again next month!

Kind regards,



Sarah Bond
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Featured Articles

[Download April Security Updates for Windows, Exchange and Office](#)

April's security bulletins include updates for Windows, Exchange, MSN Messenger, and the Microsoft Office System. [View Microsoft Security Bulletin summaries and Webcasts](#) for more information.

[Email on the Move: The Outlook Anywhere Executive Briefing](#)

Join us to see how Microsoft Exchange Server 2003 and Microsoft Windows Mobile-based devices help you deliver access to Microsoft Office Outlook tools " anywhere.

With Exchange Server 2003, your staff can access their Microsoft Office Outlook mailbox, calendar and contacts when they're on the move " not only with a laptop but also with a [PDA](#), [Smartphone](#) or, indeed, any [browser](#) connected to the Internet. At this Executive Briefing, you'll experience the mobile capabilities of Exchange Server 2003 right out of the box, and the latest in Windows Mobile devices. Hear from hardware suppliers on their current range of mobile devices. You'll also hear from telecommunications carriers on data service offerings and how they can even host infrastructure you're not ready to support! Discover how you can deliver any time, anywhere e-mail access for employees, and how it can improve your business.

This event runs in capital cities nationwide, kicking off on 10 May. [Register today](#).

[Catch up on all the latest at the Microsoft Technology Review](#)

This session follows the above Email on the Move " Outlook Anywhere event. It's a great opportunity to get a view on the latest Microsoft software releases. Key topics covered will include:

- How Microsoft infrastructure solutions can improve productivity to end users and reduce IT costs with Windows Server 2003 and Server Pack1.
- How some Australian companies are automating employee processes with InfoPath 2003 and BizTalk Server 2004, saving employees' time and capturing critical information in the IT systems.
- How SharePoint Portal Server enables quicker and better decisions, more effective sharing across teams and more streamlined business processes.
- The roadmap that can help you plan Microsoft software investments over the next 12 - 24 months.

[Register today](#).

[Tech.Ed 2005 Announced](#)

Tech.Ed 2005 will be held between 31 August and 2 September on Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast. Put it in your diary now and keep an eye on www.microsoft.com.au/teched for updates. If you have sessions or speakers of topics you'd like to see, visit [Charles Sterling's blog](#). Charles is collecting this information until Tuesday 17 May 2005 and would appreciate your feedback.

Microsoft Windows Server System

[Mega Improvements for Virgin Megastores: Case Study](#)

With increased competition from discount stores and electronic retailers, Virgin Megastores set out to find a holistic solution to help streamline their retail operations and reduce their bottom line. They needed tools to analyse inventory, sales and in-store traffic " previously handled manually, leaving them slow to react to demand and vulnerable to their competitors. Learn how Virgin not only saved US\$575,000 on comparable systems, but anticipate incremental revenue earnings of US\$1.8 million per year as a result of building a business solution based on Microsoft Windows Server System. [Click here to learn more](#).

[Lower TCO is Ezy](#)

Leading companies and third-party analysts continue to confirm that Microsoft Windows has a lower total cost of ownership (TCO) and outperforms Linux. Australian home entertainment brand Video Ezy needed a technology solution that was adaptable enough to meet the nuances of its franchise business. A head-to-head comparison between Microsoft and Linux resulted in Video Ezy choosing a Windows environment for its franchise operation. As a result, Video Ezy expects lower total cost of ownership, superior manageability and functionality, easy access to support skills and a sound technology road map. [Click here to read the case study](#).

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Useful Links

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- [Windows XP Professional](#)
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- [Windows Server System](#)
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- [Get the Facts on Windows and Linux](#)
- [What's Windows Server System?](#)

[Enjoy up to 15 Percent off Microsoft Windows Server System](#)

If your organisation has between 50 and 250 PCs then, for a limited time, you can take advantage of the following special offers with Microsoft's Advisor portal, including:

- 15 percent off RRP for Microsoft Office 2003 Professional in training and deployment vouchers.
- Up to 10 percent off RRP for Microsoft Windows Server System.
- Five tech support calls at no extra cost with Microsoft FirstSupport, when you purchase through Open Value Licensing.

[Click here to visit the Advisor site and start saving today.](#)

Operations Infrastructure

[Microsoft Route64 Training on Route to You](#)

If you want to prepare for the future and start leveraging the enormous power of the 64-bit machines, this is for you. Microsoft has collaborated globally with Hewlett Packard and Intel to promote the next generation of computer hardware, 64-bit Itanium-based technology, and the road show is coming to Sydney 23 to 25 May 2005. [Register your interest in this three-day workshop today.](#)

[SBS 2003 Users – Wait for SP1](#)

Microsoft Windows Small Business Server (SBS) 2003 users have encountered a number of issues after installing Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 1 (SP1). The SBS team is recommending that customers postpone installation until Service Pack 1 for SBS 2003 is released in the next 60 days. For more information, see Windows Small Business Server 2003 and Windows Server 2003 SP1 [Known Issues](#).

[What are the Seven Key Security Challenges Facing CIOs?](#)

You're invited to find out at IT Security for CIOs, a special executive briefing breakfast hosted by PricewaterhouseCoopers and Microsoft. Leading PwC speakers will address the key IT security challenges for organisations in 2005 and share their insights for tackling them head on. Places are complimentary and strictly limited, so be quick. This not-to-be-missed event is running during May in [Brisbane](#), [Canberra](#), [Melbourne](#) and [Sydney](#).

Applications Infrastructure

[Give Yourself an Unfair Advantage at a SQL Server 2005 Workshop](#)

As we all know, the much-anticipated launch of Microsoft SQL Server 2005 is expected later this year. So now's the time to give your organisation a head-start on your competition. And the best way to be ready is to have your staff attend the two-day intensive, hands-on technical workshops. The three workshops cover Microsoft SQL Server 2005 from three points of view: Database Infrastructure and Scalability; Development; and Business Intelligence. A total of 39 workshops will be held across six capital cities – so you're sure to find one that suits you and your colleagues. If you register by 20 May 2005, you'll save over 20 percent on the cost of the sessions. [Click here for full session details and to register.](#)

[Recap: APAC Regional Architecture Forum 2005](#)

The great thing about modern technology is you can take advantage of resources from all over the world without leaving your desk. The link below will help you discover how leading architects are benefiting from the latest advances in today's technology with new innovations, case studies and more. [Click here](#) to view their exciting presentations from the Asia Pacific (APAC) Regional Architecture Forum 2005.

[Stay Connected Any Time, Anywhere](#)

To remain competitive in the marketplace, your mobile team will need the tools to access important real-time data immediately, and the ability to collaborate efficiently with customers, partners and colleagues, just like your in-office staff. This white paper is a great starting point if you want to get back to the basics of what it means to be mobile and discusses:

- The infrastructure for implementing wireless networking.
- The mobile devices that are available for your users.
- The infrastructure for supporting your mobility vision.
- The tools available for enabling mobile collaboration.

[Click here to download this white paper today.](#)

[Join the BizTalk Server Community](#)

If you're enjoying the benefits of Microsoft BizTalk Server, or are considering adding it to your stable, then this is for you. Two of Australia's BizTalk Server experts, Bill Chesnut and Mick Badran, have recently introduced BizTalk User Groups in Melbourne and Sydney. What better way to get the most out of this cutting-edge technology than learning all the tips and tricks for optimising your performance from your industry peers. In the meantime, to review the outcomes of previous sessions and to register for forthcoming events, click on the respective link below. Sydney sydbiz.org Melbourne melbiz.org.

[Save Time Identifying Vulnerabilities](#)

Rather than checking PCs for each individual machine's vulnerabilities when addressing security issues, you can now assess your systems with one time-saving tool. The Microsoft Baseline Security Analyser (MBSA) is a complimentary download you can use to scan your stand-alone or networked computers for security vulnerabilities. You can easily find missing security updates for Microsoft Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 systems, plus Microsoft Office Systems and Microsoft Exchange. Best of all, after scanning your computers, MBSA provides information on how to locate and install necessary updates. It doesn't get easier than this. [Download the MBSA tool now.](#)

Information Worker Infrastructure

[Safeguard Your Exchange Server with the Latest Update](#)

The security updates for April 2005 include a critical update for some versions of Microsoft Exchange Server. If you have any of the software listed on this site running on your computer, you should [install this update](#).

[Put Your Staff on the Map with Microsoft MapPoint Location Server](#)

Ever wished you could locate any one of your team at any given time? Microsoft MapPoint Location Server is an enterprise server product that works with PC and mobile devices so you can easily pinpoint personnel, helping you increase operational efficiency and react to change instantly. For Sales Reps to Couriers, Mobile Nurses to Tradesmen, MapPoint adds value to any organisation with mobile staff. For example; Imagine how useful Microsoft MapPoint Location Server would be if you knew the location of each and every vehicle in your fleet. [Learn how MapPoint can benefit your mobile operation.](#)

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