



IT Professionals Unite on the Gold Coast

Wow! I can't believe it's nearly April already. For us, it's planning time of year for the annual TechEd event to be held on the Gold Coast this year!

This year, as a brand new initiative, we've decided to involve the community directly in helping us plan TechEd. By involving you from the start, you're sure to get more value from the event by getting what you want to hear. I'm currently planning the IT Professional portion of the event and have been blogging and requesting feedback to three tracks: [Server and Management](#), [Messaging and Collaboration](#), and [Security](#). So feel free to post your comments and let us know what you think.

We're making changes all the time and reposting track information so here's the blog category for [TechEd 2005](#), along with the [RSS feed](#).

[Jeff](#) and I have posted your Q&A comments from the Security Summit sessions back to the blogs, so you have access to the information you need at the [Security Summit](#) category. Stay tuned, as there's more to come. And if you use an RSS reader like [Newsgator](#) or [Sauce](#) please [click here for the RSS feed](#).

And what's a TechNet Flash without the latest Cool Toy recommendation? If you've ever wanted to see what's happening with archived mail that's been blocked by the Exchange IMF, check out the [Microsoft Exchange Intelligent Message Filter Add-ons](#) here.

Take care,

[Michael Kleef](#)

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Automating processes such as leave forms and expense processing reports can offer significant financial rewards, which are easily implemented once you know how. This session will show you how to connect your backend business systems, abstract a business process and convert data into a form that can be easily deployed to your users.

[Click here to register](#).

[Get Tips on the ISA Server 2004 Enterprise Edition](#)

Microsoft has just released the ISA Server 2004 Enterprise Edition, featuring new changes like CARP enabled Web caching and auto array configuration. In this session, Amit Pawar will discuss some of the new and improved changes, as well as providing information on multi-network style deployment and configuration.

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[Microsoft SQL Server User Groups](#)

Want to get the latest on SQL Server? Run nationally, the SQL Server User Groups are run by the community for the community. Topics vary in each state, so please contact your local group convener and register your interest at www.sqlserver.org.au.

[The Business of Talking BizTalk](#)

If your organisation is utilising BizTalk Server, and is seeing the benefits of increased productivity and ultimately cost savings, or if you are considering adding it to your stable then there's a terrific new resource available. A new and complimentary BizTalk User group is starting in Sydney on 30 March. The agenda for the first meeting includes:

- Microsoft's Sarah Bond will present The Business Side - including Microsoft's plans for BizTalk in 2005.
- Mick Badran taking you through The Complete Demo of BizTalk 2004 - from Schemas to FTP Server integration; and
- Mark Burch asking what you want out of your User Group.

Visit sydbiz.org to register now or learn more.

[CMS.RAPID is Approaching Rapidly](#)

If you're looking for an out-of-the-box feature rich framework, CMS.RAPID is a complete solution extender for MCMS, with an extensible rendering framework and API. Built on MCMS, it extends the functionality to include commonly requested features and extensions to Microsoft's CMS solution. This session - held on 6 April from 12:00 to 13:00 AEST - is an introduction to the technology and its features.

Register for this [Live Meeting](#) and enter event code 574474. Full details will then be emailed to you after registration.

[Tighten Your IT Security: Microsoft Small Business Forum](#)

No matter how small your organisation, IT security is a big deal. To help you protect your company's livelihood, Microsoft Australia is running a no-cost 90-minute IT security forum in Sydney and Melbourne. Get practical advice on wireless security, data back-up and protecting your PCs against hackers and viruses. There'll be live demos, complimentary food and drinks; a voucher entitling you to a no-obligation on-site IT Security Consultation worth RRP \$200; PLUS the chance to win an i-mate JAM smartphone! [View the agenda and register today](#).

[Get Set for the Next Wave with Microsoft SQL Server 2005 at MSDN Update](#)

Like to get a head start on Microsoft SQL Server 2005? Then register today for MSDN Update. Over one afternoon, Dr Neil will share tips from his new book, eXtreme .NET, that can help you increase the value of your software. Plus MVP and Lead Consultant for Readify, Greg Low, will show you how the enhancements in SQL Server 2005 can help you create more airtight applications. And popular speaker, Dave Glover, will overview SQL Server Integration Services SSIS and Report Builder - a great visual reporting tool. You'll also receive the latest SQL Server 2005 Beta Resource Kit, including Web casts and hands-on lab images. MSDN Update is running in Adelaide, Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane during April and May. Places are complimentary and strictly limited, so be quick. [Click here to register](#).

[Be the First to Learn about SQL Server 2005](#)

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- [Obtain and use the February 2005 Security Update Scan Tool in environments using Systems Management Server 2003 and Systems Management Server 2.0](#)
- [Configure Internet Security and Acceleration Server 2004 to skip name resolution in a Web proxy chaining configuration](#)

Hotfixes

- [The "Digest authentication for Windows domain servers" check box is disabled in Microsoft Internet Information Services 5.0](#)
- ["Could not convert the data value due to reasons other than sign mismatch or overflow" error message appears when using the ADSI OLE DB provider to retrieve I8 data type properties in Windows Server 2003](#)
- [A database is suspect when you open the database in SQL Server 2000](#)

Featured Articles

[Security Summit 2005 Resources at Your Fingertips](#)

The resources from this year's Security Summit are now available for you to download. TechNet topics include "Fighting SPAM", "Defending against malicious software" and "SQL Server 2005 Overview" to name just a few.

[Click here to access presentations, white papers, worksheets and Webcasts.](#)

[Improve Your Operational Processes with MOF](#)

To help make your job easier, Microsoft continues to work with IT Professionals to give you the tools to optimise your system performance, efficiency and support. A great example is this week's launch of Microsoft Operations Framework (MOF) "guidance on how to plan, deploy and maintain your operational processes. Three new guides plus a complete refresh of all other MOF resources are now available. These handy guides also include a process model, a team model, a risk management discipline, and a series of service management functions. All this and more is there for you " [just follow the link today.](#)

[MSDN for Students](#)

If you're a student, you now have access to a great new resource. The MSDN for Students Web site has launched and includes exciting opportunities like an Industry Jobs page with graduate and junior IT roles in Australia. In addition, you'll find a list of Microsoft .NET technology courses offered by your university and the latest student club information. [Click here to subscribe.](#)

[ISA Server 2004 Enterprise Edition Trial Software](#)

If you'd like more power from the Internet and are considering upgrading, now's a great time to review your needs. The latest Internet and Security Acceleration (ISA) Server 2004 Enterprise Edition gives you all the security and performance features in the Standard version, including a Web caching proxy server, a remote access VPN server, and a site-to-site VPN gateway. [Download](#) the new ISA Server 2004 EE Evaluation Kit today and visit the [ISA Server Guidance Centre](#) for new solution documents focused on ISA Server 2004 EE deployments.

Webcasts

Webcasts are a great way of staying informed on your favourite topics of interest. In addition, because the US TechNet team conducts many Webcasts in times that are overnight for Australia, on-demand recordings are available after each event to peruse at your leisure.

[SQL Server 2005: Get Ready for Action](#)

A major addition to the Microsoft Windows Server System, SQL Server 2005 allows you to actively manage and optimise your database systems. Enjoy significant enhancements in performance, availability, security with the most powerful and flexible set of DBA productivity tools Microsoft has ever delivered. Follow the link to take part in this 10-part educational Webcast series.

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- [You can't access EFS files after changing a user password on a Windows XP Service Pack 2-based computer](#)

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