



## **Cyprus .Net User Group (Reloaded)** **December 18, 2008**

Microsoft TechEd Developers EMEA 2008... a really significant event. Thousands of developers around Europe and other countries near Europe, huge amounts of knowledge exchange, interesting sessions on new Microsoft technologies, ask-the-experts sessions and much more.

Now that the TechEd conference has ended, it is time to continue with our group's activities and begin organizing regular community events on the various interesting technologies out there. It is time for the **Cyprus .Net User Group Reloaded!**

One of the main topics in TechEd was SQL Server 2008. This version of SQL Server offers advanced functionality for Developers and DBAs. Due to the fact that our user group actively participates to the Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Community Launch through the Microsoft Connect Program, a series of presentations will be given regarding SQL Server 2008; both in terms of Development and Administration.

### **SQL Server 2008: An overview for Developers and IT Pros** **(by Artemakis Artemiou)**

The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of the new features and enhanced functionality of SQL Server 2008. It will also indicate a roadmap for future community events on various topics of SQL Server 2008.

In this session, Artemakis will focus on the three main categories of SQL Server 2008 functionality; **Trust, Productivity** and **Intelligence**.

Within the scope of Trust, we will see the security and auditing features of SQL Server 2008, as well as how SQL Server ensures business continuity and optimized performance.

Within the scope of Productivity we will see how SQL Server 2008 minimizes the administrative effort by using the Policy-Based Framework and other techniques. We will also see how Database Developers can take advantage of new features of SQL Server thus gaining an accelerated development experience. Such features are ADO.Net Entity Framework, LINQ and T-SQL improvements (table-valued parameters, object dependencies, DATE and TIME data types).

Finally, within the scope of Intelligence we will see SSIS, backup and data compression, the MERGE SQL statement, Resource Governor and many other interesting enhancements.

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An event will take place on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the conference room of Microsoft Cyprus, with start at 18:00.

For more information please visit the CDNUG website (<http://www.cdnug.net>).