

SQL Server 2005: Additional Topics

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Course description: Developing a database, getting the database to work with your applications, and getting it to production is just the beginning, but can often be where the story ends. This course examines other SQL Server 2005 essential application, support, and maintenance topics—features you can use for high-availability, stability, reliability, and scalability of databases, plus enhancements for processing large amounts of data, handling complex data structures, implementing asynchronous messaging, and working with XML.

Course outline:

Plan Backup Strategies

- Introduction
- Overview
- Access Your Needs
- Data Recovery Needs
- Availability Demands
- Data Usage
- Database Size
- Server Configuration
- Disaster Recovery Testing
- Recovery Considerations
- SQL 2K5 Backup Options
- Backing up Databases
- Backup Devices
- Media Sets
- Backup Sets
- Demo: Create Backup
- Summary

Create Backups

- Introduction
- Overview: Backups
- Demo: Perform a Backup
- Backup Recommendations
- Recovery Models
- Simple Model
- Full Model
- Bulk-Logged Model

- Types of Backups
- Data Backup
- Full Data Backup
- Partial Data Backup
- File Data Backup
- Demo: Data Backups
- Differential Backup
- Transaction Log Backup
- Tail-log Backup
- Copy-Only Backup
- Demo: Differential Backup
- Demo: Trans. Log Backup
- Demo: Copy-Only Backup
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Schedule Backups

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- Overview
- System DB Backups
- Simple Backups
- Full Backups
- Related Databases
- Verify the Media
- Use Checksums
- Use RESTORE VERIFYONLY
- Demo: Backup w/SSMS
- Demo: Backup w/TSQL
- Summary

Restore Databases

- Introduction

- Overview
- Roll Forward Set
- Simple Recovery
- Full/Bulk-logged
- Transaction Tail Log
- Restore Database
- Demo: Simple Recovery
- Demo: Full Recovery
- Restore Files/FileGroups
- Restore Pages
- Restore Point-in-time
- Demo: Files/FileGroups
- Demo: Pages
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Snapshots

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- Create Snapshot
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- Delete Snapshot
- Demo: Snapshots
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High Availability / Failover

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- Est. Availability Reqs
- Four Availability Features
- Failover Cluster Mission
- Failover Topology
- Failover Cluster Topology
- Failover Features
- Failover Limitations
- Failure Cluster Option
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Clusters

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- Overview: Clusters
- Cluster Key Terms
- Requirements: Hardware
- Reqs: Operating System
- Reqs: SQL Server Versions
- Reqs: Cluster Network
- Requirements: Software
- Requirements: Disks
- Special Considerations
- New Clusters
- Cluster Service Account
- Create Cluster Admin Account
- Prepare Static IP Addresses
- Node Setup Steps
- Demo: Node Setup
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- Add Distributed Trans. Coord.
- Add Network Name
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- Expectations
- Set Up Domain Accounts
- Run the Setup
- Demo: Set Up Accounts
- Demo: Install SQL Server
- Demo: Cluster Administrator
- Post-Install Considerations
- Overview: Failover Process
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Add/Remove Cluster Nodes

- Introduction
- Add Additional Nodes
- Demo: Config Server
- Demo: Add a Node
- Add SQL Server to Node
- Demo: Add SQL Server
- Configure Failover
- Test Failover
- Remove Additional Nodes
- Evict a Node
- Demo: Remove a Node
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Database Mirroring

- Introduction
- Overview
- Understand Mirroring
- Witness Server
- Review: Key Terms
- Demo: Setup Simple Mirror
- Session Log Chains
- Pause and Resume
- Multiple Sessions
- Operating Modes
- Transaction Safety
- High-Availability Mode
- High-Protection Mode
- High-Performance Mode
- Role Switching (Failover)
- Automatic Failover
- Manual Failover
- Forced Service
- Other Mirror Details
- Mirror Endpoints
- Client-side Redirection
- Summary

Configure Mirroring (SSMS)

- Introduction

- Prerequisites
- Config Recommendations
- Demo: Create db on Mirror
- Demo: Config Mirroring
- Demo: Start Mirroring
- Demo: Pause Mirroring
- Demo: Test Failover
- Demo: Remove Mirroring
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Configure Mirroring (T-SQL)

- Introduction
- Setup Principal u/T-SQL
- Demo: Create db on Mirror
- Demo: Config Mirroring
- Demo: Setup Endpoints
- Demo: Setup Principal
- Demo: Setup Witness
- Demo: Start Mirroring
- Demo: Test Mirroring
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- Monitor Mirroring
- Demo: Monitor Mirroring
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Log Shipping

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- Log Shipping Requirements
- Security Requirements
- Limitations
- Failover
- Configuration Tasks
- Resources
- Backup Settings
- Setup Log Shipping
- Configure Security
- Setup SQL Server Logins
- Setup Primary Database
- Backup Settings
- Secondary Database
- Restore Transaction Log
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Monitor Log Shipping

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- Overview: Log Shipping
- Log Ship System Tables
- Demo: Log Shipping
- Demo: View Agent Jobs
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- Overview
- Typical Peer-to-Peer
- Requirements/Limitations
- Features Not Available
- Partitioning
- Using Identity Columns
- Config Peer-to-Peer Pubs
- Security Planning
- Replication Agents
- Publication Access List (PAL)
- PAL Security Details
- Setup Remote Distributor
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Config Peer-to-Peer Rep

- Introduction
- Overview: Distributor
- Demo: Config Distributors
- Publisher
- Demo: Config Publishers
- Specify Distributor
- Specify db to Replicate
- Specify Type of Publication
- Specify Articles to Publish
- Specify Agent Security
- Replication Monitor
- Log Reader Agent
- View Agent Job History
- Config Security Settings
- Test the Publisher
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Peer-to-Peer Topology

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- Initialize the Server
- Restore the db
- Config Topology
- Specify Publication
- Specify Peer(s)
- Specify Log Reader Agent
- Specify Dist Agent

- Specify Peer Initialization
- Specify Security
- Set Identity Column
- Test Replication
- View Replication Monitor
- Add a Node in Topology
- Demo: Add/Config Node
- Demo: Well Connected
- Summary

Diagnose / Resolve DB Errors

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- Dedicated Admin Connection
- Remote DAC Connections
- Limits / Restrictions
- DAC: Recommended Usage
- DAC Port
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- Demo: DAC and SQLCMD Util.
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- Demo: Using DAC
- SQL Server Logs
- Monitor Error Log
- Log Entry Fields
- Filtering
- Error Msgs in Event Logs
- Filter Event Logs
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Using Alerts / History

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- Alerts w/SQL Svr Agent
- Advantages of Alerts
- Setup Alerts
- Create Alerts
- New Alert Dialog
- Specify Perf. Condition Type
- Specify WMI Event Type
- Specify Response / Options
- Monitor Agent Job History
- Job Activity Monitor
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- Demo: Job Activity Monitor
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- SB Applications
- Anatomy of SB Applications
- SB Messaging
- SB Conversation
- Messaging Conv. Groups
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Service Broker Architecture

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- Overview
- Planning Message Types
- SB Activation
- Startup / Schedule Tasks
- Internal Activation
- External Activation
- Transaction Life Cycle
- Initiator/Send Life Cycle
- Target Life Cycle
- Receive Msg from Queue
- Validate Content
- Process Message
- Using State
- Handle Errors
- Handle Poison Messages
- SB Security
- Transport Security
- Use Master Keys
- Login Account
- Service Certificate
- SB Endpoints
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- Create Contract
- Create Queue
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- Partition History in SQL Server
- Range Partitions
- Partition Key
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- Create Partition Function
- LEFT/RIGHT Boundaries
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- Datetime Values
- Partition Scheme
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- Correlated Subquery
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