SQL Server 2008: Developer

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Prerequisites: To get the most out of the Microsoft SQL Server 2008 course, you should have a solid understanding of relational databases and the concepts in the SQL Server 2008 Installing, Querying, and Security course. No particular programming experience is required, but the course is taught from a developer's perspective.

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Course description: In this course, you will learn about the features that are available in SQL Server; how to design and create a database; and how to build basic queries using Transact-SQL, the language of SQL Server. Then, you will learn how to build effective views, stored procedures, triggers, and user-defined functions, using Transact-SQL. You will learn how to use the Transact-SQL programming language for error handling and hierarchical queries, dealing with complex data structures and processes, how to make your databases more scalable through partitioning, and how to use .NET languages like C# and Visual Basic to build database objects.

Course outline:

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- Advantages of Views
- Views and Security
- Creating Views
- View Rules
- Views and ORDER BY
- Syntax and Options
- CHECK OPTION
- Other Options
- Tools for Creating Views
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- Edit Views
- View Examples
- Nesting Views
- CTE
- Encrypting
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- Demo: Computed Columns
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- Data Modifications
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