

Microsoft Certified Database Administrator

Cliff first became familiar with SQL Server 4.2.

He wrote two books – “WOSSA I – a Study Toolkit” and “WOSSA II – a Study Toolkit” which he published personally and made approximately \$12,000 in sales. (WOSSA – Windows Operating System and Services Architecture). He first passed the WOSSA exams and then went on to SQL Server. He wrote another book on SQL Server 6.5, parts of which he still uses for teaching his classes on T-SQL.

He became an MCT in WOSSA and then went on to teach SQL Server. His practical exercises include:

- 1 Crashing the Server during a database restore and recovering the corrupted database (even if the Master database is affected).
- 2 Design and build on a completed database from scratch.
- 3 Using a common Invoice to explain how relational data is stored in a database.
- 4 Overstressing the CPU on student’s servers and detecting the cause of the stress.
- 5 Setting up 3-server farms in the classroom and writing “Instead of” triggers that distribute data inserted to the appropriate server in the farm. Then writing a distributed view that combines the distributed tables into a view.
- 6 The “Silver Bullet” of performance tuning.