

Welcome

This is the very first newsletter for Saskatoon's .NET User Group. This is where you will get information about the group, meetings, and upcoming .NET events. Check the www.imaginethat.ca user group website for updated announcements and new events.

We would like to have your input on the content of this newsletter. We'd like to hear what you would like to see and hear about. If you have content that you would like to add please contact the [newsletter gal](#).

Our Goals

1. To provide our members with the opportunity to share and learn from other member's programming and .NET experiences.
2. To assist our members with the transition of their skills to .NET by focusing on the emerging .NET based technologies, including: The Common Language Runtime, C#, Visual Basic .NET, ASP.NET, ADO.NET, and XML Web Services by conducting a technical meeting on topics of interest each month.
3. To facilitate the networking of .NET programmers in the Saskatoon and surrounding area.
4. To provide our members with solutions-based presentations from guest speakers, fellow members and industry experts.

Microsoft Learning and MSDN are giving away two of MSPress's most popular ASP.NET books and a US\$349 eLearning course. Visit the [Microsoft eLearning Access site](#) and enter the access key 8317-MSDN-6595.



Be the first user group member to [reply to this newsletter](#) to win a free Beta 2 copy of Visual Studio 2005 Team Suite and SQL Server 2005 Developer Edition

PDC - Professional Developers Conference



PDC05 is designed by developers, for developers. Join developers at the

Microsoft Professional Developers Conference 2005, where the next waves of Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office System developer capabilities will be unveiled. Go deep with the community on building new applications from the ground up, or taking advantage of new features from existing applications.

Less than 100 seats left, and counting. Don't miss out - [Register Now](#).

Our group has won one \$900 USD discount. It will go to the first one to [respond to this newsletter](#) and has intentions on attending the PDC05. Best of luck and don't forget to bring us home some swag. Please include PDC in the subject line.

Didn't make it to Tech-Ed 2005?

It may be over, but the experience is not. Continue to learn, solve, and grow through the library of on-demand web casts, including simulcasts of [12 sessions](#).

Next .NET User Group Meeting

The next user group meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 7th. Topic is TBA. Check the www.imaginethat.ca website for updates (check the Event calendar) on this meeting.

Study Group Update

The study group started as an initiative to get Microsoft Certified in the developer field and for more in-depth knowledge. Study group members are aiming for [MSAD \(Application Developer\)](#) and/or [MSSD \(Solution Developer\)](#).

We're starting to meet for completion of book 70-305 Developing Web Applications. For more information visit www.imaginethat.ca/study
[Compare MSAD Credential to the MSSD Credential](#)

Study Group Site News

Congratulations to Lizet Pena de Sola from Iron Solutions who is our Community Launch Team Representative! She will receive exclusive training over the next two months to gear up for the launch of VisualStudio 2005. We look forward to future presentations by Lizet for the VisualStudio 2005 launch in November.

2nd Chance at Certification - extended program

Microsoft Certification sets you apart from other professionals and signals that you're ready to meet the growing IT demands of any organization. Take your Certification exam and take control of your career.

Microsoft is extending the Certified 2nd Chance program. Get a FREE second shot at a Microsoft Certified exam. There are a few simple things you'll need to do by August 31, 2005, in order to take advantage of this special deal. Please review the offer details here before scheduling your exam.

Free ASP.NET Training Resources –eLearning and Books

Whether you are new to development or a programming veteran, we have taken some of the best ASP.NET learning materials and compiled them to help you learn ASP.NET quickly. Please select the link that best matches your current programming experience and you'll find online training, sample code, free online books, and a number of other resources to help you learn ASP.NET

INETA International

It's the next evolution in user group communities—a non-profit, independent organization, chartered with supporting all user group interested in the Microsoft .NET platform. INETA is run by a board of user group leaders, elected by their peers, and supported by Microsoft Corporation and other sponsors.

There are many resources available to us through this organization including expert speakers to present at our meetings, a host of discounts on books, software, training and other .NET –related products and services.

Drop me [a line](#) if you have suggestions on who to bring in from the [Speaker List](#).

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I'm in the process of registering our group for this awesome deal. Many thanks to the organizers of this deal. We'll be testing it out for the first time at our next user group meeting with Microsoft's own renowned technical expert—Dan Sellers. More details on the Live Meeting Professional subscription to follow. Check the user group site for updates.