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Projects Deployed

Since our last newsletter, we have worked on numerous .NET projects. Two of those projects were major development efforts and both of them have been successfully completed and deployed (and making their users very happy ☺). One, a browser and SQL Server application, is deployed at several sites around the world for a major international corporation. The other, a heavily distributed and web service – based application and framework, is deployed at our client's site in New York. The latter project has been extended and is ongoing, as both the users and IT department wants us to develop additional modules for the system.

Helping Developers Learn New Technologies

In addition to developing and delivering systems using the latest Microsoft technologies, we also share our accumulated knowledge both with our clients and other members of the developer community. This takes various different forms, including User Groups, Forums, Blogs, Conferences, Training, etc.

Some of our recent activities include:

- Presentations at international and local developer conferences, including Microsoft TechEd, and VSLive
- MSDN articles, including
 - New DataSet Features in ADO.NET 2.0
(<http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms971494.aspx>)
 - New DataSet Features in Visual Studio 2005
([http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms379590\(VS.80\).aspx](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms379590(VS.80).aspx))
 - Writing SQL Queries: Let's Start with the Basics
(<http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb264565.aspx>)
- A very cool Visual Studio 2005 and SQL Server 2005 Express Starter Kit application that is available for download (VB and C#) from MSDN:
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/express/sql/starterkit/default.aspx>
- INETA , IVBUG , and other User Group meetings
- A series of Podcast interviews on VB6 Migration and on Data Access, available for free download at <http://www.ddj.com/podcast/dotnetcast/>

Check out our developer blogs at
<http://weblogs.asp.net/jackieg/>
and
<http://blogs.microsoft.co.il/blogs/kim/>

Also related to learning, understanding, and explaining new technologies is the **Gold** Microsoft Regional Director Global Reach Award that I received from Microsoft for my efforts and activities throughout 2006. *Regional Directors (<http://www.microsoft.com/rd/>) are specially selected Microsoft partners (less than 150 world-wide) who possess the rare combination of technical expertise and the ability to quickly learn and explain new technologies.*

Looking For a Few Good Men (and Women and Students)

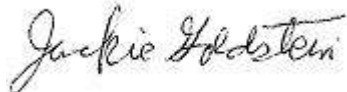
As our business continues to grow, we need great developers to join and grow with us. We are currently looking for

- .NET Programmers
- Web Developers
- Software Testers

We offer a challenging and flexible work environment, with lots of little “extras”. But don’t take my word for it, read what Renaissance Senior Developer, Kim, has to say in his blog entry at <http://blogs.microsoft.co.il/blogs/kim/archive/2006/07/05/1215.aspx> (with some nice pictures of our new offices). If you know of any excellent developers looking for a terrific opportunity, please have them contact me directly at Jackie@renaissance.co.il

I look forward to hearing from you regarding your current or planned projects. We can help you develop a technology strategy, lead your development team, or take full responsibility for your project. As always, I will be happy to give you the names of other good software houses or consultants if we are not available or appropriate for your immediate needs. I also welcome your questions and comments on any of the subjects covered in these mailings, any of my presentations, or our approaches to software development.

Sincerely,



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