SQL SERVER BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

An eleven-week in-depth program covering Microsoft SQL Server® 2008 analysis services, integration services, and reporting services

DePaul University's SQL Server Business Intelligence Program is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the Microsoft Business Intelligence platform using SQL Server. The program focuses on teaching data professionals how to use the new SQL Server 2008 features and tools to build business intelligence solutions. These features include analysis services, integration services, reporting service and data mining. The tools to develop and manage the solutions are SQL Server Management Studio and Business Intelligence Development Studio. This program provides students with the product knowledge and skills needed to support business users by using the current Microsoft SQL Server business intelligence platform.

Classroom lectures and demonstrations will be complemented by reading, assignments, and hands-on exercises. In addition, students will be provided with a copy of Microsoft SQL Server 2008 for installation on their personal computers.

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- New features of SQL Server 2008 for the business intelligence developer
- SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS) - Data Extraction, Transformation and Loading (ETL)
- SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS)
- SQL Server Analysis Services (SSAS)
- Unified Dimensional Modeling - cube and dimensions development
- Key Performance Indicators and calculations
- End user delivery using Microsoft Office solutions
- the Business Intelligence Development Studio
- the SQL Server Management Studio
- Designing reports with the new Report Builder tool
- Publishing and accessing reports with SSRS and Microsoft Office
- Report management
- Developing and utilizing different data mining algorithms
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Business Intelligence (BI) solutions provide the infrastructure that enables organizations to make better business decisions. In today’s business climate, those organizations that can collect, analyze and make timely decisions based on their data have a distinct competitive advantage over other organizations. As one of the fastest growing database management systems, Microsoft SQL Server platform also allows companies to gain greater insight from their business information and achieve faster results for a competitive advantage. It does so through its comprehensive set of tools for business intelligence, which includes Analysis Services, Integration Services, Reporting Services and Data Mining.

Analysis Services provides a unified and integrated view of all your business data as the foundation for all of your traditional reporting, OLAP analysis, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) scorecards, and data mining. Analysis Services also provides tools for data mining with which you can identify rules and patterns in your data, so that you can determine why things happen and predict what will happen in the future – giving you powerful insight that will help your company make better business decisions. Integration Services is a modern data integration platform that can integrate data from any source. It provides a scalable and extensible platform that empowers development teams to build, manage, and deploy integration solutions to meet unique integration needs. Reporting Services is a comprehensive, server-based reporting solution designed to help you author, manage, and deliver both paper-based and interactive Web-based reports.

The SQL Server Business Intelligence Program is designed for business intelligence or data analysis professionals who wish to learn about BI techniques and solutions available with Microsoft SQL Server. Students in the program are expected to do a considerable amount of work outside of class.

CURRICULUM

The following topics are covered in the program. Each unit involves reading and assignments. All assignments can be done with the software provided.

YOUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Program overview. Tools provided to students.

MICROSOFT BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY OVERVIEW


SQL SERVER INTEGRATION SERVICES (SSIS)

Extract Transform Load (ETL) fundamentals and SSIS overview. SSIS architecture and tools. Implementing control flow and data flow. Debugging and error handling. Deploying and managing packages.

SQL SERVER REPORTING SERVICES (SSRS)


SQL SERVER ANALYSIS SERVICES (SSAS)

Business Intelligence Development Studio. Dimensional modeling and Unified Dimensional Model (UDM). Measures and measure groups. Cube development and customization. Multidimensional OLAP (MOLAP), Relational OLAP (ROLAP), and Hybrid OLAP (HOLAP).

DATA MINING

Data mining algorithms and models. Data mining application forecasting, training, and analyzing.
GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMISSION

Applicants should have knowledge of data analysis concepts and tools, of relational database concepts, and of data modeling. In addition, applicants should have basic SQL Server skills. A substantial commitment of time is required for this intensive course of study. Final admission will be determined by the admissions committee on the basis of an applicant's overall qualifications, including work history and educational background.

FACILITIES

To promote the learning process, the Institute maintains special-purpose laboratories as well as dedicated classrooms equipped with state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment.

In addition, the School’s unique Course OnLine (COL) technology allows students to replay classes over the Internet. COL captures and replays five components of the classroom experience—audio, video, PC screen, whiteboard, and document camera input—and incorporates them into one interface to provide an innovative rebroadcast system.

SCHEDULE

The Institute offers one section of the program each quarter. Classes meet one evening per week.

FACULTY

The program will be taught by a faculty member from the College of Computing and Digital Media and an expert from industry. Faculty will be available throughout the program both in person and through electronic mail.
The college, through its School of Computing and its School of Cinema and Interactive Media, offers a variety of programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Over 1,000 students are enrolled in the college’s bachelor’s programs and over 2,000 students are enrolled in the master's and Ph.D. programs making the college’s graduate program one of the largest in the country. The college offers more than 200 courses each quarter, many in the evening, in several locations: the Loop Campus, the Lincoln Park Campus, the O’Hare Campus, the Naperville Campus, and the Rolling Meadows Campus. Many of the degree programs are also available exclusively online.

Current offerings at the undergraduate level include:

- School of Computing
  - Computer Games Development
  - Computer Graphics and Motion Technology
  - Computer Science
  - Computing
  - Information Assurance and Security Engineering
  - Information Systems
  - Information Technology
  - Interactive Media
  - Math and Computer Science
  - Network Technology

- School of Cinema and Interactive Media
  - Animation
  - Computer Games Development
  - Computer Graphics and Motion Technology
  - Digital Cinema
  - Interactive Media

Current offerings at the graduate level include:

- School of Computing
  - Applied Technology
  - Business Information Technology
  - Computer Graphics and Motion Technology
  - Computational Finance
  - JD/MS in Computer Science Technology
  - JD/MS in Computer Science Technology
  - Computer Information and Network Security
  - E-Commerce Technology
  - Human-Computer Interaction
  - Information Systems
  - Information Technology
  - Instructional Technology Systems
  - IT Project Management
  - Software Engineering
  - Telecommunications Systems

- School of Cinema and Interactive Media
  - Computer Games Development
  - Computer Graphics and Motion Technology
  - Digital Cinema – MS
  - Digital Cinema – MFA
  - Human-Computer Interaction

The Institute for Professional Development was formed by the college in 1984 to assist both individuals and businesses in keeping pace with the rapid development of computer technologies. The Institute currently offers a variety of intensive certificate programs in these areas:

- Advanced SQL
- IT Project Management
- Java™ Developer
- Java™ EE Developer (formerly J2EE Developer)
- Java™ Web Services
- Lightweight Java™ Web Development
- .NET Developer
- Ruby on Rails®
- SharePoint® Developer
- SQL Server® Business Intelligence
- SQL Server® Database Administration
- Web Development with Python®

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Complete the enclosed application and return it with a non-refundable $40.00 application fee (check or money order made payable to DEPAUL UNIVERSITY) to:

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Institute for Professional Development
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