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GOT A QUESTION?**Don't Wait Until It's Too Late! -- Watch These Essential Security Webcasts**

Security is a top priority for IT managers and will be for the future. I'm always on the lookout for security webcasts that will keep you and your team at the top of your security form. Here's a must see series to put into your calendars.

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/canada/securityonthebrain/default.aspx>

Here are session details:

Session One-March 1, 2006

Partial Trusted Development

An overview of new capabilities in Visual Studio@ 2005 that help you to streamline the testing and development of partially trusted applications. IDE features of Visual Studio@ 2005 to be covered include PermCalc, partial trusted application debugging capabilities, in zone IntelliSense@ technology, and the new Security exception.

Session Two-March 8, 2006

Least Privilege Account and Random Security Enhancements in .NET 2.0

Here, we explore a number of Security enhancements included in Visual Studio@ 2005. Visual Studio@ 2005 can help developers to write and debug more easily in a least privilege account. In this session, we will also highlight two new features: Secure String and XML Encryption API.

Session Three-March 15, 2006

Integrated Security Tools in Visual Studio 2005 IDE

Visual Studio@ 2005 now includes many tools that were once available only as separate downloads or could only be executed from the command prompt. As a result, you can now use these tools to help you to more effectively find security vulnerabilities. In this session, we will explore FxCop (Code Analysis) for native exe and ASP.NET application development, and we'll take a look at how to use Application Verifier.

Session Four-March 22, 2006

Securing SQL Server 2005: The Database and the Server

With its new security model, SQL Server 2005 provides database administrators with more control over access and execution permissions for database objects. In this session, we take a look at what this model means for enhanced security, and we highlight a number of other security improvements in the SQL Server based environment.

Session Five-March 29, 2006

Writing safer code with the Visual C++@ 8.0 development system

Over the past five years, Microsoft has conducted extensive and detailed security reviews and upgrades. This session will provide an overview of several new features of Visual C++ 8.0 that will help improve the security of existing code of C and Visual C++ code, including new and improved libraries and new analysis tools.

Enjoy!

Thank you,
 Stephen Ibaraki

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