

Tom Kyte at GOuser special meeting on March 24

Though our original GOuser 2009 conference plans fell through, we're pleased to announce that Tom Kyte will be with us on March 24 for a special 'un-conference' event!

Here are the details:

Speaker: Tom Kyte, Oracle Corporation. Tom is one of the foremost experts on Oracle database technology, and his asktom.oracle.com website has helped thousands of DBAs and developers to improve their Oracle skills.

When: March 24, 2009 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM (doors open at 10:30AM)

Where: Mirant Corporation (our usual monthly meeting place)

Cost: \$20.00 - includes lunch!

Tom's topics:

Database Worst Practices

A lot of time is spent by IT professionals studying best practices in the industry. This presentation turns that around and takes a look at some "worst practices," the top things you can do to ensure failure, delays, and poor performance in your database applications. Instead of focusing on things to do in your database applications, the presentation looks at things you should never do. The presentation uses actual customer experiences to investigate the top 10 things done wrong over and over again, and how to avoid making the same mistakes yourself.

The Best Way

Today there are many ways to do the same thing—sometimes it seems there are an infinite number of ways to accomplish something via software. Oracle's "Ask Tom" technology expert, columnist, and author takes a look at best practices, rules of thumb, and frameworks and discusses their promise and their shortcomings. Gain insights on what developers have done in the past and how that forms the basis for how they will do things going forward—which is both good and bad.

"Ask Tom"

This Q&A session features Tom Kyte answering your database questions! To facilitate the session, please email your questions in advance to conference@gouser.org before noon on Saturday, March 21. Please title the email as "Ask Tom - GOuser 2009", in the following format:

Name: <your name>

Email: <your email>

Question: <your question>

Registration:

Seating is limited, and Tom is a popular speaker! We do not currently have payment capabilities on our web site, so here's how to pre-register:

1. Send email to rsvp@gouser.org with the title "GOuser 2009 pre-registration". Send the email BEFORE MIDNIGHT on March 23, and include the following information:

Name: <your name>

Email: <your email>

I plan to attend the GOuser special meeting on March 24, 2009. I understand the cost for this event is \$20.00.

Do NOT just reply to this email - it will not count as pre-registration.

2. If you send the pre-registration email, YOU MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE - we are incurring expenses based on your reply. If you do not attend, you will still be asked to pay the registration fee.

3. Once your pre-registration email is received, you will receive a CONFIRMATION by return email. Please add the domain "gouser.org" to your whitelist - we cannot assume responsibility if the email goes into your spam folder!

4. At the event, we will match your name to the pre-registration list and collect the registration fee. Please make checks to "GOusers" or "Georgia Oracle Users Group"; we can also take cash, but not credit cards.

5. If you have not pre-registered, we will ask you to wait until the pre-registered attendees have entered. You are running a risk of not having a seat, but this method does not require a previous commitment.

Thank you for considering our event - Tom Kyte is a great speaker, and we can all learn much from his presentations. Information about the conference is also available at www.gouser.org, please direct email questions to conference@gouser.org.

We hope to see you at the 'un-conference'!

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