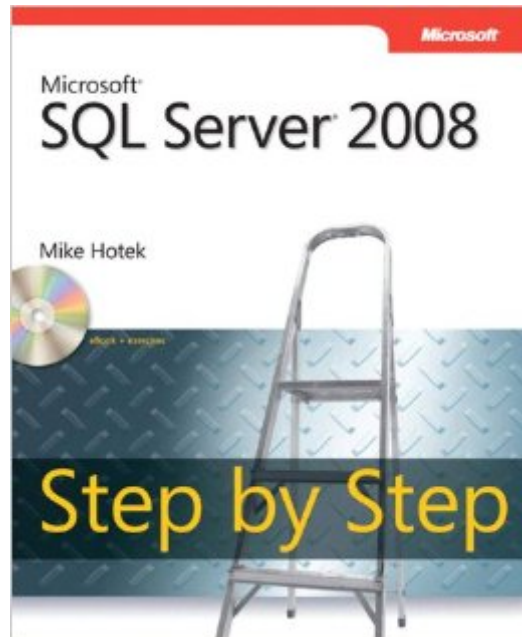


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# Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Step By Step (Step By Step Developer)



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Teach yourself SQL Server 2008â€”one step at a time. Get the practical guidance you need to build database solutions that solve real-world business problems. Learn to integrate SQL Server data in your applications, write queries, develop reports, and employ powerful business intelligence systems. Discover how to:

- Install and work with core components and tools
- Create tables and index structures
- Manipulate and retrieve data
- Secure, manage, back up, and recover databases
- Apply tuning plus optimization techniques to generate high-performing database applications
- Optimize availability through clustering, database mirroring, and log shipping
- Tap business intelligence toolsâ€”Reporting, Analysis, and Integration Services

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I just completed a different MS SQL Server 2008 book, and am now wishing that I would have read this first, basically because the author, Hotek, is so much more concise and is defining terms as he goes, and is clearer when describing database concepts. So now I am forced to read this book too, just to clear up what was confusing in the first book!What this book has that the \*other\* didn't is a really organized approach to MS SQL Server, including a description of all the tools that come with it and a meaty section on Business Intelligence with chapters on SQL Server Integration, Reporting

and Analysis Services, which is the reason I bought this book originally. As a side note, Mr. Hotek also obviously has a lot of experience and is sane... in Chapter 5, he gives an opinion on database design that I have secretly thought for years and I can't believe he said this: "...Lost in all of this material is the simple fact that tables have to be created to support an application and the people creating the tables have more important things to worry about than which normal form a database is in or if they remembered to build a logical model and render a physical model from the logical model." That totally floored me and impressed me. I have read many books where the author is so freaked out about 1st, 2nd and 3rd normal form, that it made me completely cross-eyed. It is the application and the basic design of the database, and what the users need that is what's important... not worrying about conforming to some theoretical utopia. I'm not saying we should build tables full of redundant data - obviously not - but let's stay focused on the task at hand.

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