

EMC Readiness Assessment for Microsoft SQL Server 2008

Accelerate deployment and prepare for the migration to Microsoft SQL Server 2008

Accelerate the time to benefit from the robust features of Microsoft SQL Server 2008. Maximize your investment in Microsoft's SQL Server and ensure your environment can support changing requirements for improved performance, availability, and recoverability.

Business Challenge

With limited resources and increasing demands, today's enterprises need to accelerate the deployment and increase the ROI from their technology investments. With its new performance and manageability features, Microsoft SQL Server 2008 makes a major advancement in scalability for data warehousing, meeting the needs of the largest enterprises more easily than ever. Microsoft SQL Server 2008 provides a range of integrated products for building a data warehouse and querying and analyzing its data. New tools for performance monitoring, troubleshooting, and tuning enable administrators to more efficiently manage databases and Microsoft's SQL Server instances. The challenge is how to accelerate the time to benefit from these new features.

Service Description

The EMC® Readiness Assessment for Microsoft SQL Server 2008 service provides an assessment of your existing Microsoft SQL Server production and test environments for the purpose of recommending a roadmap to Microsoft SQL Server 2008. Experienced EMC consultants work closely with your staff to gather system and performance data in order to make recommendations for optimizing the move to Microsoft SQL Server 2008. During this engagement, EMC will do the following tasks:

- Perform an interactive System Infrastructure Assessment to understand your current Microsoft SQL Server environment and key requirements.
- Perform a detailed Application Assessment to further understand what changes need to be made to effectively upgrade to navigate and take advantage of Microsoft SQL 2008 features.
- Collect and analyze data from the database environments, including storage performance metrics.
- Provide a final report detailing recommendations on implementing Microsoft SQL Server 2008. Recommendations address data layout, backup and recovery, availability requirements, and general infrastructure optimization.

Service Value

The EMC Readiness Assessment for Microsoft SQL Server 2008 provides comprehensive planning and best-practice expertise to help you successfully migrate to Microsoft SQL Server 2008. Our experienced consultants will develop custom recommendations to help you:

- Minimize disruption to production environments when migrating
- Meet the highest performance and scalability requirements
- Ensure the highest availability of key applications
- Streamline the test and development process
- Ensure cost-effective disaster recovery strategies that meet SLA requirements
- Better leverage your technology investments

EMC Consulting

As part of the world's leading developer and provider of information infrastructure technology and solutions, EMC Consulting transforms information into business results. Our consultants bring a unique mix of industry, business, and technology expertise to solve today's toughest challenges. We use field-tested tools, proven methodologies, best practices, and industry standards to minimize risk and optimize time to value in our engagements. We provide a full range of consulting, design, implementation, and support services.



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