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- Comprehensive, independent, and practical coverage for everyone who works with SQL Server 2008: DBAs, developers, architects, users, consultants, and more
- Covers all of SQL Server 2008's most important improvements, in areas ranging from analysis to security to performance Designed to help experienced professionals build on their current knowledge as they move to SQL Server 2008

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