Introduction to SQL Server MDX

Duration: 3 Days

OBJECTIVES

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COURSE OUTLINE

Introduction to Business Intelligence
- OLTP databases
- OLAP databases
- Data Warehouses
- SSIS ETL, SSRS and SSAS

Introduction to PowerPivot and Analysis Services Tabular Mode
- What Is PowerPivot?
- PowerPivot Deployment Options
- Self-Service Business Intelligence (SSBI)
- Differences between SSAS Tabular Mode and Multidimensional
- Power Pivot Data Models
- Pivot Tables and Charts

A First Look at Tabular BISM
- Using Visual Studio and working with Projects
- The Tabular Designer
- Importing Data
- Relationships
- Calculations
- Browsing Models
- Modelling and Deploying
- Administering Tabular Models with SSMS

Enhancing Your Tabular BISM

- Refining the Tabular Model
- Hierarchies
- Measures
- KPIs
- Perspectives
- Partitions
- Processing a Tabular Database
- Creating and Applying Security Roles

Introduction To DAX
- DAX Fundamentals
- DAX Operators
- DAX Functions
- DAX as a Query Language

Advanced Topics in DAX
- Parent-Child Hierarchies
- Cross Filtering with Many-to-Many Relationships
- Multiple Relationships Between Tables
- Time Based Analysis
- Non-Aggregatable Columns

Analysing Tabular BISMS in Excel
- Pivot Tables
- Sheet Data Reports
- Pivot Charts
- Local Cubes
- Excel Services

Reporting on Tabular Models with SSRS
- PowerPivot
- PowerPivot Add-In for Excel
- PowerPivot data model