
Crowe Chizek technology personnel are named Microsoft® Most Valuable Professionals

INDIANAPOLIS (January 31, 2007) – Microsoft Corp. has named three Crowe Chizek and Company LLC thought leaders as Microsoft Most Valuable Professionals (MVPs). In recognition of their outstanding contributions to Microsoft Corp. technical communities, Jeff Juday, Mark Strawmyer and Bret Updegraff have achieved status as prestigious Microsoft MVPs. Microsoft MVPs are a select group of individuals from around the world who consistently demonstrate technical expertise and an enthusiasm in sharing their knowledge with Microsoft customers.

Jeff Juday was chosen as a Microsoft MVP for his service on behalf of clients for implementation of Windows Server System—BizTalk Server technical applications. He is one of only 44 professionals from around the world given this distinction in the BizTalk Server category. Juday, who is based in Crowe's South Bend office, has contributed articles to information technology industry Web sites such as Codeguru.com and Developer.com. This is the second year that he has been named a Microsoft MVP.

Mark Strawmyer is a technology professional in Crowe's Indianapolis office. He is a four-year Microsoft MVP due to his demonstrated excellence in Microsoft's .NET technology applications. Strawmyer has authored numerous articles and continues to present at user groups and technology conferences. He is one of only 243 professionals around the world to gain MVP status as a visual developer.

Bret Updegraff was named a Microsoft MVP for the second consecutive year for his work with Windows Server System—SQL Server technical applications. Updegraff, who is based in Crowe's Indianapolis office, founded and has served as president of the Indianapolis SQL users group. He published a book on SQL Server Reporting Services in November 2006 and also serves as a frequent speaker on the subject. Updegraff is one of only 182 professionals to receive this distinction in the SQL Server category.

MVPs actively participate in a variety of Microsoft technical communities in which a worldwide network of people communicate, support and provide feedback about a variety of technologies including Microsoft products and services. These individuals span from 18 to 80 years old and include a diverse group of backgrounds and professions ranging from authors, artists and technology enthusiasts to professional developers and business managers working in small, medium-size and enterprise businesses.

More information about the MVP program and related news can be found at <http://mvp.support.microsoft.com/>. More information about Microsoft Technical Communities can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/communities/>.

About Crowe Chizek

Under its core purpose of "Building Value with Values®," Crowe Chizek and Company LLC (www.crowechizek.com) provides innovative business solutions in the areas of assurance, benefit plan services, financial advisory, forensic services, performance services, risk consulting and tax consulting. Crowe Chizek, a Crowe Group LLP entity, was founded in 1942. One of the top 10 public accounting and consulting firms in the United States, Crowe also serves clients worldwide as a leading independent member of the Horwath International global professional services organization.

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