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Product Review

Access 2003 Conversion Toolkit

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Danny Lesandrini predicts that in the year 2010 we're going to look back and decide that the release of the Microsoft Access 2003 Conversion Toolkit was the most significant event of the decade for Access consultants. Danny explains (along with comments from Jon Sigler, Group Program Manager for Microsoft Access) why, if you plan to make your living delivering Microsoft Access applications, you owe it to yourself to consider the Conversion Toolkit's place in your practice.

ON July 27, 2004, Microsoft released Service Pack 1 for Microsoft Office 2003 and, with it, a new tool dubbed the Microsoft Office Access 2003 Conversion Toolkit. In its simplest form, the Access Conversion Toolkit consists of two pieces:

- An Access database scanning/analysis utility
- An HTML documentation application

While I could dissect these applications into their constituent pieces, I'm going to keep my review at a high-level perspective to avoid getting mired down in the minutia. How each individual component works isn't nearly as interesting or as important as what this tool can do for you—which is what I'm going to focus on. This tool is especially important for anyone (including your clients) who's concerned about upgrading to Access 2003.

It's not a Help file...

The Access Conversion Toolkit is free and may be downloaded from the Microsoft Office Web site. Simply go to www.microsoft.com and search for Access Conversion Toolkit. In addition to the free download, you'll find a brief

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