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Pragmatic Works' Employees Named Microsoft MVPs

Jacksonville, FL- Pragmatic Works' team members Bradley Ball and Jason Horner were awarded Microsoft Most Valuable Professionals status on October 1st, 2014. In addition, Pragmatic Works' senior staff members Devin Knight and Robert Cain were renewed for MVP status. Microsoft MVPs are community leaders who actively share their technical expertise through public education. They are committed to helping others get the most out of their experience with Microsoft products and technologies, and work directly with Microsoft team members to share the latest information and enhancements with the community.

Pragmatic Works' employees are skilled innovators that strategize, train & develop on the Microsoft Data Platform, with specific focuses on cloud and analytics. Pragmatic Works sponsors the Business Intelligence Virtual Chapter, and many Pragmatic Works employees lead local SQL Server User Groups. Pragmatic Works offers bi-weekly Free Training Webinars every Tuesday and Thursday at 11am ET on a wide array of industry related topics, such as big data, Azure and Power BI.

Both Bradley and Jason are frequent presenters in Pragmatic Works' Free Training Webinars, SQL Saturdays, PASS Summit, SQL Server User Groups and other events. They also participate in internal company programs that reward community involvement.

“We are excited and proud that Bradley and Jason are being recognized by Microsoft for their dedication to sharing their in-depth technical knowledge. Pragmatic Works places a very high value on giving back, and looks for passionate people who are well versed on the latest technological advances in order to provide the most accurate and complete skillset to our customers,” states Adam Jorgensen, President, Consulting.

About Bradley Ball: Bradley Ball is a highly credentialed and experienced data professional with over 12 years of experience. Bradley spent 8 years working as a defense contractor for clients such as the U.S. Army, The Executive Office of the President of the United States, & Publix Supermarkets. He is the Cloud & Data Platform Lead for Pragmatic Works and a Microsoft VTSP. He presents across the country and numerous events on cloud and data platform.

About Jason Horner: Jason Horner is a Microsoft Certified Master of SQL Server and has been working with Microsoft ecosystem for over 10 years. He has been building database solutions for over 15 years. His latest focus is working with cloud solutions architecting large-scale spatially enabled BI solutions.

About Devin Knight: Devin a Microsoft SQL Server MVP and the Training Director at Pragmatic Works Consulting. He is an author of six SQL Server books and speaks at conferences like PASS Summit, PASS Business Analytics Conference, SQL Saturdays and Code Camps. He is also a contributing member to the PASS Business Intelligence Virtual Chapter. Making his home in Jacksonville, FL, Devin is the President of the local users' group (JSSUG).

About Robert Cain: Robert Cain is a Microsoft MVP in SQL Server, MCTS Certified in BI, and works as an Architect for Pragmatic Works. He is also a technical contributor to Plurasight Training, and co-author of 4 books. A popular speaker, Robert has presented at events such as the SQL PASS Summit,

TechEd, SQL Rally, and numerous SQL Saturdays. Robert has over 25 years' experience in the IT industry, working in a variety of fields ranging from manufacturing to telecommunications to nuclear power.

Other Pragmatic Works' Microsoft MVPs:

- Brian Knight, Founder & CEO
- Adam Jorgensen, President, Consulting
- John Welch, Vice President of Research and Development
- Devin Knight, Training Director
- Robert Cain, Architect
- Jason Strate, Architect
- Wendy Pastrick, Senior Consultant

About Pragmatic Works: Pragmatic Works is a software, consulting and training company that focuses on helping customers optimize their data lifecycle. We are experts on data management and performance, business intelligence, big data and cloud technologies. Pragmatic Works has served more than 7,200 customers globally, across multiple industries including banking, insurance, financial, automotive, education and many others.

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