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Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Highlights

In mid October Microsoft officially [announced](#) that the next version of SQL Server will be named 2012.

This article highlights the new "Managing Any Data, Any Size, Any Where" philosophy, as well as describes the new Power View BI interface with interactive touch-based experiences.

Dear Maria,

This month's newsletter highlights Microsoft's official announcement of SQL Server 2012, when to use VBA script instead of a recorded macro, news that the 3rd and probably final service pack for Office 2007 is now available, and a link to some Holiday templates.

→ When to use VBA script instead of a recorded macro

This recent [Excel Blog](#) article offers a great description of a simple VBA script and why to use it instead of a recorded macro. The general rule is if you need to do a repetitive task once a session, use a recorded macro. If you need to do it per value in a list, use VBA script.

This article highlights a simple VBA script within Excel, but VBA is a powerful tool which can be used with ALL of the Microsoft Office apps. If a template or worksheet you use frequently could use more automating, [Barnes Business Solutions](#) can help you define your automation strategy. We can also assist with coding and implementing an effective solution.



Service Pack 3 for Office 2007 now available

On October 25th Microsoft released Service Pack 3 for Office 2007 and SharePoint 2007. See the [official announcement](#) for more details. This is probably the last service pack release for the 2007 platform which is scheduled to be removed from mainstream support in April 2012. Of course that does not mean that you should no longer be USING Office 2007, but it does mean that you should no longer be INSTALLING Office 2007. At this point you should be installing Office 2010 on new computers whenever possible.

Also a reminder that effective the end of this month, Barnes Business Solutions will no longer be supporting Office 2000 products.



Need a little help with your Holiday todo list - try these Office templates

Every once in a while I take a quick look at the available templates at Office.com. I thought you might be able to make use of one or two of these [Holiday Office templates](#) while you are checking off items on your December todo list!

We wish you much joy during this Holiday season and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

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