

March 2019 Newsletter

In March, MVPs, community leaders working with Microsoft technologies, gathered together in Redmond, WA, from around the world for the MVP Summit. Women are well represented in the Data Platform group as you can see from this photo taken during the event.



These women spend a lot of their free time writing blogs and books, presenting at events, mentoring others, contributing to open source projects, and organizing events. If you ask any of these women about why they do the things they do, they will probably tell you it's because they love it, or they want to give back. They don't contribute to the community just get the MVP award, but it's a wonderful benefit.

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Leila Etaati](#). Leila is Artificial Intelligence MVP in New Zealand and Australia. She has a PH.D. in Information Systems and is the Co-director and data scientist of RADACAD.

Interested in starting your own blog? We can help get you started. Just send us a note at wit@pass.org.

Once again, we would like to thank our sponsors for supporting our group. They provide funds that make virtual groups possible. We also award a gift certificate at each webinar to one lucky attendee thanks to the funds provided.

SentryOne[™]

The SentryOne Central Roadshow will be making stops in Madison, WI, and Chicago, IL! Don't miss out on these opportunities to learn from industry experts Kevin Kline and Andy Yun. Sign up [here!](#)



[Register for a SQL in the City Summit near you](#)

Redgate is hosting a series of exclusive Summits in the US, UK and ANZ, to help senior data professionals deliver value quicker, while keeping their data safe. At the Summits, delegates will benefit from thought-provoking sessions presented by world class speakers, engaging panel discussions with industry leaders, plus time for networking. The speaker line-up includes Microsoft Data Platform MVPs Kendra Little, Steve Jones, Grant Fritchey, Ike Ellis, Hamish Watson, Greg Low, and more.

Redgate is offering members of the PASS Women in Technology Virtual Group a complimentary ticket. To claim your free ticket, [register for your nearest Summit](#) and enter the access code '**Community19**'.

Have you registered for the 2019 PASS Summit? Use this code **VGDIS0T09** to save \$150 USD.

--Rie and Kathi

Unsolicited Advice

About 25 years ago, I was working on a fundraiser with one of the other moms at my kids' school. I was shocked when she started giving me advice. It started with my hair and face. She thought I really should be covering up those gray hairs and wearing more makeup. Then she advised me on my son, telling me what brands of clothes I should be buying for him -- brands that were higher quality so that they would last longer. (He was outgrowing clothes well before they could wear out.) I'm not sure what made this woman think that I wanted this advice or would even listen to any of it.

People do love to give advice, directions, and explain things. That's great when it is requested, but annoying when it's not. This just doesn't apply in person; there are many people advising and explaining online. What's really funny is when someone "mansplains" to a woman who just happens to be an authority on a topic. Men have been caught explaining female anatomy to gynecologists and comic book characters to authors who write those characters.

Of course, both women and men can be explainers, and we all may be guilty from time to time. I think part of it is just human nature, somewhere between defending ego and trying to be helpful. Regardless of the cause, we can roll our eyes, laugh, and move on.

--Kathi

Great Links

We are always looking for input from our members. Please drop us a line at wit@pass.org if you have a link you would like to share, would like to write an article for the newsletter, or if you would like to present a webinar. We are looking for any topic that would be interesting to the WIT group and data platform topics presented by women. This is a great way to get experience as a speaker.

[17 Absolutely Infuriating Examples of Mansplaining](#)
[Mansplaining, explained in one simple chart](#)
[Why People Give Unsolicited Advice \(Though No One Listens\)](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Apr 11, 2019	Azure Intelligent Services Cloud Virtual Group	Amie Mason
Apr 14, 2019	Networking Strategies Application Development Virtual Group	Charlotte Click
Apr 23, 2019	How to Overcome the Top Blockers for Implementing Database DevOps DevOps Virtual Group	Kendra Little
May 14, 2019	Using Open Source Products for Collecting Performance Metrics DBA Fundamentals Group	Tracy Boggiano
May 16, 2019	IaaS or PaaS? Managed Instance, Azure DB or Azure VM? Why, when, what? Cloud Virtual Group	Michelle Gutzait
May 21, 2019	DevOps Fundamentals: What, who, why and how? DBA Fundamentals Virtual Group	Kendra Little

SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #819	Brasilia	3-30-2019	Porque migrar seu SQL Server On Premeisse para o SQL Azure!	Sulamita Dantas
SQL Saturday #819	Brasilia	3-30-2019	Internals Always On	Suellen Moraes
SQL Saturday #819	Brasilia	3-30-2019	Nem tudo que reluz é ouro! O design e a visualização de dados!	Rayssa Dias
SQL Saturday #819 Pre-Con	Richmond	3-29-2019	The Enterprise Maintenance Lifecycle: Problems & Solutions	Jennifer McCown Sean McCown
SQL Saturday #819 Pre-Con	Richmond	3-29-2019	From Zero to Dashboard Hero	Angela Henry Carlos L Chacon
SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	Power BI Deployed	Angela Henry Carlos L Chacon
SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	Beginning Admin: The Care and Feeding of SQL Server	Jennifer McCown

SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	Intro to Query Store	Tracy Boggiano
SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	SQL Server with Docker Containers	Marsha Pierce
SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	Beginning T-SQL	Jennifer McCown
SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	Using Open Source Products to Collect Performance Metrics	Tracy Boggiano
SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	Profiling Your Data	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #846	Richmond	3-30-2019	Performance Tuning, Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Buck	Monica Rathbun
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	Help Me SSIS Logging, You're My Only Hope!	Vanessa Kesten
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	Migrate Your Database with Distributed AGs	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	Install & Configure SQL Server with PowerShell DSC	Jess Pomfret
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	SQL Server Database Security: Do Your Part, Be Security Smart!	Julie McLain-Harper
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	PowerShell for the DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	AzureVM + Log Shipping + Automation = Bargain Basement DR Solution (How To)	Mindy Curnutt Eric Blinn
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	The Curious Case of the Foreign Key	Lisa Bohm
SQL Saturday #827	Cincinnati	3-30-2019	Who's Pissing in Your Data Lake?	Karen Lopez
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	The Power of Data: The Complete Beginners Data Warehouse Kit	Leslie Andrews
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	Custom Auditing in SSIS	Meghana Vasavada
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	Designing for Azure Data Warehouse Performance	Beth Wolfset
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	Artificial Intelligence for everyone	Veronika Kolesnikova
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	Data here, there and everywhere	Jessica Jolly
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	SSIS DevOps with Azure Containers	Sreeja Pullagura Elizabeth Baron
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	Not your Daddy's Financial Statements	Belinda Allen
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	Looking "Normal" and Seeing "Stars": Understanding Table Design in BI	Deborah Melkin
SQL Saturday #813	Boston-BI	3-30-2019	Taming of the Shrew - Optimizing Power BI	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #842	Madison	4-6-2019	Learn History from Temporal Tables	Ameena Lalani

SQL Saturday #842	Madison	4-6-2019	Introduction to ETL with SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS)	Ashley Day
SQL Saturday #842	Madison	4-6-2019	Fundamentals of Building an Effective Data Warehouse	Cassie Zirbel Ashley Day Jess Rabida
SQL Saturday #830	Colorado Springs	4-6-2019	The Power of Data: The Complete Beginners Data Warehouse Kit	Leslie Andrews
SQL Saturday #830	Colorado Springs	4-6-2019	Keeping up with SSMS	Michelle Haarhues
SQL Saturday #830	Colorado Springs	4-6-2019	Say Anything - using knowledge base, NLP and AI to enable custome	Yuliya Quintela
SQL Saturday #830	Colorado Springs	4-6-2019	Everlasting Issues with Temporary Tables and tempdb	Kalen Delaney
SQL Saturday #830	Colorado Springs	4-6-2019	Innovative Data Modeling: Make Data Warehousing Cool Again	Leslie Weed Jeff Renz
SQL Saturday #830	Colorado Springs	4-6-2019	Migrate Your Database with Distributed AGs	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #830	Colorado Springs	4-6-2019	Creating Accessible Power BI Reports: Challenges & Opportunities	Meagan Longoria
SQL Saturday #823	Israel	4-11-2019	Be a dynamic SQL dynamo!	Joanna Wolthuis
SQL Saturday #823	Israel	4-11-2019	What's new in Query Store 2017	Anat Dror
SQL Saturday #823	Israel	4-11-2019	Get To The Point - learn to plan and deliver a concise and engaging message	Daniela Liberman
SQL Saturday #823	Israel	4-11-2019	Cloud Powered SQL Server Performance Tuning Unleashed	Anat Dror Efim Dimenstein
SQL Saturday #843	Quebec	4-12-2019	Azure Database, Azure Machine or Azure Managed Instance? Why, whe	Michelle Gutzait
SQL Saturday #843	Quebec	4-12-2019	Running Microsoft Database Migration Assistant (DMA) on many inst	Michelle Gutzait
SQL Saturday #836	Santiago	4-13-2019	Diseño de motores de búsqueda con Azure Search y Cognitive Services	Leidy Ortiz Nestor Campos
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	Centralized SSIS	Michellea David
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	Keys to Successfully Governing Power BI for your Organization	Amie Mason
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	Querying SQL Server for Beginners	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	I'm It - Survival Techniques for the Lone DBA	Monica Rathbun
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	Women in Technology Panel	Kathi Kellenberger

SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	Using Azure Databricks to Develop Scalable Data Solutions	Ginger Grant
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	Practical Power BI Report Design Tips for the Non-Artist	Meagan Longoria
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	SSRS - Thinking Outside the Report	Elaena Bakman
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	Divide and Conquer - Relational Division with SQL	Ami Levin
SQL Saturday #847	Orange County	4-13-2019	How To Talk To Your Storage Admin	Marsha Pierce