November 2020 Newsletter

The year is finally winding down, with PASS Summit on the books and the many holidays ahead. Thanks to Denise McInerney for such an informative and inspiring WIT keynote presentation. Congratulations to Tracy Boggiano for winning the 2020 PASSion award!

There are many opportunities to present your favorite data topic. The leader of the PASS Cloud group has reached out to us asking to recommend more women speakers for their group. If you would like to present a topic on anything cloud, please reach out at cloud@pass.org. If you are somewhat new to presenting, the call for speakers is open for the next New Stars of Data conference. They are also looking for mentors and moderators. And, of course, contact us at wit@pass.org if you would like to present for the WIT chapter.

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is Tamara Clark. Tamara is a Principal Consultant at T & K Creative Solutions Group. She has been a PASS Regional Mentor, user group leader, and chair of the Nashville SQL Saturday.

Are you speaking at an upcoming user group meeting or another event? Do you have a blog you would like to promote? Let us know so we can feature your session or site in the newsletter. Send a note to wit@pass.org. We are also looking for women to present for our group, and this is a great way for speakers to gain experience.

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.

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Have your say in the 2021 State of Database DevOps survey
We're inviting you to take part in the 2021 State of Database DevOps survey! Now in its 5th year, the leading research on Database DevOps will also explore how DevOps strategies have contributed to the resilience of the database during the pandemic. Complete the survey to get exclusive access to the final report and the chance to win a $500 Amazon gift card.
Take the survey.

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--Michelle and Kathi

The scariest thing about presenting

I often meet up with members of the community who want to start presenting at events. I hear the same thing every time: "What happens if someone asks a question, and I don't know the answer?" This seems to be what new speakers worry about the most. I'm always honest when I say that this will happen, and it happens to everyone from time to time.

Sometimes the questions describe a complex scenario. It makes sense to defer the question until after the session when you can speak one-on-one with the asker. Sometimes, the question involves something you haven't tried, and you can try it out if it's not too complicated. Once in a while, it's hard to switch gears during a presentation if the question is somewhat out of scope of the session. In any case, you can always write a follow up blog post answering any questions that require some research.

When you don't have the answer to a question during a presentation, it's not the end of the world.

Webinar Schedule

Group	Date	Session	Speaker
Hybrid Virtual Group	11-24-2020	Architecting petabyte-scale analytics by scaling out Postgres on Azure with Citus	Alicja Kucharczyk
Cloud Virtual Group	12-01-2020	Choose the Right Azure SQL Deployment Option	Jes Schultz
Professional Development	12-2-2020	Surviving the work from home burnout	Gilda Alvarez
Women in Technology	12-01-2020	Building accessible software: What does that mean, why does it matter?	Elena Lockyer
Cloud Virtual Group	12-08-2020	Power BI Cloud vs On Premise	DeNisha Malone
Cloud Virtual Group	12-22-2020	Data Engineering 101	Leslie Andrews
Cloud Virtual Group	12-29-2020	Machine Learning with Azure Synapse	Ginger Grant
Women in Technology	01-05-2021	Power BI 2020 Desktop Updates	DeNisha Malone
Cloud Virtual Group	01-12-2021	Metadata Driven Pipelines - Automating Data Lake Plumbing	Hope Foley

Women in Technology	02-02-2021	SQL Engine: Its working Style	Deepthi Goguri
Women in Technology	05-06-2021	SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbachecks	Tracy Boggiano
DBA Fundamentals	05-25-2021	SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbachecks	Tracy Boggiano

Event Speakers

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #1019	Singapore-Virtual	11-28-2020	Kusto Query Language (KQL) in Azure Data Studio	Julie Koesmarno
SQL Saturday #1019	Bangladesh -Virtual	11-28-2020	Life Cycle of a Query in SQL Server	Deepthi Goguri