

October 2019 Newsletter

PASS Summit is next week! Be sure to attend the WIT Luncheon on Thursday with [keynote speaker LaShana Lewis](#). You can also meet us and other WIT members attending PASS Summit at the WIT Happy Hour on Tuesday, November 5th. Sign up [here](#)! The up to date list of PASS Summit speakers can be found below.

We will soon begin scheduling speakers for 2020. If you are interested in joining us, send a note to wit@pass.org.

Save \$150 USD. To receive your exclusive discount for PASS Summit 2019, enter code **VGDIS0TO9** when you register, and your discounted total will be calculated.

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Melody Zacharias](#). Melody is a Partner at ClearSight Solutions in British Columbia, CA. She has been working with SQL Server since version 7. She is a Regional Mentor for PASS, a frequent speaker, an author, and a Data Platform MVP.

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

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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[You're invited to Redgate's SQL in the City Summit Seattle](#)

Redgate's [SQL in the City Summit](#) is coming to Seattle on Monday November 4 as an official PASS Summit Pre-Con, welcoming database, IT, operations, and development leaders together to discuss Compliant Database DevOps. The event schedule includes thought-provoking sessions presented by world class speakers including Microsoft MVPs Kendra Little, Steve Jones, Grant Fritchey and Ike Ellis, engaging panel discussions with industry peers, plus time for networking.

Redgate is offering all WiT members an exclusive \$100 off the advertised price of \$599 for this Pre-Con. To receive this discount, please call PASS on +1-888-714-5544 and quote Redgate.

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--Rie and Kathi

The Number of Women MVPs

Last week, a member of our community tweeted that there are just 14 women Data Platform MVPs in the US and Canada. It seems like there are more, possibly because several of the MVPs (including Rie!) have been hired by Microsoft over the past few years. A few names have dropped off the list who really belong on it, and I hope that they get back soon. If you [search](#) the MVP list, you will see that there are 85 total MVPs in the US and Canada. (Note that not all MVPs show up in the search as some have set their profiles as private.)

There was more discussion on Twitter about how some women don't have as much free time as men because they often have more childcare and housework responsibilities. I definitely understand that. I personally didn't get involved with the community until my youngest was in high school. My husband is also a stay-at-home dad (now stay-at-home grandfather) so he takes care of a lot around the house. I can't imagine trying to do everything many women have to do to keep a family going and still have time to blog or present. Kudos to those of you who do find the time to be involved with community; you are amazing!

Another phrase started popping up on Twitter because of that first tweet: Lift others as we climb. Those of us who are MVPs or Microsoft FTEs need to mentor, encourage, and nominate more women.

Someone reading this right now wants to present or write but doesn't know how to get started or are afraid they don't have anything interesting to say. There are always people out there who can learn from you. Please reach out; we can give you some advice. Who knows? You might be an MVP some day!

--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.

Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Nov 12, 2019	How to Build Your Disaster Recovery Plan High Availability and Disaster Recovery Group	Rie Irish
Nov 13, 2019	What's New: Modernizing with SQL Server 2019	Pam Lahoud

11/21/2019	Aggregations in Power BI Business Analytics Group	Shabnam Watson
Dec 11, 2019	Aggregations in Power BI	Shabnam Watson

SQL Saturday and PASS Summit Speakers

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #920 Pre-Con	Oregon	11-1-2019	Introduction to T-SQL Queries	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	Be Part of the Solution with Automation	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	Continuous Intelligence... What's This All About?	Gabi Münster
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	An Introduction to AI for Everyone	Melody Zacharias
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	What is Power BI?	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	Intro to Azure Data Studio	Heidi Hasting
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	Azure SQL Database Edge - Tiny but mighty	Julie Koesmarno
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	Inside the Query Store. What Knowledge can You Gain?	Janis Griffin
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	Mastering your Resume & Interview: Tips to Get Hired	Christine Assaf
SQL Saturday #920	Oregon	11-2-2019	What is DevOps and Why Should DBAs Care?	Kathi Kellenberger
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	Data Science in a Day: Preparation, Patterns, and Predictions	Natasha Balac
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	AI and Power BI: The Realm of the Impossible	Leila Etaati
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	Redgate SQL in the City Summit Seattle	Kendra Little; Steve Jones; Grant Fritchey; Ike Ellis; Arneh Eskandari
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	Performance Tuning With Query Store in SQL Server	Erin Stellato
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-5-2019	How to Architect Successful Database Changes: Source Control and Release	Kendra Little

			Patterns for Performance and Availability	
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-5-2019	SQL Server Performance Tuning and Optimization	Monica Rathbun
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-5-2019	Modernizing your Database with Azure SQL	Shreya Verma
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	What's New in SQL Server Tools	Vicky Harp Udeesha Gautam
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Why the Database is at the Heart of DevOps Success	Kendra Little
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Do You Feel the Need...The Need for Speed? Top Five SQL Server Query Tuning Tips	Janice Griffin
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	MDS from the Ground Up - Let your Users Maintain their Data?	Heidi Hasting
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	SQL Server and Azure Data: What to Use When	Anna Thomas, Bob Ward
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	SSIS DevOps and Azure Containers	Elizabeth Baron, Andy Leonard, Sreeja Pullagura
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Understanding Execution Plans	Erin Stellato
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Build Your Brand with Technical Writing	Kathi Kellenberger
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Innovative Data Modeling for Cool Data Warehouses	Leslie Weed, Jeff Renz
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Aggregations in Power BI	Gabi Münster, Thomas Martens
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	From Data Munging to Wrangling - 7 Steps to Mastering Data Preparation for Data Science	Natasha Balac
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	A Behind the Scenes Look at ML, AI, and Deep Learning	Anna Hoffman
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	An Introduction to AI for Everyone	Melody Zacharias
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	An Introduction to Data Visualizations and Design Best Practices	Prathy Kamasani
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Hidden Differences Between Azure ML Products Revealed	Ginger Grant
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Roles and Responsibilities of the Azure Data Engineer	Jes Borland
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Becoming a Technical Leader	Denise McInerney, Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Improving Availability in SQL Server and Azure SQL Database with Accelerated Database Recovery and Resumable Operations	Pam Lahoud
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Spatial Analysis with SQL Server, R and Power BI	Andrea Martorana Tusa

PASS Summit	Seattle	11-6-2019	Microsoft Data Engineering Unplugged	Denny Cherry, Erin Stellato
PASS Summit Keynote	Seattle	11-7-2019	Cybersecurity is Everyone's Problem	Tarah Wheeler
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	AI for Developers	Anupama Natarajan
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	Using Open Source Software to Collect Performance Metrics	Tracy Boggiano
PASS Summit Keynote	Seattle	11-7-2019	WIT Luncheon Data Driven Diversity: Using Your Skills to Make a Difference	LaShana Lewis
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	SQL Server in Azure Virtual Machine Re-Imagined	Bob Ward, Shreva Verma
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	I'm It - Survival Techniques for the Lone DBA	Monica Rathbun
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	Into the Future with In-memory OLTP	Kalen Delaney
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	Empowering the SQL Server Professional with Linux Scripting	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	Successfully Communicating with Your Customers	Denise McInerney
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	Introducing the Next-Generation of Analytics on Azure	Priyanka Gomatam, Saveen Reddy
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	Scaling with a Distributed Architecture and Real-time Data for an Evolving Business—A DBA's Journey	Deana Ritter, Simon Whitworth
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	LIGHTNING TALKS	Kimberly StJacques
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	AI for the DBA	Melody Zacharias
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	AI Cognitive Services: Vision 101	Alicia Moniz
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	Modernize Your SQL Server the Right Way	Pam Lahoud
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	The Future Is Here for Containers!	Marsha Pierce
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-7-2019	AI for the BI Professional	Leila Etaati
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Azure Machine Learning 101	Kathi Kellenberger
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Help Me SSIS Logging, You're My Only Hope!	Vanessa Kesten
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Best Practices for Branching Database Code in Git	Kendra Little
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Turbocharge Your SQL Server with In-Memory Database	Pam Lahoud
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Improving Database Code Quality with Unit Tests	Elizabeth Noble
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Continuous Intelligence... What's This All About?	Gabi Münster
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	What's new in Security for Azure SQL/MI	Andreas Wolter, Mirek Sztajno,

				Rohit Nayak, Alice Kupcik
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Giving Feedback: How to Effectively Communicate to your Employees	Christine Assaf
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	"What's in a Name?", Data Stories that Would Make the Bard Proud	Prathy Kamasani, James McGillivray
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	AI to the Masses! But How? Pixie Dust?	Hope Foley
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Data Warehousing: Which of the Many Cloud Products is the Right One for You?	Ginger Grant
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	AI for Analysts	Leila Etaati
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Bringing Source Control to BI world!	Heidi Hasting
PASS Summit	Seattle	11-8-2019	Large-Scale Migration of On-Premise Big Data Workloads to Azure	Elizabeth Oldag, Shane Risk