



May 2021 Newsletter

Earlier this month, we hosted the very popular Mental Health and Wellness Day. If you missed any of the sessions, you can watch them [here](#). All but one of the sessions were from people in the data platform community. The day was even better than we imagined it could be, and it was just what we needed. We will have news about our next event soon.

The [2021 PASS Data Community SUMMIT](#) will be held virtually November 8-19, 2021, and the [call for speakers](#) is now open. We encourage you to submit a session. Redgate has stepped up to make this event happen, but it will continue to be a community focused event. Popular features such as the Women in Technology Keynote, Lightning Talks, and Community Zone will continue.

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Andrea Allred](#). Andrea is a Senior Database Engineer II at Henry Schein. In addition to her amazing database skills and fantastic blog, she is known throughout the community for dressing up as a princess at events.

Please reach out by sending a message to dataplatfromwit@gmail.com if you have a blog or speaking event you would like us to feature in the newsletter.

Want to keep up with the group? You can also find us on Twitter [@data_wit](#), [Facebook](#), [meetup](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and our [site](#).

--Mala and Kathi

My First Trip...

My sister asked me if I could go along with her and her daughters on a trip to Cozumel. She has 22-year-old twins and a 21-year-old. The trip was last weekend, and I can report that air travel is just as stressful as it has always been. This is the first time I had been out of my area since February 2020.

I missed the first day of the trip because I decided I would check a bag while the others each brought a backpack. That made sense, because I could bring all the liquids and anything that didn't fit in their backpacks. Because of computer issues, I spent two hours standing in line to check the bag and ended up missing the flight. Luckily, I told my sister and her daughters to go on ahead without me, and I was able to join them the next day.

Flying home at the end of the trip was better, but still quite stressful. We had to change flights in Dallas and, of course, go through customs, recheck my bag, and go through security again. I knew that it was

going to be difficult to make our connection and was so happy that our flight from Cozumel was about 30 minutes early. I told my travel companions to go on without me since they didn't have a bag to wait for and recheck.

DFW now has kiosks to scan your boarding pass instead of monitors for finding your gate. The kiosks said one gate, but the app on my phone reported a different gate. I thought that the kiosk must be right, and I made it to the gate shown on the kiosk with just minutes to spare. When I got there, I found that it was not the right gate. OK, must be the one on my phone and I headed there. That was it! I called my sister to give her an update. Eventually, we all made it to the correct gate (again, some luck -- our flight was delayed), but I may have said some four-letter words in the meantime. If it weren't for arriving early and the delay, we would not have made it due to the wrong information.

We had a great time at the resort, eating (too much!), swimming, snorkelling, and just catching up. It feels so good to spend time with extended family again and do some things that I've missed for over a year. I am, however, starting to feel grateful that my life did have a slower pace the past year, and maybe I will resist traveling so much from now on.

--Kathi

Upcoming Webinars

Group/Event	Date	Session	Presenter
Swedish SQL Server User group	2021-06-08	What is DevOps and why should DBAs care?	Kathi Kellenberger
Chicago Local User Group	2021-06-10	Mental Health and Wellness in IT: Safeguarding our most precious resource	Tracy Boggiano
Memphis Azure Data Tech Group	2021-06-10	Memphis Data Pros: Query Store feature for SQL Server on-premises and cloud!	Deepthi Goguri
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Data Lineage using Azure Purview	Anupama Natarajan
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Make your life easy using Power Query	Medha Bandari
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Analyzing Parquet files using Power BI Desktop	Samudra Bandaranayake
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Speedy intro to PowerShell	Jess Pomfret
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Simple VBA Front Ends for SQL Server using Access and Excel	Joanna Wolthuis
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Make That Presentation *POP*	Heini Ilmarinen

DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Azure Notebooks with Data visualization	Alpa Buddhabhatti
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Azure Synapse Analytics in a nutshell	Tsvetelina Kovacheva
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Create your first Paginated Report	Laura Graham-Brown
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Eyes on the Stars, Feet on the Ground!	Deepthi Goguri
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Inside the UPDATE	Deborah Melkin
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	To Fail, or Not to Fail, That is the Data Factory Question	Meagan Longoria
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Scripting SQL Objects	Mala Mahadevan
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Fighting with Sch-M Deadlocks	Taryn Pratt
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Benefits of enabling IaaS Agent Extension on Azure SQL VM	Ameena Lalani
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Anomaly Detection with Power BI	Yana Berkovich
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	Finally some help for UDFs	Kathi Kellenberger
Indy Local User Group	2021-06-15	Mental Health and Wellness in IT: Safeguarding our most precious resource	Tracy Boggiano
Boston Business Intelligence	2021-06-16	Beginner's Guide to Publishing and Sharing Content in Power BI	Shabnam Watson
DBA Fundamentals Group	2021-06-29	Streamline Database Deployments	Elizabeth Noble
Southland Data Professionals	2021-06-17	How to use SQL Server Query store	Deepthi Goguri
Cloud Data Driven	2021-06-17	Recipe for Modern Applications: Functions, SQL, Geospatial, JSON	Anna Hoffman
Richmond Local User Group	2021-07-08	Mental Health and Wellness in IT: Safeguarding our most precious resource	Tracy Boggiano
Triad Local User Group	2021-07-27	SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbchecks	Tracy Boggiano
Cloud Data Driven	2021-08-05	Power BI and Dashboards 101	Sharon Weaver

Chicago Local SQL Server User Group	2021-08-12	SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbchecks	Tracy Boggiano
Steel City SQL Server Users Group	2021-08-17	Performance Tune your Queries with Query Store	Deepthi Goguri
Calgary Local User Group	2021-09-22	SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbchecks	Tracy Boggiano
Calgary Local User Group	2021-09-22	Mental Health and Wellness in IT	Tracy Boggiano
LA Data Platform	2021-11-17	Migrations 101	Gilda Alvarez
LA Data Platform	2021-12-15	Intro to Query Store	Tracy Boggiano

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