



September 2021 Newsletter

We are excited to announce the [PASS Data Community Summit WIT Session](#). This year, the WIT session is going back to its roots as a panel with the topic “Gender Equality: How far have we come?” The panel consists of Cindy Gross, DeNisha Malone, Blythe Morrow, and Jennifer Marsman and will be moderated by Ben Weissman. Be sure to [register for the Summit](#) to attend the discussion live on November 11th.

It's now also possible to register for the pre-cons, and they are just \$200! Including the sponsor sessions, there are 11 pre-cons with women speakers. Mala and Kathi interviewed the community speakers, so be sure to watch the interviews to learn which pre-con is right for you!

[Angela Henry, Zero to Dashboard](#)

[Blythe Morrow, Master Communication and Influencing Skills](#)

[Erin Stellato, Finding Problems and Stabilizing Performance with Query Store](#)

[Ginger Grant, Developing Data Solutions with Python and Apache Spark in Azure Synapse Analytics](#)

[Kimberly Tripp, Solving Query Performance Problems with Statistics](#)

[Monica Rathbun, SQL Server Performance Tuning and Optimization - FULL DAY PRE CON](#)

[Steph Locke, The Latest Data Science Workflow in Azure](#)

[Tracy Boggiano, Azure SQL Fundamentals \(all proceeds donated to charity\)](#)

Register for [PASS Data Community Summit](#) today and sign up for a pre-con!

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Anupama Natarajan](#). Anupama is an Artificial Intelligence MVP and a Data, Analytics and AI Consultant with 20+ years of experience working in design and development of Data Warehouse, Business Intelligence, AI enabled applications and SaaS integrated solutions.

Please reach out by sending a message to dataplatforwmit@gmail.com if you have a blog or speaking event you would like for 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

Ponderings

– by Kimberly L. Tripp

This last 18 months has been difficult. A few things went back to normal and then didn't stay that way. Friends and family have become sick. Being at home has gotten very old. As you've seen, Paul and I made some personal changes to get out and be in nature. We purchased some land and have been camping on it; Paul hasn't slept in Redmond since June 17! I know this isn't possible for everyone; we'd been planning this for quite some time already. But, it's important to really consider YOU and what YOU need in these difficult times.

We've added our SQLskills Insider Sessions to help you stay ahead in tech but we want to remind you that life is not all about work. It's difficult, but possible to make changes and an investment in YOU. In SQL, we are so fortunate to love what we do – and we have an incredible community with which we get to interact. But, not everyone reaches out for help. Not everyone discusses their (dare, I say it) *feelings*.

In addition to making time for tech, make time for YOU. And, YOUR health. And, YOUR family, etc. Work IS important; it's where we make our livelihood. But, if we don't make time for ourselves and our family, we could lose what we value most.

Consider weekly calls to various family and friends you haven't recently reached out to. Many of us are "fire-driven" in our work (I know this can be especially true at times and for many DBAs); we're constantly putting out fires and working on "incredibly important" issues. Sometimes we lose track of the day and it's suddenly 2 hours later than we wanted to end work. We've sat in that chair for hours and now we're exhausted.

There are LOTS of tips and tricks around changing some of these bad habits. Get an hourglass (or 5 mins or 15 mins or 30 mins) and use these as a way of forcing you to another task – or to get up. Or, just set your phone's alarm and get up and walk away. Clear your head. You'd be surprised at what it can do to bring you clarity to that problem you've been working on. Above all, schedule some time for YOU.

Stay happy and healthy friends. We will get through all of this, together!

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Upcoming Webinars

Group/Event	Date	Session	Presenter
Triad Microsoft Data Platform User Group	2021-09-28	Introduction to Azure SQL Database	Deepthi Goguri
Azure Dublin Meetup	2021-09-29	Azure VMware Solution Overview	Shannon Kuehn
Future Data Driven Summit	2021-09-29	What's New in Azure SQL	Anna Hoffman

Future Data Driven Summit	2021-09-29	Time Series Analysis in Power BI Desktop	Pragati Jain
Future Data Driven Summit	2021-09-29	Fundamentals of Azure SQL Database	Deepthi Goguri
Latinas in Data	2021-09-30	Quick Start Your Azure SQL Database Journey	Deepthi Goguri
Microsoft Data Platform Group – Birmingham	2021-10-07	Data Warehousing with Snowflake	Christina Leo
SQLFriday	2021-10-08	T-SQL Window Functions	Kathi Kellenberger
Central Wisconsin IT Conference	2021-10-09	Fundamentals of Query store	Deepthi Goguri
Rhode Island SQL Server User Group	2021-10-13	Increasing Trustworthiness of Power BI Content	Melissa Coates
Chicago Data Professionals	2021-10-14	Benefits of enabling IaaS Agent Extension on Azure SQL VM	Ameena Lalani
SQLFriday	2021-10-15	Query Store in 60 minutes!	Deepthi Goguri
DATA Saturday #13 – Minnesota	2021-10-16	DBA in the Cloud	Deepthi Goguri
DATA Saturday #13 – Minnesota	2021-10-16	Advanced Tricks with Buttons/Bookmarks in Power BI	Pragati Jain
New Stars of Data #3	2021-10-22	AI in Power BI	Liping Huang
New Stars of Data #3	2021-10-22	Getting started with AI & Computer Vision – A guide of obstacles & insights from the field	Kristina Mishra
New Stars of Data #3	2021-10-22	Automate your life	Maritza Cieza
New Stars of Data #3	2021-10-22	A Beginner guide to IoT + AI at the Edge with Azure Percept	Jiaranai Keatnuxsuo
New Stars of Data #3	2021-10-22	Applying a Security Mindset to Lock Down Azure SQL DB	Surbhi Pokharna
New Stars of Data #3	2021-10-22	Panel: New Stars of Data Speaker experiences	Alpa Buddhabhatti
New Stars of Data #3	2021-10-22	Panel: New Stars of Data Speaker experiences	Tsvetelina Kovacheva
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GroupBy Conference	2021-10-26	Auditing SQL Server: Extended events vs SQL Server Audit	Josephine Bush
GroupBy Conference	2021-10-26	T-SQL Window Function Performance	Kathi Kellenberger
Azure Dublin Meetup	2021-10-27	Getting started with Kubernetes in Azure	Annie Talvasto
SQL Saturday Orlando 2021	2021-10-30	Using dbatools for High Availability and Disaster Recovery	Tracy Boggiano
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-08	Zero To Dashboard	Angela Henry

PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-08	AWS for SQL Server Professionals (all proceeds donated to charity)	Yogi Barot, Anuja Malik
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-08	The Latest Data Science Workflow in Azure	Steph Locke
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-08	Solving Query Performance Problems with Statistics	Kimberly L. Tripp
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-08	SQL Server Performance Tuning and Optimization – FULL DAY PRE CON	Monica Rathbun
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-08	Master Communication and Influencing Skills	Blythe Morrow
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-09	Azure SQL Fundamentals	Tracy Boggiano
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-09	Free Microsoft Workshop: Build Serverless, Full Stack Applications in Azure SQL (plus IoT!)	Anna Hoffman
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-09	Finding Problems and Stabilizing Performance with Query Store	Erin Stellato
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-09	Redgate Presents: DevOps for the DBA (all proceeds donated to charity)	Stephanie Herr, Julia Hayward, Divya Alagarsamy
PASS Data Community Summit Pre-con	2021-11-09	Developing Data Solutions with Python and Apache Spark in Azure Synapse Analytics	Ginger Grant
PASS Data Community Summit	2021-11-10 to 2021-11-12	Too many to list! See the schedule	
LA Data Platform	2021-11-17	Migrations 101	Gilda Alvarez
New England SQL Server User Group	2021-11-17	Managing Query Performance: Plan Forcing and Query Store Hints	Erin Stellato
DEVIntersection	2021-12-7 to 2021-12-09	Azure SQL: What to use when	Julie Koesmarno
DEVIntersection	2021-12-7 to 2021-12-09	Deploy IoT solutions with Azure SQL Database	Anna Hoffman
LA Data Platform	2021-12-15	Intro to Query Store	Tracy Boggiano
LA Data Platform	2022-05-18	Build a blog worth reading by Blythe Morrow	Blythe Morrow

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