



October 2021 Newsletter

Be sure to register for the [PASS Data Community Summit](#) to be held November 8 – 12. Many members of our community will be speaking at the event, so we look forward to seeing you there virtually.

The WIT Panel was announced in last month's newsletter, and this month we would like to announce [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel: Navigating the Storm](#). The panellists are Chris Voss, Jean Joseph, Surbhi Pokharna, Hasham Niaz, Anuja Malik, and Deepthi Goguri.

There is still time to sign up for a pre-con, and they are just \$200! Including the sponsor sessions, there are 10 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](#)

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Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Alicia Moniz](#). Alicia is a Microsoft AI MVP and an organizer for the Global AI Summit – Houston Edition.

Please reach out by sending a message to dataplatfromwit@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

Things we are not good at...yet

I'm the type of person who goes all in on things I like to do. I get excited about new hobbies even if I'm not so good at them. I took up two new hobbies during the pandemic and revved up a couple of other ones, crocheting and 3D printing. Crocheting is the perfect hobby for me since I can do it while watching a movie or binging a television show, and I've learned many new techniques over the past 18 months.

After devoting several months to printing ear-savers (straps to hold on masks), I was able to improve my printing skills and start making other things. There is still so much for me to learn, but it's also a very satisfying hobby when a design or print works out.

During the summer, I decide to buy ukulele's for myself and two of my grandkids. I can barely read music, but the uke seemed like it would be easy to learn. Like anything else, it takes practice. At this point, we can do a good rendition of "Happy Birthday," and I can also play a very slow versions of "Free Fallin'" and "Leaving on a Jet Plane." It's a lot of fun, but I haven't devoted enough time lately to get better at it.

One of the reasons that I've been neglecting the uke is that my granddaughter and I decided to learn cookie decorating. I love baking, but this is the first time in my life that I can also make something I bake pretty as well as tasty. Unfortunately, this hobby has a big side effect – someone must eat the cookies once they are done. I've managed to coordinate learning a new cookie skill with baking for events and sending a few to friends, but, at this rate, I'm not sure I'll ever be good at it. It doesn't matter because cookie decorating is a ton of fun.

I suppose my problem is having too many hobbies, but I'm enjoying myself and that's all that matters.

--Kathi

Upcoming Webinars

Group/Event	Date	Session	Presenter
Microsoft Data and AI South Florida User Group	2021-11-03	Machine Learning using Azure Machine Learning Studio	Alpa Buddhahatti
Granite State Code Camp	2021-11-06	Query store in action	Deepthi Goguri
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Sentiment Analysis using Azure Data Factory and Azure Cognitive service	Alpa Buddhahatti
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Less Clicking, More Coding! Azure Data Platform Development Using Infrastructure as Code	Heini Ilmarinen
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Error Reporting in Power BI	Indira Bandari
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Top 5 data modeling tips every Power BI developer should know	Medha Bandari
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	SQL Server Availability Groups and Distributed AGs	Angela Kruger
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Azure Fundamentals 101	Deepthi Goguri

Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Until the paperwork is done – Database Documentation, why and how.	Mala Mahadevan
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Handle Azure SQL Auditing with Ease	Josephine Bush
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Quick tips to help you pass the DA-100 exam: Analyzing Data with MSFT Power BI	Priscilla Camp
Data Weekender	2021-11-06	Dataverse and Power BI	Laura Graham-Brown
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	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
New England SQL Server User Group	2021-12-08	Choosing the Right Tool for the Job	Deborah Melkin

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
DEVIntersection	2021-12-7 to 2021-12-09	Users Don't Have to Suffer in the Cloud	Melissa Jurkoic
LA Data Platform	2021-12-15	Intro to Query Store	Tracy Boggiano
Saint Charles SQL Server Meetup Group	2022-01-05	A session to future cloud DBA	Deepthi Goguri
Denver SQL Server User Group	2022-01-20	Understanding DAX, It's All About the Context	Angela Henry
LA Data Platform	2022-05-18	Build a blog worth reading by Blythe Morrow	Blythe Morrow
Los Angeles Data Platform	2022-08-18	Azure Synapse Analytics	Jen Beiser

Thanks to these companies who have helped our group!

