



November 2021 Newsletter

Watch for announcements about WIT's 2022 plans in the December newsletter.

PASS Data Community Summit was held in mid-November. Thanks to all the speakers, sponsors, and volunteers for making this a wonderful event. The proceeds for two of the pre-cons were donated to charity. Redgate's pre-con raised \$8000 for [Black Girls Code](#)!

EIGHTKB is looking for speakers to talk about internals. If you are interested, please reach out to them info@eighkb.online.

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is Alpa Buddhahatti. Alpa is a Microsoft Certified Trainer and an Azure Consultant at Cluster Reply UK.

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

Always Connected to Work

We just had our big Thanksgiving holiday in the US. It's supposed to be a day we spend with family, eating way too much, and watching a parade or football game. Of course, being thankful for the good things in our lives is part of that day, too. This year, when thinking about Thanksgiving, I tried to list the people who have jobs where they are expected to be at work instead of with their families. This list included first responders, caregivers and staff at hospitals and nursing homes, military men and women, and so many more. Unfortunately, it's become common to begin Black Friday (the official start of Christmas shopping) on Thanksgiving Day. Many people working in retail stores had to miss out on family dinners so that others could shop for bargains. Many of this newsletter's readers, especially the DBAs, may have had the day off but had to be on-call and available just in case of unexpected performance, security or other server issues. It's also possible that some companies took advantage of the long holiday weekend to roll out a software upgrade that involved your expertise. For many of you, it's difficult to ever truly be away from work. And, family responsibilities make things even harder when

on call or doing weekend project work. I am truly fortunate at this point in my career. I am now an editor, responsible for working with authors, editing articles, and producing a newsletter every two weeks. I no longer worry about getting a frantic phone call about a server being down or a performance problem. I can step away and completely forget about my job. Of course, it hasn't always been this way for me. I remember so many times that I had to connect to the company network for planned or unplanned work because I was the "one" DBA in a 1.3 DBA team. Looking back, I realize that it was a great job, and most of the time I wasn't called and could enjoy my time off. I'm happy I had that experience and that I did make a difference for the firm. But, now that I've paid my dues, I'm going to enjoy forgetting about my job when I'm off work from now on.

--Kathi

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Upcoming Webinars

Group/Event	Date	Session	Presenter
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
Data Platform Downunder Meetup Group	2022-01-17	Working with Azure SQL for the On-Prem DBA	Rie Merritt
Denver SQL Server User Group	2022-01-20	Understanding DAX, It's All About the Context	Angela Henry

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