

May 2017 Newsletter

At PASS Summit last year, PASS announced the new branding. Every month or so since then, changes have been rolled out. The new SQL Saturday site went live just a week or two ago. The symbol for SQL Saturday is interesting. It is the <> symbol which means “not equal to” in T-SQL. The reasoning is that no SQL Saturday event is quite like any other. You can read more about the changes [here](#).

SQL Saturdays are great community events. I like to think of them as a taste of PASS Summit. By the way, if you haven't registered for PASS Summit, be sure to use our discount code to get \$150 off registration: VC15NKH5.

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If you go to PASS Summit, be sure to say thank you to SentryOne for sponsoring our chapter and the WIT Luncheon.

--Rie and Kathi

Imposter Syndrome

Imposter syndrome is the feeling that, despite your accomplishments, you feel like you are a fake and fear that you will be found out. Imposter syndrome is very prevalent in the tech field and affects men as well as women. Mindy Curnutt presented a [session](#) for us in November that features quotes from some of the most respected members and leaders of the PASS community. If these people feel inadequate, is there any hope for the rest of us?

Mindy contrasts imposter syndrome with another phenomenon, the Dunning-Krueger effect. The Dunning-Krueger effect is the unearned feeling of superiority of someone who is not skilled in an area. This is when “you don't know what you don't know.” In fact, one of the causes of imposter syndrome may be realizing that you do have a lot to learn.

PASS Board member, Wendy Pastrick, also [presented](#) on imposter syndrome for our group recently. She emphasized that sometimes issues in the work environment, such as others taking credit for your ideas, lead to feelings of inadequacy that may not really be imposter syndrome.

Imposter syndrome kicks in every time I publish a blog post, write a book or present. I've been putting this newsletter together since late 2015. I was surprised when I found out that many of you actually enjoy reading it. I think just realizing that it's normal to feel this way and that you are not alone helps.

No one knows everything there is to know about a subject. There is always more to learn. The trick is keeping these feelings of inadequacy from holding us back and making us miserable. Is imposter syndrome keeping you from starting a blog, presenting, or applying for a promotion? Mindy's and Wendy's sessions have several tips that can help.

Confucius said "Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance." A bit of self-doubt is healthy, but don't let it hold you back.

Great Links

We are always looking for input from our members. Please drop us a line at witvc@sqlpass.org if you have something 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.

[21 Ways to Overcome Imposter Syndrome](#)

[The Dunning-Krueger Effect: Are the Stupid Too Stupid to Realize They're Stupid?](#)

[How to Overcome Imposter Syndrome in the Tech Industry](#)

[The Surprising Solution to the Imposter Syndrome](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Webinar	Presenter
June 6, 2017	ALL About Indexing	Gail Shaw
June 14, 2017	Busy is a Four Letter Word	Jes Borland
July 19, 2017	Designing a Modern DW + Data Lake	Melissa Coates
Oct 4, 2017	Creating and Maintaining Successful Open Source Projects	Chrissy LeMarie

SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session	Presenter
SQL Saturday #617	Pensacola	6/3/2017	I'm It – Survival Techniques for the Lone DBA	Monica Rathbun
SQL Saturday #617	Pensacola	6/3/2017	Let Her Finish: Supporting Women's Voices from meetings to the board room	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #617	Pensacola	6/3/2017	Mastering your Resume & Interview: Tips to Get Hired	Christine Assaf
SQL Saturday #617	Pensacola	6/3/2017	T-SQL's Hidden Support Feature	Jennifer McCown
SQL Saturday #617	Pensacola	6/3/2017	Deadlock, Block & Two Smoking Barrels: Breaking Down Blocking and Deadlocks	Amy Herold

SQL Saturday #638	Philadelphia	6/3/2017	DevOps: What it is and why you should care	Stephanie Herr
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SQL Saturday #620	Dublin	6/17/2017	Taming the Open Source Beast with Azure for Business Intelligence	Jen Stirrup
SQL Saturday #620	Dublin	6/17/2017	Plan Cache Pollution: Dealing with Ad Hoc Madness	Kimberly Tripp
SQL Saturday #651	Houston	6/17/2017	Do More Than Just Talk	Lori Edwards
SQL Saturday #651	Houston	6/17/2017	Beginning T-SQL	Jennifer McCown
SQL Saturday #651	Houston	6/17/2017	Introduction to SQL 2016 Temporal Tables	Vicky Harp
SQL Saturday #651	Houston	6/17/2017	Deadlock, Block & Two Smoking Barrels: Breaking Down Blocking and Deadlocks	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #651	Houston	6/17/2017	Implementing a Machine Learning Solution either in the Cloud or on your SQL Server	Ginger Grant
SQL Saturday #651	Houston	6/17/2017	SQL Server Internals	Naomi Williams
SQL Saturday #624	Chattanooga	6/24/2017	Making Your List and Checking It Twice: Introduction to unit testing with tSQLt	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #624	Chattanooga	6/24/2017	The Ins and Outs of SQL Indexes	Mindy Curnutt
SQL Saturday #624	Chattanooga	6/24/2017	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Automating Your BI Framework	Stacia Varga

SQL Saturday #624	Chattanooga	6/24/2017	SQL Server Internals	Naomi Williams
SQL Saturday #624	Chattanooga	6/27/2017	Monitoring Availability Groups	Tracy Boggiano