

Choosing the Right Tool for the Job

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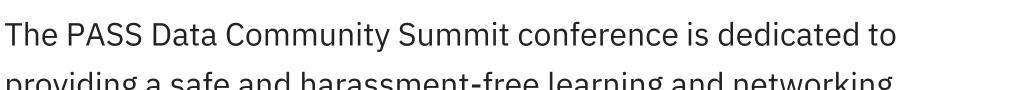
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Why talk about tools?

- Many options are available.
- We don't always get a chance to explore what's available in the middle of trying to get work done.
- They can help us be more productive.



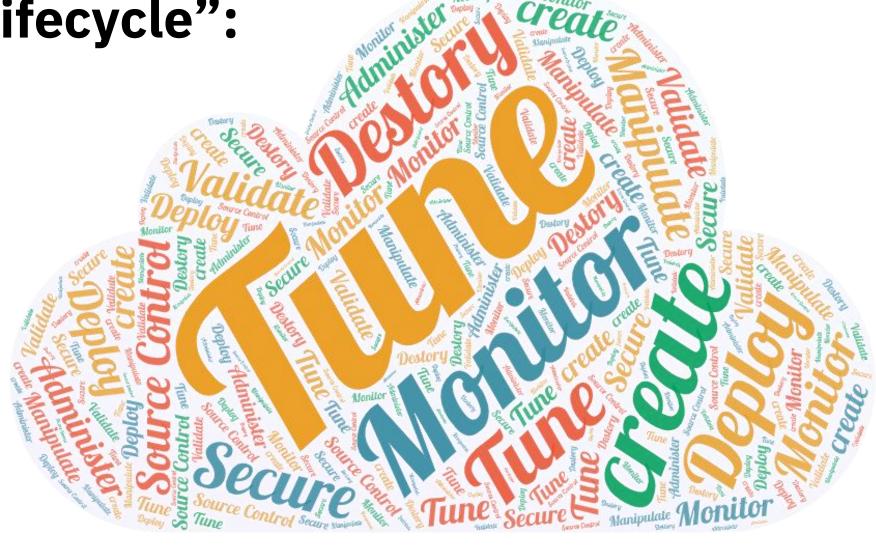
What are we trying to do?

a.k.a. Job functions



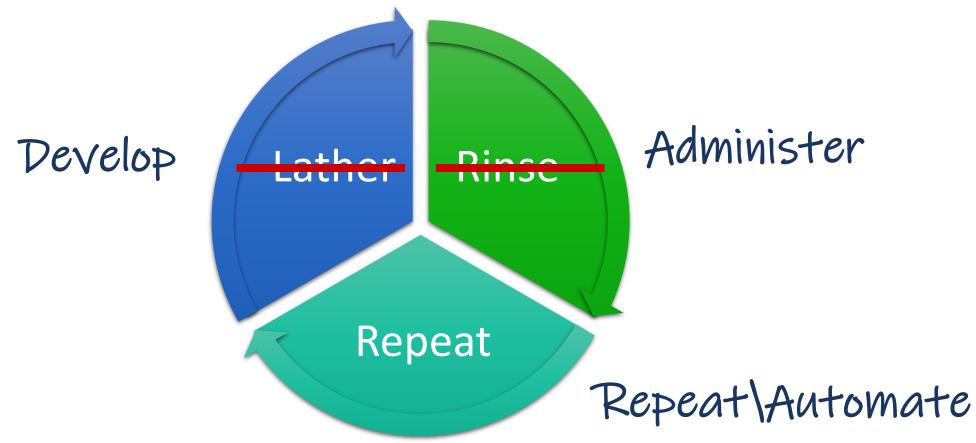
The "Data Lifecycle":

- Create
- Tune
- Monitor
- Deploy
- Secure
- Source Control
- Manipulate
- Administer
- Destroy
- Validate





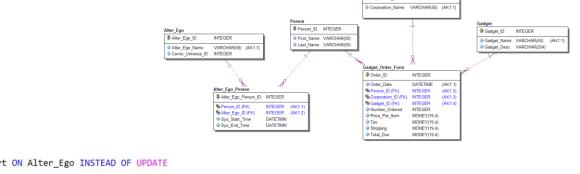
Let's break it down differently...





Develop

- Create objects
 - Tables
 - Views
 - Stored Procs
- Performance Tune
 - Execution Plans
- ETL Loads
- Reports

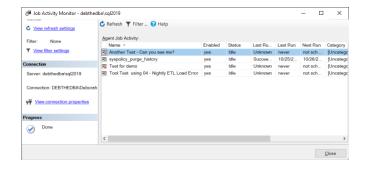


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        DECLARE @corp id int
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        SELECT @corp_id = Corporation_ID FROM Corporation WHERE Corporation_Name = 'Stark Industries'
        INSERT INTO Employment (Person_ID, Corporation_ID, Corporate_Position_ID, From_Date)
        SELECT ins.Person_ID, @corp_id, cp.Corporate_Position_ID, getdate()
        FROM Corporate_Position cp
             JOIN inserted as ins ON cp.Corporate Position Name = ins.Alter Ego Name
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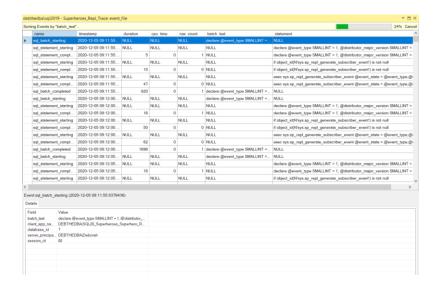


Administer





- Configure
- Backup and Restore
- High Availability \Disaster Recovery
- Security
 - Logins & Users
- Jobs
- Monitor



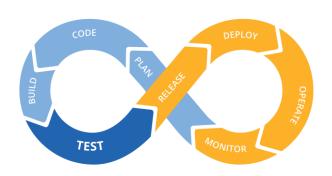




Automate



- Release Process
 - CI/CD (Continuous Integration/Continuous Deploy)
 - Migration vs State Based (dacpacs\bacpacs)
 - Source Control
- Runbooks









Summary



Tools and the Functions They Do Best (or Worse)

Tool	Develop	Administer	Automate
Management Studio			*
Visual Studio		*	
Azure Data Studio		?	
VS Code		*	
Plan Explorer		*	*



Tools and the Functions They Do Best (or Worse) (cont'd)

Tool	Develop	Administer	Automate
dbatools	?		
Notebooks	*		



Takeaways

- If it starts with "Azure", you may still need the portal for some things.
- If functionality is not there by default, check to see if there's an extension that needs to be installed.
- You may need more than 1 tool. That's OK.
- Keep an eye out for updates.
- Where do you spend most of your time during the "data lifecycle"?



Resources

- Azure Data Studio
- VS Code
 - https://vscode.dev/
- Visual Studio Data Tools
- Microsoft Documentation
 - Database Projects
 - Dacpacs



Resources Cont'd

- dbatools.io
- SSMS Tools Pack by Mladen Prajdić
- Andy Mallon's <u>SSMS & ADS Shortcuts cheat sheet</u>
- Widgets in ADS (Tracy Boggiano)



Thank you

Any questions?

Let me know!

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