

Everybody Has a Story To Tell

Developing Your First Presentation

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Maybe I can do this tool









Here's How I'm Going to Help: Agenda

- 1. Create: Your Idea
- 2. Develop: Your Subject Matter
- 3. Build: Your Content
- 4. Present: Your Session



Worksheet - Follow Along

https://github.com/SQLBek/Developing_Your_First_ Presentation/blob/master/Worksheet.docx

or

https://github.com/SQLBek/



Create: Your Idea



Give Me An Idea!

Taught someone something?

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Co. What do YOU find interesting?
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My Favorite First Presentation Idea





More Than Just an Idea

Tell me a story – YOUR story!

- Mistakes vou've made & learned from?
- Share pro Set Expectations
- Why are you interested in your idea?



It's All Been Done Before!

SEARCH:

What is the answer to the universe?

- 1. SEO Master's Blog
- 2. Official Documentation
- 3. Expert X's Blog
- 4. Newpaper Article
- 5. Expert Y's Blog

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An Answer
That Makes
Sense...
TO YOU!



Focusing The Story You Will Tell

- 1. Focus Statement
- 2. Rules of Engagement



Focus Statement

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Every [ ____ ]

Should/Must [ ____ ]

Because [ ]
```

Credit: Buck Woody



Rules of Engagement

- 1. WHAT do you want to talk about?
- 2. WHY do you want to talk about it?
- 3. TO WHOM do you want to talk to about it?



The Answers Will Guide You

Every ____ Should/Must ____ Because ____

- 1. WHAT do you want to talk about?
- 2. WHY do you want to talk about it?
- 3. TO WHOM do you want to talk to about it?



Market & Sell Your Idea

1. Title

2. Abstract



What To Call This?

Catchy & Cute?

Direct With Facts Only?

Short & Sweet? Long & Descriptive?





Sessions ^

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Title Example

Your Queries, Your Indexes, and You

OR

How Indexes Actually Help Your Queries



What Am I Getting Into?

- 1. Hook Questions
- 2. Agenda Statements
- 3. Takeaway Promises



The Hook

We developers learn early on that indexing can help our queries. But do you understand how these ir Does that apply to me?



The Agenda

In this session, we will explore the Index B-Tree structure and how SQL Server traverses this structure to retrieve your data. Next we will explore a variety of indexing strategies. Finally, we will practice together with interactive demos.



The Takeaway Promise

By the end of this session, you will be prepared

ind

What new knowledge do your attendees go home with?



Don't Go Alone

Co-workers & Friends (incl. non-technical)

Twitter - #SQLFamily

SQL Community on Slack

https://dbatools.io/slack/



Abstract Format

- 1. Hook Questions
- 2. Agenda Statements
- 3. Takeaway Promises



Create: Your Idea - Recap

- 1. Picking An Idea & Focusing
- 2. Title & Abstract Format



Develop: Your Subject Matter



Eureka - An Idea! Now What?

Let's brainstorm!

Need Sub-Tonics

- Expl Limit yourself: 3-5 sub-topics
- Showcase a common use case?
- Explore an edge case?



How Much Material?

Build up more material, then cut down later

What kind of material?

- Practical use cases
- Analogies
- Personal Stories



Write It All Down

All ideas that come to mind

Especially one-liners

- May be a statement/talking point
- May be a story



Content Is King...?

Focus Statement &

Rules of Engagement



Tell It Like a Story

Think about a structure of a TV show or book

Create chapters that build on one another



Organizing Your Thoughts

- 1. Outline
- 2. Storyboard

1. Chapter One

- a. Sub-Topic Alpha
 - i. Talking Point 1
 - ii. Talking Point 2
 - iii. Talking Point 3
- b. Demo X-Ray
- c. Sub-Topic Bravo
 - i. Talking Point 1
 - ii. Talking Point 2

2. Chapter Two

- a. Sub-Topic Charlie
 - i. Talking Point 1
- b. Sub-Topic Delta
 - i. Talking Point 1
 - ii. Talking Point 2
- c. Case Study

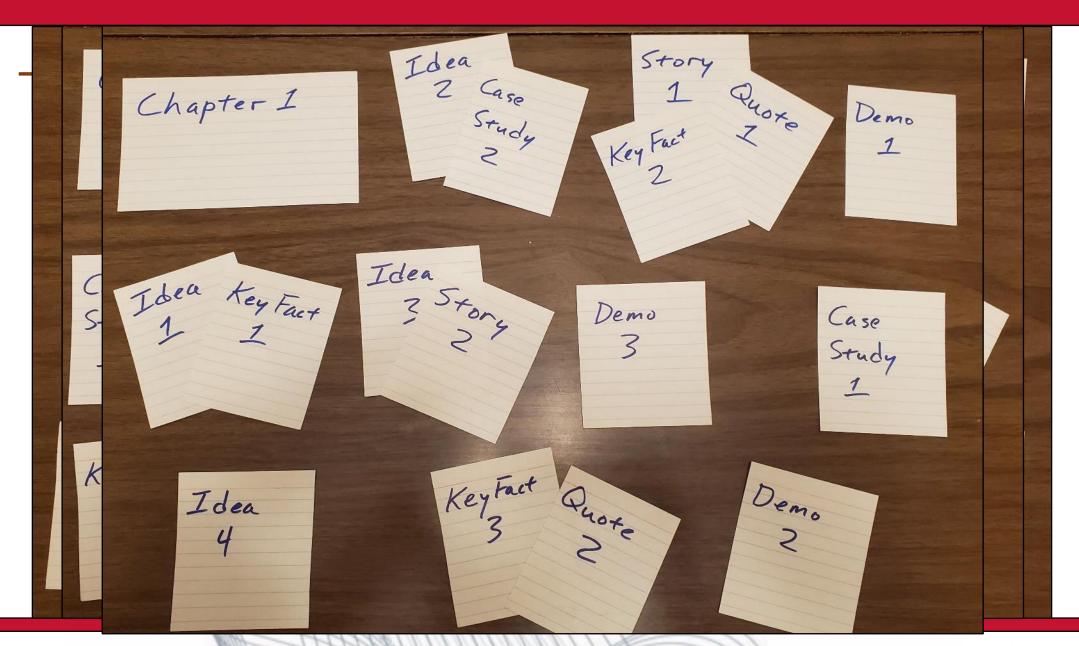
3. Chapter Three

- a. Sub-Topic Echo
 - i. Talking Point 1
 - ii. Talking Point 2
- b. Personal Story
 - i. Talking Point 1

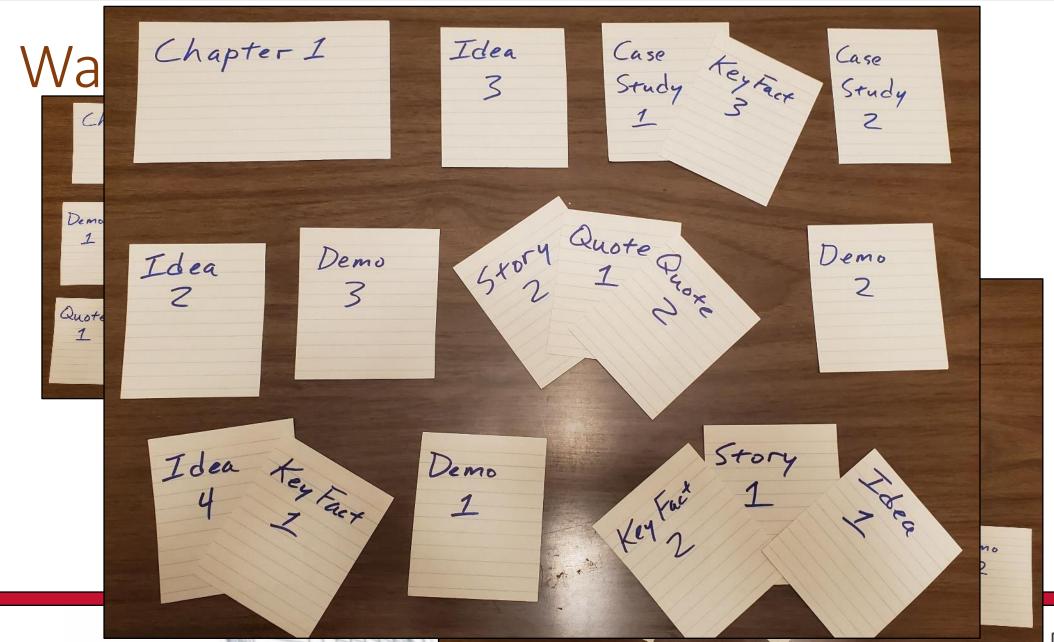
4. Chapter Four

- a. Sub-Topic Foxtrot
 - i. Talking Point 1
 - ii. Talking Point 2
 - iii. Talking Point 3
 - iv. Talking Point 4
- b. Demo Zulu









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Develop: Your Subject - Recap

- 1. Sub-topics & Focus
- 2. Forming A Story



Build: Your Content

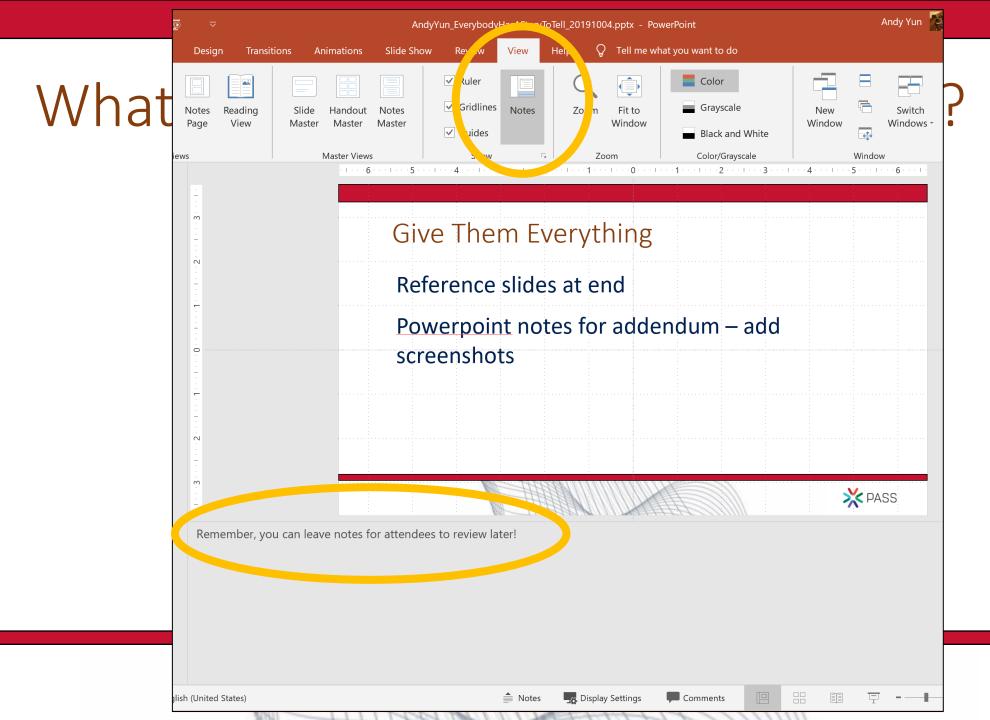


PowerPoint Considerations

Prioritize Outline/Storyboard Elements

- 1. Slide point
- 2. Slide Density Less is more
- 3. Talking point







Don't Tell Until You're Ready

If I reveal all of my talking points on a slide

Then

Then Learn basic PP animations & use a clicker



A Key Design Technique

- 1. Tell them what you're going to tell them
- 2. Tell them
- 3. Tell them what you told them



PowerPoint Pet Peeves

- 1. Font Size
- 2. Color Choices



Size Does Matter

14 pt font Can you read this? Seriously?

18 pt font How readable is this text? 32 pt font

Recommended minimum size

20 pt font Is this text an

Take several steps back fer now

24 pt font

How about this text?



Color Matters Too

Black	White	Light Grey	Light Blue	Tan
WHITE		WHITE	WHITE	WHITE
RED	RED	RED	RED	RED
ORANGE	ORANGE	ORANGE	ORANGE	ORANGE
YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
BLUE	BLUE	BLUE	BLUE	BLUE
GREY	GREY	GREY	GREY	GREY
	BLACK	BLACK	BLACK	BLACK



PowerPoint Pet Peeves

- 1. Font Size Be sure your text is large enough
- 2. Color Choices Contrast is critical



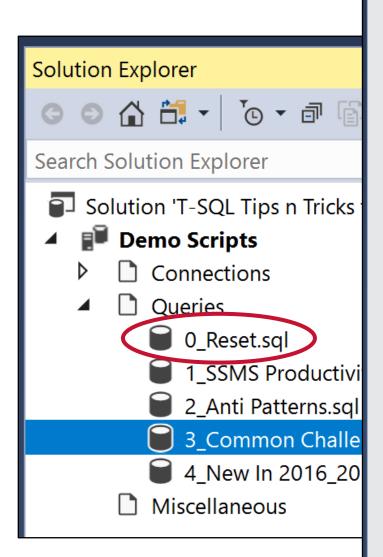
Demo Considerations

Budget time to develop your demos

Comment your code heavily

Create a reset mechanism





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0_Reset.sql - not connected ≠ ×
          USE AutoDealershipDemo
          GO
              1. RUN RESET
          *** 2. TURN ON SENTRYONE
          *** 3. EXECUTE THIS WORKLOAD
          -- Execute in a new window
          EXEC AutoDealershipDemo.Workload.sp RandomVINLookupBatch
          GO 1000
     10
          ***********************
     11
     12
          -- Reset indexes
     13
          IF EXISTS(SELECT 1 FROM sys.indexes WHERE name = 'IX Inver
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              DROP INDEX InventoryFlat.IX InventoryFlat DateReceived
     16
          GO
          IF EXISTS(SELECT 1 FROM sys.indexes WHERE name = 'IX Sales
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              DROP INDEX SalesHistory.IX SalesHistory InventoryID
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          GO
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          IF EXISTS(SELECT 1 FROM sys.indexes WHERE name = 'IX Sales
              DROP INDEX SalesHistory.IX_SalesHistory_InventoryID_C
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          G<sub>0</sub>
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Build: Your Content - Recap

- 1. Tell Them What...
- 2. My PowerPoint Pet Peeves
- 3. PowerPoint & Demo Considerations



Present: Your Session



Practicing to Present

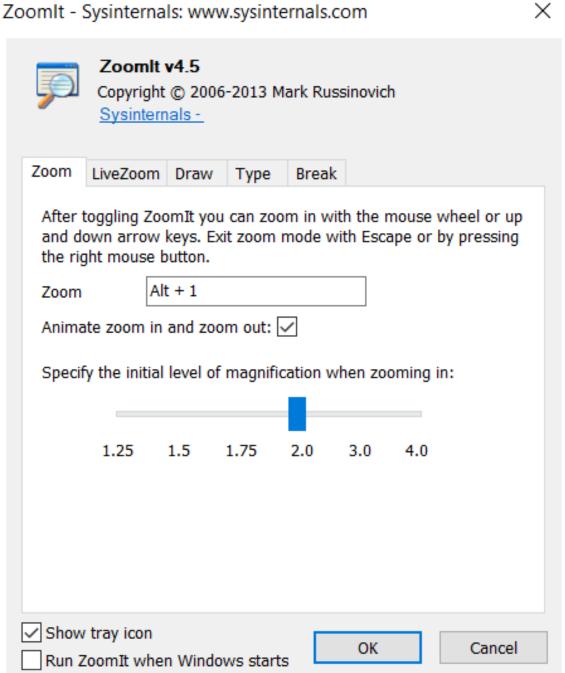
Practice it the hard way

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Practice identifies weaknesses

Memorize your first 5 minutes
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I'm giving my first run-through of my Roles and Responsibilities of the Azure Data Engineer talk tonight and I'm a wreck. I'm convinced it's terrible and not helpful and not technical enough.

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This is after 10+ years of creating and delivering talks. If you ever wonder if the experienced professionals have these moments: we do.

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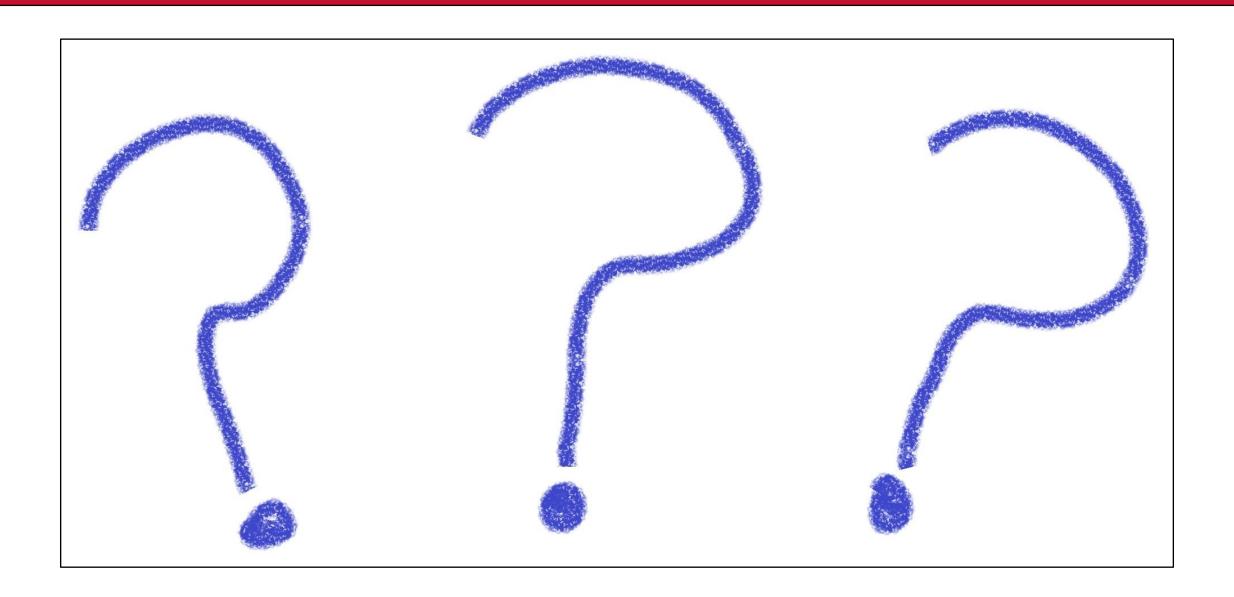
Nerves & Mental Hardening

Accept that you will be nervous

Get excited! This is supposed to be fun!

Self-affirmation statements







Don't Fear Questions

Who's side is your audience on?

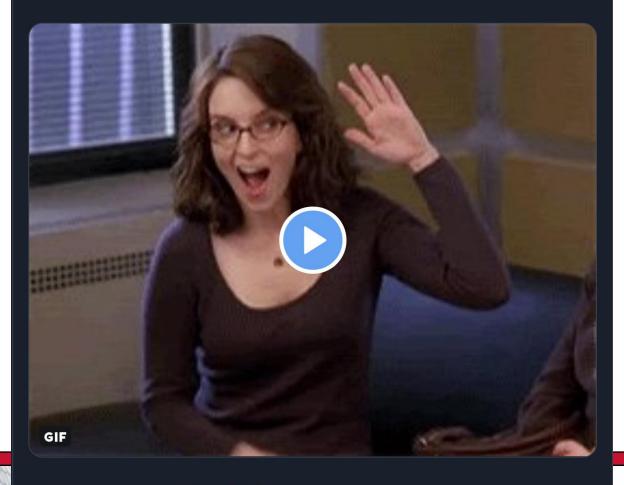
Ask for

Own w Don't be afraid to learn something new





After The IT WENT GREAT! I definitely have some refining to do. I need to demo a couple things. But overall, I felt confident in my ability to convey my message.





For Your Next Presentation

Write down questions received (ask a friend)

Listen objectively to your feedback

There's always room for improvement



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Present: Your Session - Recap

- 1. Practice & Practice Again
- 2. Nerves & Questions



Recap

- 1. Create: Your Idea
- 2. Develop: Your Subject Matter
- 3. Build: Your Content
- 4. Present: Your Session



A Parting Thought

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