PASS Summit 2016

Last

night I arrived in Seattle for PASS Summit 2016. This is my 4th consecutive PASS Summit, and my second time to be here as a speaker, and I am certainly looking forward to the week.

Before I had even checked in I ran into a few friends and ended up talking for a while and catching up on things. This is one of the things I love about PASS Summit, the people.

The Washington State Convention center is all decked out with branding for the PASS Summit 2016.

Last year I made the mistake of booking my hotel on PriceLine and I ended up on the other side of downtown, and had quite a journey to get to the conference each day. This year I decided to book the hotel through PASS, the room is a reasonable price, and its right next to the conference center.

For those who are attending for the first time, I have a few tips, in no particular order:

- When you see someone you recognize, go up and say Hi and introduce yourself.
- Keep an eye on the twitter hash tags for the event #sqlpass, #sqlsummit, and #passsummit. You might find out about some interesting things happening.
- For the first timer's go to the first timers meeting. You will get some great information.
- Go to the welcome reception and talk to people.
- Stay hydrated. With the long days and after hour activities, it is easy to forget about drinking enough water.

As mentioned in an earlier post, if anyone wants some personal training on Database Health Monitor, I will have some time on Monday and Tuesday, just catch me and let me know.

This year I am presenting on database corruption. The session is titled "When Database Corruption Strikes". The session on on friday afternoon at 3:30pm and is one of the last sessions of the conference. I will be showing 3 corrupt databases and ways to find and fix the corruption with non data loss.

If you have any experience with database corruption, I would love to hear your stories. Catch me anytime and let me know what your experiences were with corruption.

Most importantly - make personal connections, this is the biggest SQL Server database event of the year, and it might be your only opportunity to meet some of the attendees until next year.