Latest Podcast Episodes

Here is a quick update on the last 3 podcast episodes that we have published, ending up 2016, and starting out 2017 with some great information from Paul Turley, Jimmy May and Argenis Fernandez.

Episode 77: New Reporting Options with Paul Turley

We invited Paul Turley on the show to chat with us about some of the new features in SQL Server reporting services, but were pleasantly surprised to have the conversation take a different direction. Paul talks about some of the new training available for those interested in visualizations and why this community can be hard to define–and connect with. There are so many visualization options and even within Microsoft we have many products that overlap in functionality. In addition to talking about the pick list items of new features, Paul gives some guidance and why you should choose certain products and what makes good use case scenarios for some of the new features.
With the new analytics features now available in SQL Server 2016 via SP1, I think there is going to be additional requirements for data professionals to provide better analytics features and this episode is a good starter for how to frame those conversations.

Link to Show: http://sqldatapartners.com/2017/01/04/reporting-improvements/

Episode 76: Availability Group Improvements with Jimmy May

Availability groups provide some exciting features in mixing high availability and disaster recovery; however, from a performance consideration, there are a few drawbacks. With the advances in SQL Server 2016, our guest Jimmy May, set out to test the features and see if they could get some really high performance out of an availability group with two synchronous replicas. In this episode he talks with us about some of his findings and some of the pains associated with getting there.

Episode Quote
“I’ve been a big fan of flipping the faster bit ever since even before I was a member of SQLCAT.” Jimmy May

Episode Link: http://sqldatapartners.com/Jimmy

Episode 75 Storage Testing with Argenis Fernandez

Storage testing and validation is something what we to add under roles and responsibilities as DBAs. Every database we ever manage is going to need one, but how often do we kick the tires? Many times we’re basically told to go verify that array or we’re doing this POC, we’re testing this new storage, but are we really only testing connectivity? In this episode of the podcast, we chat with Argenis Fernandez about how he goes about testing a SAN array and the important metrics you should consider for your storage. If you are still using SQLIO or even Diskspeed to test the IO for your SQL Server, don’t miss today’s episode.

Episode Link: http://sqldatapartners.com/reporting