



## ***Melissa Esquibel***

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## **Biography**

While it's true that if you don't know where you're headed, it doesn't matter how you get there; not asking in the first place is the sure road to disaster when it comes to significant technology infrastructure changes. Ask any business unit executive who can't do today what she did yesterday but keeps being told that the organization is now "in a better place," technologically speaking.

Melissa Esquibel was in the thick of early business technology innovation when hardware and systems were kept in a virtual black box, and IT gatekeepers doled out functionality within a rigid systems architecture. Now, in the present, where end-users know how to access the power of technology independently and according to the agile timelines they need, this push and pull has created quite a mess in many organizations.

With her unique experience as the conduit between the gatekeepers and the gatestormers, she offers her unique perspective as "bridge builder" to you. Her sense of humor and commonsense approach will engage your team and produce results you can take to the bank in real world time savings and effective use of your organization's resources. She brings out the best in people, coaxing out meaningful collaboration and impactful solutions.

## Session: Excel: Next Level Skills – Power Query, the Data Model and More!

Whether your Excel proficiency has been a proud banner you wave or something for which you always try to change the subject in an interview, you can't deny the ability to sling data in a spreadsheet is often non-negotiable for a top notch administrative professional.

For years, Excel stayed pretty much the same. If you wanted to do anything extraordinary, you needed to know how to program macros or create SQL (structured query language)

scripts. If you are using the most recent versions of Excel, come and see how Microsoft has put advanced tools directly in your hands, code free.

In this session, Melissa will introduce you to Power Query, the Data Model and pro secrets for churning out high quality reports and dashboards without needing to know how to write code or learn a new application.

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