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Lab 4: Planning the Work

To prepare, run the Agent job to restore Stack Overflow.

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You have a (?) VM.

We're going to use the StackOverflow database,
but the rest of your server is a mystery.

Don't take anything for granted.



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Setting up for the lab

1. Restart the SQL Server service (clears stats)
2. Restore your StackOverflow database
3. Copy & run the setup script, will take 1-3 minutes:
BrentOzar.com/go/serverlab4
4. Start SQLQueryStress:
 1. File Explorer, D:\Labs, run SQLQueryStress.exe
 2. Click File, Open, D:\Labs\ServerLab4.json
 3. Click Go



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What you're going to see

In SQLQueryStress, "Iterations Completed" won't move very quickly. (Or at all.)

Take long samples of waits:

`sp_BlitzFirst @Seconds = 60, @ExpertMode = 1`

See what queries are causing those waits:

`sp_BlitzCache @SortOrder = 'reads'`

Investigate to see if indexes will help



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How I'd spend this hour

- Setup: 5-10 minutes
- Review current state: 20-30 minutes
 - Server health check with `sp_Blitz`
 - Wait stats now with `sp_BlitzFirst`
 - Make your game plan for what you want to do
- Post your assessment in Slack, and I'll review it.



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Sample assessment

SQL2019A is heavily overloaded, and it's spending most of its time waiting on reads from storage.

After briefly reviewing queries & indexes involved in the reads, the next step is:

- Tune usp_UpdateUserComments to fix sargability
- Design better nonclustered indexes for dbo.Users



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