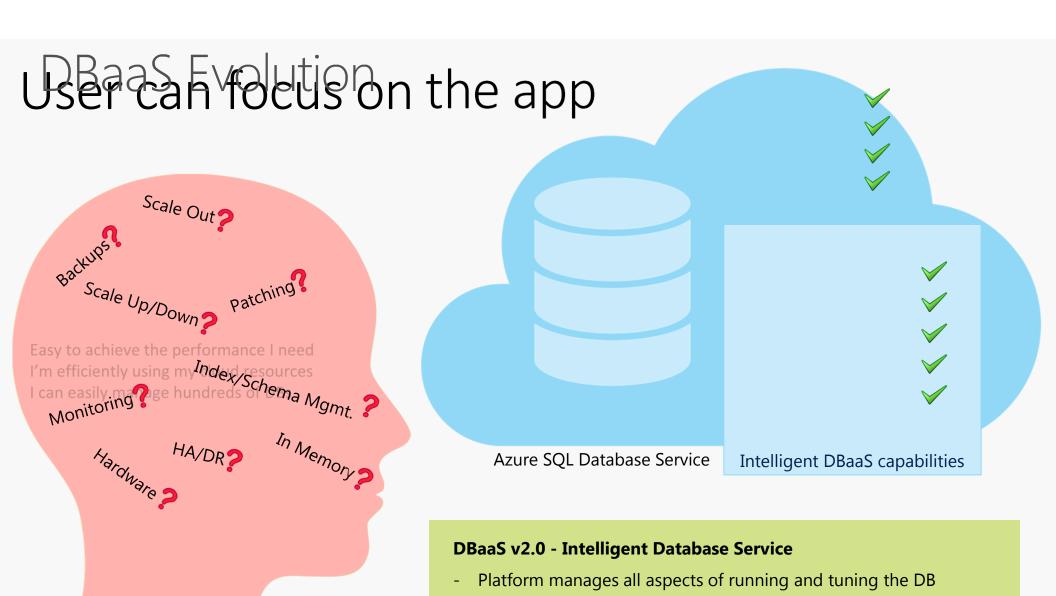
Achieve great performance with Azure SQL Database using built-in Artificial Intelligence

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Azure SQL Database performance powered by built-in intelligence

Insights into DB Performance

- Query Store for tracking query perf
- Query Insights for monitoring & tuning

Tailored Tuning Recommendations

- Adjusted as your app evolves over time
- Easy to implement and validate

Automatic Tuning

- No human intervention needed
- Easily scales to 1000s of DBs



Automatic Tuning

Add indexes, drop indexes, automatic plan correction

Automatic Tuning - Indexes

- Automatic index management is only available in Azure SQL Database since 2016 Q4.
- It can create indexes that are missing, and it can remove indexes that are not used, and those that are duplicates.
- It uses data from Query Store and management views, and combines that data with an internal model to determine the benefit of the index.

Automatic Tuning - Indexes

- For index creation there is, presently, a rolling window of seven (7) days across which the data is tracked, and at a minimum the model needs nine (9) hours of data to recommend an index, along with 12 hours of data in Query Store that will be used as a baseline. If it's determined that an index will provide significant benefit, then SQL Server will create the index.
- In case of query regression, drop the index.

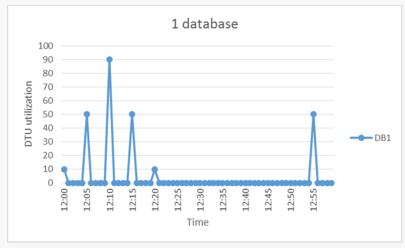
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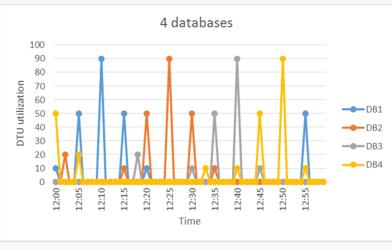
- With regard to dropping indexes, if an index has no seeks or scans for 90 days, but does have a maintenance cost (meaning there are inserts, updates, or deletes) then it will be dropped.
- Duplicate indexes will be dropped
- On Azure for every 2 indexes dropped 1 index is created.
- 2 millions of databases participated on the creation of automatic index management.

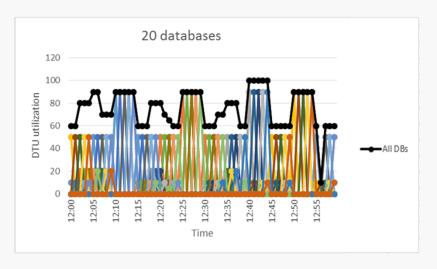
Automatic Tuning – Automatic Plan Regression

- With Automatic Plan Correction, if SQL Server finds that a query has regressed significantly, it will force the last-known good plan for the query to stabilize performance.
- It uses Query Store also (is a as flight-recorder for your database that tracks query text, plans, runtime statistics and wait statistics, it also allows you to force a plan for a query to allow for consistent performance.

Why do recommendations matter?







Databases in the pool share resources

How do you know which databases would not be active at the same time?

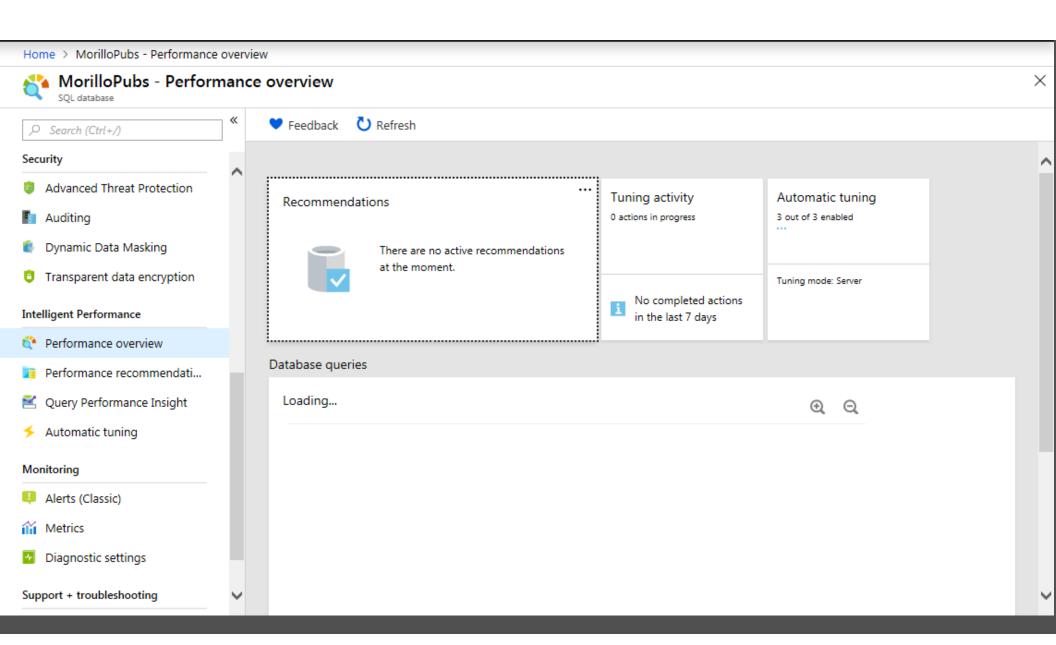
How large pool is enough?

What parameters of the pool are optimal?

Demo

Setting up automated tuning.

Synthetic workload



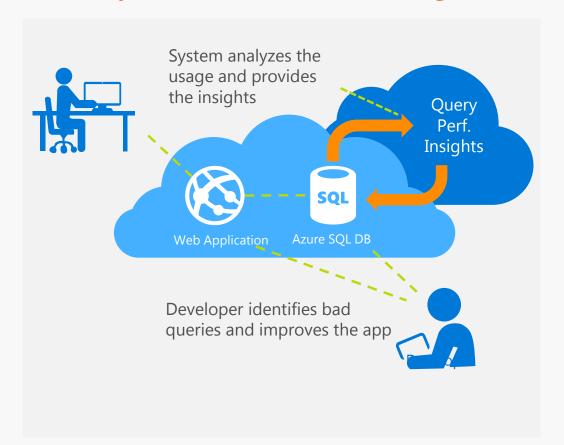
Insights into DB Performance

Intelligent Insights

Intelligent Insights

- Uses built-in intelligence to continuously monitor database usage through AI and detect disruptive events that cause poor performance.
- Once detected, a detailed analysis is performed that generates a diagnostics log with an intelligent assessment of the issue. This assessment consists of a root cause analysis of the database performance issue and, where possible, recommendations for performance improvements.

Optimizing query performance and costs Query Performance Insights



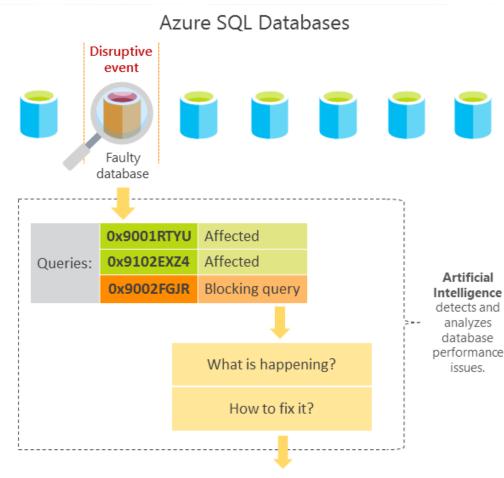
Works on top of Query Store

Easy to use UX in Azure portal

Top insights into your workload

- Database Transaction Units (DTUs),
- Resource breakdown (CPU, I/O,...),
- Query duration and execution counts

- Proactive monitoring
- Tailored performance insights
- Early detection of database performance degradation
- Root cause analysis of issues detected
- Performance improvement recommendations
- Scale out capability on hundreds of thousands of databases
- Positive impact to DevOps resources and the total cost of ownership



Findings are outputted in the diagnostics log containing intelligent insights:

- Root cause analysis: Heavy locking is affecting the database performance.
 Affected queries are 0x9001RTYU and 0x9102EXZ4. Main blocking query is 0x9002FGJR on SPIDs 272. Consider stopping the blocking query.
- . Issue Status: Active

Demo - Insights into DB Performance

Query Performance Insights configuration.

Diagnostics log streamed to Azure SQL Analytics

