SQL DW Management and Monitoring (ADW In-A-Day Lab 03)

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Overview

This module will walk you through a variety of tools and techniques for monitoring and managing your Azure Data Warehouse.

Pre-requisites

- Azure Portal Access
- Azure SQL Data Warehouse
- SQL Server Management Studio
- Azure Data Studio

Resource Monitoring in Azure Monitor

- 1. Logon to Azure Portal (portal.azure.com) using your credentials
- 2. Click on Monitor from the list of services.



- 3. Click on 'Explore Metrics'
- 4. Click on 'Add metric' and select Subscription and Resource Group names from the drop-down.
- 5. Select your DW instance from the list of resources displayed.
- 6. Select 'CPU percentage' as the metric from the drop-down as shown below:



- 7. This will display the CPU percentage (Avg) chart for the last 24 hours.
- 8. Click on 'Add metric' again and 'Data IO Percentage' to the chart.
- 9. Repeat the process to add more metrics to the chart.
- 10. Click on the Time Range drop-down and change the time range from 'Last 24 hours' to 'Last hour'. Observe the chart data range change to display last hour data.
- 11. Click on 'Add chart' and select Subscription, Resource Group, Resource and Metric as before. You will observe a new chart created displaying the data for the metric you selected.

Azure Data Studio SQLDW Dashboard (Azure SQL Data Warehouse Insights)

- Open Azure Data Studio application.
 Azure Data Studio (ADS) is a cross-platform database tool for monitoring and managing various data platforms, including Azure SQL DW.
- 2. Click on 'Extensions' icon from the list of icons on the left side ribbon of the window.
- 3. Select 'Azure SQL Data Warehouse Insights' from the list of extensions. (Note: Enter 'SQL' in the search window, if this extension is not showing up in the list)
- 4. Click 'Install' and wait for the extension installation to complete. (Note: Review the details of the extension to understand all the reports displayed by this extension. You can also click on the github link available to review the sql code for each of these reports)
- 5. Click on the 'Servers' icon on the left and click on 'Add Connection'.
- 6. Expand 'Databases' node in the explorer window and right-click on your database and click 'Manage. This will show Database Dashboard with details on your DW instance and tables.
- 7. Click on 'SQL DW Dashboard' tab in the details pane. Observe the reports on various metrics viz. Latest Backup date, User Activities, Data Distribution etc. (Note: Some reports maybe empty if there are no results to display.)
- 8. Observe the Data Distribution report. This shows data size in each of the 60 distributions. What can you infer from this report?

Azure SQL Data Warehouse Table and Statistics Queries

- 1. Open SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS). Connect to the your SQL DW instance.
- 2. Expand Databases node, right-click on your data warehouse database and click 'New Query'. Execute the following query in your query window to create a useful View.

```
CREATE VIEW dbo.vTableSizes
WITH base
AS
SELECT
                                                                       AS [execution_time]
GETDATE()
, DB_NAME()
                                                                           [database name]
, s.name
                                                                       AS
                                                                            [schema name]
, t.name
                                                                            [table_name]
                                                                       AS
, QUOTENAME(s.name)+'.'+QUOTENAME(t.name)
                                                                       AS
                                                                            [two_part_name]
                                                                       AS
                                                                            [node_table_name]
, nt.[name]
 ROW_NUMBER() OVER(PARTITION BY nt.[name] ORDER BY (SELECT NULL))
                                                                       AS
[node_table_name_seq]
, tp.[distribution_policy_desc]
                                                                       AS
[distribution_policy_name]
, c.[name]
                                                                       AS
                                                                            [distribution_column]
, nt.[distribution_id]
                                                                            [distribution_id]
                                                                       AS
, i.[type]
                                                                       AS [index_type]
                                                                       AS
, i.[type_desc]
                                                                            [index_type_desc]
, nt.[pdw_node_id]
                                                                            [pdw_node_id]
                                                                            [pdw_node_type]
, pn.[type]
, pn.[name]
                                                                            [pdw node name]
, di.name
                                                                       AS
                                                                            [dist_name]
, di.position
                                                                       AS
                                                                            [dist_position]
, nps.[partition_number]
                                                                       AS
                                                                            [partition_nmbr]
nps.[reserved_page_count]
                                                                       AS
[reserved_space_page_count]
, nps.[reserved_page_count] - nps.[used_page_count]
                                                                       AS
[unused_space_page_count]
, nps.[in_row_data_page_count]
   + nps.[row overflow used page count]
   + nps.[lob_used_page_count]
                                                                       AS [data_space_page_count]
, nps.[reserved_page_count]
  (nps.[reserved_page_count] - nps.[used_page_count])
 - ([in_row_data_page_count]
         + [row_overflow_used_page_count]+[lob_used_page_count])
                                                                        AS
[index_space_page_count]
, nps.[row_count]
                                                                        AS [row_count]
   sys.schemas s
INNER JOIN sys.tables t
   ON s.[schema id] = t.[schema id]
INNER JOIN sys.indexes i
   ON t.[object_id] = i.[object_id]
   AND i.[index_id] <= 1
INNER JOIN sys.pdw_table_distribution_properties tp
   ON t.[object_id] = tp.[object_id]
INNER JOIN sys.pdw_table_mappings tm
   ON t.[object_id] = tm.[object_id]
INNER JOIN sys.pdw_nodes_tables nt
   ON tm.[physical_name] = nt.[name]
INNER JOIN sys.dm_pdw_nodes pn
   ON nt.[pdw_node_id] = pn.[pdw_node_id]
INNER JOIN sys.pdw_distributions di
   ON nt.[distribution_id] = di.[distribution_id]
```

```
INNER JOIN sys.dm_pdw_nodes_db_partition_stats nps
   ON nt.[object_id] = nps.[object_id]
   AND nt.[pdw_node_id] = nps.[pdw_node_id]
   AND nt.[distribution_id] = nps.[distribution_id]
LEFT OUTER JOIN (select * from sys.pdw_column_distribution_properties where distribution_ordinal =
   ON t.[object_id] = cdp.[object_id]
LEFT OUTER JOIN sys.columns c
   ON cdp.[object_id] = c.[object_id]
   AND cdp.[column_id] = c.[column_id]
 size
AS
SELECT
  [execution_time]
  [database_name]
  [schema_name]
  [table_name]
  [two_part_name]
  [node_table_name]
  [node_table_name_seq]
  [distribution_policy_name]
  [distribution_column]
  [distribution_id]
  [index_type]
  [index_type_desc]
  [pdw_node_id]
  [pdw node type]
  [pdw_node_name]
  [dist_name]
   [dist_position]
  [partition_nmbr]
  [reserved_space_page_count]
  [unused_space_page_count]
  [data_space_page_count]
  [index_space_page_count]
   [row_count]
   ([reserved_space_page_count] * 8.0)
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[reserved_space_KB]
   ([reserved_space_page_count] * 8.0)/1000
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[reserved_space_MB]
   ([reserved_space_page_count] * 8.0)/1000000
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   ([reserved_space_page_count] * 8.0)/1000000000
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   ([data_space_page_count]
                                   * 8.0)/1000000000
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[data_space_TB]
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[index_space_MB]
   ([index_space_page_count] * 8.0)/1000000
                                                                        AS
[index_space_GB]
  ([index space page count] * 8.0)/1000000000
                                                                        AS
[index space TB]
FROM base
SELECT *
FROM size
GO.
```

9. Execute the following query in the query window. This will show table space summary information.

```
SELECT
       database_name
      schema_name
       table name
      distribution policy name
         distribution_column
       index_type_desc
       COUNT(distinct partition_nmbr) as nbr_partitions
      SUM(row_count) as table_row_count
SUM(reserved_space_GB) as table_reserved_space_GB
SUM(data_space_GB) as table_data_space_GB
SUM(index_space_GB) as table_index_space_GB
SUM(unused_space_GB) as table_unused_space_GB
FROM
     dbo.vTableSizes
GROUP BY
      database_name
       schema_name
      table name
       distribution_policy_name
         distribution_column
       index type desc
ORDER BY
     table_reserved_space_GB desc
```

10. Click 'New Query'. Execute the following query in your query window. This will list tables with >10% skew.

```
select two_part_name
    ,[distribution_column]
    ,(max(row_count * 1.000) - min(row_count * 1.000))/max(row_count * 1.000) as

'skew'
    ,max(row_count) as 'largest dist'
    ,min(row_count) as 'smallest dist'
    ,avg(row_count) as 'average dist'
    ,sum(row_count) as 'total row_count'
    from dbo.vTableSizes
    where row_count > 0
        AND distribution_policy_name = 'HASH'
        group by two_part_name, [distribution_column]
        having (max(row_count * 1.000) - min(row_count * 1.000))/max(row_count * 1.000)
>= .10
        order by 3 DESC -- two_part_name
```

3. Expand Databases node, right-click on your data warehouse database and click 'New Query'. Execute the following query in your query window to create another useful View.

```
CREATE VIEW dbo.vStats_Columns
AS
SELECT
        sm.[name]
                                            AS [schema name]
        tb.[name]
                                            AS [table_name]
        st.[name]
                                            AS [stats_name]
        st.[filter_definition]
                                            AS [stats_filter_defiinition]
        st.[has_filter]
                                            AS [stats_is_filtered]
        STATS_DATE(st.[object_id],st.[stats_id])
                                            AS [stats_last_updated_date]
              st.[user_created]
                                                              AS [user_created]
                                            AS [stats_column_name]
        co.[name]
        ty.[name]
                                            AS [column_type]
        co.[max length]
                                            AS [column_max_length]
                                            AS [column precision]
        co.[precision]
        co.[scale]
                                            AS [column scale]
        co.[is nullable]
                                            AS [column is nullable]
                                            AS [column_collation_name]
        co.[collation name]
        QUOTENAME(sm.[name])+'.'+QUOTENAME(tb.[name])
                                            AS two part name
        QUOTENAME(DB NAME())+'.'+QUOTENAME(sm.[name])+'.'+QUOTENAME(tb.[name])
                                            AS three_part_name
        QUOTENAME(sm.[name])+'.'+QUOTENAME(tb.[name])+'.'+QUOTENAME(st.[name])
                                            AS full stats name
             st.[stats_generation_method_desc] AS [stats_generation_method_desc]
FROM
                                            AS ob
        sys.objects
                                        ob.[object id]
JOIN
        sys.stats
                            AS st ON
                                                            = st.[object id]
                            AS sc ON
JOIN
        sys.stats columns
                                        st.[stats id]
                                                           = sc.[stats id]
                            AND
                                        st.[object id]
                                                          = sc.[object_id]
JOIN
        sys.columns
                            AS co ON
                                        sc.[column_id]
                                                          = co.[column_id]
                                        sc.[object_id] = co.[object_id]
                            AND
JOIN
        sys.types
                            AS ty ON
                                        co.[user_type_id] = ty.[user_type_id]
                           AS tb ON co.[object_id]
JOIN
        sys.tables
                                                            = tb.[object id]
                            AS sm ON tb.[schema_id]
JOIN
        sys.schemas
                                                            = sm.[schema id]
GO
```

11. Execute the following query in the query window. This will show table statistics information.

```
SELECT * FROM dbo.vStats_Columns ORDER BY 1,2,3
```

Create User-defined Restore Points

Azure SQL Data Warehouse includes automated database snapshots that can be leveraged to recover or copy a data warehouse to a previous state. These snapshots support an eight-hour recovery point objective (RPO) and are available to be used for 7 days. If you require a faster RPO or you require your snapshot to be available for longer than 7 days, you can manually trigger a snapshot to save the current database state. This is good practice to follow before and after large modifications to your data

warehouse - it allows quicker recovery times in the event of any workload interruptions or user errors.

We will create a user-defined restore point, but not actually perform a restore due to the limitations of working in this lab environment and time constraints.

- 1. Logon to Azure Portal (portal.azure.com) using your credentials
- 2. Navigate to the Overview page of your Azure Data Warehouse.
- 3. Select New Restore Point



4. Specify a name for your restore point

User-Defined Restore Points □ × Create a new user-defined restore point. User-defined restore points will have a default retention period of 7 days. Learn more ☑* * Name RestorePointOne

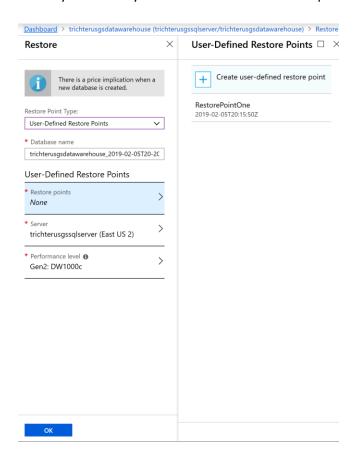


- 5. Click Ok
- 6. Navigate to the Overview page of your Azure Data Warehouse.
- 7. Select Restore



8. Select Restore Point Type: User-Defined Restore Points
Click Restore points to activate the User-Defined Restore Points blade

Notice your recently created user-defined restore point.



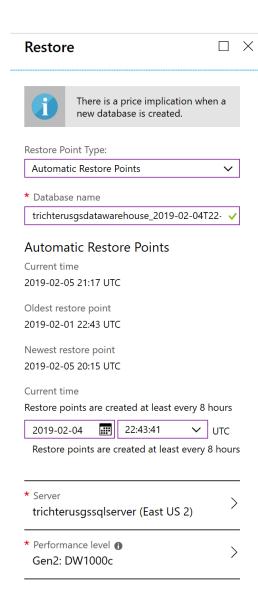
- 9. Click X to close the User-Defined Restore Points blade
- 10. Investigate the Automatic Restore Points

Select Restore Point Type: Automatic Restore Points

Notice the Oldest restore point and Newest restore point information

Select the calendar control and click a bold date

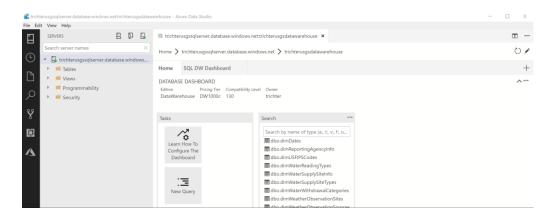
Notice that the time drop down is now populated with the restore point times available.



11. Click x to close the Restore blade.

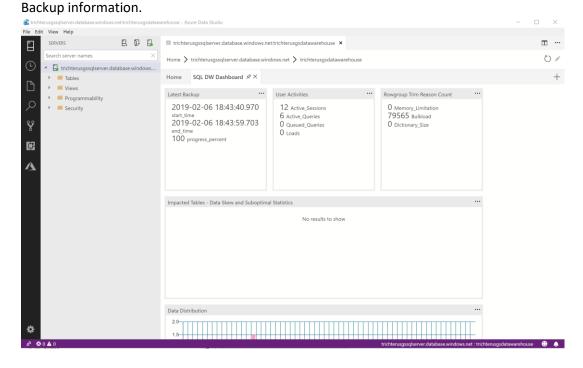
We will not perform an actual restore due to time and resource constraints of this lab environment.

- 12. Let's see how restore points can be queried using Azure Data Studio Open your Azure Data Studio application and connect to your Azure Data Warehouse (You must have completed the prior module Azure SQL Data Studio SQLDW Dashboard)
- 13. Right click your Azure Data Warehouse server and select Manage

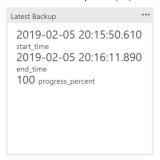


14. Select the SQL DW Dashboard tab

Notice the default summary information provided for user activities, CCI Health (Rowgroup Trim Reason Count), Tables that are being impacted by skew or by statistics issues, Etc. The queries that run behind these visualizations are available to you. Let's look into the Latest

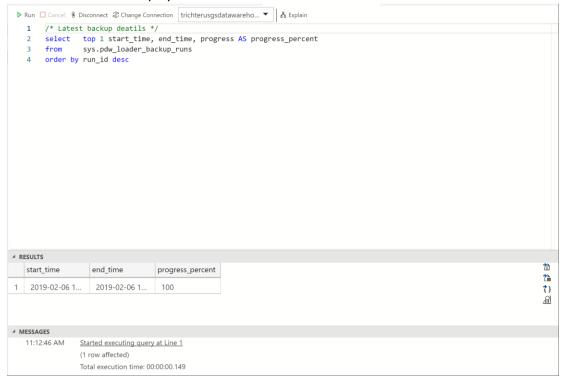


15. Select the ellipses (...) in the right-hand corner of the Latest Backup visualization



16. Select Run Query

A new tab will open and execute the query that populates the Latest Backup visualization and the result set will be displayed.



17. To review all of the backups that are available, modify the query by removing the top 1 clause from the select statement and click run

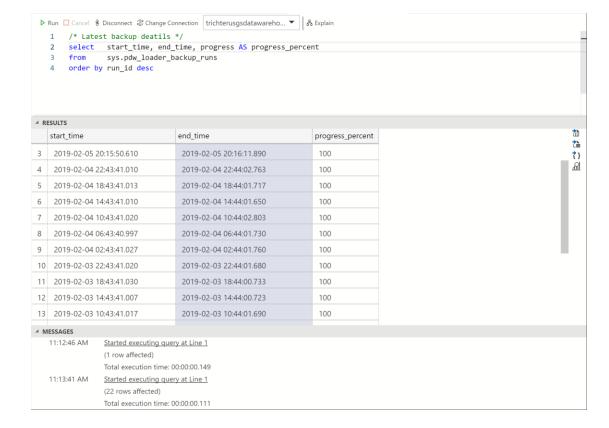
```
select start_time, end_time, progress AS

progress_percent

from sys.pdw_loader_backup_runs

order by run_id desc
```

18. All of the available restore points will be listed. Notice that they do not have friendly names. Your user-defined restore point is likely at the top, check the date and time.



19. Close the tab. Don't Save your changes

Maintenance Window Scheduling, Service Health, Service Health Alerts

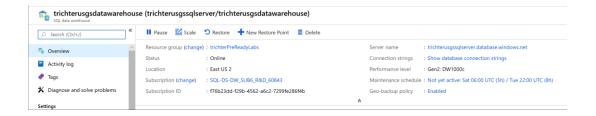
By default, all newly created Azure SQL Data Warehouse instances have an eight-hour primary and secondary maintenance window applied during deployment. You can change the windows as soon deployment is complete. No maintenance will take place outside the specified maintenance windows without prior notification.

- 1. Logon to Azure Portal (portal.azure.com) using your credentials
- 2. Navigate to your data warehouse overview blade

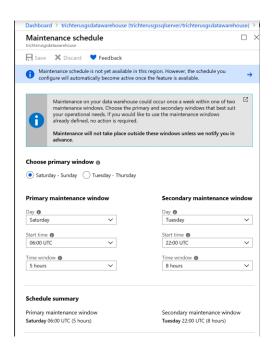
Notice the Maintenance schedule text link

The state of any maintenance will be displayed in this area. "Not yet active" indicates that the

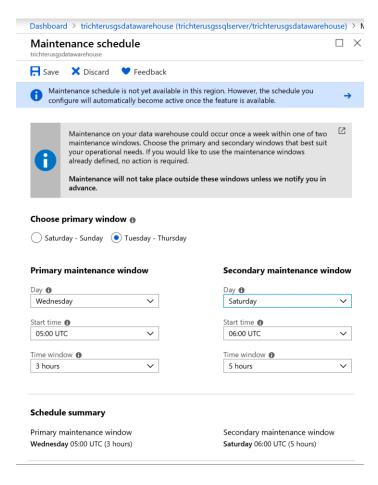
current day and time are not within an active maintenance window.



3. Click on Not Yet Active text link to activate the Maintenance schedule blade



4. Notice the various configuration options and configure a Primary and Secondary maintenance window



- 5. Click Save
- 6. Return to your Overview blade and notice the new days and times listed for Maintenance schedule

Performance level : Gen2: DW1000c

Maintenance schedule: Not yet active: Wed 05:00 UTC (3h) / Sat 06:00 UTC (5h)

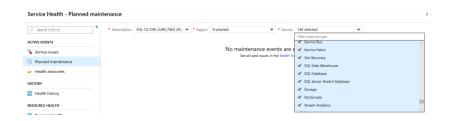
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7. Planned Maintenance Activities will appear in Service Health From the Dashboard select Service Health

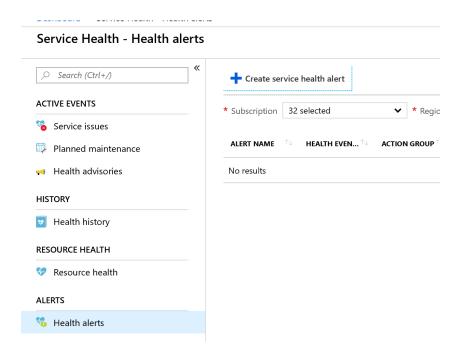


8. Click Planned Maintenance from the side menu to view Planned Maintenance events and notifications

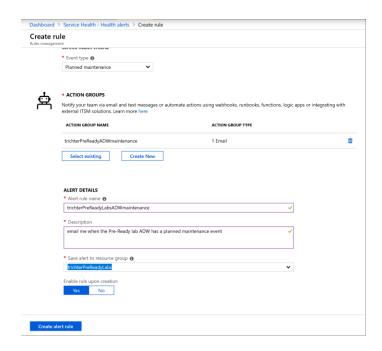
Filter for SQL Data Warehouse



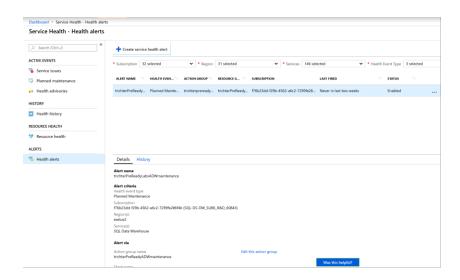
9. To be alerted for Planned SQL Data Warehouse planned maintenance Select Health alerts and click Create service health alert



10. Configure a new rule



11. Click Create alert rule and refresh the Health alerts blade



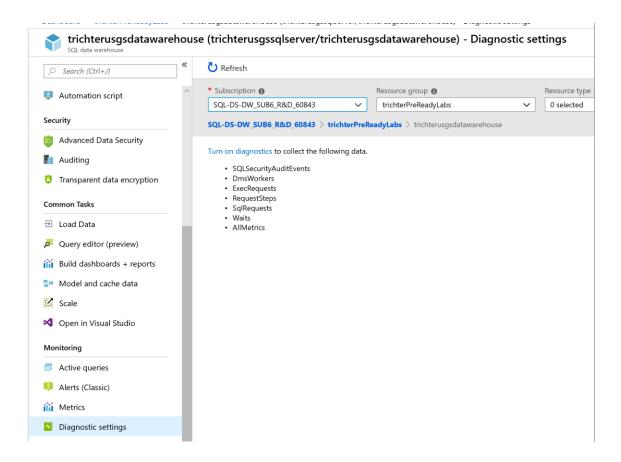
- 12. You will be able to view the details and history of this health alert from this blade.
- 13. Disable your alert by clicking the ellipses(...) and selecting Disable

Querying ADW Diagnostic Logs using Azure Monitor

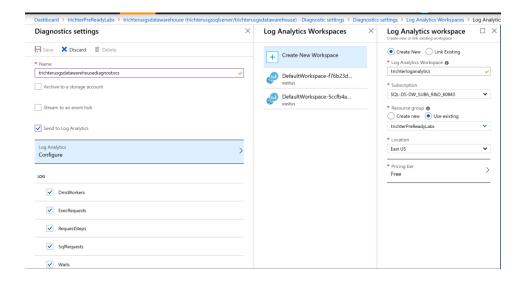
SQL Data Warehouse (SQL DW) now enables enhanced insights into analytical workloads by integrating directly with Microsoft Azure Monitor diagnostic logs. This new capability enables developers to analyze workload behavior over an extended time period and make informed decisions on query optimization or capacity management.

If you did not configure Diagnostics earlier:

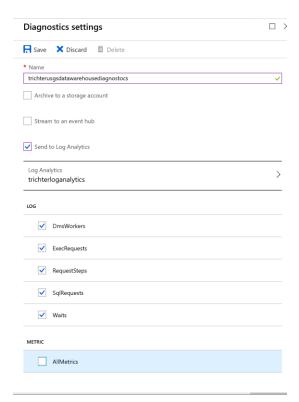
- 1. Logon to Azure Portal (portal.azure.com) using your credentials
- 2. Navigate to your Azure Data Warehouse
- 3. Click on Diagnostic Settings from the side menu



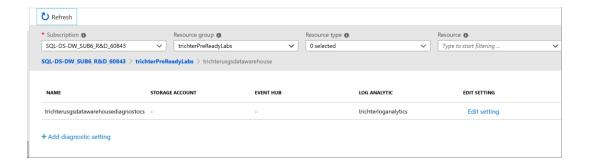
- 4. Click on the Turn on diagnostics text link in the blade
- 5. Provide a name for your diagnostics
 - Check Send to Log Analytics
 - Select all options in LOG
 - Click Log Analytics Configure to activate the Log Analytics Workspaces blade
 - Create a new Workspace in your resource group using one of the charged pricing tiers



6. Click Save on Diagnostics settings blade



7. Click refresh on Diagnostic settings blade to see your new diagnostics



Review Diagnostics Logs:

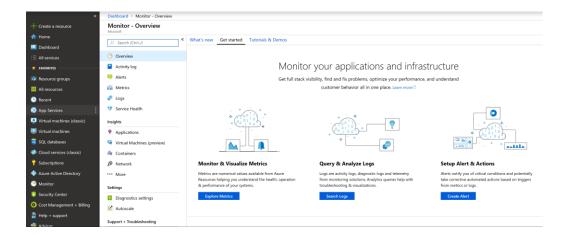
1. To collect some data, using SSMS connect to your Azure Data Warehouse and execute some queries

```
SELECT FIS.SalesAmount, DG.PostalCode, DC.YearlyIncome AS CustomerIncome,
DD.FullDateAlternateKey AS OrderDate
FROM FactInternetSales AS FIS
JOIN DimCustomer AS DC
ON (FIS.CustomerKey = DC.CustomerKey)
JOIN DimDate AS DD
ON (FIS.OrderDateKey = DD.DateKey)
```

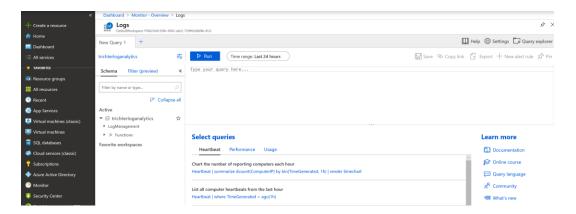
```
SELECT fis.SalesAmount, dst.Gender, dst.NumberCarsOwned, dst.YearlyIncome
AS CustomerYearlyIncome, dst.TotalChildren
    FROM FactInternetSales AS fis
    LEFT OUTER JOIN DimCustomer AS dst
    ON (fis.CustomerKey=dst.CustomerKey);
```

```
SELECT fis.SalesAmount, dst.ProductLine
FROM FactInternetSales AS fis
LEFT OUTER JOIN DimProduct AS dst
ON (fis.ProductKey=dst.ProductKey);
```

2. In the portal select Monitor from the sidebar to activate the Monitor – Overview blade



3. Click Search Logs



4. Execute these sample queries to get a feel for the information that can be retrieved from Azure Diagnostics.

Chart to determine the most active resource classes by request

```
AzureDiagnostics
| where Category contains "ExecRequests"
| where Status_s == "Completed"
| summarize totalQueries = dcount(RequestId_s) by
ResourceClass_s
| render barchart
```

Count of all queued queries

```
AzureDiagnostics
| where Category contains "waits"
| where Type_s == "UserConcurrencyResourceType"
| summarize totalQueuedQueries =
dcount(RequestId_s)
```

Chart for top requests most impacted by data movement operations

```
AzureDiagnostics
| where Category == "RequestSteps"
| where OperationType_s in ("ShuffleMoveOperation",
    "BroadcastMoveOperation", "PartitionMoveOperation",
    "RoundRobinMoveOperation",
    "SingleSourceRoundRobinMoveOperation",
    "MoveOperation", "TrimMoveOperation")
| where Status_s == "Complete"
| project RequestId_s,
    duration=datetime_diff('millisecond',EndTime_t,
    StartTime_t)
| order by duration desc
| take 10
| render barchart
```