

Summary and Further Reading



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Summary

Clustered Indexes

Nonclustered Indexes

Indexed Views

Columnstore Indexes



Clustered Indexes

Define the table's storage

Rowstore or Columnstore

Rowstore for OLTP systems, Columnstore for analytics

Choose key to organise table or for frequent access path



Nonclustered Indexes

Separate structure from the table

Rowstore or Columnstore

For rowstore indexes, order of columns determined by queries

Columnstore useful for analytics queries against operational tables



Indexed Views

Force a view to be materialised

Lots of restrictions on what is allowed

Useful for queries that often aggregate data



Recommended Courses

**SQL Server: Indexing for
Performance**
Kimberly Tripp

<https://app.pluralsight.com/library/courses/sqlserver-indexing-for-performance/>

**SQL Server: Analyzing Query
Performance for Developers**
Erin Stellato

<https://app.pluralsight.com/library/courses/sqlserver-query-performance-developers/>





Documentation on indexes:

<https://tinyurl.com/MS-IndexDocs>



SQL Server Index Architecture and Design Guide

<https://tinyurl.com/MS-IndexArch>



XML Indexes

<https://tinyurl.com/MS-XMLIndexes>



Spatial Indexes

<https://tinyurl.com/MS-SpatialIndexes>





Indexed view limitations:

<https://tinyurl.com/MS-IndexedView>



Columnstore index dictionaries:

<https://tinyurl.com/Nico-CSDict>



Causes of Small Rowgroups:

<https://tinyurl.com/Nico-SmallRGs>



Columnstore index maintenance:

<https://tinyurl.com/MS-CSIndexMaint>





My blog:

<https://sqlinthewild.co.za/index.php/category/sql-server/indexes/>

Kimberly Tripp:

<https://www.sqlskills.com/blogs/kimberly/category/indexes/>

