

Lab 3: Tracking Down Plans and Parameters

Setting up for the lab

Restart your SQL Server service (clears all stats)

Restore your StackOverflow database (Agent job)

Copy & run the setup script for Lab 3

Run SQLQueryStress with SniffLab.json, let it run for at least 45 minutes (so multiple sp_BlitzFirst passes run)

When you're ready to work, stop SQLQueryStress.



Goal: find the problem queries.

Use the Blitz% tables and/or Query Store to:

- Identify the worst-performing queries you'd want to tune if given the chance
- Gather at least 2 sets of parameters that are being used to call it
- Gather at least 2 different plans that are being generated (estimated, last actual, or actual)

Turn those in to me in Slack.



NOT the goal: fixing the queries

You will - but that's your next lab.

This lab is about making sure you learned what we just covered: getting set up to succeed.

