



# WorkshopPLUS - SQL Server: Features and Administration

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# Objectives

After completing SQL Server Features and Administration workshop, you will be able to:

Learn Maintenance and configuration best practices

Monitoring performance with extended events and performance monitor.

Discuss SQL Server performance enhancements.

Learn SQL Service Account best practices.

Understand Row Level Security and Dynamic Data Masking

Understand SQL Server encryption features including Always Encrypted.

Learn different strategies for meeting HA/DR SLAs with SQL Server


Understand the benefits of SQL Server Failover Clustering and SQL Server availability groups.

# Agenda Day 1

## SQL Server Configuration And Database Maintenance

- What is SQL Server?
- SQL Server Service Accounts
- Windows Server Configuration
- SQL Server Configuration
- Database Configuration
- Database Maintenance

## Monitoring And Troubleshooting


- Monitoring Tools
  - Waits Methodology To Monitor Performance
  - Execution Plans
  - Query Store
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# Agenda Day 2

## Security – General

- Authentication and Authorization
- Row Level Security
- Dynamic Data Masking
- SQL Server Auditing

## Security - Encryption

- Backup Encryption
  - Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)
  - Encrypted Connections
  - Column Level Encryption
  - Always Encrypted
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# Agenda Day 3

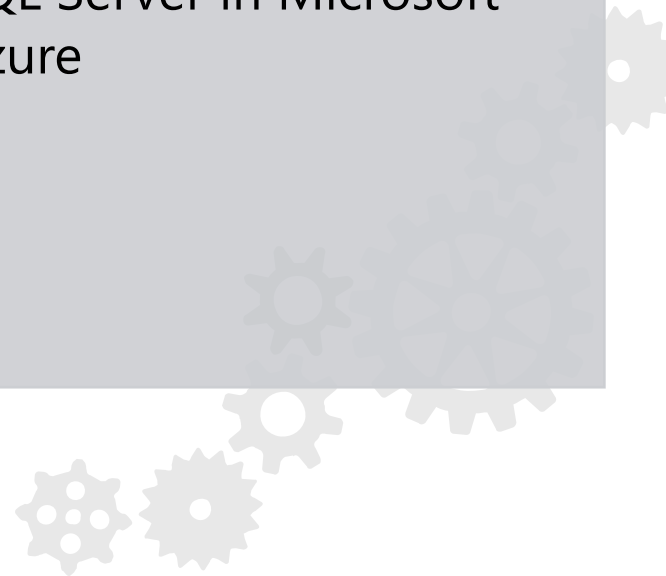
## SQL Server High Availability

- Defining High Availability and Disaster Recovery
- Introduction to Failover Cluster Instances
- Introduction to Availability Groups

## SQL Server Disaster Recovery

- Disaster Recovery
- Backups
- Restores
- Backup Features

## SQL Server Platform Choices

- SQL Server on Linux
  - SQL Server on Containers
  - SQL Server in Microsoft Azure
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# Follow-up workshops

SQL Server Performance Tuning and Optimization (4-days)

SQL Server Security Essentials (3-days)

SQL Server: Always On Availability Groups

- Setup and Configuration (3-days)
- Monitoring and Troubleshooting (3-days)

Azure SQL Database Essentials (3-days)

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# Get Ready to Participate

Close email and Update Status

Make it interactive

Check all equipment

Be Respectful of Others





# Attendee Introductions

Name

Job/Team/Specialty

Time Zone

Experience

Expectations



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# Connect to Lab environment

## Prerequisites and Overview

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Sign in with your Microsoft account

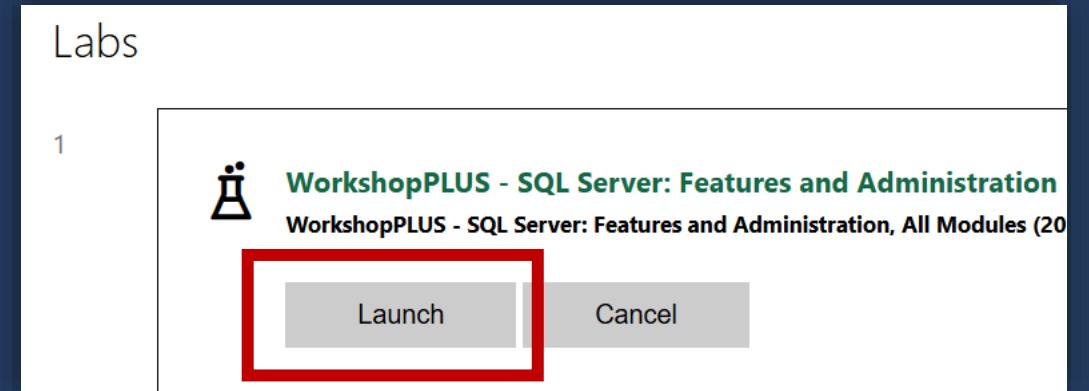
- Live ID or Azure ID
- If you do not have one, then create it here:
- <http://live.com>

Training Key

- WorkshopPLUS -> My Training (Select at the top)
- Select Redeem Training Key
- Enter Training Key

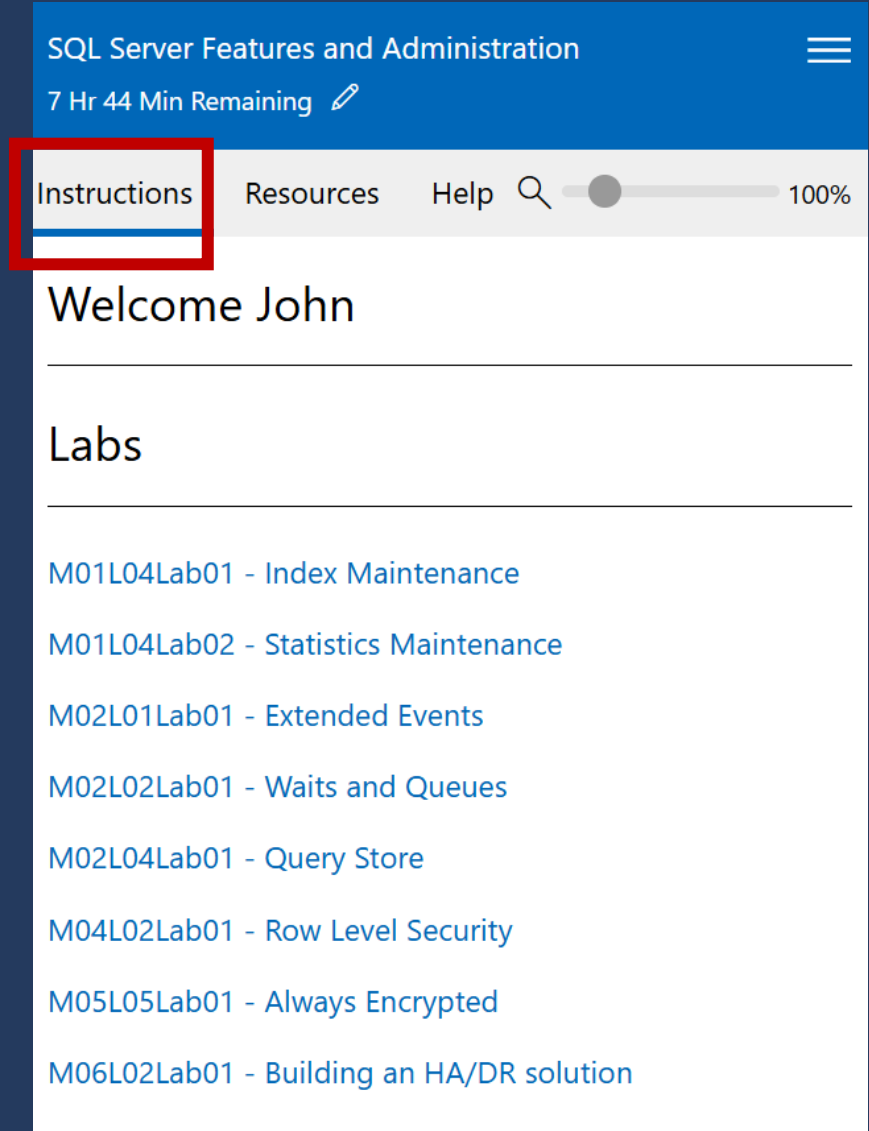
# Launch Lab

In the Labs section, click Launch



# Lab Instructions

The first page show the lab instructions.



The screenshot displays the 'SQL Server Features and Administration' interface. At the top, a blue header bar contains the title 'SQL Server Features and Administration' and a hamburger menu icon. Below the header, a status bar indicates '7 Hr 44 Min Remaining' with a pencil icon. A navigation bar below the status bar includes the 'Instructions' tab (highlighted with a red box), 'Resources', and 'Help' with a search icon. A progress slider is set to 100%. The main content area shows a 'Welcome John' message, followed by a 'Labs' section listing several lab topics: 'M01L04Lab01 - Index Maintenance', 'M01L04Lab02 - Statistics Maintenance', 'M02L01Lab01 - Extended Events', 'M02L02Lab01 - Waits and Queues', 'M02L04Lab01 - Query Store', 'M04L02Lab01 - Row Level Security', 'M05L05Lab01 - Always Encrypted', and 'M06L02Lab01 - Building an HA/DR solution'.

SQL Server Features and Administration

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Instructions Resources Help 100%

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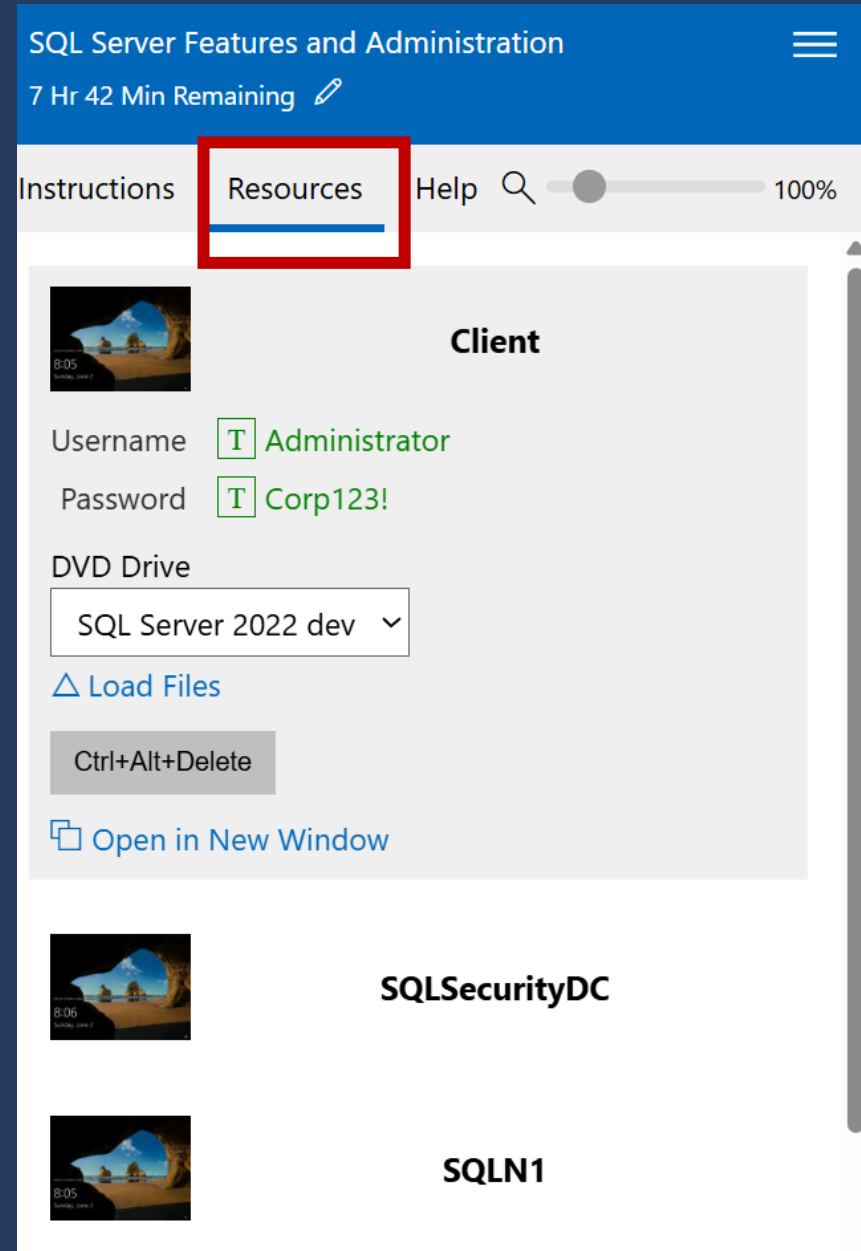
Labs

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- M04L02Lab01 - Row Level Security
- M05L05Lab01 - Always Encrypted
- M06L02Lab01 - Building an HA/DR solution

# Lab environment LOD

Click on the resources tab to switch between your virtual machines and to Login.

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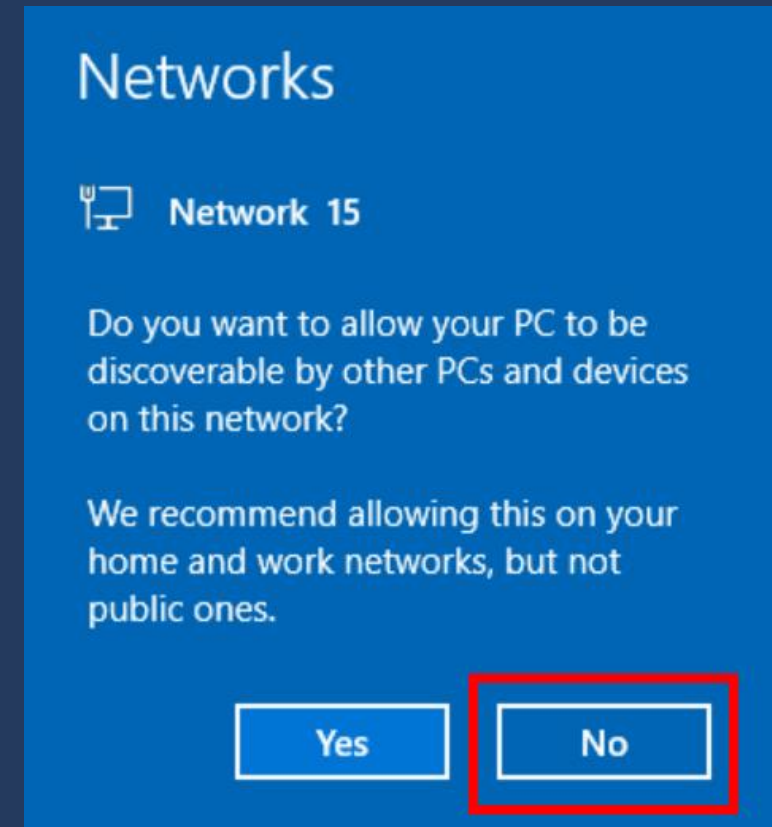




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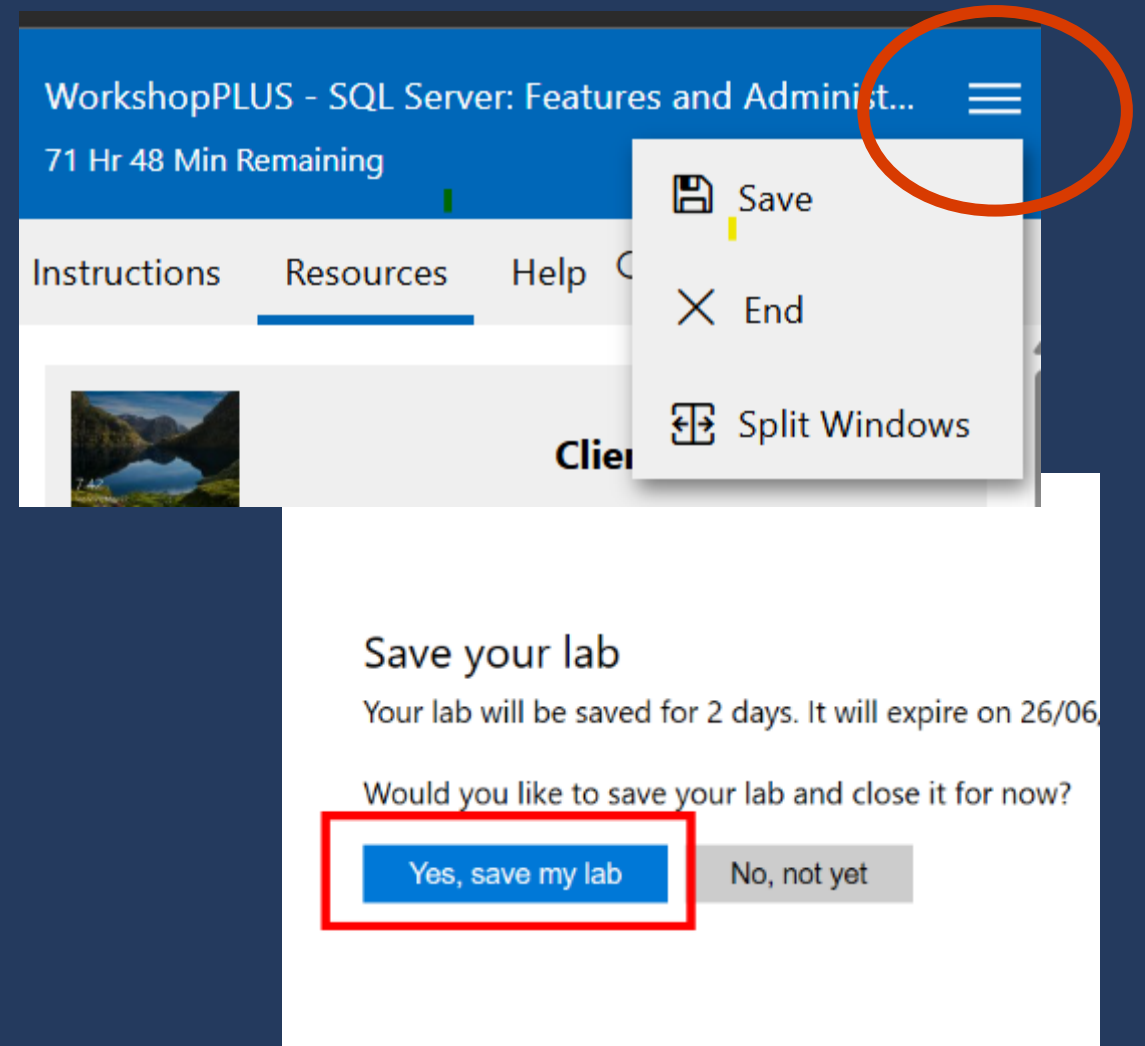
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# LOD Lab Time Remaining

Ensure you select Save before leaving the LOD environment. This pauses the time remaining to complete the Labs.



# Lab environment

You can also use the lightning bolt in the top left corner to paste code from outside your virtual machine into your lab environment.

