

Fast Focus: Common T-SQL Coding Mistakes and How to Fix Them

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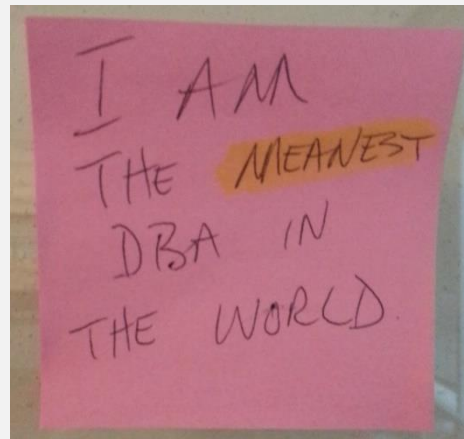
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Agenda

- Five Things to Look for in Poor Performing Code
- Different Methods for Gathering Metrics
- New SQL Server Features for Troubleshooting Query Performance

5 Things to Look For in Poor Performing Code

“It depends”

5 Thing to Look For in Poor Performing Code

- Cursors
- Stacked CTEs and Views
- User Defined Functions
- Subqueries
- Table Variable vs. Temp Table

5 Things to Look For in Poor Performing Code

- Cursors
 - NOT Set Based
 - RBAR (Row By Agonizing Row)
 - Alternatives
 - Correlated Subquery
 - Temp Table

5 Things to Look For in Poor Performing Code

- Stacked CTEs and Views
- Can be hard to troubleshoot
- Alternatives
 - Eliminate views from your
 - Temp tables

5 Things to Look For in Poor Performing Code

- User Defined Functions
 - Scalar Functions can perform poorly
 - Solution
 - Eliminate the use of the function

5 Things to Look For in Poor Performing Code

- Subqueries
 - Not always bad, but can be
 - Review code
 - Alternatives
 - Joins
 - Temp tables

5 Things to Look For in Poor Performing Code

- Table Variable vs. Temp Table
 - It depends
 - How many records are you pulling back?
 - Test both for performance
 - Data growth

Different Methods for Gathering Metrics

- Statistics
 - IO, Time, Profile
- Statistics Parser – Richie Rump
 - <http://statisticsparser.com/index.html>
 - Use for statistics analysis; Easy way to create graphics

Different Methods for Gathering Metrics

- Execution Plans
 - Graphical
 - XML
- How's My Plan – Daniel Janik
 - <http://www.howsmyplan.com/>
 - Analyze XML plans quickly, identifying issues and links to more info

New SQL Server Features for Troubleshooting Performance

- Query Store (SQL Server 2016+)
 - <https://bit.ly/2I8UWrr>
- Automatic Tuning (SQL Server 2017)
 - <https://bit.ly/2Bgr1sQ>

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Questions?

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Thank you



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