

# SQL Server 2016 / 2017

## New Features and Capabilities

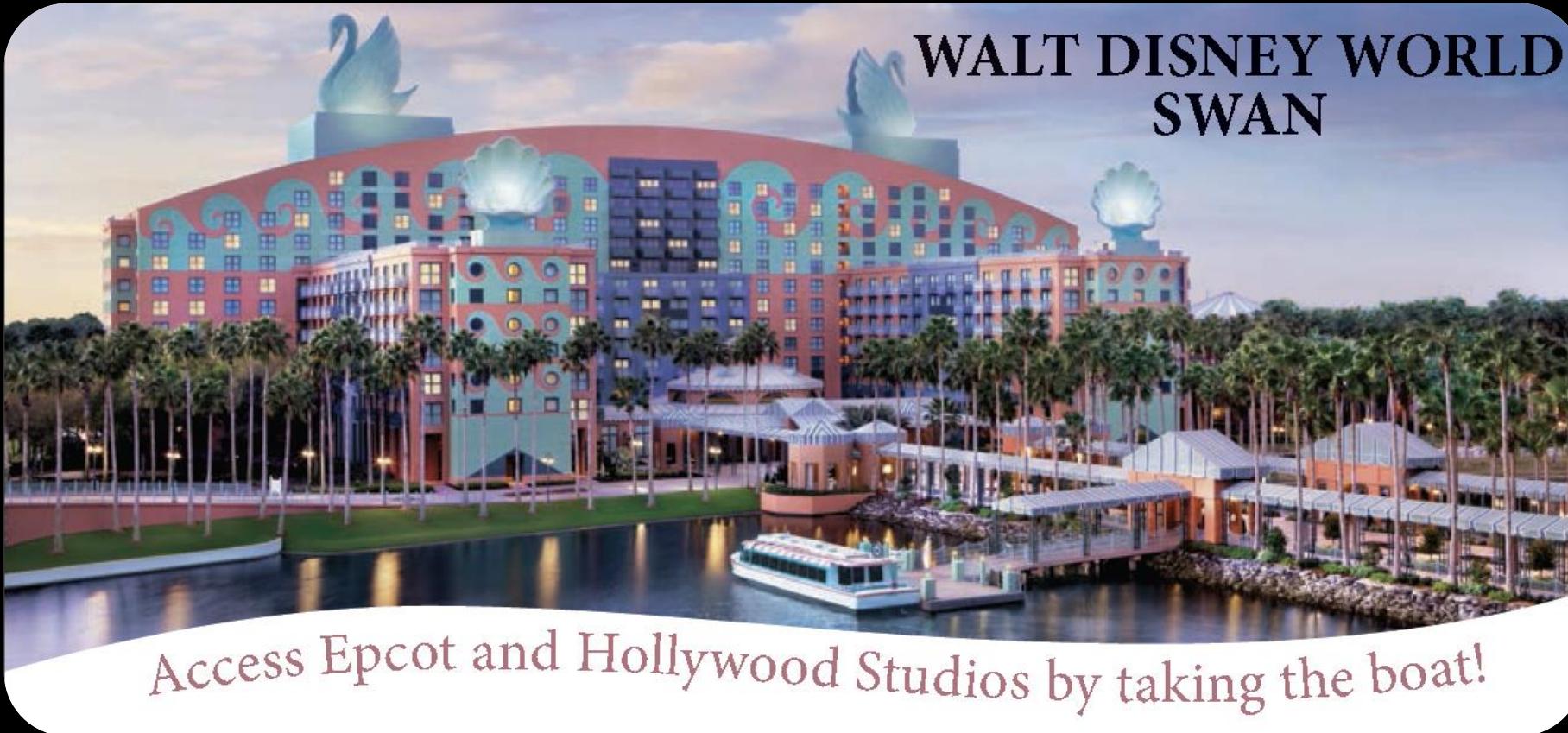
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  - Raffle at the end of the night  
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# Workshop Agenda

- **SQL Server 2016 / 2017 In-Memory OLTP & Columnstore Enhancements**
- **SQL Server 2016 / 2017 Monitoring and Tooling**
- **SQL Server 2016 / 2017 Optimizer Enhancements**
- **SQL Server 2016 / 2017 T-SQL & Developer Enhancements**
- **SQL Server 2016 / 2017 Security Improvements**

# SQL Server 2016: Everything Built-in

Industry leader in  
Mission Critical OLTP

**built-in**

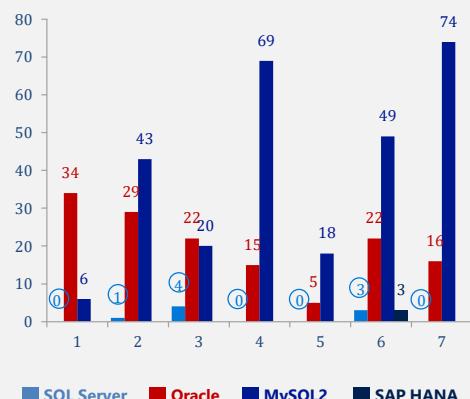
**2 year industry leader**



Most secure database  
7+ years in a row

**built-in**

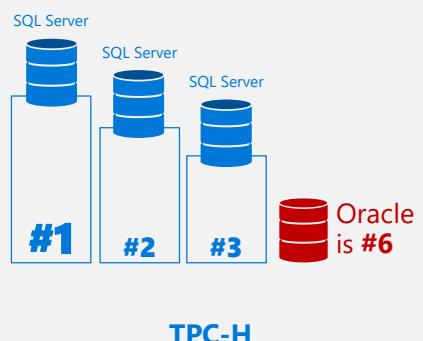
**Least vulnerable**



Highest performing  
data warehouse

**built-in**

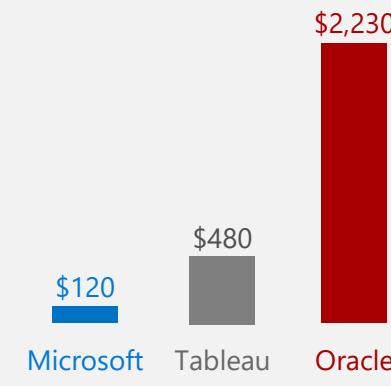
**#1 performance**



End-to-end mobile  
BI on any device

**built-in**

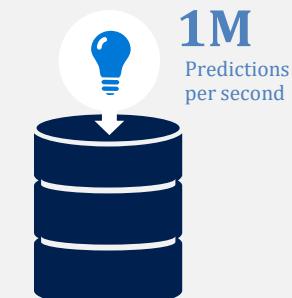
**A fraction of the cost**



In-database  
Advanced Analytics

**built-in**

**R + in-memory**



**at massive scale**

In-memory across all workloads



**Most consistent experience** from on-premises to cloud

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National Institute of Standards and Technology Comprehensive Vulnerability Database update 5/4/2015

TPC-H non-clustered results as of 04/06/15, 5/04/15, 4/15/14 and 11/25/13, respectively. [http://www.tpc.org/tpch/results/tpch\\_perf\\_results.asp?resulttype=noncluster](http://www.tpc.org/tpch/results/tpch_perf_results.asp?resulttype=noncluster)

# SQL Server 2017

INDUSTRY-LEADING PERFORMANCE AND SECURITY NOW ON LINUX AND DOCKER

## Choice of platform and language



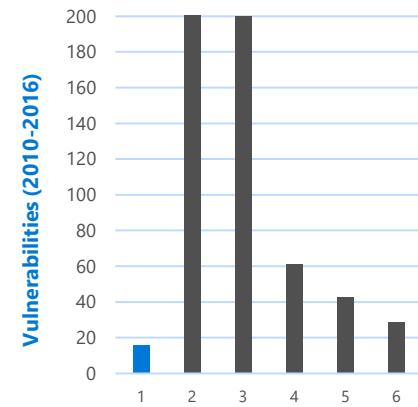
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T-SQL	PHP	
Java	Node.js	
C/C++	Python	
C#/VB.NET	Ruby	

## Industry-leading performance



- #1 TPC-H performance  
1TB, 10TB, 30TB
- #1 TPC-E performance
- #1 price/performance

## Most secure over the last 7 years

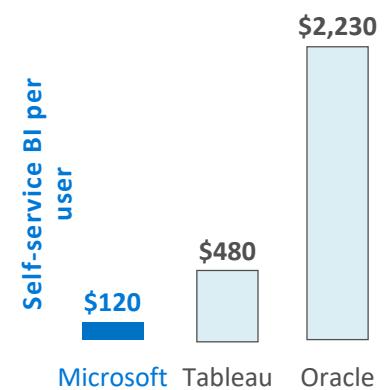


## Only commercial DB with AI built-in



R and Python + in-memory at massive scale

## End-to-end mobile BI on any device



A fraction of the cost

In-memory across all workloads

Private cloud



Most consistent data platform



Public cloud

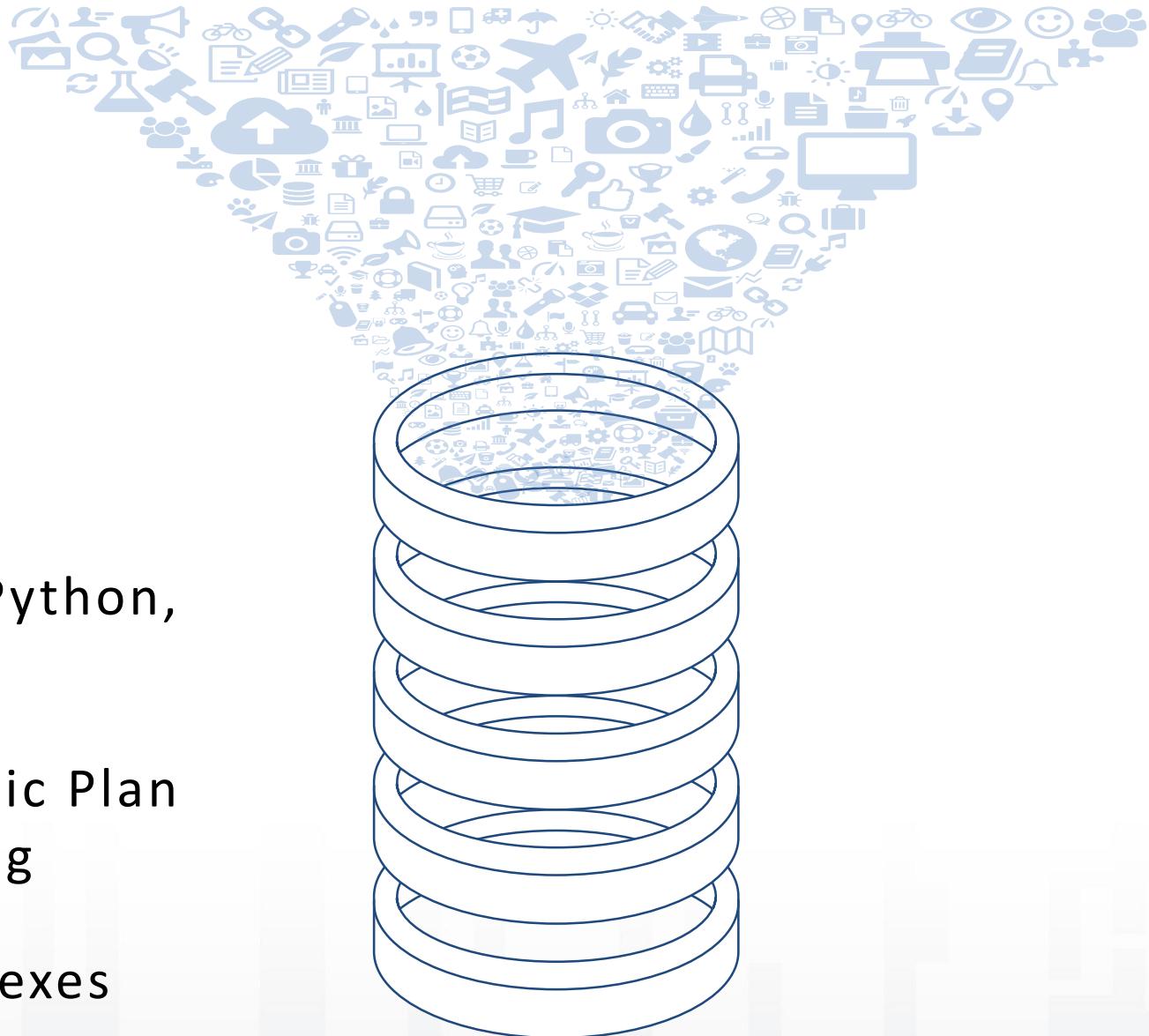
# SQL SERVER 2017

Analyze complex relationships with support for graph data

Advanced Machine Learning with R & Python, now with native T-SQL scoring

Continuous performance with Automatic Plan Correction & Adaptive Query Processing

Enhanced support for Columnstore indexes and In-memory OLTP



# SQL Server 2016 SP1+ Capabilities

- **SQL Server SP1 will allow developers and ISVs to build applications which scale across all editions of SQL Server**
- **Helps developers promote a consistent programming experience**
- **Core SQL Server OS features are available across Enterprise, Standard, Web, Express, and Local DB\***
- **New Features extended to lower Editions and DMVs**
- **Reference: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/database-engine/configure-windows/what-s-new-in-sql-server-2016-database-engine>**

# SQL Server 2016 RTM vs. SP1+ Capabilities

Feature	RTM				SP1			
	Standard	Web	Express	Local DB	Standard	Web	Express	Local DB
<b>Row-level security</b>	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Dynamic Data Masking</b>	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Change data capture*</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No*	No*
<b>Database snapshot</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Columnstore</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Partitioning</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Compression</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>In Memory OLTP</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**
<b>Always Encrypted</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>PolyBase</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Fine grained auditing</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Multiple filestream containers</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**

# Limitations of Standard Edition



Max 24 cores



MAXDOP of 2



Max 128GB memory



Max 25% of available  
server memory for  
InMemory operations



No pushdown  
filters for ColumnStore  
operations



No Polybase scale-out



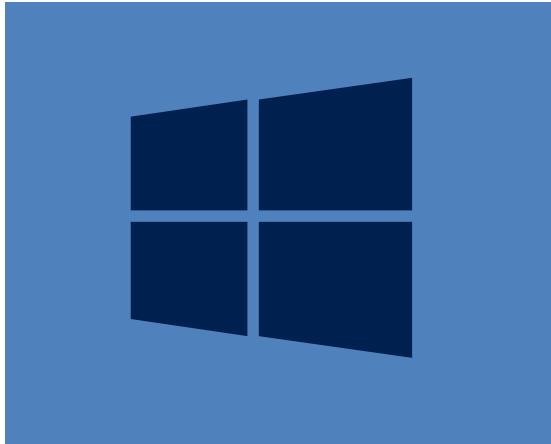
No R Services  
parallelism



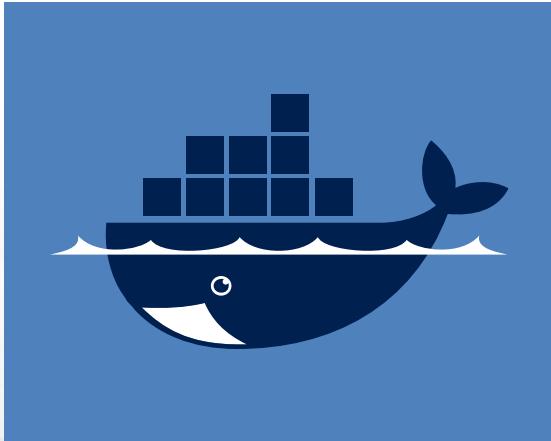
No Mobile BI

# Power of SQL Server on the Platform of your Choice

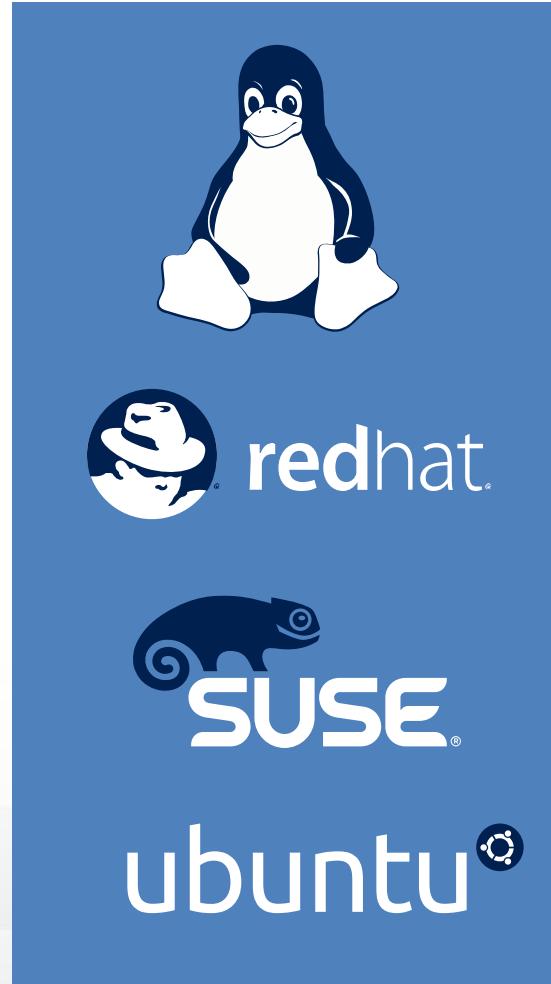
## Windows



Linux/Windows Container



## Linux



- Linux distributions including RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), Ubuntu, and SUSE Enterprise Linux (SLES)
- Docker: Windows & Linux containers
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/linux/quickstart-install-connect-docker>
- Windows Server / Windows 10
- Package-based installation, Yum Install, Apt-Get, and Zypper

# In-Memory OLTP

# In-Memory OLTP Overview

- **Technology introduced in SQL Server 2014**
- **Ensures all table data stays in memory at all times**
- **No locking or latching data structures**
- **Everything is organized based on rows**
  - Every table must have at least one index to tie rows into tables
- **Optimized for high-intensive and high-concurrency OLTP environments**
- **Significant improvements made in SQL Server 2016**

# How can In-Memory OLTP help you?

## Targeted for high-throughput OLTP systems

- Lots of short, quick transactions

## Very high concurrency requirements

- Locking and latching problems

## Transaction logging issues

- High WRITELOG waits, LATCH waits

# In-Memory OLTP Hash Indexes

- **New In-Memory OLTP Index**
- **Used exclusively for equality searches that produce small recordsets**
- **All index fields are required in predicate in order to be used**
- **No ability to perform sorting**
- **No ability to perform range-based searches**
- **Requires defining a `bucket_count` in order to size the Index array**

# Non Clustered (Range) Index

- **Similar in concept to traditional B-tree Indexes**
  - We call these “BW-tree” Indexes
- **Page structures are used to arrange data in a singular sorted order**
- **Traversal starts at a root page and eventually points to a leaf level page**
- **Index pages are never updated (unlike traditional B-tree indexes)**
  - In-place updates require latching
  - No doubly linked list – would require page updates

# Non Clustered (Range) Index cont.

- **Index page sizes may vary, but with a max size of 8K**
- **Great for Inequality (Range) based searches**
  - WHERE CreationDate >= '5/14/2015'
- **Allows for single direction sorting**
  - Traditional B-tree indexes allow for bi-directional sorting
  - We do not keep track of a “previous” page pointer – would require updates to the pages
- **No Bookmark/Key lookups with these Non Clustered Indexes**
  - The leaf level always points to a row of data

# In-Memory OLTP Logging

- Two table types: **Schema\_Only** and **Schema\_And\_Data**
- **Schema\_Only** table data does not survive a restart
- **Schema\_And\_Data** data is durable and must be saved to disk
- Durable table data is written to checkpoint-file pairs
  - Data is written sequentially to these files (as compared to on-disk)
- Index Modifications not written to the transaction log
- Schema\_Only table modifications not written to the transaction log

# In-Memory OLTP Enhancements

## ALTER support

- Full schema change support: add/alter/drop col
- Add/drop index supported

## Surface area improvements

- Almost full T-SQL coverage including scalar user-defined functions and triggers
- OUTPUT clause, NULLable key columns, UNIQUE indexes, Foreign Keys, Check Constraints

## Improved scaling

- Increased row size allowed for durable tables (>8060 bytes with or without LOB columns)
- Columnstore Indexes on In-Memory OLTP tables
- Parallel scans

## Statistics improvements

- Statistics Updated Automatically

# Altering natively compiled stored procedures

You can now perform ALTER operations on natively compiled stored procedures using the ALTER PROCEDURE statement

Use sp\_recompile to recompile stored procedures on the next execution

```
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.StoredProcedure
WITH
    NATIVE_COMPILATION, SCHEMABINDING,
    EXECUTE AS OWNER
AS BEGIN ATOMIC WITH
(
    TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL = SNAPSHOT,
    LANGUAGE = N'us_english'
)
SELECT c1, c2 FROM dbo.TableName
END
GO
```

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ALTER PROCEDURE dbo.StoredProcedure
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    LANGUAGE = N'us_english'
)
SELECT c1 FROM dbo.TableName
END
```



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# Greater Transact-SQL coverage

ALTER PROCEDURE  
(Transact-SQL)

Nested execution of  
natively compiled  
stored procedures

Outer joins

UNION ALL and  
UNION

Columnstore Indexes

Full Collation  
Support – BIN2  
collation no longer  
required for indexes  
on character columns

GROUP BY without  
aggregation  
functions in the  
SELECT clause

Natively compiled  
Scalar Functions and  
Triggers

# Natively Compiled Scalar User Defined Functions

- Can be used within Native Stored Procedures or in InterOp code
- Must include same Native Compilation constructs as Natively Compiled Stored Procedures

```
CREATE FUNCTION dbo.GetOrderDate
(
    @SalesOrderID INT
)
RETURNS DATETIME
WITH
    NATIVE_COMPILATION, SCHEMABINDING,
    EXECUTE AS OWNER
AS BEGIN ATOMIC WITH
(
    TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL = SNAPSHOT,
    LANGUAGE = N'us_english'
)
DECLARE @OrderDate DATETIME

SELECT @OrderDate = OrderDate
FROM dbo.SalesOrderMemOpt
WHERE OrderID = @SalesOrderID
RETURN(@OrderDate)
END
```

# Natively Compiled Triggers

- AFTER triggers
- Must include the same directives as Functions and Procedures
- Must target an In-Memory table if interacting with other tables

```
CREATE TRIGGER Production.tr_ProductInMem_Insert
ON Production.[Product_inmem]
WITH
    NATIVE_COMPILATION, SCHEMABINDING,
    EXECUTE AS OWNER
    AFTER INSERT
AS BEGIN ATOMIC WITH
(
    TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL = SNAPSHOT,
    LANGUAGE = N'us_english'
)
DECLARE @Rows INT, @OpType CHAR(1)
SELECT @Rows = COUNT(*) FROM INSERTED

INSERT INTO Production.InMemTracking
(RowsAffected, OptType)
SELECT @Rows, 'I'

END
```

# Additional 2016 In-Memory OLTP Enhancements

- Transparent Data Encryption support
- Nullable Index Key columns
- LOB types
- UNIQUE indexes
- Foreign Key and Check Constraints
- AFTER triggers
- Parallel Scans
- Auto-update of Statistics

# Demo

## Natively Compiled Objects

# Columnstore Indexes

# What is a Columnstore Index?

Index that stores data in a columnar fashion (as opposed to a rowstore)

- We typically think of normal indexes as rowstore (b-tree) indexes

Highly compressed - great for operating on large sets of data

- For analytics – can be an order of magnitude better performance as opposed to B-tree indexes

Makes great use of multiple processor machines

- Batch Execution is used to process multiple rows at the same time

Two types: Clustered and nonclustered

- Much different than their rowstore based counterparts

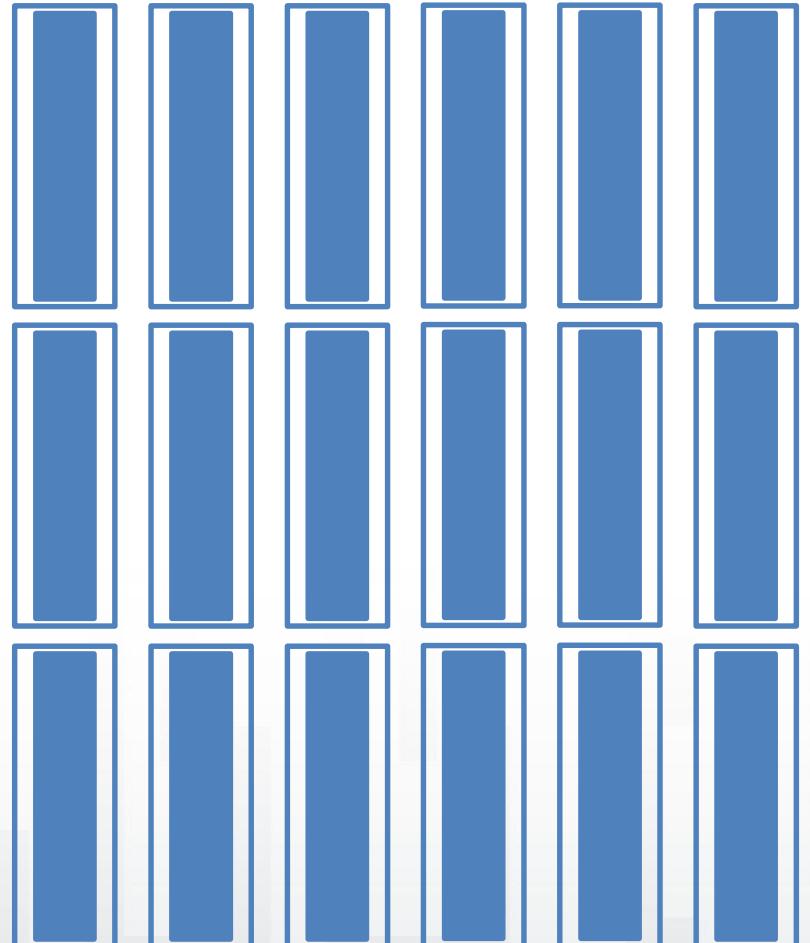
# Columnar Data Storage

- **Highly compressed – common data type**

- Columns often have repeating data – which makes it easy to compress
  - More data fits in memory
  - Efficient IO from disk to memory

- **Each column can be accessed independently**

- Fetch only columns that are needed
  - Can dramatically decrease I/O



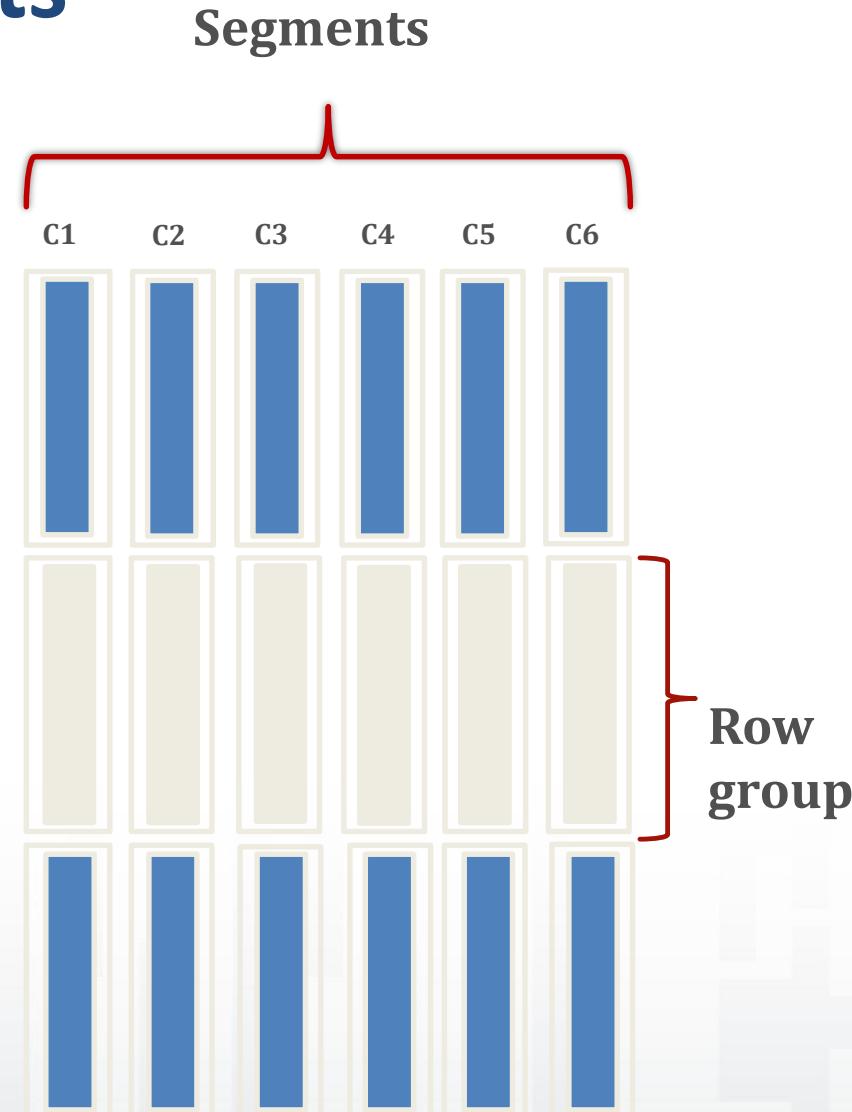
# Row Groups & Segments

## Segment

- A segment contains values for one column for a set of rows (typically around 1M rows)
- Segments are compressed and LOB stored
- Segment (LOB) is unit of transfer between disk and memory

## Row group

- Segments for the same set of rows
- The position of a value in a column indicates to which row it belongs



# Columnstore Target Workloads

## Data Warehouse – write once, read often

- Aggregation and filtering are common on large data sets

## OLTP Applications (new to 2016)

- Run expensive analytical queries against OLTP workload
- Changes allow for mixture of b-tree indexes and columnstore indexes
- Filtered NC columnstore indexes are great for analytics

# Clustered Columnstore Indexes

- **Columnstore Index IS the table**
  - Similar in concept to a B-tree Clustered Index
- **High rates of compression – smaller disk footprint**
- **Introduced in SQL Server 2014**
  - In 2014 – could be the only index structure – no B-tree indexes allowed
  - This is fixed in SQL Server 2016

# Nonclustered Columnstore Indexes

- **Introduced in SQL Server 2012**
  - Made the table readonly
- **Separate data structure from the table data**
- **No “index key columns” – include all columns that queries may include in large scan operations**
- **In SQL Server 2016 – table is now writeable when a non-clustered Columnstore index is created on table**

# What's New SQL Server 2016 Columnstore Index

- **Updateable non-clustered Columnstore indexes**
  - One per normal B-tree table
  - This index can have a filtering condition
- **Multiple b-tree indexes on Clustered Columnstore Tables**
- **An In-Memory table can have one Columnstore index**
- **Constraints available on a Clustered Columnstore table through B-tree indexes**
- **Columnstore Indexes support RCSI and Snapshot Isolation**
- **Columnstore Indexes available on AG secondaries**
- **Specify Columnstore Indexes when creating tables**

# Use filtered indexes to minimize CS overhead

- Create a **filtered index** so the NC CSI index contains “warm” data and the rowstore contains “hot data”
- When the QO chooses the **filtered CS index**, the query will return the correct results even when the results contain rows that do not meet the filtered condition.

```
CREATE TABLE t_account (
    accountkey int PRIMARY KEY,
    accountdescription nvarchar (50),
    accounttype nvarchar(50),
    unitsold int
);

CREATE NONCLUSTERED COLUMNSTORE INDEX account_NCCI
ON T_account (accountkey, accountdescription, unitsold)
WHERE accountkey > 0

SELECT SUM( unitsold )
FROM t_account
WHERE accountkey >=0 AND accountkey < 1000
```

# Columnstore Maintenance & Query Improvements

- Reorganize can be used on CS indexes to remove deleted rows
- Better batch mode execution support for aggregation functions in queries
- Single threaded queries using MAXDOP 1 can execute in batch mode

# Columnstore on in-memory tables

## SQL Server 2016

You can create **columnstore index** on empty table  
All columns must be included in the columnstore

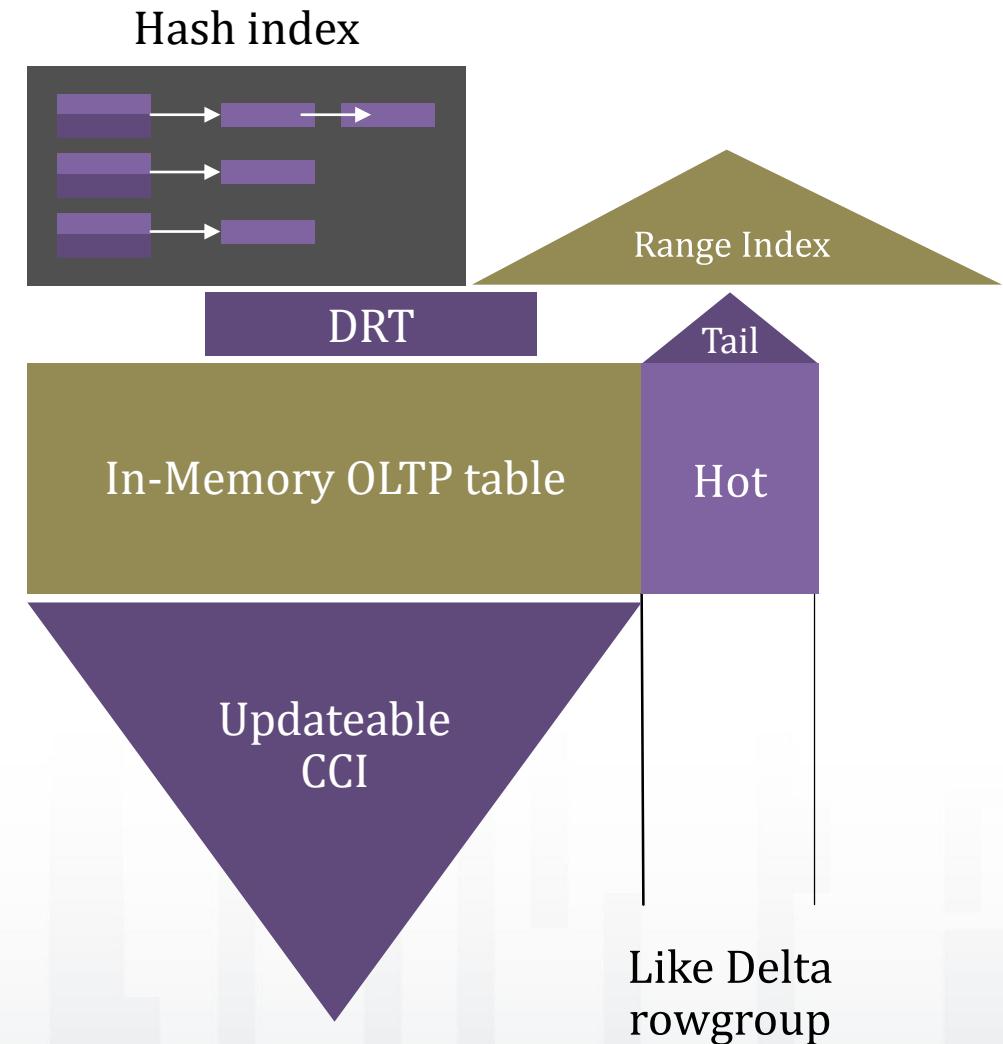
## No explicit delta rowgroup

- Rows (tail) not in columnstore stay in in-memory OLTP table  
No columnstore index overhead when operating on tail

Background task migrates rows from tail to columnstore in chunks of 1 million rows not changed in last 1 hour.

## Deleted Rows Table (DRT) – Tracks deleted rows

Columnstore data fully resident in memory  
Persisted together with operational data



# Demo

# Columnstore Indexes

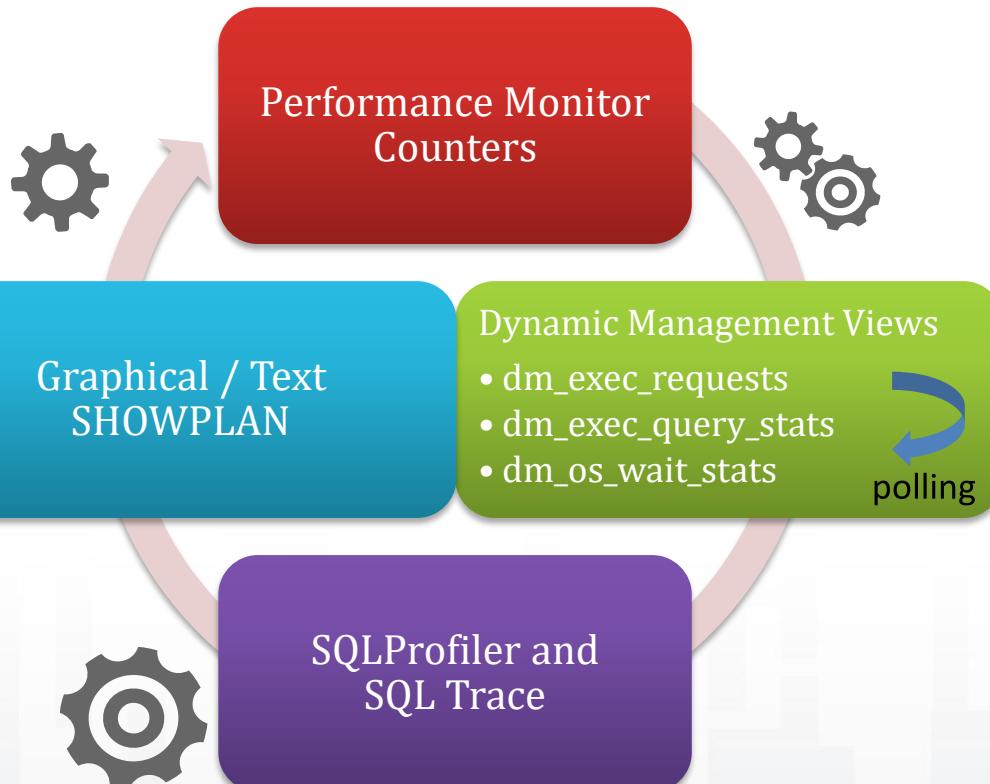
# SQL Server Management Studio

## Monitoring and Tooling

# SQL Server 2016/2017 Monitoring and Tooling

Full SQLTrace  
Parity+ since  
2012

## Traditional Troubleshooting



Extended Events is scalable

Query Store is persisted and improving

Performance Dashboard Reports

Live Query Statistics

Lightweight Query Profiling

Expanded Query Plan Diagnostics

SSMS Dump Analysis (Preview)

# Getting all context info in Showplan: Waits

Shows top waits from  
sys.dm\_exec\_session\_wait\_stats

WaitStats		
WaitCount	1049	[1]
WaitTimeMs	1	
WaitType	RESERVED_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_	
WaitCount	1347	[2]
WaitTimeMs	2	
WaitType	MEMORY_ALLOCATION_EXT	
WaitCount	6	[3]
WaitTimeMs	31	
WaitType	PAGEIOLATCH_SH	
WaitCount	19	[4]
WaitTimeMs	154	
WaitType	ASYNC_NETWORK_IO	

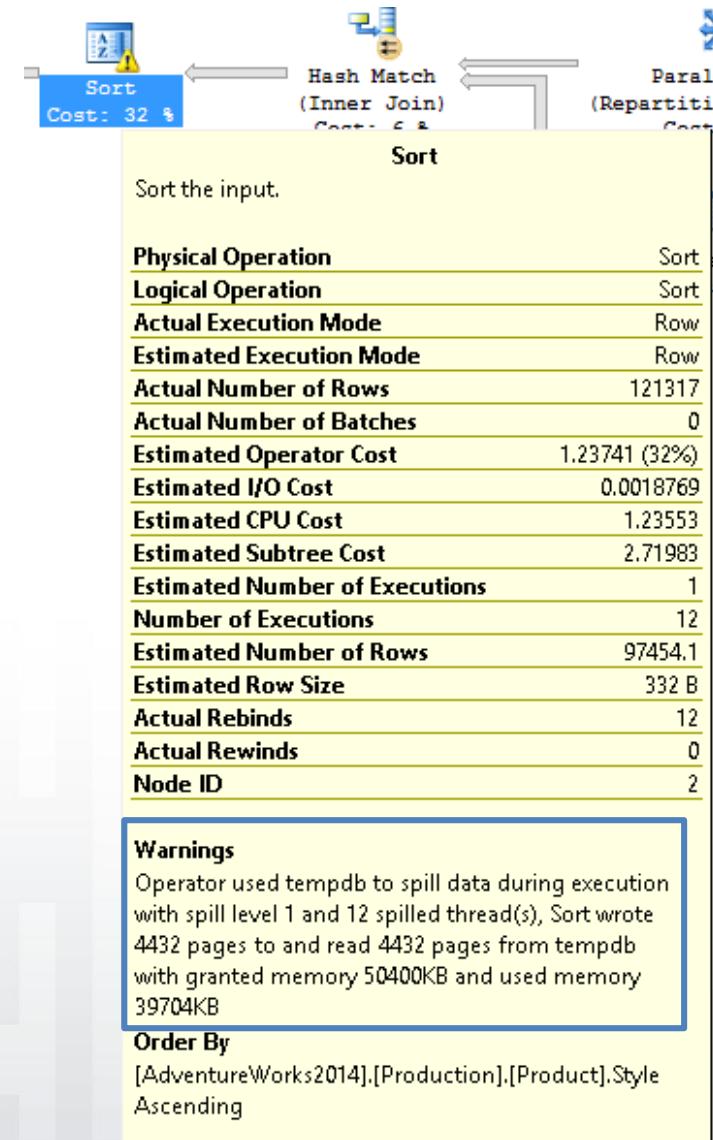
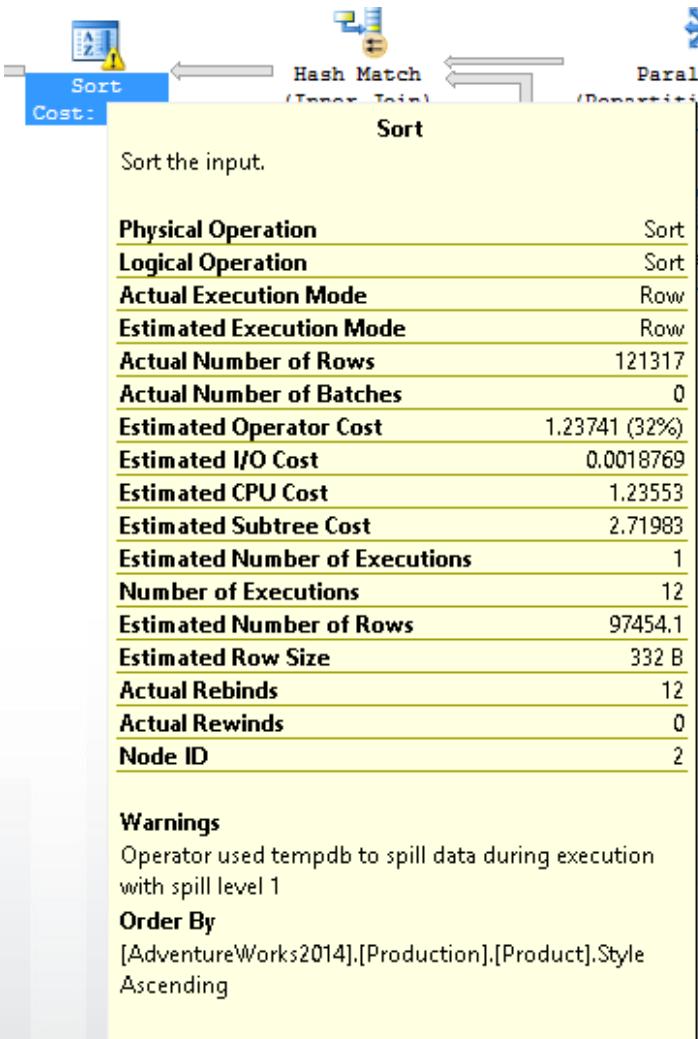
# Getting all context info in Showplan: Parameter Data Types

Easier detection of type conversion issues

Parameter List	@CustomerID, @State	
[1]	@CustomerID	
Column	@CustomerID	
Parameter Data Type	int	
Parameter Runtime Value	(29401)	
[2]	@State	
Column	@State	
Parameter Compiled Value	'WA'	
Parameter Data Type	char(2)	
Parameter Runtime Value	'WA'	

# New Spills Warnings - Sort

- Up to SQL Server 2016
- SQL Server 2016 and 2014 SP2



# Demo

## Performance Monitoring and Tools in SQL Server 2017

- SSMS and Performance Dashboard Reports
- Analyze Single Execution Plan
- XE Profiler
- SSMS Dump Analysis (Preview)

“A Bad Plan is not the one which failed, but the one which succeeded at the Greatest Cost.”

*Anonimous DBA*

# Plan Guides



# Why Use Plan Guides?

- Useful for tuning queries generated by 3<sup>rd</sup> party applications
- Plan guides work by keeping a list of queries on the server, along with the **Hints** you want to apply
- You need to provide SQL Server with the query you want to optimize and a query hint using the **OPTION** clause
- When the query is optimized, SQL Server will apply the hint requested in the plan guide definition

# Plan Guides Stored Procedures

- Use the **sp\_create\_plan\_guide** stored procedure to create a plan guide
- Use **sp\_control\_plan\_guide** to drop enable or disable plan guides
- You can see which plan guides are defined in your database using the **sys.plan\_guides** catalog view
- Note: When Using Plan Guides, you must match Query Text and Parameter Names exactly

# Query Store

# Query and Query Plan Fingerprints

- Query Fingerprint
  - `query_hash`
  - Explicitly identifies a specific query in the cache.
  - `sys.dm_exec_requests`
  - `sys.dm_exec_query_stats`
- SQL Handle
  - `sql_handle`
  - Token for the SQL text that relates to a batch.
  - `sys.dm_exec_sql_text`
  - `sys.dm_exec_query_stats`
  - `sys.dm_exec_query_memory_grants`
- Query Plan Fingerprints
  - `query_plan_hash`
  - Useful to determine queries that share the same execution plan.
  - Can be used to determine if the query plan has changed.
  - `sys.dm_exec_requests`
  - `sys.dm_exec_query_stats`
- Plan Handle
  - `plan_handle`
  - Token for a cached execution plan.
  - `sys.dm_exec_query_plan`
  - `sys.dm_exec_cached_plans`

# When performance is not good...

- Database is not working

Website / App  
is down



- Impossible to predict / root cause

Temporary  
Perf. issues



- Regression caused by upgrade

System  
Upgrade



Plan choice change can cause these problems

# What are your options today?

- **Most solutions are reactive in nature**

- Flush the bad plan from the cache with `sp_recompile`
  - Flush the entire plan cache with `DBCC FREEPROCCACHE`
  - Force the plan to recompile every time
  - Restart OS / SQL Server (It works for some reason?)

- **Proactive solutions are challenging**

- Often takes a long time to even detect there is a plan problem
  - Only the latest plan is stored in the cache
  - Need to catch both the good and the bad plan in order to troubleshoot
  - Information is stored in memory only
    - Reboot or memory pressure causes data to be lost
    - No history or timing available – stats are aggregated for what is currently in cache

# Why Plan Changes Happen..

- SQL Query Optimizer considers many plans
- When a plan is chosen, it is cached and reused
- As your data changes, it might select a different plan as optimal
- Volume and Data Distribution can affect plan choices
- Sometimes a rare plan choice will be cached  
**(The Parameter Sensitive Plan Problem)**

# Addressing Plan Choice Regressions

- **First You Have to find the “Slow” Query**
- **Figuring out Why it is slow isn’t Easy**
- **You may not have enough information to fix it**
- **Even if you do know what it is supposed to be...**
  - Can you modify the query to hint it?
  - Can you figure out how to make a plan guide?

# Tackling the Problem – What Could We Do?

1. Store the history of plans for each query
2. Baseline the performance of each plan over time
3. Identify queries that have “gotten slower recently”
4. Find a way to force plans quickly and easily
5. Make sure this works across server restarts, upgrades, and query recompiles

This is what the Query Store does for you!

# Introducing the Query Store

- Plan store persists execution plans per database
- Runtime stats store persists execution statistics per database
- New views and graphical interface allow you to quickly and easily troubleshoot query performance
  - Quickly find query plan performance regressions
  - Fix plan regressions by forcing a previous plan
  - Determine the number of times a query was executed in a given time window
  - Identify Top N Queries in the past X hours
  - Audit the history of query plans for a given query
  - Analyze the resource usage patterns for a particular database

# Key Usage Scenarios

Find and fix  
query plan  
regressions

Identify top  
resource  
consumers

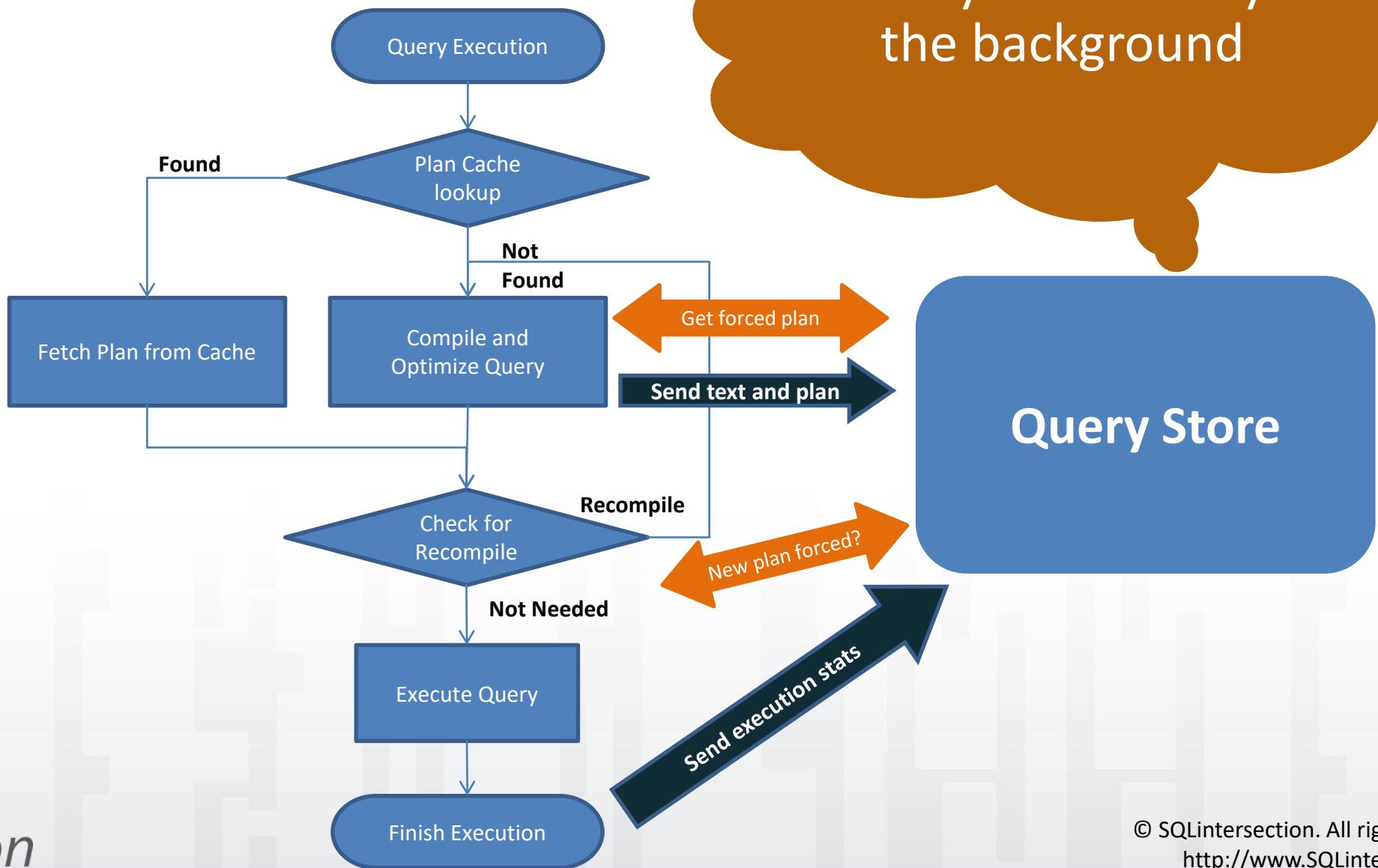
Reduce risks  
with server  
upgrade

Deep analysis  
of workload  
patterns/perf

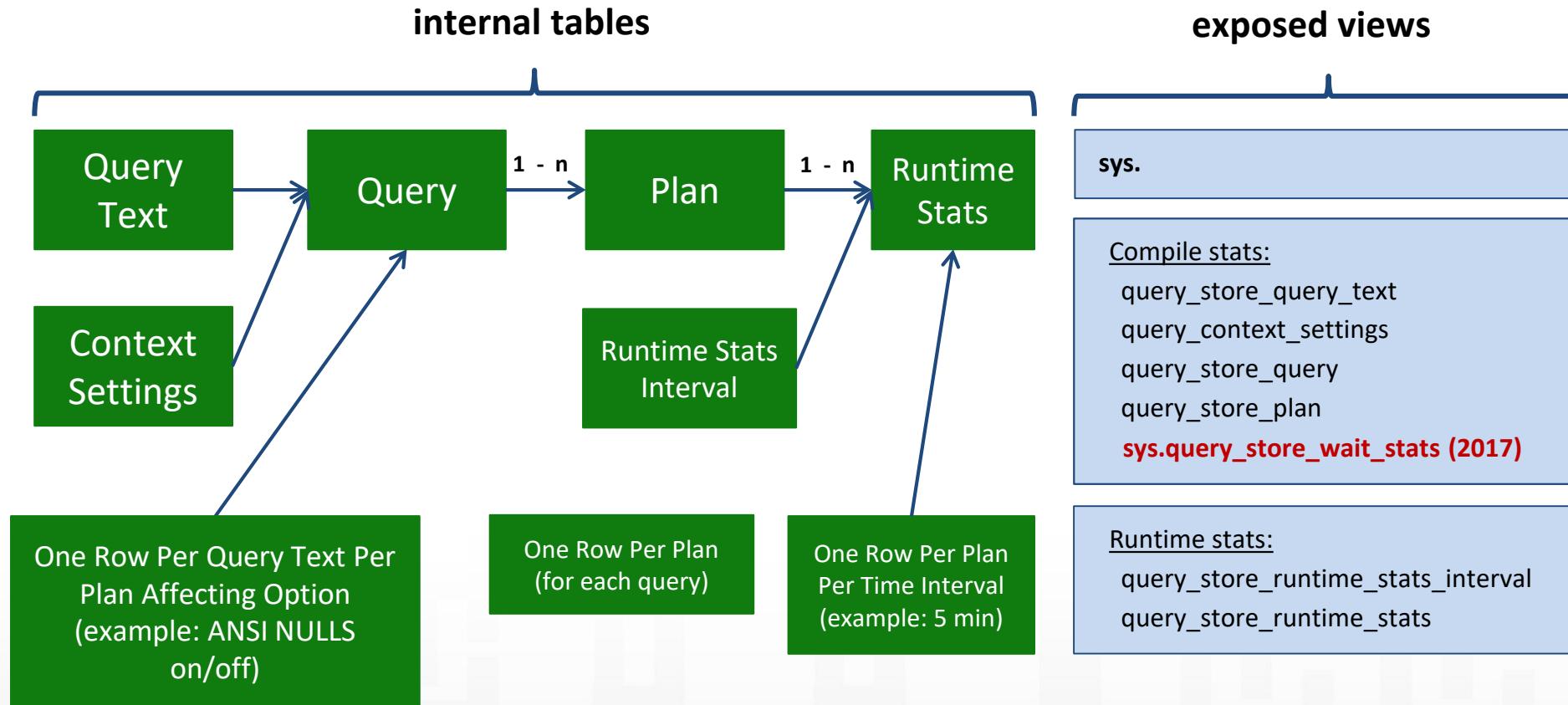
Short-term / Tactical

Long-term / Strategic

# SQL Query Execution



# Query Store Schema Explained



# Query Store Details

- **Plans and execution data are stored on disk in the user database**
  - Query store data persists reboots, upgrades, restores etc.
  - Plans and statistics are tracked at the database level rather than the server level
- **Query Store is configurable**
  - Settings such as MAX\_SIZE\_MB, QUERY\_CAPTURE\_MODE, CLEANUP\_POLICY allow you to decide how much data you want to store for how long
  - Can be configured either via the SSMS GUI or T-SQL scripts
- **Query Store can be viewed and managed via scripting or SSMS**

# What does Query Store Track?

- **Query Texts start at the first character of the first token of the statement; end at last character of last token**
  - Comments before/after do not count
  - Spaces and comments inside \*do\* count
- **Context\_settings contains one row per unique combination of plan-affecting settings**
  - Different SET options cause multiple “queries” in the Query Store
  - Plan caching/recompilation behavior unaffected

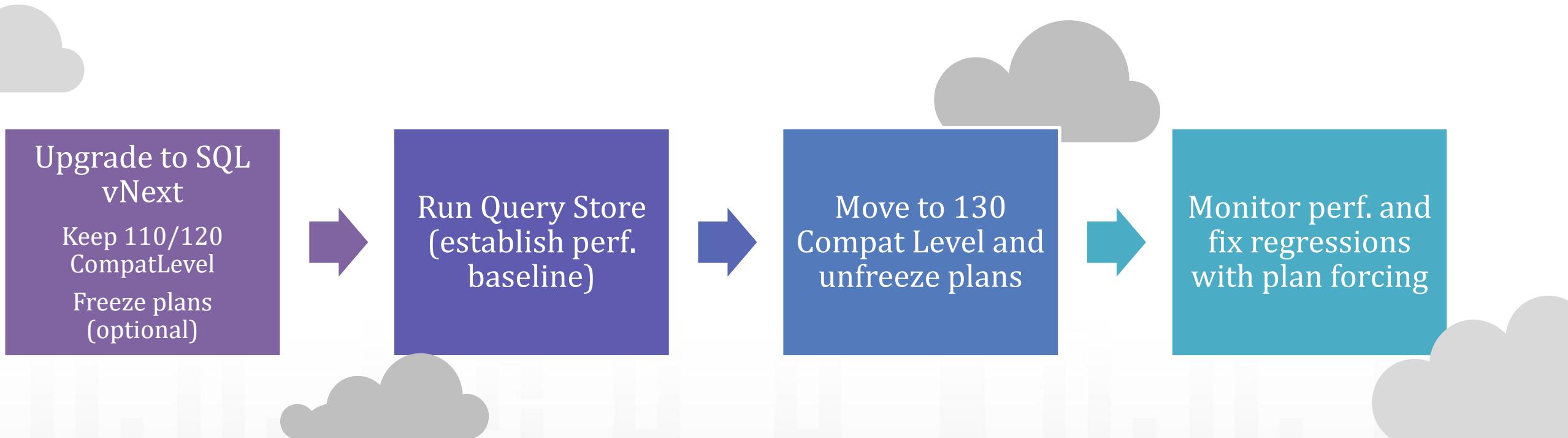
# Demo

## Enabling Query Store and Query Store Properties

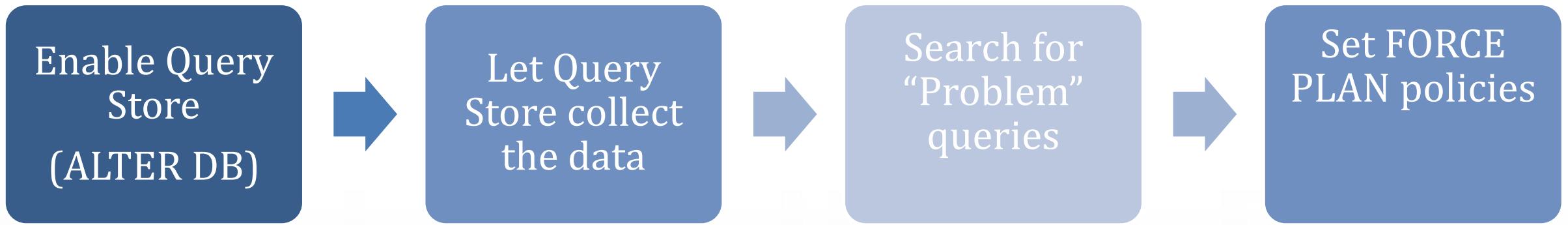
# What Gets Captured?

- **Query Texts**
- **Query Plans**
- **Runtime Statistics (per unit of time, default 1 hour)**
  - Count of executions of each captured plan
  - For each metric: average, last, min, max, stddev
  - Metrics: duration, cpu\_time, logical\_io\_reads, logical\_io\_writes, physical\_io\_reads, clr\_time, DOP, query\_max\_used\_memory, rowcount
  - Data is recorded when a query execution *ends*

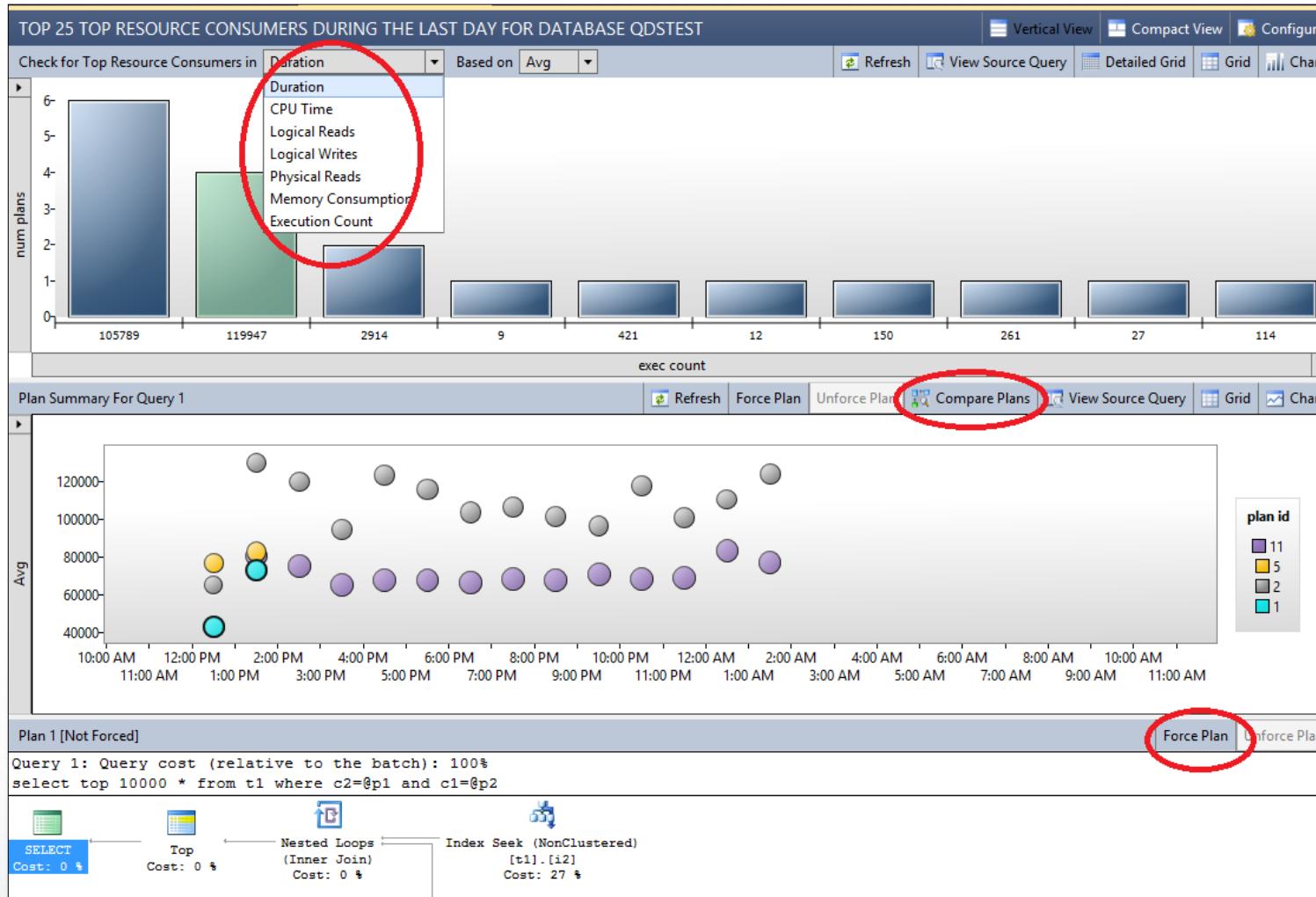
# Keeping Stability while Upgrading to SQL Server 2016/2017



# Troubleshooting with Query Store



# Monitoring Performance with Query Store



- The Query Store feature provides DBAs with insight on query plan choice and performance

# Working with Query Store

```
/* (6) Performance analysis using Query Store views*/
SELECT q.query_id, qt.query_text_id, qt.query_sql_text,
SUM(rs.count_executions) AS total_execution_count
FROM
sys.query_store_query_text qt JOIN
sys.query_store_query q ON qt.query_text_id =
q.query_text_id JOIN
sys.query_store_plan p ON q.query_id = p.query_id JOIN
sys.query_store_runtime_stats rs ON p.plan_id = rs.plan_id
GROUP BY q.query_id, qt.query_text_id, qt.query_sql_text
ORDER BY total_execution_count DESC

/* (7) Force plan for a given query */
exec sp_query_store_force_plan
12 /*@query_id*/, 14 /*@plan_id*/
```

```
/* (4) Clear all Query Store data */
ALTER DATABASE MyDB SET QUERY_STORE CLEAR;

/* (5) Turn OFF Query Store */
ALTER DATABASE MyDB SET QUERY_STORE = OFF;
```

- **DB-level feature exposed through T-SQL extensions**
- **ALTER DATABASE**
- **Catalog views (settings, compile & runtime stats)**
- **Stored Procs (plan forcing, query/plan/stats cleanup)**

# Troubleshooting Query Store

- **Plan forcing does not always work**
  - Example: If you drop an index, you can't force a plan that uses it
- **Query Store will revert to not forcing if it fails**
  - This keeps the application working if the hint breaks
- **You can see which plans are failing to force by looking at the Plan Table:**
  - There is also a report option in the latest SSMS 17.x

```
SELECT * FROM sys.query_store_plan  
WHERE is_forced_plan = 1 AND  
force_failure_count > 0
```

# Demo

## Using Query Store in SQL Server 2016 / 2017

# Queries with Forced Plans in SQL Server 2017

Query Store

- Regressed Queries
- Overall Resource Consumption
- Top Resource Consuming Queries
- Queries With Forced Plans**
- Queries With High Variation
- Tracked Queries

Waits Reports Coming Soon!

Queries With Forc...dventureWorks16] # X

Adventure Works

base AdventureWorks2016

Plan summary for query 469. Time period: Last month ending at 5/2/2017 11:11 PM

Plan Id

- 622
- 1795
- 1821

Force Plan Unforce Plan

Query cost (relative to the batch): 100%

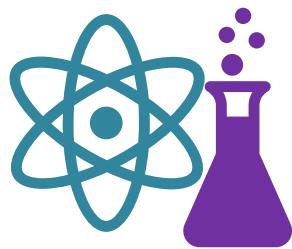
```
select p.object_id as object_id from ((select o.object_id as object_id, ct.dep_id as dep_id, sum(m.used_bytes) as used_memory_current from sys.objects$ o inner join sys.syssingleobjrefs c
```

The screenshot shows the SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) interface for the Query Store. On the left, a navigation pane lists various monitoring categories, with 'Queries With Forced Plans' highlighted by a red box. A large orange starburst graphic with the text 'Waits Reports Coming Soon!' overlaps this area. To the right, the main window displays a 'Plan summary' for query 469 over the last month. It includes a scatter plot of average wait times (Avg) versus time, with data points colored by plan ID (622, 1795, 1821). Below the summary is a detailed 'Execution Plan' diagram for the selected query, showing the flow of data through various operators like SELECT, Stream Aggregate, Nested Loops (Inner Join), Sort, and Table Valued Function, along with their costs.

# Demo

## Query Store in SQL Server 2017

- Query Store Waits
- Queries with Forced Plans
- Queries with High Variations



# SQL Server 2017 – Modern and Intelligent



Query Store – Wait Stats and “Cloud Learnings”



Automatic Tuning and Plan Correction

Query Plan Analysis in SSMS

Adaptive Query Processor

# SQL Server 2017 – Query Store Improvements

- **New Query Store Reports**
- **Automatic Tuning Feature Support**

```
ALTER DATABASE AdventureWorks2017  
    SET AUTOMATIC_TUNING ( FORCE_LAST_GOOD_PLAN = ON );
```

- **DBCC CLONEDATABASE flushes statistics while cloning to avoid missing query store runtime statistics**

- **New DMVs**
  - sys.query\_store\_wait\_stats
  - sys.dm\_db\_tuning\_recommendations
  - sys.database\_automatic\_tuning\_mode
  - sys.database\_automatic\_tuning\_options

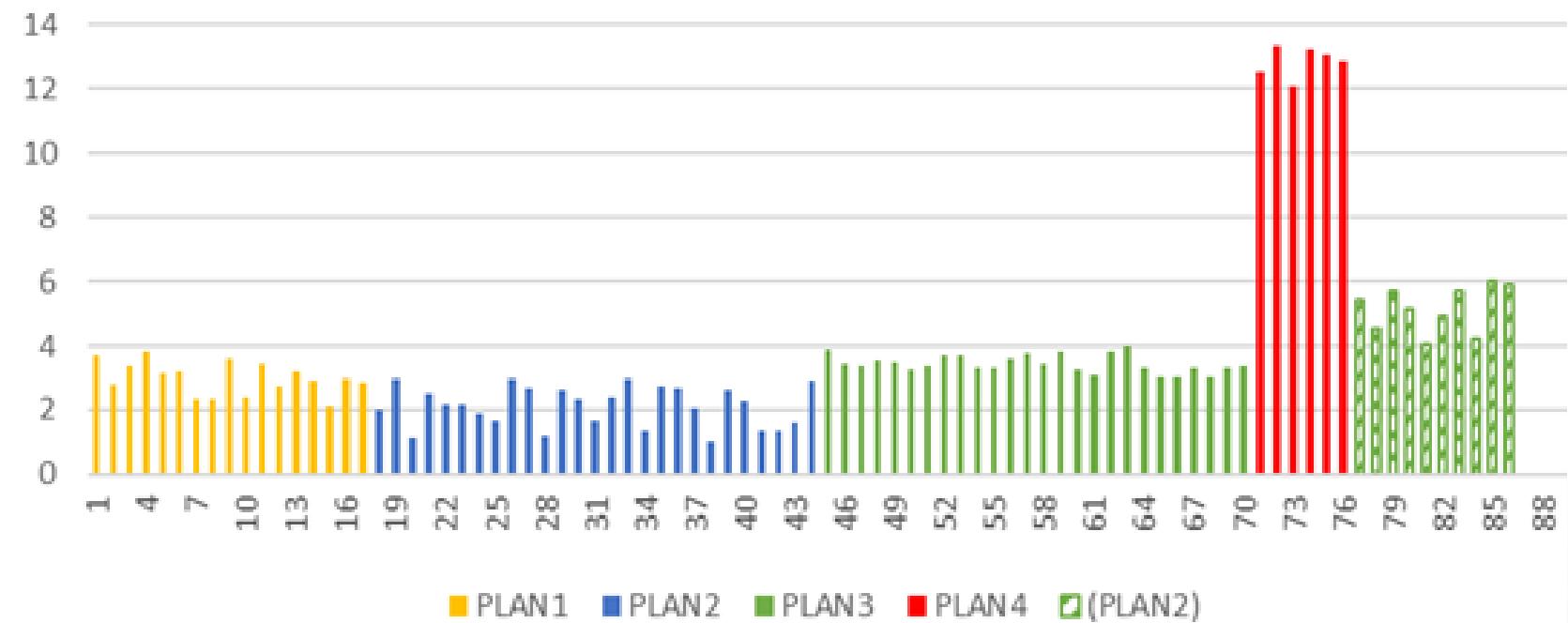
# SQL Server 2017 Automatic Tuning

```
ALTER DATABASE CURRENT  
SET AUTOMATIC_TUNING (FORCE_LAST_GOOD_PLAN = ON);
```

Detect with **dm\_db\_tuning\_recommendations** and force manually

Turn on Auto and system corrects

Reverts back to  
“Last Known Good”



Perfect to help with parameter sniffing

# Demo

## Automatic Tuning in SQL Server 2017

# Adaptive Query Processing

# Risks of Misestimation



Slow Query  
Response Time Due  
to Bad Plans



Excessive Resource  
Utilization  
(CPU, Memory, IO)



Reduced Throughput  
and Concurrency



T-SQL Refactoring  
for Off-Model  
Statements

# Adaptive Query Processing (SQL Server 2017)

## Interleaved Execution

- Materialize estimates for multi-statement table valued functions (MSTVF)s
- Downstream operations will benefit from the corrected MSTVF cardinality estimate

## Batch-mode Memory Grant Feedback

- Adjust memory grants based on execution feedback
- Remove spills and improve concurrency for repeating queries

## Batch-mode Adaptive Joins

- Defer the choice of hash join or nested loop until after the first join input has been scanned
- Uses nested loop for small inputs, hash joins for large inputs

# Demo

## Adaptive Query Processing

- Interleaved Execution
- Batch-Mode Memory Grant Feedback
- Batch-Mode Adaptive Join

# Live Query Statistics

# SQL Server 2014+ Query Progress Estimation



Limited feedback  
mechanism for query  
execution progress

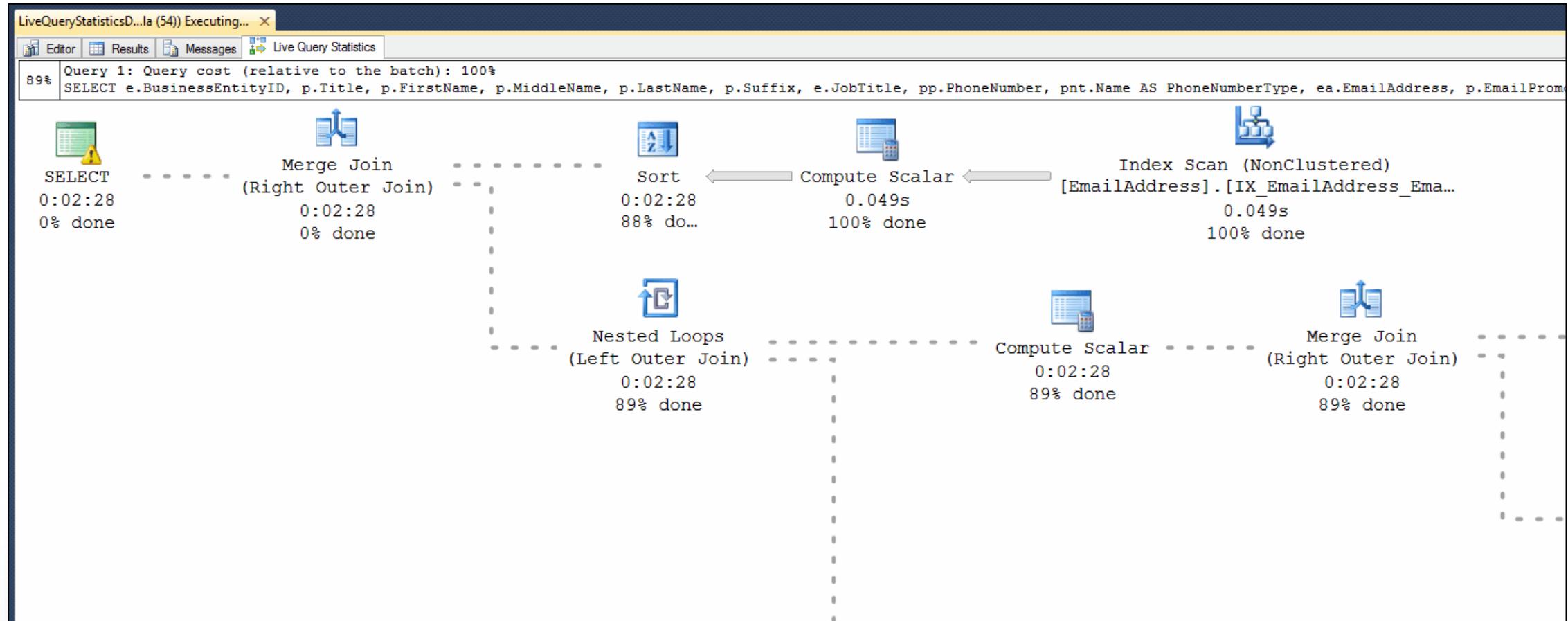


Very difficult to get insight into  
long running queries



Estimated Query plans  
do not contain any  
run-time information  
  
Actual row counts, memory  
grant usage, execution time  
warnings

# Introducing Live Query Execution Plans!



# Monitor Currently Executing Queries

SQLServ1 - Activity Monitor   X LiveQueryStatisticsD...la (54) Executing...

Overview

Processes

Resource Waits

Data File I/O

Recent Expensive Queries

Active Expensive Queries

Query	Session Id	CPU (ms/sec)	Database	Elapsed Time	Physical Reads/sec	Writes	Logical Reads/sec	Row Count	Allocated Memory	Used Memory	Required Memory
SELECT e.BusinessEntityID, p.Title, p.FirstName, ... 54	108566	AdventureWorks2014	108603	0	236	3683687	1	115520	7056	1024	

Edit Query Text

Show Live Execution Plan

Show Execution Plan

# Live Query Statistics Lightweight Profiling

- **Enable 7412** - Enables the lightweight query execution statistics profiling infrastructure
- **Much lower overhead for examining Live Query Statistics (Only 2% in 2016 SP1+)**
  - 3.5% overhead in 2014 SP2 / 2016+
  - <http://aka.ms/traceflags>

# Temporal Tables

# Temporal Tables in SQL Server 2016

Track change  
to table data  
automagically

Triggers are  
NOT used to  
keep track of  
data changes

Return data  
from a table  
AS OF a  
specific point  
in time

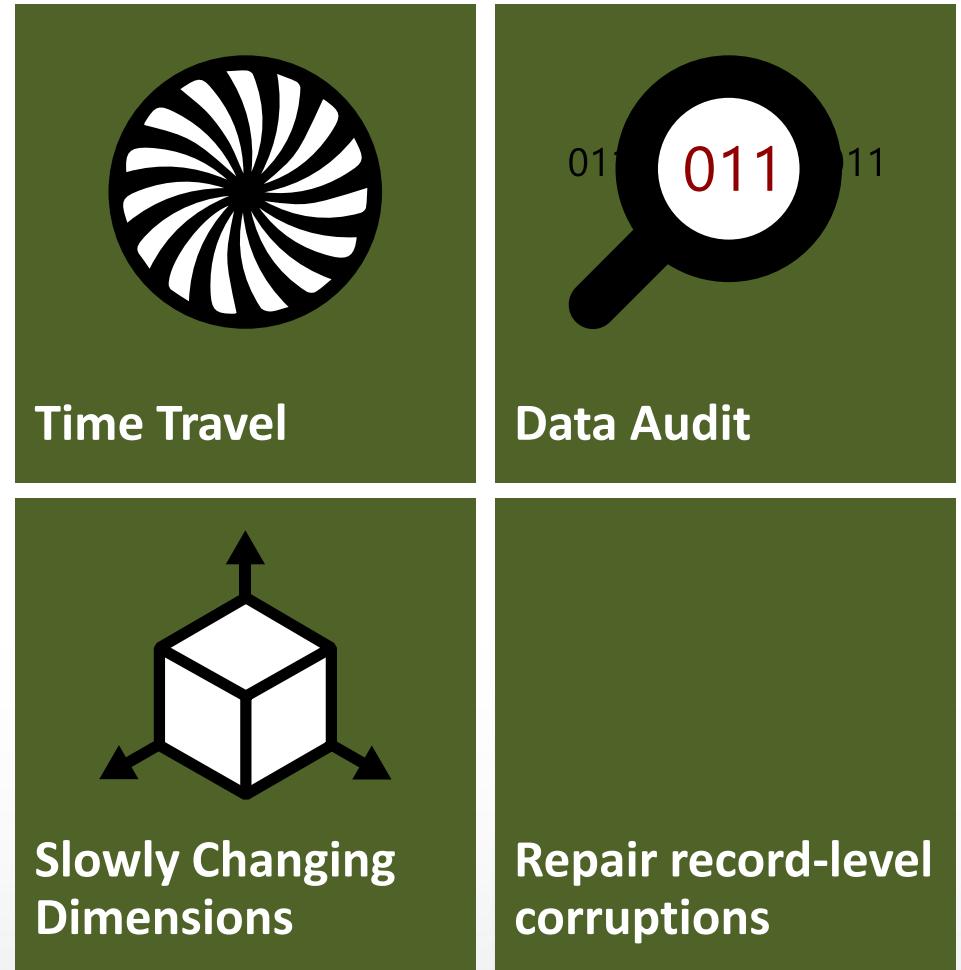
When a table  
is tracked, a  
second table  
is used to  
keep  
historical data

Great for  
consumption  
for Data  
Warehouses  
and/or  
auditing

Query the  
base table and  
return  
historical data  
transparently

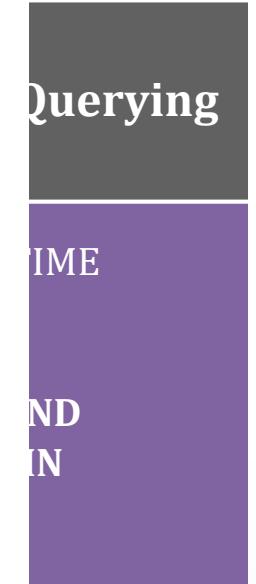
# What is Temporal?

- **Real data sources are dynamic**
- Historical data may be critical to business success
- Traditional databases fail to provide required insights
- **Workarounds are...**
- Complex, expensive, limited, inflexible, inefficient
- **SQL Server 2016 makes life easy**
- No change in programming model
- Return data as it existed at a certain point in time



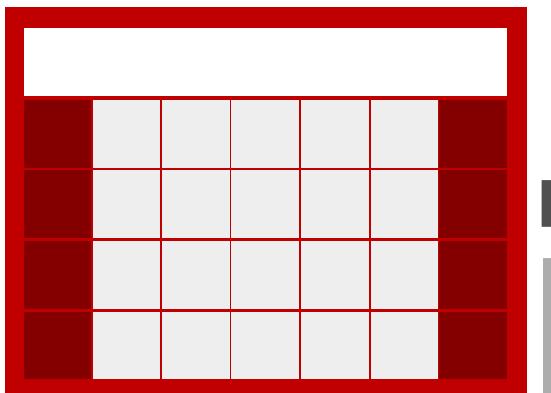
# Getting Started with Temporal

```
CREATE TABLE dbo.Customer
(
    CustomerID int NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED,
    PersonID int NULL,
    StoreID int NULL,
    TerritoryID int NULL,
    AccountNumber nvarchar(25),
    SysStartTime datetime2 GENERATED ALWAYS AS ROW START NOT NULL,
    SysEndTime datetime2 GENERATED ALWAYS AS ROW END NOT NULL,
    PERIOD FOR SYSTEM_TIME (SysStartTime, SysEndTime)
)
WITH (SYSTEM_VERSIONING = ON)
GO
```



# How System Time Works

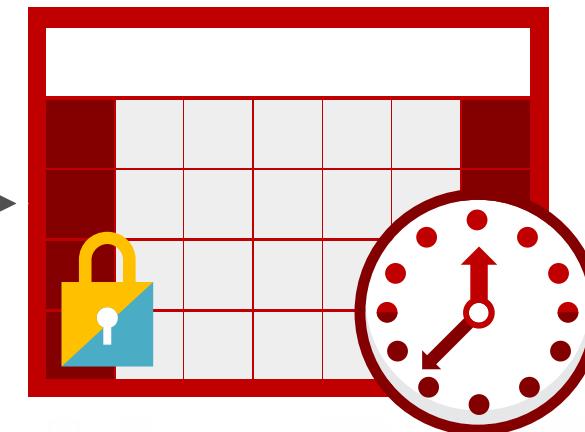
Temporal Table (Actual Data)



\* Old versions



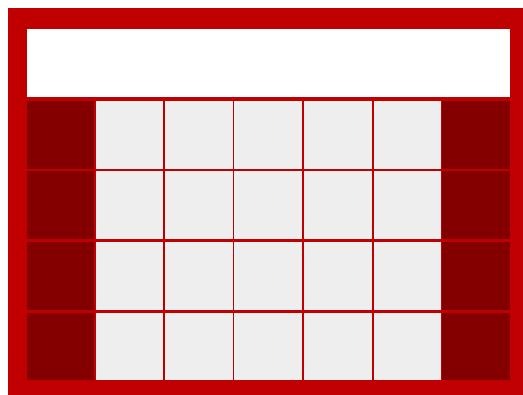
History Table



Update \*/ Delete \*  
Insert / Bulk Insert

# How System Time Works

Temporal Table (Actual Data)



History Table



\* Include Historical Version

Regular Queries  
(Current Data)



```
SELECT *
FROM dbo.Customer
FOR SYSTEM_TIME AS OF '2016-03-01 18:20:26.3997304'
WHERE CustomerID = 1
```

# Demo

# Temporal Tables

# Development and Admin Enhancements

# Backup and Restore Tracing

- A new XE for backup and restore progress
- Replaces trace flags
- Allows you to keep track of how long each step in the process takes

SQL2016CTP\CTP22 - backup: Live Data X		
Displaying 31 Events		
name	timestamp	trace_message
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4766428	BACKUP DATABASE started
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4766670	Opening the database with S lock
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4767182	Acquiring bulk-op lock on the database
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4767266	Synchronizing with other operations on the database is complete
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4823734	Opening the backup media set
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4836808	The backup media set is open
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4837417	Preparing the media set for writing
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4971657	The media set is ready for backup
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4971770	Effective options: Checksum=0, Compression=0, Encryption=0, BufferSize=8192
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.4972152	Clearing differential bitmaps
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.5341285	Differential bitmaps are cleared
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:38.5341356	Writing a checkpoint
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:39.2769770	Checkpoint is complete (elapsed = 742 ms)
backup_restore_progress_trace	2015-09-10 01:45:39.2770236	Start LSN: 47:202:176, SERepl LSN: 0:0:0

# New Cardinality Estimation

- Estimate of number of rows returned by each operation
- Based on Statistics metadata
- Fixed estimates (assumptions) when no histograms are available
- Query optimization is inherently unpredictable and very sensitive to cardinality estimations
- Cardinality estimation influences the cost, which is an indicator of response time
- Poor estimations can result in inefficient plans

# Why Change Cardinality Estimation?

## Business Case

- CE engine was the same since 7.0
- Many changes under trace flag ([Trace flag 4199 for Optimizer](#))
- Goal was to architecturally enhance the quality of cardinality estimation for a broad range of queries and workloads: OLTP, DW and DSS
- Create better plans for most cases, especially complex queries
- Make performance smoother and more predictable

## Ramifications

- Can result in worse plans in edge cases
- Can be disabled, New CE is side-by-side.

# New Memory Grant Hints

## ■ **MAX\_GRANT\_PERCENT**

- The maximum memory grant size in PERCENT. The query is guaranteed not to exceed this limit. The actual limit can be lower if the resource governor setting is lower than this.

## ■ **MIN\_GRANT\_PERCENT**

- The minimum memory grant size in PERCENT = % of default limit. The query is guaranteed to get MAX(required memory, min grant) because at least required memory is needed to start a query.

# Maintenance Plans

- More options in Maintenance plans that were previously only available in TSQL
- Database Integrity Checks – options for Physical Only and Tablock
- Rebuild Indexes – option for defining lock priority for online rebuild
- Backup Database – specify block size and max transfer size

# More tempdb!

- **Supports caching data with automatic, multiple TempDB files per instance in multi-core environments**
- **Reduces metadata and allocation contention for TempDB workloads, improving performance and scalability**
  - Better scanning algorithms for metadata contention
  - Less exclusive latching and more shared latching for allocations
- **Trace Flags 1117 and 1118 behavior enabled automagically for tempdb**
  - Only applied for tempdb by default – not all use databases

# Online Operations

- **ALTER COLUMN** – now happens as an **online operation rather than a blocking operation**
  - Uses online Index rebuild infrastructure
- **TRUNCATE WITH PARTITIONS**

# New ALTER DATABASE Options

- **LEGACY\_CARDINALITY\_ESTIMATION**
- **PARAMETER\_SNIFFING**
- **FOR SECONDARY**
- **QUERY\_OPTIMIZER\_HOTFIXES**
- **MAXDOP**
- **CLEAR PROCEDURE\_CACHE**
- **AUTOGROW\_SINGLE\_FILE**
- **AUTOGROW\_ALL\_FILES**
- **MIXED\_PAGE\_ALLOCATION**

# New TSQL Functionality

- **SPLIT\_STRING**
- **STRING\_ESCAPE**
- **AT TIME ZONE**
- **SESSION\_CONTEXT**
- **DROP IF**

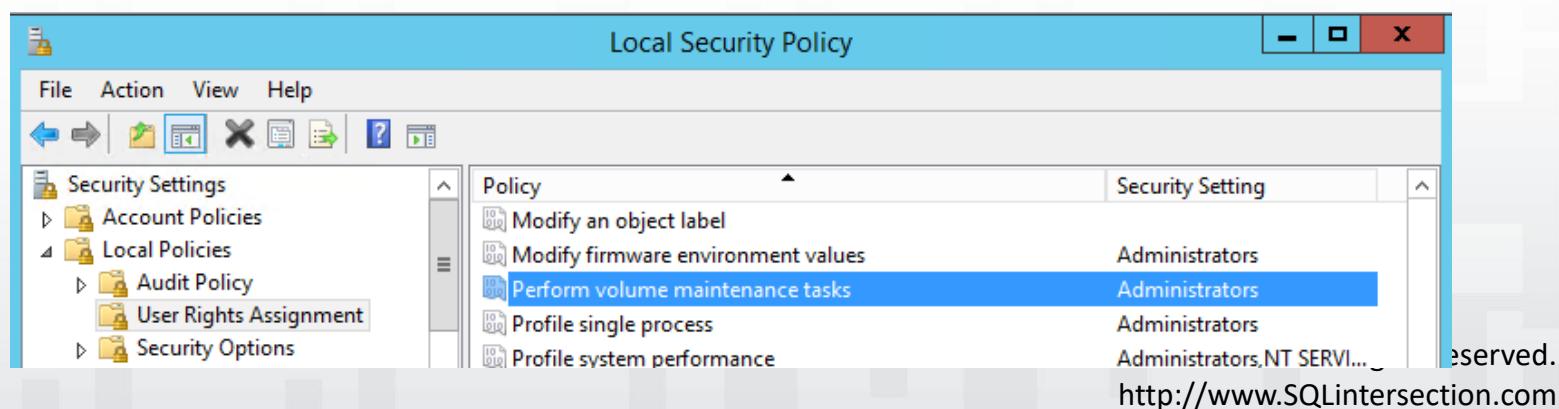
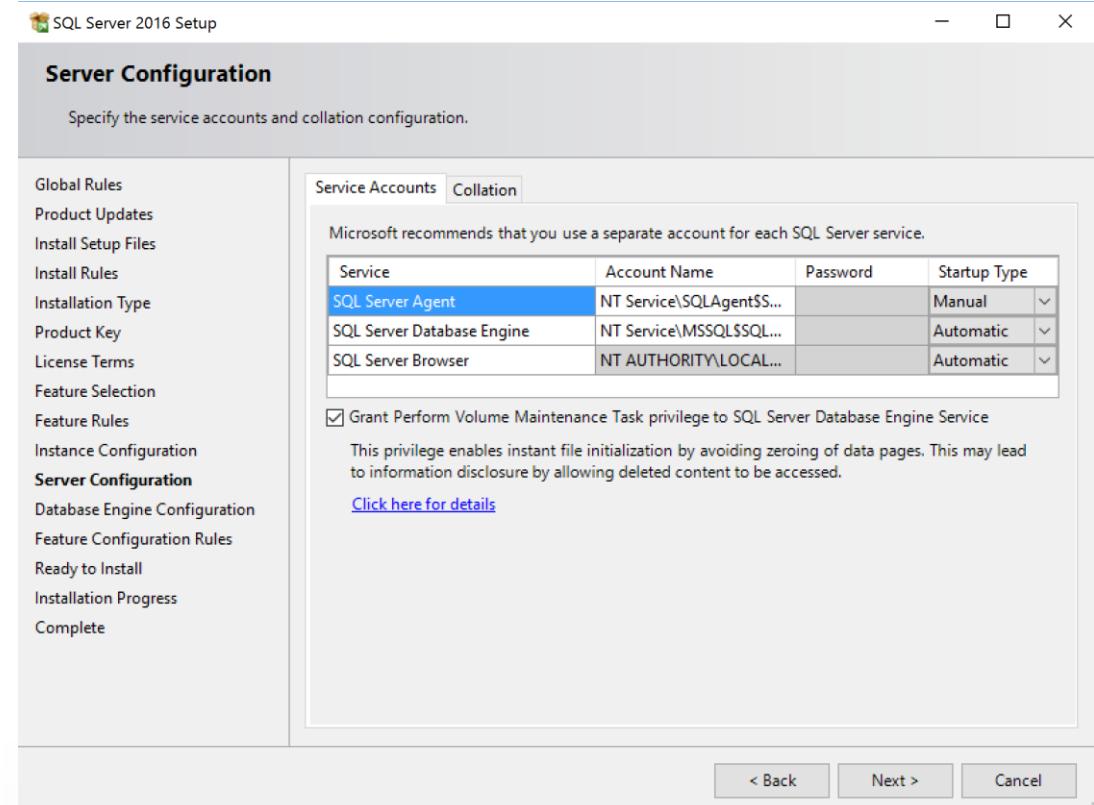
# Indirect Checkpoint

- **Keep track of dirty pages rather than scan the BUF structures to generate a list**
  - Modern disks suffer the Elevator Seek problem less
  - Perform flush once we hit a certain # of dirty pages
  - Auto checkpoint relies upon transaction threshold
- **More reliably control database recovery time**
- **Much better for systems with large memory footprints**
- **Default in SQL 2016**

4TB Memory = ~500 million SQL Server BUF structures for older checkpoint  
Indirect checkpoint for new database creation dirties ~ 250 BUF structures

# Instant File Initialization

- **Grow a SQL data file instantly without needing to zero out disk space**
- **Included as part of the SQL 2016 Install process**
- **Can dramatically increase the speed of growth and DB creation**
- **Requires Perform Volume Maintenance Tasks permission**



## AES-NI Chips

6 new chip  
instructions for AES

- Intel Westmere chip set that introduces New Instructions to implement the AES encryption algorithm at the hardware level

## Availability Groups

- Log transport improvement

## Transparent Data Encryption

- Overhead significantly reduced

# New DMV Goodness

## sys.dm\_exec\_function\_stats

- Returns aggregate performance statistics for cached functions. The view returns one row for each cached function plan, and the lifetime of the row is as long as the function remains cached

## sys.dm\_exec\_session\_wait\_stats

- Returns information about all the waits encountered by threads that executed for each session. You can use this view to diagnose performance issues with the SQL Server session and also with specific queries and batches

## sys.dm\_exec\_query\_profiles

- Monitors query operator progress while it is executing

# Demo

## New Programmatic Improvements

# Graph Support in SQL Server 2017

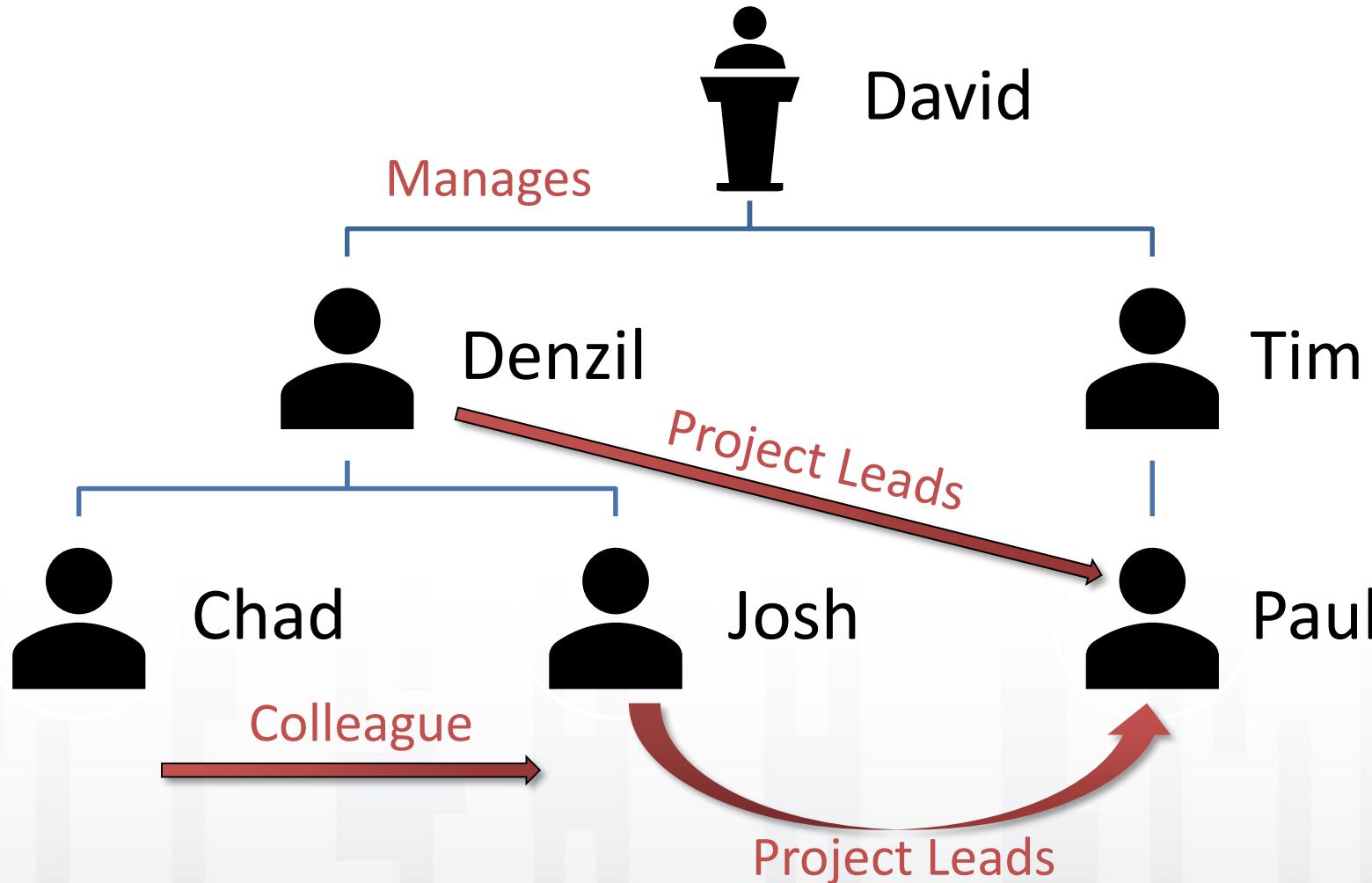
# What is a Graph?

A graph is collection of *Nodes* and *Edges*

- Undirected Graph
- Directed Graph
- Weighted Graph
- \*Property Graph

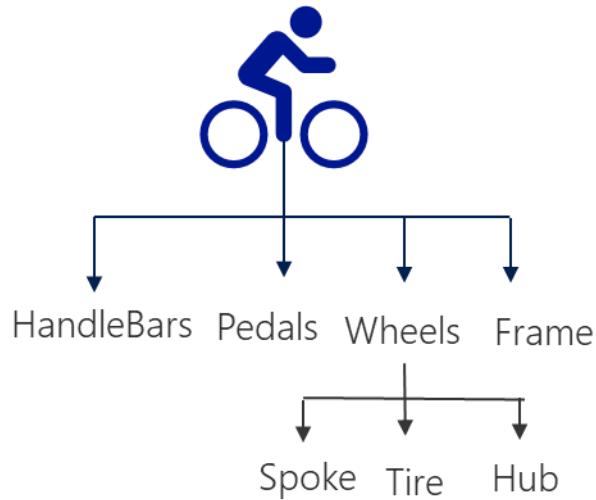


# Why Graph Databases?

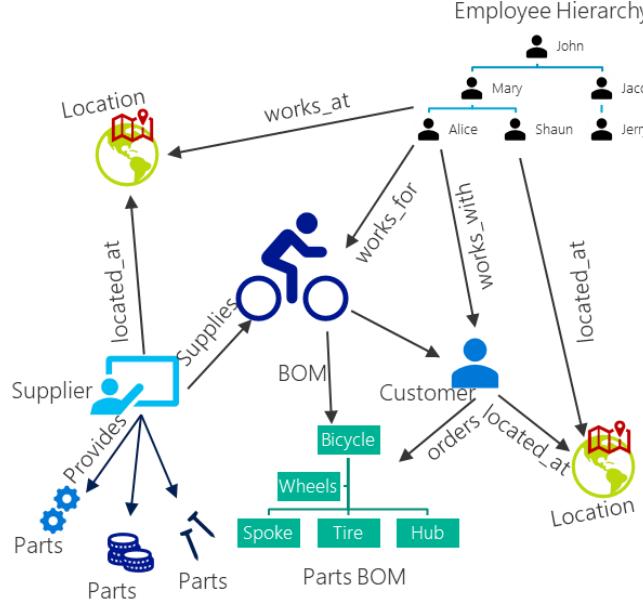


No one likes  
Paul...

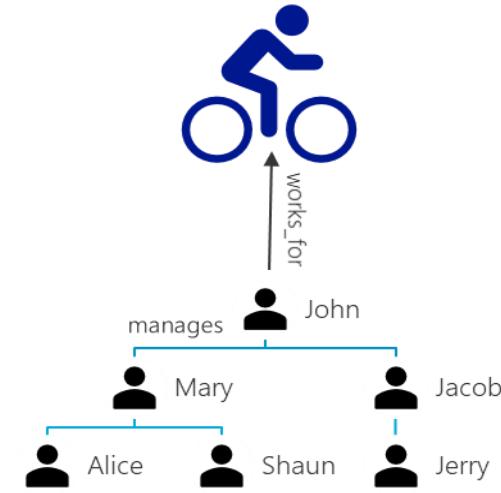
# Typical Scenarios for Graph DBs



Hierarchical or interconnected data, entities with multiple parents.



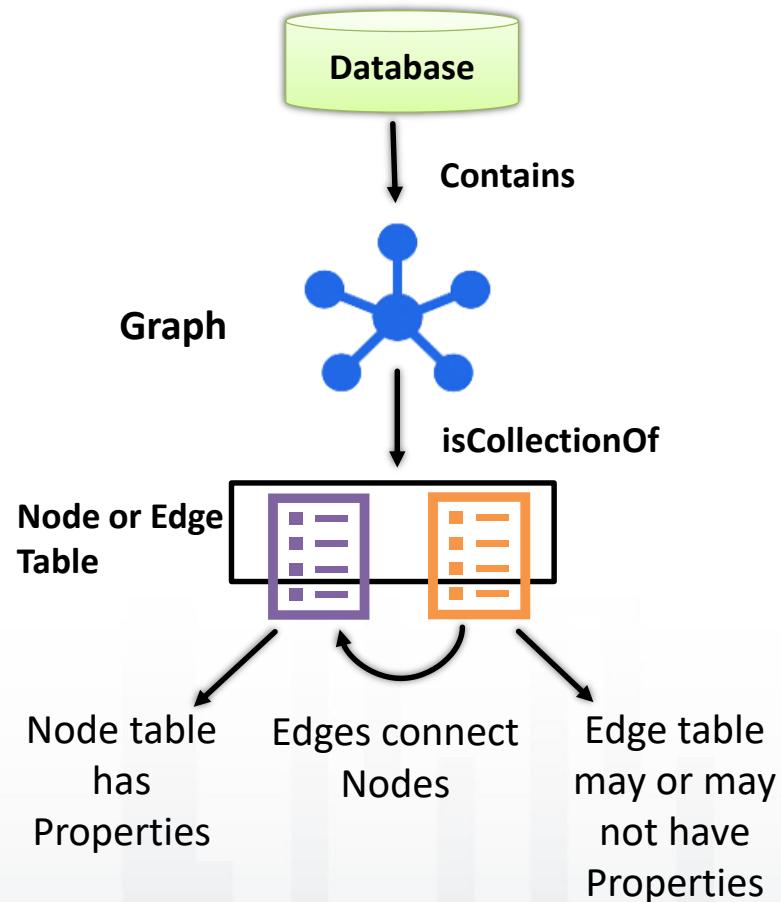
Complex many-to-many relationships. Organically grow connections as the business evolves.



Analyze interconnected data, materialize new information from existing facts. Identify non-obvious connections

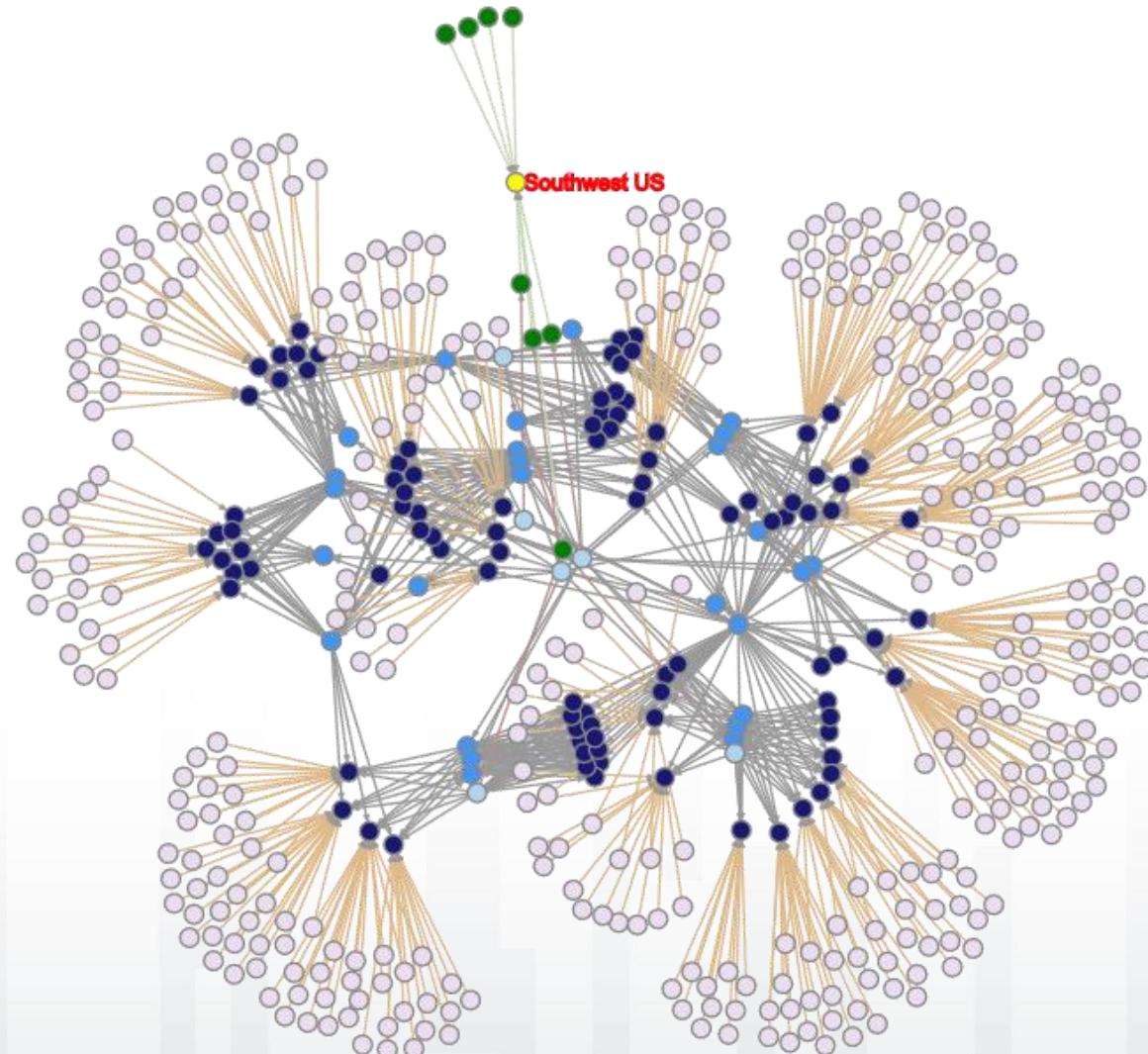
# Introducing SQL Graph

- A collection of node and edge *tables* in the database
- Language Extensions
  - DDL Extensions – create node/edge tables
  - Query Language Extensions – New built-in: MATCH, to support pattern matching and traversals
- Tooling and Eco-system



# Visualization

- There are multiple ways you can visualize your graph data
  - PowerBI
  - R package - iGraph
  - D3.js visualization



# DDL Extensions

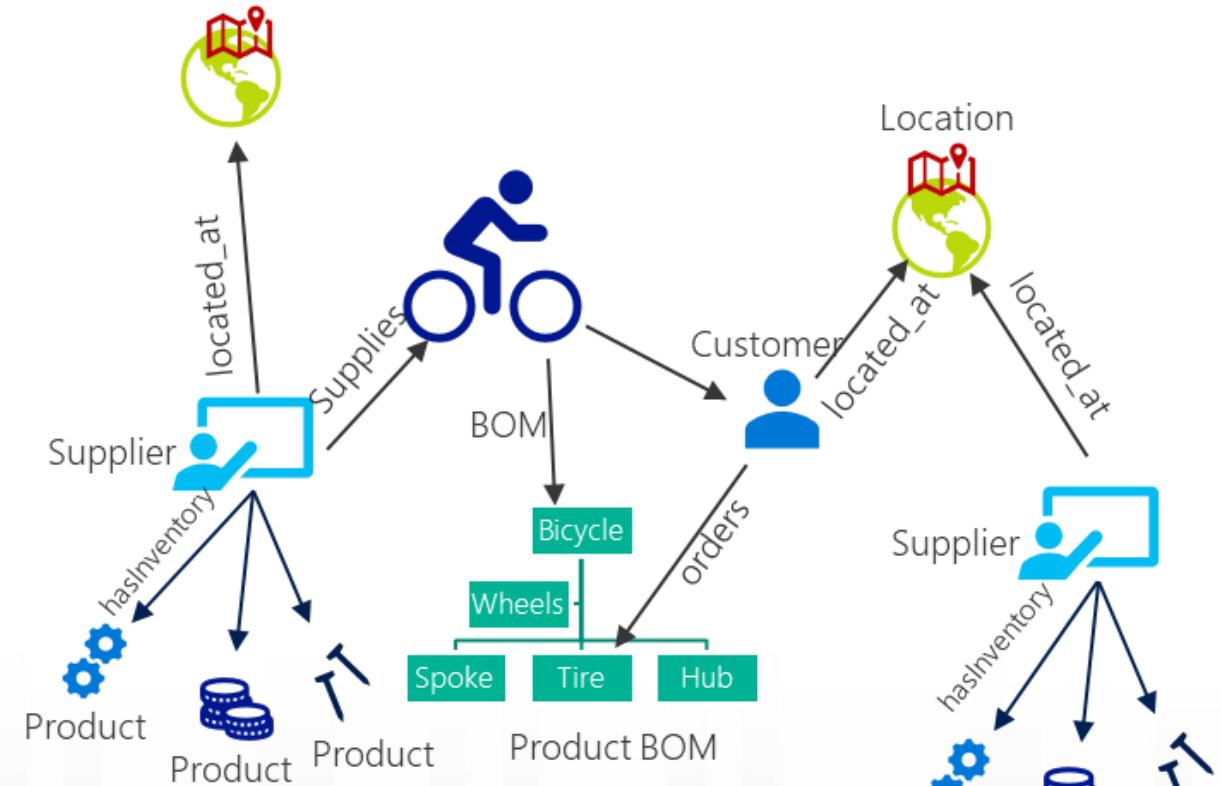
- Create Nodes (entities) and Edges (relationships)
- Properties associated with Nodes and Edges

```
CREATE TABLE Product (ID INTEGER  
PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR(100))  
AS NODE;
```

```
CREATE TABLE Supplier (ID INTEGER  
PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR(100))  
AS NODE;
```

```
CREATE TABLE hasInventory AS EDGE;
```

```
CREATE TABLE located_at(address  
varchar(100)) AS EDGE;
```



# Query Language Extensions

- Multi-hop navigation and join-free pattern matching using MATCH predicate:

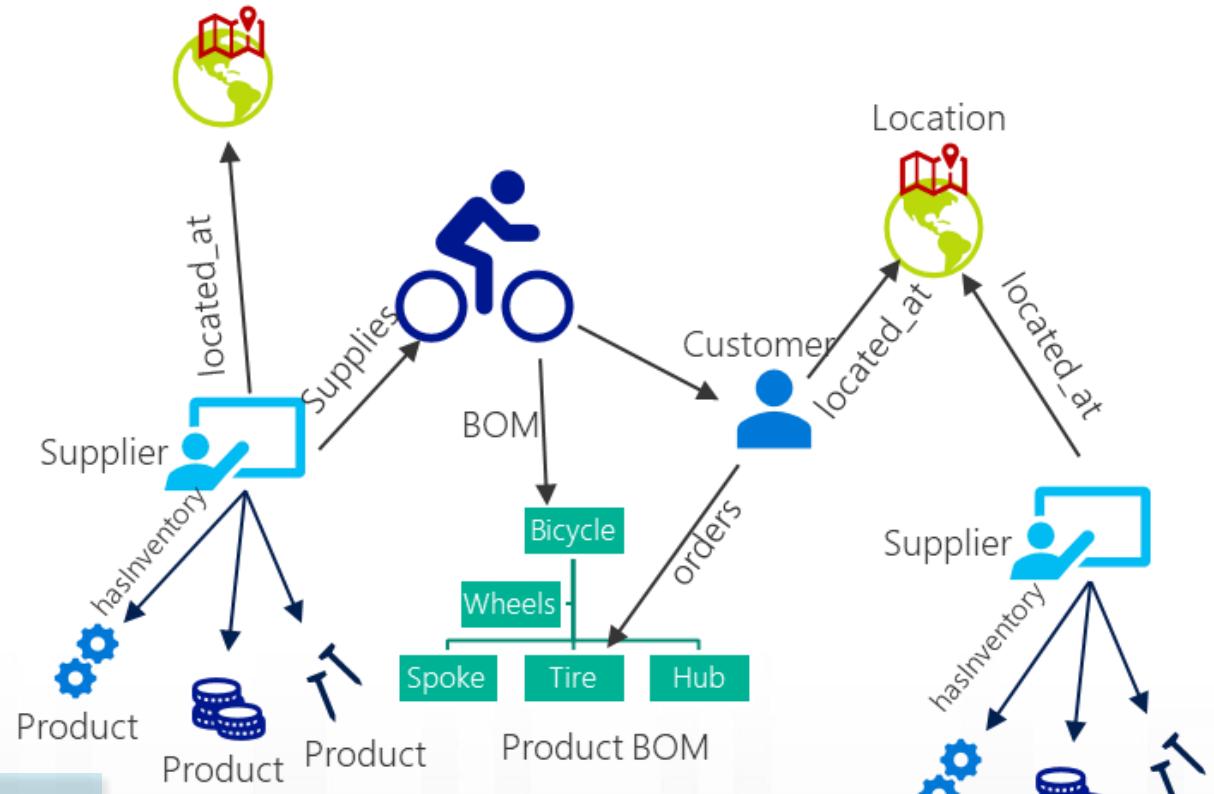
```
SELECT Prod.name as ProductName,  
       Sup.name as SupplierName  
  FROM Product Prod, Supplier Sup,  
        hasInventory hasIn,  
        located_at supp_loc,  
        Customer Cus,  
        located_at cust_loc,  
        orders, location loc
```

WHERE

```
MATCH(  
    cus-(orders)->Prod<- (hasIn)-Sup
```

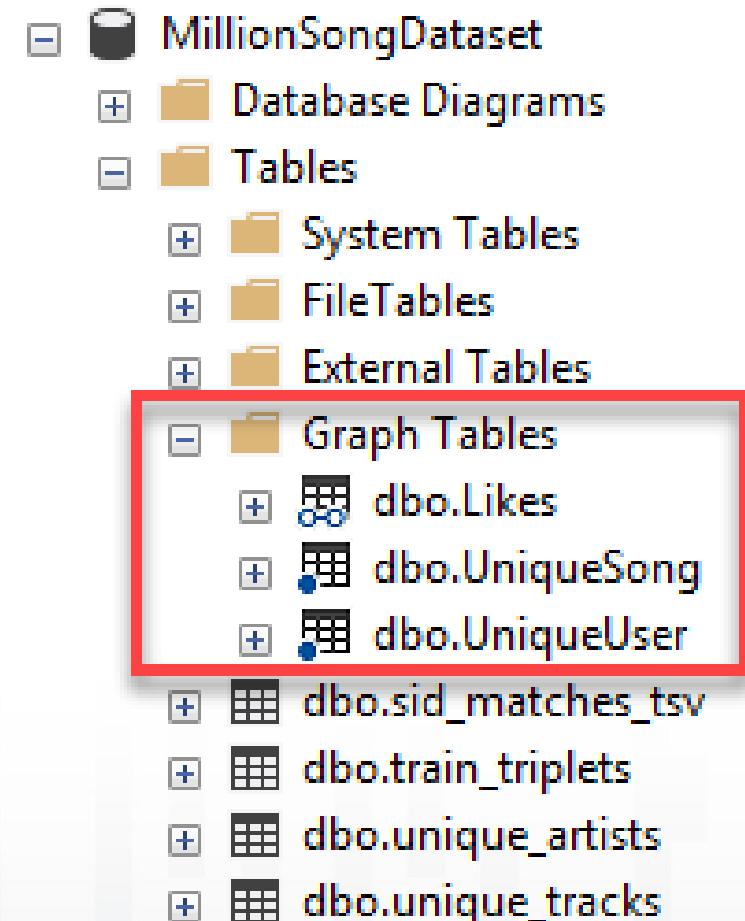
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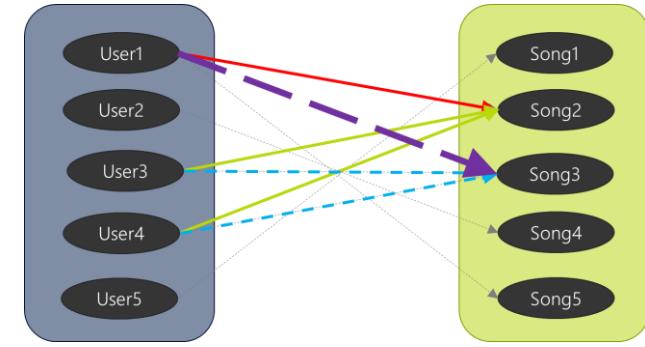
```
    cus-(cust_loc)->location<- (supp_loc)-Sup)
```



# Integrated into the SQL Engine

- Existing tools all work out of the box, for example SSMS, backup and restore, import / export, etc.
- Queries can join existing tables and graph node / edge tables.
- Security and Compliance: Dynamic Data Masking, Row Level Security
- Available on SQL Server on Linux





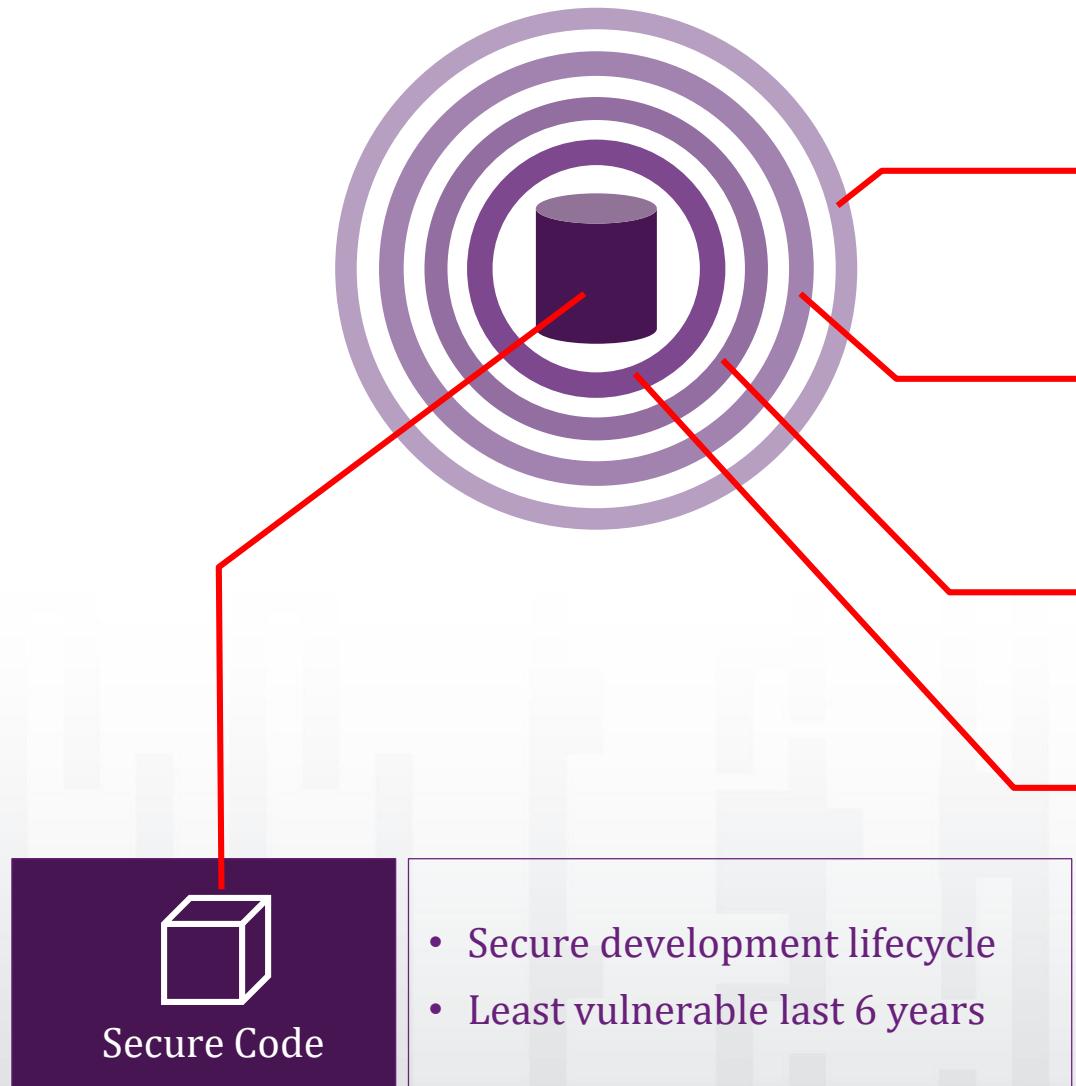
# Demo

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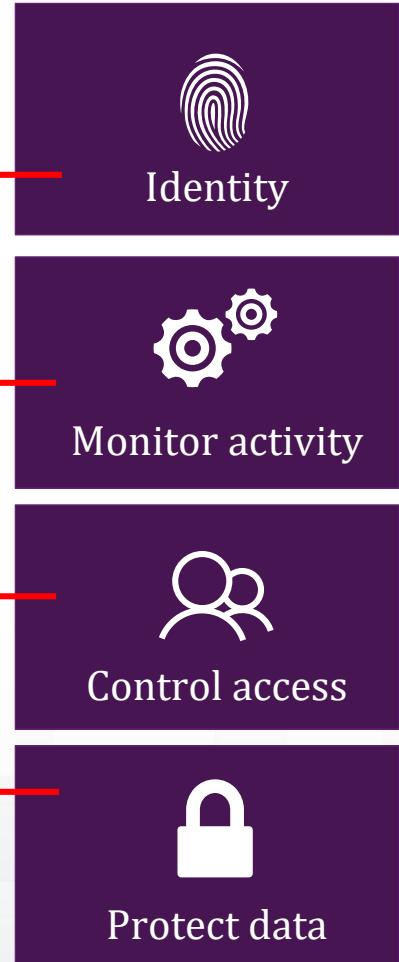
### The Million Song Dataset

# Most Secure Database

Surrounded by layers of protection



**NEW\* As of SQL Server 2016**



- Windows authentication
- Azure Active Directory auth.



- SQL threat analytics
- SQL Server auditing



- Row-level security
- Dynamic data masking



- Always encrypted
- Transparent data encryption



# Row-Level Security (RLS)

# The Need for Row Level Security

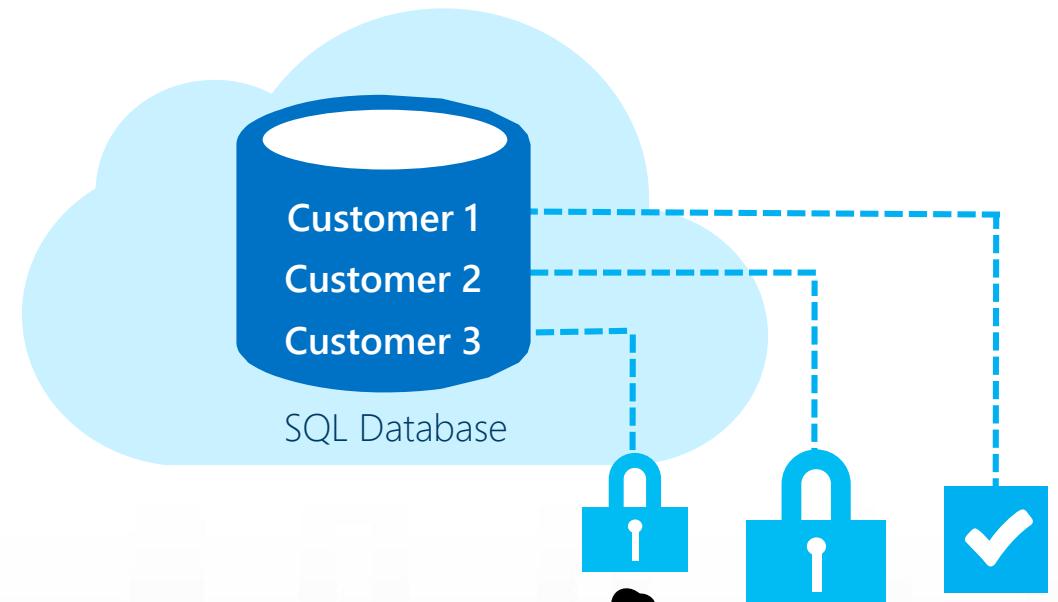
Protect data privacy by ensuring the right access across rows

Fine-grained access control over specific rows in a database table

Help prevent unauthorized access when multiple users share the same tables, or to implement connection filtering in multitenant applications

Administer via SQL Server Management Studio or SQL Server Data Tools

Enforcement logic inside the database and schema is bound to the table



# Benefits of Row-Level Security (RLS)

## Fine-grained access control

Keeping multitenant databases secure by limiting access by other users who share the same tables

## Application transparency

RLS works transparently at query time, no app changes needed

Compatible with RLS in other leading products

## Centralized security logic

Enforcement logic resides inside database and is schema-bound to the table it protects providing greater security. Reduced application maintenance and complexity

*Store data intended for many consumers in a single database/table while at the same time restricting row-level read and write access based on users' execution context.*

# RLS Concepts

## Predicate function

User-defined inline table-valued function (iTVF) implementing security logic

Can be arbitrarily complicated, containing joins with other tables

## Security predicate

Binds a predicate function to a particular table, applying it for all queries

**Two types:** Filter predicates and Block predicates

## Security policy

Collection of security predicates for managing security across multiple tables

```
CREATE SECURITY POLICY mySecurityPolicy  
    ADD FILTER PREDICATE dbo.fn_securitypredicate(wing, startTime, endTime)  
    ON dbo.patients
```

## Performance?

Inline functions get optimized to provide comparable performance to views—as if the logic were directly embedded in the original query statement.

# How Row-Level Security works

- 3) Selectivity: Patients are selected from the patients table who have hypothyroidism by binding the predicate to the Patients table

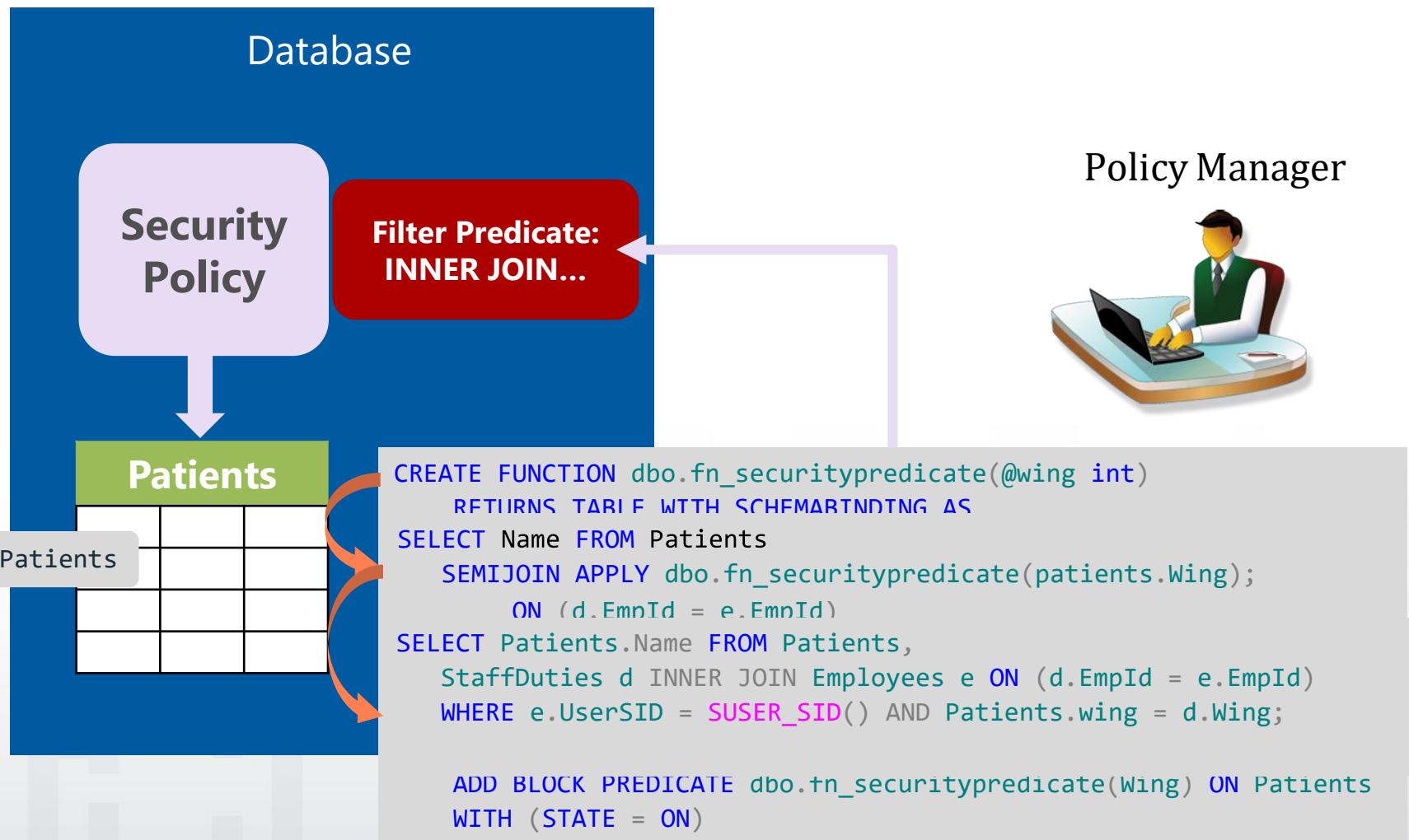
# Nurse

( Employee Id = 100986  
AND Wing = 'a1' )



## Application

```
SELECT Name FROM Patients
```



# How Row-Level Security works

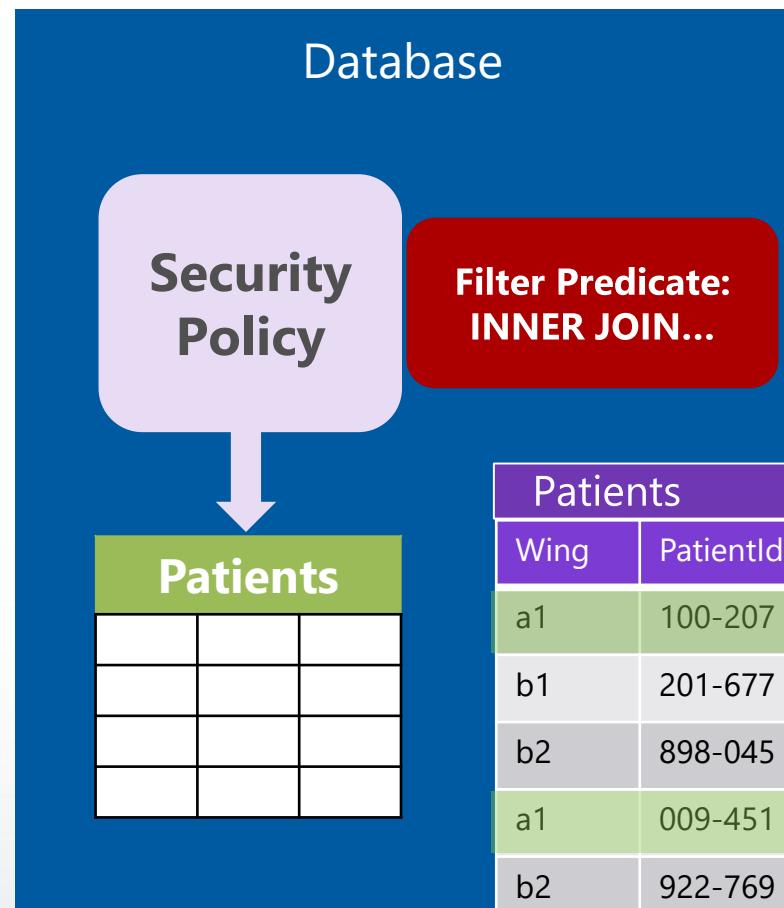
4) Filtered rows are returned and nurse sees only the patients on her wing

## Nurse

( Employee Id = 100986  
AND Wing = 'a1' )



Application



## Policy Manager



StaffDuties	
EmployeeId	Wing
100986	a1
206985	a2
345906	a3
331225	b1

# Create a Security Policy

```
--Create a security policy that adds this function as a filter predicate and a block predicate on Sales.  
CREATE SECURITY POLICY Security.SalesFilter  
ADD FILTER PREDICATE Security.fn_securitypredicate(AppUserId)  
    ON dbo.Sales,  
ADD BLOCK PREDICATE Security.fn_securitypredicate(AppUserId)  
    ON dbo.Sales AFTER INSERT  
WITH (STATE = ON);  
  
-- Create a new schema and predicate function, which will use the application user ID stored in SESSION_CONTEXT to filter rows.  
CREATE SCHEMA Security; GO CREATE FUNCTION  
Security.fn_securitypredicate(@AppUserId int)  
RETURNS TABLE  
WITH SCHEMABINDING  
AS  
RETURN SELECT 1 AS fn_securitypredicate_result  
WHERE DATABASE_PRINCIPAL_ID() =  
DATABASE_PRINCIPAL_ID('AppUser') AND  
CAST(SESSION_CONTEXT(N'UserId') AS int) = @AppUserId;  
GO
```

Creates a security policy for row-level security

The following examples demonstrate the use of the CREATE SECURITY POLICY syntax

For an example of a complete security policy scenario, see [Row-Level Security](#)

# Security Predicates

**RLS supports two types of security predicates**

- Filter predicates silently filter rows available to read operations (SELECT, UPDATE, and DELETE)
- Block predicates explicitly block write operations (AFTER INSERT, AFTER UPDATE, BEFORE UPDATE, BEFORE DELETE) that violate predicate\*

**Access to row-level data in table is restricted by security predicate defined as inline table-valued function, which is invoked and enforced by security policy**

- For filter predicates, no indication to application that rows have been filtered from result set; if all rows are filtered, a null set will be returned
- For block predicates, any operations that violate predicate will fail with error

# Demo

## Row Level Security (RLS)

# Dynamic Data Masking

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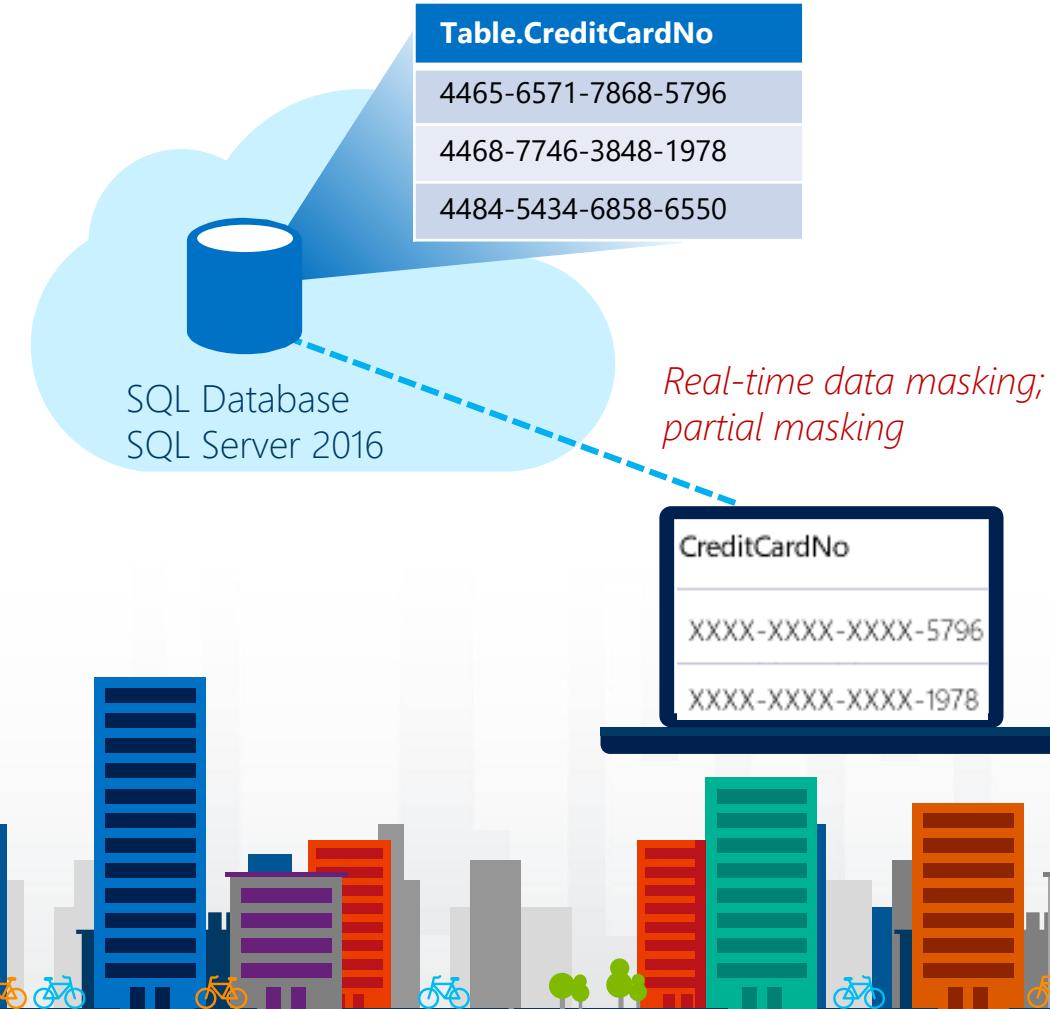
Prevent the abuse of sensitive data by hiding it from users

Configuration made easy in the new Azure portal

Policy-driven at the table and column level, for a defined set of users

Data masking applied in real-time to query results based on policy

Multiple masking functions available (e.g. full, partial) for various sensitive data categories (credit card numbers, SSN, etc.)



# Benefits of Dynamic Data Masking

## Regulatory compliance

A strong demand for applications to meet **privacy standards** recommended by regulating authorities

## Sensitive data protection

Protects against unauthorized access to sensitive data in the application, and against exposure to developers or DBAs who need access to the production database

## Agility and transparency

Data is masked on the fly, with underlying data in the database remaining intact. Transparent to the application and applied according to user privilege

*Limit access to sensitive data by defining policies to obfuscate specific database fields, without affecting the integrity of the database.*

# How Dynamic Data Masking Works

Limit sensitive data exposure by  
obfuscating it to non-privileged users

On-the-fly obfuscation of data in query results

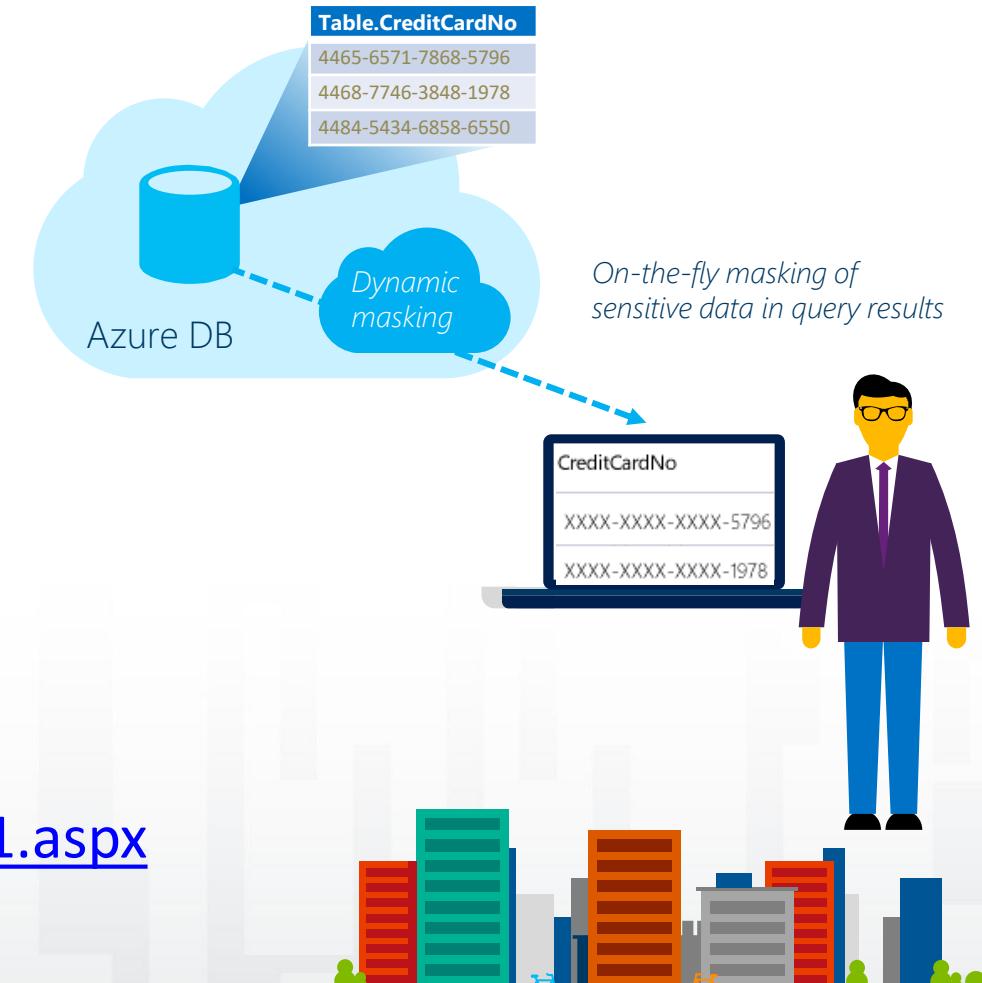
Policy-driven on the table and column

Multiple masking functions available for various  
sensitive data categories

Flexibility to define a set of privileged logins for  
un-masked data access

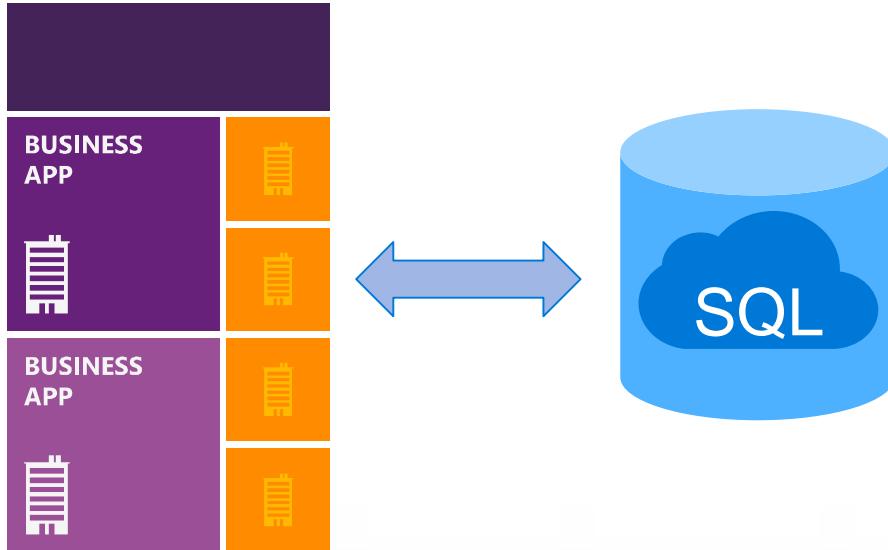
By default, database owner is unmasked

<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/mt130841.aspx>



# How Dynamic Data Masking Works

- 3) Dynamic data masking in Employee table



```

ALTER TABLE [Employee] ALTER COLUMN [SocialSecurityNumber]
ADD MASKED WITH (FUNCTION = 'partial(0,"XXX-XX-",2)')

ALTER TABLE [Employee] ALTER COLUMN [Email]
ADD MASKED WITH (FUNCTION = 'EMAIL()')

ALTER TABLE [Employee] ALTER COLUMN [Salary]
ADD MASKED WITH (FUNCTION = 'RANDOM(1,20000)')

GRANT UNMASK TO hrsupervisor
  
```



Security Officer

non-privileged login

	First Name	Social Security Number	Email	Salary
1	LILA	XXX-XX-XX37	lXX@XXXX.net	8940
2	JAMIE	XXX-XX-XX14	jXX@XXXX.com	19582
3	SHELLEY	XXX-XX-XX28	sXX@XXXX.net	3713
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hrsupervisor login

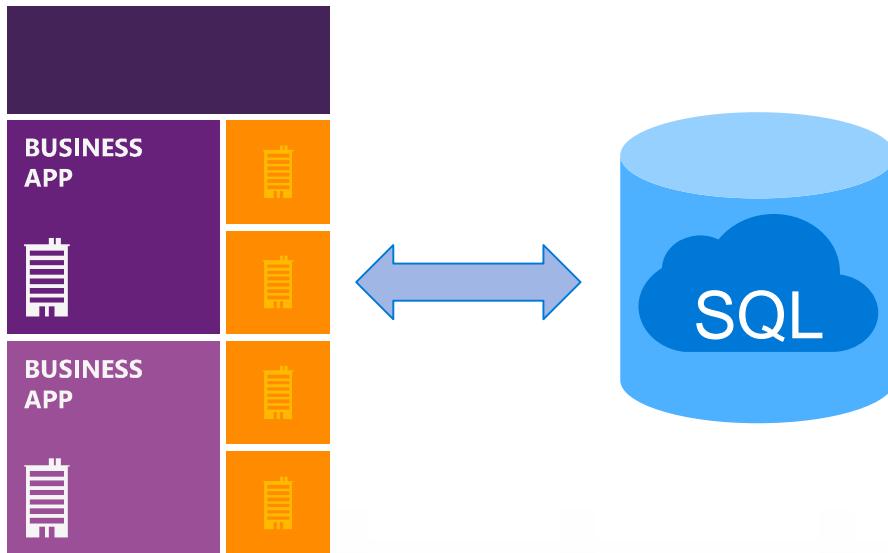
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3	SHELLEY	550-72-2028	shelley.lynn@charter.net	1040131
4	MARCELLA	903-94-5665	marcella.estrada@comcast.net	1040753
5	GILBERT	376-79-4787	gilbert.juarez@verizon.net	1041308

```

SELECT [Name],
       [SocialSecurityNumber],
       [Email],
       [Salary]
  FROM [Employee]
  
```

# Can be Combined with Row Level Security

- 4) Data masking obscures columns, row level security filters rows



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# Demo

## Dynamic Data Masking (DDM)

# Always Encrypted

# What is Always Encrypted?

Specific data kept an encrypted state at all times

- Encryption occurs at the column level

Keeps privileged users from accessing sensitive data

- This includes Database Administrators/sysadmins

Tailored for applications that interact with sensitive data

- Not great for applications that need to report off of sensitive data

Requires a certificate

- Can be a self-signed certificate

# Always Encrypted cont.

Driver on client encrypts/ decrypts data

- Requires .NET Framework 4.6

Efficient searches can be done on encrypted data

- Requires a specific type of encryption

Confidentially store data in Azure

- Azure Key Vault

Reduce surface attack area

- Data only encrypted/decrypted at the client layer

# Separation of Duties

- **Traditionally the DBA has access to *ALL* sensitive data – even if it is encrypted**
  - No way to prevent this in previous versions unless application rolls custom encryption
- **A security admin can set up the necessary keys while the DBA sets up the encryption**
  - Keeps the DBA from being able to see the data since the SQL Server will never store the actual certificate
  - Powershell cmdlets exist to separate these duties

# Benefits of Always Encrypted

## Prevents Data Disclosure

Client-side encryption of sensitive data using keys that are *never* given to the database system.

Happens at the column level in SQL

## Queries on Encrypted Data

Support for equality comparison, incl. join, group by and distinct operators.

## Application Transparency

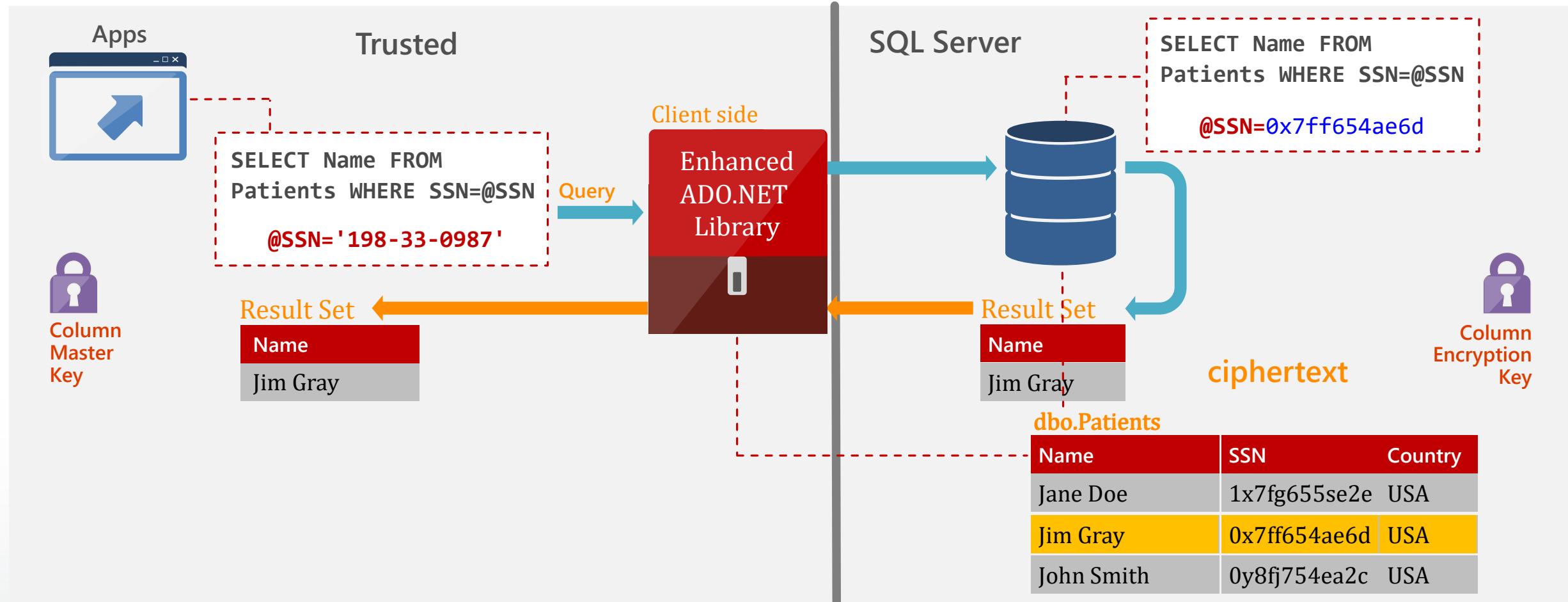
Minimal application changes via server and client library enhancements.

The application doesn't realize the data is encrypted inside SQL

*Allows customers to securely store **sensitive** data outside of their trust boundary.  
Data remains protected from high-privileged, yet unauthorized users.*

# Always Encrypted

Help protect data at rest and in motion, on-premises & cloud



# Types of Encryption for Always Encrypted

## Randomized encryption

- Uses a method that encrypts data in a less predictable manner
- Allows for transparent retrieval of encrypted data but NO operations
- More secure

## Deterministic encryption

- Always generates the same encrypted value for any given plain text value
- Allows for transparent retrieval of encrypted data AND comparison operators, GROUP BY, etc

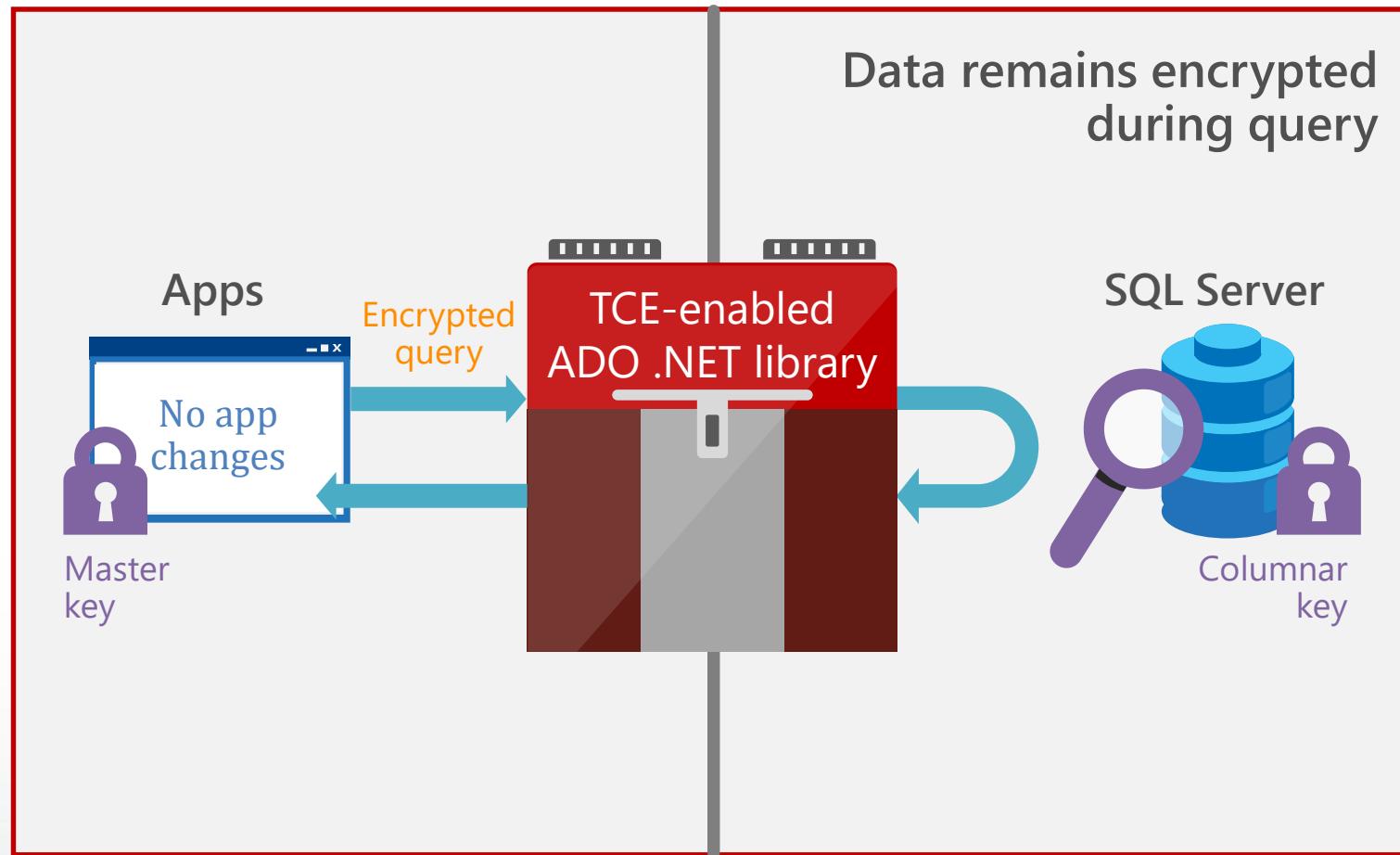
### Randomized encryption

- Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x17cf50a
- Repeat: Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x9b1fcf32

### Deterministic encryption

- Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x85a55d3f
- Repeat: Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x85a55d3f

# Summary: Always Encrypted



## Capability

- ADO.NET client library provides transparent client-side encryption, while SQL Server executes T-SQL queries on encrypted data

## Benefits

- Sensitive data remains encrypted and queryable at all times on-premises & cloud.
- Unauthorized users never have access to data or keys
- No application changes – requires a few database changes

Protect data at rest and in motion, on-premises & cloud

# Demo

# Always Encrypted

# SQL Server 2016+ Mission-Critical Summary

## Performance



## Security



## Availability



## Scalability



### Operational analytics

Insights on operational data; Works with in-memory OLTP and disk-based OLTP

### In-memory OLTP enhancements

Greater T-SQL surface area, terabytes of memory supported, and greater number of parallel CPUs

### Query data store

Monitor and optimize query plans

### Temporal database support

Query data as points in time

### DMV Improvements

### Cardinality Estimates

### Always encrypted

Sensitive data remains encrypted at all times with ability to query

### Row-level security

Apply fine-grained access control to table rows

### Dynamic data masking

Real-time obfuscation of data to prevent unauthorized access

### Advanced Threat Detection

Ability to find unusual login patterns, track usage behavior in an auditing database, track SQL injection vulnerability, and more

### Other enhancements

Audit success/failure of database operations

TDE support for storage of in-memory OLTP tables

Enhanced auditing for OLTP with ability to track history of record changes

### Enhanced AlwaysOn

Three synchronous replicas for auto failover across domains

Round robin load balancing of replicas

Automatic failover based on database health

DTC for transactional integrity across database instances with AlwaysOn

Support for SSIS with AlwaysOn

### StretchDB

Archive historical data transparently and securely to Azure

Queries stretch across local data as well as Azure data

### Enhanced database caching

Cache data with automatic, multiple TempDB files per instance in multi-core environments

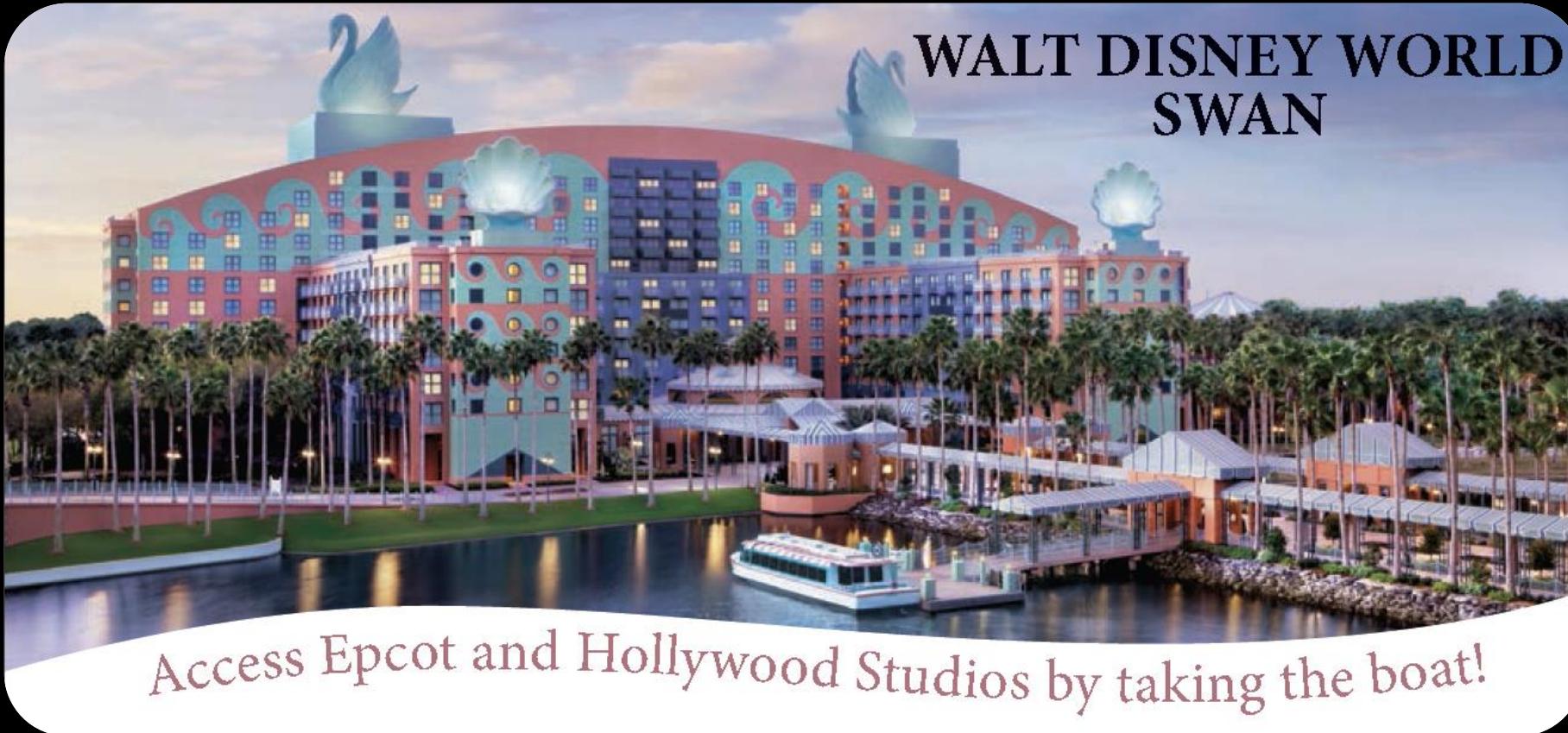
### New Programmatic Improvements

New TSQL Functionality, Maintenance Plan Improvements, New ALTER DATABASE Options

Expanded support for JSON data

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