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Tune the query, not the plan Kevan Riley



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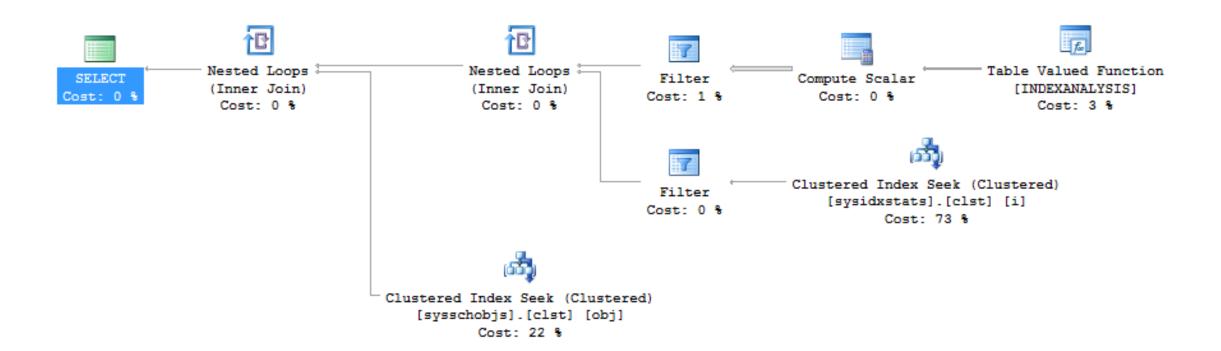




Execution plans

- Generated by Query Optimizer
 - Cardinality Estimator
 - Statistics
 - YOUR design
- How SQL will execute the query
 - Table access
 - What order
 - Join algorithm
- VERY useful in performance tuning

Example graphical execution plan

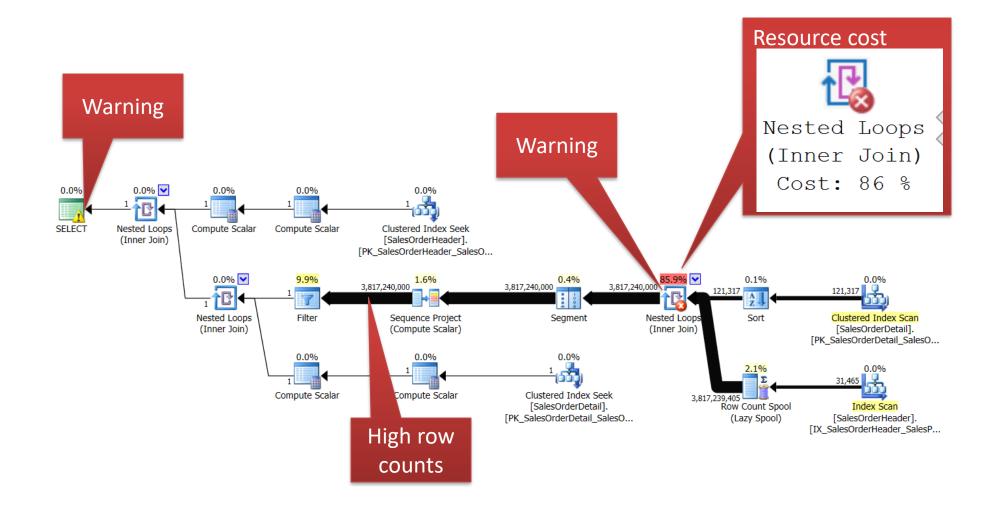


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So what's the problem?

Your time is precious

- DBA firefighting
- Looking for quick wins
- Focus on 'bad' operators
 - Table Scans
 - Scan operations in general (prefer seek)

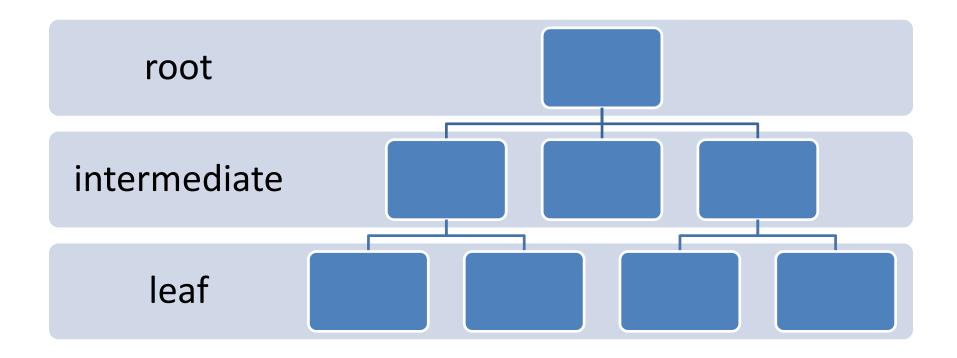


Performance tuning?

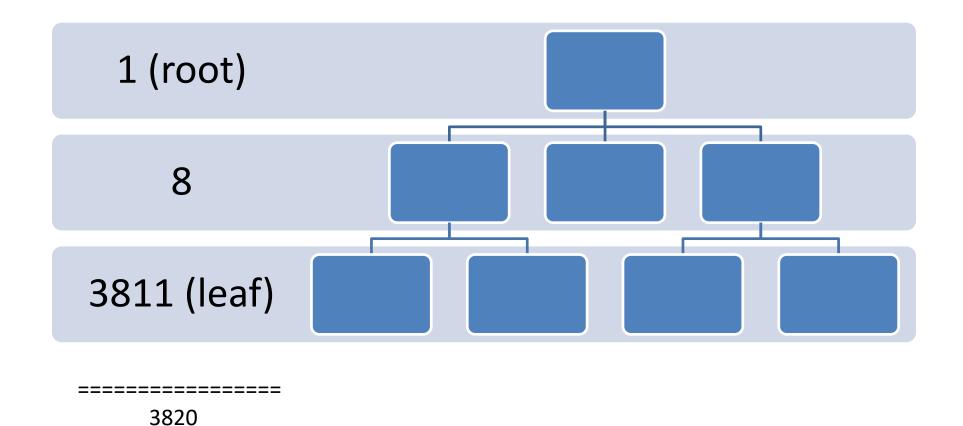
- Not just the plan
- Time
- CPU
- Reads/Writes

DEMO

Index structure



Person.Person PK_Person_BusinessEntityID



Performance tuning

- set statistics io
- set statistics time
- execution plans
 - understand why you are getting certain operators
 - is there a better way?
- wait stats

Excellent Resources

 SentryOne Plan Explorer FREE!

https:/www.sentryone.com/plan-explorer

 SQL Server Execution Plans – Grant Fritchey

https://www.red-gate.com/library/sql-server-execution-plans-2nd-edition





Useful links

Constraints

- https://rileywaterhouse.co.uk/helping-the-query-optimizer-with-constraints/
- https://rileywaterhouse.co.uk/trusting-constraints/

SET STATISTICS

- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/t-sql/statements/set-statistics-io-transact-sql
- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/t-sql/statements/set-statistics-time-transact-sql

Waits

- https://www.sqlskills.com/blogs/paul/wait-statistics-or-please-tell-me-where-it-hurts/
- https://www.brentozar.com/sql/wait-stats/

Thanks for listening

Enjoy your gravy!



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