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What's new in Query Store 2017



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Agenda

- Introduction
 - Pre SQL Server 2016
 - Overview of Query Store
- Benefits and Gotchas
- New in SQL Server 2017
- Create a monitoring tool using the Azure Data Studio
- Best practices for managing and configuration





Overview

Pre SQL Server 2016

How do we understand query performance?

- Traces:
 - Must be started and stopped
 - Can cause extremely high overhead
- Extended Events:
 - Considerably more events to track, but same limitations as trace
- DMV's: sys.dm_exec_query_stats, sys.dm_exec_cached_plans, etc...
 - Not organized by time
 - Most DMV's are either real time only, or since the last restart
 - Data is flushed when SQL is restarted
 - Cluster failover ...

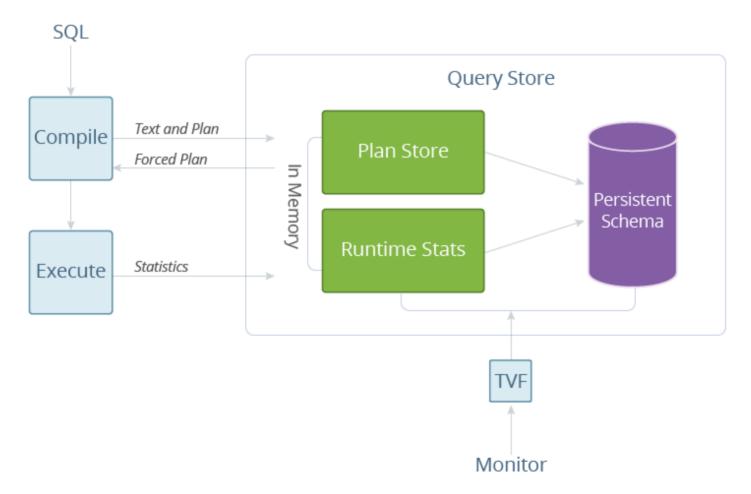


Introducing Query Store

- New from SQL Server 2016
- Automatically captures a history of queries, plans, and runtime statistics
- Useful for troubleshooting performance degradation
- Retain over time on disk
- Aggregated by regular time windows
- Enabled at database level you control when and where
- Can be used to track overall database workload
- Supported on all SQL Server editions



Query Store Architecture





Query Store vs. Query Stats

Query Store

- Statement level
- Query text given
- Retain over time and restarts
- Aggregate by time windows
- Supports in-memory OLTP workloads
- Include details about wait new in 2017

Query Stats

- Batch level
- Query text derived from batch text
- Prune to memory shortage and restarts
- No time window. Data is aggregated per batch, query and plan since it is logged and until it is evicted.
- No statistics about in-memory OLTP
- Limited wait details



Benefits and Gotchas

Query Store Benefits

- View performance metrics broken down by time at query, plan and database level
- Audit history of query plans. Capture ALL changes to query plans.
- Rich set of statistics and easy access enables track of many types of problems
- Tracks both run time and compile time metrics
- Automatic storage management
- Embedded within the database engine ensure nothing is missed. Including SQL texts!
- Support natively compiled procedures and in-memory OLTP workload



Query Store Benefits – Cont.

- Graphical interface in SSMS to:
 - Compare plans
 - Force / Un-Force plans
 - Built-in reports/views
 - use latest SSMS version



- Can use T-SQL for monitoring performance
- Many SPs, QSD Wait types, & Extended Events
 - For management purposes



Use case examples

- Compare activity between different time frames
- Find queries that exceeds certain duration threshold
- Find frequently failed queries
- Find top compile resources consumers
- Find queries that needs to be parameterized
- Find top regressed queries
- Compare plans between versions of SQL Server
- And more..



DevOps use case

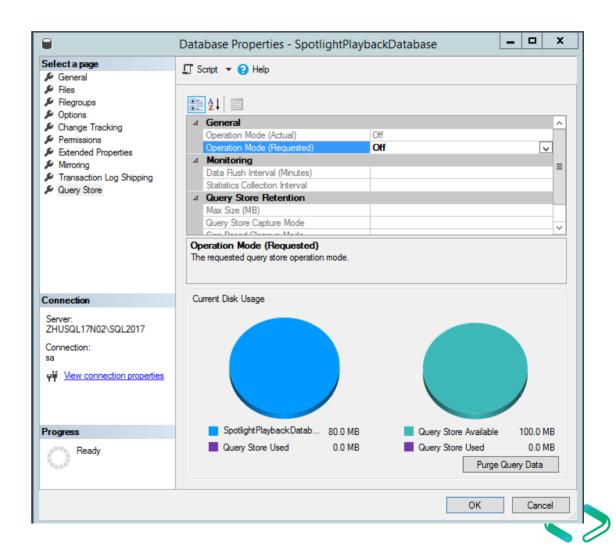
- Before rolling a major change to production
 - Ensure no errors
 - Tune high resource usage queries
- Before and After a major change to hardware or software versions
 - Compare performance trend and resource usage
 - Ensure no query has regressed
- Keep performance stability during the upgrade to new SQL Server version
 - Upgrade but set compatibility level to version before upgrade
 - Enable query store to capture baseline
 - Change compatibility level to latest
 - Examine changes and find regressed queries
 - Force plan if needed



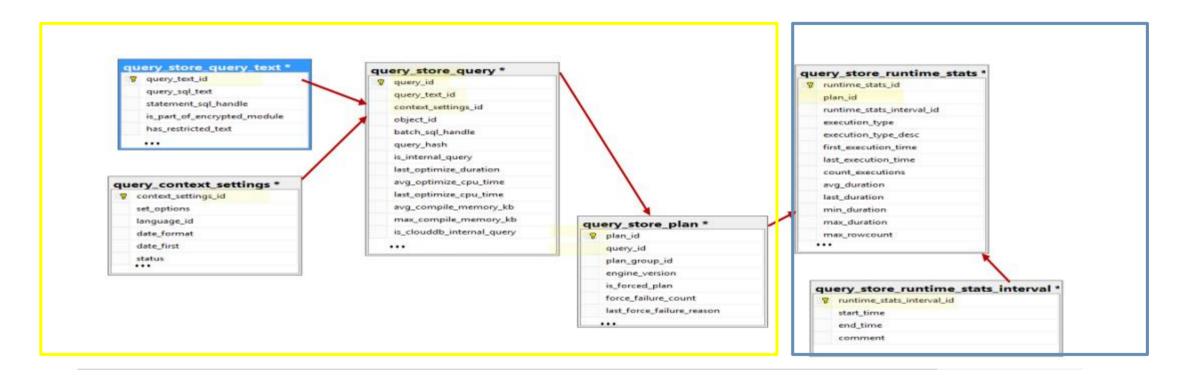
Enabling Query Store

-- T-SQL

ALTER DATABASE PASS_QueryStoreExample SET QUERY_STORE = ON GO



Query Store Schema



- query_store_query_text text entered by user, includes whites space, hints, etc...
- query_context_settings_ Presents unique combinations of plan affecting settings under which queries are executed
- Query_store_query contain one row for each query id and related aggregated statistics
- Query_store_plan contain one row for each estimated query plan created. Includes statistics about the plan and general information like forcing, if it is natively compilation etc.
- query_store_runtime_stats- runtime execution statistics for queries (avg,min,max,std deviation)
- query_store_runtime_stats_interval start and end times intervals for statistics collected



Query Store Schema data

Text

- Text id
- Query text

Query

- Query_id
- Query_hash
- Compile stats
- Batch_sql handle
- Execution Time

Plan

- plan_id
- Plan xml
- Compile statistics

Runtime stats

- Resource consumption stats: CPU, memory, reads
- Executions count
- Status
- Duration
- CLR Time
- Degree of Parallelism

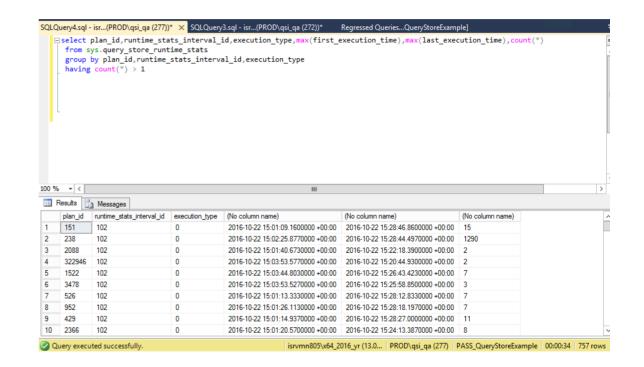
Type of stats: avg, min, max, std, last.

For sum: avg * executions_count



Querying the Query Store

- Note the aggregation level and time of aggregation
- Statistics that are not yet aggregated may cause duplicates values

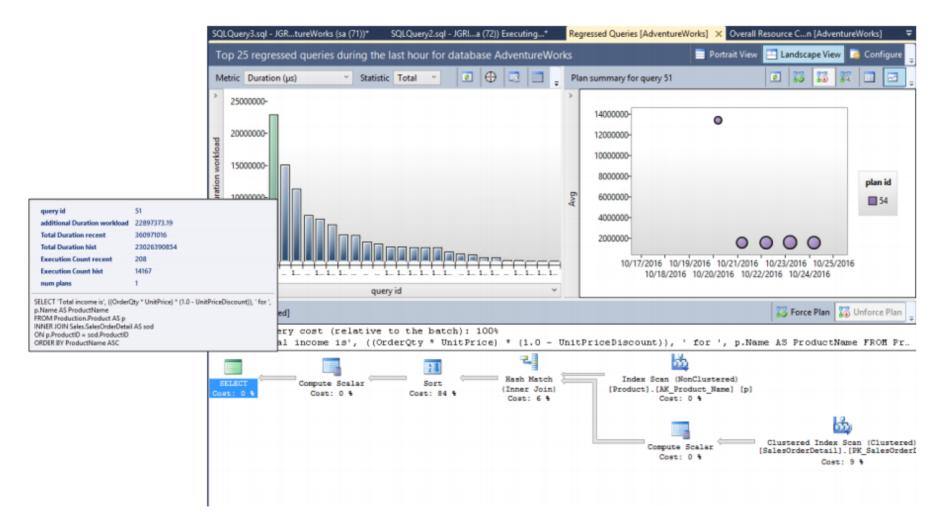




Example Scenarios

Demo

Regressed Queries Report



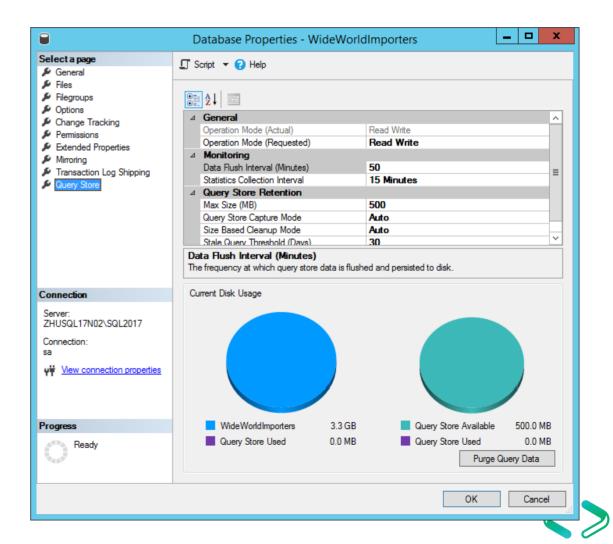
| pbn id | 258 | plan forced | No | Interval Start | 2016-11-02 17:00-00.000 - 07:00 | Interval End | 2016-11-03 17:00-00.000 - 07:00 | Execution Count | 701 | Total Duration | 334601680 | Avg Duration | 423010,973451327 | Min Duration | 171009 | Max Duration | 2221019 | Std Dev Duration | 107246,1464555002 |



Configure Query Store

-- T-SQL

```
ALTER DATABASE PASS_QueryStoreExample SET
OUERY STORE
OPERATION MODE = READ WRITE,
CLEANUP POLICY = (STALE QUERY THRESHOLD DAYS = 30),
-- days to retain data in q-store
DATA FLUSH INTERVAL SECONDS = 900,
-- frequency data is persisted to disk
INTERVAL LENGTH MINUTES = 60,
                                           -- interval to
aggregate runtime exec stats MAX_STORAGE_SIZE_MB =
1024.
                  -- maximum size of the q-store
QUERY CAPTURE MODE = ALL.
                                           -- type of
queries q-store captures (tracked/auto)
MAX PLANS PER QUERY=5,
                                           -- maximum
plans maintained for each query.
SIZE BASED CLEANUP MODE = AUTO
                                           -- controls
the cleanup process
GO
```



Default configuration

- Operation Mode : Off
- Data Flush Interval (Minutes): 15 minutes
- Statistics Collection Interval: 1 hour
- Maximum size allocated to the Query Store: 100 MB
- Query Store Capture Mode: 'All'
- Size Based Cleanup Mode size: 2016 'Off', 2017 'Auto'
- Stale Query Threshold (Days): 30 days
- Plans Per Query: 200 plans Must change via T-SQL not in SSMS
- Wait Stat Capture Mode: 1



Management

- sp_query_store_flush_db Flushes in-memory portion of data to disk
- **sp_query_store_reset_exec_stats plan_id** Clears runtime stats for a specific query plan
- sp_query_store_force_plan query_id, plan_id Enables forcing a particular plan
- sp_query_store_unforce_plan query_id, plan_id Removes forcing a particular plan for a particular query
- sp_query_store_remove_plan plan_id Removes a single plan from the Query Store
- sp_query_store_remove_query query_id Removes a single query, all associated plans/ statistics from Query Store



Gotchas

- Query Store enabled at Database Level
 - Cannot be enabled for master and tempdb
 - Does not work on Read Only databases
 - No read only AG replicas
- Query Store disabled by default
 - Consider enabling at model database to be available for each db
- No global configuration
 - Without manual scripting or setting the model DB
 - Multiple DBA's could change configuration hard to track
 - Changes to QS are stored in the errorlog



Space Consumption Must be Managed

- Turns read-only when reach capacity
 - May not have it when you need it most
- Balancing act between space consumed and history required
- Data is stored to **primary** filegroup
 - IO contention with user data
 - Longer database restores



How much disk space is required

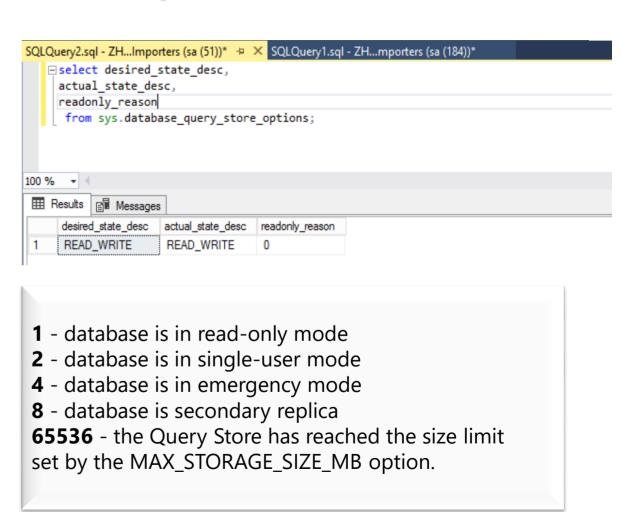
Configuration Parameters

- Retention period
- Type of queries and data to capture
- Plan per query

Database Workload

- Amount of different query texts
- Using non-parameterized queries

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/system-catalog-views/sys-database-query-store-options-transact-sql?view=sql-server-2017



More Gotchas

- Little context who run a query? From what program? etc
- Allows forcing of a better plan for a query
 - Good as a quick temporary fix
 - Can be easily forgotten
 - Plan forcing can fail if outdated due to data and/or schema changes and more
- Plan and query texts contains literals and may contain PII data
- Can have an impact on performance



Overhead?

Configuration Parameters

- Length of interval controls frequency of aggregations and amount of rows in table
- Frequency of cleans
- Capture mode control amount of queries to capture
- Flush interval control amount of memory used

Database Workload

- Amount of different query texts and use of parameterization
- Overall load

Query Store usage

Amount of queries run against the store and their type

Version

Bug affecting performance - https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4340759



Monitor - Perfmon Counters

Host and DB

Memory\% Committed Bytes In Use

MSSQL\$X64_2016_YR:Buffer Manager\Page life expectancy

MSSQL\$X64_2016_YR:Buffer Manager\Page lookups/sec

MSSQL\$X64_2016_YR:Buffer Manager\Page reads/sec

MSSQL\$X64_2016_YR:Buffer Manager\Page writes/sec

MSSQL\$X64_2016_YR:Transactions\Transactions

PhysicalDisk(_Total)\Disk Transfers/sec

Processor(_Total)\% Processor Time

Query Store

:Query Store(_Total)\Query Store CPU usage :Query Store(_Total)\Query Store logical reads :Query Store(_Total)\Query Store logical writes :Query Store(_Total)\Query Store physical reads



Monitor – Waits and extended events

Extended Events

name	description
query_store_failed_to_capture_query	Fired if the Query Store failed to capture query. The Query Store will not track statistics for this query
query_store_failed_to_load_forced_plan	Fired if the query failed to load forced plan from Query Store. Forcing policy will not be applied
query_store_failed_to_find_resource_group	Fired when Query Store resource group is not initialized
query_store_persist_on_shutdown_failed	Occurs when SQL Server fails to store dirty entries in Query Store on database shutdown.
query_store_begin_persist_runtime_stat	Fired immediately before current runtime statistics for a query plan is persisted to the database.
query_store_execution_runtime_info	Fired when runtime information is sent to the Query Store.
query_store_execution_runtime_info_discarded	Fired when runtime information sent to the Query Store is discarded.
query_store_execution_runtime_info_evicted	Fired when runtime information sent to the Query Store is evicted.
query_store_statement_not_found	Fired in case when statement couldn't be found due to race condition or ambiguous user request.
query_store_plan_forcing_failed	Occurs when forcing of plan from Query Store fail
query_store_background_task_creation_failed	Fired if the background processing task for Query Store could not be created
query_store_background_task_initialization_failed	Fired if the background processing task for Query Store could not be initialized
query_store_background_task_persist_started	Fired if the background task for Query Store data persistence started execution
query_store_background_task_persist_finished	Fired if the background task for Query Store data persistence is completed successfully
query_store_background_task_persist_failed	Fired if the background task for Query Store data persistence is not completed successfully
query_store_disk_size_info	Fired when a check against Query Store on-disk size is performed
query_store_disk_size_check_failed	Fired when a check against Query Store on-disk size limit fails
query_store_stmt_hash_map_over_memory_limit	Fired when Query Store statement hash map memory size grows over allowed memory limit

Waits

wait_type	wait_time_ms
QDS_DYN_VECTOR	0
QDS_STMT	0
QDS_CTXS	0
QDS_BCKG_TASK	0
QDS_DB_DISK	0
QDS_STMT_DISK	0
QDS_ASYNC_PERSIST_TASK	0
QDS_LOADDB	0
QDS_ASYNC_PERSIST_TASK_START	0
QDS_ASYNC_CHECK_CONSISTENCY_TASK	0
QDS_TASK_START	3
QDS_PERSIST_TASK_MAIN_LOOP_SLEEP	621810742
QDS_TASK_SHUTDOWN	0
QDS_SHUTDOWN_QUEUE	0
QDS_EXCLUSIVE_ACCESS	0
QDS_CLEANUP_STALE_QUERIES_TASK_MAIN_LOOP_SLEEP	0
QDS_ASYNC_QUEUE	0
QDS_BLOOM_FILTER	0
QDS_QDS_CAPTURE_INIT	0

What's new in 2017

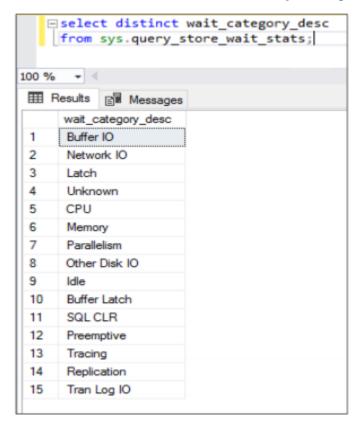
Wait Events

- Accumulated whenever query is not on the scheduler
- Important to understand what is going on:
 - SOS_Scheduler_Yield wait for CPU
 - LCK* Lock
 - CXPACKT wait for parallel threads to finish
 - PAGEIOLATCH* physical IO
 - PAGELATCH logical io wait for buffer page
 - ASYNC_NETWORK send data to client over the network
- Pre 2017 only available for running requests and on instance level (sys.dm_os_wait_stats)
- 2017 also added more persistent information at session level (sys.dm_exec_session_wait_stats)
- => Not useful for historical analysis



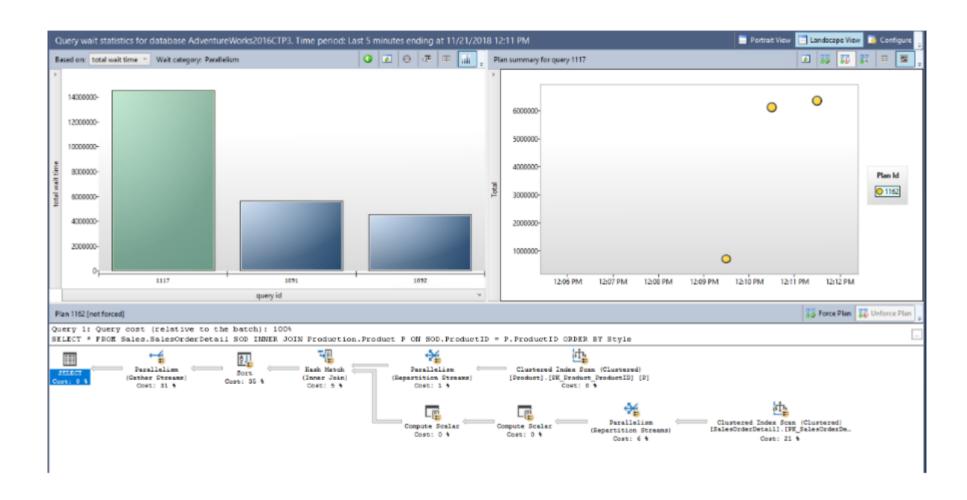
Adding the Wait Stats store

- New Wait Stats Store include with plan and runtime stats store at query level
- T-SQL: WAIT_STATS_CAPTURE_MODE
 - On = 1 (default)
 - OFF = 0
- Waits are mapped to 23 Wait Categories
 - Summarizes wait types
 - use based on similarity in response





New SSMS view





Show top 10 queries

```
SELECT TOP 10
qt.query_sql_text,
q.query_id,
p.plan id,
ws.wait_category_desc,
sum(total guery wait time ms) AS sum total wait ms
FROM sys.query_store_wait_stats ws
JOIN sys.query_store_plan p ON ws.plan_id = p.plan_id
JOIN sys.query_store_query q ON p.query_id = q.query_id
JOIN sys.query_store_query_text d 100 %
                                                     Results Messages
qt.query_text_id
                                                           query_sql_text
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WHERE ws.wait category desc!=
                                                           select db name() as DBName, db id() dbid, rtrim(sf.name),
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GROUP BY qt.query_sql_text, q.qu 2
                                                           select db_name() as DBName, db_id() dbid, rtrim(sf.name),
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Azure Data Studio (operations studio)

- Cross-platform database tool for data professionals
- Supports on-premises and cloud data platforms on Windows, MacOS, and Linux.
- Runs on Windows, macOS, and Linux.
- Download from https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/azure-data-studio/download?view=sql-server-2017
- Demo





Best Practice

Best Practice

- Plan Ahead
 - Consider for which use case
 - Consider for which databases
 - Turn on when needed at the level needed
- Maintain
 - Size according to workload
 - Consider how long to keep it
 - Backups & Restore
 - Create standard setup & configuration scripts
 - Install latest CU https://www.sqlskills.com/blogs/erin/important-query-store-fixes-january-2019/
- Monitor
 - Size and status
 - Performance
 - Failed forced plans



Summary

- Excellent to find out:
 - what happened (flight recorder)
 - what changed
 - what is going on top consumer, waits
- Allow performance monitoring for all
- Plan to use it with proper impact monitoring



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Appendix examples

Find Queries with multiple plans

```
;WITH Query_MultPlans
AS
SELECT COUNT(*) AS cnt, q.query_id
FROM sys.query_store_query_text AS qt
JOIN sys.query_store_query AS q
ON qt.query_text_id = q.query_text_id
JOIN sys.guery store plan AS p
ON p.query id = q.query id
GROUP BY q.query_id
HAVING COUNT(distinct plan id) > 1
SELECT q.query_id, object_name(object_id) AS ContainingObject,
query_sql_text, plan_id,-- convert(xml,p.query_plan) AS plan_xml,
p.last_compile_start_time, p.last_execution_time
FROM Query_MultPlans AS qm
JOIN sys.query store query AS q
ON qm.query_id = q.query_id
JOIN sys.query_store_plan AS p
ON q.query_id = p.query_id
JOIN sys.query_store_query_text qt
ON qt.query_text_id = q.query_text_id
ORDER BY query id, plan id;
```



Find Queries that aborted during last week

```
select qt.query_sql_text, q.query_hash,
q.query_id, qt.query_text_id, p.plan_id,sum(count_executions) as executions#
from
sys.query_store_query_text AS qt
JOIN sys.query_store_query AS q
  ON qt.query_text_id = q.query_text_id
JOIN sys.query_store_plan AS p
  ON q.query_id = p.query_id
JOIN sys.query_store_runtime_stats AS rs
  ON p.plan_id = rs.plan_id
JOIN sys.query_store_runtime_stats_interval si
  ON si.runtime_stats_interval_id=rs.runtime_stats_interval_id
where execution_type <> 0 --only aborted executions
and rs.last_execution_time >= DATEADD(DAY, -7, GETUTCDATE())
group by qt.query_sql_text, q.query_hash,
  q.query_id, qt.query_text_id, p.plan_id
```



Find Queries lack Parameterization

same query hash for multiple queries with the same plan

```
select qs.query_hash,count_queries,count_plans
from
(select query_hash,count(q.query_id) as count_queries
from sys.query_store_query q join
sys.query_store_plan p
on q.query_id = p.query_id
group by query hash) qs
join
(select query hash,count(query plan hash) as count plans
from
( select distinct query_hash,query_plan_hash
 from sys.query_store_query q
join sys.query_store_plan p
 on q.query_id = p.query_id
) as qp1
group by query_hash
) qp
on qs.query_hash=qp.query_hash
where count gueries > 10 and count plans < 10
```

-- find text of a query based on its hash
select query_sql_text,query_plan_hash
from
sys.query_store_query q join
sys.query_store_plan p
on q.query_id = p.query_id
join
sys.query_store_query_text t on
q.query_text_id=t.query_text_id
where query_hash=<query hash>



Find Long Runing Queries in last Hour

```
;WITH AggregatedDurationLastHour
AS
SELECT aguery id, SUM(count executions * ava duration) AS total duration.
COUNT (distinct p.plan id) AS number of plans
FROM sys.query_store_query_text AS qt JOIN sys.query store query AS q
ON at auery text id = a auery text id
JOIN sys.guery store plan AS p ON g.guery id = p.guery id
JOIN sys.query store runtime stats AS rs ON rs.plan id = p.plan id
JOIN sys.guery store runtime stats interval AS rsi
ON rsi.runtime stats interval id = rs.runtime stats interval id
WHERE rsi.start time >= DATEADD(hour, -1, GETUTCDATE())
AND rs.execution type desc = 'Regular'
GROUP BY q.query id
) .OrderedDuration
AS
SELECT guery id, total duration, number of plans,
ROW NUMBER () OVER (ORDER BY total duration DESC, query id) AS RN
FROM Aggregated Duration Last Hour
SELECT qt.query sql text, object name(q.object id) AS
containing object, g.guery id,
p.plan id,rsi.start time as interval start, rs.avg duration,rs.count executions,
CONVERT(xml, p.query plan) AS query plan xml
FROM OrderedDuration od JOIN sys.query_store_query
AS g ON g.guery id = od.guery id
JOIN sys.query_store_query_text AS qt ON
q.query text id = qt.query text id
JOIN sys.guery store plan AS p ON g.guery id = p.guery id
JOIN sys.query store runtime stats AS rs ON rs.plan id = p.plan id
JOIN sys.query store runtime stats interval AS rsi ON rsi.runtime stats interval id = rs.runtime stats interval id
WHERE rsi.start time >= DATEADD(hour, -1,GETUTCDATE())
AND number of plans > 1
ORDER BY total_duration DESC, query_id,
rsi.runtime stats interval id, p.plan id
```

