



### Why?

- Baselines
- Issue detection
- History
- What is my instance doing



#### But, why?

- Proactive management and maintenance
- Tackle problems before they become an issue
- Explain past issues



#### What

- Azure SQL DB != SQL Server
- Every database is different
- Different interpretations



#### How?

- SQL Server Management Studio or Azure Data Studio?
- There's the Azure portal...
- You can use (expensive) software
- You can try the TICK Stack
- Zabbix



## What will you learn (hopefully)

- Zabbix can be cool
- Configuration isn't hard
- You can do it
- With some tinkering, you can do magical things
- There are some presents at the end!





#### Hello!

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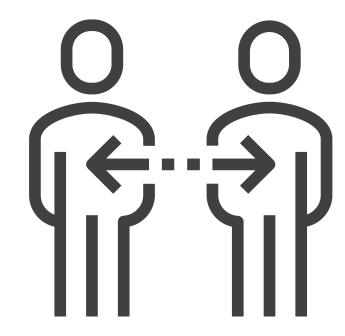
Server infrastructure monitoring

Runs on Linux

- Graphical interface
- Many templates from the community



- Might already run in your organisation
- Prebuilt templates for SQL Server, Oracle and a lot more
- Easy to learn and create your own templates
- Show results on the dashboard





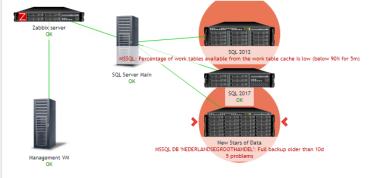
#### All dashboards / Global view

System information		
Parameter	Value	Details
Zabbix server is running	Yes	localhost:10051
Number of hosts (enabled/disabled)	6	6/0
Number of templates	294	
Number of items (enabled/disabled/not supported)	752	744/0/8
Number of triggers (enabled/disabled [problem/ok])	384	383 / 1 [6 / 377]
Number of users (online)	2	1
Required server performance, new values per second	6.17	

3		0	3	6		
Available		Not available	Unknown	Total		
0 Disaster			2_ Warning	0 Inform	ation	0 Not classified



#### **Local Hosting**



Problem	s						\$ ···
Time ▼	Info	Host	Problem • Severity	Duration	Ack	Actions	Tags
14:04:03		New Stars of Data	MSSQL: Percent of adhoc queries running is over 10% for 15m	2m 45s	No		class: database component: application scope: performance •
14:00							
12:13:11		New Stars of Data	MSSQL DB 'NEDERLANDSEGROOTHANDEL': Full backup older than 10d	1h 53m 37s	No		class: database component: database database: NEDERLA
12:13:11		New Stars of Data	MSSQL DB 'F1': Full backup older than 10d	1h 53m 37s	No		class: database component: database database: F1
12:13:10		New Stars of Data	MSSQL Job 'AX_OH_DAILY_FULL_BACKUP': Failed to run	1h 53m 38s	No		class: database component: mssql-job mssql-job: AX_OH_D
12:04:00		New	MSSQL: Percentage of work tables	2h 2m 48s	No		class: database

- Installation guides are online
- Configure the firewall on the Linux machine
- Create user accounts with correct rights
- Create your SQL ODBC connection in Linux, take care who can access that folder!





```
sudo su
curl https://packages.microsoft.com/keys/microsoft.asc | apt-key add -

curl https://packages.microsoft.com/config/ubuntu/20.04/prod.list > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/mssql-release.list

exit

sudo apt-get update
sudo ACCEPT_EULA=Y apt-get install -y msodbcsql17

# optional: for bcp and sqlcmd
sudo ACCEPT_EULA=Y apt-get install -y mssql-tools
echo 'export PATH="$PATH:/opt/mssql-tools/bin"' >> ~/.bashrc
source ~/.bashrc

# optional: for unixODBC development headers
sudo apt-get install -y unixodbc-dev
```

```
ini
                                                                                         Copy
# [DSN name]
[MSSQLTest]
Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
# Server = [protocol:]server[,port]
Server = tcp:localhost,1433
# Note:
# Port is not a valid keyword in the odbc.ini file
# for the Microsoft ODBC driver on Linux or macOS
```

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/connect/odbc/linux-mac/connection-string-keywords-and-data-source-names-dsns?view=sql-server-ver15

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[DEMODB]
Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
Server = MyDemoDB.database.windows.net
Database = myDemoDatabase
Port = 1433
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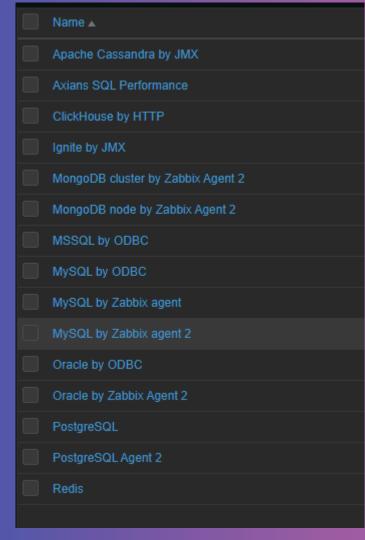
You can add extra options to the ini file to suit your needs

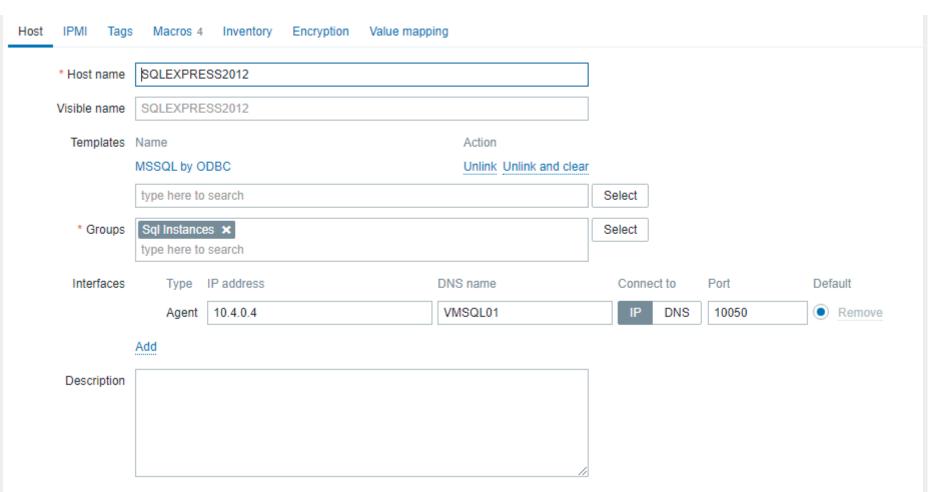
- Most basic things are included
- Check the triggers. They might fire to fast. Or not
- The templates are incomplete, add your own metrics
- Check the configuration of the scripts

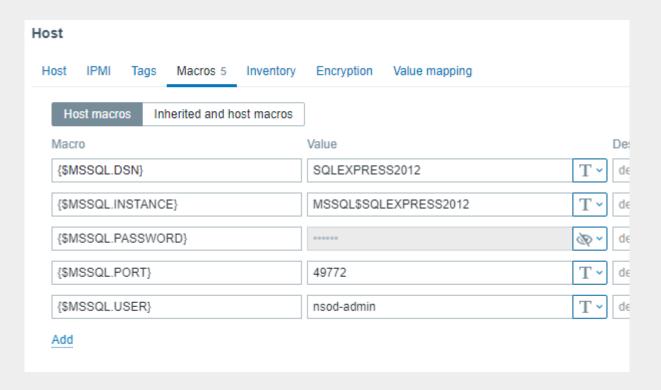




# templates







Make sure your port number is correct in the ODBC.ini file!

#### ERROR MESSAGES FOR ON PREMISES

ERROR MESSAGE: CONNECTION FAILED: SQLSTATE[08001]: [MICROSOFT][ODBC DRIVER 17 FOR SQL SERVER]SSL PROVIDER: [ERROR:1425F102:SSL ROUTINES:SSL\_CHOOSE\_CLIENT\_VERSION:UNSUPPORTED PROTOCOL]DATABASE CONNECTION ERROR

- 1. INSTALL OPEN SSL <u>HTTPS://WWW.HOWTOFORGE.COM/TUTORIAL/HOW-TO-INSTALL-OPENSSL-FROM-SOURCE-ON-LINUX/</u>
- 2. EDIT /ETC/SSL/OPENSSL.CONF

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1st line in the file added openssl_conf = default_conf
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3. END OF FILE:

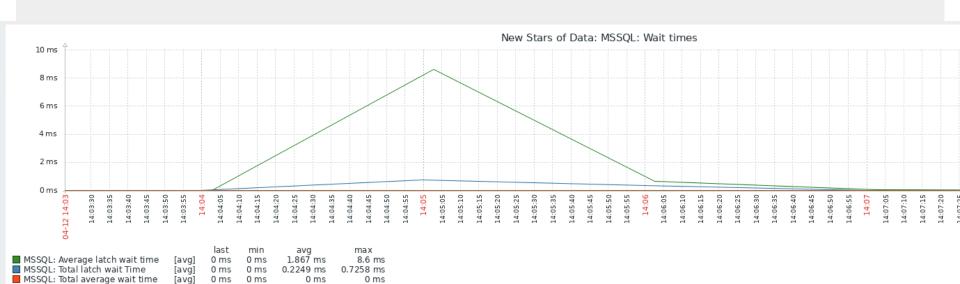
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[default_conf]
ssl_conf = ssl_sect

[ssl_sect]
system_default = system_default_sect

[system_default_sect]
MinProtocol = TLSv1
CipherString = DEFAULT@SECLEVEL=1
```

- 4. SYSTEMCTL RESTART APACHE2
- 5. SYSTEMCTL RESTART ZABBIX-SERVER

Name ▲	Interface	Availability	Tags	Status	Latest data	Problems	Graphs	Dashboards
Management VM	10.4.0.5:10050	ZBX	class: os target: windows	Enabled	Latest data	Problems	Graphs 16	Dashboards 2
New Stars of Data	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: database larget: mssql	Enabled	Latest data	3 2	Graphs 29	Dashboards
SQL 2012	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: database target mssql	Enabled	Latest data	1	Graphs 17	Dashboards
SQL 2017	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: database target: mssql	Enabled	Latest data	Problems	Graphs 17	Dashboards
SQL Server Main	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: os   target: windows	Enabled	Latest data	Problems	Graphs 34	Dashboards 2
Zabbix server	127.0.0.1:10050	ZBX	class: os class: software target: linux	Enabled	Latest data	Problems	Graphs 28	Dashboards 4



MSSQL: Lock wait time

[avg]

O Trigger: MSSQL: Total average wait time for locks is high (over 500ms for 5m)

0 ms

0 ms

0 ms

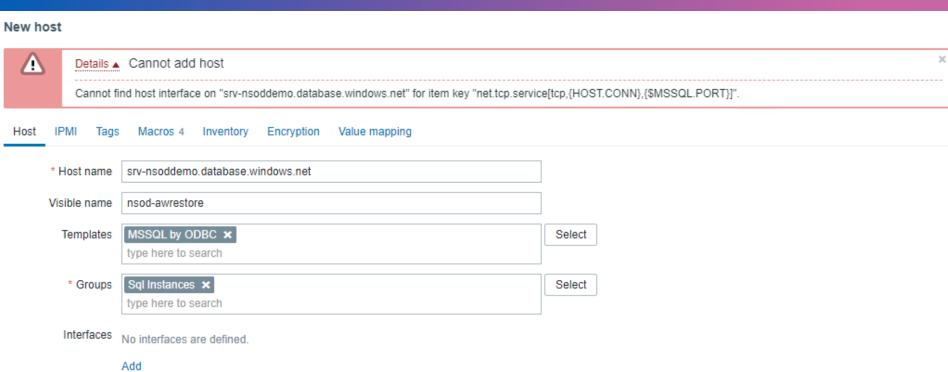
0 ms

[> 500]



```
💤 root@vmzabbixdemo: /etc
```

```
GNU nano 4.8
  [DSN name]
[SQLEXPRESS2012]
Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
# Server = [protocol:]server[,port]
Server = tcp:10.4.0.4\SQLEXPRESS2012,49772
TrustServerCertificate=YES
[SQLEXPRESS2017]
Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
Server = tcp:10.4.0.4\SQLEXPRESS2017,49773
[SQL NSOD]
Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
Server = tcp:10.4.0.4\sql nsod,49857
[SQLAZURE]
Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
Server = srv-nsoddemo.database.windows.net
Database = AW-Restore
Port = 1433
```



Name ▲	Items	Triggers	Graphs	Discovery	Web	Interface	Proxy	Templates
Management VM	Items 119	Triggers 82	Graphs 16	Discovery 4	Web	10.4.0.5:10050		ICMP Ping, Windows by Zabbix agent
New Stars of Data	Items 177	Triggers 74	Graphs 29	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
nsod-awrestore	Items 72	Triggers 24	Graphs 17	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.9:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
SQL 2012	Items 77	Triggers 26	Graphs 17	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
SQL 2017	Items 77	Triggers 26	Graphs 17	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
SQL Server Main	Items 164	Triggers 105	Graphs 34	Discovery 4	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		ICMP Ping, Windows by Zabbix agent
Zabbix server	Items 138	Triggers 71	Graphs 28	Discovery 4	Web	127.0.0.1:10050		Linux by Zabbix agent, Zabbix server health

Host IPMI Tags Macros 4 Inventory	Encryption Value mapping	
Host macros Inherited and host macros		
Macro	Value	Description
{\$MSSQL.DSN}	SQLAZURE	T ~ description
{\$MSSQL.INSTANCE}	MSSQL\$Azure	T ~ description
{\$MSSQL.PASSWORD}	*****	description
{\$MSSQL.USER}	nsod-admin	T ~ description
Add		

## Incomplete data

# Change the query

```
D: > Git > Speaking > Speaking Private > 04-2022 SQL Friday > emssql performance counters.sql

SELECT concat(substring(object_name,0,7), 'Azure', substring(object_name,charindex(':',object_name,0),50)) as object_name,counter_name,instance_name,cntr_value

FROM sys.dm_os_performance_counters

UNION

SELECT '{$MSSQL.INSTANCE}' as object_name,'Version' as counter_name,@version as instance_name,0 as cntr_value

UNION

SELECT '{$MSSQL.INSTANCE}' as object_name,'Uptime' as counter_name,'' as instance_name,DATEDIFF(second,sqlserver_start_time,GETDATE()) as cntr_value

FROM sys.dm_os_sys_info
```

## More data

```
[{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure","counter_name":"Uptime","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"36251"},
{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure","counter_name":"Version","instance_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"AU cleanup batches/sec","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"466"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"AU cleanup batches/sec","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"466"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"By-reference Lob Create Count","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"By-reference Lob Use Count","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Lob Readahead","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Pull In Row","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Pull In Row","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Push Off Row","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred dropped AUs","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred Dropped rowsets","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred Dropped rowsets","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Dropped rowsets
```

# Not everything is supported on Azure

Name 🛦	Interval	Туре	Status	Info
MSSQL by ODBC: Availability groups discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	
MSSQL by ODBC: Database discovery	1h	Database monitor	Enabled	
MSSQL by ODBC: Local database discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	ii.
MSSQL by ODBC: Mirroring discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	ii.
MSSQL by ODBC: Non-local database discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	i
MSSQL by ODBC: Replication discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	i

Name MSSQL: Service's TCP port state MSSQL: Get performance counters MSSQL: Percent of Adhoc queries running MSSQL: Full scans to Index searches ratio MSSQL: Percent of Recompiled Transact-SQL Objects MSSQL: Total average wait time MSSQL: Average latch wait time

### Items

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Cache objects in use

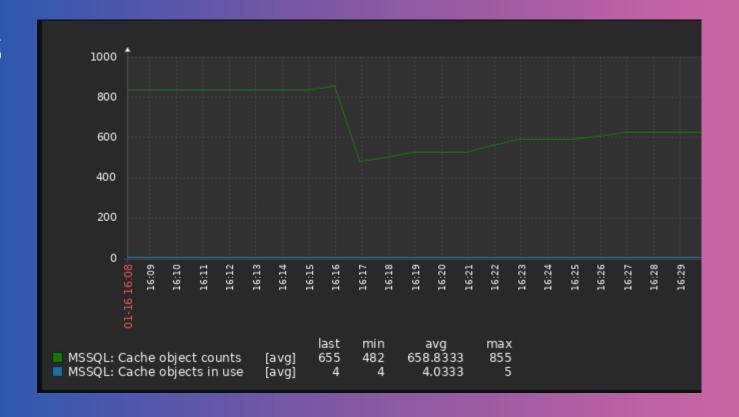
MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Database pages

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Total data file size

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Checkpoint pages per second

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Cache pages

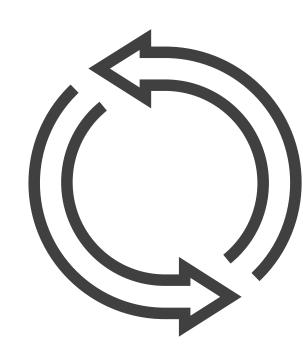
## Items



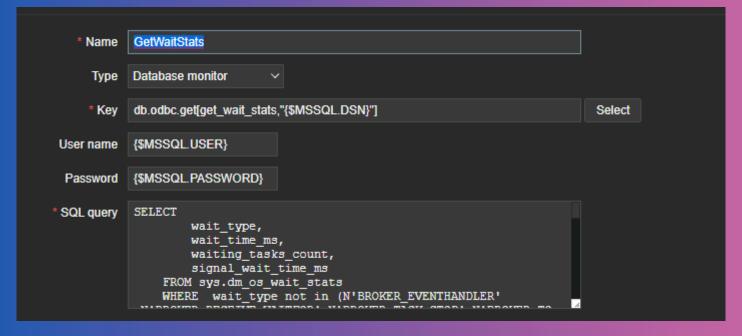
## triggers



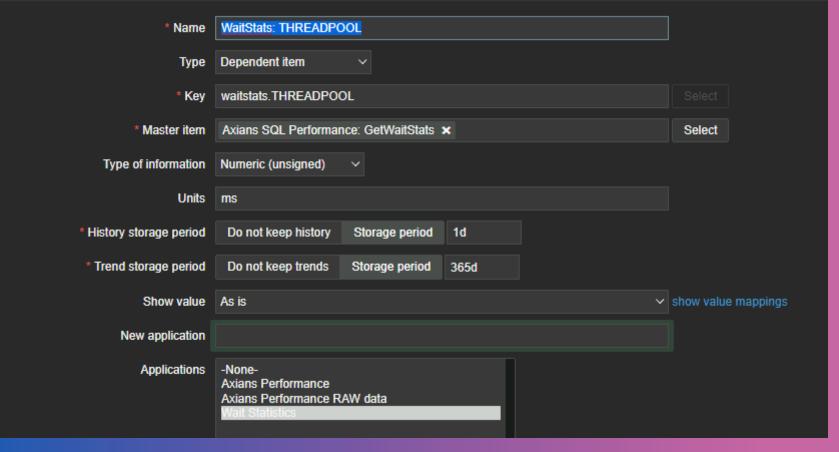
- Create your own template
- Configure the measurements and triggers
- Add dashboards
- Evaluate the results, get peer reviews and share!

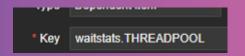




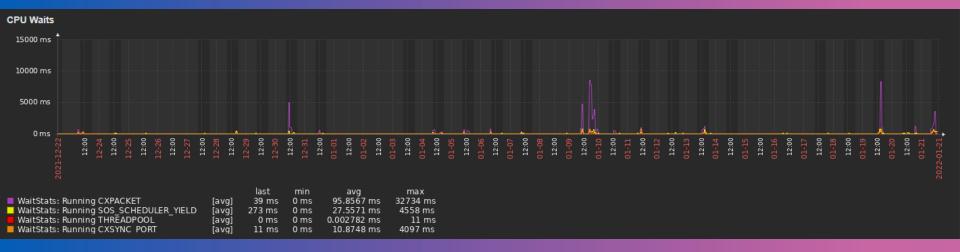


#### Wait state





* Name	WaitStats: Running THREADPOOL	
Туре	Calculated	
* Key	waitstats.running.THREADPOOL	
* Formula	(last(waitstats.THREADPOOL) - prev(waitstats.THREADPOOL))	
Type of information	Numeric (unsigned) ~	
Units	ms	
* Update interval	5m	







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             '</master item>' + char(13) +
             '</item>' as xml) as [dependent item],
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```

#### Why Zabbix?

- It might already be there in your organization
- Create your own templates
- Active community
- It's free



#### More info?

https://github.com/reitse/Speaking

https://wordpress.com/post/sqlreitse.home.blog/574





