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TempDB: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

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Overview

Why is TempDB causing me pain and what is Microsoft going to do about it??

- Introduction
- Some history…
- TempDB – Today and Tomorrow
- Demo – Introducing Memory-Optimized TempDB Metadata

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Introduction

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What makes TempDB so special?

Basically just a database

- Structure is the same as other user databases
- Re-created every time the server is restarted
- Transactions minimally logged

Workload is different

- Used for temporary (non-durable) storage
- Objects and data frequently being created and destroyed
- Very high concurrency

Critical to performance

- Data that can't fit in memory stored here – access needs to be fast
- Often used to store intermediate query results – direct impact to query performance

What is stored in TempDB?

Temp Tables

DBCC CHECK

Triggers

Statistics updates

Table Variables

Hash Worktables

Cursors

Spools

Some history…

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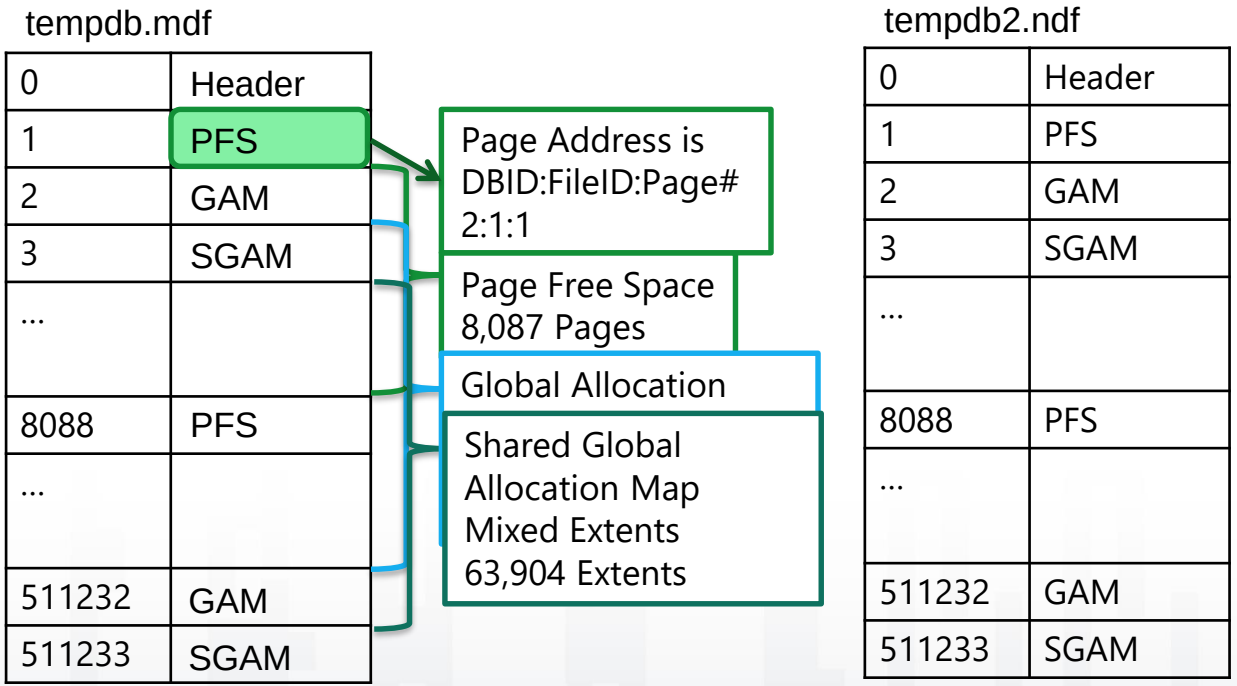
TempDB Journey

Object Allocation Contention



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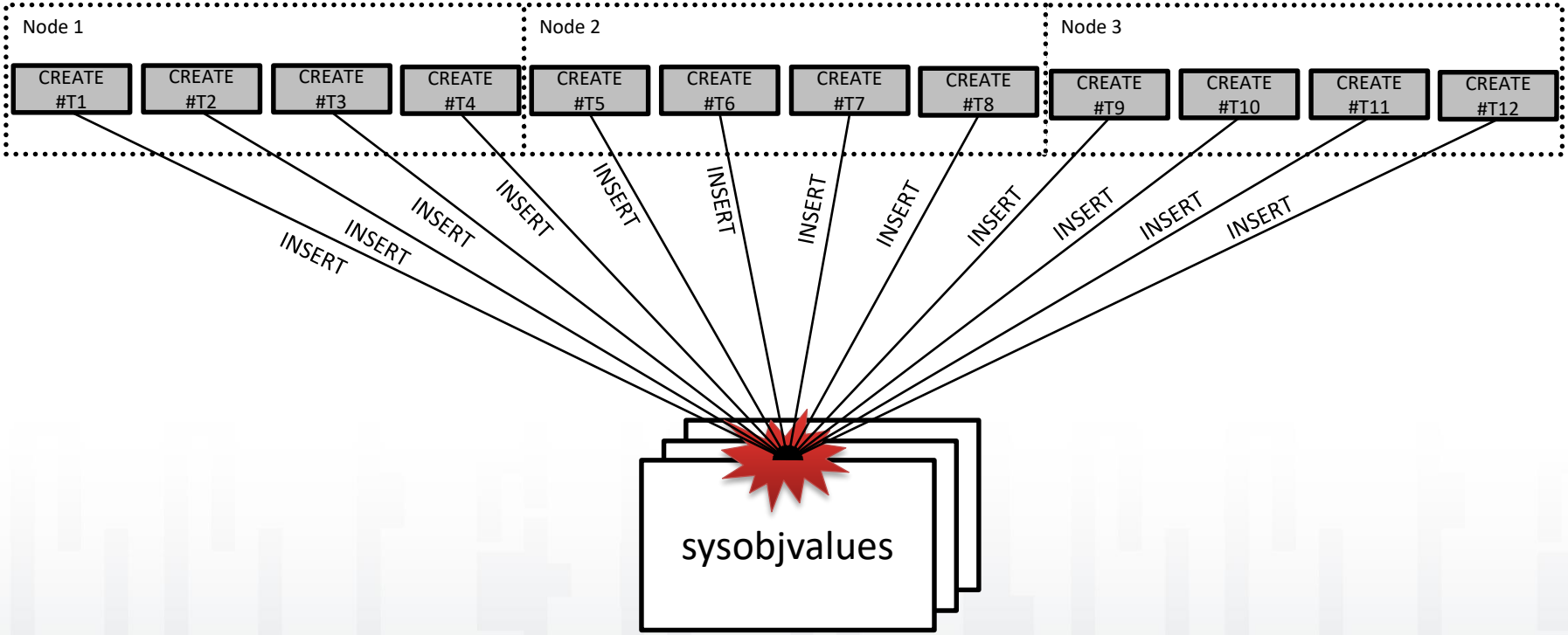

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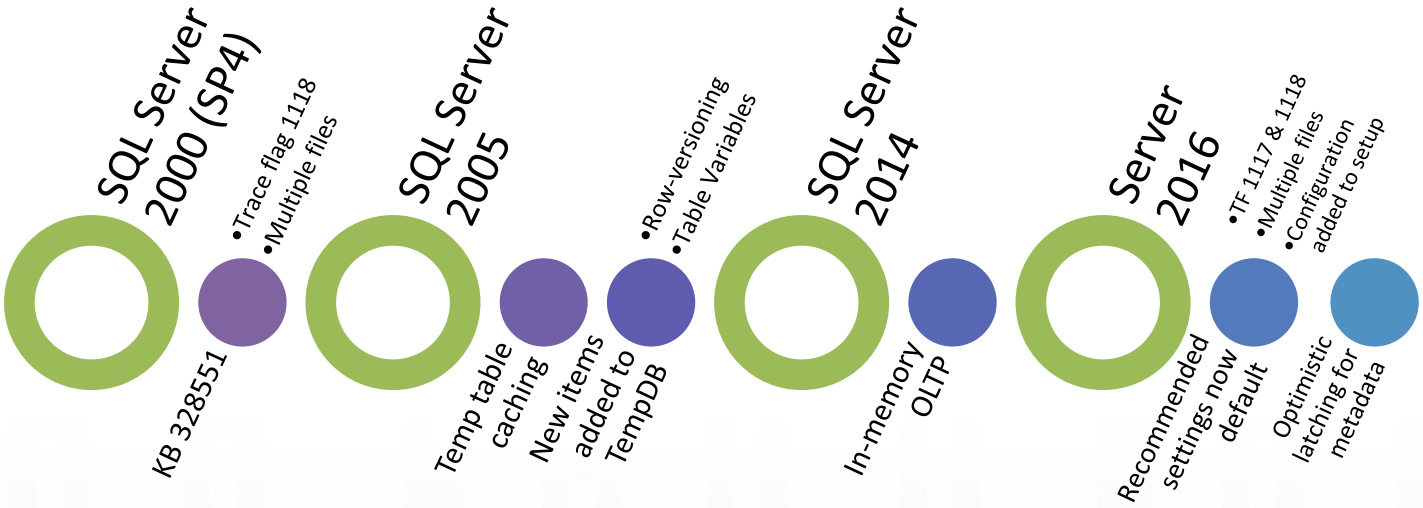
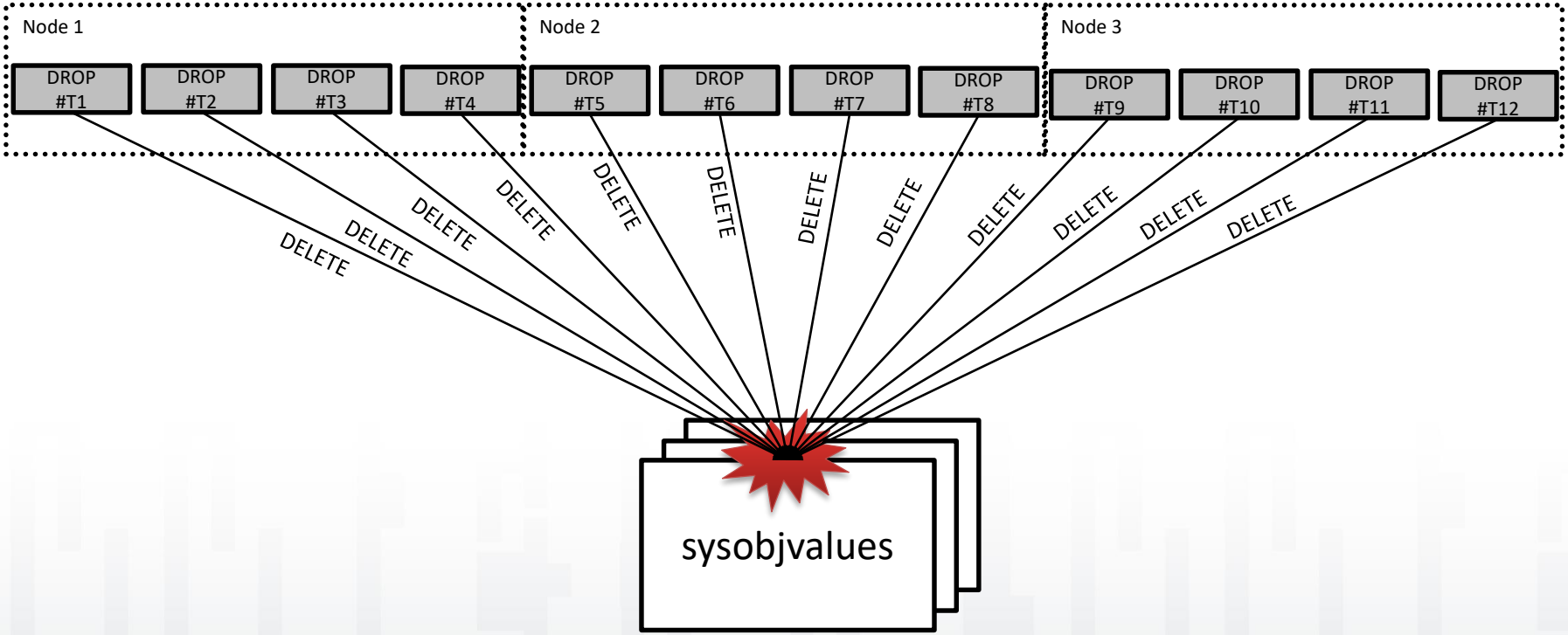
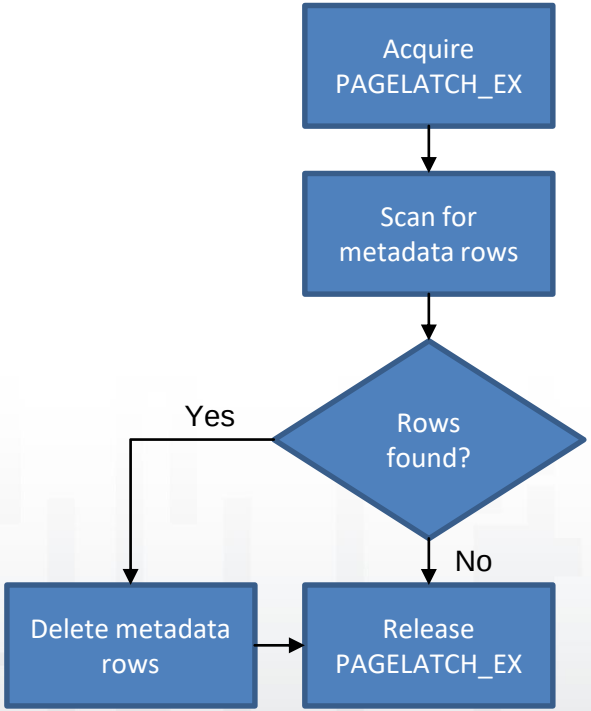


Metadata Contention – The Sequel

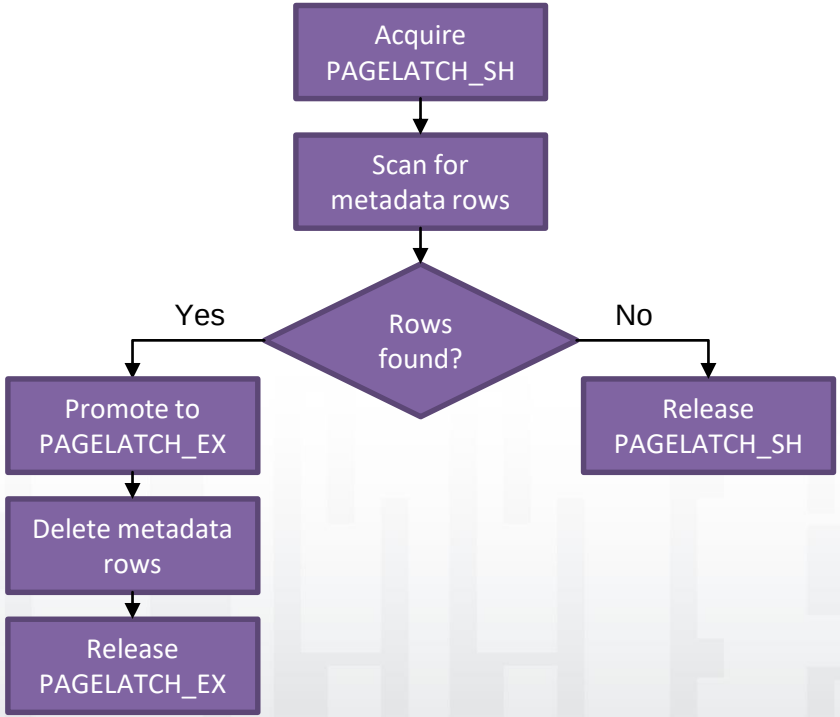


Metadata Contention 3 – Latch On Latch Off

Old latching algorithm



Optimized latching algorithm



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Object Allocation Contention – The Sequel

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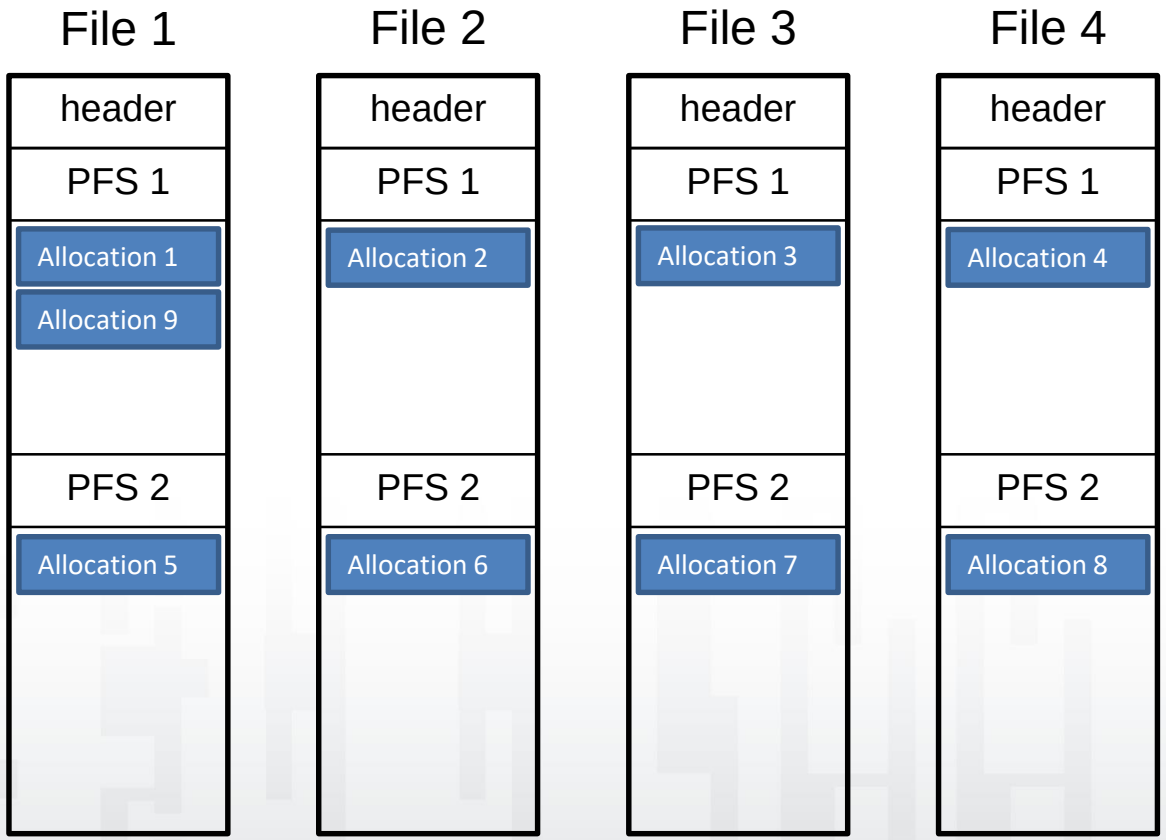
SQL Server 2016 SP1 CU9

SQL Server 2016 SP2 CU1

SQL Server 2014 SP3



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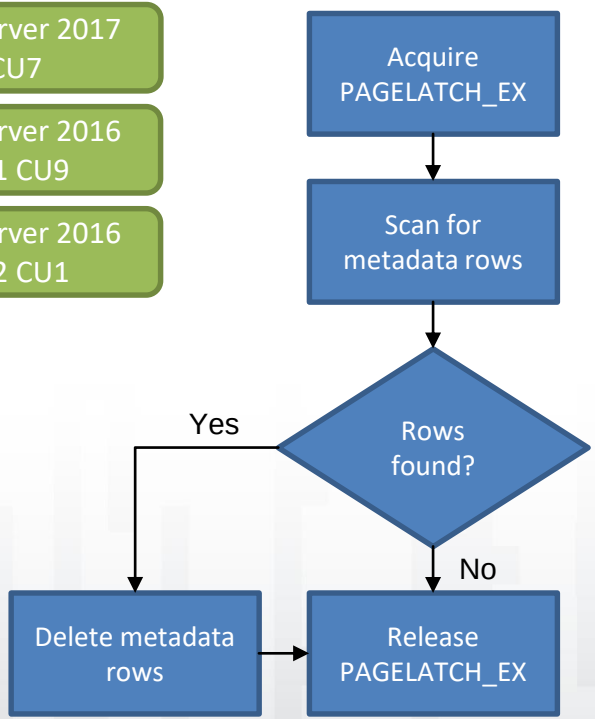

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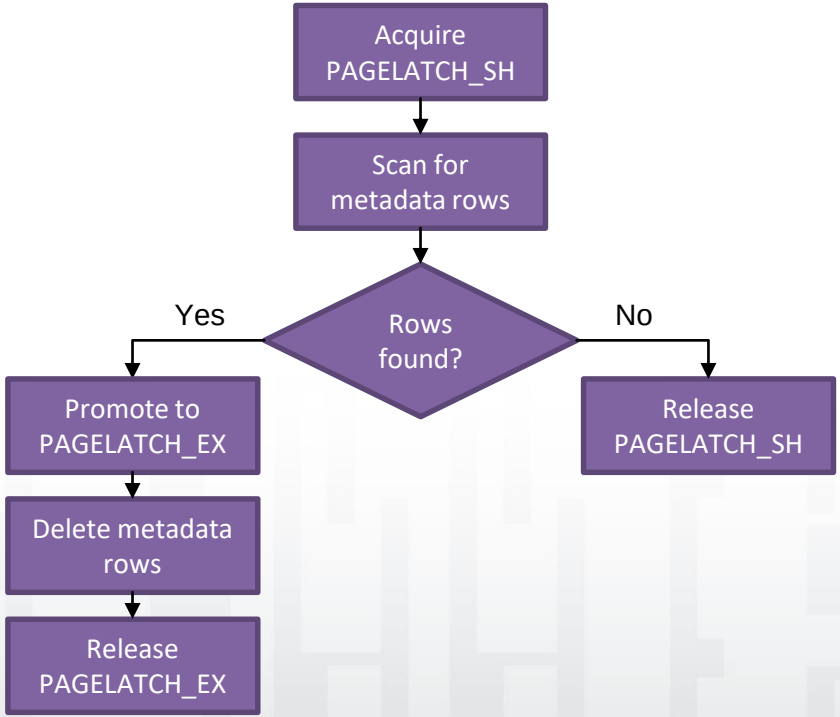
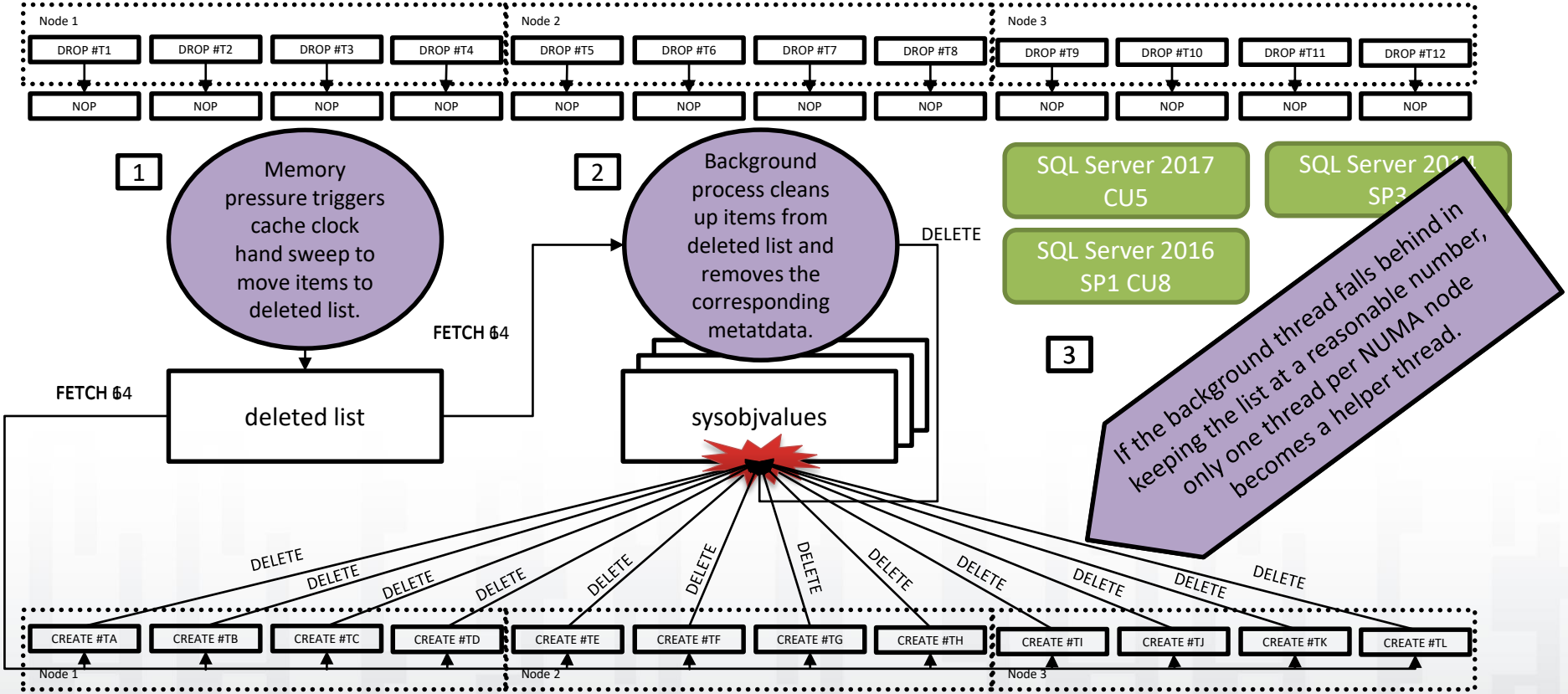


Metadata Contention 4 – Going Async



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Today and tomorrow

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Where are we now?

Configuration

- Ensure that you have multiple equally sized files
- Start with the lesser of 1 per core or 8 and increase as needed
- Enable TF 1117 and 1118 if you are on SQL Server 2014 or earlier

Version

- Ensure you are on the latest service pack and CU to take advantage of all improvements
- If you are running SQL Server 2016 SP1 CU2 to SQL Server 2016 SP2 CU2, either upgrade or enable TF 3427

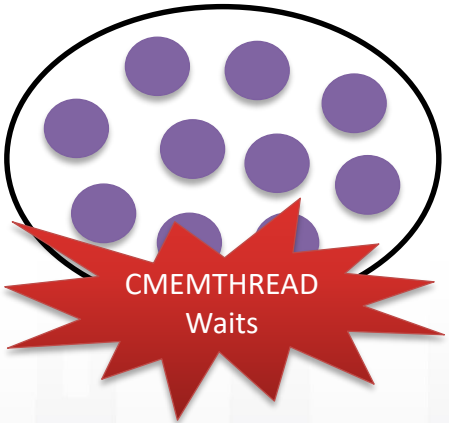
Code Changes

- Do not alter temp tables after they have been created
- Do not truncate temp tables
- Move index creation statements to the new inline syntax
- Avoid using temp tables inside ad-hoc batches

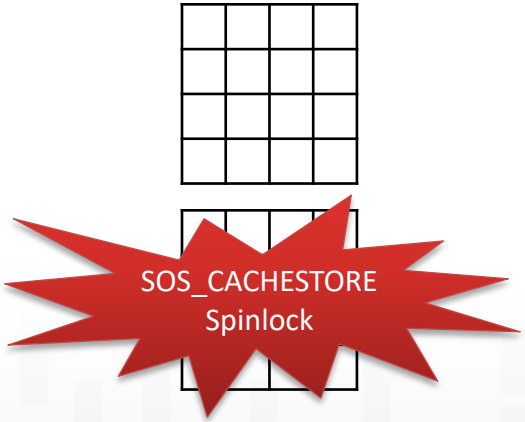
New and [not yet] Improved! Temp Table Cache Contention

Temp Table Metadata
(system tables)

Temp Table Cache
(memory object)



Cachestore
(hash tables)



Potential Directions

One TempDB per user database

- Doesn't improve scalability for a single user database
- Wouldn't solve the problem long-term

In-Memory TempDB

- Different data structures and performance patterns
- Not all data types and surface area supported

Where are we going?

TempDB Enhancements in SQL Server 2019

New Page Cracker allows you to quickly and easily diagnose contention

- sys.dm_db_page_info
- sys.fn_PageResCracker

Accelerated Database Recovery

- Leverages a new feature called **Persistent Version Store**

Next generation tempdb scalability

- Memory-optimized metadata tables
- Temp table cache improvements
- Concurrent PFS updates

Demo

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References

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- One bookmark to rule them all – https://aka.ms/sqlshortcuts
- @mssqltiger

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Review

Why is TempDB causing me pain?

- Everything gets dumped into TempDB
- Object allocation contention
- Metadata contention
- Temp table cache contention

And what is Microsoft going to do about it??

- SQL Server 2019 Improvements
  - Memory-optimized TempDB Metadata
  - Temp table cache improvements
  - Concurrent PFS updates

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Questions?

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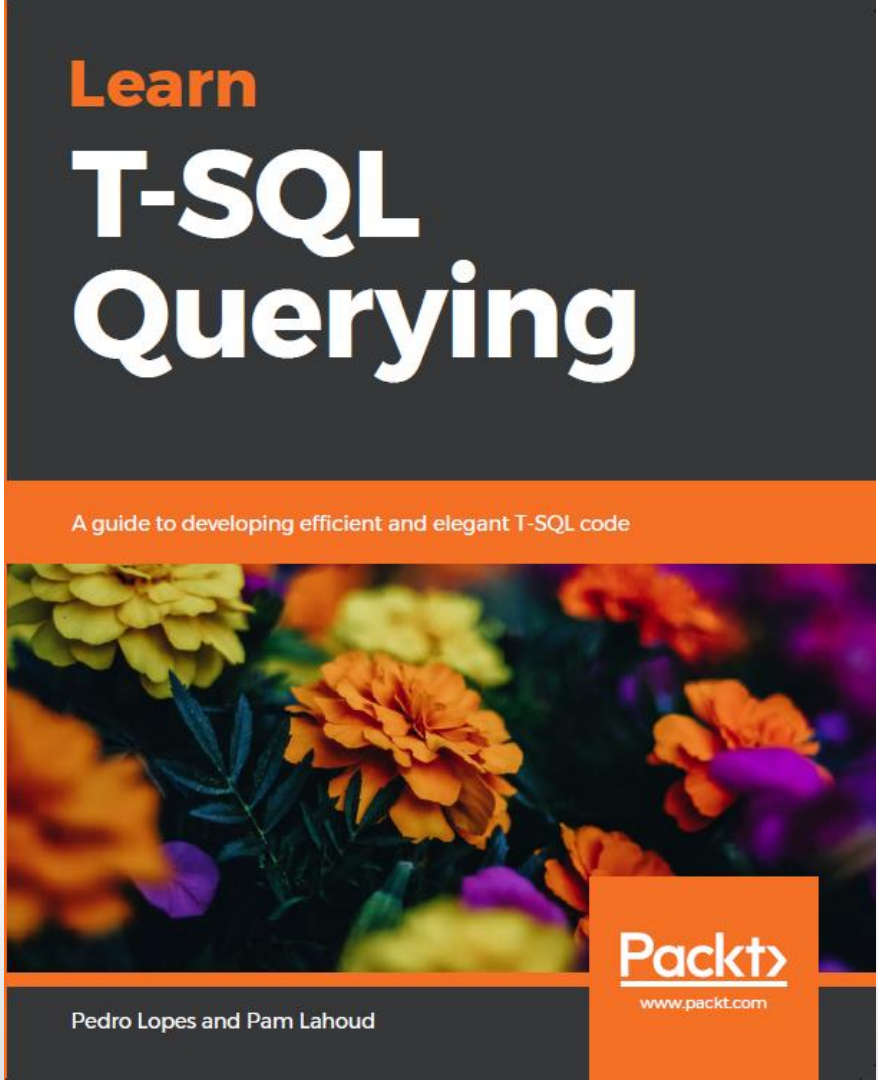

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