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# What's New for Developers in SQL Server 2022?

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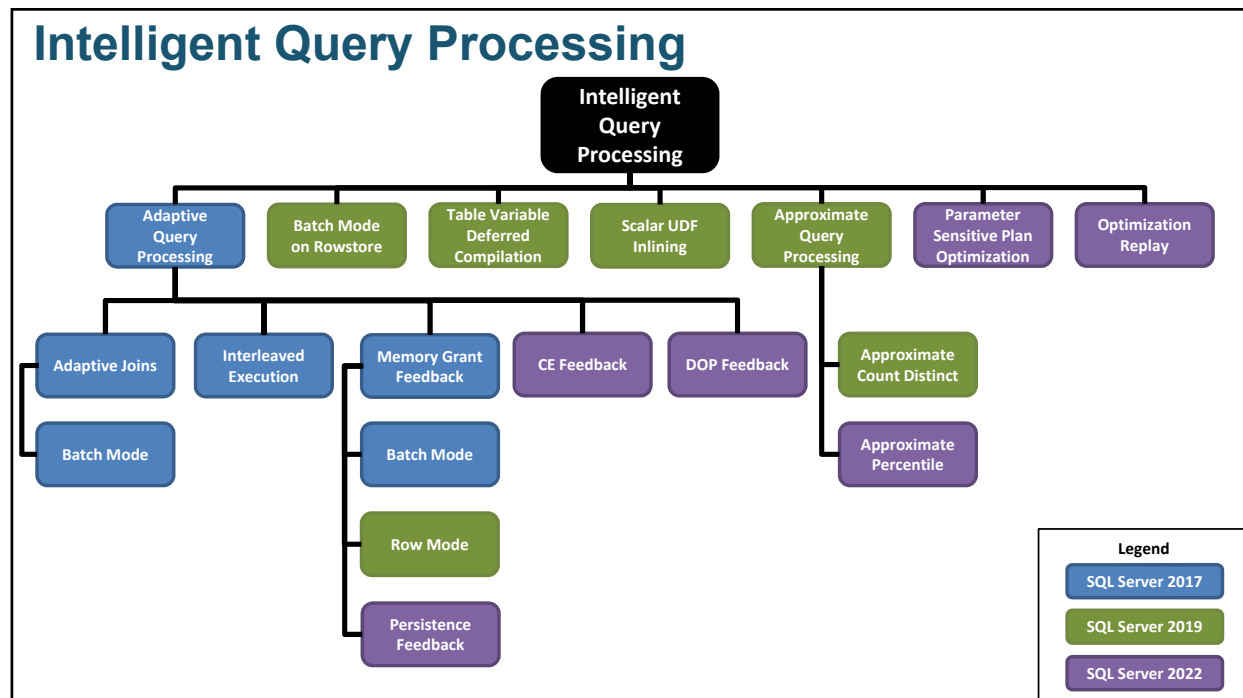
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## New in SQL Server 2022

- New IQP features
- Azure integration
- T-SQL enhancements
- JSON enhancements
- Granular DDM permissions
- Ledger





## SQL Server 2022 IQP Enhancements

- Query Store (SQL Server 2016)
  - A “flight recorder” for query performance
    - Gather query performance data
    - Gain insights into your workloads over time
- Query Store (SQL Server 2022)
  - Now enabled by default for new databases
  - Secondary replica support
    - Previously collected data only from primary replica workloads
  - Adds hinting support
    - Enables new IQP capabilities

## Azure Integration

- Azure Synapse Link
  - Near real-time analytics over operational data
- Object storage integration
  - Backup to URL (S3-compatible storage)
  - PolyBase for querying parquet files in S3 with T-SQL
- Link to Azure SQL Managed Instance
  - Near real-time replication to the cloud
  - Leverage read-only secondaries
  - Failover for disaster recovery



## T-SQL Enhancements

Syntax	Description
<b>DATE_BUCKET</b>	Returns the date corresponding to the start of each bucket
<b>GENERATE_SERIES</b>	Return a resultset with a series of numbers
<b>LEAST and GREATEST</b>	Return the minimum or maximum expression value
<b>STRING_SPLIT</b>	Enable ordinal
<b>FIRST_VALUE and LAST_VALUE</b>	Can now ignore nulls
<b>TRIM, LTRIM, RTRIM</b>	Greater control over leading and trailing characters to trim
<b>SELECT...WINDOW</b>	Define named reusable window
<b>APPROX_PERCENTILE_DISC and APPROX_PERCENTILE_CONT</b>	Approximate result versions of PERCENTILE_DISC and PERCENTILE_CONT analytic windowing functions



## DATE\_BUCKET

`DATE_BUCKET(DAY, 2, DataColumn, '2022-01-01')`


`DATE_BUCKET(WEEK, 1, DataColumn, '2022-01-01')`

`DATE_BUCKET(WEEK, 2, DataColumn, '2022-01-01')`

	A	B	C	D
1		2-days	1 week	2 week
2	1/1/2022	1		
3	1/2/2022			
4	1/3/2022	2	1	
5	1/4/2022			
6	1/5/2022	3		
7	1/6/2022			
8	1/7/2022	4		1
9	1/8/2022			
10	1/9/2022	5		
11	1/10/2022			
12	1/11/2022	6	2	
13	1/12/2022			
14	1/13/2022	7		
15	1/14/2022			
16	1/15/2022	8		
17	1/16/2022			
18	1/17/2022	9	3	
19	1/18/2022			
20	1/19/2022	10		
21	1/20/2022			
22	1/21/2022	11		2
23	1/22/2022			
24	1/23/2022	12		
25	1/24/2022			
26	1/25/2022	13	4	
27	1/26/2022			
28	1/27/2022	14		
29	1/28/2022			


## OVER

AcctId	TxnDate	Amount
1	3/10/2012	500
1	3/22/2012	250
1	3/24/2012	75
1	3/26/2012	125
2	3/11/2012	500
2	3/15/2012	50
2	3/22/2012	5000
2	3/24/2012	550
2	3/27/2012	95
3	3/15/2012	600
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3	3/22/2012	25
3	3/23/2012	125

## OVER with PARTITION BY




AcctId	TxnDate	Amount
1	3/10/2012	500
1	3/22/2012	250
1	3/24/2012	75
1	3/26/2012	125
2	3/11/2012	500
2	3/15/2012	50
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3	3/22/2012	25
3	3/23/2012	125

## OVER with PARTITION BY and ORDER BY



AcctId	TxnDate	Amount
1	3/10/2012	500
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# T-SQL Enhancements

## demo

## Built-in JSON Functions

Syntax	Description
ISJSON	Validates for well-formed JSON Can also validate for specific JSON types (array, object) <b>SQL 2022</b>
JSON_PATH_EXISTS	Validates if a specific path exists in the JSON <b>SQL 2022</b>
JSON_QUERY	Queries by path expression and returns a nested object/array
JSON_VALUE	Queries by path expression and returns a scalar value
JSON_OBJECT	Constructs a JSON object <b>SQL 2022</b>
JSON_ARRAY	Constructs a JSON array <b>SQL 2022</b>

## JSON Enhancements demo

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## Dynamic Data Masking (DDM)

- DDM is based on user permissions
- Create a table with masked columns
  - No special permission required
- Add, replace, or remove a column mask
  - Requires **ALTER ANY MASK** permission
- View unmasked data in masked columns
  - Requires **UNMASK** permission
    - Database wide in SQL Server 2016 – 2019
    - Granular (schema, table, and column levels) **SQL 2022**
- Updating data in a masked column
  - No special permission

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## Granular DDM Permissions demo



### Introducing Ledger

- Tamper-evident data
  - Cryptographically attest that tampered data is always evident
- Protects against attackers
  - Even DBAs and system administrators
- Updatable ledger tables
  - Tracks all changes via history table
- Append-only ledger tables
  - For event-based scenarios; no UPDATES or DELETES
- Ledger database
  - Contains only ledger tables
- Database digest
  - Single hash for the current state of all ledger tables in the database



## How to Detect Tampered Data?

- Auditing
  - Gives context of what has changed
  - Doesn't give cryptographic proof that somebody has changed your data
  - DBAs can disable auditing, tamper the data, and then re-enable
- Temporal
  - Provides historical values
  - Temporal history tables can be tampered with
  - DBAs can disable temporal, make changes, and then re-enable
- Blockchains are overkill for centralized scenarios
  - High latency, low throughput, resource intensive
- Ledger
  - Centralized blockchain technology inside SQL Server for tamper evidence



## How Does Ledger Work?

- Every transaction in a ledger database is hashed (SHA256)
  - Generates a new block
- Every block is hashed against the previous block
  - Generates a blockchain
- The last block is called the **database digest**
  - Single hash representing the current state of all ledger tables in the database
- Database digests are written to separate trusted storage
  - Azure Storage immutable blobs, or Azure Confidential Ledger



## Ledger demo

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