10987 Performance Tuning and Optimizing SQL Databases

Overview

This four-day instructor-led course provides students who manage and maintain SQL Server databases with the knowledge and skills to performance tune and optimize their databases.

Prerequisite Comments

In addition to their professional experience, students who attend this training should already have the following technical knowledge: Basic knowledge of the Microsoft Windows operating system and its core functionality; Working knowledge of database administration and maintenance; Working knowledge of Transact-SQL.

Target Audience

The primary audience for this course is individuals who administer and maintain SQL Server databases and are responsible for optimal performance of SQL Server instances that they manage. These individuals also write queries against data and need to ensure optimal execution performance of the workloads. The secondary audiences for this course are individuals who develop applications that deliver content from SQL Server databases.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, students will be able to:
Describe the high level architectural overview of SQL Server and its various components.
Describe the SQL Server execution model, waits and queues.
Describe core I/O concepts, Storage Area Networks and performance testing.
Describe architectural concepts and best practices related to data files for user databases and TempDB.
Describe architectural concepts and best practices related to Concurrency, Transactions, Isolation Levels and Locking.
Describe architectural concepts of the Optimizer and how to identify and fix query plan issues.
Describe architectural concepts, troubleshooting scenarios and best practices related to Plan Cache.
Describe architectural concepts, troubleshooting strategy and usage scenarios for Extended Events.
Explain data collection strategy and techniques to analyze collected data.
Understand techniques to identify and diagnose bottlenecks to improve overall performance.

Course Outline

SQL Server Architecture, Scheduling, & Waits
SQL Server Components and SQL OS
Windows Scheduling vs SQL Scheduling
Waits and Queues
Lab: SQL Server Architecture, Scheduling, and Waits
SQL Server I/O
Core Concepts
Storage Solutions
I/O Setup and Testing
Lab: Testing Storage Performance

Database Structures
Database Structure Internals
Data File Internals
TempDB Internals
Lab: Database Structures

SQL Server Memory
Windows Memory
SQL Server Memory
In-Memory OLTP
Lab: SQL Server Memory

Concurrency & Transactions
Concurrency and Transactions
Locking Internals
Lab: Concurrency and Transactions

Statistics & Index Internals
Statistics Internals and Cardinality Estimation
Index Internals
Column Store Indexes
Lab: Statistics and index Internals

Query Execution & Query Plan Analysis
Query execution and optimizer internals
Analyzing query plans
Lab: Query execution and query plan analysis

Plan Caching & Recompilation
Plan cache internals
Troubleshooting plan cache issues
Query store
Lab: Plan caching and recompilation
Extended Events

Extended events core concepts
Implementing extended events
Lab: Extended events

Monitoring, Tracing, & Baselining

Monitoring and tracing
Baselining and benchmarking
Lab: Monitoring, Tracing and Baselining

Troubleshooting Common Performance Issues

Troubleshoot CPU performance
Troubleshoot memory performance
Troubleshoot I/O performance
Troubleshoot Concurrency performance
Troubleshoot TempDB performance
Lab: Troubleshooting common performance issues