

It Depends

Database administration for developers

About Me

Email: maggiepint@gmail.com

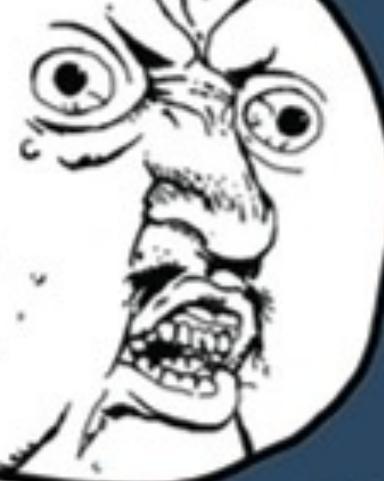


<https://www.tempworks.com>

www.maggiepint.com

Slide Share: <http://www.slideshare.net/MaggiePint>

YU



RUIN MY FUN

memegenerator.net



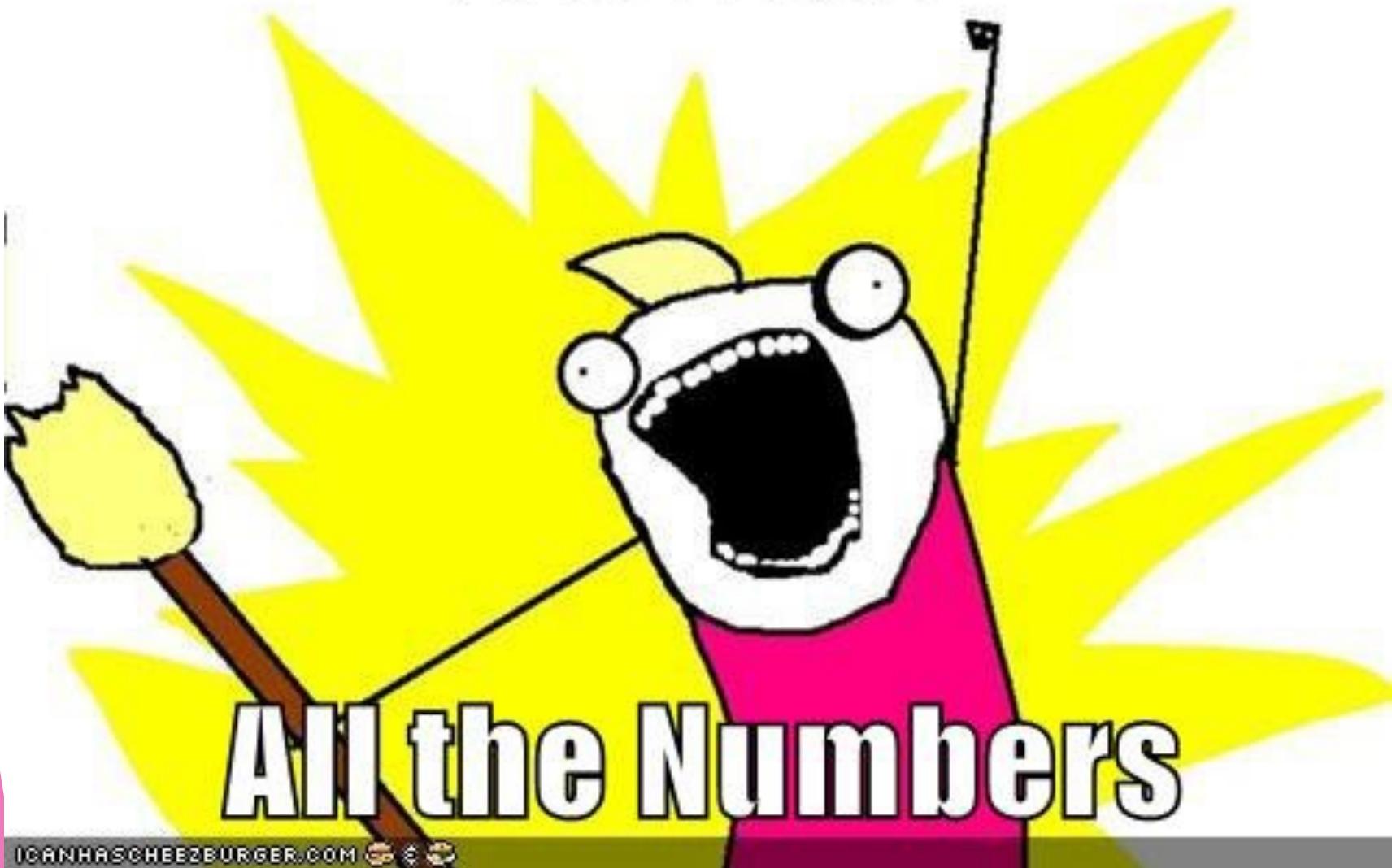
Stuff your DBA Does

- ▶ Hardware configuration and maintenance
- ▶ Manage backups
- ▶ Manage server updates and maintenance jobs
- ▶ Document database functionality
- ▶ Monitor databases for problem code
- ▶ Performance tuning

The ‘Slowness’ Problem

Troubleshooting with your DBA

Monitor



All the Numbers

Dynamic Management Views for Performance Tuning

- ▶ DMVs can find
 - ▶ Wait statistics
 - ▶ Poorly Performing queries by several metrics including
 - ▶ CPU
 - ▶ Logical/Physical Reads/Writes
 - ▶ Cached execution plans
 - ▶ Missing indexes
- ▶ DMVs refresh after every server restart, so be sure to only look when the server has been running for a while

Wait Stats

- ▶ Track why threads on the SQL server have to wait to execute.
- ▶ Can be found in Sys.dm_os_wait_stats
- ▶ Filter out innocuous wait types when querying
- ▶ Paul Randal provides a great wait stats query here:
 - ▶ <http://www.sqlskills.com/blogs/paul/wait-statistics-or-please-tell-me-where-it-hurts/>

	WaitType	Wait_S	Resource_S	Signal_S	WaitCount	Percentage	AvgWait_S	AvgRes_S	AvgSig_S
1	CXPACKET	2179735.24	2054694.82	125040.42	209173420	40.50	0.0104	0.0098	0.0006
2	QDS_SHUTDOWN_QUEUE	1464815.21	1464789.19	26.03	24411	27.22	60.0064	60.0053	0.0011
3	SOS_SCHEDULER_YIELD	669237.74	343.17	668894.58	339793276	12.44	0.0020	0.0000	0.0020
4	BACKUPTHREAD	247676.72	247582.90	93.82	157644	4.60	1.5711	1.5705	0.0006
5	BACKUPIO	142675.69	142070.85	604.84	10548173	2.65	0.0135	0.0135	0.0001
6	ASYNC_NETWORK_IO	129966.91	125770.20	4196.71	8104555	2.42	0.0160	0.0155	0.0005
7	TRACEWRITE	99968.17	99890.13	78.04	75175	1.86	1.3298	1.3288	0.0010
8	LATCH_EX	97557.35	72089.99	25467.36	28723006	1.81	0.0034	0.0025	0.0009
9	BACKUPBUFFER	61963.98	61510.21	453.77	6152104	1.15	0.0101	0.0100	0.0001
10	PAGEIOLATCH_SH	41717.23	41280.81	436.42	15475553	0.78	0.0027	0.0027	0.0000

Async_Network_IO

- ▶ Waiting for client to consume data
- ▶ Is the application doing row-by-row processing of data returned from the SQL server?

PageIOLatch_XX

- ▶ Indicate waiting for data to be moved from disk into buffer
- ▶ Is there a way to add an index to a large query to cause it to seek instead of scan?

LCK_M_XX

- ▶ Waiting for a lock to be granted
- ▶ Are there long running transactions causing other processes to have to wait?

CXPacket Waits

- ▶ Indicates parallelism
- ▶ Are there some huge queries that could be simplified or broken into pieces?

SOS_Scheduler_Yield

- ▶ Indicates high CPU usage (typically)
- ▶ Are there CPU intensive queries that can be simplified or broken into parts?

Wait Summary

- ▶ Async_Network_IO - client taking a long time to consume data
- ▶ PageIOLatch_XX - waiting for data to move from disc to buffer
- ▶ Lck_M_XX - waiting to acquire locks
- ▶ CxPacket - lots of parallelism in queries
- ▶ SOS_Scheduler_Yield - indicates high CPU usage (usually)

Lck_M_XX Waits

The case of the long running transaction

Transactions

- ▶ A transaction is a set of operations that succeed or fail as one
- ▶ When a successful transaction is committed, all parts of the transaction become committed to the database
- ▶ If a transaction fails, no parts of the transaction are committed to the database
- ▶ SQL server creates a transaction for every SQL statement, unless explicit ‘begin transaction’ and ‘commit transaction’ statements are used

ACID

- ▶ Atomicity
 - ▶ Each transaction is all or nothing
- ▶ Consistency
 - ▶ Any transaction brings the database from one valid state to another
- ▶ Isolation
 - ▶ System ensures that transactions operated concurrently bring the database to the same state as if they had been operated serially
- ▶ Durability
 - ▶ Once a transaction is committed, it remains so even in the event of power loss, etc

Locking

- ▶ Locks prevent resources from being read in an inconsistent state, or being updated out-of-order
- ▶ Locks create the Isolation part of ACID
- ▶ Shared locks are taken when data is being read
 - ▶ Multiple shared locks can be taken on a resource at one time
- ▶ Update locks are taken in anticipation of an update
 - ▶ Only one transaction can obtain an update lock on a resource. If data is actually updated, this is converted to an exclusive lock.
- ▶ Exclusive locks are taken when data is being written
 - ▶ Only one exclusive lock can be taken on a resource

Finding long running queries

```
SELECT TOP 1000 SUBSTRING(qt.TEXT, (qs.statement_start_offset/2)+1,
((CASE qs.statement_end_offset WHEN -1
THEN DATALENGTH(qt.TEXT) ELSE qs.statement_end_offset END - qs.statement_start_offset)/
2)+1),
qs.execution_count,
qs.total_logical_reads,
qs.last_logical_reads,
qs.total_logical_writes,
qs.last_logical_writes,
qs.total_worker_time,
qs.last_worker_time,
qs.total_physical_reads,
qs.total_elapsed_time/1000000 total_elapsed_time_in_S,
qs.last_elapsed_time/1000000 last_elapsed_time_in_S,
qs.last_execution_time,
qp.query_plan
FROM sys.dm_exec_query_stats qs
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_sql_text(qs.sql_handle) qt
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_query_plan(qs.plan_handle) qp
--ORDER BY qs.total_logical_reads DESC -- logical reads
-- ORDER BY qs.total_logical_writes DESC -- logical writes
ORDER BY qs.total_elapsed_time DESC -- total time
```

Measuring Query Performance

- ▶ SET STATISTICS IO ON
- ▶ SET STATISTICS TIME ON

A Problem Query

```
;WITH res AS (
SELECT d.OwnerOriginId, MAX(d.docid) as hasRes
from DocumentRoot d join DocumentTypeRoot dt on d.DocTypeId = dt.DocTypeId
where dt.isresume = 1
and d.OwnerOriginTypeId in (1,36)
GROUP BY d.OwnerOriginId
)
SELECT TOP 1000
    c.[AIIdent] ,
    c.[LastName] ,
    c.[FirstName] ,
    r.hasRes
FROM Employee c
left JOIN res r ON c.AIIdent = r.OwnerOriginId
WHERE 1 = 1
    AND c.[SSN] LIKE '%9999999999'
ORDER BY c.[LastName] ,
    c.[FirstName]
```

CPU Time: 6903 ms, Total Time: 2009 ms

Tips for Optimizing Queries

- ▶ Before all else, try to reduce the number of rows being touched by a query
- ▶ Complexity is a killer. Simpler queries perform better.
- ▶ Remove any IN or NOT IN clauses if possible
- ▶ Change common table expressions to cross apply or temp tables
- ▶ Utilize the tempdb for temporary tables if you are working in raw sql

Optimization continued

- ▶ Sometimes, multiple roundtrips from the client beat out one complex query
- ▶ If you can lazy load, do lazy load
- ▶ The best resource you have is an execution plan from the production database

Attempt 1: Cross/Outer Apply

```
SELECT TOP 1000
    c.[AIIdent] ,
    c.[LastName] ,
    c.[FirstName] ,
    res.hasRes
FROM    Employee c
outer apply (Select MAX(d.docid) as hasRes
from DocumentRoot d join DocumentTypeRoot dt on d.DocTypeId = dt.DocTypeId
where dt.isresume = 1
and d.OwnerOriginId = c.AIIdent
and d.OwnerOriginTypeId IN (1,36)
) res
WHERE    1 = 1
        AND c.[SSN] LIKE '%999999999%'
ORDER BY c.[LastName] ,
        c.[FirstName]
```

CPU Time: 9517 ms, Total Time: 9897 ms

Attempt 2: Union

```
;WITH res AS (
SELECT d.OwnerOriginId, MAX(d.docid) as hasRes
from DocumentRoot d join DocumentTypeRoot dt on d.DocTypeId = dt.DocTypeId
where dt.isresume = 1
and d.OwnerOriginTypeId = 1
GROUP BY d.OwnerOriginId
union
SELECT d.OwnerOriginId, MAX(d.docid) as hasRes
from DocumentRoot d join DocumentTypeRoot dt on d.DocTypeId = dt.DocTypeId
where dt.isresume = 1
and d.OwnerOriginTypeId = 36
GROUP BY d.OwnerOriginId
)
SELECT TOP 1000
    c.[AIIdent] ,
    c.[LastName] ,
    c.[FirstName] ,
    r.hasRes
FROM Employee c
left JOIN res r ON c.AIIdent = r.OwnerOriginId
WHERE 1 = 1
    AND c.[SSN] LIKE '%999999999%'
ORDER BY c.[LastName] ,
    c.[FirstName]
```

CPU Time: 8096 ms, Total Time: 4094 ms

Attempt 3: Together

```
SELECT TOP 1000
    c.[AIIdent] ,
    c.[LastName] ,
    c.[FirstName] ,
    res.hasRes
FROM    Employee c
outer apply (Select MAX(d.docid) as hasRes
              from DocumentRoot d join DocumentTypeRoot dt on d.DocTypeId =
dt.DocTypeId
              where dt.isresume = 1
              and d.OwnerOriginId = c.AIIdent
              and d.OwnerOriginTypeId = 1
              UNION
              Select MAX(d.docid) as hasRes
              from DocumentRoot d join DocumentTypeRoot dt on d.DocTypeId =
dt.DocTypeId
              where dt.isresume = 1
              and d.OwnerOriginId = c.AIIdent
              and d.OwnerOriginTypeId = 36
) res
WHERE   1 = 1
        AND c.[SSN] LIKE '%9999999999'
ORDER BY c.[LastName] ,
         c.[FirstName]
```

CPU Time: 311 ms, Total Time: 505 ms

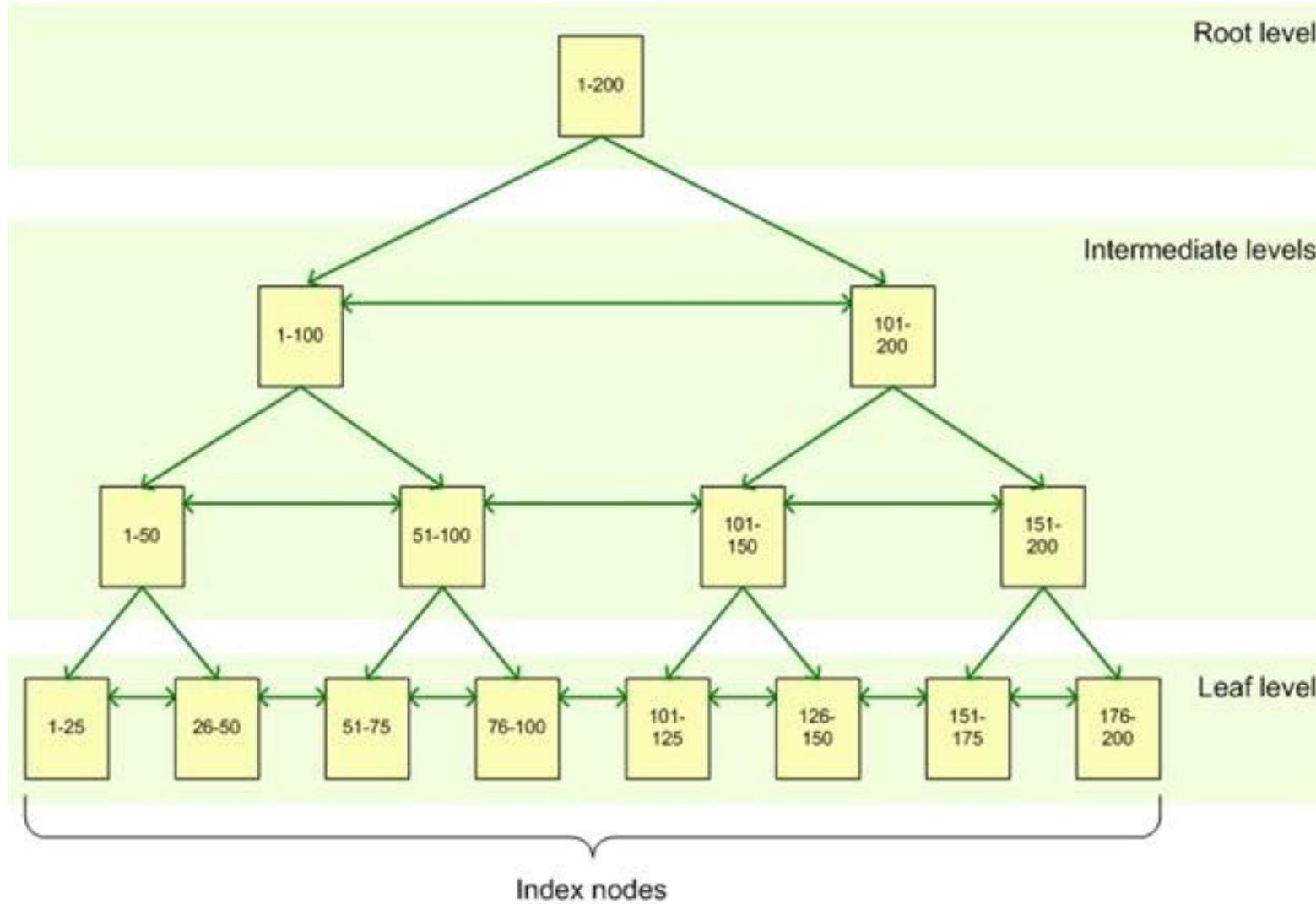
PageIOLatch Waits

The indexing problem

Pages

- ▶ All data in SQL server is stored on 8kb pages
- ▶ Pages are read from disc into the buffer (RAM) in their entirety
- ▶ PageIOLatch waits occur when the SQL server is taking a long time reading the pages from disc into the buffer

Indexes: They're B-Trees



Clustered VS Non-Clustered

- ▶ Clustered indexes
 - ▶ This IS the table. It stores the actual table data at the leaf level.
- ▶ Non-Clustered indexes
 - ▶ Store a reference to the actual data row rather than containing data

Determining Clustered Index Column(s)

- ▶ Keep data in a clustered index short
- ▶ Choose a column with many unique values
- ▶ Choose a column that frequently appears in the where clause of SQL statements
- ▶ Usually the primary key is right, but sometimes it is not
- ▶ In rare cases where a table is almost always written, and almost never read, it may be better to skip the clustered index completely

When to create a non-clustered index

- ▶ Execution plan cost is concentrated on a table scan or index scan
- ▶ A large amount of execution plan cost is centered on a key lookup
- ▶ The missing indexes dynamic management view indicates need for an index

Poor Performing Queries

```
SELECT TOP 10 SUBSTRING(qt.TEXT, (qs.statement_start_offset/2)+1,
((CASE qs.statement_end_offset WHEN -1
THEN DATALENGTH(qt.TEXT) ELSE qs.statement_end_offsetEND - qs.statement_start_offset)/
2)+1),
qs.execution_count,
qs.total_logical_reads,
qs.last_logical_reads,
qs.total_logical_writes,
qs.last_logical_writes,
qs.total_worker_time,
qs.last_worker_time,
qs.total_elapsed_time/1000000 total_elapsed_time_in_S,
qs.last_elapsed_time/1000000 last_elapsed_time_in_S,
qs.last_execution_time,
qp.query_plan
FROM sys.dm_exec_query_stats qs
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_sql_text(qs.sql_handle) qt
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_query_plan(qs.plan_handle) qp
ORDER BY qs.total_physical_reads DESC -- physical reads
-- ORDER BY qs.total_logical_writes DESC -- logical writes
-- ORDER BY qs.total_worker_time DESC -- CPU time
```

Execution Plans

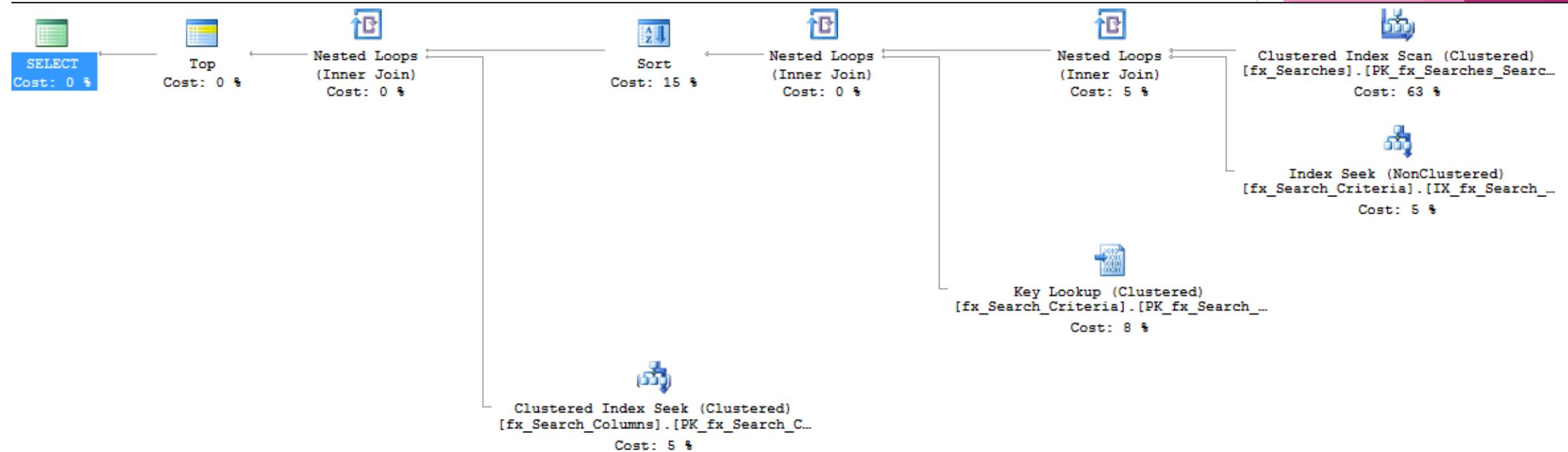
- ▶ Execution plans are the roadmap for what algorithms SQL server should choose to run a query
- ▶ If possible, execution plans should be taken from the plan cache of the production database

```
SELECT UseCounts, Cacheobjtype, Objtype, TEXT,  
query_plan FROM sys.dm_exec_cached_plans  
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_sql_text(plan_handle)  
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_query_plan(plan_handle)
```

A problem query

```
SELECT TOP ( 10 )
    [t0].[ColumnID] ,
    [t2].[ConstraintValue1] ,
    [t2].[ConstraintTypeID] ,
    [t0].[SearchFunctionalityId]
FROM    [dbo].[fx_Search_Columns] AS [t0]
        INNER JOIN [dbo].[fx_Search_ColumnType] AS [t1] ON [t0].[ColumnTypeID] = [t1].[ColumnTypeID]
        INNER JOIN [dbo].[fx_Search_Criteria] AS [t2] ON [t0].[ColumnID] = [t2].[ColumnID]
        INNER JOIN [dbo].[fx_Searches] AS [t3] ON [t2].[SearchID] = [t3].[SearchID]
WHERE   ( [t3].[SearchTypeID] = @p0 )
        AND ( [t3].[OriginTypeID] = @p1 )
        AND ( [t2].[StandardSearchFetchOrder] IS NOT NULL )
ORDER BY [t2].[StandardSearchFetchOrder]
```

The Execution Plan (10 Operations)



Hover Window of Gold

Clustered Index Scan (Clustered)	Scanning a clustered index, entirely or only a range.
Physical Operation	Clustered Index Scan
Logical Operation	Clustered Index Scan
Estimated Execution Mode	Row
Storage	RowStore
Estimated I/O Cost	0.0423843
Estimated Operator Cost	0.0468302 (63%)
Estimated Subtree Cost	0.0468302
Estimated CPU Cost	0.0044459
Estimated Number of Executions	1
Estimated Number of Rows	1.14264
Estimated Row Size	43 B
Ordered	False
Node ID	5

Predicate

```
[REDACTED].[dbo].[fx_Searches].[SearchTypeID] as [t3].[SearchTypeID]=[@p0] AND [REDACTED].[dbo].[fx_Searches].[OriginTypeID] as [t3].[OriginTypeID]=[@p1]
```

Object

```
[REDACTED].[dbo].[fx_Searches].[PK_fx_Searches_SearchID] [t3]
```

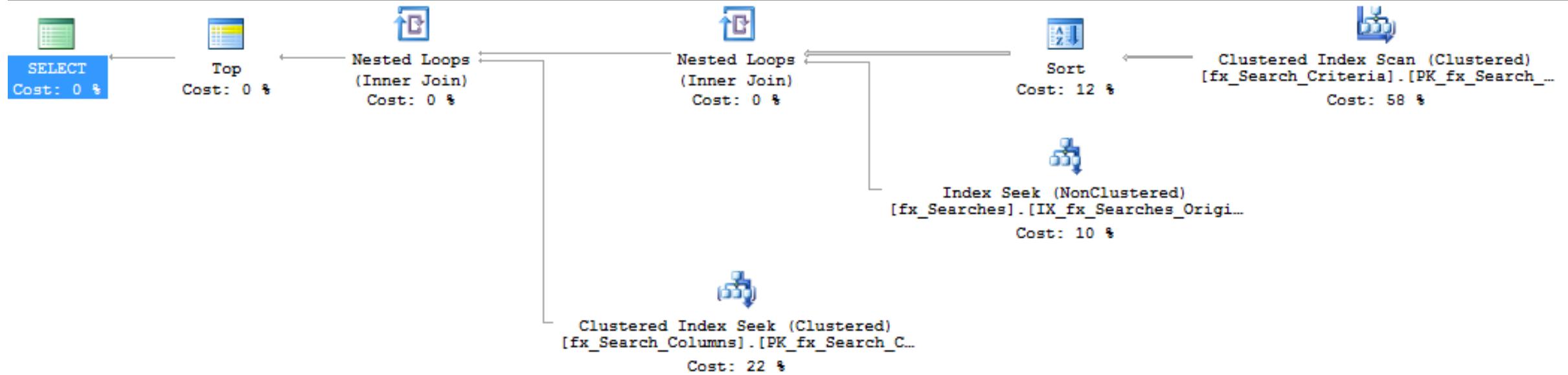
Output List

```
[REDACTED].[dbo].[fx_Searches].SearchID
```

My Index

```
CREATE INDEX IX_fx_Searches_OriginTypeID_SearchTypeID_inc_SearchID  
ON dbo.fx_Searches(OriginTypeID, SearchTypeID) INCLUDE (SearchID)
```

Resultant Execution Plan (8 Operations)



Missing Index DMV

SELECT

```
migs.avg_total_user_cost * (migs.avg_user_impact / 100.0) * (migs.user_seeks + migs.user_scans) AS improvement_measure,  
'CREATE INDEX [missing_index_' + CONVERT(varchar, mig.index_group_handle) + '_' + CONVERT(varchar,mid.index_handle)  
+ ' ' + LEFT(PARSENAME(mid.statement, 1), 32) + ']  
+ ' ON ' + mid.statement  
+ ' (' + ISNULL(mid.equality_columns, '')  
+ CASE WHEN mid.equality_columns IS NOT NULL AND mid.inequality_columns IS NOT NULL THEN ',' ELSE " END  
+ ISNULL(mid.inequality_columns, '')  
+ ')'  
+ ISNULL(' INCLUDE (' + mid.included_columns + ')', '') AS create_index_statement,  
migs.* , mid.database_id, mid.[object_id]  
FROM sys.dm_db_missing_index_groups mig  
INNER JOIN sys.dm_db_missing_index_group_stats migs ON migs.group_handle = mig.index_group_handle  
INNER JOIN sys.dm_db_missing_index_details mid ON mig.index_handle = mid.index_handle  
WHERE migs.avg_total_user_cost * (migs.avg_user_impact / 100.0) * (migs.user_seeks + migs.user_scans) > 10  
ORDER BY migs.avg_total_user_cost * migs.avg_user_impact * (migs.user_seeks + migs.user_scans) DESC
```

If the table is write heavy, and the query is infrequent - skip it!

Indexes take up space, and must be rebuilt when data is written

SOS_Scheduler_Yield

Queries that are taking up CPU

High CPU Time Queries

```
SELECT TOP 10 SUBSTRING(qt.TEXT, (qs.statement_start_offset/2)+1,
((CASE qs.statement_end_offset WHEN -1
THEN DATALENGTH(qt.TEXT) ELSE qs.statement_end_offsetEND - qs.statement_start_offset)/
2)+1),
qs.execution_count,
qs.total_logical_reads,
qs.last_logical_reads,
qs.total_logical_writes,
qs.last_logical_writes,
qs.total_worker_time,
qs.last_worker_time,
qs.total_physical_reads,
qs.total_elapsed_time/1000000 total_elapsed_time_in_S,
qs.last_elapsed_time/1000000 last_elapsed_time_in_S,
qs.last_execution_time,
qp.query_plan
FROM sys.dm_exec_query_stats qs
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_sql_text(qs.sql_handle) qt
CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_query_plan(qs.plan_handle) qp
--ORDER BY qs.total_physical_reads DESC -- logical reads
-- ORDER BY qs.total_logical_writes DESC -- logical writes
ORDER BY qs.total_worker_time DESC -- CPU time
```

SQL Server Statistics

- ▶ SQL Server Statistics contain information about the distribution of values in a SQL server table
- ▶ This information is used to estimate the number of rows a given query will return
- ▶ This in turn allows SQL server to choose appropriate join algorithms for the data set in question

How do I know if my statistics are bad?

Key Lookup (Clustered)	
Uses a supplied clustering key to lookup on a table that has a clustered index.	
Physical Operation	Key Lookup
Logical Operation	Key Lookup
Actual Execution Mode	Row
Estimated Execution Mode	Row
Storage	RowStore
Actual Number of Rows	2245
Actual Number of Batches	0
Estimated I/O Cost	0.003125
Estimated Operator Cost	2.75895 (36%)
Estimated Subtree Cost	2.75895
Estimated CPU Cost	0.0001581
Number of Executions	2687
Estimated Number of Executions	1834.6368
Estimated Number of Rows	1077.81
Estimated Row Size	143 B
Actual Rebinds	0
Actual Rewinds	0
Ordered	True
Node ID	31

Updating Statistics

- ▶ Statistics can be updated on a single table

```
UPDATE STATISTICS dbo.TableName
```

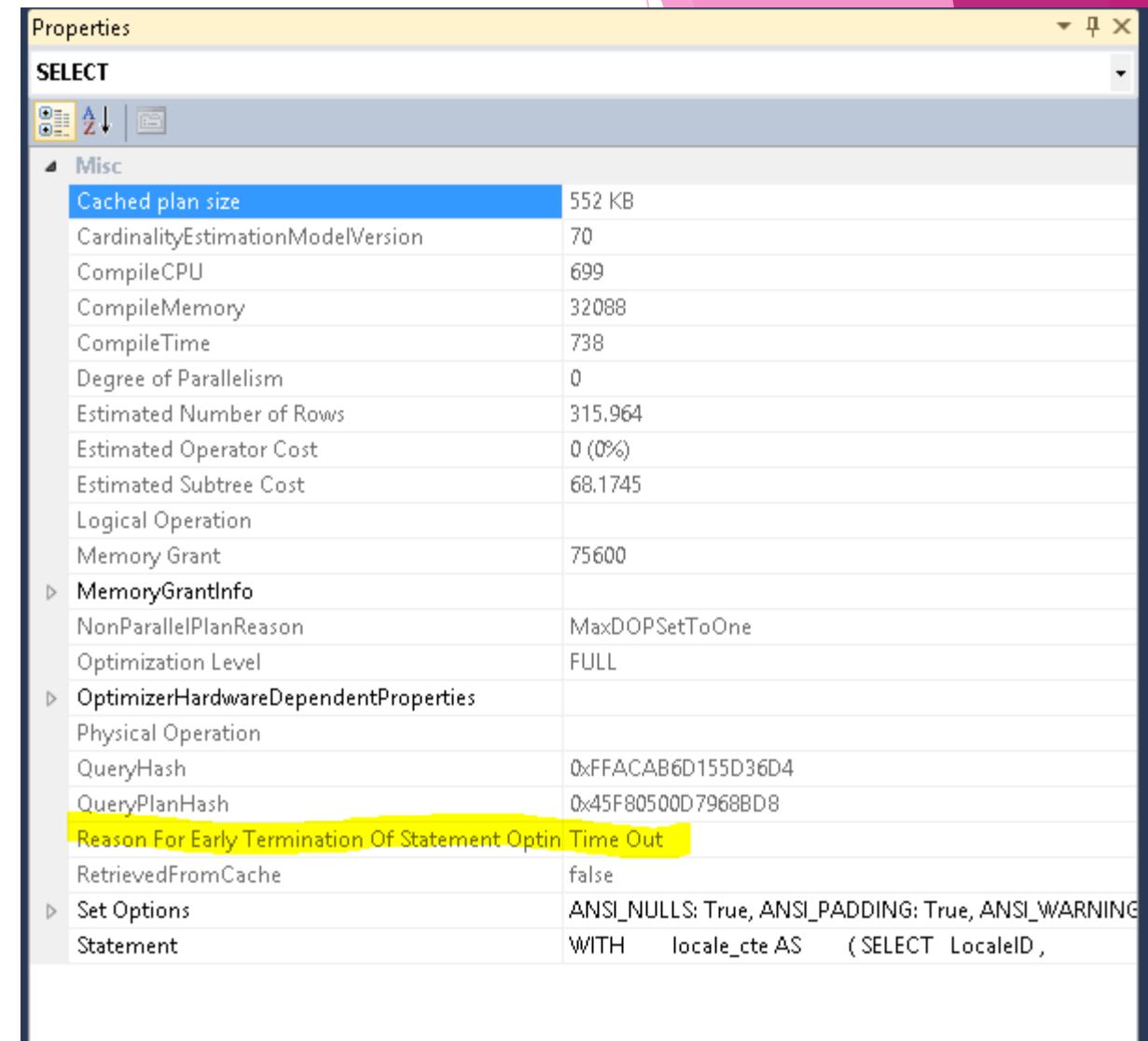
- ▶ Statistics can be update on all tables and indexed views at once

```
EXEC sys.sp_updatestats
```

- ▶ Updating statistics causes all query plans dependent on those stats to recompile, so it's a very expensive operation that should be done as part of a maintenance process during off hours if possible

Time Out Execution Plans

- ▶ Time out execution plans can be found by right clicking on the plan's initial 'select' in management studio and choosing properties
- ▶ The query optimizer can only spend a limited amount of time compiling a plan before it must choose one
- ▶ Complex queries can result in the query optimizer being forced to choose a sub-optimal plan
- ▶ Remove as many views and functions as possible from these queries, or split them into multiple parts



The screenshot shows the 'Properties' window for a SQL query. The 'Misc' section is selected, displaying various properties of the execution plan. One property, 'Reason For Early Termination Of Statement Optin', is highlighted with a yellow box. The value for this property is 'Time Out'.

Misc	
Cached plan size	552 KB
CardinalityEstimationModelVersion	70
CompileCPU	699
CompileMemory	32088
CompileTime	738
Degree of Parallelism	0
Estimated Number of Rows	315.964
Estimated Operator Cost	0 (0%)
Estimated Subtree Cost	68.1745
Logical Operation	
Memory Grant	75600
MemoryGrantInfo	
NonParallelPlanReason	MaxDOPSetToOne
Optimization Level	FULL
OptimizerHardwareDependentProperties	
Physical Operation	
QueryHash	0xFFACAB6D155D36D4
QueryPlanHash	0x45F80500D7968BD8
Reason For Early Termination Of Statement Optin	Time Out
RetrievedFromCache	false
Set Options	ANSI_NULLS: True, ANSI_PADDING: True, ANSI_WARNINGS
Statement	WITH locale_cte AS (SELECT LocaleID,

Interacting with your DBA

Not as hard as you thought

Ask what wait types are running high in the system

Think about the code you've written and whether it may have long running transactions, high levels of complexity, or pull huge amounts of data

Ask for data on the poorest performing queries in the system

You may have better insights than your DBA on how these queries can be improved

Ask for outputs from the missing index DMV

You are better able to know what indexes will be used and reused than your DBA, because you wrote the queries

Ask for execution plans from the production server

It always helps to optimize for the real world, and not the dev box.

Combine your domain knowledge

Your DBA is able to identify problem areas for you. He or she is able to fix many of those problems, but your knowledge of how application code could be changed to improve performance is invaluable to your DBA.

If you want to know more

- ▶ Paul Randal's Blog:
 - ▶ <http://www.sqlskills.com/blogs/paul/>
- ▶ Brent Ozar's Website:
 - ▶ <http://www.brentozar.com/>
- ▶ Troubleshooting SQL Server: A Guide for the Accidental DBA
 - ▶ Jonathan Kehayias and Ted Krueger
 - ▶ <http://www.red-gate.com/community/books/accidental-dba>

Slide Share: <http://www.slideshare.net/MaggiePint/>

Maggie's email: maggiepint@gmail.com

Maggie's Website: www.maggiepint.com