Tuning SQL Server for SharePoint

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SharePoint experience?



Agenda

- SharePoint install demo
- What is SharePoint?
- SharePoint Databases
- SQL Configuration
- SQL Server Maintenance
- SharePoint Configuration

SharePoint Install Demo



What is SharePoint?

SharePoint

- SharePoint is a valuable tool that delivers enterprise document management, business intelligence, web content management, search, and social capabilities
- There are different versions and deployment options

 Foundation, Standard, Enterprise; onpremises, cloud, hybrid

- MS SQL is SharePoint's data store for almost all components
- What is a 'SharePoint farm?'
- A Site Collection?

SharePoint





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SharePoint Databases

SharePoint Databases

- For a full install of SharePoint 2013 Enterprise on-premises, there are over 20 databases
- Types:
 - Configuration
 - Central Admin Content
 - Content
 - Service Apps (some have more than one DB)
- One content database per Site Collection
- Content databases can have many site collections, but a large (>100GB) site collection should have a dedicated database

SharePoint Databases



SharePoint Configuration SharePoint Configuration

- Dedicated SQL instance
 Watch those resources!
- DNS CNAME or SQL Alias for use with SharePoint
 - Before SharePoint install
- Keep your collaboration site content databases
 < 200GB
- Monitor SharePoint content database I/O

- New Instance
 - Not on the SharePoint server!
- Latin1_General_CI_AS_KS_WS
- File placement
- Model database
 - Increase initial size, and set to do MB growth not %
 - Full recovery
- Tempdb
 - Data files = # of processor cores*
 - Simple recovery
- Server memory (RAM) usage
- Max Degree of Parallelism

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Permissions for SharePoint administrators & service accounts

- SharePoint admins themselves do NOT need permissions within SQL
- The **service account** used to install SharePoint needs:
 - securityadmin and dbcreator SQL Server roles during setup and configuration

Permissions for SharePoint administrators & service accounts (cont)

- The service account that is the Farm service account will be provisioned automatically during farm creation to have:
 - **dbcreator** and **securityadmin** fixed server roles.
 - It will also be the **db_owner** for all SharePoint databases.
- Other service accounts will be added to new roles on SharePoint databases

To learn more: http://technet.microsoft.com/enus/library/cc678863(v=office.15).aspx

Database growth

Plan and pre-grow
Quotas, # site collections per database

Low vs. High I/O databases

Lower I/O databases can be larger without performance issues

Backups

- Location
- Test them!
- Simple vs. full recovery

- KB841057 (et al.) For SharePoint production databases, don't:
 - Open
 - Edit
 - Query
 - Etc.
- Fragmentation
 - Database
 - Tables
 - Indexes
 - File system

Examples of unsupported database changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adding database triggers
- Adding new indexes or changing existing indexes within tables
- Adding, changing, or deleting any primary or foreign key relationships
- Changing or deleting existing stored procedures
- Calling existing stored procedures directly, except as described in the SharePoint Protocols documentation
- Adding new stored procedures
- Adding, changing, or deleting any data in any table of any of the databases for the products that are listed in the "Applies to" section
- Adding, changing, or deleting any columns in any table of any of the databases for the products that are listed in the "Applies to" section
- Making any modification to the database schema
- Adding tables to any of the databases for the products that are listed in the "Applies to" section
- Changing the database collation
- Running DBCC_CHECKDB WITH REPAIR_ALLOW_DATA_LOSS (However, running DBCC_CHECKDB WITH REPAIR_FAST and REPAIR_REBUILD is supported, as these commands only update the indexes of the associated database.)
- Enabling SQL Server change data capture (CDC)
- Enabling SQL Server transactional replication
- Enabling SQL Server merge replication

Summary

Best Practices & Summary

- Use SQL Server best practice guidance
- Use RAID disks and spread data and trans log files on multiple physical drives
- Auto growth and 'shrinking' causes fragmentation
- Defragment SQL drives that have SharePoint content databases
- Backup (with multiple copies) and test your backups

- Dedicated SQL Server or SQL Instance
- Create SQL Server alias
 or CNAME
- Content databases < ~200GB
- Monitor SharePoint content database I/O
- MaxDOP = 1
- Set dbcreator and securityadmin for SharePoint install account only

SharePoint Install Demo

Questions?



Thank you!

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