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Spotlight® on SQL Server Enterprise Edition

Monitor, diagnose and optimize SQL Server operations

Today's businesses rely on their database infrastructure to maintain service levels and provide decision makers with the data they need for success. Maintaining a healthy database infrastructure, however, requires the ability to diagnose performance issues quickly and accurately.

Spotlight® on SQL Server Enterprise delivers simplicity without compromise by providing unmatched SQL Server monitoring, diagnosis and optimization of your database environment to ensure peak performance around the clock.

With Spotlight, monitoring large numbers of connections is easy. Template configurations, automated alerts and customizable actions make configuration a breeze. Intuitive overviews of database performance and mobile device support deliver the data you need where and when you need it.

Spotlight on SQL Server Enterprise allows you to:

- Understand SQL Server infrastructure health at a glance

- Monitor SQL Server's Analysis Services relational engine, as well as Windows and SQL Azure, from a single console

- Extend robust built-in metrics and alarms with custom collections and alerts

- Monitor database performance from anywhere at any time with your mobile device

- Resolve issues quickly, including long-running processes, blocking locks, deadlocking and more

"I have Spotlight installed on my laptop and use it over VPN on a regular basis just for monitoring. But I have to do it less now that we've stabilized the environment. Problems are fewer now and my off-hours work has diminished. I probably log on once a week versus nightly for three to four hours, so the environment's greatly improved."

David Jacobus, IT Director, LA Weight Loss

BENEFITS:

- Provides an easy-to-follow overview of enterprise performance

- Identifies servers where performance degradation originates

- Isolates root cause of a performance issue

- Analyzes performance metrics to expedite issue resolution

- Offers custom reporting capabilities

- Generates automated SQL performance tuning and index

- Offers robust scalability over large SQL Server deployments

Never miss a beat: Diagnose SQL Server issues on the move with your mobile device.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

24x7 monitoring and diagnostics

Establish around-the-clock agentless monitoring from a centralized diagnostic server for a single view across multiple clients, with alarms and notifications when performance deviates from preset operating thresholds.

Simplicity without compromise

Install quickly and easily with a highly intuitive user interface and heatmap to access powerful capabilities for instant prioritization of critical needs. Minimize business disruption by effectively allocating resources and responding to the most pressing issues.

Powerful root cause analysis

Create multiple diagnostic workflows, including detailed wait state/workload analysis and deadlock detection, with over 70 diagnostic drilldowns. Correctly recognize the symptoms to correctly deal with the root cause of any diagnostic challenge.

Never miss a beat with playback and mobile

Rewind your dashboards and diagnostic drilldowns to the time an incident occurred and step through it in slow motion. Monitor your SQL Server environment anywhere, anytime and run SQL Server diagnostics directly from your mobile device or web browser.

Multidimensional analysis

Analyze workload elements and wait stats by database, application, user, host or SQL statement. Establish top SQL. Drill down to determine the biggest contributors to the SQL Server workload.

Get the complete picture

Take advantage of context-specific dashboards and drilldowns for the SQL Server instance, the underlying operating system, the VM layer, replication, analysis services, SQL Azure and high availability.

Customize for your environment

Set custom thresholds or create counters specific to your environment. Create rule-based custom actions or define planned outages on a one-time or recurring basis.

Linux support

Get a head start on SQL Server vNext with pre-release support for SQL Server vNext on Linux. Be prepared by using Spotlight to test how your instances would perform on Linux.

SQL analysis and Xpert tuning

Use the powerful plan viewer to navigate complex query plans. Need more? Utilize the integration with SQL Optimizer to highlight long-running queries and suboptimal code. Immediately tune, benchmark and investigate indexing strategies.

Historical trending and reporting

Understand the health, activity and capacity trends of your SQL Server environment with integrated management and performance views and client-side reports.

System health check and collective intelligence

Obtain a holistic view of the health of your system and benchmark results with other users.

ABOUT QUEST

At Quest, our purpose is to solve complex problems with simple solutions. We accomplish this with a philoso-phy focused on great products, great service and an overall goal of being simple to do business with. Our vision is to deliver technology that eliminates the need to choose between efficiency and effectiveness, which means you and your organization can spend less time on IT administration and more time on business innovation.