Creating SQL Server Performance Baseline

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Agenda

- What is a Baseline?

- Why do we even bother about creating a baseline, what's the use?

- What all need to be captured while creating a baseline?

- Different ways to capture a SQL Server Performance Baseline

- Best Practices around baseline creation

What's a Baseline?

?

Have you seen such advertisements?

Why do we need a SQL Server Performance Baseline?

- **Proactive Management**

- **Health Check post a change**

  - Server Pack

  - Hotfix

  - New Software\App Release

  - Added new Hardware

  - Capacity Planning

  - Storage Change – Standard & Regular

- **Just to check if something changed**

- **Justify your job** 😜

What all do we need to capture?
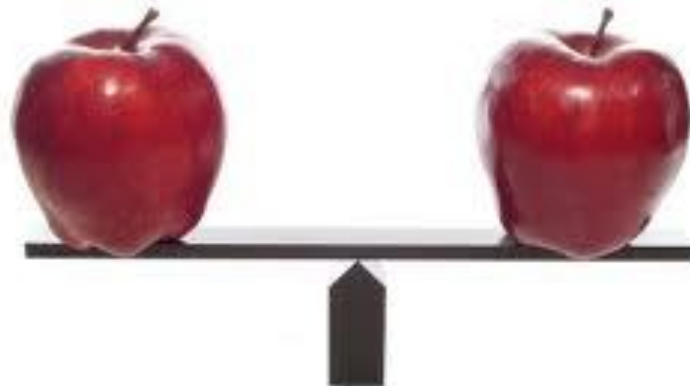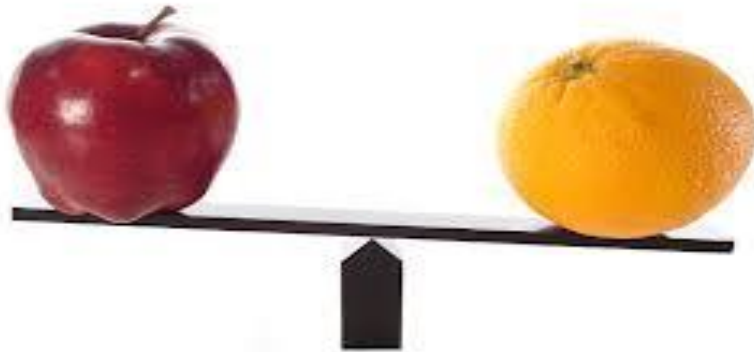
- **Counters**
  - Which counters?

- **Anythings Else?**

Things to consider

- **In a perfect world, Baseline should have data for a full business cycle**
  - Peak Time
  - Off Peak Time
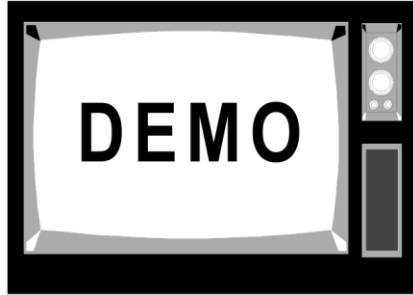 - Weekly\Monthly\Quaterly\Yearly Load
  - Reporting if That's is there.

BUT it should be consistent

Different Ways to create a Performance Baseline

- **Performance Monitor aka Perfmon**
- **Perfmon with CSV\BIN Files**
  - **Import\ Analyse**
    - SQL Server
    - Excel
    - Third-Party Tools
- **Dynamic Management Views (**sys.dm_os_performance_counters**)**
- **Powershell**
- **Relog**
- **TyperPerf**
- **Etc.**

Let's see how to create a Performance baseline

DEMO

- Using
  - Profiler
  - Profiler & Excel
  - TyperPerf & SQL

Summary

- Not collecting *enough* data = bad choices

- Not collecting the *right* data = bad choices

- *Misinterpreting* the data = bad choices

- Collecting *too much data* = problem of overlooking details

Thank you ☺

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