COMMON LANGUAGE RUNTIME anding and troubleshooting CLR objects executing within SOL Server. CLR objects are cached for bette

erformance after they are used and are not destroyed immediately. CLR objects are unloaded only when SQL Server comes

- nder memory pressure sys.dm clr appdomains Returns a row for each AppDomain, the unit of isolation for an application running in .NET, running on the server, SQL Server creates one AppDomain per database per owner so that all CLR objects are always executed in the same AppDomain
- sys.dm_clr_loaded_assemblies Returns a row for each managed user assembly, i.e. managed code DLL files, loaded into the server address space.
- Returns a row for each property of a CLR assembly available to the system, such as the CLR version, current state of
- the hosted CLR, or the CLR install directory. sys.dm clr tasks
- Returns a row for all currently running CLR tasks.

DATABASE

For SOL Server 2005, these DMVs are only usable for tempdb

- sys.dm db file space usage Returns space usage information for each file in tempdb.
- sys.dm db session space usage
- Returns the number of pages allocated and deallocated by each session, user or internal, in tempdb. sys.dm_db_partition_stats
- Returns one row per partition in the database, showing page and row-count information for every partition in the current database, including the space used to store and manage in-row data, LOB data, and row-overflow data for all partitions in a database.
- svs.dm db_task_space_usage Returns page allocation and deallocation activity by task for tempdb, excluding IAM pages. o determine the amount of space used by internal and user objects in tempdo
- SELECT SUM(internal_object_reserved_page_count) AS internal_pages, (SUM(internal_object_reserved_page_count)*1.0/128) AS internal_space_MB, SUM(user_object_reserved_page_count) AS user_pages, (SUM(user_object_reserved_page_count)*1.0/128) AS user_space_MB FROM sys.dm_db_file_space_usage;
- To see the total space consumed by internal objects in currently running tasks in tempdb: SELECT session id,
- SUM(internal_objects_alloc_page_count) AS task_pages, SUM(internal_objects_dealloc_page_count) AS task_dealloc_pages FROM sys.dm db task space usage GROUP BY session id;

TRANSACTION s.dm_tran_active_snapshot_database_transactions

Returns a virtual table for each active transaction that could potentially generate access row versions. Each

transaction it returns has an XSN (transaction sequence number) which is given to any transaction that accesses a version store.

- sys.dm tran active transactions Returns information about transactions (such as the state of the transaction, when it began, whether it is read-only or not, and so forth) executing within the SQL Server instance.
- s.dm_tran_current_snapsho Returns a virtual table of all active XSNs currently running when the current snapshot transaction starts. Returns no
- rows if the current transaction is not a snapshot transaction
- sys.dm tran current transaction Returns a single row that displays the state and snapshot sequence information of a transaction in the current
- session. Not useful for transactions running in isolation levels other than snapshot isolation level. vs.dm tran database transactions
- Returns information about transactions at the database level, especially transaction log information such as the log sequence number (LSN), log bytes used, and transaction type.
- sys.dm tran locks
- Returns information about currently active requests to the lock manager, broken into a resource group and a request group. The request status may be active, convert, or may be waiting (wait) and includes details such as the resource
- sys.dm tran session transactions Returns correlation information for associated transactions and sessions, especially useful for monitoring distributed
- transactions sys.dm_tran_top_version_generators Returns a virtual table for the objects that are producing the most versions in the version store, as found in the
- sys.dm_tran_version_store system view. Use with caution. This is a very resource intensive DMV.
- sys.dm tran transactions snapshot Returns invormation about active transactions when each snapshot transaction starts. Using this, you can find how many snapshot transaction are currently active and identify any data modifications that are ignored by any given snapshot transaction.

sys.dm tran version store

- Returns each versioned record, both its XSN and its binary version sequence number. Because the version store can be quite large, this DMV can be very resource intensive.
- To find all active distributed transactions on the SQL Server instance ROM sys.dm tran active transactions
- HERE transaction_type = 4;
- o seeing blocked and blocking transactions on the server LECT t.resource type,
- t.resource database id t.resource associated entity id,
- t.request mode,
- t.request session ic w.blocking_session_id
- ROM sys.dm tran locks as t1 INNER JOIN sys.dm_os_waiting_tasks AS w
- ON t.lock owner address = w.resource address;

EXECUTION & THREAD hese DMVs and functions show what activity is executing on the server. The DMV sys.dm exec guery transformation stats

s used internally by SQL Server 2005.

- sys.dm_exec_background_job_queue Returns a row for each query processor job that is scheduled for asynchronous, i.e. background, execution. In SQL Server 2005, this will show update statistics jobs.
- sys.dm_exec_background_job_queue_stats Returns a row that provides aggregate statistics for each query processor job submitted for background execution.
- sys.dm_exec_cached_plans
- Similar to syscacheobjects in SQL Server 2000. Returns a row for each query plan that is held in procedure cache, and containing information like the cached query plans, the cached query text, the amount of memory taken by cached plans, and the reuse count of the cached plans

sys.dm_exec_cached_plan_dependent_objects Returns a row for each TSQL execution plan, CLR execution plan, and cursor associated with a plan.

- sys.dm exec connections Returns server-level information about a connection to SQL Server, such as the client network address, client TCP port, and client authorization scheme.
- sys.dm_exec_cursors
- Returns information about cursors that are open in one or more databases on the server.
- sys.dm_exec_plan_attributes Returns one row per plan attribute for a specific plan identified by its plan handle, such as information like the cache key values or the number of current simultaneous executions of the plan.

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sys.dm_exec_query_memory_grant Returns information about queries that have acquired memory grants or that still require a memory grant to execute. This DMV is useful for determining query timeouts, since only queries that have to wait on a memory grant will appear in this view.

- sys.dm exec query optimizer info Returns detailed statistics about the operation of the SQL Server query optimizer, such as the total number of optimizations, the elapsed time value, or sophisticated assessments like comparing the query optimization cost of the current workload to that of a tuned workload. Some counters shown by this DMV are for internal use only.
- sys.dm_exec_query_plan urns a given guery's Showplan output in XML format, as specified by the plan handle.
- sys.dm exec query resource semaphores Returns two rows, one for the regular resource semaphore and the other for the small-guery resource semafor. information about the current query-resource semaphore status. When used with sys.dm_os_memory_clerks, this DMV provides a complete picture of memory status information about query executions and allows you to determine whether the system can access enough memory.
- Returns one row per query statement within a cached plan, detailing aggregated performance statistics for cached query plans. Because the information is aggregated, you may sometimes get better information by rerunning
- svs.dm exec_requests Returns one row for each request executing within SQL Server, but does not contain information for code that
- executes outside of SQL Server, such as distributed queries or extended stored procedures. ys.dm_exec_sessions
- Returns one row per authenticated session, including both active users and internal tasks, running anywhere on SOL Server sys.dm_exec_sql_text

Similar to fn_get_sql in SQL Server 2000, this DMV returns the text of the SQL batch that is identified by the specified sal handle.

sys.dm_exec_text_query_plan Returns Showplan output in text format for a given TSQL batch or a statement within the batch. It's similar sys. dm_exec_query_plan, except that it returns data as text, is not limited in size, and may be specific to an individual statement within a batch.

- Returns information about one or all active handles that opened with the sp_xml_preparedocument system stored procedure.
- o see the percentage of failed background jobs for all executed gueries: SELECT CASE ended count WHEN 0
- THEN 'No jobs ended' ELSE CAST((failed_lock_count + failed_giveup_count + failed_other_count) / CAST(ended_count AS float) * 100 AS varchar(20)) END AS percent_failed
- FROM sys.dm_exec_background_job_queue_stats; see the SQL text of all cached plans who have been used at least three times:
- SELECT usecounts, cacheobjtype, objtype, text FROM sys.dm_exec_cached_plans
- CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_sql_text(plan_handle) WHERE usecounts >= 3
- ORDER BY usecounts DESC:
- To find any cursors that have been open for more than 24 hours: SELECT name, cursor id, creation time, c.session id, login name FROM sys.dm exec cursors(0) AS c
- JOIN sys.dm_exec_sessions AS s ON c.session_id = s.session_id WHERE DATEDIFF(hh, c.creation_time, GETDATE()) > 24;
- To find the fraction of optimized gueries containing a hint: SELECT (SELECT CAST (occurrence AS float)
- FROM sys.dm_exec_query_optimizer_info WHERE counter = 'hints') / (SELECT CAST (occurrence AS float) FROM sys.dm_exec_query_optimizer_info WHERE counter = 'hints') AS [Fraction Containing Hints];
- o see the top 5 SQL statements executing on the server by CPU time: SELECT TOP 5 total_worker_time/execution_count AS AVG_CPU_Time, SUBSTRING(st.text, (qs.statement_start_offset/2)+1,
- ((CASE qs.statement_end_offset WHEN -1 THEN DATALENGTH(st.text)
- ELSE gs.statement end offset END - gs.statement start offset)/2) + 1) AS statement text
- FROM sys.dm exec query stats AS qs CROSS APPLY sys.dm_exec_sql_text(qs.sql_handle) AS st ORDER BY total_worker_time/execution_count DESC;

SQL SERVER OS

e following SQL Server Operating System related dynamic management views are for internal use only: sys.dm_os nction_symbolic_name, sys.dm_os_ring_buffers, sys.dm_os_memory_allocations, sys.dm_os_sublatches, and sys.dm_os_ vorker local storage. The remaining DMVs are user-accessible and contain a panoply of information to help you understand and manage the SOL Server Operating System (SOLOS) responsible for governing resources within the system.

sys.dm_os_buffer_descriptors

Returns information about all data pages that are in the SQL Server buffer cache, excluding free, stolen, or erroneously read pages. SQL Server 2005 tracks anything put into the buffer cache using buffer descriptors. You can easily scope the results to show one or all database and one or all of the objects within the database.

- sys.dm os child instance Returns a row showing the state and pipe name of each user instance spawned from the parent server instance.
- vs.dm os cluster nodes Returns a row for each node in the failover cluster instance configuration or an empty rowset if the server is not configured as in a failover cluster
- vs.dm os hosts Returns a row for each host (such as an OLE DB provider) currently registered in an instance of SQL Server and each resource used by these hosts.
- s.dm os latch stats Returns information about all latch waits, organized by latch class. Latches are holds placed on very lightweight and transient system resources, such as an address in memory. This DMV is useful for troubleshooting latch contention
- It does not track latch usage where the latch was granted immediately or failed immediately. sys.dm os loaded modules

Returns a row for each module loaded into the server.

- s.dm_os_memory_brokers turns a row for each memory broker that is currently active. Memory brokers are used by SQL Server 2008 to track nemory allocations between various SQL Server internal and external components, based on cu
- sys.dm os memory cache clock hands Returns the status (suspended or running) of each hand for a specific cache clock. The process used to age items ou of cache is called the cache clock and each clock can have one or more processes (called a hand) to sweep the cache clean.
- ys.dm os memory cache counters Returns an overview of the cache health, including run-time imformation about cache entries allocated, the source
- of memory for the cache entries, and how they are used. sys.dm_os_memory_cache_entries
- Returns information, such as statistics, for all entries in the various caches. This DMV is useful for linking cache entries back to their associated database objects.
- sys.dm_os_memory_cache_hash_tables Returns information about each active cache in the instance of SQL Server, such as the type of cache, the number and type of hash buckets, the length of time the hash buckets have been in use, etc.
- sys.dm_os_memory_clerks Returns all currently active memory clerks within SQL Server. A memory clerk is the primary means for allocating memory to the various users of SQL Server.
- Returns all memory objects that are currently allocated by SQL Server. Memory objects are more granular than memory clerks and are used by internal SQL Server processes and components, but not users like memory clerks. This DMV is ideal for analyzing memory use and identifying memory leaks.
- sys.dm os memory pools Returns a row for each memory pool object store in the SQL Server instance. Memory pool objects are certain homogeneous, equally important, stateless types of data. This information is sometimes useful for identifying bad caching behavior

cessor locality and can be altered by SQL OS using soft-NUMA techniques

ion about the currently active nodes on the instance. Nodes are created by SQL OS t

s.dm os nodes

plete picture of the process memory address space in kilobytes, includin hings like the page fault count, amount of virtual address space available and committed, process physical a s.dm os performance counters Returns a row per performance counter, the same counters as in Windows PerfMon, maintained by the server. To calculate a discreet value for the various per-second counters, you must sample two discrete values and then subtract the earlier cumulative per-second value from the late ys.dm os schedulers Beturns one row per scheduler for schedulers mapped to an individual processor. Active, worker scheduler threads are those devoted to the regular user-controlled work of the server, such as gueries and SSIS jobs, while a variety of system and hidden schedulers may be active on the system at any time. This DMV is very useful for monitoring the thread scheduler and to find runaway tasks. vs.dm os stacks

Used internally by SQL Server track debug data, such as outstanding allocations, and to validate the logic in a component that assumes that a certain call was made. s.dm_os_sys_info

count, and other resources used by and available to SQL Server s.dm os svs memorv Returns a complete picture of memory at the operating system level, inc

physical memory, total and available page memory, system cache, kernel space and so forth

Returns one row for each OS task that is active in the instance of SQL Serve

svs.dm os tasks

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sys.asymmetric_keys

svs.certificates

s.credentials

s.crypt_proper

ys.login_token

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s.database permissions

Sys.dm_cryptographic_provider_keys

Returns a row for each SQLOS threads running under the SQL Server process.

Returns information about the region, i.e. the range of pages in the virtual address space, used by a calling process s.dm os wait stats

why a thread might be forced to wait before it can complete execution. Refer to the SQL Server Books On-Line for more information about all possible wait states. This is an excellent DMV to use to diagnose performance issues wi SOL Server and also with specific queries and batches because it records any time anything within SOL Server has t

Returns information about the wait queue of SQLOS tasks that are waiting on some resource, such as blocking and latch contention. sys.dm os workers Returns a row detailing information for every worker in the system, what it is doing and what it is waiting to do.

SLECT count(*)AS cached_pages, CASE database id WHEN 32767 THEN 'ResourceDb ELSE db name(database id) END AS database

OUP BY db name(database id) ,database id RDER BY cached pages count DESC

ECT h.type, SUM(single_pages_kb + multi_pages_kb) AS commited_memory OM sys.dm_os_memory_clerks AS mc INNER JOIN sys.dm os hosts AS h ON mc.memory_clerk_address = h.default_memory_clerk_address ROUP BY h.type:

o associate a SOL Server session ID value with a Windows thread ID that you could then track with Windows PerfMon, use a LECT STasks.session_id, SThreads.os_thread_id ROM sys.dm os tasks AS STasks INNER JOIN sys.dm_os_threads AS SThreads

find if you have more currently running tasks than the maximum number of runnable tasks for the server and thus a likely ELECT scheduler id.

runnable tasks count OM sys.dm os schedulers HERE scheduler_id < 255; o find out if any active queries are running parallel for a given instance requires a more sophisticated query ELECT r.session_id, r.request_id, MAX(ISNULL(exec_context_id, 0)) as nbr_of_workers,

r.statement end offset, HERE s.is_user_process = 0x1 ROUP BY r.session_id, r.request_id, r.sql_handle, r.plan_handle,

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Returns a miscellaneous set of useful information about the computer, such as the hyperthread ratio, the max worked

ys.dm os threads

s.dm os virtual address dumr

Returns information about waits encountered by currently executing threads. There are a limited number of reasons

s.dm_os_waiting_tasks

o find out the number of data pages in the buffer cache for each database, from largest to smallest consumers of the cache

OM sys.dm os buffer descriptors

ON STasks.worker_address = SThreads.worker_address HERE STasks.session_id IS NOT NULL ORDER BY STasks.session_id;

current tasks count,

.sgl handle r.statement start offset

r.plan handle OM sys.dm exec requests r JOIN sys.dm_os_tasks t ON r.session_id = t.session_id JOIN sys.dm_exec_sessions s ON r.session_id = s.session_id

r.statement_start_offset, r.statement_end_offset AVING MAX(ISNULL(exec context id, 0)) > 0

Returns a row for each asymmetric key, containing (by default) both a public and private key. (The private key is protected by the database master key.) Returns a row for each certificate in the database. A certificate is a database-level security object loaded from a file or an assembly which follows the X.509 standard.

Returns a row for each credential in the instance. A credential is a record containing authentication information needed to connect to resource external to SQL Server, usually including a Windows user and password. Returns a row for each cryptographic property associated with each symmetric or asymmetric key on the instance. Returns a row for each permission or counter-permission in the database (that is, permissions on a column that are

different from the corresponding higher-level, object permission). vs.database_principals Returns a row for each principal in the database. A principal is an entity (such as a Windows login, a SQL Server login, or an application role) Sys.dm_audit_actions

Returns information about keys provided by an Extensible Key Management provide Sys.dm_cryptographic_provider_sessions Returns information about a cryptographic provider for either the current connection or all cryptographic connections. Sys.dm_database_encryption_keys Returns information about the encryption state of a database and its encryption keys.

Sys.dm_provider_algorithms Returns options and details, including the algorithm details, of a specific Extensible Key Management provider Sys.dm_provider_properties Returns a row for each registered cryptographic provider.

Sys.dm_server_audit_status sys.key_encriptions Returns a row for each symmetric key encryption that was created using the statement CREATE SYMMETRIC KEY with

Returns a row for each server principle (such as a Windows login, SQL Server login, or application role) that is part

s.master_key_passwords Returns a row for each database master key password (used to protect the master keys kept in the credential store) created with the system stored procedure **sp_control_dbmasterkey_password** stored procedure.

sys.openkeys Returns a row for each encryption key that is open in the current session

part of the user token.

vs.securable classes Returns a list of all securable classes on the instance.

vs.server_permiss leturns a row for each server permission granted, including servers, server principals and endpoints sys.server_principal Returns a row for each server-level principal, such as Windows and SQL Server logins, as well as logins mapped to

certificates and asymmetric keys.

Returns a row for each member of each fixed server role on the instance.

sys.sql_logins Returns a row for each SQL login on the instance ys.system_components_surface_area_configuration

Returns a row for each executable system object, like a stored procedure or user-defined function, that can be enabled or disabled by a surface area configuration component.

Returns a row for each symmetric key created using the statement CREATE SYMMETRIC KEY. vs.user token Returns a row for each database principal (such as a Windows login, SQL Server login, or application role) that is

INDEX

ys.dm db index operational stats Returns current low-level I/O, locking, latching, and access method activity for one or all databases, and one or all tables, indexes and partitions within each database.

- sys.dm db index physical stats Returns size and fragmentation information for the data pages and index pages for one or all databases, and one or all tables, indexes and partitions within each database. You may also specify a scanning mode to speed processing You will usually get multiple rows even if specifying a specific index on a specific table in a specific database. The DMV returns one row for indexes for each level of the B-tree in each partition. One row is returned for heaps for the IN_ROW_DATA allocation unit of each partition. One row is returned for LOB data and rwo-overflow data, if the
- exist in each partition. vs.dm db index usage stats Returns a count of different types of index operations (such as seeks, scans, lookups, and updates) and the last time each operation was performed.
- sys.dm db missing index columns Returns information about columns that are missing an index, which can then be used to create indexes on those columns.
- ys.dm_db_missing_index_details Returns detailed information about missing indexes. Used in conjunction with the other sys.xxx_missing_inde_xxx DMVs and functions.
- sys.dm_db_missing_index_group_stats Returns summary information about groups of missing indexes. Used in conjunction with the other sys.xxx_missing_ inde xxx DMVs and functions.
- ys.dm_db_missing_index_groups Returns information showing which specific missing indexes are contained in a specific missing index group. Used in conjunction with the other sys.xxx_missing_inde_xxx DMVs and functions.
- grab the physical index information from AdventureWorks.Person.Address as quickly as possible ROM sys.dm db index physical stats(DB ID(N'AdventureWorks'), OBJECT D(N'AdventureWorks.Person.Address'), NULL, NULL , 'LIMITED');

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This section contains the following dynamic management objects. sys.dm io backup tapes

- Returns information about tape devices and the status of mount requests for backups.
- Similar to fn_servershareddrives in SQL Server 2000, this DMV returns the drive name of each of the shared drives on instances of SOL Server. ed server. Only returns data for clu
- ys.dm_io_pending_io_requests Returns one row for each pending I/O request, possibly returning large result sets on very active SQL Servers. sys.dm io virtual file stats
- Similar to fn_virtualfilestats in SQL Server 2000, this DMV function returns I/O statistics for data and log files for one or all databases and one or all files within the database(s).

OBJECT

- edures, and function .dm sql referenced entities leturns a row for each user-defined entity that is referenced by a server-level DDL trigger, a database-level DDL trigger, or a specific object in the current database context. (You can get server level information only when in the master database.) No dependency information is kept for rules, defaults, system objects and temporary tables and
- procedures .dm sql referencing entities
- Returns a row for each entity that references by name an object you specify, whether that object is a partition function, an XML_schema_collection, a type, or a specific object in the current database context. (You can get ser level information only when in the master database.) No dependency information is kept for rules, defaults, syst
- xample, to find the entities that reference the alias type dbo.my type
- ECT referencing schema name, referencing entity name DM sys.dm sql referencing entities ('dbo.my type', 'TYPE');
- igger called ddl_db_trigger_log, then we might use this query:
- SCT referenced_schema_name, referenced_entity_name sys.dm_sql_referenced_entities ('dd_db_trigger_log', 'DATABASE_DDL_TRIGGER')

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Sys.dm xe session events

Sys.dm_xe_session_targets

vs.dm xe sessions

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resource pools

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RESOURCE GOVERNOR

s.dm resource governor configuration but stored in the long-term metadata, refer to sys.resource_governor_configuration

dm resource governor resource pools resource pool statistics. To see the same data, but stored in the long-term metadata, refer

s.dm_resource_governor_workload_groups and workload group statistics. To see the same data, but stored in the long-term metadata, refer to sys.rese governor workload groups

e following example, we want to see both schemas on the SQL Server instance:

CT OBJECT SCHEMA NAME(classifier function id) AS 'Metadata Schema' OBJECT_NAME(classifier_function_id) AS 'Metadata UDF Name'

ECT OBJECT SCHEMA NAME(classifier function id) AS In-Memory Schema OBJECT_NAME(classifier_function_id) as 'In-Memory UDF name

SQL SERVER EXTENDED EVENTS

Server 2008 introduces the concept of extended events, a general event-handling system that can

Returns a row for each currently active session dispatcher pool, that is, those thread pools used by system

Returns the extended event mapping of internal number keys as hu

Returns the extended event schema information for specified object. The object name must exist in sys.dm xe

Returns a row for each object exposed by an event package, including events, actions, targets, predicates, i

Returns a row for each package registered with the extended events engin

Beturns a row for each event session action, including the number of times the action has been fired and its total run

Returns a row for each session event, its memory address, package GUID, and predicate

Sys.dm xe session object columns Returns a row for each configuration value assigned to objects that are b

Returns information about session targets, such as the number of times the target has be and the total time that the target has been executing.

Returns information about the active extended event sessions (e.g. events, actions, and targets) currently active

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