
Your SQL Database Maintenance Checklist

Handy Acronyms

- SLA - Service Level Agreements
- RPO - Recovery Point Objective
- RTO - Recovery Time Objective
- MTTI - Mean Time To Innocence

Daily Tasks

- **Index maintenance** – Run Database Maintenance Plans in SQL Server
- **Update statistics** – use sp_updatestats
- **Capture configuration details** – For both the database and the server
 - o Logins/users created or deleted
 - o Permissions for those users
- **Differential/incremental backups**
- **Hourly transaction log backups** – during business hours

Weekly

- **Full backups** – to meet RPO/RTO/SLA objectives
- **Know how long it will take you to recover to yesterday, last week, last month, last year – YOUR JOB DEPENDS ON IT!**

Monthly

- **Corruption checks** – run DBCC CHECKDB in SQL Server