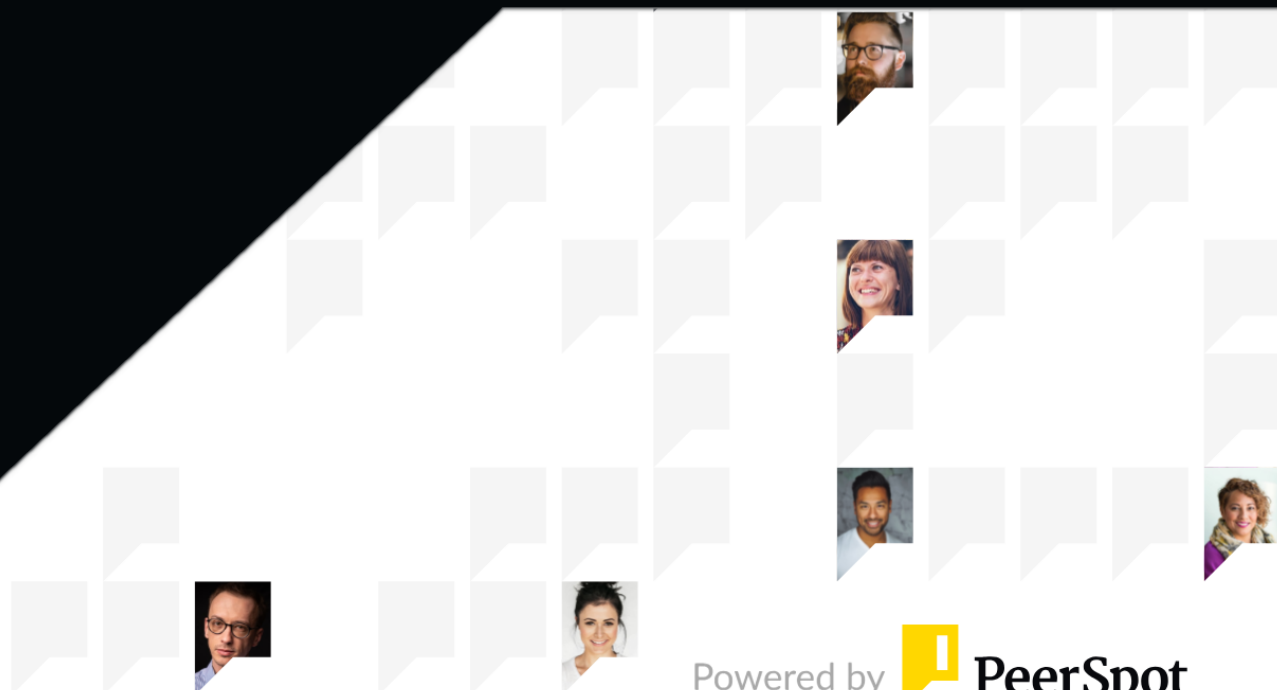




SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap



SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer

SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer Recap

SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer is a powerful monitoring service that allows customers to monitor their databases. It offers system metrics such as RAM consumption, IO, network traffic, etc. The service is available for both on-prem and cloud deployments, making it a versatile solution for businesses of all sizes.

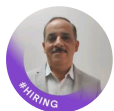
The most valuable feature is its ability to monitor and learn from the data it collects, helping identify issues and problems before they become major problems, and saving businesses time and money. The service also provides supporting information for performance advising, which helps optimize database performance.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“The initial setup is pretty straightforward.”



Ravi Khanchandani

Founder Director at Techsa Services



“The most valuable feature of SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer is anomaly detection. It alerts you when things outside the norm are happening, and the feature that analyzes your indexes informs you if you have wide or overlapping indexes. It also helps identify SQL query bottlenecks, letting you know if something is taking longer than usual, if a query plan has changed, and if you need to update statistics. In terms of usage, it is straightforward to use, learn and understand. The patching process is smooth and explains each feature, including links to external resources for further reading.”



Romario Martin

Database Administrator at JN Welding

- ✓ “What I like most about SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer is that it's a powerful solution that lets me advise customers about performance, and it also gives a lot of supporting information.”



Fausto Espinosa

Production manager at Cobiscorp

- ✓ “SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer helped us locate the performance issues quickly.”



Veronica Chaloupka

Data Engineer at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

- ✓ “SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer's most valuable features include the notification of consuming the SQL queries, collecting data, and notifying about managing space and tables.”



Boris Nema

DBA-database administrator at Bancobu Sm

- ✓ “Monitoring is most valuable, and being able to know that there is an issue or problem and I need to go look is also valuable. So, monitoring and learning are the most important features.”



Verified user

SQL Server Application DBA at a construction company with 1,001-5,000 employees



“In IT, problems often occur in areas such as applications, web interfaces, or databases. The tool allows users to easily determine the root cause of these issues, whether they stem from the network layer, database layer, or elsewhere.”



Verified user

Software Engineer at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

“The most valuable feature of this solution is the support for older databases and the ability to manage them in a centralized dashboard. For example, I can see my SQL servers and DB2 servers on one dashboard..”

Erdinc-Erdal

Presales Consultant at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“The platform solves and prevents delays in receiving answers from databases. We can view several factors and compare queries. We can monitor potential problems for delays from hardware resources as well. We can investigate and tell where the problem is or where the problem could be in the future..”

NenadMijatovic

Director of Sales at S4E Serbia

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“Index Advisories, Query Advisories & Table Advisories are the most valuable features of DPA. They provide valuable insights into the issues that cause performance degradation on our databases. Identifying indexation issues, long running queries & tuning tables..”

Ravi Khanchandani

Founder Director at Techsa Services

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“We are a standard edition shop for Oracle. We don't have access to a lot of the enterprise edition performance analysis feature. We don't get AWR reports. We don't get a lot of visibility into the database performance. DPA, for us, breaches that gap and it gives us a real nice, very concise graphical interface and visibility into the database performance itself. That's the thing that, the million-dollar bonus for us right there.”

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According to our clients, one of the standout features of SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer is its advanced anomaly detection capabilities. While the tool may not heavily emphasize AI or ML, its advanced analytics and machine learning functionalities monitor extremely well. .”

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Other Solutions Considered

“We migrated from Foglight, we were already vested in SolarWinds products, we really switched because it removed complexity and still gave great analysis..”

Verified user

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Manager of Global Data Center SAP Operations Team at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

“Before using SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer, I used Oracle Enterprise Manager (OEM) for many years. I switched to SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer because other tools could not provide us with visibility of the wait chain. SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer provided us with the complete wait chain of a problem..”


MukarramJah

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Technology Lead at InfoTech Group

“We were looking for something that was going to be usable not just to our database administrators, but to the enterprise as a whole. We didn't want something that was really complex to use, that was going to be awkward for people. The DPA tool has a really clean interface. It's really straightforward to use. You can drill into data and get a lot of depth from it and that's something that we didn't find in the competitors tools. Not that you can't drill in with competitive tools and get that same information, but the ease of getting to that deep level of information was much tougher. Most of the other products weren't as navigable. DPA, for us, was such a straightforward easy tool. There are a couple of help screens that pop up when you first start using it and you get in there and execute them once you understand how it works. Like I said, you can give it to a developer, you can give to someone that's not highly technical and they can figure out how to use it in just a couple of minutes and get right in there..”

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“I'm currently evaluating solutions to possibly purchase. The use case is to know:

- What is my database doing?
- What sort of pressure is coming? Is it proc, memory, or network?

I also want a deeper level of analytical capability to be able to go into the actual queries and analyze that level of performance. I don't want only monitoring. I also want a deeper level of capability.

I am also looking for added features such as backup, execution plan exploration, execution plan comparison, and change tracking and control. I want a backup feature like the Redgate Toolbelt, which has multiple products. They've got the backup native in their bundle. Quest has an add-on product called LightSpeed for their backup, which is a very capable product. So, I'm trying to bring all of my SQL DBA management and monitoring needs into one unified solution. It is not only about deployments across multiple servers. I need to be able to run one script across my entire setup with one or two clicks, as opposed to having to log in to each and every one of them, which is a nightmare. I would like to be able to push changes out to all of them with one click..”

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer has significantly improved our efficiency. It makes managing database servers 90% easier. It pinpoints issues without a deep dive, identifying bottlenecks and suggesting fixes..”

Romario Martin

Database Administrator at JN Welding

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Use Case

“I use the solution to monitor database and manual activity and to generate reports. It is also a monitoring tool that we use for a little bit of monitoring..”

Boris Nema

DBA-database administrator at Bancobu Sm

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“We use SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer for performance monitoring, tuning, and troubleshooting performance issues. It's mainly related to performance and the database community. Database administrators handle queries and system impacts..”

Romario Martin


Database Administrator at JN Welding

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“We use SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer as a monitoring service for customers, particularly in the banking industry. The solution is part of the service we provide for our customers..”

Fausto Espinosa

Production manager at Cobiscorp

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“Our customers' main use cases revolve around database monitoring. While many existing tools can handle basic monitoring tasks, more complex scenarios arise in enterprises. In these cases, customers need to identify bottlenecks and optimize performance. This is where a database performance tool like SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer comes into play..”

Verified user

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Software Engineer at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

“The primary use cases involve identifying database performance issues, such as long-running queries, wait times, deadlocks, and other read-and-write performance-related issues.

Long-running queries are particularly common, and customers find the tool useful for pinpointing such issues..”

Ravi Khanchandani

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Founder Director at Techsa Services

“It was installed at a previous company I worked for, and they used it extensively there. It was cross-platform, so it was more than just SQL Server. It could work with SQL Server, Postgres and do all of the system metrics, such as RAM consumption, IO, network traffic, etc. It was a more in-depth package, but it was also rather expensive if I remember it correctly.

In my current company, I'm a new principal DBA. They hired me a week and a half ago, and I'm evaluating solutions to possibly purchase.

In terms of deployment, it has both on-prem and cloud deployments..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“The initial setup is simple and agentless. It is deployed on-premises in our organization. As it is connected to the databases, we only need to let it work for two weeks or even a little more so it can understand the wait times, and later monitor the changes..”

NenadMijatovic

Director of Sales at S4E Serbia

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“The initial setup for SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer was not easy. We set it up almost two years ago, but we had a little problem, though we had the right support from our provider..”

Fausto Espinosa

Production manager at Cobiscorp

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“This solution is very easy to set up.

The deployment normally takes three or four days. This is enough to monitor all of the databases. However, creating reports and dashboards takes much more time than that..”

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Presales Consultant at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

“The initial setup is pretty straightforward. The best part is that SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer (DPA) can be used as a standalone tool or integrated seamlessly with other SolarWinds tools. For instance, it can integrate with server and application monitoring.

DPA is a specialized tool for databases, while server and application monitoring is a generic tool for all applications, including databases.”

Ravi Khanchandani

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Founder Director at Techsa Services

“It was really straightforward. We initially downloaded it as a trial and put in on some old hardware. Just thinking "We'll see how this goes." We used it for, I think, it was a 30-day trial and within about, I don't know, 10 days, we made a decision and said, "Yeah, we're going to buy this." Bought the licenses and just applied them to that instance that we've expanded up on. We recently moved it into a full-fledged production environment. It was working and it wasn't, there are too many other fires so we didn't end up moving it right away like we should've. Then re-installing it on that other box, migrating it to a new hardware, new operating system, new database backend, was really straightforward. I think it might have taken us 30 minutes. Their documentation was pretty straightforward. There's not a whole lot to it..”

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Customer Service and Support

“The initial support (Level 1) might struggle with DPA issues, but escalated cases receive proper support. There is room for improvement in Level 1 support..”

Ravi Khanchandani

Founder Director at Techsa Services

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“The technical support has been excellent. We've had a great relationship with the support team; they've been very proactive. Whenever we needed assistance, they responded within 24 hours. .”

Verified user

Software Engineer at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“I do not think that SolarWinds support is very good because it just takes too long to solve the problem. Eventually, they attempt to solve your issues, one way or another, but it takes too long for the support..”

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“I have not had to open up many tickets. In two and a half years, I think, probably four, five tickets that we've opened with them. Probably three of those I'm going to say were more of a how do we get more out of this feature versus actual technical problems, but in every case, the sport has been really prompt. I think the first experience that I had with them, the guy responded back by email or the tech support responded back by email within 5, 10 minutes. They're really responsive, really on top of things. It seems like they have a strong sense of customer service and wanting to make sure that their customers are satisfied and understand to solve your problem, if there's anything else, if you have any other questions, that sort of things. It's been really positive for us..”

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Other Advice

“If you buy the hybrid cloud severability license, you get several modules like network performance, the network traffic analyzer, etc. Additionally, DPA integrates very well with server and application monitoring solutions. There is a product called SAM, which is about monitoring the servers. You can have good integration between those two solutions.

I rate the platform a nine out of ten..”

NenadMijatovic

Director of Sales at S4E Serbia

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“I advise users to continue with SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer because it is a nice tool to help implement your IT tools. I am a DBA person, and the solution can help us in special monitoring in DBA.

Overall, I rate SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer a nine out of ten..”

Boris Nema

DBA-database administrator at Bancobu Sm

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“My recommendation would be to explore SolarWinds SAM for database monitoring. SolarWinds SAM can handle alerts and cover various aspects like server, application, and database monitoring. However, if there are specific metrics or use cases that SolarWinds SAM cannot address, consider looking

into SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer.

I rate the overall product an eight out of ten. Databases are critical for large enterprises, and customer satisfaction is paramount, particularly for such businesses. Implementing tools like the product is essential to mitigate any potential dissatisfaction. It allows database administrators to address issues before customers even notice problems such as lag..”

Verified user

Software Engineer at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“We are using the latest version of SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer.

The solution is deployed on-cloud in our organization.

I would recommend users compare SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer with other software before choosing it.

Overall, I rate SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer a nine out of ten..”

Veronica Chaloupka

Data Engineer at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

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“I would suggest carefully charting out critical database instances and figuring out if the user is facing application slowness issues. If yes, they should first use simple server and application monitoring to determine whether the issues lie outside the database or within. It could be an underlying storage, server, or network-related problem.

To pinpoint network or server-related issues it can get complex. There could be physical server issues, virtual server issues, host layer problems, or underlying storage or SAN environment concerns, if they have any.

Overall, I would rate the solution an eight out of ten. The areas where it currently lags are in reporting and dashboarding. The reports and dashboards are somewhat static, and we cannot create custom dashboards for specific customer needs..”

Ravi Khanchandani

Founder Director at Techsa Services

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“SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer's AI-driven analytics have enhanced our data management strategies through anomaly detection. It establishes a baseline of what is expected and alerts us to anything outside that norm, allowing for preventative monitoring and maintenance. Instead of customers reporting issues, the AI alerts us to performance-related problems in advance.

I would recommend the SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer to others. It makes management more accessible and improved my skills thanks to the extensive knowledge available in the application. It helps distinguish between normal and abnormal behaviour and has a large user community.

Overall, I would rate SolarWinds Database Performance Analyzer a nine out of ten..”

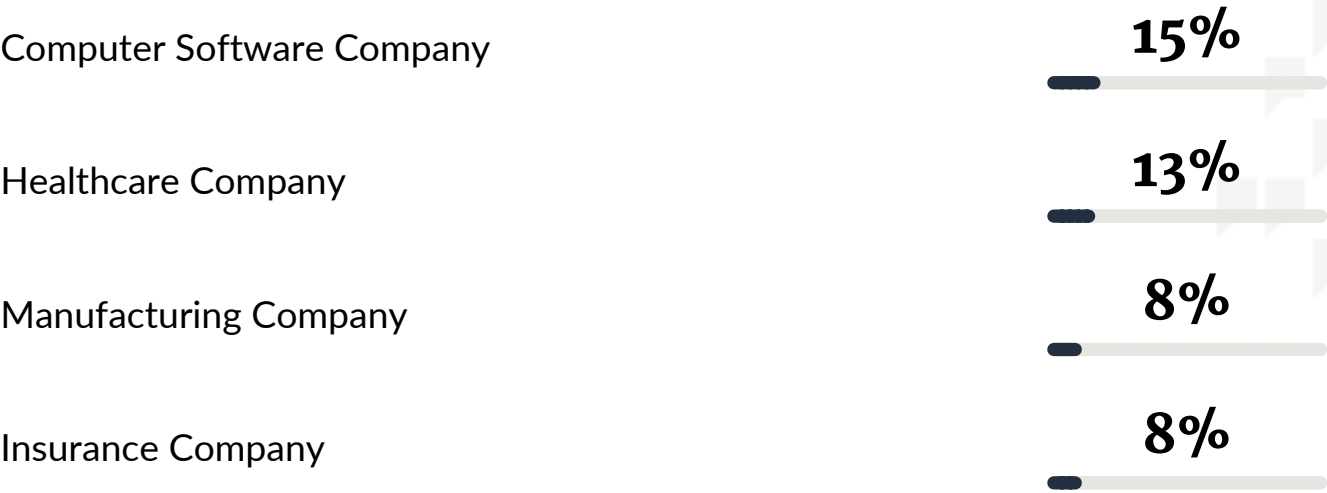
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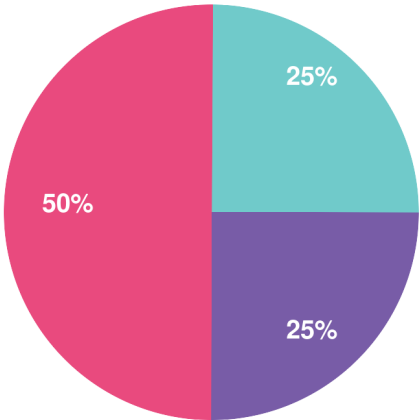
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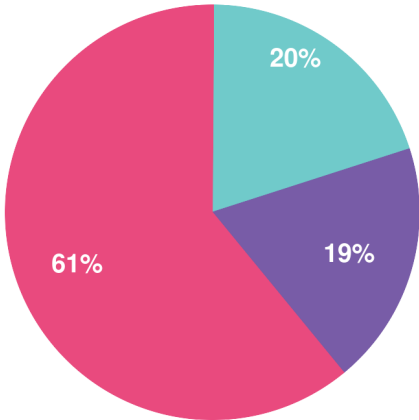


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