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- Security: SQL Server provides two security models including integration with Windows Authentication to provide robust security platform for managing your organisations information. Security can be managed across all database objects including tables, views, stored procedures and at a very granular level, to provide complete information security. Database encryption is now available as well to secure SQL Server database at rest.

- Scalability: SQL Server is a highly scalable enterprise database platform capable of managing petabytes of data while delivering high performance. This allows organisations to deploy SQL Server databases with the confidence that SQL Server can continue to deliver superior performance even as their needs and businesses grow.

- High availability/availability: SQL Server provides a variety of high availability features including failover clustering available on the standard and enterprise editions, database mirroring, log shipping, and database snapshots to meet your organisations' needs.

- Business intelligence: SQL Server's standard and enterprise editions come with extensive business intelligence capabilities through SQL Server Analysis Services. Analytical models can be developed to breakdown business information to provide business insights for managing and forecasting business needs. The SQL Server also comes with integrated reporting capabilities from SQL Server Reporting Services which allows organisations to access business critical information across the organisation. In more recent versions of SQL Server, PowerPivot for Microsoft Excel® has been added to allow users another familiar tool for analyzing business data.

- Integration: SQL Server provides a robust set of integration tools call SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS) which can be used to consolidate data from multiple heterogeneous data sources for holistic data view and comprehensive data analysis. The SSIS can also be used to migrate data from other database formats (Oracle®, DBase®, Paradox®, legacy formats, Microsoft Access®) to SQL Server.

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