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DBCC CloneDatabase

The Service Pack 2 release of SQL Server 2014 introduces a new DBCC command called DBCC CloneDatabase.

Books online states:

> "DBCC CLONEDATABASE should be used to create a schema and statistics only copy of a production database in order to investigate query performance issues. "

Which sounds really interesting. Get all the schema and statistics but no data.

Some immediate uses come to mind:

- Using in a development or test environment to use production statistics to view query plans.
- When dealing with Database Corruption, a way to spin up an empty copy of a database for troubleshooting work.
- A great way to archive the schema without the data.

More to come soon as I try this out...