

Adding Not Null with Default column to large Table

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I am running an upgrade to an existing system which I have found is using the Alter Table statement to add a Not Null with Default column to huge table (100 million records). Not surprisingly it is taking rather a long time!

Can anyone give me any other options to perform this operation ?

I'm currently thinking about

- 1) Adding the column Nullable
- 2) Running multiple updates to the table
- 3) Altering the column to make it Not-Nullable.