

Query Optimization 101

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Quick Intro - Percona

- Percona is a leading provider of unbiased open source database solutions
 - Eliminate vendor lock-in
 - Embrace the cloud
 - Optimize Database Performance
 - Reduce Costs and Complexity
- Fully Open-Source Software (MySQL, PGSQL, MongoDB, PMM, etc)
 - It's all on github
 - o It's free, as in beer!
- Professional Services (Consulting, Performance Audits, etc)
- Managed Database Services (We do everything for you)
- Support (Traditional ticket-based support, various SLA tiers)



Quick Intro - Me

- I'm Matthew, not Matt :)
- Been with Percona for 9.67 years
- Senior Architect / Senior Trainer in Professional Services dept
- Specialize in MySQL and training
- Professional Experience:
 - PayPal 5,000+ MySQL servers (heavily modulo sharded)
 - Dell Secureworks SaaS-based application backed by MySQL
 - DBaaS Hosting (Rackspace, Softlayer)
 - VoIP (creator of MySQL DB driver for Asterisk)



Query Planning

Query Optimization



What Will You Do?

- The number one goal is to have faster queries.
- The process is:
 - We first ask MySQL "what do you intend to do?"
 - o If we don't like it, make a change, and ask again...



It All Starts with EXPLAIN

- Bookmark this manual page:
 - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/explain-output.html
- It is the best source for anyone getting started.



Find the Title Bambi

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT id, title, production year FROM movies
       WHERE title = 'Bambi' ORDER BY production year\G
********* 1. row *********
           id: 1
  select type: SIMPLE
        table: movies
        type: ALL
possible keys: NULL
         key: NULL
     key len: NULL
         ref: NULL
        rows: 3331824
     filtered: 10.00
       Extra: Using where; Using filesort
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```



Aha! Now Add an Index

```
mysql> ALTER TABLE movies ADD INDEX (title);

ERROR 1170 (42000): BLOB/TEXT column 'title' used in key specification without a key length

mysql> ALTER TABLE movies ADD INDEX (title(30));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (8.09 sec)
Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```



Let's Revisit

- ref` is equality for comparison, but not PK lookup.
- Identified 'title' as a candidate index and chose it.
- Size of the index used.
- Anticipated number of rows.



Other Ways of Accessing

- const: at most, one matching row.
- Primary Key in InnoDB is always faster than secondary keys.



LIKE

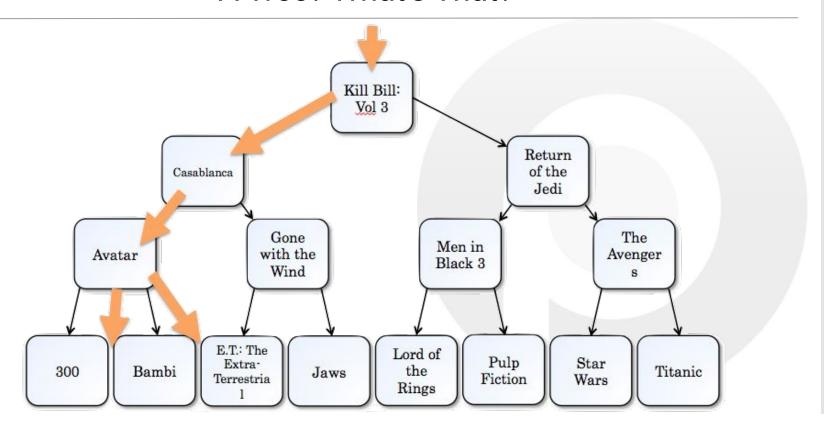
- Type is Range. BETWEEN, IN() and < > are also ranges.
- Number of rows to examine has increased; we are not specific enough.

Why is that a Range?

- We're looking for titles between BambA and BambZ*
- Going to use an index; made up using a tree-structure
 - o InnoDB uses B+Trees for data and indexes



A Tree? What's That?



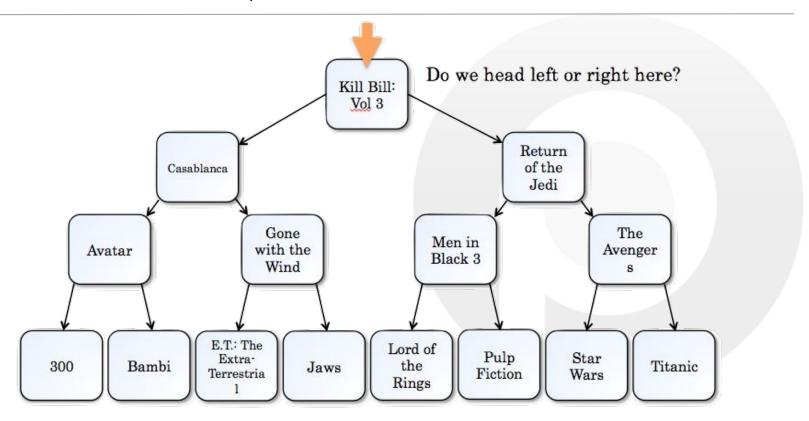


Could This Be a Range?

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT id, title, production year FROM movies
       WHERE title LIKE '%ulp Fiction'\G
********** 1. row **********
           id: 1
  select type: SIMPLE
        table: movies
         type: ALL
possible keys: NULL
         key: NULL
      key len: NULL
          ref: NULL
         rows: 3331824
     filtered: 11.11
       Extra: Using where
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```



No, We Can't Traverse





LIKE 'Z%'

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT id, title, production_year FROM movies
      WHERE movies LIKE 'Z%'\G
******** 1. row *********
          id: 1
  select type: SIMPLE
        table: movies
        type: range
possible keys: title
         key: title
     key len: 52
         ref: NULL
        rows: 24934
     filtered: 100.00
       Extra: Using where
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

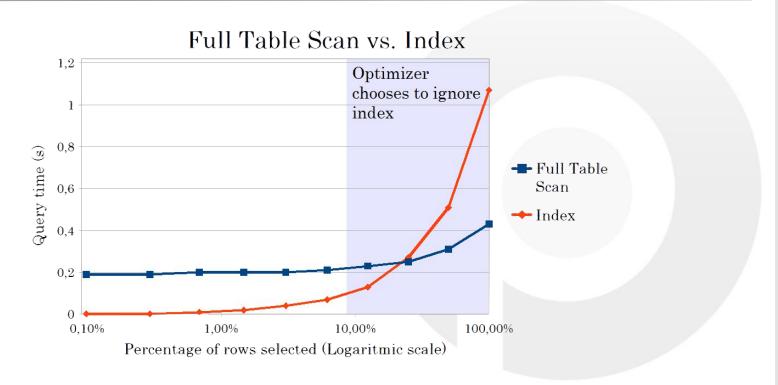


LIKE 'T%'

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT id, title, production_year FROM movies
      WHERE movies LIKE 'T%'\G
******** 1. row *********
          id: 1
  select type: SIMPLE
        table: movies
        type: ALL
possible keys: title
         key: NULL
     key len: NULL
         ref: NULL
        rows: 3331824
     filtered: 21.00
       Extra: Using where
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```



Why Avoid Indexes





What You Should Take Away

- Data is absolutely critical.
 - Dev environments should contain data exported from production systems.
 - Too few rows may cause optimizer to behave differently



What You Should Take Away (cont.)

- Input values are absolutely critical.
 - Between two seemingly identical queries, execution plans may be very different.
 - Just like you test application code functions with several values for input arguments.



Common Query Mistakes

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Not So Obvious?

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE orders (
 id int(10) unsigned NOT NULL AUTO INCREMENT,
 orderId varchar(20) NOT NULL,
 orderType tinyint(3) unsigned NOT NULL,
 orderCountry varchar(40) NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (id),
 KEY oldx (orderId)); <-- Index exists!</pre>
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM orders WHERE orderId = 34239\G
id: 1
 select type: SIMPLE
       table: orders
        type: ALL
possible keys: oIdx
        key: NULL
     key len: NULL
        ref: NULL
        rows: 6316
    filtered: 10.00
       Extra: Using where
1 row in set, 3 warnings (0.00 sec)
```



Type Matters!

Check those warnings and try again

```
mysql> SHOW WARNINGS\G
Message: Cannot use ref access on index 'oldx' due to type or
        collation conversion on field 'orderId'
Message: Cannot use range access on index 'oldx' due to type or
        collation conversion on field 'orderId'
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM orders WHERE orderId = "34239"\G
************************ 1. row ********************
          id: 1
 select type: SIMPLE
       table: orders
        type: ref
possible keys: oIdx
         key: oIdx
     key len: 22
         ref: const
        rows: 1
    filtered: 100.00
       Extra: NULL
```



Please Use My Index?

```
mysql> ALTER TABLE movies ADD INDEX (production year);
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM movies
       WHERE MAKEDATE (production year, 1) >= now() - INTERVAL 1 YEAR\G
********* 1. row *********
          id: 1
 select type: SIMPLE
        table: movies
         type: ALL
possible keys: NULL
         key: NULL
     key len: NULL
         ref: NULL
        rows: 3244766
     filtered: 100.00
       Extra: Using where
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

- An index exists on production_year. What's going on?
- What is a better solution?



Much Better

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT * from movies
      WHERE production year >= YEAR(NOW() - INTERVAL 1 YEAR) \G
********* 1. row *********
          id: 1
  select type: SIMPLE
        table: movies
  partitions: NULL
         type: range
possible keys: production year
         key: production year
     key len: 5
         ref: NULL
        rows: 205352
     filtered: 100.00
       Extra: Using index condition
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```

Rule of Thumb: Don't manipulate data already stored



Finding Unoptimized Queries

Query Optimization



How do I find slow queries?

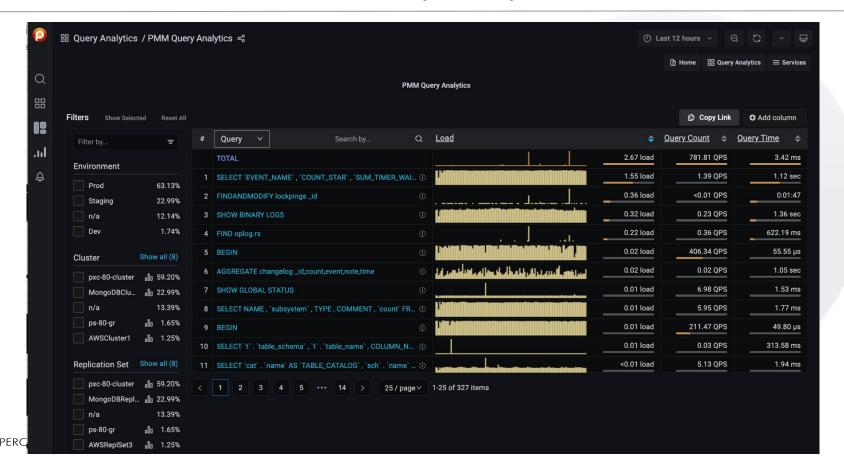
- Slow Query Log
 - Use pt-query-digest to parse and aggregate statistics
- performance_schema
 - Along with sys schema
- Percona Monitoring and Management (PMM)
 - Can use either slow query log or performance_schema



Enhanced Slow Log Statistics



PMM Query Analytics



Other EXPLAIN Techniques

Query Optimization



EXPLAIN FORMAT=JSON

```
mysql> EXPLAIN FORMAT=JSON SELECT * FROM users
WHERE last_name = 'Ascencio' AND first_name = 'Virginia'\G
```

```
************* 1. row ************
EXPLAIN: {
  "query block": {
    "select id": 1,
    "cost info": {
     "query cost": "171.60"
   "table": {
      "table name": "users",
      "access type": "ref",
      "possible keys": [
       "first name"
      "key": "first name",
      "used key parts": [
       "first name"
      "key length": "102",
      "ref": [
        "const"
```

```
"rows examined per scan": 143,
      "rows produced per join": 14,
      "filtered": "10.00",
      "cost info": {
        "read cost": "143.00",
        "eval cost": "2.86",
        "prefix cost": "171.60",
        "data read per join": "6K"
      "used columns": [
        "id",
        "email address",
       "last login date",
        "first name",
        "last name"
      "attached condition":
        "(`users`.`last name` = 'Ascencio')"
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
```



EXPLAIN FORMAT=TREE

EXPLAIN FORMAT=TREE provides tree like output about the selected execution plan

```
EXPLAIN FORMAT=TREE SELECT * FROM users WHERE last name = 'Ascencio' AND first name = 'Virginia'\G
EXPLAIN: -> Filter: ((users.first name = 'Virginia') and (users.last name = 'Ascencio')) (cost=5068.85
rows=500)
   -> Table scan on users (cost=5068.85 rows=49966)
EXPLAIN FORMAT=TREE SELECT id FROM title WHERE (title ='Pilot' and production year > 1977)
UNION SELECT id FROM title WHERE (episode nr = 1 and production year > 1977) \G
*********************** 1. row ********************
EXPLAIN: -> Table scan on <union temporary> (cost=2.50 rows=0)
   -> Union materialize with deduplication
       -> Filter: ((title.title = 'Pilot') and (title.production year > 1977)) (cost=161267.64 rows=51606)
          -> Table scan on title (cost=161267.64 rows=1548344)
       -> Filter: ((title.episode nr = 1) and (title.production year > 1977)) (cost=161267.64 rows=51606)
          -> Table scan on title (cost=161267.64 rows=1548344)
```



EXPLAIN ANALYZE

- EXPLAIN ANALYZE: Shows the EXPLAIN plan (8.0.18)
 - Also executes the query and displays execution time and number of row reads

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM users WHERE last name = 'Ascencio' AND first name = 'Virginia'\G
EXPLAIN: -> Filter: ((users.first name = 'Virginia') and (users.last name = 'Ascencio')) (cost=5068.85 rows=500)
(actual time=5.771..32.774 rows=1 loops=1)
   -> Table scan on users (cost=5068.85 rows=49966) (actual time=0.054..29.703 rows=49930 loops=1)
EXPLAIN analyze SELECT id FROM title WHERE (title ='Pilot' and production year > 1977) UNION SELECT id FROM title
WHERE (episode nr = 1 and production year > 1977) \G
EXPLAIN: -> Table scan on <union temporary> (cost=2.50 rows=0) (actual time=0.001..0.716 rows=16185 loops=1)
   -> Union materialize with deduplication (actual time=19669.891..19671.602 rows=16185 loops=1)
       -> Filter: ((title.title = 'Pilot') and (title.production year > 1977)) (cost=161267.64 rows=51606) (actual
time=8625.515..19215.996 rows=730 loops=1)
          -> Table scan on title (cost=161267.64 rows=1548344) (actual time=0.023..19061.133 rows=1543719 loops=1)
       -> Filter: ((title.episode nr = 1) and (title.production year > 1977)) (cost=161267.64 rows=51606) (actual
time=183.589..446.108 rows=16079 loops=1)
          -> Table scan on title (cost=161267.64 rows=1548344) (actual time=0.029..361.534 rows=1543719 loops=1)
```



Beyond Explain

Query Optimization



The Limitations of EXPLAIN

- EXPLAIN shows MySQL's intentions; there is no post-execution analysis.
 - How many rows actually had to be sorted?
 - Was that temporary table created on disk?
 - Did the LIMIT 10 result in a quick match, resulting in fewer rows scanned?
 - o ... we don't know.



What Did the Engine Do?

```
mysql> SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Ha%';
 Variable name
                          | Value
 Handler commit
 Handler delete | 0
 Handler discover
 Handler prepare
 Handler_read_first | 1 | <-- First entry in index
Handler_read_key | 13890229 | <-- Read a row based on key
 Handler read next | 14286456 | <-- Read the next row
 Handler read prev | 0 | -- in key order
 Handler read rnd
 Handler_read_rnd_next | 2407004 | <-- Read the next row
 Handler rollback | 0 | -- from disk
 Handler savepoint
 Handler savepoint rollback | 0
 Handler update
                   | 2407001 | <-- Insert row to table
 Handler write
```



SHOW PROFILES

• Enable profiling:

```
mysql> SET profiling = 1;
```

Run some query(s):

```
mysql> SELECT STRAIGHT_JOIN COUNT(*) AS c, person_id
    FROM cast_info FORCE INDEX(person_id)
    INNER JOIN title ON (cast_info.movie_id=title.id)
    WHERE title.kind_id = 1 GROUP BY cast_info.person_id
    ORDER by c DESC LIMIT 1;
```

View the report:



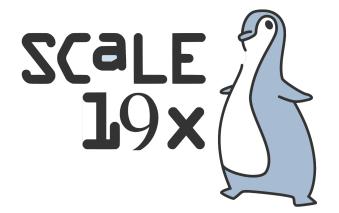
SHOW PROFILES (cont.)

```
mysql> show profile for query 1;
+----+
 Status
                     | Duration
 starting
                    0.000079
 checking permissions | 0.000005 |
                    0.000006
 checking permissions
 Opening tables
                    1 0.000025 1
 init
                    0.000034
 System lock
                    I 0.000013 I
 optimizing
                    I 0.000018 I
                    0.000095
 statistics
 preparing
                    0.000029
 Creating tmp table
                    1 0.000022 1
Sorting for group
                   I 0.000012 I
 Sorting result
                   I 0.000004 I
 executing
                    I 0.000004 I
```

```
| Sending data
                  | 28.653018 |
| converting HEAP to MyISAM | 0.100713 |
| Sending data
                  | 17.346021 |
| Creating sort index | 0.148820 |
 end
                  1 0.000007 1
| removing tmp table
                  I 0.007086 I
                  I 0.000009 I
l end
                 | 0.000013 |
| query end
| freeing items
            | 0.000263 |
| logging slow query
                 0.000007
26 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```







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