



LAB 10: DATABASE INDEX

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Indexes on Oracle (and Other DBMSes)

- Are automatically created without any explicit declaration of creating indexes
 - If you specify primary key or UNIQUE key attribute(s) in a DDL, then Oracle will automatically create the primary index.
- Of course, an index can be created for users' needs.
 - E.g., if you often refer to EMPLOYEE's FNAME and/or LNAME rather than SSN, then you may create a secondary index for FNAME and/or LNAME.
 - You can explicitly create that index to speed up your queries.

Creating Index on Oracle

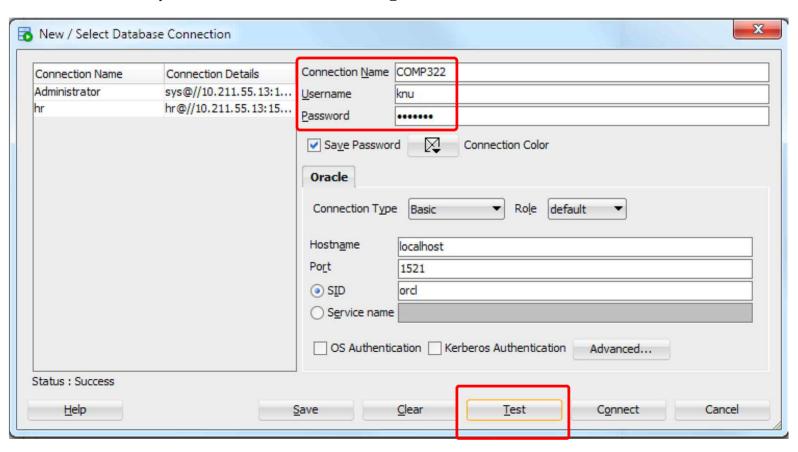
Basic syntax below

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CRAETE [UNIQUE] INDEX Index_name
ON Table_name (Column_name (field_name)[, Column_name, ...]);
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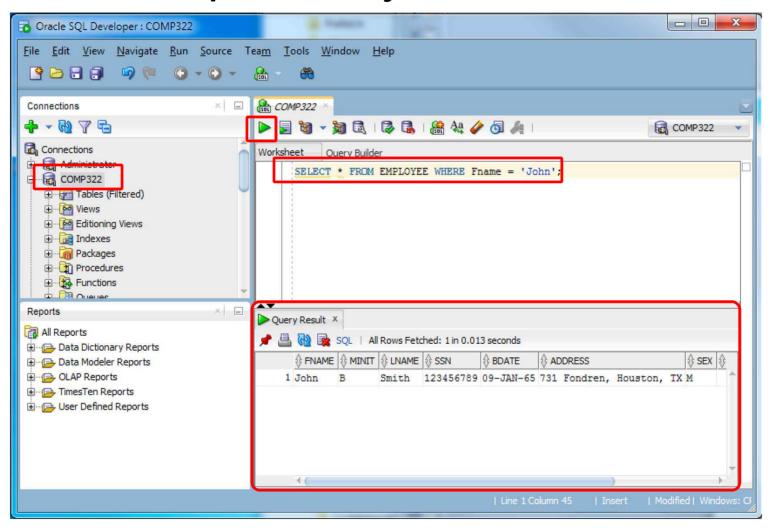
UNIQUE shouldn't be specified for *any* column that may potentially have duplicate values.

Database Connection on SQLDeveloper

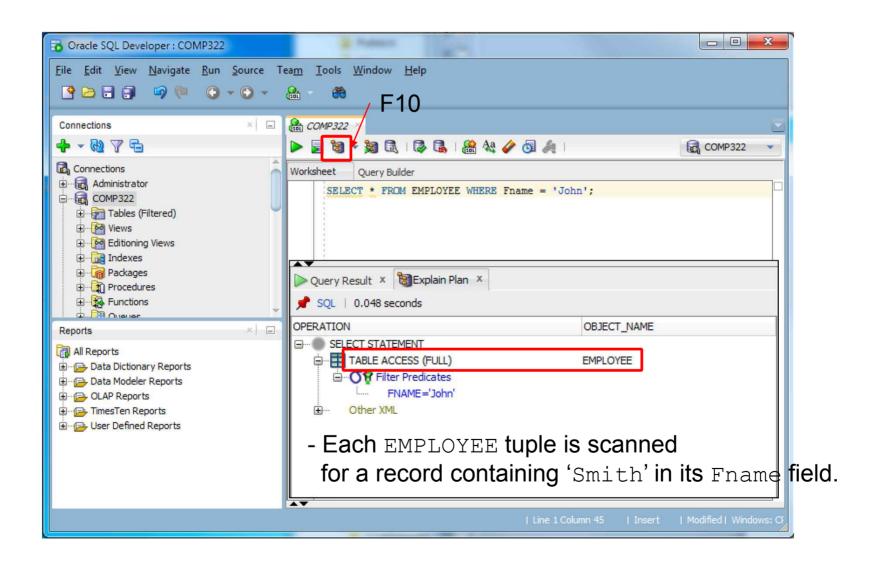
- New Connection: named "COMP322"
 - Username/password: knu/comp322



Run a Sample Query

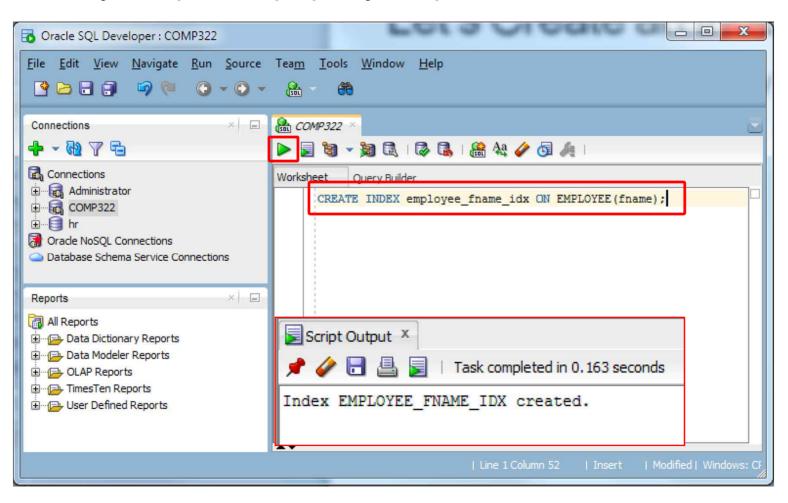


"View Execution Plan" - Table Full Scan



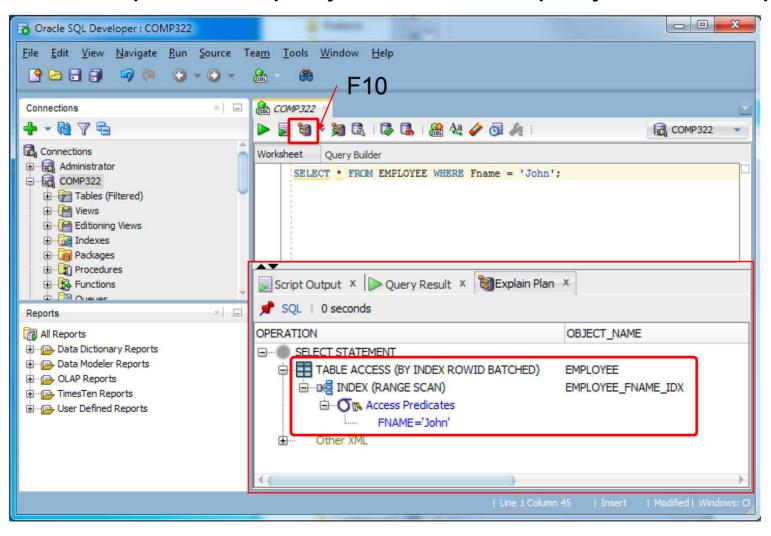
Let's Create an Index for Fname.

We'll try to speed up query response time.



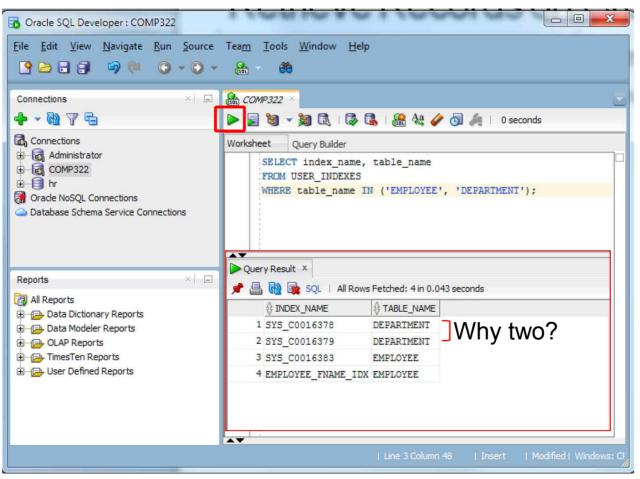
Let's Create an Index for Fname. (Cont'd)

Revisit the previous query and view its query execution plan.



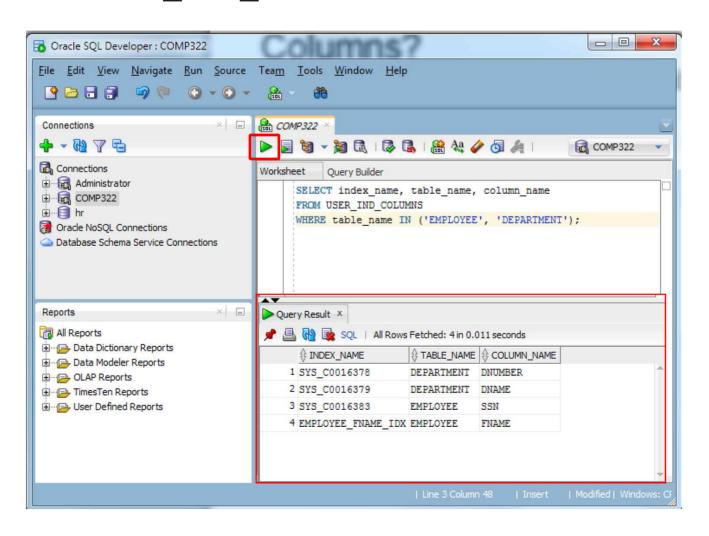
How to Examine What Indexes Are Created?

- Use the USER INDEXES table.
 - The metadata of the indexes is stored into the table in data dictionary.



How to Examine What Indexes on Which Columns?

• Use the USER IND COLUMNS table.

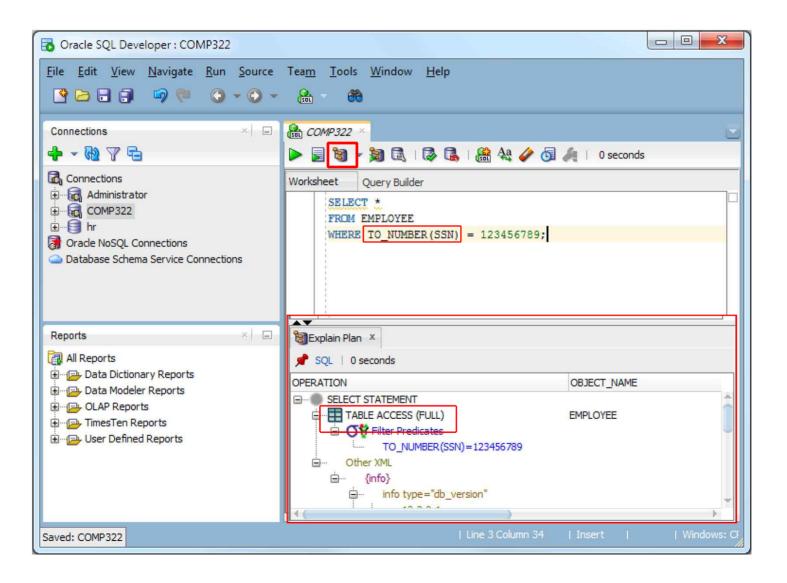


When to Apply Index?

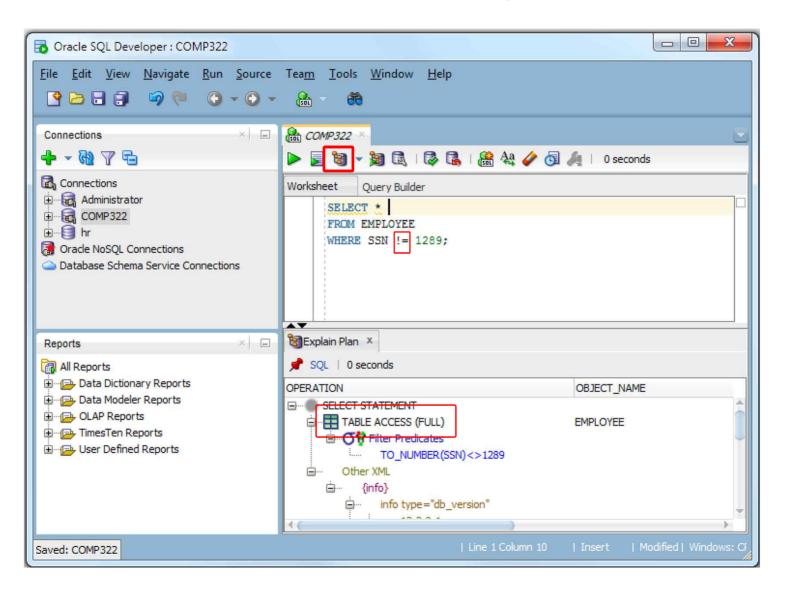
- When indexes are used, we can expect some speedups of query.
- But it's NOT always recommended to use the indexes.
- Here are some recommendations for you.

When to Use Index	When Not to Use Index
 Too many tuples in table A wide range of column values Columns referenced in WHERE clause (for selection) or JOIN 2% ~ 4% of total tuples retrieved by query Many columns with NULL (NULL values not part of index) 	 Too few tuples in table Columns seldom referenced in WHERE clause (for selection) or JOIN 10% ~ 15% of total tuples retrieved by query Too many updates on table Index field used with function or NOT operator

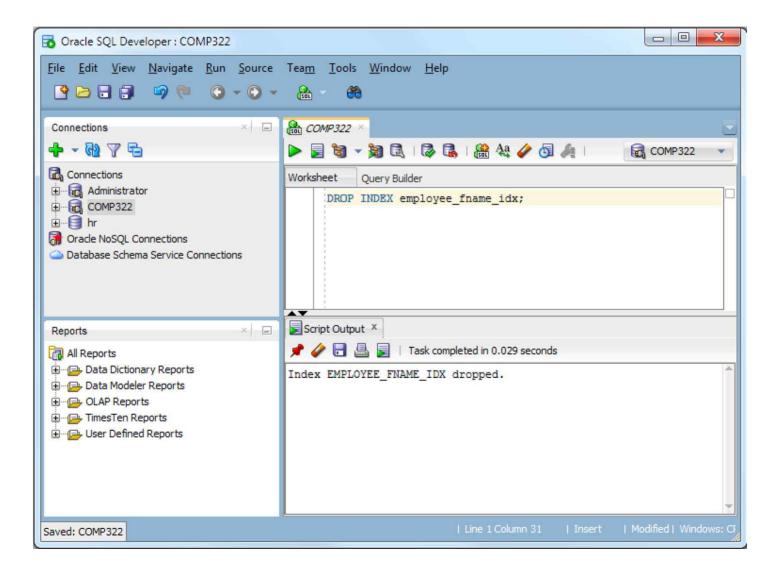
When Index is Not Used by Function



When Index is Not Used by NOT Operator

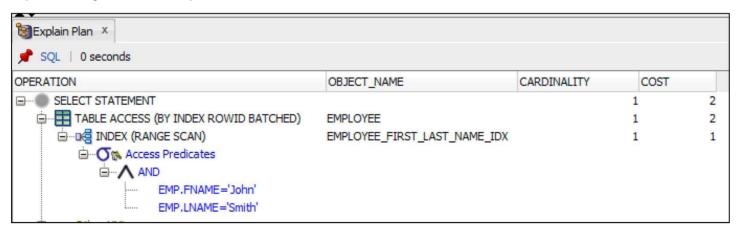


Drop Index: DROP INDEX index_name



Lab #10: Playing with Indexes on COMPANY

- 1) Create an index, named employee_first_last_name_idx, on multiple columns of Fname and Lname on EMPLOYEE.
- Show your execution plan using that index for a proper query referencing those two columns (Fname, Lname).
 - Capture your output as shown below:



- 2) Create an index, named dept_dname_mgrssn_idx, on multiple columns of Dname and Mgr ssn on DEPARTMENT.
- Write your query of retrieving a record(s) with Dname = 'Administration' and to_number(Mgr_ssn) = 987654321 in DEPARTMENT.
- Show your execution plan using that index for the written query. What is your result? Capture your output.

- 3) Write your query to view all the indexes created for the PROJECT table.
- What is the index name(s) of the PROJECT table?
- What column(s) is used for creating the indexes?
- Show your output.

- 4) How many indexes are created for the WORKS_ON and DEPT LOCATIONS tables, respectively?
- Tell the number of the indexes for each of the two tables.
- What query did you use? Show your query.
- Show your output of the query.

- 5) Create an index for the Relationship column in the DEPENDENT table.
- Write a proper query to reference that column.
- Capture the output of showing the execution plan of the query and check if your index is used or not.

[Submission]

- Deadline: Sunday midnight (11/18/2018)
- Name your file like:
 - 'lab10-Your_Student_ID.sql'
 - Put each answer into this sql file. If your answer should be written in plain text, then just comment that line.
 - "-- 10-4) # of indexes for WORKS ON: ..."
 - Save as image file captured output.
- Zip the sql and any screenshot image files.
- Upload the zip file into LMS.

APPENDIX

Configuration of localhost on Your Machine

