



## Chapter 3: Slow Queries

### Lab: Building an Index in the Foreground in Production

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#### Problem:

In this lab, you're going to simulate a foreground index build, in production.

Setup:

- Download the handouts, and unpack. Place the following in your vagrant VM's **shared** directory:
  - `set_up_building_index_in_foreground.sh`
  - `building_index_in_foreground.py`
- Download and unpack the `employees.zip` dataset and place it in your vagrant's `/shared` directory.
- Run `set_up_building_index_in_foreground.sh` from the `/shared` directory within your VM, which will do each of the following:
  - Kill any `mongod` server processes running in the VM
  - Delete the `~/data` directory
  - Start a replica set listening on ports `30000`, `30001`, and `30002`.
  - Ensure that the server on port `30000` has the highest priority
  - Sleep for 20 seconds to ensure that a Primary has been elected
  - `mongoimport` the `employees.json` file into the `m312.employees` namespace.
- Next, you'll want to simulate your application, and trigger your index build. If you've set everything up as described here, run `building_index_in_foreground.py`.

While this is going on, feel free to run `mongostat` against your server to get a feel for what's going on while your "application" is running.

The python script will do the following:

Your job is to go in and find the index build, plus any evidence of long-running **read/update** operations that occur as a result of the index build. Be careful not to mistake other operations (such as the `mongoimport`) for the index build.

Note:

You may find it helpful to `rotate your log files`, especially if you run the python script more than once.

To demonstrate that you've identified both the index build, and the long-running operations, answer the following question:

When do the long-running operations begin to appear in the log files, based on their timestamps?

Attempts Remaining: **Correct Answer**   

Choose the best answer:

- ☐ *More than a minute before* the index build began.
- ☐ *Less than one second before* the index build began.
- ☐ *Less than one second after* the index build began.
- ☐ *More than one second after* the index build began, and also more than one second *before* the index build ended.
- ☐ *Less than one second before* the index build ended.
- ☒ *Less than one second after* the index build ended.
- ☐ *More than one second after* the index build ended.
- ☐ *More than a minute after* the index build ended.

Correct!

[See detailed answer](#)

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**Assignment is Due**

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