I inherited a MongoDB database server with 60 collections and 100 or so indexes.

Problem statement:

The business users are complaining about slow report completion times.

What can I do to improve performance?



System tuning-

Memory

Process

Disk

Network

Application tuning-

Application architecture

Statement design

Data model design

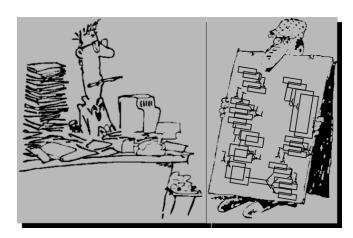
Indexing, Query optimization

(Relational, so that we may compare/contrast)



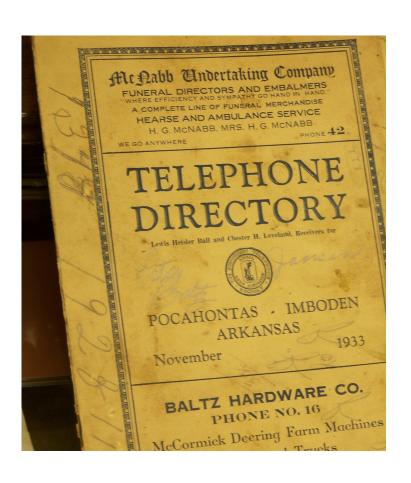
Scope:

- Detail command processing stages
- Can apply the 5 rules to a Rule Based query optimizer
- Apply 3 Index Negation guidelines
- · Repair common query design problems-
 - Psuedo order by clause
 - OR topped queries
 - (And topped queries, non-compound)
- Drop and analyze query plans
- Articulate/control FJS, & ESR query processing patterns



What you will leave with in 60 minutes:





Queries 1 & 2:

SELECT * FROM phonebook WHERE lastName LIKE "?son";

SELECT * FROM phonebook WHERE firstName = "Jennifer";



Query 3:

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (col1, col_2, .. 80 more columns); CREATE INDEX i1 ON t1 (col_gender);
```

```
SELECT * FROM t1
WHERE col_gender = "F" AND col_age > 50;
```



Negation of an index

- 1. Non-initial substring
- 2. Non-anchored compound/composite key
- 3. (Poor) selectivity of a filter

```
Partial negation of an index-
```

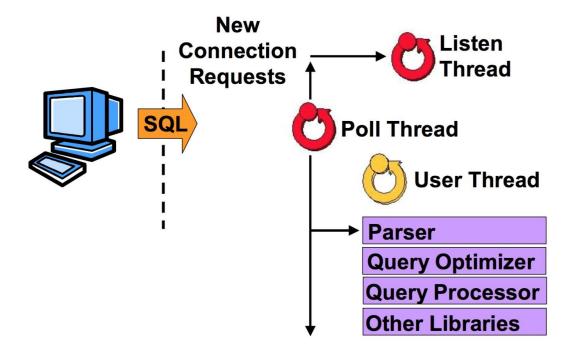
```
CREATE INDEX i1 ON t2 (col1, col2);
//
SELECT * FROM t1
WHERE col1 > 100 AND col2 = "x";
```



Exception to all above-Covered query/key-only



(n) Stage database server back end





Query Optimizers

Rule Cost ?



5 Rules to a rule based optimizer

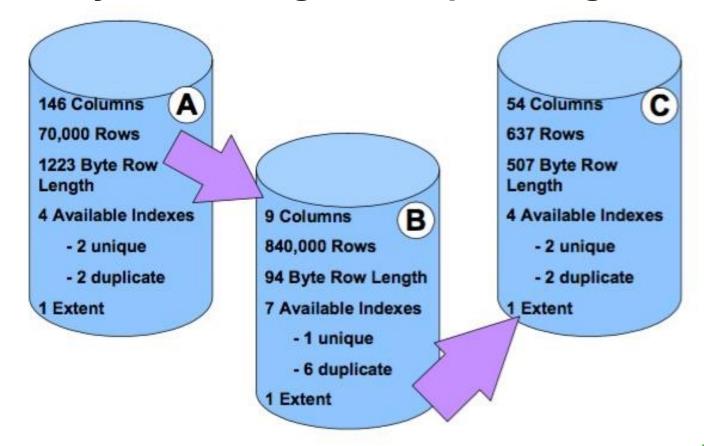
- 1. Outer table joins
- 2. (Non-outer) table joins
- 3. Filter criteria (predicates)
- 4. Table size
- 5. Table cardinality

```
SELECT *
FROM orderHeader, orderLineItems
WHERE
oh.orderNumber =
oi.orderNumber;
```

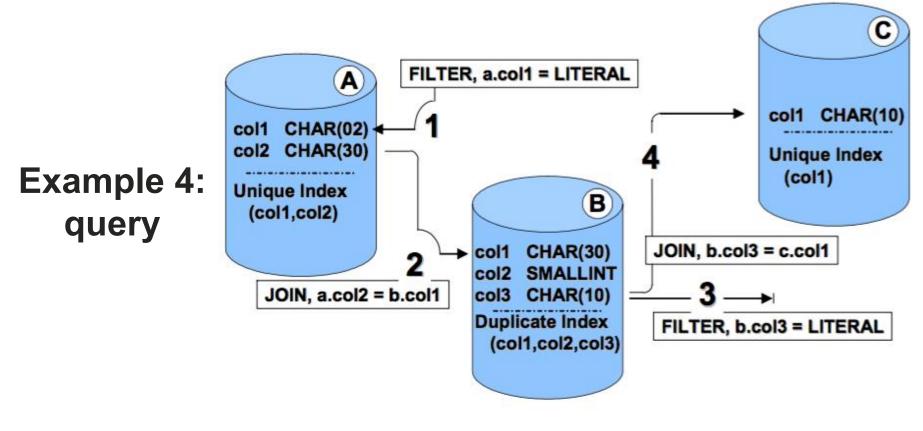
SELECT *
FROM persons, OUTER automobiles
WHERE
p.personId = a.personId;



Query 4: final/larger example using SQL

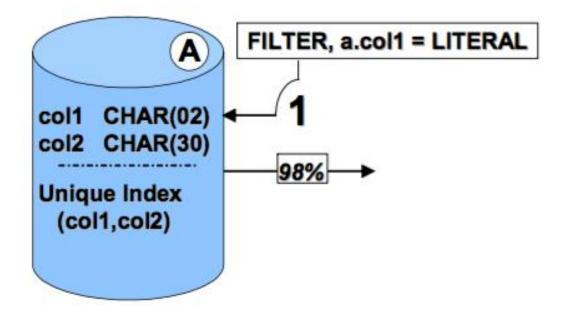


The query plan followed the table order, Tables "a", "b", then "c".



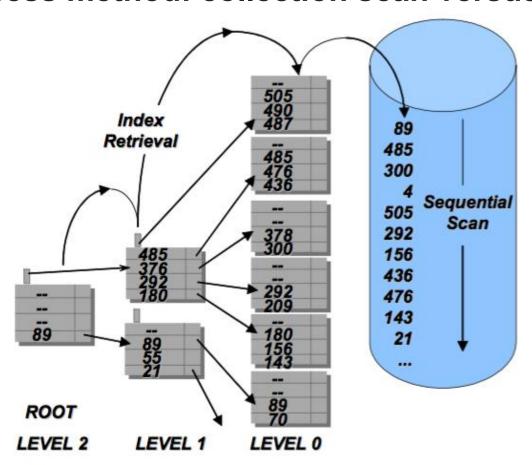


Query 4: First predicate





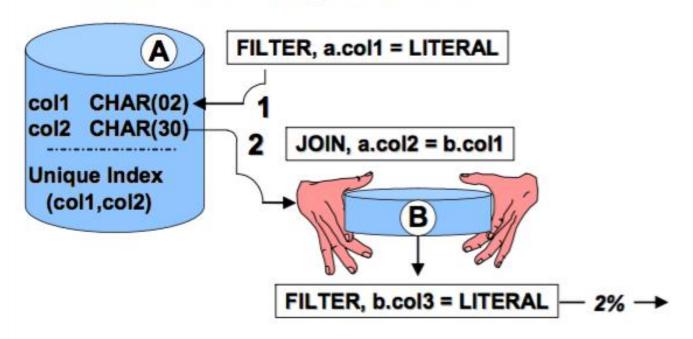
Collection access method: collection scan versus index scan





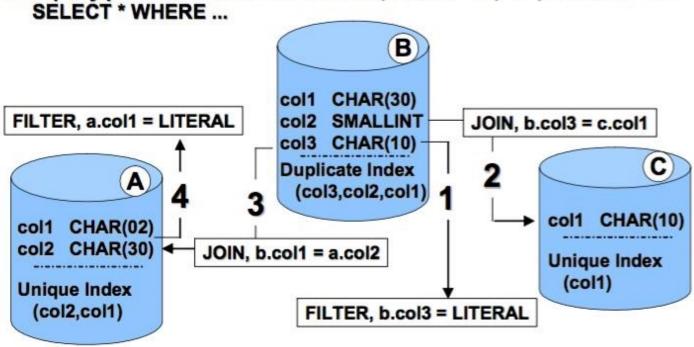
Query 4: Join and predicate

SELECT a.col1, COUNT(*) ... GROUP BY 1



Query 4: Optimal plan

The query plan followed the table order, Tables "b", "c", and then "a".



FJS versus ESR: MongoDB

SELECT *
FROM collection
WHERE
col1 = 'x' and col2 > 'y'
ORDER BY col3;

Filter -> Join -> Sort (FJS)

Equality -> Sort -> Range (ESR)



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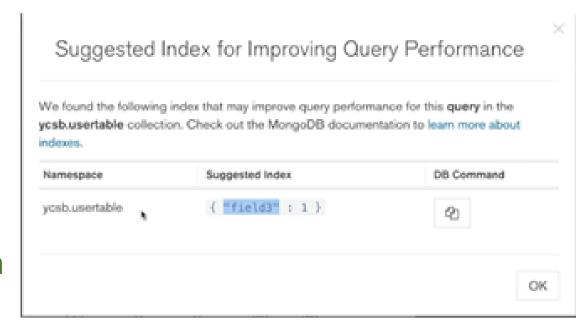
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Skills/tools we need:

- Which server
- Which logfile
- Server profiling Level
- Which queries
 - Cloud/Ops Manager !!
 - mtools
 - Text processing
- Drop the query plan
- Analyze the query plan
- Which indexes get used
- Other





Sample data set: zips.json



Query 5: Dumping the query plan



Query 5: get indexes

```
> db.zips.getIndexes()
[ {
        "v" : 1, "key" : { "_id" : 1 },
        "name" : "_id_",
        "ns" : "test_db.zips"
        } ]

db.zips.createIndex( { "state" : 1 , "pop" : 1 } )
```



Query 5: attempt 2

```
winningPlan" : {
    "stage" : "SORT", "sortPattern" : { "city" : 1 },
    "inputStage" : {
        "stage" : "FETCH",
        "inputStage" : {
            "stage" : "IXSCAN",
            "keyPattern" : { "state" : 1, "pop" : 1 },
            "indexBounds" : {
                  "state" : [ "[\"WI\\", \"WI\\"]" ],
                  "pop" : [ "[-inf.0, 50.0)" ]

"executionStats" : {
            "nReturned" : 4,
            "executionTimeMillis" : 1,
            "totalKeysExamined" : 4,
            "totalDocsExamined" : 4,
```



```
db.zips.createIndex( { "state" : 1 , "city" : 1 , "pop" : 1 } )
"winningPlan" : {
  "stage" : "SORT", "sortPattern" : { "city" : 1
  "inputStage" : {
    "stage": "FETCH",
  "inputStage" : {
    "stage": "IXSCAN",
      "keyPattern" : { "state" : 1, "pop" : 1
"rejectedPlans":[
  "stage": "FETCH",
  "inputStage" : {
    "stage": "IXSCAN",
      "keyPattern" : { "state" : 1, "city" : 1, "pop" : 1 },
        "indexBounds" : {
            "state" : [ "[\"WI\", \"WI\"]" ],
            "city" : [ "[MinKey, MaxKey]" ],
            "pop" : [ "[-inf.0, 50.0)" ]
```

Query 5: attempt 3



Query 6: (pseudo order by clause)



```
db.zips.find( { "state" : "CO" }
    ).sort( { "pop" : 1 } )
```

SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE col1 = 'x' ORDER BY col2;

SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE col1 = 'x' ORDER BY col1, col2;

SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE col1 = 'x' ORDER BY 'x', col2;



Query 6: query plan

```
"winningPlan" : {
    "stage" : "FETCH",
    "inputStage" : {
        "stage" : "IXSCAN",
        "keyPattern" : { "state" : 1, "pop" : 1 },
        "indexBounds" : {
            "state" : [ "[\"CO\", \"CO\"]" ],
            "pop" : [ "[MinKey, MaxKey]" ]
"rejectedPlans" : [
    "stage" : "SORT",
        "sortPattern" : { "pop" : 1 },
    "inputStage" : {
```

```
"stage": "FETCH",

"inputStage": {

    "stage": "IXSCAN",

    "keyPattern": { "state": 1, "city": 1, "pop": 1 },

    "indexBounds": {

        "state": [ "[\"CO\", \"CO\"]"],

        "city": [ "[MinKey, MaxKey]"],

        "pop": [ "[MinKey, MaxKey]"]

"executionStats": {

    "nReturned": 416,

    "executionTimeMillis": 1,

    "totalKeysExamined": 416,

"totalDocsExamined": 416,
```

Review the indexes we have so far

```
> db.zips.getIndexes()
_id
db.zips.createIndex( { "state" : 1 , "pop" : 1 } )
db.zips.createIndex( { "state" : 1 , "city" : 1 , "pop" : 1 } )
```



Query 7: OR topped query

```
db.zips.find( { "$or" : [ { "state" : "UT" }, { "pop" : 2 } ] } )
"winningPlan" : {
 "inputStage" : {
   "stage": "COLLSCAN",
     "filter" : {
                                                              SELECT * FROM t1
         "$or" : [
                                                              WHERE
           "pop" : { "$eq" : 2 }
                                                                order_date = TODAY
           "state" : { "$eq" : "UT" }
                                                              OR
"rejectedPlans":[]
                                                                ship weight < 10;
"executionStats": {
  "nReturned": 215,
  "executionTimeMillis": 22,
 "totalKeysExamined": 0,
  "totalDocsExamined": 29470,
```



Query 7: solution

```
db.zips.createIndex( { "pop" : 1 } )

"winningPlan" : {
    "inputStage" : {
        "stage" : "FETCH",
    "inputStage" : {
        "stage" : "OR",
        "inputStages" : [
        "stage" : "IXSCAN",
        "keyPattern" : { "state" : 1, "pop" : 1 },
        "indexBounds" : {
            "state" : [ "[\"UT\\", \"UT\\"]" ],
            "pop" : [ "[MinKey, MaxKey]" ]
```



Topics not previously covered



- · How to tell which indexes are being used
- · How to tell if an index is unique
- Smoke tests
- Covered queries
- MongoDB index types
- When do winning query plans get evacuated
- Index intersection
- Building indexes (online/offline)
- Sharding and queries, query plans
- Capped collections, tailable cursors
- Optimizer hints
- Memory limits
- Query rewrite (aggregation pipeline optimization)
- Which server
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Resources:

- The parent to this preso, https://github.com/farrell0/MongoDB-Developers-Notebook
- An excellent query primer (110 pages)
 http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247138.html?Open
 (Chapters 10 and 11.)
- University.MongoDB.com
- https://www.mongodb.com/consulting-test#performance_evaluation
- zips.json
 http://media.mongodb.org/zips.json
- Call Dave Lutz, at home, ... On Sunday (early) (512)555/1212



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How to tell which indexes are being used

```
db.zips.aggregate( [ { "$indexStats" : {} } ] ).pretty()
{ "name" : "pop_1",
    "key" : { "pop" : 1 },
    "host" : "rhhost00.grid:27017",
    "accesses" : {
        "ops" : NumberLong(15),
        "since" : ISODate("2016-04-19T07:13:44.546Z") } }
{ "name" : "state_1_city_1_pop_1",
    "key" : { "state" : 1, "city" : 1, "pop" : 1 },
    "host" : "rhhost00.grid:27017",
    "accesses" : {
        "ops" : NumberLong(0),
        "since" : ISODate("2016-04-19T06:49:11.765Z") } }
```

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How to tell if an index is unique

```
> db.t1.getIndexes()
[ { "v" : 1,
    "key" : { "_id" : 1 },
    "name" : "_id_",
    "ns" : "test_db.t1" },
{ "v" : 1,
    "unique" : true,
    "key" : { "k1" : 1 },
    "name" : "k1_1",
    "ns" : "test_db.t1" }
]
```

Smoke tests

Every night, gather a set of statistics about your hard disk fullness, and about the performance of a set of queries that are strategic to the application.

For queries we wish to record-

- The number of documents returned
- The winning query plan
- Elapsed time, disk and memory consumed
- Other

```
> db.zips.find( { "pop" : { "$lt" : 200 } },
 { "_id" : 0, "pop" : 1 } ).sort(
 { "pop" : -1 } ).explain()
"winningPlan" : {
 "stage": "PROJECTION",
  "transformBy" : {
   "_id": 0,
   "pop": 1 },
  "inputStage" : {
   "stage": "IXSCAN",
      "keyPattern" : { "pop" : 1 },
      "indexBounds" : {
       "pop" : [ "(200.0, -inf.0]" ]
  "rejectedPlans":[]
```

Covered queries

When does the winning plan get evacuated

In short, the cached query plan is re-evaluated if:

- The collection receives 1000 or more writes
- An index is added or dropped
- A reindex operation is performed
- mongod is restarted
- You run a query with explain

Index intersection

```
db.zips.find( { "$or" : [ { "state" : "UT" }, { "pop" : 2 } ] } )
db.zips.find( { "city" : "EAST TROY", "zip" : 53120 } )
```

Building indexes

```
db.zips.createIndex( { "zip" : 1 }, { "background" : true } )
```

Capped collections

db.createCollection("my_collection",
{ capped : true, size : 5242880,
max : 5000 })

from pymongo import Connection import time

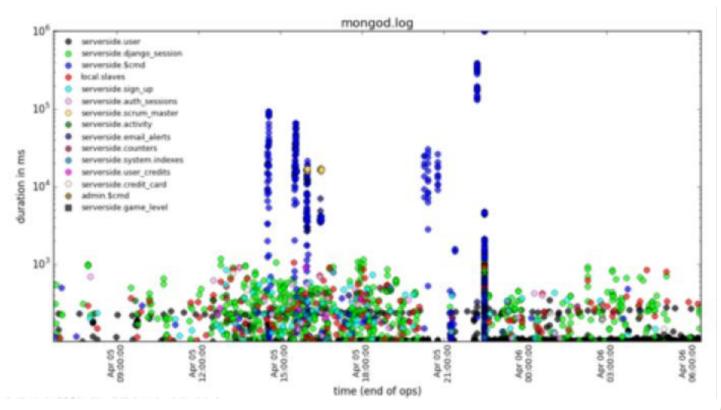
```
db = Connection().my_db
coll = db.my_collection
cursor = coll.find(tailable=True)
while cursor.alive:
    try:
        doc = cursor.next()
        print doc
    except StopIteration:
        time.sleep(1)
```

Memory limits: 32 MB, 100 MB

```
"executionStages" : {
    "stage" : "SORT",
    "nReturned" : 1,
    "executionTimeMillisEstimate" : 60,
    ...

"sortPattern" : { "City" : 1 },
    "memUsage" : 120,
    "memLimit" : 33554432,
```

mtools: mplotquery





But first:

Y/N I have more than 24 months experience with SQL

Y/N I have more than 6 months experience with MongoDB

Y/N I have dropped a MongoDB explain plan, understood it, made changes, and was happy

Y/N Puppies scare me





Two more examples: Queries 8 and 9



- optimizer hints
- \$lookup()



Query 8: automatic query rewrite

```
> db.zips.aggregate(
... [
... { "$sort" :
... { "state" : 1 }
... },
... {
... "$match" :
... { "state" : { "$gt" : "M" } }
... }
... }
... }
... { "explain" : true } )
```



Query 8: Explain plan

```
"stages" : [
    "$cursor" : {
        "sort" : { "state" : 1 },

"winningPlan" : {
        "stage" : "FETCH",
        "inputStage" : {
            "stage" : "IXSCAN",
            "indexName" : "state_1_city_1",
            "indexBounds" : {
                 "state" : [ "(\"M\", {})" ],
                 "city" : [ "[MinKey, MaxKey]" ]

"rejectedPlans" : [ ]
```



Query 9: Optimizer hints

```
> db.zips.find( { "city" : "EAST TROY" }).hint(
  { "zip" : 1} ).explain("executionStats")
   "winningPlan" : {
     "stage": "FETCH",
     "filter" : { "city" : { "$eq" : "EAST TROY" } },
     "inputStage" : {
       "stage": "IXSCAN", "keyPattern": { "zip": 1 },
       "indexBounds" : { "zip" : [ "[MinKey, MaxKey]" ] }
   "rejectedPlans":[]
  "executionStats" : {
   "nReturned": 1,
   "executionTimeMillis": 28,
   "totalKeysExamined": 29470,
   "totalDocsExamined": 29470,
```

