



SPOTIFY ADVANCED SQL PROJECT AND QUERY OPTIMIZATION

Using PostgreSQL



OVERVIEW

This project involves analyzing a Spotify dataset with various attributes about tracks, albums, and artists using **SQL**. It covers an end-to-end process of normalizing a denormalized dataset, performing SQL queries of varying complexity (easy, medium, and advanced), and optimizing query performance. The primary goals of the project are to practice advanced SQL skills and generate valuable insights from the dataset.

Q U E R Y

```
-- create table
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS spotify;
CREATE TABLE spotify (
  artist VARCHAR(255),
  track VARCHAR(255),
  album VARCHAR(255),
  album_type VARCHAR(50),
  danceability FLOAT,
  energy FLOAT,
  loudness FLOAT,
  speechiness FLOAT,
  acousticness FLOAT,
  instrumentalness FLOAT,
  liveness FLOAT,
  valence FLOAT,
  tempo FLOAT,
  duration_min FLOAT,
  title VARCHAR(255),
  channel VARCHAR(255),
  views FLOAT,
  likes BIGINT,
  comments BIGINT,
  licensed BOOLEAN,
  official_video BOOLEAN,
  stream BIGINT,
  energy_liveness FLOAT,
  most_played_on VARCHAR(50)
);
```



PROJECT STEPS



1. Data Exploration

Before diving into SQL, it's important to understand the dataset thoroughly. The dataset contains attributes such as:

- Artist: The performer of the track.
- Track: The name of the song.
- Album: The album to which the track belongs.
- Album_type: The type of album (e.g., single or album).
- Various metrics such as danceability, energy, loudness, tempo, and more.



2. Querying the Data

After the data is inserted, various SQL queries can be written to explore and analyze the data. Queries are categorized into **easy**, **medium**, and **advanced** levels to help progressively develop SQL proficiency.

- Easy Queries
- Medium Queries
- Advanced Queries

3. Query Optimization

In advanced stages, the focus shifts to improving query performance. Some optimization strategies include:

- **Indexing:** Adding indexes on frequently queried columns.
- **Query Execution Plan:** Using EXPLAIN ANALYZE to review and refine query performance.



15 PRACTICE QUESTIONS

01

Easy Level

02

Medium Level

03

Advanced Level



EASY LEVEL

01

Retrieve the names of all tracks that have more than 1 billion streams.

```
SELECT * FROM spotify
WHERE stream > 1000000000;
```

02

List all albums along with their respective artists.

```
SELECT
    DISTINCT album,artist
FROM spotify
ORDER BY 1

SELECT
    DISTINCT album
FROM spotify
ORDER BY 1;
```

03

Get the total number of comments for tracks where `licensed = TRUE`.

```
SELECT SUM(comments) FROM spotify
WHERE licenced = 'true';
```

04

Find all tracks that belong to the album type `single`.

```
SELECT * FROM spotify
WHERE album_type ILIKE 'single';
```

05

Count the total number of tracks by each artist.

```
SELECT
    artist,
    COUNT(*) as total_no_songs
FROM spotify
GROUP BY artist
```



MEDIUM LEVEL

01

Calculate the average danceability of tracks in each album.

```
SELECT
    album,
    avg(danceability) as avg_danceability
FROM spotify
GROUP BY 1
ORDER BY 2 DESC
```

02

Find the top 5 tracks with the highest energy values.

```
SELECT
    track,
    MAX(energy)
FROM spotify
GROUP BY 1
ORDER BY 2 DESC
LIMIT 5
```

03

List all tracks along with their views and likes where `official_video = TRUE`.

```
SELECT
    track,
    SUM(views) AS total_views,
    SUM(likes) AS total_likes
FROM spotify
WHERE official_video = 'true'
GROUP BY 1
ORDER BY 2 DESC;
```

04

For each album, calculate the total views of all associated tracks.

```
SELECT
    album,
    track,
    SUM(views)
FROM spotify
GROUP BY 1, 2
ORDER BY 3 DESC
```

05

Retrieve the track names that have been streamed on Spotify more than YouTube.

```
SELECT FROM
(SELECT
    track,
    -- most_played_on,
    COALESCE (SUM(CASE WHEN most_played_on = 'Youtube' THEN stream END),0) as streamed_on_youtube,
    COALESCE (SUM(CASE WHEN most_played_on = 'Spotify' THEN stream END),0) as streamed_on_spotify
FROM spotify
GROUP BY 1
) as t1
WHERE
    streamed_on_spotify > streamed_on_youtube
AND
```



ADVANCED LEVEL

01

Find the top 3 most-viewed tracks for each artist using window functions.

```
AS
(SELECT
  artist,
  track,
  SUM(views) as total_view,
  DENSE_RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY artist ORDER BY SUM(views) DESC) as rank
FROM spotify
GROUP BY 1, 2
ORDER BY 1, 3 DESC
)
SELECT * FROM ranking_artist
```

02

Write a query to find tracks where the liveness score is above the average.

```
SELECT
  track,
  artist,
  liveness
FROM spotify
WHERE liveness > (SELECT AVG(liveness) FROM spotify)
```

03

Use a `WITH` clause to calculate the difference between the highest and lowest energy values for tracks in each album.

```
(SELECT
  album,
  MAX(energy) as highest_energy,
  MIN(energy) as lowest_energergy
FROM spotify
GROUP BY 1
)
SELECT
  album,
  highest_energy - lowest_energergy as energy_diff
```

04

Find tracks where the energy-to-liveness ratio is greater than 1.2.

```
SELECT
  artist,
  track,
  album,
  energy,
  liveness,
  (energy/NULLIF(liveness,0)) AS energy_liveness_ratio
FROM spotify
WHERE (energy/NULLIF(liveness,0)) > 1.2
ORDER BY energy_liveness_ratio DESC;
```

05

Calculate the cumulative sum of likes for tracks ordered by the number of views, using window functions.

```
SELECT
  artist,
  track,
  likes,
  views,
  SUM(likes) OVER (ORDER BY(views) DESC) AS cumulative_likes
FROM spotify
ORDER BY views DESC;
```



Initial Query Performance Analysis Using EXPLAIN

Data Output

Messages

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SQL

QUERY PLAN

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1

Limit (cost=3222.80..3222.82 rows=7 width=48) (actual time=28.599..28.601 rows=3 loops=1)

2

-> Sort (cost=3222.80..3222.82 rows=7 width=48) (actual time=28.596..28.597 rows=3 loops=1)

3

Sort Key: stream DESC

4

Sort Method: quicksort Memory: 25kB

5

-> Seq Scan on spotify (cost=0.00..3222.70 rows=7 width=48) (actual time=0.087..28.549 rows=3 l...

6

Filter: (((artist)::text = 'Gorillaz'::text) AND ((most_played_on)::text = 'Youtube'::text))

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Rows Removed by Filter: 61777

8

Planning Time: 0.381 ms

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Execution Time: 28.668 ms

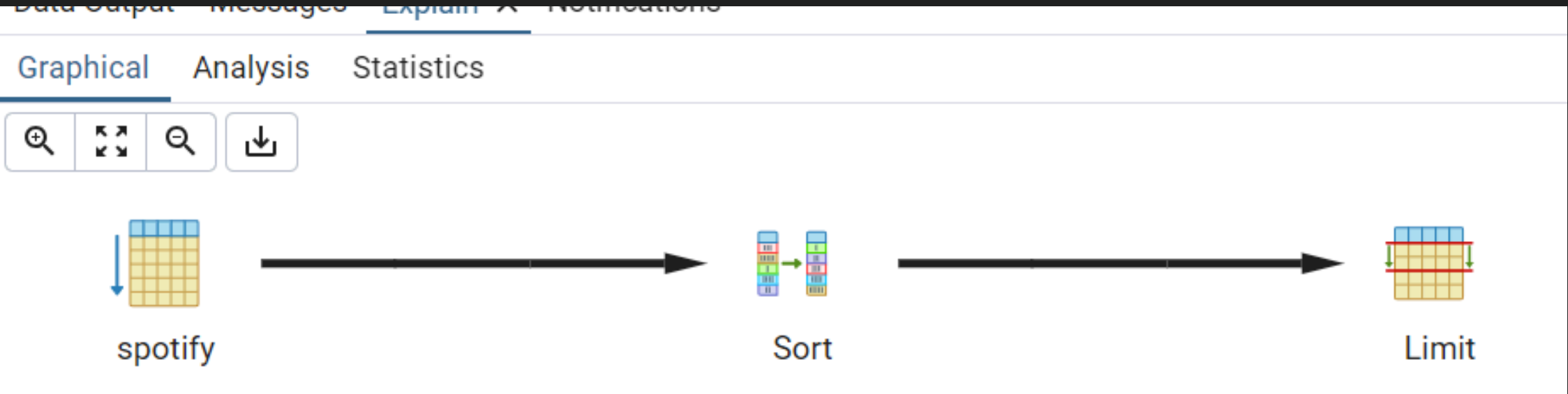
Performance Analysis After Index Creation

Data Output		Messages	Explain	×	Notifications
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	QUERY PLAN				
	text				
1	Limit (cost=114.78..114.79 rows=7 width=48) (actual time=0.191..0.194 rows=3 loops=1)				
2	-> Sort (cost=114.78..114.79 rows=7 width=48) (actual time=0.189..0.191 rows=3 loops=1)				
3	Sort Key: stream DESC				
4	Sort Method: quicksort Memory: 25kB				
5	-> Bitmap Heap Scan on spotify (cost=4.52..114.68 rows=7 width=48) (actual time=0.118..0.170 rows=3 loop...				
6	Recheck Cond: ((artist)::text = 'Gorillaz'::text)				
7	Filter: ((most_played_on)::text = 'Youtube'::text)				
8	Rows Removed by Filter: 27				
9	Heap Blocks: exact=8				
10	-> Bitmap Index Scan on artist_index (cost=0.00..4.51 rows=30 width=0) (actual time=0.072..0.072 rows=3...				
11	Index Cond: ((artist)::text = 'Gorillaz'::text)				
12	Planning Time: 0.290 ms				
13	Execution Time: 0.268 ms				



Graphical Performance Comparison

Data Output	Messages	Explain	×	Notifications
Graphical	Analysis	Statistics		
	#	Node		
		1.	→ Limit	
		2.	→ Sort	
		3.	→ Bitmap Heap Scan on spotify as spotify Filter: ((most_played_on)::text = 'Youtube'::text) Recheck Cond: ((artist)::text = 'Gorillaz'::text)	
		4.	→ Bitmap Index Scan using artist_index Index Cond: ((artist)::text = 'Gorillaz'::text)	





THANK YOU

