

Demonstrate the creation of an index on a table and discuss how it improves query performance. Use a DROP INDEX statement to remove the index and analyze the impact on query execution.

The image displays two screenshots of the MySQL Workbench interface, demonstrating the process of creating and dropping an index on a table.

**Top Screenshot:** The SQL Editor shows a script to create an index on the 'books' table. The script includes:

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1  (3, '1984', 'George Orwell', '9780451524935', 'New American Library', 1949, 'Dystopian'),
2  (4, 'Pride and Prejudice', 'Jane Austen', '9780141439518', 'Penguin Classics', 1813, 'Romance'),
3  (5, 'The Alchemist', 'Paulo Coelho', '9780061803483', 'HarperCollins', 1988, 'Philosophical Fiction');
4
5  ALTER TABLE Books
6  ADD Column NumberOfCopies INT DEFAULT 1;
7
8  CREATE INDEX idx_BookTitle ON Books (Title);
9
10 EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM Books WHERE Title LIKE 'The%';
11
12 DROP INDEX idx_BookTitle ON Books;
13
14 EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM Books WHERE Title LIKE 'The%';
15

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The Result Grid shows the data in the 'books' table:

BookID	Title	Author	ISBN	Publisher	PublicationYear	Genre	Availability
1	The Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkien	9780547926538	HarperCollins	1954	Fantasy	1
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The Action Output shows the execution of the SQL script:

#	Time	Action	Message	Duration / Fetch
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19	15:10:48	CREATE INDEX idx_BookTitle ON Books (Title)	0 row(s) affected Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0	0.062 sec
20	15:10:53	CREATE INDEX idx_BookTitle ON Books (Title)	Error Code: 1061. Duplicate key name 'idx_BookTitle'	0.000 sec
21	15:10:58	SELECT * FROM library_system.books LIMIT 0, 1000	5 row(s) returned	0.000 sec / 0.000 sec

**Bottom Screenshot:** The SQL Editor shows a script to drop the index and then re-create it:

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1  SELECT * FROM library_system.books;
2
3  INSERT INTO Books (BookID, Title, Author, ISBN, Publisher, PublicationYear, Genre)
4  VALUES
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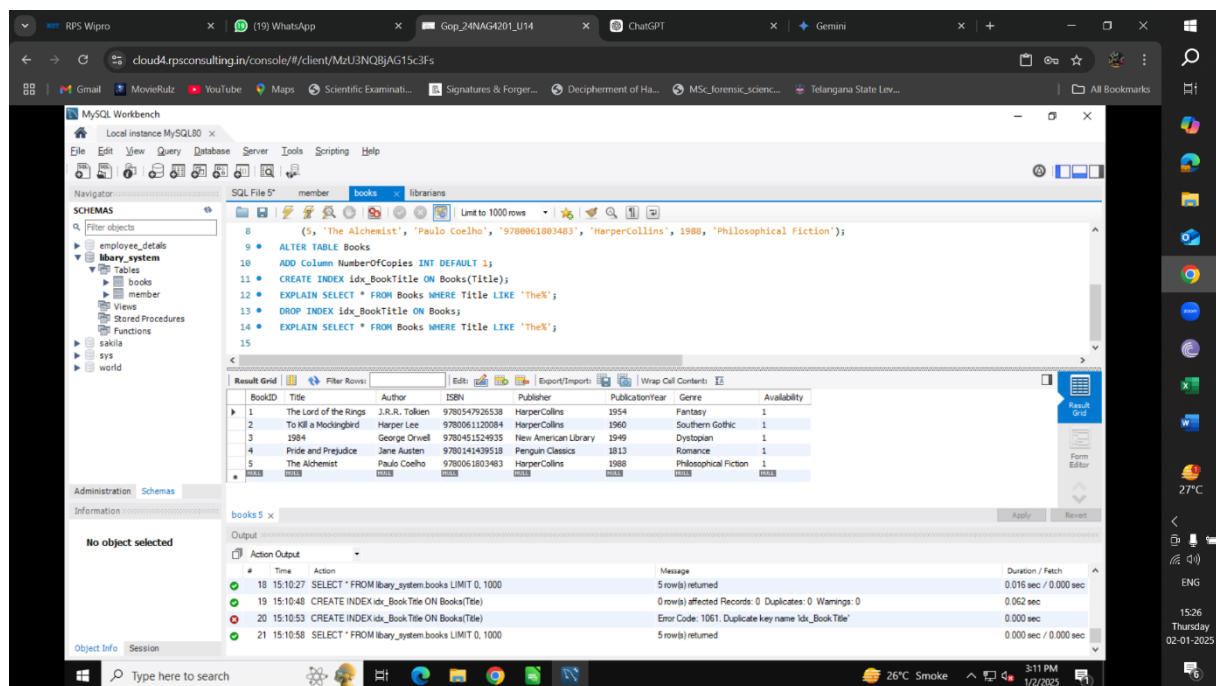
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**CREATE INDEX idx\_BookTitle ON Books(Title);** creates an index named idx\_BookTitle on the Title column of the Books table. This index will help the database system efficiently locate books based on their titles.

**Query with Index:**

**EXPLAIN SELECT \* FROM Books WHERE Title LIKE 'The%';** This query retrieves all books whose titles begin with "The".

With the idx\_BookTitle index, the database system can quickly locate books matching the Title LIKE 'The%' condition by using the index to efficiently search through the sorted list of book titles. This will likely result in faster query execution.

**Drop Index:**

**DROP INDEX idx\_BookTitle ON Books;** removes the idx\_BookTitle index from the Books table.

**Query without Index:**

**EXPLAIN SELECT \* FROM Books WHERE Title LIKE 'The%';** This query again retrieves books whose titles begin with "The", but without the idx\_BookTitle index.

Without the index, the database system will likely need to perform a full table scan, examining the Title column of every book in the table to find the matching ones. This can be significantly slower than using the index, especially for large tables.

**How Indexes Improve Query Performance in this Case**

**Faster Searches:** The idx\_BookTitle index allows the database system to quickly locate books based on their titles using a binary search or similar efficient algorithms. This significantly reduces the time spent searching through the entire table.

**Improved Query Selectivity:** The index helps the database system quickly identify the most relevant books, reducing the amount of data that needs to be processed.

**Impact of Dropping the Index**

**Slower Queries:** Without the idx\_BookTitle index, queries that involve searching for books by title will likely become significantly slower, especially as the number of books in the library increases.

**Increased Resource Utilization:** Full table scans require more CPU and I/O resources, which can impact the overall performance of the database system