FAQ

# Database

## Why should you use numeric types instead of string types for storing an id?

It’s better to store a id in a numeric type, because in normal ways a numeric type need less space than a string type. Also it have a better performance.

If you want to compare a varchar(5), with 5 digits in it you need 5 comparisons. A numeric type will only need 1.

Also if you store 5 digits in a varchar(5) you need 5 bytes. A INT need only 4, or a SMALLINT only 2.