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MySQL Performance & Tuning

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Agenda

- Overview
- Hardware and Memory
- Basics
- Storage Engines
- MySQL Server Tuning
- Indexing
- Query Tuning Rules
- Schema
- The New Stuff
- What if I need more help?

Overview

- Cover the main steps
 - Show at least one example for each step
 - Examples are things run into most commonly in the field
 - Include links to MySQL manual for additional information
- This will be technical
- Most everything you need comes with MySQL!
- You cannot become a performance tuning wizard in 45 minutes - PT Class is 4 day class

http://www.mysql.com/training/courses/performance_tuning.html

 MySQL Performance Forum <u>http://forums.mysql.com/list.php?24</u>

Hardware: The Perfect MySQL Server



- The more cores the better (especially for 5.5 and later)
- x86_64 64 bit for more memory is important
 - The more the better
- Linux or Solaris best, Windows and Unix also fine.
- Fast HD (10-15k RPM SATA) or NAS/SAN......
 - RAID 10 for most, RAID 5 OK if very read intensive
 - Hardware RAID battery backed up cache critical!
 - More disks are always better! 4+ recommended, 8-16 can increase IO
- ...Or SSD (for higher throughput)
 - Intel, Fusion-IO good choices; good option for Slaves
- At least 2 x NICs for redundancy
- Slaves should be as powerful as the Master

Basics

The MySQL server is controlled by "System Variables"

```
mysql> show variables like 'auto%';
| auto_increment_increment | 1
I autocommit
          I ON
| automatic_sp_privileges | ON
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)
        shell> mysqladmin -uroot -S /tmp/mysql.sock variables | grep auto
        I auto_increment_increment
                                                  1
        l auto_increment_offset
                                                  1
        I autocommit
                                                 I ON
        l automatic_sp_privileges
                                                 I ON
```

- Set Via:
 - my.cnf / my.ini
 - SET [GLOBAL] <variable>=<value>
 - client, i.e mysql
 - Can be local (session) or global

Basics

You monitor a system's performance using "Status Variables"

- Enable the slow query log
 - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/slow-query-log.html
 - Analyze using mysqldumpslow

Rules of Tuning

- Never make a change in production first
- Have a good benchmark or reliable load
- Start with a good baseline
- Only change 1 thing at a time
 - identify a set of possible changes
 - try each change separately
 - try in combinations of 2, then 3, etc.
- Monitor the results
 - Query performance query analyzer, slow query log, etc.
 - throughput
 - single query time
 - average query time
 - CPU top, vmstat
 - IO iostat, top, vmstat, bonnie++
 - Network bandwidth
- Document and save the results

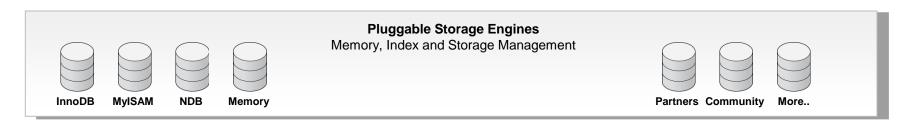
Were do I find a benchmark?

- Make your own
 - Can use general query log output
 - Could use MySQL Proxy and TCP Dump
- DBT2
 - http://osdldbt.sourceforge.net/
 - <u>http://samurai-mysql.blogspot.com/2009/03/settingup-dbt-</u>
 2.html
- mysqlslap MySQL 5.1 +
 - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/mysqlslap.html
- SysBench
 - <u>http://sysbench.sourceforge.net/</u>
- supersmack
 - http://vegan.net/tony/supersmack/
- mybench
 - <u>http://jeremy.zawodny.com/mysql/mybench/</u>



MySQL Supports Multiple Storage Engines

Selecting the storage engine to use is a tuning decision



Name: TommyTest Engine: InnoDB

```
mysql> ALTER TABLE TommyTest ENGINE=MyISAM;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.40 sec)
Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

Name: TommyTest Engine: MyISAM

InnoDB

- Transactional and fully ACID compliant
- Behavior most like traditional databases such as Oracle, DB2, SQL Server, etc.
- Before 5.5 data size 2-3 x MyISAM; not with 5.5!!
- MVCC = Non-blocking reads in most cases
- Fast, reliable recovery from crashes with zero committed data loss
- Always clustered on the primary key
 - Lookups by primary key, very fast
 - Range scans on primary key also very fast
 - Important to keep primary key small

MyISAM

- Formerly the faster read only engine
 - Most web applications
 - Perfect for web search databases
 - 80/20 read/modify or higher
 - pure inserts and deletes with partitions or merge engine
 - no transactions or foreign key support
 - reporting DB/ Data Warehouse
- Most compact data of all non-compressed engines
- Table locking
- Not ACID compliant, non-transactional
- Supports concurrent inserts
- Full-Text and Geospatial support



InnoDB Tuning

- Unlike MyISAM InnoDB uses a single cache for both index and data
 - innodb_buffer_pool_size should be 70-80% of available memory.
 - It is not uncommon for this to be very large, i.e. 44GB on a system with 40GB of memory
 - Make sure its not set so large as to cause swapping!
 - mysql>show status like 'Innodb_buffer%' ;
- InnoDB can use direct IO on systems that support it - Linux, FreeBSD, and Solaris
 - innodb_flush_method = O_DIRECT
- For more InnoDB tuning see

http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/innodb-tuningtroubleshooting.html

Cache hot application data in memory

DBT-2 (W200)	Transactions per Minute	%user	%iowait
Buffer pool 1G	1125.44	2%	30%
Buffer pool 2G	1863.19	3%	28%
Buffer pool 5G	4385.18	5.5%	33%
Buffer pool 30G (All data in cache)	36784.76	36%	8%

- DBT-2 benchmark (write intensive)
- 20-25GB hot data (200 warehouses, running 1 hour)
- Nehalem 2.93GHz x 8 cores, MySQL 5.5.2, 4 RAID1+0 HDDs
- RAM size affects everything. Not only for SELECT, but also for INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE
 - INSERT: Random reads/writes happen when inserting into indexes in random order
 - UPDATE/DELETE: Random reads/writes happen when modifying records

MyISAM Tuning

- The primary tuning factors in MyISAM are its two caches:
 - key_buffer_cache should be 25% of available memory
 - system cache leave 75% of available memory free
- Available memory is:
 - All on a dedicated server, if the server has 8GB, use 2GB for the key_buffer_cache and leave the rest free for the system cache to use.
 - Percent of the part of the server allocated for MySQL, i.e. if you have a server with 8GB, but are using 4GB for other applications then use 1GB for the key_buffer_cache and leave the remaining 3GB free for the system cache to use.
- You can define multiple key buffer's
- You can pre-load the key buffers
- For more details on configuring the MyISAM key cache see:

http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/myisam-key-cache.html

Monitoring the MyISAM Key Buffer Cache

```
mysql> SHOW STATUS like 'key%';
  --------
 Variable_name
  -----+
 Key_blocks_not_flushed | 0
                             Dirty key blocks not flushed to disk
Key_blocks_unused
| 28995 | Unused blocks in the cache
Key_blocks_used | 0
                             Used blocks in the cache
| Key_read_requests | 0 | Key read requests to the cache
| Key_reads
                             times a key read request went to disk
Key_write_requests | 0
                             Key write requests to the cache
 Key_writes
                             I times key write request went to disk
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

- % of cache free : Key_blocks_unused /(Key_blocks_unused + Key_blocks_used)
- Cache read hit %: Key_reads / Key_read_requests
- Cache write hit %: Key_writes / Key_write_request
- cat /proc/meminfo to see the system cache in Linux
 - MemFree + Cached = memory available for system cache

Connections

- MySQL Caches the threads used by a connection
 - thread_cache_size Number of threads to cache
 - Setting this to 100 or higher is not unusual
- Monitor Threads_created to see if this is an issue
 - Counts connections not using the thread cache
 - Should be less than 1-2 a minute
 - Usually only an issue if more than 1-2 a second
- Only an issue if you create and drop a lot of connections, i.e. PHP
- Overhead is usually about 250k per thread
- Aborted_clients http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/communication-errors.html
- Aborted_connections http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/communication-errors.html

Sessions

- Some session variables control space allocated by each session (connection)
 - Setting these to small can give bad performance
 - Setting these too large can cause the server to swap!
 - Can be set by connection
 - SET SORT_BUFFER_SIZE=1024*1024*128
 - Set small by default, increase in connections that need it
- sort_buffer_size Used for ORDER BY, GROUP BY, SELECT DISTINCT, UNION DISTINCT
 - Monitor Sort merge passes < 1-2 an hour optimal
 - Usually a problem in a reporting or data warehouse database
- Other important session variables
 - read_rnd_buffer_size Set to 1/2 sort_buffer_size
 - join_buffer_size (BAD) Watch Select_full_join
 - read_buffer_size Used for full table scans, watch Select_scan
 - tmp_table_size Max temp table size in memory, watch
 Created_tmp_disk_tables

Query Cache

- MySQL's 'Jekyll and Hyde' of performance tuning options, when it is useful it really helps, when it hurts, it really hurts
- MySQL Query Cache caches both the query and the full result set
 - query_cache_type Controls behavior
 - 0 or OFF Not used (buffer may still be allocated)
 - 1 or ON cache all unless SELECT SQL_NO_CACHE (DEFAULT)
 - 2 or DEMAND cache none unless SELECT SQL CACHE
 - query_cache_size Determines the size of the cache
- mysql> show status like 'Qc%' ;
- Gives great performance if:
 - Identical queries returning identical data are used often
 - No or rare inserts, updates or deletes
- Best Practice
 - Set to DEMAND
 - Add SQL_CACHE to appropriate queries



Indexes in MySQL

- Indexes allow for faster access to data
- Data accessed via an index is usually in sorted order
- Unique or Primary Must refer to only one record
- Non-Unique May refer to many records
- Can be on one or more columns
 - CREATE INDEX IDX ON TAB1 (col1, col2, col3);
- Can use prefix index for
 - CHAR, VARCHAR, BINARY, and VARBINARY
 - CREATE INDEX PRE ON TAB1 (COL1 (10));
 - Prefix is in bytes, not characters
 - Very useful for large strings
 - Works best when leading part of column is selective

How Indexes are Used - Filter

- You can use indexes to improve the access to filter data
 - SELECT * FROM TAB WHERE CITY= 'MIAMI';
- · A filter Index returns, zero, one or more records
 - Usually zero or one for a unique or primary index
 - Zero, one, or more for a non-unique index
- If there is no ORDER BY clause then the data is returned in the order of the index
- The index will not be used if:
 - The table only has a few rows
 - The total number of rows is more than ~10% of the table
 - It is faster to do a full table scan without the index

How Indexes are Used - Join

- Indexes speed up joins
 - SELECT X.A, Y.B FROM X,Y
 - WHERE X.C = 'FL' and Y.A = X.A;
- The Filter is on column C of table X
 - Table X needs an index on column C for the filter
- Table Y is joined to table X by column A
 - Table Y needs an index on column A
- MySQL reads each row of table X using the index on X.C with a value of 'FL'
- MySQL then uses the index on Y.A to join Y to A
- Optimizer may chose other path ...

How Indexes are Used - Sort (not for HASH index)

- MySQL can use indexes to speed up some ORDER BY operations
- SELECT Name from TAB1 ORDER By NAME
 - An Index on name can be used for the sort
- SELECT NAME FROM TAB WHERE NAME BETWEEN 'AAA' and 'CCC' ORDER By NAME;
 - An index on name can still be used for the order by
- SELECT NAME FROM TAB WHERE NAME CITY = 'MIAMI' ORDER By NAME;
 - You cannot use the NAME index for the order by.
 - Requires a sort.
- Sometimes a sort is faster than an index scan

Index Best Practices

- Too many indexes can slow down inserts/deletes
 - Use only the indexes you must have
 - Check often
 - mysql>show create table tabname ;
- Don't duplicate leading parts of compound keys
 - index key123 (col1,col2,col3)
 - index key12 (col1,col2) <- Not needed!</p>
 - index key1 (col1) <-- Not needed!</p>
- Use prefix indexes on large keys
- Best indexes are 16 bytes/chars or less
- Indexes bigger than 32 bytes/chars should be looked at very closely
 - should have there own cache if in MyISAM
- For large strings that need to be indexed, i.e. URLs, consider using a separate column using the MySQL MD5 to create a hash key and index on it instead

Explain

- Order that the tables are accessed
- Indexes used
- Estimated number of rows accessed per table
- select C.Name, Y.Name, Y.Population, Language from Country as C, City as Y, CountryLanguage as L where Y.Name = C.Name and L.CountryCode = Y.CountryCode and C.Name = 'Macao';

```
explain select C.Name, Y.Name, Y.Population, Language from Country as C, City as Y, CountryLanguage as L where Y.Name = C.Name and L.CountryCode = Y.CountryCode and C.Name = 'Macao';
```

3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

(Using the MySQL World database)

Explain - Details

- Tables are accessed from top to bottom
- Columns
 - Select Type SELECT if no Union or Subquery
 - Table, uses aliases
 - Type Most common ref or eq_ref
 - Possible Keys Indexes the optimizer is considering
 - Key = The index the optimizer chose
 - Ref What column in what table (using alias) is referenced by the index
 - Rows Estimated number of rows per reference
 - Multiple these to get overall cost
- There are more values, see:

http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/using-explain.html

More Explain

- alter table Country add index c2 (Name);
- alter table City add index c2 (Name);

- The original cost was 239 * 4079 * 9 = 8,773,929
- The new cost is 1 * 1 * 9 = 9

3 rows in set (0.00 sec)



Queries I

- Often the # 1 issue in overall performance
- Always, Always have your slow query log on!
 http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/slow-query-log.html
 - Use: log_queries_not_using_indexes
 - Check it regularly
 - Use mysqldumpslow: http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/mysqldumpslow.html
 - Best practice is to automate running mysqldumpslow every morning and email results to DBA, DBDev, etc.
- Understand and use EXPLAIN
 http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/using-explain.html
- Select scan Number of full table scans
- Select_full_join Joins without indexes
- MySQL Query Analyzer
 http://www.mysql.com/products/enterprise/query.html

Queries II

- The IN clause in MySQL is very fast!
 - Select ... Where idx IN(1,23,345,456)
 - Much faster than a join
 - Tests with 80,000 items in the in list have been done
 - 1,000-2,000 not unusual
- Don't wrap your indexes in expressions in Where
 - Select ... Where func(idx) = 20 [index ignored]
 - Select .. Where idx = otherfunc(20) [may use index]
 - Best practice : Keep index alone on left side of condition
- Avoid % at the start of LIKE on an index
 - Select ... Where idx LIKE('ABC%') can use index
 - Select ... Where idx LIKE('%XYZ') must do full table scan
- Use UNION ALL when appropriate; default is UNION DISTINCT!
- Understand left/right joins and use only when needed

http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/query-speed.html



Schemas

- Size = performance, smaller is better
 - Size right! Do not automatically use 255 for VARCHAR
 - Temp tables, most caches, expand to full size
- Use "procedure analyse" to determine the optimal types given the values in your table

http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/procedure-analyse.html

- mysql> select * from tab procedure analyse (64,2000) \{ \forall G
- Consider the types:
 - enum : <u>http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/enum.html</u>
 - set : <u>http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/set.html</u>
- Compress large strings
 - Use the MySQL COMPRESS and UNCOMPRESS functions
 - Very important in InnoDB pre 5.5, now with barracuda not so bad





The NEW Stuff, Making DBA Life EASIER!

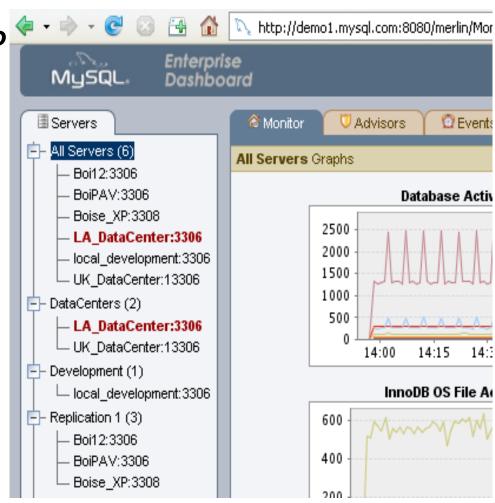
MySQL 5.5 Performance Schema

- PERFORMANCE_SCHEMA presents low level MySQL performance information
- Data can be cleared
- Filters with WHERE are allowed
- Must be enabled with -performance_schema

```
mysql> SELECT EVENT ID, EVENT NAME, TIMER WAIT
-> FROM EVENTS WAITS HISTORY WHERE THREAD ID = 13
-> ORDER BY EVENT ID;
                                                      | TIMER WAIT |+---
        86 | wait/synch/mutex/mysys/THR LOCK::mutex |
                                                            686322 |
       87 | wait/synch/mutex/mysys/THR LOCK malloc |
                                                            320535 I
        88 | wait/synch/mutex/mysys/THR LOCK malloc |
                                                            339390 |
        89 | wait/synch/mutex/mysys/THR LOCK malloc |
                                                            377100 |
        90 | wait/synch/mutex/sql/LOCK plugin
                                                            614673 |
        91 | wait/synch/mutex/sql/LOCK open
                                                            659925 |
        92 | wait/synch/mutex/sql/THD::LOCK thd data |
                                                            494001 |
        93 | wait/synch/mutex/mysys/THR LOCK malloc |
                                                            222489 |
        94 | wait/synch/mutex/mysys/THR LOCK malloc |
                                                            214947 |
        95 | wait/synch/mutex/mysys/LOCK alarm
                                                            312993 | +---
mysql> UPDATE SETUP INSTRUMENTS
-> SET ENABLED = 'NO'
-> WHERE NAME = 'wait/synch/mutex/myisammrg/MYRG INFO::mutex';
mysql> UPDATE SETUP CONSUMERS
-> SET ENABLED = 'NO' WHERE NAME = 'file summary by instance';
```

MySQL Enterprise Monitor

- Single, consolidated view into entire MySQL environment
- Auto-discovery of MySQL servers, replication topologies
- Customizable rules-based monitoring and alerts
- Query monitoring and analysis
- Identifies problems before they occur
- Reduces risk of downtime
- Makes it easier to scale out without requiring more DBAs



A Virtual MySQL DBA Assistant!

Learn More: Resources

- View MySQL Essentials Webinars (Part 1 Part 7)
 http://mysql.com/news-and-events/web-seminars/mysql-essentials.html
- MySQL Training Course MySQL Performance Tuning http://education.oracle.com/pls/web_prod-plqdad/db_pages.getCourseDesc?dc=D61820GC10&p_org_id=1001
- MySQL Performance Forum http://forums.mysql.com/list.php?24
- Download MySQL 5.5 http://www.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/
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