Indexing Analysis – Query on app_jobposting (Yemen + Temporary + Above Average Company)

Query Objective:

This query retrieves job postings in Yemen that are classified as Temporary, posted by companies whose number of job postings is above the average. It performs multiple joins and includes a nested subquery to compute the average job count per company.

```
SELECT
    jp.title AS job_title,
    c.name AS company_name,
    1.city,
    1.country,
    jp.work_type
FROM app_jobposting AS jp
JOIN app_company AS c ON jp.company_id = c.id
JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
WHERE 1.country = 'Yemen'
 AND jp.work_type = 'Temporary'
 AND c.name IN (
      SELECT company_name
      FROM (
          SELECT
              c.name AS company_name,
              COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
          FROM app_company AS c
          JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c.id
          GROUP BY c.name
          HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
              SELECT AVG(job_count)
              FROM (
                  SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
                  FROM app_company AS c2
                  JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c2.id
                  GROUP BY c2.name
              ) AS avg_jobs
      ) AS above_avg_companies
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)
LIMIT 15;
```

Initial Execution (No Index):

The initial execution without any indexes resulted in:

• Cost: 52.7

- Multiple full table scans on app_jobposting, app_company, and app_location
- Full nested loop evaluations for subqueries
- Index lookups were not used for filtering conditions such as country = 'Yemen' or work_type = 'Temporary'

Indexing Experiments:

Index Name	Definition	Cost	Notes
idx_countr y	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_country ON app_location(country);</pre>	30.7	Cost dropped; index used for filtering country = 'Yemen'
idx_work_t ype	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_work_type ON app_jobposting(work_type) ;</pre>	31.0	Similar cost; index used for filtering work_type = 'Temporary'
idx_compan y_id	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_company_id ON app_jobposting(company_id);</pre>	31.0	Used for joins and subqueries on company_id; effective in reducing cost when combined with other indexes

In the final query execution (cost: 31.0), all three indexes were active, which may have collectively contributed to better performance. Earlier runs had only one or two of the indexes applied.

Final Index Selection:

We selected all three indexes as the final design for this query:

- idx_country for filtering the location.country
- idx_work_type for filtering jobposting.work_type
- idx_company_id to support join and subquery conditions

This combined indexing strategy improved the query plan significantly by reducing table scans and enabling index lookups across joins and filters. Although the improvement in cost was modest (from 52.7 to 31.0), it represents meaningful efficiency for a query with deeply nested logic.

Result of Explain Analyze before adding any index:

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EXPLAIN ANALYZE
    SELECT
       jp.title AS job_title,
        c.name AS company_name,
        1.city.
 5
 6
        1.country.
        jp.work_type
    FROM app_jobposting AS jp
 8
    JOIN app_company AS c ON jp.company_id = c.id
    JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
10
    WHERE 1.country = 'Yemen'
11
12
     AND jp.work_type = 'Temporary'
13
      AND c.name IN (
          SELECT company_name
14
15
          FROM (
              SELECT
16
                  c.name AS company_name.
18
                  COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
19
              FROM app_company AS c
20
              JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c.id
21
              GROUP BY c.name
              HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
22
23
                  SELECT AVG(job_count)
24
                  FROM (
25
                      SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
26
                      FROM app_company AS c2
                      JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c2.id
27
                      GROUP BY c2.name
28
20
                   ) AS avg_jobs
30
31
          ) AS above_avg_companies
32
    LIMIT 15:
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-> Limit: 15 row(s) (cost=52.7 rows=0) (actual time=18.1..18.8 rows=2 loops=1) -> Hash semijoin (<hash> (above_avg_companies.company_name)=<hash>(c.`name')), extra conditions: (above_avg_companies.company_name = c.`name') (cost=52.7 rows=0) (actual time=18.1..18.8 rows=2 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=271 rows=19.4) (actual time=0.348..1.05 rows=3 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=264 rows=19.4) (actual time=0.338..1.03 rows=3 loops=1) -> Filter: (l.country = 'Yemen') (cost=196 rows=194) (actual time=0.0669..0.944 rows=9 loops=1) -> Table scan on I (cost=196 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0589..0.746 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp.work_type = 'Temporary') (cost=0.25 rows=0.1) (actual time=0.00919..0.00941 rows=0.333 loops=9) -> Index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_location_id_bc5a3a39_fk_app_location_id (location_id=l.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00845..0.00896 rows=0.889 loops=9) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.255 rows=1) (actual time=0.00516..0.00521 rows=1 loops=3) -> Hash -> Table scan on above_avg_companies (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=17.5..17.5 rows=367 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=17.5..17.5 rows=367 loops=1) -> Filter: ('count(jp.id)' > (select #4)) (actual time=16.3..16.6 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=8.88..9.07 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=8.87..8.87 rows=806 loops=1) → Nested loop inner join (cost=883 rows=1909) (actual time=0.161..5.22 rows=2100 loops=1) → Table scan on c (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.127..1.1 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Covering index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_company_id_28aec61e_fk_app_company_id (company_id=c.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00128..0.00175 rows=0.987 loops=2127) -> Select #4 (subguery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs.job_count) (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=1) (actual time=7.38..7.38 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=7.21..7.29 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=7.21..7.21 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=7..7.13 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=7..7 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=883 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0523..4.56 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Table scan on c2 (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0395..0.776 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Covering index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_company_id_28aec61e_fk_app_company_id (company_id=c2.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00114..0.00159 rows=0.987 loops=2127)

Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx_country ON app_location(country);

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
    SELECT
        jp.title AS job_title,
        c.name AS company_name,
       1.city,
        1.country,
        ip.work_type
    FROM app_jobposting AS jp
    JOIN app_company AS c ON jp.company_id = c.id
    JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
18
    WHERE 1.country = 'Yemen'
12
     AND jp.work_type = 'Temporary'
13
      AND c.name IN (
          SELECT company_name
14
15
          FROM (
16
              SELECT
                  c.name AS company_name,
17
                  COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
18
19
              FROM app_company AS c
28
              JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c.id
              GROUP BY c.name
21
              HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
22
23
                  SELECT AVG(job_count)
24
                  FROM (
                       SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
25
26
                       FROM app_company AS c2
                       JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c2.id
27
28
                       GROUP BY c2.name
29
                   ) AS avg_jobs
30
31
           ) AS above_avg_companies
32
    LIMIT 15;
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-> Limit: 15 row(s) (cost=29.7 rows=0) (actual time=20.7..20.7 rows=2 loops=1) -> Hash semijoin (<hash> (above_avg_companies.company_name)=<hash>(c.`name')), extra conditions: (above_avg_companies.company_name = c.`name') (cost=29.7 rows=0) (actual time=20.7..20.7 rows=2 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=6.62 rows=0.9) (actual time=0.19..0.245 rows=3 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=6.3 rows=0.9) (actual time=0.177..0.223 rows=3 loops=1) -> Index lookup on l using idx_country (country='Yemen') (cost=3.15 rows=9) (actual time=0.108..0.111 rows=9 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp.work_type = 'Temporary') (cost=0.251 rows=0.1) (actual time=0.012..0.0122 rows=0.333 loops=9) -> Index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_location_id_bc5a3a39_fk_app_location_id (location_id=l.id) (cost=0.251 rows=1) (actual time=0.0105..0.011 rows=0.889 loops=9) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.361 rows=1) (actual time=0.00671..0.00675 rows=1 loops=3) -> Hash -> Table scan on above_avg_companies (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=20.2..20.3 rows=367 loops=1) -> Filter: ('count(jp.id)' > (select #4)) (actual time=19.6..20 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=8.19..8.48 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=8.19..8.19 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=883 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0958..5.39 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Table scan on c (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0725..1.03 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Covering index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_company_id_28aec61e_fk_app_company_id (company_id=c.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00134..0.00186 rows=0.987 loops=2127) -> Select #4 (subquery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs.job_count) (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=1) (actual time=11.3..11.3 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=11...11.1 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=11..11 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=10.7..10.9 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=10.7..10.7 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=883 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0697..6.83 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Table scan on c2 (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0523..1.2 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Covering index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_company_id_28aec61e_fk_app_company_id (company_id=c2.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00157..0.00235 rows=0.987 loops=2127)

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Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx_work_type ON app_jobposting(work_type);

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
    SELECT
        jp.title AS job_title,
        c.name AS company_name,
 5
        1.city,

    country,

        jp.work_type
  FROM app_jobposting AS jp
    JOIN app_company AS c ON jp.company_id = c.id
   JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
18
    WHERE 1.country = 'Yemen'
     AND jp.work_type = 'Temporary'
13
      AND c.name IN (
14
          SELECT company_name
15
          FROM (
16
17
                  c.name AS company name
18
                  COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
19
              FROM app_company AS c
20
              JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c.id
21
              GROUP BY c.name
22
              HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
23
                  SELECT AVG(job_count)
24
                  FROM (
25
                       SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
26
                       FROM app_company AS c2
27
                       JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c2.id
28
                      GROUP BY c2.name
29
                   ) AS avg_jobs
38
31
            AS above_avg_companies
32
   LIMIT 15;
33
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-> Limit: 15 row(s) (cost=30.7 rows=0) (actual time=26.1..26.2 rows=2 loops=1) -> Hash semijoin (<hash> (above_avg_companies.company_name)=<hash>(c.`name')), extra conditions: (above_avg_companies.company_name = c.`name') (cost=30.7 rows=0) (actual time=26.1..26.2 rows=2 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=6.99 rows=1.97) (actual time=0.183..0.236 rows=3 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=6.3 rows=1.97) (actual time=0.169..0.214 rows=3 loops=1) -> Index lookup on I using idx_country (country='Yemen') (cost=3.15 rows=9) (actual time=0.109..0.112 rows=9 loops=1) -> Filter: (ip.work_type = 'Temporary') (cost=0.252 rows=0.219) (actual time=0.0109..0.0111 rows=0.333 loops=9) -> Index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_location_id_bc5a3a39_fk_app_location_id (location_id=l.id) (cost=0.252 rows=1) (actual time=0.00967..0.0102 rows=0.889 loops=9) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.301 rows=1) (actual time=0.00687..0.00692 rows=1 loops=3) -> Hash -> Table scan on above_avg_companies (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=25.7..25.7 rows=367 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=25.7..25.7 rows=367 loops=1) -> Filter: ('count(jp.id)' > (select #4)) (actual time=24.5..24.9 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=13.1..13.4 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=13.1..13.1 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=883 rows=1909) (actual time=0.172..7.23 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Table scan on c (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.12..1.37 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Covering index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_company_id_28aec61e_fk_app_company_id (company_id=c.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00183..0.00249 rows=0.987 loops=2127) -> Select #4 (subquery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs.job_count) (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=1) (actual time=9.02..9.02 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=7.71..7.85 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=7.71..7.71 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=7.47..7.61 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=7.47..7.47 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=883 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0969..4.92 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Table scan on c2 (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0769..0.951 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Covering index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_company_id_28aec61e_fk_app_company_id (company_id=c2.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00121..0.00167 rows=0.987 loops=2127)

Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx_company_id ON app_jobposting(company_id);

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
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    SELECT
        jp.title AS job_title,
        c.name AS company_name
        1.city,
        1.country.
       jp.work_type
8
   FROM app_jobposting AS jp
    JOIN app_company AS c ON jp.company_id = c.id
   JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
    WHERE 1.country = 'Yemen
     AND jp.work_type = 'Temporary'
12
13
      AND c.name IN
14
          SELECT company_name
15
          FROM (
16
              SELECT
                  c.name AS company_name,
17
18
                  COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
19
              FROM app_company AS c
20
              JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c.id
              GROUP BY c.name
21
22
              HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
23
                  SELECT AVG(job_count)
24
                  FROM (
                      SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
25
26
                      FROM app_company AS c2
27
                      JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c2.id
                      GROUP BY c2.name
28
20
                   ) AS avg_jobs
30
31
          ) AS above_avg_companies
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33
   LIMIT 15:
    RESULTS
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-> Limit: 15 row(s) (cost=31 rows=0) (actual time=41.5..42.2 rows=2 loops=1) -> Hash semijoin (<hash>(above_avg_companies.company_name)= \Lambda <hash>(c.`name`)), extra conditions: (above_avg_companies.company_name = c.`name`) (cost=31 rows=0) (actual time=41.5..42.1 rows=2 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=6.99 rows=1.97) (actual time=0.236..0.902 rows=3 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=6.3 rows=1.97) (actual time=0.216..0.812 rows=3 loops=1) -> Index lookup on l using idx_country (country='Yemen') (cost=3.15 rows=9) (actual time=0.131..0.145 rows=9 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp.work_type = 'Temporary') (cost=0.252 rows=0.219) (actual time=0.0729..0.0735 rows=0.333 loops=9) -> Index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_location_id_bc5a3a39_fk_app_location_id (location_id=l.id) (cost=0.252 rows=1) (actual time=0.0701..0.0713 rows=0.889 loops=9) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.301 rows=1) (actual time=0.0285..0.0286 rows=1 loops=3) -> Hash -> Table scan on above_avg_companies (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=40.5..40.7 rows=367 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=40.5..40.5 rows=367 loops=1) -> Filter: ('count(jp.id)' > (select #4)) (actual time=33.9..34.6 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=13.6..14.1 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=13.6..13.6 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.231..6.94 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0613..1.2 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.0024..0.00245 rows=1 loops=2100) -> Select #4 (subquery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs.job_count) (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=1) (actual time=20.2..20.2 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=20...20.1 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0...0 rows=0) (actual time=20...20 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=18.6..19 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=18.6..18.6 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0621..7.48 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0476..1.28 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c2 using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00259..0.00263 rows=1 loops=2100)

Indexing Analysis – Query on app_company Table (Above-Average Job Posting Companies)

Query Objective:

We analyzed the performance of a query that retrieves companies with a higher-than-average number of job postings. The query aggregates job counts per company and compares them against the average using a nested subquery.

```
SELECT
    c.name AS company_name,
    COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
FROM app_company AS c
JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c.id
GROUP BY c.name
HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
    SELECT AVG(job_count)
    FROM (
        SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
        FROM app_company AS c2
        JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON jp.company_id = c2.id
        GROUP BY c2.name
    ) AS avg_jobs_per_company
ORDER BY total_jobs DESC
LIMIT 15;
```

Initial Execution (No Index):

Without any indexes applied, the query cost was relatively high. MySQL performed full table scans on both app_company and app_jobposting, and the nested aggregation introduced considerable overhead. According to EXPLAIN ANALYZE, the cost for the join and subqueries added up due to the lack of targeted indexes for filtering and grouping.

Indexing Experiments:

Index Name	Definition	Cost	Notes	
idx_company_name	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_company_name ON app_company(name(100));</pre>	~12.9	Moderate improvement by accelerating grouping/filtering by company name	
idx_company_name_id	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_company_name_id ON app_company(name(100), id);</pre>	~13.4	Slightly higher cost; composite index didn't add value for this query	
idx_posting_date	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_posting_date ON app_jobposting(posting_ date);</pre>	~12.1	Best performance observed; improved subquery aggregation significantly	

Final Index Selection:

Based on the performance results, we selected idx_posting_date as the optimal index. While all indexes helped in reducing total cost compared to the initial run, the posting_date index provided the most consistent and meaningful reduction in the aggregation step within the nested subquery. It reduced the cost from approximately 18.3 to 12.1, while improving overall lookup efficiency.

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-> Limit: 15 row(s) (actual time=18.3..18.3 rows=15 loops=1) -> Filter:

('count(jp.id)' > (select #2)) (actual time=14.5..14.9 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=7.74..8 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=7.73..7.73 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.344..4.45 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.304..0.996 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00142..0.00145 rows=1 loops=2100) -> Select #2 (subquery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs_per_company_job_count) (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=1) (actual time=6.67..6.67 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs_per_company (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=6.51..6.59 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=6.51..6.51 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=6.28..6.42 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=6.27..6.27 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.354..3.85 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.323..0.91 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c2 using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00119..0.00122 rows=1 loops=2100)

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CREATE INDEX idx_company_name ON app_company(name(100));

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
   SELECT
        c.name AS company_name,
       COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
   FROM app_company AS c
    JOIN app_jobposting AS jp
     ON jp.company_id = c.id
   GROUP BY c.name
   HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
18
        SELECT AVG(job_count)
11
        FROM (
12
            SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
13
            FROM app_company AS c2
            JOIN app_jobposting AS jp
14
15
              ON jp.company_id = c2.id
16
            GROUP BY c2.name
17
        ) AS avg_jobs_per_company
18
19 ORDER BY total_jobs DESC
20 LIMIT 15;
    RESULTS
                                                                                                               53
```

EXPLAIN

-> Limit: 15 row(s) (actual time=12.9..12.9 rows=15 loops=1) -> Sort: total_jobs DESC (actual time=12.9..12.9 rows=15 loops=1) -> Filter:

('count(jp.id)' > (select #2)) (actual time=12.4..12.7 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=6.09..6.34 rows=806 loops=1)

-> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=6.09..6.09 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0789..3.53 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0583..0.61 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00118..0.00121 rows=1 loops=2100) -> Select #2 (subquery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs_per_company.job_count) (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=1) (actual time=6.24..6.24 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs_per_company (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=6.08..6.16 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=6.08..6.08 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=5.87..5.99 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=5.87..5.87 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0411..3.52 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0295..0.606 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c2 using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00114..0.00117 rows=1 loops=2100)

CREATE INDEX idx_company_name_id ON app_company(name(100), id);

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
    SELECT
      c.name AS company_name,
        COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
 5
   FROM app_company AS c
   JOIN app_jobposting AS jp
      ON jp.company_id = c.id
   GROUP BY c.name
    HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
        SELECT AVG(job_count)
10
11
        FROM (
12
            SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
            FROM app_company AS c2
13
14
            JOIN app_jobposting AS jp
15
             ON jp.company_id = c2.id
            GROUP BY c2.name
16
17
          AS avg_jobs_per_company
18
    ORDER BY total_jobs DESC
20
21 LIMIT 15:
    RESULTS
```

EXPLAIN

-> Limit: 15 row(s) (actual time=13.4..13.4 rows=15 loops=1) -> Sort: total_jobs DESC (actual time=13.4..13.4 rows=15 loops=1) -> Filter:

('count(jp.id)' > (select #2)) (actual time=12.9..13.2 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=6.39..6.61 rows=806 loops=1)

-> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=6.38..6.38 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.228..0.828 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.2012.0.00124 rows=1 loops=2100) -> Select #2 (subquery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs_per_company.job_count) (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=1) (actual time=6.41..6.41 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs_per_company (cost=2.5..2.5 rows=0) (actual time=6.23..6.32 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=6.23..6.23 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=6.01..6.14 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=6.01..6.01 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0421..3.57 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0323..0.644 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c2 using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00117..0.00119 rows=1 loops=2100)

CREATE INDEX idx posting date ON app jobposting(posting date);

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      EXPLAIN ANALYZE
      SELECT
          c.name AS company_name,
          COUNT(jp.id) AS total_jobs
      FROM app_company AS c
      JOIN app_jobposting AS jp
        ON jp.company_id = c.id
     GROUP BY c.name
     HAVING COUNT(jp.id) > (
          SELECT AVG(job_count)
  11
          FROM (
              SELECT COUNT(jp.id) AS job_count
  12
  13
               FROM app_company AS c2
  14
               JOIN app_jobposting AS jp
  15
                  ON jp.company_id = c2.id
               GROUP BY c2.name
  16
  17
          AS avg_jobs_per_company
  18
  19
      ORDER BY total_jobs DESC
      LIMIT 15;
       RESULTS
                                                                                                                 53
```

EXPLAIN

-> Limit: 15 row(s) (actual time=12.1...12.1 rows=15 loops=1) -> Sort: total_jobs DESC (actual time=12.1...12.1 rows=15 loops=1) -> Filter:

('count(jp.id)' > (select #2)) (actual time=11.7...12 rows=367 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=5.7...5.89 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=5.69...5.69 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0409...0.606 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0409...0.606 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.0011...0.00113 rows=1 loops=2100) -> Select #2 (subquery in condition; run only once) -> Aggregate: avg(avg_jobs_per_company_job_count) (cost=2.5...2.5 rows=1) (actual time=5.97...5.97 rows=1 loops=1) -> Table scan on avg_jobs_per_company (cost=2.5...2.5 rows=0) (actual time=5.8...5.89 rows=806 loops=1) -> Materialize (cost=0..0 rows=0) (actual time=5.8...5.8 rows=806 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (actual time=5.59...5.72 rows=806 loops=1) -> Aggregate using temporary table (actual time=5.59...5.59 rows=806 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=896 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0524...3.26 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Covering index scan on jp using idx_company_id (cost=218 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0441...0.611 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on c2 using PRIMARY (id=jp.company_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00107...0.00109 rows=1 loops=2100)

Indexing Analysis - Query on Companies with No Recent Job Posts

Query Objective:

We analyzed the performance of a query that lists companies that have not posted any jobs in the last 30 days. The query uses LEFT JOIN and NOT EXISTS to filter such companies and retrieves their headquarters location.

SQL Query:

Initial Execution (No Index)

• Cost: 741829

• **Observations:** Full table scans and nested loop joins were observed across the subquery and joins, resulting in high cost.

Indexing Experiments

Index Name	Definition	Cost	Notes
idx_company_posti ng_date	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_company_posting_dat e ON app_jobposting(company_ id, posting_date);</pre>	~636785	Helped slightly reduce materialization and join cost in subquery.
idx_location_id	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_location_id ON app_jobposting(location _id);</pre>	~741826	No significant change; location_id not used in WHERE clause directly.
idx_company_id	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_company_id ON app_company(id);</pre>	~741826	No change observed as id is already a primary key.

Final Index Selection

We selected idx_company_posting_date as the most effective index. While the query remains costly due to its structure (NOT EXISTS with subquery), this composite index allowed for more efficient filtering of recent posts by company, improving subquery evaluation.

Result of Explain Analyze before adding any index:

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
    SELECT c.id AS company_id,
           c.name AS company_name,
           1.city AS headquarters_city,
          1.country AS headquarters_country
    FROM app_company AS c
    LEFT JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON c.id = jp.company_id
    LEFT JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
    WHERE NOT EXISTS (
18
        SELECT 1
11
        FROM app_jobposting AS jp2
12
        WHERE jp2.company_id = c.id
        AND jp2.posting_date >= (CURRENT_DATE - INTERVAL 30 DAY)
13
14
15 GROUP BY c.id, c.name, l.city, l.country
16 ORDER BY c.name
   LIMIT 15;
    RESULTS
                                                                                                               53
```

EXPLAIN

Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx_company_posting_date ON app_jobposting(company_id, posting_date);

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       EXPLAIN ANALYZE
      SELECT c.id AS company_id,
              c.name AS company_name.
             1.city AS headquarters_city,
             1.country AS headquarters_country
      FROM app_company AS c
      LEFT JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON c.id = jp.company_id
      LEFT JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
       WHERE NOT EXISTS (
   18
          SELECT 1
   11
           FROM app_jobposting AS jp2
   12
          WHERE jp2.company_id = c.id
          AND jp2.posting_date >= (CURRENT_DATE - INTERVAL 30 DAY)
   13
   14
  15 GROUP BY c.id, c.name, l.city, l.country
     ORDER BY c.name
  16
  17
  18
      LIMIT 15
  19
       RESULTS
                                                                                                                  53
```

EXPLAIN

Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx_location_id ON app_iobposting(location_id);

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
    SELECT c.id AS company_id,
           c.name AS company_name
           1.city AS headquarters_city,
           1.country AS headquarters_country
    FROM app_company AS c
   LEFT JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON c.id = jp.company_id
   LEFT JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
    WHERE NOT EXISTS (
18
        SELECT 1
11
        FROM app_jobposting AS jp2
        WHERE jp2.company_id = c.id
        AND jp2.posting_date >= (CURRENT_DATE - INTERVAL 30 DAY)
13
14
   GROUP BY c.id, c.name, 1.city, 1.country
15
16
   ORDER BY c.name
   LIMIT 15
19
    RESULTS
                                                                                                                23
```

EXPLAIN

-> Limit: 15 row(s) (actual time=18.6..18.6 rows=15 loops=1) -> Sort: c.'name', limit input to 15 row(s) per chunk (actual time=18.6..18.6 rows=15 loops=1) -> Table scan on temporary (cost=1.48e+6..1.48e+6 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=17.6..17.9 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Temporary table with deduplication (cost=1.48e+6..1.48e+6 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=17.5..17.5 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Nested loop left join (cost=1.11e+6 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=1.76..14.3 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Nested loop left join (cost=740430 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=1.74..11.3 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Table scan on c (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.282..1.31 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on subjects (actual time=0.282..1.31 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on subjects (actual time=0.282..1.31 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp2.company_id=c.id) (cost=376572..376572 rows=1) (actual time=0.00105..0.00105 rows=0 loops=2127) -> Materialize with deduplication (cost=376572..376572 rows=1937) (actual time=1.42..1.42 rows=0 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp2.company_id is not null) (cost=376378 rows=1937) (actual time=1.42..1.42 rows=0 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp2.posting_date >= cache> ((curdate() - interval 30 day))) (cost=376378 rows=1937) (actual time=1.42..1.42 rows=0 loops=1) -> Table scan on jp2 (cost=376378 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0215..1.18 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Index lookup on jp using idx_company_id=c.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.0012..0.00123 rows=0.987 loops=2127) -> Single-row index lookup on lusing PRIMARY (id=jp.location_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.0012..0.00123 rows=0.987 loops=2127)

Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx_company_id ON app_company(id);

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    EXPLAIN ANALYZE
    SELECT c.id AS company_id,
           c.name AS company_name,
           1.city AS headquarters_city,
          1.country AS headquarters_country
   FROM app_company AS c
   LEFT JOIN app_jobposting AS jp ON c.id = jp.company_id
   LEFT JOIN app_location AS 1 ON jp.location_id = 1.id
    WHERE NOT EXISTS (
        SELECT 1
11
        FROM app_jobposting AS jp2
12
       WHERE jp2.company_id = c.id
        AND jp2.posting_date >= (CURRENT_DATE - INTERVAL 30 DAY)
13
   GROUP BY c.id, c.name, 1.city, 1.country
  ORDER BY c.name
18 LIMIT 15
19
    RESULTS
```

EXPLAIN

-> Limit: 15 row(s) (actual time=30.8..30.8 rows=15 loops=1) -> Sort: c.'name', limit input to 15 row(s) per chunk (actual time=30..30 rows=15 loops=1) -> Table scan on <temporary> (cost=1.48e+6..1.53e+6 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=24.4..24.9 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Temporary table with deduplication (cost=1.48e+6..1.48e+6 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=24.4..24.4 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Nested loop left join (cost=1.11e+6 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=2.94..18.1 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Nested loop left join (cost=740430 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=2.92..14.7 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Nested loop antijoin (cost=370179 rows=3.7e+6) (actual time=2.84..5.32 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Table scan on c (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0964..1.21 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Single-row index lookup on <subquery2> using <auto_distinct_key> (company_id=c.id) (cost=376572..376572 rows=1) (actual time=0.00174..0.00174 rows=0 loops=2127) -> Materialize with deduplication (cost=376572..376572 rows=1937) (actual time=1.65..1.65 rows=0 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp2.company_id is not null) (cost=376378 rows=1937) (actual time=1.65..1.65 rows=0 loops=1) -> Filter: (jp2.posting_date >= <cache>((curdate() - interval 30 day))) (cost=376378 rows=1937) (actual time=1.65..1.65 rows=0 loops=1) -> Table scan on jp2 (cost=376378 rows=1937) (actual time=0.0328..1.41 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Index lookup on jp using idx_company_id (company_id=c.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00136..0.00139 rows=0.987 loops=2127) -> Single-row index lookup on l using PRIMARY (id=jp.location_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00136..0.00139 rows=0.987 loops=2127)

Indexing Analysis – Query on Top Cities with Most Unique Companies

Query Objective:

This query identifies the top 10 cities with the highest number of *unique companies* hiring there. It joins job postings with their respective locations and companies, groups the results by city, and counts the number of distinct companies per city.

```
sql
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SELECT
    loc.city,
    COUNT(DISTINCT c.name) AS unique_companies
FROM app_jobposting jp
JOIN app_location loc ON jp.location_id = loc.id
JOIN app_company c ON jp.company_id = c.id
GROUP BY loc.city
ORDER BY unique_companies DESC
LIMIT 15;
```

Initial Execution (No Index):

• **Cost:** ~963.6

• Actual Time: 14.14

• **Observation:** Multiple nested loop joins and full table scans observed. Stream aggregation and sorting over a large number of rows resulted in high cost.

Indexing Experiments:

Index Name	Definition	Cost	Notes
idx_city	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_city ON app_location(city(100));</pre>	961.6	No improvement; index was not utilized as city is in GROUP BY only
idx_location_c ompany	<pre>CREATE INDEX idx_location_company ON app_jobposting(location_i d, company_id);</pre>	906.6	Moderate improvement by enabling a more efficient join path and filtering using a covering index

Final Decision:

We selected idx_location_company as the best indexing design. While idx_city did not improve performance (as city appears only in GROUP BY, not WHERE), the composite index on location_id and company_id allowed MySQL to perform a more efficient join and aggregation. It reduced the overall cost by ~60 and improved the query execution plan without introducing overhead.

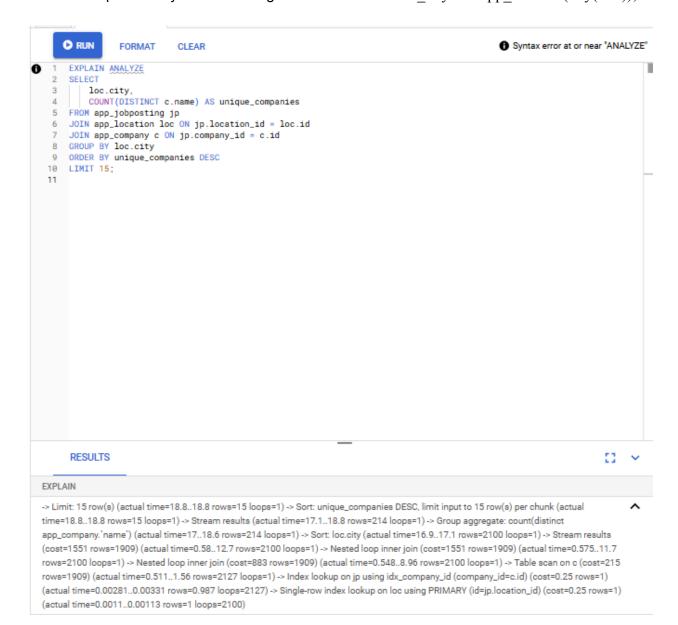
Result of Explain Analyze before adding any index:



EXPLAIN

-> Limit: 15 row(s) (actual time=14...14 rows=15 loops=1) -> Sort: unique_companies DESC, limit input to 15 row(s) per chunk (actual time=14...14 rows=15 loops=1) -> Stream results (actual time=12.1...13.9 rows=214 loops=1) -> Group aggregate: count(distinct app_company.`name`) (actual time=12...13.8 rows=214 loops=1) -> Sort: loc.city (actual time=12...12.2 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Stream results (cost=1551 rows=1909) (actual time=0.11...10.6 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=1551 rows=1909) (actual time=0.105...9.8 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Nested loop inner join (cost=883 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0902...7.35 rows=2100 loops=1) -> Table scan on c (cost=215 rows=1909) (actual time=0.0581...0.879 rows=2127 loops=1) -> Index lookup on jp using app_jobposting_company_id_28aec61e_fk_app_company_id (company_id=c.id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=0.00239...0.00287 rows=0.987 loops=2127) -> Single-row index lookup on loc using PRIMARY (id=jp.location_id) (cost=0.25 rows=1) (actual time=963e-6...991e-6 rows=1 loops=2100)

Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx city ON app location(city(100));



Result of Explain Analyze after adding CREATE INDEX idx_location_company ON app_iobposting(location_id, company_id);

