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## Preface

## **Profile**

## **Before You Begin This Course**

Before you begin this course, you should have the following:

- Experience maintaining a database server (preferably a MySQL server)
- Ability to use MySQL tools to connect to the MySQL Server
- Have knowledge of general SQL statement structure and basic SQL tuning principles
- Experience using the Linux operating systems

## **Suggested Courses**

• D61762GC20: MySQL for Database Administrators

## **How This Course Is Organized**

MySQL Performance Tuning is an instructor-led course featuring lecture, demos, quizzes and hands-on exercises. The practice sessions reinforce the concepts and skills introduced.

## **Typographic Conventions**

## **Typographic Conventions in Text**

The following typographical conventions are used throughout this training guide:

- Computer input and output is printed in this format: Computer input or output. This is also used for the names of executable programs and file locations.
- Keywords from the SQL language appear in this format: SQL KEYWORD. SQL keywords are not case sensitive and may be written in any letter case, but the training guide uses uppercase.

When commands are shown that are meant to be executed from within a particular program, the prompt shown preceding the command indicates which command to use. For example, sys> indicates a command that you execute from your shell, and mysql> indicates a statement that you execute from the mysql client program:

```
sys> mysql -u root -h 127.0.0.1
mysql> SELECT * FROM world.City;
```

The "sys" is your command interpreter. On Linux, this is typically a program such as sh, csh, or bash. On Windows, the equivalent program is command.com or cmd.exe, typically run in a console window. When you enter a command or statement shown in an example, do not type the prompt shown in the example.

Database, table, and column names must often be substituted into statements. To indicate that such substitution is necessary, this manual uses db\_name, tbl\_name, and col\_name. For example, you might see a statement like this:

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```
mysql> SELECT col name FROM db name.tbl name;
```

This means that if you were to enter a similar statement, you would supply your own database, table, and column names for the placeholders db\_name, tbl\_name, and col\_name., perhaps like this:

```
mysql> SELECT author name FROM biblio db.author list;
```

In syntax descriptions, square brackets ([ and ]) indicate optional words or clauses. For example, in the following statement, IF EXISTS is optional:

```
DROP TABLE [IF EXISTS] tbl name;
```

When a syntax element consists of a number of alternatives, the alternatives are separated by vertical bars (pipe, |).

When one member from a set of choices may be chosen, the alternatives are listed within square brackets ([ and ] ):

```
TRIM([[BOTH | LEADING | TRAILING] [remstr] FROM] str)
```

When one member from a set of choices must be chosen, the alternatives are listed within braces ({ and }):

```
{DESCRIBE | DESC} tbl_name [col_name | wild]
```

## **Typographic Conventions (continued)**

## **Typographic Conventions in Text (continued)**

An ellipsis (...) indicates the omission of a section of a statement, typically to provide a shorter version of more complex syntax. For example, INSERT ... SELECT is shorthand for the form of INSERT statement that is followed by a SELECT statement.

An ellipsis can also indicate that the preceding syntax element of a statement may be repeated. In the following example, multiple reset\_option values may be given, with each of those after the first preceded by commas:

RESET reset option[, reset option] ...

## Introduction



## **Course Goals**

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- Understand the basics of performance tuning
- Use performance-tuning tools
- Tune the MySQL server instance to improve performance
- Improve the performance of tables based on the storage engine being used
- Implement proper schema design to improve performance
- Improve the performance of MySQL queries
- Describe additional items related to performance tuning

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## **Course Lesson Map**

## Day 1

- 1. Introduction to MySQL
- 2. Performance Tuning Basics
- 3. Performance Tuning Tools
- 4. MySQL Server Tuning

## Day 2

- 4. MySQL Server Tuning (continued)
- 5. MySQL Query Cache

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## **Course Lesson Map**

## Day 3

- 6. InnoDB
- 7. MyISAM
- 8. Other MySQL Storage Engines and Issues

## Day 4

- 9. Schema Design and Performance
- 10. MySQL Query Performance
- 11. Performance Tuning Extras
- 12. Conclusion

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## **Introductions**

- Name
- Company affiliation
- Title, function, and job responsibilities
- Experience related to topics covered in this course
- Reason for enrolling in this course
- Expectations for this course

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## **Classroom Environment**

- Logistics
  - Restrooms
  - Break rooms and designated smoking areas
  - Cafeterias and restaurants in the area
- Emergency evacuation procedures
- Instructor contact information
- Mobile phone usage
- Online course attendance confirmation form

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## **MySQL: Overview** Relational database management system (RDMS) program suite World's most popular open source database

Fastest growing with over 70,000 downloads per day

Originally developed by MySQL AB (Sweden)





MySQL is installed on every continent in the world. (Yes, even Antarctica!)

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## **Acquisitions of the MySQL Company**

- Sun Microsystems acquired MySQL in 2008.
- Oracle acquired Sun Microsystems in 2010.
- These acquisitions give MySQL:
  - The resources of a major mainstream company
  - Enterprise class support 24×7×365
- All this is combined with strong open source community support.

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## **MySQL** Is Powering the World!











An impressive customer and partner community!

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## MySQL Is Powering the World!

MySQL's customer and partner base is:

- Centered in five core areas
  - Web 2.0, SaaS, enterprise, telco, and OEM/embedded markets
- Composed of more than 400 blue-chip customers and a wide range of market leaders
- Utilized by virtually every Web 2.0 and e-commerce company in existence
- Strong in the telco market
- Strong in the enterprise market

## MySQL Database Server Editions

## **GPL**

- > MySQL Community Edition
  - · Open source, noncommercial
- > MySQL Cluster Community Edition
  - · Open source, noncommercial, cluster

## Commercial

- **MySQL Classic Edition** 
  - · Embedded database for OEMs, ISVs, VARs
- MySQL Standard Edition
  - High-performance, scalable OLTP applications
- > MySQL Enterprise Edition
  - MySQL Partitioning, MySQL Enterprise Monitor, MySQL Enterprise Backup
- MySQL Cluster Carrier Grade Edition
  - · High-availability, fault-tolerant database
  - MySQL Cluster Manager
  - MySQL Cluster Geo-Replication

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## MySQL Database Server Editions

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Find more information about licensing and subscription options, or contact a MySQL sales associate:

- http://mysql.com/products/
- http://www.mysql.com/about/contact/
- https://shop.oracle.com/
  - Select Database from the Product Categories menu, and then select MySQL.

## **MySQL Tools**

- Graphical user interfaces to your MySQL database
- MySQL Enterprise Monitor
  - Web application that reduces down time, tightens security, and increases throughput
  - Includes MySQL Query Analyzer
- MySQL Enterprise Backup
  - Online hot, nonblocking backups
- MySQL Workbench
  - Visual database design tool that is used to efficiently design, manage, and document databases

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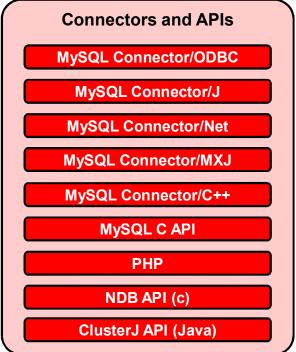
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## **MySQL Tools**

The MySQL Workbench is available in GPL editions. The other tools are available in commercial editions only.

## MySQL Drivers Connectors and APIs



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## **MySQL Drivers**

Third-party connectors that MySQL supports:

- PHP: mysqli, ext/mysqli, PDO\_MYSQLND, PHP\_MYSQLND
  - Provides MySQL connectivity for PHP programs. Currently there are two MySQL-specific PHP extensions available that use libmysql: the mysql and mysqli extensions. There is also MySQL support for the generic PHP Data Objects (PDO) extension. In addition, there is the PHP native driver called mysqlnd, which can replace libmysql in the mysqli extension.
- Perl: DBD::mysqlPython: MySQLdb
- Ruby: DBD::MySQL, ruby-mysql
- C++ Wrapper: For MySQL C API (MySQL++)

You can download connectors and their documentation from the following page:

http://mysql.com/products/connector

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- Mailing lists
- **Forums**
- Community articles
- Planet MySQL blogs
- MySQL Forge
- **Twitter**



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- Mailing lists (http://lists.mysql.com/)
- Forums (http://forums.mysql.com)
- Community articles (http://dev.mysgl.com/tech-resources/articles)
- Planet MySQL blogs (http://planet.mysql.com/)
- MySQL Forge (http://forge.mysql.com)
- Twitter (http://twitter.com/mysql\_community)

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## **MySQL: Supported Operating Systems**

- Control and flexibility for users
- More than 20 platforms, including:
  - Windows (multiple)
  - Linux (multiple)
  - Solaris
  - Mac OS



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## **MySQL: Supported Operating Systems**

For a full list of supported operating systems:

http://www.mysql.com/support/supportedplatforms/database.html

## **MySQL Websites**

- http://dev.mysql.com includes:
  - Developer Zone (Articles, Forums, Forge, Planet MySQL, and more)
  - Downloads (GA and development release)
  - Documentation
- http://www.mysql.com/ includes:
  - Downloads (GA)
  - Services
  - Consulting
  - Resources
  - White papers
  - Webinars

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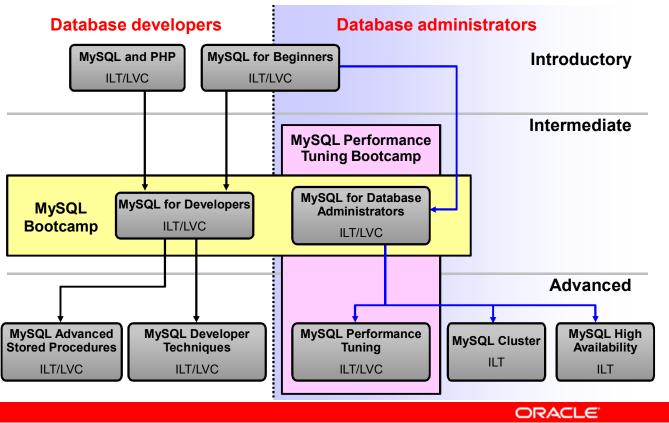
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For more information:

- http://dev.mysql.com
- http://www.mysql.com/

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For details about all 18 course products, visit: http://www.oracle.com/education.

## **MySQL Certifications: Overview**

The Oracle Certification Program validates various levels of MySQL expertise:

- Introductory: Certified Associate
  - Oracle Certified Associate: MySQL
- Intermediate: Certified Professional
  - Oracle Certified Professional: MySQL Database Administrator
  - Oracle Certified Professional: MySQL Developer
- Advanced: Certified Expert
  - Oracle Certified Expert: MySQL Cluster Database Administrator

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## **MySQL Online Documentation**

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- Topic guides
- **Expert guides**
- Mysql help tables
- Example databases
- Meta documentation
- Community contributed documentation
- Printed books
- Additional resources

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### **Performance Tuning Basics**

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### **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

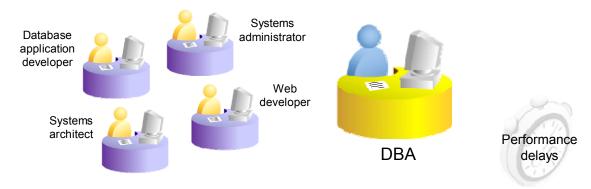
- Describe the terms, theories, and strategies associated with performance tuning
- Explain how to implement MySQL deployment guidelines

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### **Thinking About Performance**

 Everyone involved with the MySQL database software should think about performance.



 The DBA is the front line for most performance issues.

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### **Thinking About Performance**

The database administrator is the starting point for recognizing and correcting the majority of delays in performance. Other system support personnel (database application developers, system administrators, web developers, systems architects, etc.) will be involved in ensuring the best possible performance.

### **Areas to Tune**

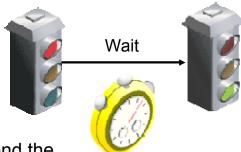
- The MySQL server instance is the primary area that a DBA can tune:
  - Memory
  - Database structure
  - Instance configuration
- Other areas
  - Application tuning
    - SQL statement performance
    - Managing changes and/or increases in the size of the data
  - O/S tuning
    - I/O
    - Swapping
    - Network issues



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### Waits

 The amount of time during which a requested activity is in an inactive state waiting for the request to be processed



- Service times
  - The amount of time needed to send the requested data to the client
- Baseline
  - A basic standard of values that can serve as a comparison for changes on a system

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### **Performance Tuning Terminology**

### Service times

- Factors affecting the service time include:
  - Network traffic.
  - Processing speed of the CPU.
  - Read/write speed of the disks containing the data.
  - Locks being generated or applied to the data.
- Direct and indirect Measurements:
  - To directly measure the service time, you can sum up all query times for the transactions processed.
  - Considering other, nondirect measures can help you have a more complete picture of the service time:
    - CPU usage.
    - Disk IO latency.
    - Network traffic.
    - Load Average.
    - Number of running queries.

- **Throughput** 
  - The amount of data moved successfully from one place to another in a given time period

Monitoring throughput and adjusting as needed can minimize such problems as:

- Starvation
  - One or more users are using the majority of the system resources, leaving others with limited resources to use.
- Lack of prioritization
  - One or more users may have business requirements that make their requests higher priority than others.



Starvation

Transactions over time

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### **Performance Tuning Terminology (continued)**

### **Throughput**

- The metric for throughput is the number of transactions per a given time (second/min/hour).
  - For all the transactions that are processed, only some transactions from the mix can be counted in the metric results.
  - If you are administering MySQL in interactive multiuser applications, it is necessary to monitor throughput metrics and adjust your system based on the results.
    - One example of a multiuser application is an online transaction processing (OLTP) system.

- Response time and latency
  - Response time: Total time it takes from when a user makes a request until a response is received
  - Latency: Delay incurred in communicating a message
  - Two ways to develop metrics for response time and latency:
    - Average/minimum/maximum
    - 90th percentile
- Scalability
  - Ability of a system to adapt to increased demands

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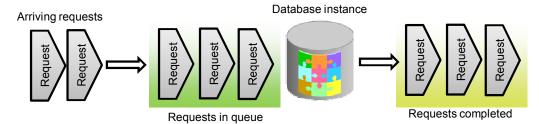
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### **Performance Tuning Terminology (continued)**

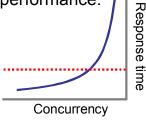
### Response Time / Latency

- Both response time and latency are usually discussed together due to the nature of their interaction.
- Metrics:
  - Average/Minimum/Maximum: The metric for response time and latency can be based on the average, minimum and maximum response times (millisecond/second/min) for a transaction to process.
  - **90th Percentile:** The metric for response time and latency can be based on 90th Percentile response time (millisecond/second/min) for each group of transactions.
    - In a set of 100 values that are sorted from best to worst, the 90th percentile simply means the 90th value in the list.
- You must consider the following issues when using response time and latency metrics:
  - Count wall clock time: These metrics are dependent upon a number of clock ticks instead of an arbitrary time, the actual time for a transaction response time might vary between the same transactions are executed if the clock rate differs.
  - Who cares what else is happening: These metrics do not take into account what else is happening on the system when the transactions are executed.

- Queuing theory
  - A model for evaluating the efficiency of a system that consumes multiple resources



- Applying this model to databases: Use response times and throughput metrics to evaluate and improve performance.
- "Hockey stick" phenomenon
  - In systems where the queue is growing faster than the system is able to handle the transactions (saturation), the end user experiences an exponential delay.



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### **Performance Tuning Terminology (continued)**

### "Hockey Stick" Solutions

- When you are attempting to find a solution for the "Hockey Stick" phenomenon, it is important for you to look at both the delay directly related to the gueue and the service time associated with the processing of the transactions.
  - If you improve one, you reduce the user response time.
  - Improving both is the optimal solution.

- Benchmarking
  - Testing designed to compare the qualities or performance of different systems, hardware, or processes
  - Benchmarks are a great tool to:
    - Quantify application performance: Use benchmarks to develop baselines for performance.
    - Measure performance effect of the changes: To determine if a change has a positive effect on performance, perform a benchmark before and after the change.
    - Validate scalability: Determine the effect on performance of adding systems to an existing architecture.
    - Plan deployment: Determine the performance of different deployment options.

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### **Performance Tuning Terminology (continued) Benchmarking**

Database benchmarks are designed to assess the relative performance of your applications ability to perform transactions in a timely and efficient manner.

### Quiz

What are the ways to develop metrics for response time and latency? (Select two of the following.)

- a. Average/minimum/maximum
- b. Hockey stick
- c. Queuing theory
- d. 90th percentile

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Answer: a, d

### **Benchmark Planning**

- Replicate the real-world application as closely as possible.
  - A benchmark is a measure of a snapshot of your total system.
  - Consider using a log of transactions recorded from your live system in the simulated environment.
- Use a representative data population.
  - Ensure that the data population you study is representative of the total data population of your system.
- Use real database size.
  - Use a database size that is equivalent to the data in your system.
- Use real input values.
  - Use data that is equivalent to the real data in your system.

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### **Benchmark Planning**

- Use a similar number of connections.
  - Execute benchmarks with the same number of concurrent connections that your real system must handle.
- Use a similar "think time."
  - Think time: A average time a user spends looking at a webpage before determining the next action
  - The time required to load the page is not considered in this step.
- Understand the effects of caching.
  - Ensure that caching is cleared to prevent repetitive data from producing inaccurate results.
- Use similar server settings, hardware, O/S, network, and so on.

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### **Benchmark Errors**

- Comparatively different database sizes
  - Do not test with 1 GB of data if the production server holds 100 GB of data.
- Using a uniform distribution that is not natural to the real world
  - Use data that contains a similar representation of the transactions that your production server faces.
- Testing in a single-user scenario
  - If your production server has multiple connections made to it, a benchmark is not accurate if it is set up as a single-user scenario.
- Minimizing (or not using) think times

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### **Benchmark Errors**

### **Uniform distribution example**

If you maintained a bookseller site, the "Harry Potter" book series would be ordered more frequently than the "Zulu Dictionary".

### **Benchmark Errors**

- Benchmarking on a single host
  - Connect to the MySQL server from numerous hosts.
- Executing the same queries in a loop (query cache issues)
  - Simulate queries that are unique to avoid the query cache affecting results.
- Ignoring server warm-up
  - Let your queries run on the benchmark server for a few hours before you collect results.
- Using default MySQL server settings
  - Make adjustments to the MySQL default server settings so that the settings are more appropriate for your system.

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### **Tuning Steps**

- Check the systems:
  - O/S and general machine health should be the first areas to check.
- Tune first the areas that have the most potential for gain:
  - Longest waits
  - Longest service times
- Tune to a goal:
  - Stop tuning when the goal is met.
  - Tuning goals should be specific, measurable, and achievable.



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### **General Tuning Session**

- 1. Define the problem and state the goal.
- 2. Collect current performance statistics.
- 3. Consider some common performance errors.
- 4. Build a trial solution.
- 5. Implement and measure the change.
- 6. Evaluate the solution.
  - If the solution meets the goal, define the new baseline.
  - If the solution does not meet goal, consider other common performance errors and then retune.

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### **Deploying MySQL**

- Use automation whenever possible.
- Have different servers for different systems.
  - Database and web servers have different configuration, quality, and scaling requirements.
- Have MySQL on an internal network.
  - A MySQL server should never be directly accessible to the Internet.
  - MySQL servers that are accessible via a LAN are acceptable if the LAN is separated from the Internet by a firewall (preferably a hardware firewall).
  - SSH tunneling should be used to give access to a MySQL server remotely.

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### **Deploying MySQL**

- Design and implement a regular backup schedule.
- Use binary logging to enable point-in-time recovery.
- Enable the slow log to catch slow queries.
- Monitor the entire infrastructure (systems and network) to have a holistic and historical view of it.
  - Performance problems are not always related to the MySQL server.

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### b. C.

### Quiz

Which of the following is not a typical benchmark error?

- a. Connecting to the MySQL server from multiple hosts
- b. Minimizing (or not using) think times
- c. Ignoring server warm-up
- d. Using default MySQL server settings

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Answer: a

### **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Describe the terms, theories, and strategies associated with performance tuning
- Explain how to implement MySQL deployment guidelines

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### **Performance Tuning Tools**



### **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Use MySQL tools to monitor the MySQL server
- Use tools to create benchmarks in the MySQL server environment
- Use tools to create a workload that stresses the MySQL server

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### **MySQL Monitoring Tools**

- SHOW STATUS
- information schema
  - The information database
- performance schema
  - The performance-monitoring database
- SHOW OPEN TABLES



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### **MySQL Monitoring Tools**

### SHOW STATUS command

- Displays server status information for your MySQL server
  - WHERE and LIKE clauses can be used with this tool.
  - Status values for all connection to MySQL can be obtained with the GLOBAL modifier.
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/show-status.html

### information schema database

- Stores information about all the other databases that your MySQL server maintains
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/information-schema.html

### performance\_schema database

- Stores low-level performance data related to the execution of your MySQL server
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/performance-schema.html

### SHOW OPEN TABLES command

- Displays the the non-TEMPORARY tables that are currently open in the table cache
  - FROM, WHERE, and LIKE clauses can be used with this tool.
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/show-open-tables.html

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### **MySQL Monitoring Tools**

- SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS
- SHOW PROCESSLIST
- mysqladmin
  - Client for performing administrative operations
  - debug command: Tells the server to write debug information to the error log
- MySQL Enterprise Monitor
  - Virtual MySQL DBA assistant



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### **MySQL Monitoring Tools (continued)**

### SHOW ENGINE INNODE STATUS command

- Displays extensive information from the standard InnoDB Monitor about the state of the InnoDB storage engine
- http://dev.mysgl.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/innodb-monitors.html

### SHOW PROCESSLIST command

- Displays the MySQL threads that are active on your server
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/show-processlist.html

### mysqladmin client

http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/mysqladmin.html

### MySQL Enterprise Monitor

- A commercial product that continuously monitors your MySQL servers and alerts you to potential problems before they impact your system
- http://www.mysql.com/products/enterprise/monitor.html

### **Practice 3-1 Overview: MySQL Monitoring Tools**

In this practice, you compare the available MySQL monitoring tools by:

- Using performance monitoring commands that are available within the mysql client
  - This includes using various SHOW statements along with built-in information and performance databases.
- Using the mysqladmin client
- Setting up and reviewing the information that can be obtained from the MySQL Enterprise Monitor



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### Quiz

What is the Oracle commercial product that continuously monitors your MySQL servers and alerts you to potential problems before they affect your system?

- a. mysqladmin
- **Oracle Beehive**
- MySQL Enterprise Monitor
- MySQL Cluster d.

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Answer: c

### **Open Source Community Monitoring Tools**

- dim STAT
  - Created by Dimitri Kravtchuk
- mysqlresources
  - Perl script created by Giuseppe Maxia
- Maatkit
  - Created by Daniel Nichter and Baron Schwartz



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### **Open Source Community Monitoring Tools**

### dim\_STAT application

- A high-level and detailed monitoring and performance analysis tool for Solaris and Linux systems
- http://dimitrik.free.fr

### mysqlresources application

- A Perl script that finds the resources (CPU, memory, and file descriptors) used by your MySQL process
- http://www.oreillynet.com/databases/blog/2006/07/measuring\_resources\_for\_a\_mysq\_1 .html

### Maatkit toolkit

- A toolkit you can use to prove that replication is working correctly, fix corrupted data, automate repetitive tasks, speed up your servers, and much more
- http://www.maatkit.org

### **Open Source Community Monitoring Tools**

- mysqlreport
  - Created by Daniel Nichter
- mytop
  - Created by Jeremy Zawodny
- Preinstalled Linux tools
  - iostat
  - vmstat
  - sar
  - top



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### **Open Source Community Monitoring Tools (continued)**

### mysqlreport application

- A tool that provides you with an easy-to-read report of important MySQL status variables transformed from the SHOW STATUS values
- http://hackmysql.com/mysqlreport

### mytop application

- A console-based (non-GUI) tool for monitoring the threads and overall performance of your MySQL server
- http://jeremy.zawodny.com/mysql/mytop

### **Linux tools**

- iostat: Provides valuable I/O information about your server, such as the amount of I/O being processed per device, the type of process, the request size of the process, and the queue size and response time for the process
- vmstat: Provides a high-level view of your system load

- sar: Collects, reports, and saves your system activity information for historical comparison
- top: Provides a dynamic real-time view of your running system to include system summary information as well as a list of tasks currently being managed by the Linux kernel

**Practice 3-2 Overview:** 

**Open Source Community Monitoring Tools** 

### Quiz

Which of the following open source community monitoring tools contain applications that you can use to prove replication is working correctly, fix corrupted data, automate repetitive tasks, and speed up your servers?

- a. dim\_STAT
- b. Maatkit
- c. mysqlresources
- d. mytop

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Answer: b

### **Benchmark Tools**

- MySQL benchmark tools
  - sql-bench
  - mysqlslap
- Open source community benchmark tools
  - DBT-2
    - Created by Craig Thomas and Mark Wong
  - SysBench
    - Maintained by Alexey Kopytov



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### **Benchmark Tools**

### sql-bench application

- A set of Perl applications that you can use to measure the overall performance of the server. You can use the results as a basis for comparison.
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/mysql-benchmarks.html

### mysqlslap application

- A diagnostic program designed to emulate client load for a MySQL server and to report the timing of each stage
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/mysqlslap.html

### **DBT-2 application**

- An online transaction processing (OLTP) transactional performance test that enables you to simulate a wholesale parts supplier database.
  - The simulation includes several workers accessing the database, updating customer information, and checking parts inventories.
  - The results of a test run include transactions per second, CPU utilization, I/O activity, and memory utilization.
- http://osdldbt.sourceforge.net

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### SysBench application

A modular, cross-platform, and multithreaded benchmark tool you can use to evaluate the O/S parameters that are important for a system running a database under intensive load

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http://sysbench.sourceforge.net

### **Stress Tools**

- db\_STRESS
  - Created by Dimitri Kravtchuk
- Apache JMeter
- Benerator
  - Created by Databene
- stress\_driver
  - Maintained by Danny Faught



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### **Stress Tools**

### db\_STRESS application

- A tool that enables you to put a load on your database system that produces a high-level metric (TPS: transactions per second)
- http://dimitrik.free.fr/db\_STRESS.html

### **Apache JMeter application**

- A tool that you can use to simulate a heavy load on your server, network, or object to test its strength or to analyze overall performance under different load types
- http://jakarta.apache.org/jmeter/

### Benerator application

- A performance test data—generation tool that you can use to completely synthesize test data or import and anonymize (remove personal data) your own production data
- http://databene.org/databene-benerator

### stress\_driver application

- A general-purpose stress-test tool using the Perl scripting language
- http://stress-driver.sourceforge.net

### **Practice 3-3 Overview: Benchmark Tools**

In this practice, you compare the available benchmarking tools by:

- Running all the tests of the sql-bench benchmark suite against the MySQL server
- Preparing and running the mysqlslap benchmark tool using a predefined script
- Preparing and running the sysbench benchmark tool using built-in tests against the MySQL server



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### Quiz

Dimitri Kravtchuk is an open source developer who has created multiple tools to assist MySQL database administrators in their everyday tasks. At which of the following website locations is his main page?

- a. http://www.dimitrik.com
- b. http://hackmysql.com
- c. http://www.maatkit.org
- d. http://dimitrik.free.fr

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Answer: d

### **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Use MySQL tools to monitor the MySQL server
- Use tools to create benchmarks in the MySQL server environment
- Use tools to create a workload that puts stress on the MySQL server

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# MySQL Server Tuning



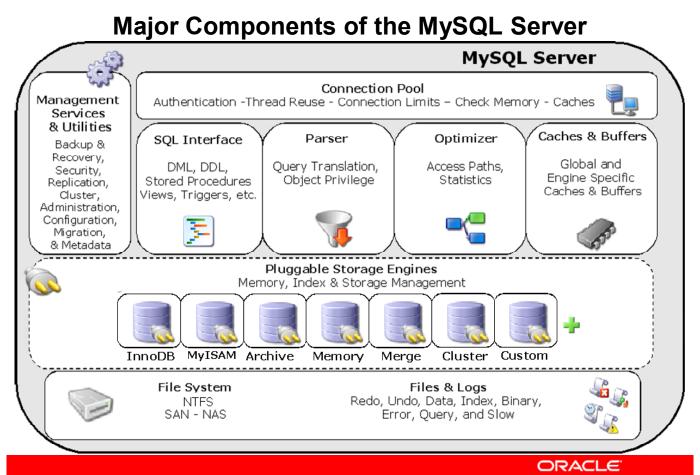
### **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Describe the advantages and limitations of the MySQL server architecture that directly affect performance
- Use server settings and status variables to evaluate and alter the performance of the MySQL server

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### **Major Components of the MySQL Server**

The slide shows the following MySQL server elements:

- Connection pool
- SQL interface
- Parser
- Optimizer
- Caches and buffers
- Pluggable storage engines
- File system
- Files and logs
- · Management services and utilities

### Quiz

Which of the following is not a function of the MySQL server connection pool?

- Authentication
- **Connection limits** b.
- Query translations
- Thread reuse d.

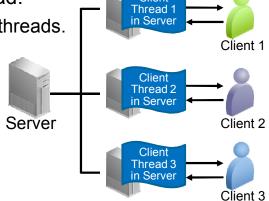
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Answer: c

# **MySQL Thread Handling** MySQL is a multithreaded server. Single process; multiple threads Each connection has its own thread. 1,000 connections require 1,000 threads. Helper threads may be used. Connection manager threads Signal threads (alarms) InnoDB read and write threads Event scheduler Thread cache capability for reuse.



Client

Thread caching allows unused threads to remain in memory

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### MySQL Thread Handling

### Single process, multiple threads

- 32-bit system limits the usable memory; 64-bit allows a much higher limit.
- Good thread support needs to be considered when you choose an O/S.

### **Connection manager threads**

- TCP/IP connection request: On Unix, this manager thread also handles Unix socket file connection requests.
- Windows only:
  - Shared-memory connections
  - Named-pipe connections
    - MySQL creates a thread for named pipes and shared memory only if the server supports them.

### Thread caching can make a big difference.

- Threads that are no longer needed are released from memory.
- Thread caching allows unused threads to remain in memory to be used by a new connection.

### Quiz

Thread caching allows unused threads to remain in memory for reuse.

- True a.
- False b.

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Answer: a

### MySQL Memory Usage

- MySQL server code uses a minimal amount of memory.
- You should review and adjust (as needed) the following global buffers system variables to improve memory usage:
  - key\_buffer\_size, query\_cache\_size, innodb buffer pool size, table cache
- Threads are per connection and should have a reasonable size thread stack.
- Kernel objects
  - Sockets, kernel stacks, file descriptor table, and file system cache

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### MySQL Memory Usage

- The following system variables should be reviewed and adjusted as needed to improve memory usage per thread:
  - sort buffer size, tmp table size, and read buffer size
- Refer to the MySQL 5.5 documentation to obtain a better understanding of how MySQL uses threads for client connections:
  - http://dev.mysgl.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/connection-threads.html

### Quiz

Which of the following is *not* a kernel object?

- File descriptor table
- File system cache
- Sockets C.
- Storage engine

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Answer: d

### Simultaneous Connections in MySQL

- Determined by the max connections system variable
- Things to consider when setting this value:
  - Quality of the thread library
  - RAM availability
  - Amount of RAM used for each connection
  - Workload required from each connection
  - Desired response time
- O/S limitations:
  - Linux/Solaris: 500 to 1,000 connections is average
  - Windows: 16,384 by default.
- Max used connections status variable
  - Can assist in determining optimal setting

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### Simultaneous Connections in MySQL

max\_connections (151)

- The server adds one additional connection to any value for use by accounts that have the SUPER privilege.
  - Can be used by administrators to connect and diagnose problems even if the maximum number of connections is reached

### O/S limitations

- Linux and Solaris:
  - Up to 10,000 connections are possible if there is a large amount of RAM (multiple gigabytes), the workload from each connection is relatively small, and the desired response time is reasonable.
- Windows:
  - The default maximum number of open files that MySQL on Windows can support is 16,384 (can be increased by setting --open-files-limit at server startup).
  - The number of simultaneous connections to set in Windows can be calculated by multiplying the number of open connections by 2, and then adding to this product the number of open connections:

(2 × number of open tables) + number of open connections

### Max\_used\_connections

This status variable indicates the maximum number of connections that MySQL has had open at the same time since the server was last restarted.

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- This value provides a benchmark to help you decide the maximum number of connections that your server should support.
- It can also help in traffic analysis.

# Quiz

Which status variable can assist in determining the optimal max\_connections server setting for your system?

- a. key\_buffer\_size
- b. Max\_used\_connections
- c. query cache size
- d. table\_cache

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Answer: b

### **Reusing Threads**

- thread cache size determines the number of threads that the server can store for reuse.
- Things to consider when setting this value:
  - Review Connections and Threads created.
  - Calculate thread pool effectiveness.

```
100 - ((Threads created/Connections) * 100)
```

- You should evaluate these settings against the time that the server has been up and running, or since the status variables have been flushed.
  - Connections/Uptime
  - Threads created/Uptime
  - FLUSH STATUS resets most counters to zero.

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### **Reusing Threads**

### thread cache size system variable

- Set this system variable to cover fast variations.
  - For servers that vary from 50 to 150 active connections, set this system variable to 100.
  - Setting this system variable to accommodate rare bursts of connections at one time (such as 500 connections for a system that typically sees 50 to 150 active connections) is a waste of memory.
  - Increase the back log system variable from the default (50) to 200 in cases where connections are being requested faster than the O/S and MySQL can process them.
- By examining the difference between the Connections and Threads created status variables, you can assess the efficiency of the thread cache performance.
  - The Connections status variable lists the number of connection attempts (successful or not) to the MySQL server.
  - The Threads created status variable lists the number of threads created to handle connections.

### Uptime status variable

The number of seconds the server has been up and running

### Uptime\_since\_flush\_status status variable

The number of seconds the server has been running since the last FLUSH STATUS statement was issued

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### Thread Cache: Scenario

Given the following values, what is the thread cache effectiveness?

```
thread cache size = 30
                          Threads created = 29
                          Connections = 29000
                          Uptime = 1000
                          Uptime since flush status = 345678
```

Is the thread cache size system variable set appropriately for this server? Why?

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### **Thread Cache: Scenario**

- Using the calculation 100 [(Threads created / Connections) \* 100] can tell you the thread cache hit rate for your server. For this particular scenario, the thread cache hit rate is 99.9%.
- Using the calculation Connections/Uptime can tell you the number of connections made per second. For this particular scenario, an average of 29 connections are made per second.
- Using the calculation Threads created/Uptime can tell you the number of threads that needed to be created per second. For this particular scenario, an average of two threads are created per second.
- **Conclusion:** The number of threads being created per second is acceptable. You can increase or decrease the thread cache size system variable a small amount and check whether there are any peaks of high thread creation rates. If the values remain relatively similar, you can set the thread cache size system variable to 0 and use the memory savings for another setting.

# **Practice 4-1 Overview: Effects of Thread Caching**

In this practice, you execute a number of random gueries against the MySQL server by using multiple connections to determine the best setting for the thread cache size system variable. The practice covers the following topics:

- Simulating an environment where 128 connections result in approximately 900 transactions running against the MySQL server every second
- Modifying the thread cache size system variable, simulating the environment, and then calculating the thread cache hit rate



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### **Reusing Tables**

The table open cache system variable determines the number of cached open tables that the server can allow.

- With the MySQL server being multithreaded, multiple connections may be running against a table at one time, and each of these threads opens a table.
- Setting this value too low:
  - The MySQL server has to constantly send disk I/O requests to open the required tables.
- Setting this value too high:
  - Your server can max out its RAM, which can lead to connection refusals, failure of queries to execute, or general server problems.

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### **Reusing Tables**

- The table open cache system variable sets the number of open tables for all threads.
- This system variable is temporarily extended when the cache is full and a new table needs to be opened.
  - Once the table that caused the extended state is no longer being used, the table is closed and released from the cache.

### Setting table open cache

- Determine the proper table open\_cache setting:
  - max connections system variable
    - Configures the number of simultaneous client connections that the MySQL server allows
  - Open tables status variable
    - Displays the number of tables currently open
  - Opened tables status variable
    - Displays the number of tables that have been opened
  - Calculate the effectiveness of the table open cache server setting:

(Open tables/Opened tables) \* 100

- Other factors:
  - FLUSH TABLES: Closes all open tables

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### Setting table open cache: Scenario 1

Given the values in the following example, what can you conclude about the table open cache setting?

- How long has the server been up and running?
- How long has the server been up and running since the status variables were reset?
- How often did the server have to open a table?
- What is significant about the number of current open tables in comparison to the table cache?
- Is the table\_open\_cache setting too high, too low, or just right?

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### Setting table open cache: Scenario 1

- The Uptime\_since\_flush\_status status variable tells you that the server has been running for approximately 59 days since the FLUSH STATUS statement was executed. The number of Opened\_tables tells you that MySQL had to open a table (not in the cache) only about once every hour. The number of current open tables is approximately 1/5th of the table cache setting. We can conclude that the table\_open\_cache setting is probably too high.
- Why is the Opened\_tables status variable larger than the table\_open\_cache setting?
  - The Opened\_tables status variable tells you the number of times the MySQL server has opened tables to handle query executions. The table\_open\_cache setting tells the MySQL server how many open tables can be managed simultaneously for all open threads at one time. Since the Opened\_tables status variable is simply a counter to the number of times the server had to open a table to handle a query execution, this number can be higher than the table\_open\_cache setting.
  - To learn more about how MySQL opens and closes tables, refer to http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/table-cache.html.

### Setting table open cache: Scenario 2

Given the values in the following example, what can you conclude about the table open cache setting?

```
table open cache = 128
                         Open tables = 128
                         Opened tables = 678
max connections = 151
                         Uptime = 2459870
                         Uptime since flush status = 1349870
```

- How long has the server been up and running?
- How long has the server been up and running since the status variables were reset?
- How often did the server have to open a table?
- What is significant about the number of current open tables in comparison to the table cache?
- Is the table open cache setting too high, too low, or just right?

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### Setting table\_open cache: Scenario 2

The Uptime since flush status status variable tells you that the server has been running for approximately 16 days since the FLUSH STATUS statement was executed. The number of Opened tables tells you that MySQL had to open only two tables (not in the cache) approximately once every hour. The number of current open tables is maxed out. We can conclude that the setting for the table open cache system variable is set correctly for this server.

### Setting table open cache: Scenario 3

Given the values in the following example, what can you conclude about the table open cache setting?

```
table open cache = 64
                         Open tables = 130
                         Opened tables = 1560160
max connections = 151
                         Uptime = 250576
                         Uptime since flush status = 44576
```

- How long has the server been up and running?
- How long has the server been up and running since the status variables were reset?
- How often did the server have to open a table?
- What is significant about the number of current open tables in comparison to the table cache?
- Is the table open cache setting too high, too low, or just right?

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### Setting table open cache: Scenario 3

- The Uptime since flush status tells you that the server has been running for approximately half a day since the FLUSH STATUS statement was executed. The value of the Opened tables status variable tells you that MySQL had to open up approximately 35 tables per second and the number of current open tables is greater than the table open cache system variable.
- Increasing table open cache on this system will reduce the performance bottleneck that this server is facing.
- Another factor to consider is how fast the value of the Opened tables status variable is increasing. If the value of Opened tables is increasing rapidly, the table open cache setting is too low; increasing it can improve performance of this server by reducing the rate that tables are open. If the value of Opened tables is not increasing rapidly, the table open cache setting should remain where it is and evaluated at a later time.

# **Practice 4-2 Overview: Table Caching**

In this practice, you execute a sampling of queries from your logs against the MySQL server to determine the best setting for the table open cache system variable. The practice covers the following topics:

- Executing the mysqlslap application to simulate 20 separate connections that execute a sampling of 200 queries against the employees database
- Modifying the table open cache system variable, simulating the environment, and then calculating the effectiveness of the table open cache setting



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### Quiz

The table\_open\_cache system variable can be temporarily extended when the cache is full and a new table needs to be opened.

- True a.
- False

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Answer: a

### **Managing Files**

- The open files limit system variable determines the maximum number of file descriptors the server can use.
  - When the MySQL server requires more than the allotted file descriptors allowed by this setting, the server displays an error stating that there are too many open files.
- Open files
  - This status variable displays the number of files that the MySQL server has currently open.
- Opened files
  - This status variable displays the number of files that have been opened.

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### **Managing Files**

### open files limit

When the MySQL server requests more file descriptors than the O/S can accommodate, the server writes a warning to the error log.

### Open files

Files currently open by the storage engines themselves (or other nonserver processes such as sockets or pipes) are not counted against this status variable.

### Opened files

The count is for files that were opened when the server issued a my open () command. Not all server functions that open files use this command.

### **Setting File Handles**

### Set the Linux O/S number of file handles:

- Verify that the O/S maximum number of file handles is set properly.
- A reasonable number is 256 for each 4 MB of RAM.
- Updating the Linux O/S.
  - View the current file-max limits.
  - Update the file-max limits.
  - Reload the changes.



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### **Setting File Handles**

- Before you set the number of file descriptors that MySQL can use, it is important for you to make sure that the O/S maximum number of file handles is set properly.
- If you have a 2 GB system, you need to set the number of file descriptors to 128,000 (2 GB/4 MB \* 256).
- Updating the Oracle Enterprise Linux O/S:
  - 1. View current file-max limits.

```
sysctl fs.file-max
```

Update file-max limits.

```
sysctl -w file-max=128000
```

3. Reload /etc/sysctl.conf without having to restart the server.

```
sysctl -p
```

# **Practice 4-3 Overview:** Setting open\_files\_limit

In this practice, you set the open files\_limit system variable based on the operating system settings. The practice covers the following topics:

- Reviewing the memory details for the hardware being used
- Reviewing the number of file descriptors that the O/S allows to be open concurrently
- Updating the open files limit system variable equal to the fs.file-max setting for the server on which MySQL is running



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### Quiz

Which system variable determines the maximum number of file descriptors that the server can use?

- a. open\_files\_limit
- b. Open\_files
- c. Opened\_files
- d. file-max

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Answer: a

# **Practice 4-4 Overview:** Setting max connections

In this practice, you review the response from the MySQL server when an attempt is made to open more connections than the setting of the max connections system variable. The practice covers the following topics:

- Viewing the current max connections system variable setting
- Executing a test against the MySQL server that produces connections greater than the max connections system variable setting
- Increasing the max connections system variable value and reattempting the test issued

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### Other Connection Status Variables

- Connections
  - This status variable displays the number of new connections established.
  - Connection pooling may be necessary if the value is too high.
- Max\_used connections
  - This status variable displays the maximum number of simultaneous connections.
  - If the value is equal (or close) to the max\_connections setting, max\_connections should be increased.
    - Possible sign of overload



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### **Other Connection Status Variables**

### Connections

- If the Connections number is excessively high, you should consider using connection pooling. Numerous open source database connections pools are available (http://javasource.net/open-source/connection-pools).
- Connection pooling can provide improvement in applications where the queries executed are few and simple. Little improvement is gained if there are numerous connections executing complex queries.

# **Practice 4-5 Overview: Evaluating the Effect of Numerous Connections**

In this practice, you study the effect that numerous connections have on the memory usage of the MySQL server by:

- Setting the max connections system variable to be able to handle 1,024 connections
- Executing 100,000 requests against the MySQL server by using a progressive number of connections
- Evaluating the amount of virtual (swapped and physical) and physical (nonswapped) memory used by each execution



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### Other Thread Status Variables

- Threads cached
  - This status variable displays the number of threads currently in the cache.
- Threads connected
  - This status variable displays the current number of connections.
- Threads running
  - This status variable displays the number of queries currently executing.
  - It provides a valuable picture of the load on your server.
  - View a running execution of the load on your server: mysqladmin -i1 extended | grep Threads running

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### Other Thread Status Variables

### Threads cached

Value can be obtained by using SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads cached'.

### Threads running

- This variable encompasses a large number of activities, such as queries waiting for IO, queries using locks, queries waiting to acquire a mutex, and so on.
- If there is no activity on the server, this is displayed as 1 (due to the SHOW STATUS statement being executed by the mysgladmin command).
  - Subtract 1 from the number to get the actual count.

### Setting thread cache size: Scenario

The machine that houses your MySQL server is running at 90% to 95% of CPU processing. Issuing the following statement gives you a picture of the potential problem:

What is your next step?

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### Setting thread cache size: Scenario

• There may be other status variables that you would want to look at such as Uptime, Uptime\_since\_flush\_status, and Max\_used\_connections. If those values are reasonable, increasing the value of the thread\_cache\_size setting to a larger number has the potential to improve performance.

### **Per-Session Thread Buffers**

- sort buffer size
  - Queries that use ORDER BY or GROUP BY options obtain a buffer size equivalent to this value.
- read rnd buffer size
  - Queries that use ORDER BY or GROUP BY options use this buffer to read the rows necessary to output.
- join buffer size
  - Queries that execute joins without using indexes set the minimum amount of memory assigned by this setting to the query execution.
- read buffer size
  - Queries that execute full table scans use the size of this buffer to cache the row data.

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### **Per-Session Thread Buffers**

sort buffer size

- The default is 2 MB and can be considered large for OLTP applications.
  - Change this system variable to 128 KB and increase as necessary.
- When a query exceeds the available memory assigned in this buffer, a disk-based sort (disk seek) is used.

read rnd buffer size

- The default is 256 KB and should be kept at this setting for most servers.
- Experiment with changing this system variable value only if you see a lot of rows being sorted.

join buffer size

- The default is 128 KB. Any increase in the size of this buffer can cause negative system performance.
  - Queries that use this setting uses the entire buffer size even if they do not require it.

### read buffer size

- The default is 128 KB and should be set in increments of 4 KB.
- When queries perform writes, either through a SELECT INTO ... OUTFILE query or when merged results (when filesort is used) are written to a temporary file, this setting is used for buffering the output.
- There is no fixed formula for setting this variable. But with all variables, benchmarking different values is essential to obtaining the best value that should be used.

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# Per-Session Thread Buffers tmp\_table\_size Determines the size of internal memory tables that can be stored Associated status variables: Created\_tmp\_disk\_tables Created\_tmp\_tables Max\_heap\_table\_size thread\_stack Determines the size of the stack assigned to each thread

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### **Per-Session Thread Buffers (continued)**

tmp\_table\_size

- When the MySQL server creates temporary tables to handle a query execution, the size of the internal memory tables that can be stored is determined by this setting.
- If the in-memory temporary table exceeds the available memory assigned by this buffer, an on-disk MyISAM table is created.
  - Excludes those tables that you create with CREATE TABLE ... ENGINE=MEMORY.
- When setting the value of this variable, the following status variables can be of assistance:
  - Created\_tmp\_disk\_tables displays the number of on-disk temporary tables that were created to handle query executions.
  - Created\_tmp\_tables displays the total number of temporary tables that were created to handle query executions.

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**Note:** You can compare the number of internal on-disk temporary tables created to the total number of internal temporary tables created by comparing the values of the Created\_tmp\_disk\_tables and Created\_tmp\_tables variables. You should consider that each invocation of the SHOW STATUS statement uses an internal temporary table and increments the global Created tmp\_tables value.

### thread stack

- The default is dependent on the O/S and the number of bits supported. Reducing the size of this system variable can have the following effects:
  - The complexity of SQL statements that the server can handle is limited (could result in a thread stack overrun error).
  - Recursion depth of stored procedures along with other memory-consuming actions is also limited.

When the MySQL server creates temporary tables to handle query execution, the size of the internal memory tables that can be stored is determined by which server setting?

- a. join\_buffer\_size
- b. read buffer
- c. thread stack
- d. tmp\_table\_size

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Answer: d

# **Total Thread Memory Usage** Total thread memory usage formula:

- - max connections multiplied by per-thread buffers
  - Per-thread buffers:
    - sort buffer size
    - read rnd buffer size
    - join buffer size
    - read buffer size
    - thread stack
    - tmp table size or max heap table size (smaller of the two)
- Global setting for these variables should be set low.
  - Increase these settings per session based on the needs of the client and the queries that are executed.

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### **Total Thread Memory Usage**

- The following formula determines the maximum estimate for thread memory usage:
  - max connections X (sort buffer size + read rnd buffer size + join buffer size + read buffer size + thread stack + (tmp table size or max heap table size))
- Not all these buffers are used at the same time. As a result, realistic thread memory use can be calculated as maximum thread memory usage divided by 4 (or 25% of the total):
  - max connections X (sort buffer size + read rnd buffer size + join buffer size + read buffer size + thread stack + (tmp table size or max heap table size))/4
- These formulas need to be adjusted based on observing your server's usage and must also take into account BLOBs, memory tables, closing of prepared statements, and other issues that have an effect on total memory usage.
  - Section 7.11.5.1 of the MySQL 5.5 manual discusses in greater detail how MySQL uses memory (http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/memory-use.html).
- Due to the potential for each thread to use a large portion of memory, the global settings for these variables should be low.

## **Total Thread Memory Usage: Scenario**

On a server with 4 GB of memory, what is the potential problem with the following settings?

```
join_buffer_size = 128M
read_rnd_buffer_size = 256K
read_buffer_size = 128M
sort_buffer_size = 128M
thread_stack = 192K
max_connections = 151
max_heap_table_size = 16M
tmp_table_size = 16M
```

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### **Total Thread Memory Usage: Scenario**

- Using the realistic total thread memory usage formula could result in the following:
  - 151 x (128 MB + 256 KB + 128 MB + 128 MB + 192 KB + 16 MB) / 4 would result in a possible estimated memory consumption of 15.11 GB.
- When setting these system variables, use low values for global settings and larger values for local settings when necessary.
  - These system variables can be set per-session for queries that benefit from large values.

# Practice 4-6 Overview: Total Thread Memory Usage

In this practice, you calculate the total thread memory usage for the MySQL server by:

- Recording settings located in the /etc/my.cnf file
- Recording system variables from the mysql client
- Calculating the total thread memory usage by using the values collected



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Answer: c

### **Optimal Sorting of Data**

- Sort merge passes
  - This status variable displays the number of passes that were made during file merge sort.
    - If this number is large, consider increasing sort\_buffer\_size.
- Sort range
  - This status variable displays the number of sorts that were completed using ranges.

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### **Optimal Sorting of Data**

### Sort merge passes

- Verify that a file sort needs to be done at all.
  - Scenario: Using the employees table from the employees database, which SELECT statement would perform a file sort and which would not?

```
SELECT * FROM employees ORDER BY emp_no DESC LIMIT 1;
SELECT * FROM employees ORDER BY last_name DESC LIMIT
1;
```

### Sort range

Example:

```
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE emp_no > 1000 AND emp_no
< 20000 ORDER BY last_name DESC LIMIT 1;</pre>
```

# **Optimal Sorting of Data**

- Sort rows
  - This status variable displays the actual number of rows that were sorted
    - Value provides a clue about how many complex sorts are being executed.
- Sort scan
  - This status variable displays the number of sorts executed by scanning the full table.
    - Typical for sorts that are not using an indexed field

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## **Practice 4-7 Overview: Sort Queries**

In this practice, you determine the most effective setting for the sort buffer size system variable based on a sample of data collected. The practice covers the following:

- Setting the sort buffer size system variable by using settings ranging from 32k to 32m
- Executing a sample collection of SQL data using 20 connections against the MySQL server
- Evaluating the average time that the connections to the server take to complete, as well as the number of sort merge passes that the server must perform along with the amount of virtual (swapped and physical) and physical (nonswapped) memory used by each execution

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Answer: c

### **Network Problems**

- Aborted clients
  - This status variable displays the number of connections that were terminated because the client died without closing the connection.
- Aborted connects
  - This status variable displays the number of failed attempts to connect to your server.
- Bytes\_received
  - This status variable displays the number of bytes received from all clients.
- Bytes sent
  - This status variable displays the number of bytes sent to all clients.



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### **Network Problems**

### Aborted clients

- A large number here could be a sign of a network problem.
  - Verify that the max\_allowed\_packet setting is a reasonable size for the data types in your database.
  - Increasing wait timeout can also help minimize this problem.

### Aborted connects

- This value should be zero.
  - Could be a sign of a network problem
  - Attacks on the server (bad password, port scans, and so on)
  - Coding issues, especially with PHP and the change in the default for the default socket timeout setting

### Bytes received and Bytes sent

- Number of bytes sent to all clients; number of bytes received from all clients
- Can the network handle the amount of traffic?
- Are the numbers expected?

Which status variable displays the number of failed attempts to connect to your server?

- a. Aborted\_clients
- b. Aborted\_connects
- c. Bytes\_received
- d. Bytes\_sent

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Answer: b

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### **Binary Logs Performance**

- binlog cache size
  - This system variable defines the size of the cache to hold the SQL statements for the binary log during a transaction.
- Binlog cache use
  - This status variable displays the number of transactions that used the binary log cache.
- Binlog cache disk use
  - This status variable displays the number of transactions that used the temporary binary log cache but exceeded the binlog cache size memory.

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### **Binary Logs Performance**

### binlog cache size

- If your server supports transactions and the binary log is enabled, each client that connects has a binary log cache allocated.
- Increasing the size of the binary log cache can improve performance on systems that often execute large, multistatement transactions.

### Binlog cache use

Identifies the number of transactions that were able to fit in the binlog cache size memory

### Binlog cache disk use

- Excess statements that cannot be held in memory have to be stored on disk in a temporary file.
- Increasing the size of the binlog cache size setting minimizes the need to write and read from disk, which can improve performance.
- If the formula Binlog cache disk use/Binlog cache use results in a large number, you should increase the size of binlog cache size to improve performance.

Increasing the size of the binlog cache disk use server setting minimizes the need to write and read from disk, which can improve performance.

- True a.
- False b.

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Answer: b

### **All Statements**

- Com \*
  - Numerous status variables that display the number of times each statement (DELETE, INSERT, etc.) has been executed
- Oueries
  - This status variable displays the number of statements executed by the server from clients.
    - Includes those executed within stored programs
- **Ouestions** 
  - This status variable displays the number of statements executed by the server from clients.
- Slow queries
  - This status variable displays the number of gueries that took longer than the time allotted in the long query time setting.

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### **All Statements**

### Com \*

- Provides valuable information on the types of queries being executed on your server
- There is one status variable for each type of statement that can be executed.
- Are all the statements being executed expected?
  - Example: Should there be a value in the Com rollback variable?

### Queries

Counts queries that were submitted to the server from the client, regardless of whether the server could execute them or not

### Ouestions

- Does not count statements executed within stored programs
- Similar to Queries status variable: Counts all statements submitted from the client, including malformed queries
- Provides a rough load indicator or stable load mix

### Slow\_queries

- These queries are considered to be slow and are logged in the slow query log if it is enabled.
  - You should enable the slow query log it is not enabled.
- Monitor this setting to determine if the queries executed against your server are optimally tuned.

Which status variable displays the number of statements executed by the server from clients, including those executed within stored programs?

- a. Com rollback
- b. Queries
- c. Questions
- d. Slow queries

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Answer: b

### **SELECT Statements**

- Select full join
  - This status variable displays the number of joins that did not use indexes.
- Select full range join
  - This status variable displays the number of joins that used a range search on a referenced table.
- Select range
  - This status variable displays the number of joins that used ranges on the first table.

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### **SELECT Statements**

Select full join

- For optimal server performance, this value should be 0.
- Locate and correct join SQL statements that do not use indexes.

Select full range join

- These are rare. But if they appear, they may have a negative effect on performance.
- Locate and determine if they can be optimized to improve performance.

### Select range

If this status variable is a large number, research the cause and optimize.

### Select range check

- These gueries take a lot of overhead.
- Optimize these queries to improve performance.

### **SELECT Statements**

- Select range check
  - This status variable displays the number of joins with keys that check for key usage after each row.
- Select scan
  - This status variable displays the number of joins that performed a full table scan on the first table.

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### **SELECT Statements**

### Select scan

- If this status variable is a large number, research the cause and optimize.
- Setting log queries not using index and setting long query time to 600 will write the majority of gueries performing full table scans to the slow guery log. This can be an excellent tool to locate queries that perform full table scans.

Which status variable displays the number of joins that used a range search on a table referenced?

- a. Select\_full\_join
- b. Select\_full\_range\_join
- c. Select range
- d. Select\_range\_check

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Answer: b

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### **Table Locks Performance**

- Table locks immediate
  - Displays the number of times that a table lock was granted immediately
- Table locks waited
  - Displays the number of times that a table lock was not granted immediately
  - Possible solutions:
    - Convert to InnoDB tables.
    - Partition tables.
    - Optimize the queries.
    - Use concurrent inserts.
    - Fix lock settings.



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### **Table Locks Performance**

Table locks immediate

- Any delays in obtaining table locks will negatively affect performance.
- For InnoDB tables, waits are rare.

### Table locks waited

- Any delay in obtaining a lock is a performance issue.
  - There is no specific information about how long the wait takes.
- A large value for this status variable points to a serious performance bottleneck.

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For InnoDB tables, table lock waits are rare.

- True a.
- b. False

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Answer: a

## **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Describe the advantages and limitations of the MySQL server architecture that directly affect performance
- Use server settings and status variables to evaluate and alter the performance of the MySQL server

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# **MySQL Query Cache**



### **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

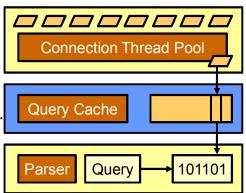
- Describe the advantages and limitations of the MySQL query cache in relation to server performance
- Edit the query cache server settings
- Explain the query cache status variables
- Improve query cache results

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### MySQL Query Cache

- Caches the full result set produced from a SELECT query:
  - Queries executed must be identical
  - Cache is stored in system memory.
  - Cache is checked before the query is parsed.



- Associated table updates invalidate query cache results.
- Prepared statements can be cached, but limitations exist.
- Some statements that do not use the guery cache:
  - Queries that use nondeterministic functions
  - Queries that are a subquery of an outer query
  - Queries that are executed within the body of a stored function, trigger, or event

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### MySQL Query Cache

### **Disabling Query Cache**

The guery cache should be disabled in a server with many fast gueries and many CPU cores. The guery cache runs in a single thread and can severely limit throughput in a server.

# MySQL Query Cache Settings

- query cache type
  - Sets the type of query caching
    - 0 or OFF: Turns off the query cache
    - 1 or ON: Caches all cacheable queries
    - 2 or DEMAND: Caches only SELECT SQL CACHE queries
  - To completely turn off, use --query-cache-type=0.
- query\_cache\_size
  - Sets the amount of memory allocated for caching query results
- · query cache limit
  - Sets the maximum result set size that can be cached

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### **MySQL Query Cache Settings**

query\_cache\_type

- Three individual options can be set:
  - 0 or OFF: This stops the query cache by not caching query results or retrieving results from the query cache.

**Note:** This option does not deallocate the query cache buffer but does prevent the fast taking and releasing of the query cache mutex.

- 1 or on: Caches all cacheable query results except for those that begin with SELECT SQL\_NO\_CACHE ...

This is the default option for backward compatibility.

- 2 or DEMAND: Caches results only for cacheable queries that begin with SELECT SQL\_CACHE . . .
- Starting MySQL server with --query-cache-type=0 does not acquire the query cache mutex, which reduces the overhead during query execution.
  - Up to 13% improvement is possible.

### query\_cache size

- Amount of memory allocated for caching query results:
  - The default value is 0, which disables the query cache.
  - Setting this value too low (anything under approximately 40 KB) results in a warning being issued.
  - Setting this value too large can result in all queries blocked while invalidating results from changed tables.
  - All values should be entered as multiples of 1024. Any other values are rounded down to the nearest multiple.
  - On most production servers, 8 MB is fine. But 128 MB to 200 MB can also be acceptable if there is ample evidence to support using such a large value.

### query cache limit

- Maximum result set size to cache. The default is 1 MB.
- Keeping this at a reasonable number (1 MB to 2 MB) avoids erasing the entire query cache due to a large query being stored.
  - Actual size depends on application needs and SELECT result set sizes.

## When Not to Use the MySQL Query Cache

- When the database manages numerous fast gueries and the server running the database uses multiple CPU cores
- When your database has multiple writes, updates, or deletes to tables taking place
  - Every time a table is modified, the queries and results associated with those tables in the guery cache are discarded.
- In situations where there are numerous different SELECT queries being executed and stored in the query cache
- In situations where you lock tables to prevent users from seeing any table data

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### When Not to Use the MySQL Query Cache

- Numerous fast queries and multiple CPU cores
  - Most servers running MySQL use multiple CPU cores. Using the MySQL query cache in these servers would severely degrade performance.
- Multiple writes, updates, or deletes
  - The overhead associated with the guery cache will degrade performance.
- Numerous different SELECT queries
  - Every result set needs to be indexed in the query cache. If more complete result sets are being stored in the guery cache, performance gains will be smaller.
- Locked tables
  - The guery cache is checked before the guery is parsed, which can result in a previous result set being outputted before the server ever checks to see if the table is locked.
  - When the query cache wlock invalidate system variable is turned on, the query cache is invalidated if any object that it uses has a write lock executed against it.

# When to Use the MySQL Query Cache

- When the database must repeatedly run the same queries against the same data set
  - Saves the MySQL server from having to retrieve the same data set over and over again
- When the result set is relatively small and manageable by the query cache
  - Having large result sets in the query cache can have a negative effect on performance.
- Typical uses of query cache in production:
  - Reading intensive web applications.
    - Blogs, eCommerce applications, advertising applications, and so on

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Which of the following is *not* a scenario in which you should use the MySQL query cache?

- In web applications that primarily are read-intensive (blogs, advertising applications, and so on)
- b. When your database has multiple writes, updates, or deletes to tables taking place
- c. When the database must repeatedly run the same queries against the same data set
- d. When the result set is relatively small and manageable by the query cache

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Answer: b

### MySQL Query Cache Status Variables

- Qcache hits
  - Displays the number of times that results were delivered from the query cache
- Qcache inserts
  - Displays the number of times that results were stored to the query cache
    - If the number of query cache hits is low and the number of query cache inserts is high, you should disable the query cache.
- Qcache lowmem prunes
  - Displays the number of stored result sets that were deleted from the query cache due to low memory
    - If this number is high, you can increase the query cache size.

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### MySQL Query Cache Status Variables

- Qcache free blocks
  - Displays the number of free contiguous blocks of memory in the query cache
- Qcache free memory
  - Displays the amount of free memory for the guery cache
    - If free memory is small (in relation to the guery cache size), you should increase the query cache size.
- Qcache not cached
  - Displays the number of SELECT queries that did not have their result sets stored in the guery cache.

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### MySQL Query Cache Status Variables

Qcache free blocks

The allocation time for new queries is proportional to the value that is entered in this system variable.

Qcache not cached

These queries could have been left out of the query cache because they were not cacheable or based on the setting of the query cache type setting.

### MySQL Query Cache Status Variables

- Qcache queries in cache
  - Displays the number of query result sets that are currently stored in the cache
- Com select
  - Displays the number of SELECT statements executed by the MySQL server
    - This does not include queries that were served from the query cache.
  - Compare the Com\_select and Qcache\_hits status variables.

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### **MySQL Query Cache Status Variables (continued)**

Com select

- Comparing Com\_select and Qcache\_hits indicates the efficiency of the query cache on your server.
- Add the Com\_select and Qcache\_hits status values together to obtain the number of SELECT statements executed against the server.

# **Practice 5-1 Overview: Query Cache**

In this practice, you determine the most effective setting for query cache size server variable based on a sample of data collected. The practice covers the following topics:

- Setting the query cache size system variable by using settings ranging from 0 to 16m
- Executing a sample collection of SQL data by using 10 connections against the MySQL server
- Evaluating the average time that the connections to the server take to complete along with the amount of virtual (swapped and physical) and physical (nonswapped) memory used by each execution
- Calculating the query cache utilization rate for each setting

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Comparing Com\_select and Qcache\_inserts indicates the efficiency of the query cache on your server.

- True a.
- False b.

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Answer: b

### **Improve Query Cache Results**

- Standardize the queries that are executed against the server.
  - If possible, remove anything that prevents the query cache from being able to store the result set.
- Minimize the number and frequency of updates to the data.
  - Batch updates together to minimize the query cache result sets from being invalidated on a frequent basis.

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Batch updates together to minimize the query cache result sets from being invalidated on a frequent basis.

- a. True
- b. False

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Answer: a

### **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Describe the advantages and limitations of the MySQL query cache in relation to server performance
- Edit the query cache server settings
- Explain the query cache status variables
- Improve query cache results

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### **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the best uses for the InnoDB storage engine
- Describe the InnoDB log files and buffers
- Design tables to take advantage of using the InnoDB storage engine
- Explain the SHOW ENGINE INNODE STATUS output
- Set up the InnoDB monitor
- Edit the InnoDB server settings

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### **InnoDB Storage Engine**

- Default storage engine
- Supports full ACID compliance
- Supports COMMIT, SAVEPOINT, and ROLLBACK



- Enforces referential integrity through foreign key constraints
- Provides auto-recovery after crash
- Supports multiversioning (MVCC) and row-level locking
- Clustered by primary key (implicit if not defined)

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### **InnoDB Storage Engine**

### Default storage engine

- Reliability
- Concurrency
- Good performance on modern systems

### **ACID**

- · Atomic, consistent, isolated, and durable
- InnoDB supports a wide range of isolation modes from READ-UNCOMMITTED to SERIALIZABLE.

### **MVCC**

- True multiversion concurrency control (MVCC) enables records and tables to be updated without the overhead associated with row-level locking mechanisms.
- The MVCC implementation in InnoDB virtually eliminates the need to lock tables or rows during the update process.

### **InnoDB Storage Engine: Uses**

- Critical data applications
- Creating transactional applications
- Creating heavy concurrency applications
- Minimizing down time after server crash
- Increasing speed of access using the primary key
  - Improves memory performance
  - Primary key joins are fast.
- Storing binary large objects (BLOBs) in the same table as primary data

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### InnoDB Storage Engine: Uses

### Transactional applications

- Applications that have lots of small writes
- Applications with related changes across multiple tables

### Primary key

- Additional indexes reference the row by means of the primary index.
- Keeping the primary key short improves performance.
- Primary key lookups are more efficient than secondary key lookups.
- Joins on primary keys provide the best performance.

### **BLOBs**

- InnoDB ignores BLOBs if they are not referenced in the SELECT statement.
- BLOBs can be kept in same table with little (or no) performance degradation.
  - COMPACT row format is best.
- BLOBs are allocated to new space on update.

### Using the InnoDB Storage Engine

- Depending on the workload, transaction overhead can affect performance.
- InnoDB is suited for systems with larger disk space and higher memory.
- Key compression is not supported.
- Accurate row counts require additional work.
- Accurate InnoDB statistics require additional work.
  - Increase the size of the innodb\_stats\_sample\_pages server variable to improve statistics.



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### **Using the InnoDB Storage Engine**

### Transaction overhead

 The advantage of transactional storage engines outweighs any minor performance degradation for most applications.

### InnoDB systems

More memory is necessary to perform updates.

### Compressed InnoDB indexes

• InnoDB indexes are compressed only when the ROW\_FORMAT option is set to COMPRESSED.

### Counts without WHERE

- Counts with WHERE clauses produce better performance.
  - SELECT COUNT (indexed\_column) produces better results than a nonindexed column.
- InnoDB performs a table/index scan to produce the result. This is instant for MyISAM tables.

- Other means to obtain row count can be inaccurate:
  - SHOW TABLE STATUS LIKE 'table' produces an approximate number of rows.
- InnoDB uses estimation for each query execution:
  - Uses random BTREE dives
- Creating a counter table can improve performance. The disadvantage is the need to keep the table up to date.

### InnoDB statistics

- Cardinality values are produced by using a BTREE dive.
- Statistics are produced the first time a table is opened after server startup.
  - This causes a slight delay the first time the table is opened.
- Performing ANALYZE TABLE produces more accurate results over time.

**Note:** For more information about controlling the optimizer's statistical estimations, see http://dev.mysql.com/doc/innodb-plugin/1.1/en/innodb-other-changes-statisticsestimation.html.

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Which of the following is not a good use for the InnoDB storage engine?

- Applications that require bulk data loads
- Storing BLOBs in the same table as primary data b.
- Creating transactional applications
- Creating heavy concurrency applications d.

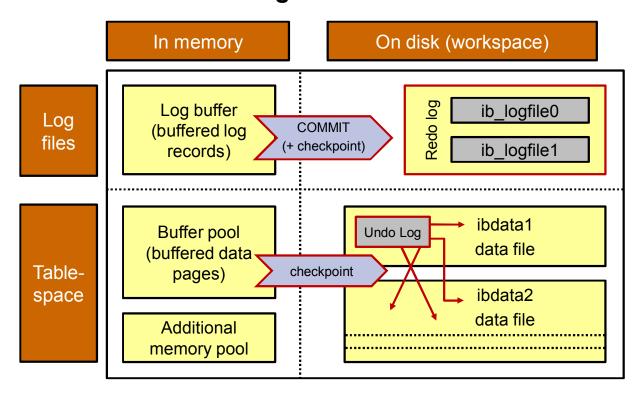
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Answer: a

### InnoDB Log Files and Buffers



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### InnoDB Log Files and Buffers

### InnoDB Log

- As a client performs a transaction, the changes that it makes are held in the InnoDB log.
  - The more recent log contents are cached in memory.
  - The cached log information is written and flushed to log files on disk at transaction commit time.
    - This can also occur earlier, depending on the length of the transaction.
- If a crash occurs while the tables are being modified, the log files are used for autorecovery.
  - When the MySQL server restarts, the changes recorded in the logs are reapplied.
    - This ensures that the tables reflect all committed transactions.

As a client performs a transaction, the changes that it makes are held in which log?

- a. Checkpoint log
- b. InnoDB log
- c. Slow query log
- d. Transaction log

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Answer: b

### **Practice 6-1 Overview: Commit Transactions**

In this practice, you evaluate the effect of the frequency of commits on performance by:

- Evaluating a MySQL stored procedure called innodb inserts
- Using the many tables database to execute multiple instances of the innodb\_inserts MySQL stored procedure



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### InnoDB Table Design

- Use a short, integer primary key.
  - Primary key is used with all indexes created.
    - A copy of the primary key is stored in each index.
  - INT keys are more efficient than VARCHAR/CHAR keys.
- Create an artificial primary key.
  - Add PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT column and change current PRIMARY KEY to UNIQUE.
- Look for ways to create and use covering indexes.
- If you use composite indexes or composite primary keys, the order of the columns can affect performance.
- Consider using BLOBs for long rows.
  - The BLOB column is only read if it is part of the SELECT statement; otherwise, the column is ignored.

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### InnoDB Table Design

### InnoDB primary key

- Choose primary key columns that are stable and never change, because changing a primary key value is an expensive operation.
- If the primary key column is a long string, use a prefix index so that the keys include only enough text to distinguish and sort the values.
- Use secondary indexes for important queries that do not reference the primary key.
  - Create a secondary index on the most "selective" columns for important queries.
- InnoDB creates a clustered key internally if no primary key exists in your table. It is more
  efficient for you to create a primary key and use it rather than have InnoDB create an
  internal key.

### **UNIQUE** indexes

- If a column really is unique, declaring a unique index has advantages over a nonunique one.
  - Example: SELECT COUNT(\*) is faster for that table.

### **Covering indexes**

If the SELECT list and WHERE clauses reference only the columns from <secondary index + primary key columns>, the query can get all the data from the secondary index and does not need to look up and read the full row using the primary key.

### Composite index and composite primary key

These types of indexes are multicolumn indexes that can be used for queries involving different combinations of columns.

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Which of the following is a true statement about InnoDB table primary keys?

- Choose primary key columns that are stable and never change, because changing a primary key value is an expensive operation.
- b. Create secondary indexes on every column so that the primary key does not need to be used.
- c. It is more efficient to have InnoDB create an internal key than for you to create a primary key.
- Primary keys should not be prefixed, regardless of the length of the string.

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Answer: a

### SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS

### **Transactions**

- Displays active and pending transactions:
  - MySQL thread ID, IP address, MySQL username, and the task that MySQL is performing
- Buffer pool and memory
  - Displays buffer pool activity and memory usage:
    - Total memory allocated by InnoDB, amount of memory allocated in additional pool memory, total number of pages in buffer pool, number of pages free, pages allocated by database pages, and dirty pages
- Row operations
  - Displays current and historical query activity against the MySQL server

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### SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS

### **Transactions**

- Purge done for trx's n:0 displays the number of purged transactions.
  - Uncommitted transactions may become stale and block the purge process.
- undo n:0 displays the undo log record number for the purge that is currently processing.
- History list length displays the number of transactions that have not been purged from undo space.
- Status of connection:
  - not started: No active InnoDB transaction is taking place with this connection.
  - ACTIVE: An active InnoDB transaction is taking place with this connection.
  - sleep: The transaction is delayed until a free slot is available in the InnoDB queue.
    - Adjusting the innodb thread sleep delay setting may be necessary.
- Status of transaction can include "fetching rows," "updating," and other self-explanatory identifiers.
  - If transactions are waiting on locks, there is a possible deadlock situation.

### **Buffer pool and memory**

- Provide valuable insight into how well your buffer pool is sized:
  - If there are numerous pages free, you may need to reduce your buffer pool size (innodb buffer pool size).
- Buffer pool hit rate is system and workload dependent:
  - 1000/1000 identifies a 100% hit rate.
  - Slightly lower hit rate values may be acceptable.

### **Row operations**

- InnoDB thread queue status:
  - Displays the number of threads that are inside InnoDB and active
  - Displays the number of threads that are currently waiting in the InnoDB queue
- Read views open inside InnoDB displays the number of transactions that were started but are not currently active.
- The state of the main InnoDB thread:
  - Controls the scheduling of a number of system operations
  - The values are self-explanatory.
- Number of rows operations affected by INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, and SELECT statements on InnoDB tables.
  - These values are counted from system startup.
  - Also displayed is the average number of row operations for each transaction.

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**Note:** SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS can be misleading at times because the values displayed are collected at different times. The overhead required to obtain a global lock to provide consistent information throughout the report would itself produce a performance drag on the system. Comparing the results over a period of time provides more accurate and useful information to help you improve system performance.

### Other SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS Sections

- Semaphores
- Latest detected deadlock
- Latest foreign key error
- File I/O
- Insert buffer, change buffer, and adaptive hash index
- Log



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### Other SHOW ENGINE INNODE STATUS Sections

### **Semaphores**

- Displays the various locks used inside InnoDB
- Values that are high indicate a busy server with frequent contention inside InnoDB.
- If your server has been running longer, the values become higher because the values are cumulative.

### Latest detected deadlock

- Displays the last transactions that caused deadlocks
- Includes the state of the transaction during deadlock, the locks they were holding and what they were waiting for, and which transactions were rolled back to resolve the deadlock
- For complex deadlock issues, it is better to investigate the log files.

### Latest foreign key error

- Displays the last transactions that caused a foreign key error
- Includes the definition of the foreign key that failed, along with what InnoDB considers the closest match in the parent table

### InnoDB Support in INFORMATION SCHEMA

- INNODB CMP and INNODB CMP RESET
  - Contains status information about the operations related to compressed tables
- INNODB CMPMEM and INNODB CMPMEM RESET
  - Contains status information about the compressed pages that reside in the buffer pool
- INNODB TRX
  - Contains information about every transaction currently executing inside InnoDB
- INNODB LOCKS and INNODB LOCK WAITS
  - Contains information about the locks that the InnoDB storage engine is currently holding

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### InnoDB Support in INFORMATION SCHEMA

### INNODE CMP and INNODE CMP RESET

These two tables have identical contents, but reading from the INNODE CMP RESET table resets the statistics on compression and uncompression operations.

### INNODE CMPMEM and INNODE CMPMEM RESET

These two tables have identical contents, but reading from the INNODB\_CMPMEM\_RESET table resets the statistics on relocation operations.

### INNODB TRX

Includes whether the transaction is waiting for a lock, when the transaction started, and which SQL statement the transaction is executing

### INNODB LOCKS

- Contains one row for each lock that is blocking another transaction
- Includes the state of the transaction that holds the lock (RUNNING, LOCK WAIT, ROLLING BACK, or COMMITTING)

### INNODB LOCKS WAITS

This table contains one or more rows for each blocked transaction, indicating the lock that it has requested and any locks that are blocking that request.

### **Practice 6-2 Overview:** SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS

In this practice, you evaluate the output of the SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS command by:

- Using the many tables database to create a large table that is used with this practice
- Executing the mysqlslap application running multiple iterations of the innodb query.sql script by using multiple concurrent connections
- Executing and answering questions related to the SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS output



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Which section of the SHOW ENGINE INNODE STATUS report displays the state of the main InnoDB thread?

- Buffer pool and memory
- File I/O b.
- Log
- Row operations

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Answer: d

### InnoDB Monitors Types: Standard InnoDB monitor

- Create a table called innodb monitor.
- Standard InnoDB monitor with additional lock information
  - Create a table called innodb\_lock\_monitor.
- Standard InnoDB monitor with additional tablespace information
  - Create a table called innodb tablespace monitor.
- Standard InnoDB monitor with additional internal data dictionary information
  - Create a table called innodb table monitor.
- Contents of created table are ignored.
  - CREATE TABLE innodb\_monitor (a INT)
     ENGINE=INNODB;

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### **InnoDB Monitors**

### **Documentation**

• For a complete discussion about InnoDB monitors, refer to the MySQL documentation at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/innodb-monitors.html.

### PERFORMANCE SCHEMA

- In addition, the PERFORMANCE\_SCHEMA database provides valuable information to monitor the InnoDB tables.
- More information can be found at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/performance-schema.html.

### **Practice 6-3 Overview: InnoDB Monitors**

In this practice, you evaluate the output of the available InnoDB monitors by:

- Making a backup copy of the mysql error log, deleting the error log, and restarting the server
- Creating a table that is the trigger to output the InnoDB data dictionary information about the tablespace to the mysql error log
- Making a backup copy of the mysql error log, deleting the error log, and restarting the server
- Creating a table that is the trigger to output the contents of the InnoDB internal data dictionary
- Executing and answering questions related to the table output



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Which of the following tables produces a report consisting of a standard InnoDB status report with additional internal data dictionary information?

- a. innodb\_monitor
- b. innodb lock monitor
- c. innodb table monitor
- d. innodb tablespace monitor

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Answer: c

- innodb\_buffer\_pool\_size sets the size (in bytes) of the memory buffer that InnoDB uses to cache data and indexes of its tables.
  - Start with 60% to 80% of memory on InnoDB-only systems.
  - This is especially important for write-intensive workloads.
- innodb\_log\_file\_size sets the size (in bytes) of each log file in a log group.
  - Should be set as large as possible
- innodb\_log\_files\_in\_group sets the number of log files in the log group.
  - The default is 2 and should remain unchanged.

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### **InnoDB Settings**

innodb\_buffer\_pool\_size server variable

- Default is 128 MB.
- Unlike MyISAM, which caches only indexes, InnoDB caches both data and indexes. innodb\_log\_file\_size server variable
  - Preferred size is 2 GB so that adaptive flushing can work well.
    - For small buffer pools, try 50% of buffer pool size to start.
  - Combined size of log files must be less than 4 GB.
    - This value is a product of innodb\_log\_file\_size and innodb\_log\_files\_in\_group.
  - The larger the value, the less checkpoint flush activity is needed in the buffer pool, thereby saving disk I/O.
  - Use a command such as mtime to evaluate how frequently the log file changes.
    - This provides an indication of how effective the setting is.
  - The setting should be big enough so that it can hold at least an hour of logs.

### innodb\_log\_files\_in\_group server variable

InnoDB writes to the files in a circular fashion.

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### InnoDB Settings

- innodb additional mem pool size sets the size (in bytes) of a memory pool that InnoDB uses to store data dictionary information and other internal data structures.
- innodb autoextend increment sets the increment size (in MB) for extending the size of an auto-extending shared tablespace file when it becomes full.
  - Set to 1% to 5% of your file system disk space.
- innodb\_file\_per\_table defines whether InnoDB tables are created in per-table tablespaces.
  - Is set to OFF (disabled) by default

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### InnoDB Settings (continued)

innodb additional mem pool size server variable

- Increased automatically and not worth setting
  - Estimated from InnoDB status to equal: Total memory allocated – buffer pool size \* 16 \* 1024
- It is recommended that you set the use sys malloc server variable to 1 to ignore this setting.

### innodb autoextend increment server variable

- Default is 8 MB (not used for innodb file per table tablespaces).
- Larger size helps the operating system allocate disk space in a nonfragmented way.

### innodb file per table server variable

- If this server variable is enabled, InnoDB creates each new table by using its own .ibd file for storing data and indexes, rather than the shared tablespace.
- For solid state drive (SSD) systems, store system tablespace on normal disk and store
  per-table tablespaces on SSD. This prevents the buffer and undo logs from wasting
  SSD write capacity with sequential writing.
- The advantages of turning this setting on include:
  - Support for compression and compact row features
  - Concurrent writes with innodb\_flush\_method = O\_DIRECT even on ext\* file systems
  - Ability to regain space per tablespace
  - Ability to monitor table size and date of last modification on the file-system level
- The disadvantage of turning this setting on is increased file-system fragmentation.
  - Defragmenting can sometimes help.
  - This applies to Linux file systems as well.
  - Copy the file somewhere else and then copy it back.

- innodb flush log at trx commit defines how often the log buffer is written out to the log file and when the flush to disk operation takes place.
  - o sets the tasks to perform once per second (fastest).
  - 1 sets the tasks to perform at transaction commit (slowest).
  - 2 sets the log buffer to be written out to disk once per second, but the flush to disk task is not performed (fast).
- innodb\_log\_buffer size sets the size (in bytes) of the buffer that InnoDB uses to write to the log files on disk.
  - Set sync binlog to 0 to allow concurrent transaction commits.
  - Set to a higher value if you are performing large transactions.

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### InnoDB Settings (continued)

innodb flush log at trx commit server variable

- 1 is the default and required for InnoDB to be considered ACID compliant.
  - InnoDB's crash recovery works regardless of the setting.
- Setting this variable to 0 or 2 can improve performance, but at the cost of losing approximately one second of transactions in a crash.
  - Any mysqld process crash can erase approximately one second of transactions when this variable is set to 0.
  - Only an operating crash or power outage can erase approximately one second of transactions when this variable is set to 2.
- For more details about this server variable setting, see the MySQL documentation at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/innodbparameters.html#sysvar innodb flush log at trx commit.

- innodb flush method defines the process to use to flush both the data and log files.
  - fdatasync uses fsync() and is the default setting.
    - On Windows systems, the only available option is async unbuffered.
  - O DSYNC uses O SYNC to open and flush the log files and fsync() to flush the data files (usually slow).
  - O DIRECT uses O DIRECT to open and flush the log files and fsync() to flush the data files.
  - Linux



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### **InnoDB Settings (continued)**

### innodb flush method server variable

- There have been problems with using O DSYNC on many varieties of Unix systems.
- O DIRECT is available on some GNU/Linux versions, FreeBSD, and Oracle Solaris.
  - directio() is used on Oracle Solaris systems.
- Test all the options.
  - Do not assume that O DIRECT is always best.

- innodb thread concurrency defines the number of operating system threads that can run concurrently in InnoDB:
  - 0 is interpreted as infinite concurrency (no concurrency checking).
  - If a limit is used, set innodb concurrency tickets initially to 5000 and adjust so that 99% of gueries run with one allocation.

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### InnoDB Settings (continued)

innodb thread concurrency server variable

- Default is 0.
- Range is 0 to 1000.
  - o is best for low-load servers and high-load servers if the connection pool limits concurrent threads to the range of 16 to 32 (it is in this range where performance is fastest).
- Set a limit for this status variable if long-running queries show up and there is a big increase in connections.
- This server variable can be changed while the server is running.
  - Change the server variable setting, wait a minute, and then check the connection count. Repeat this process to find the best setting.

innodb concurrency tickets

If a limit is set for the innodb thread concurrency server variable, it is important to set this server variable to reduce queue overhead.

## Default is 0.

### InnoDB Settings

- innodb purge threads defines the number of background threads devoted to the InnoDB purge operation.
  - Set to 1 to allow the purge operations to keep up.
- innodb io capacity defines the maximum number of I/O operations per second that InnoDB will perform.
- innodb buffer pool instances defines the number of regions into which the InnoDB buffer pool is divided.
  - Set to 8 when your system has 16 cores or more.

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### InnoDB Settings (continued)

### innodb purge threads Server variable

- Monitor the history list length (in the Transactions section of the SHOW ENGINE INNODE STATUS report).
- Set the innodb max purge lag server variable to 10,000,000 as a further precaution.

### innodb io capacity

- Increasing this server variable allows purge operations to keep up.
- On fast SSDs with a high write load, a setting of 5,000 may be needed.

### innodb buffer pool instances

- Improves throughput gain by as much as 10%
- It is possible to see as much as a 30% throughput gain with 32 cores.

### InnoDB Setup: Example

- Single/Master server.
  - innodb flush log at trx commit = 1
- Slave, server with no binlog, unsafe with binlog
  - innodb flush log at trx commit = 1
    - Can be set to safer setting if desired
  - innodb support-xa = 0
    - Unsafe with binlog on!
  - binlog off
- Both master and slave
  - sync binlog = 0
  - innodb log file size = 2G
  - innodb purge threads = 1

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### InnoDB Setup: Example

- Set innodb io capacity, innodb buffer pool instances, and innodb thread concurrency appropriately.
- For Linux systems, use XFS or ZFS file systems (avoid ext\*), set swappability, and set the I/O scheduler.
  - Consider setting numactl -interleave all.
  - See http://jcole.us/blog/archives/2010/09/28/mysql-swap-insanity-and-the-numaarchitecture/.
- To reduce transaction overhead when migrating from MyISAM, set innodb flush log at trx commit to 0.

### **Practice 6-4 Overview: InnoDB Settings**

In this practice, you evaluate the output of the additional InnoDB monitors by:

- Viewing the current InnoDB server settings
- Creating a load against the MySQL server by using the mysqlslap application
- Modifying the innodb flush log at trx commit and innodb buffer pool size server variables between runs and making note of any changes in performance
- Viewing the amount of virtual and resident memory that the MySQL server is consuming while the mysqlslap application is running

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If your application has more InnoDB tables, you need to allocate more memory to which of the following InnoDB server variables?

- a. innodb additional mem pool size
- b. innodb autoextend inrement
- c. innodb buffer pool size
- d. innodb log buffer size

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Answer: a

### **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Explain the best uses for the InnoDB storage engine
- Describe the InnoDB log files and buffers
- Design tables to take advantage of using the InnoDB storage engine
- Explain the SHOW ENGINE INNODE STATUS output
- Set up the InnoDB monitor
- Edit the InnoDB server settings

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## MyISAM



## **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the best uses for the MyISAM storage engine
- Design tables to take advantage of using MyISAM
- Optimize MyISAM tables
- Describe MyISAM table locks
- Edit the MyISAM server settings
- Describe the MyISAM key cache
- Explain the MyISAM key cache status variables
- Use MyISAM full-text indexing capabilities

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## **MyISAM Storage Engine**

- MyISAM is nontransactional storage engine.
  - Corruption can occur on power down.
- MyISAM uses a small disk and memory footprint.



- MyISAM indexes
  - MylSAM can work without indexes.
- MylSAM uses table-level locking.
- Inserts to MyISAM tables can be concurrent inserts.
- When MyISAM is compressed with myisampack, data and indexes are read-only.
- Only MyISAM indexes are cached by the MySQL server.
  - MyISAM data is cached by the O/S.

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## MyISAM Storage Engine

## MyISAM indexes

• B-TREE, FULLTEXT, and RTREE indexes are available with MyISAM tables.

## Compressed MylSAM

- The myisampack command compresses MyISAM tables up to 70%.
  - This is accomplished by compressing each column in the table separately.
  - **Note:** For more information about the myisampack command, see http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/myisampack.html.

## MyISAM Storage Engine: Uses

## MyISAM is useful in the following situations:

- Applications that do not require transactional capabilities or have a low write/update/delete concurrency
  - **Example: Logging applications**
- Applications that are read-only (or read-mostly)
- When full table scans are necessary
  - **Example: Creating reports**
- Applications that require bulk data loads
- Applications that require data crunching

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## MyISAM Storage Engine: Uses

It is recommended that you use the InnoDB storage engine unless you are sure that the MyISAM storage engine is needed. The advantages of the InnoDB storage engine crash safety and its up-time benefit are usually more significant than the possible benefits of the MyISAM storage engine in some situations.

## MylSAM Table Design

- Declare columns NOT NULL.
  - This saves space.
- Use fixed-width columns for entire table definition.
  - Usually faster due to less row fragmentation
  - Easier for indexes to reference the data file
    - Variable-width columns force the data file pointer to store values based on the byte offset.
    - Example: Instead of reference rows being 1,2,3, and so on, variable widths reference offsets that could be 1, 56, 272, and so on.
  - Easier to fix if corruption occurs
    - It is possible for variable-width pointers to become corrupted as well.

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## MyISAM Table Design

## Static versus dynamic table characteristics

- Static table format is the default for MyISAM tables.
  - Used when the table contains no variable-length columns (VARCHAR, VARBINARY, BLOB, or TEXT)
  - Each row is stored using a fixed number of bytes.
- Dynamic storage format is used if a MyISAM table contains any variable-length columns (VARCHAR, VARBINARY, BLOB, or TEXT) or if the table was created with the ROW\_FORMAT=DYNAMIC table option.
  - Dynamic format is a little more complex than static format because each row has a header that indicates how long it is. A row can become fragmented (stored in noncontiguous pieces) when it is made longer as a result of an update.
- For details about static versus dynamic table characteristics, see the MySQL documentation at:
  - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/static-format.html
  - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/dynamic-format.html

## Quiz

Which of the following is not a reason to use fixed-width columns in the entire MyISAM table definition?

- Disk space savings
- Easier for indexes to reference the data file
- Easier to fix if corruption occurs
- Usually faster due to less row fragmentation

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Answer: a

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## **Optimizing MyISAM**

- Run OPTIMIZE TABLE regularly.
- Disable indexes when deleting, inserting, or updating large amounts of data.
  - ALTER TABLE t DISABLE KEYS disables all nonunique keys.
  - ALTER TABLE t ENABLE KEYS reenables all nonunique keys and re-creates missing indexes.

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## **Optimizing MyISAM**

## OPTIMIZE TABLE

- This command:
  - Removes fragmentation
  - Reclaims free space
  - Removes holes to allow concurrent insert to work

## Disable indexes

- It may be more efficient to delete the indexes and then add them back after the large data task is completed.
- This is especially important in data warehouse build and load optimizations.

## **Practice 7-1 Overview: Optimize MyISAM**

In this practice, you evaluate the effect of disabling indexes during the loading of large amounts of data into a MyISAM table, along with evaluating the effect of deleting multiple records in MyISAM tables. This practice covers the following topics:

- Creating and loading approximately 2 million records into a table in the many tables database
- Deleting a large number of records in a MyISAM table and recording if the size of the table and indexes on disk are affected
- Optimizing the MyISAM table with deleted records and recording if the size of the table and indexes on disk are affected



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## Quiz

Which of the following is *not* a reason to run the OPTIMIZE TABLE command on a MyISAM table?

- a. Removes holes to allow concurrent insert to work
- b. Removes fragmentation
- c. Reclaims free space
- d. Improves secondary index

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Answer: d

## Minimizing MylSAM Table Lock Issues

- Remove "holes" in MyISAM data.
  - Allows concurrent insert
  - Execute OPTIMIZE TABLE on MylSAM tables regularly for applications that have a high number of deletes.
- Use INSERT DELAYED on noncritical data.
- Run multiple batches instead of one large delete operation.
- Optimize queries that cause blocks on the data.
- Set the low\_priority\_updates system variable to TRUE.

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## Minimizing MyISAM Table Lock Issues

## INSERT DELAYED

• Statements waiting to execute using INSERT DELAYED are lost on an unexpected shutdown event.

## Multiple small delete operations

- For performance purposes, do one large delete with a table-level lock.
- To prevent starving of other users, do multiple batches of smaller set of deletes or updates.
- Run multiple small delete operations versus one large operation:
  - DELETE FROM t WHERE status="deleted" LIMIT 100;

## low priority updates system variable

- This system variable places SELECT statements at a higher priority than UPDATE, DELETE, REPLACE, and INSERT operations.
- Can be done with individual statements by adding LOW\_PRIORITY after the statement command:
  - UPDATE LOW\_PRIORITY ...
- There is the danger that any non-SELECT statements can be starved and never execute.

## Minimizing MylSAM Table Lock Issues

- Use vertical and horizontal partitioning.
  - Use vertical partitioning to separate the data you regularly update.
  - Horizontal partitioning helps with ALTER TABLE and OPTIMIZE TABLE commands.
- Consider using InnoDB tables.

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## **Practice 7-2 Overview: MyISAM Table Locks**

In this practice, you evaluate the effects of MyISAM table locking on delete, insert, and select operations. The practice covers simultaneously executing delete, insert, and select operations to evaluate the effect of lock contention on the operations.



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## MyISAM Settings

- bulk insert buffer size sets the size of the MyISAM special tree-like cache used for bulk inserts.
  - Improves performance with bulk inserts of 100 to 1000+ records in a single insert statement
- myisam sort buffer size sets the size of the buffer that is allocated when sorting MyISAM indexes.
  - This buffer is used when creating indexes with CREATE INDEX or ALTER TABLE, or with REPAIR TABLE.

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## **MyISAM Settings**

bulk insert buffer size system variable

- Default is 8 MB.
  - Setting at 0 disables this buffer.
- Bulk inserts include the following commands:
  - INSERT ... SELECT ...
  - INSERT ... VALUES (...), (...), ...
  - LOAD DATA INFILE

## myiam sort buffer size system variable

- Default is 8 MB.
  - Limited to 4 GB on 32-bit systems (and 64-bit Windows systems)
- Set to the same size as the largest index size in your table.

## **MyISAM Settings**

- myisam\_max\_sort\_file\_size sets the maximum size of the temporary file that MySQL is permitted to use while re-creating a MyISAM index.
  - Indexes are re-created during ALTER TABLE, LOAD DATA
     INFILE, and REPAIR TABLE operations.
- myisam\_recover\_options sets the MylSAM storage engine recovery mode.
  - Any combination of the values of DEFAULT, OFF, BACKUP, FORCE, and QUICK
    - You should separate multiple options with commas.

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## MyISAM Settings (continued)

myisam\_max\_sort\_file\_size system variable

- Default is 2 GB.
- If space is available, set this system variable to handle all the indexes in your table.
  - The key cache is used if there is not enough space, which would result in a much slower performance.

## myisam\_recover\_options system variable

- For more information about the <code>myisam\_recover\_options</code> system variable, see the MySQL documentation:
  - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/server-options.html#option\_mysqld\_myisam-recover-options

## Quiz

Which MyISAM server setting sets the maximum size of the temporary file that MySQL is permitted to use while re-creating a MyISAM index?

- a. bulk\_insert\_buffer\_size
- b. myisam\_max\_sort\_file\_size
- c. myisam recover options
- d. myisam sort buffer size

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Answer: b

## MyISAM Key Cache

- key\_buffer\_size sets the size of the buffer used for index blocks.
  - For MylSAM-only servers, set from 25% to 33% of memory.
- Use multiple key caches.
  - Consider using three key caches for busy servers:
    - A "hot" key cache: 20% of key buffer size
    - A "cold" key cache: 20% of key buffer size
    - A "warm" key cache: 60% of key buffer size
  - Creating key caches:
    - SET GLOBAL hot cache.key buffer size = 2G;
    - CACHE INDEX db1.tbl1, db1.tbl2 IN hot cache;

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## MyISAM Key Cache

 ${\tt key\_buffer\_size} \ \textbf{system variable}$ 

• For more information about the key\_buffer\_size system variable, see the MySQL documentation at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/server-system-variables.html#sysvar\_key\_buffer\_size.

## Multiple key caches

- "Hot" key cache
  - Assign this key cache to the tables that are primarily used for searches (minimal updates).
- "Cold" key cache
  - Assign this key cache to the tables that are primarily used for updates, inserts, and deletes.
  - Your temporary tables are good candidates to use this key cache.
- "Warm" key cache
  - Assign this key cache to tables by default.
- For more information about using multiple MyISAM key caches, see the MySQL documentation at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/multiple-key-caches.html.

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## MyISAM Key Cache

- Preload index into cache:
  - Performs a sequential read, which results in better performance
  - LOAD CACHE INTO tbl1, tbl2 IGNORE LEAVES;



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## **MyISAM Key Cache (continued)**

## Preloading an index

For more information about preloading an index, see the MySQL documentation at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/load-index.html.

## Midpoint insertion strategy

For more information about the midpoint insertion strategy, see the MySQL documentation at http://dev.mysgl.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/midpoint-insertion.html.

## MyISAM Key Cache: Status Variables

- Key blocks not flushed displays the number of key blocks in the key cache that have changed but have not yet been flushed to disk.
  - These blocks need to be flushed on shut down.
- Key blocks used displays the number of used blocks in the key cache.
  - Indicates the maximum number of blocks that have ever been in use at one time
- Key blocks unused displays the number of unused blocks in the key cache.
  - Can be used in conjunction with key\_cache\_block\_size and key buffer size system variables to determine the amount of the key buffer that is being used

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## MyISAM Key Cache: Status Variables

## Key blocks not flushed status variable

Blocks not flushed are lost in an unexpected shutdown event.

## Key blocks used status variable

- Compare to key buffer size system variable.
  - Monitor this variable over a period of hours. If this status variable is considerably lower than key buffer size, decrease key buffer size accordingly.

## Key blocks unused status variable

The fraction of the key buffer being used can be determined by using the following formula:

```
1 - ((Key blocks unused * key cache block size) /
  key buffer size)
```

## MyISAM Key Cache: Status Variables

- Key read requests displays the number of requests to read a key block from the cache.
- Key reads displays the number of physical reads of a key block from disk.
  - If Key reads is large, increase key buffer size.
- Key write requests displays the number of requests to write a key block to the cache.
- Key writes displays the number of physical writes of a key block to disk.
  - Ways to improve key cache write miss rate:
    - Bundle writes in SQL statements, LOAD DATA ..., and so on.
    - Set delay key writes system variable to ALL.

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## MyISAM Key Cache: Status Variables (continued)

## Key read requests and Key reads status variables

Calculate the cache miss rate by using these two variables:

```
Key reads/Key read requests
```

Evaluate Key reads/sec against the I/O system of your O/S.

## Key write requests and Key writes status variables

Calculate the write miss rate by using these two variables:

```
Key writes/Key write requests
```

- Use the delay key writes system variable to identify how and if key writes are delayed.
  - ALL delays the key writes for all MyISAM tables.

## **Practice 7-3 Overview: Key Cache Effectiveness**

In this practice, you evaluate key cache effectiveness by monitoring the key % status variables. The practice covers the following topics:

- Modifying the key\_cache\_buffer\_size server variable to a comparatively small value
- Executing multiple simple SELECT queries and calculating the effectiveness of the key cache by viewing the key blocks unused status variable



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## Quiz

Which MyISAM key cache status variable displays the number of physical writes of a key block to disk?

- a. key\_blocks\_used
- b. key\_reads
- c. key write requests
- d. key\_writes

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Answer: d

## **MyISAM Full-Text Search**

- Simple to use
  - ... MATCH (column/columns) AGAINST ('keyword')
- Search with relevance or IN BOOLEAN MODE.
- Works only with MyISAM tables
  - Creating a MyISAM shadow table for InnoDB tables is possible.
- Indexing issues:
  - Indexes are updated immediately, causing slow updates.
  - Indexes that do not fit in memory cause slow performance.
  - Indexes are stored in BTREE.
- Performance suffers with high-frequency word searches.
  - Rewrite queries to improve performance.

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## **MyISAM Full-Text Search**

Use shadow tables when working with InnoDB tables and MyISAM tables.

Bulk updates to a shadow search table can improve performance.

## BTREE indexes

- Fetching data requires random I/O.
- Running OPTIMIZE TABLE on a regular basis improves performance.

## Different searches and indexes

- Searching different columns requires different indexes.
  - A separate index is required for each distinct set of columns to be searched.
- If you set up a full-text index with multiple columns, you need to set up additional indexes to search the individual columns separately.

## Common word searches

- Rewrite the following query to improve performance:
  - ... MATCH (product) AGAINST ("video evita" IN BOOLEAN MODE)

    Rewrite it as follows:
  - ... MATCH (product) AGAINST ("evita" IN BOOLEAN MODE)
    AND product LIKE "%video%"

## MyISAM Full-Text Search: Tips

- Cache only those full-text searches that are frequent.
  - Small-load full-text searches perform best.
- Skip COUNT (\*) computations.
  - Very slow operations
  - Includes SELECT SQL CALC FOUND ROWS ... statements

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## MyISAM Full-Text Search: Tips

- SQL CALC FOUND ROWS
  - To obtain this row count, include a SQL CALC FOUND ROWS option in the SELECT statement, and then invoke FOUND ROWS ():

```
mysql> SELECT SQL CALC FOUND ROWS * FROM tbl name
    -> WHERE id > 100 LIMIT 10;
mysql > SELECT FOUND ROWS();
```

The second SELECT returns a number indicating how many rows the first SELECT would have returned had it been written without the LIMIT clause.

## **Practice 7-4 Overview: Full-Text Indexing**

In this practice, you create a full-text index and compare the difference in using NATURAL LANGUAGE and BOOLEAN modes by:

- Creating a table that contains a full-text index
- Searching against the fulltext table using NATURAL LANGUAGE and BOOLEAN mode using multiple SELECT statements



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## **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Explain the best uses for the MyISAM storage engine
- Design tables to take advantage of using MyISAM
- Optimize MyISAM tables
- Describe MyISAM table locks
- Edit the MyISAM server settings
- Describe the MyISAM key cache
- Explain the MyISAM key cache status variables
- Use MyISAM full-text indexing capabilities

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## Other MySQL Storage Engines and Issues



## **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Improve the storage of large objects in MySQL
- Explain the best uses for the MEMORY storage engine
- Improve the performance of tables by using the MEMORY storage engine
- Describe the advantages of designing applications that use multiple storage engines
- Describe the advantages of designing applications that use a single storage engine

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## **Large Objects**

- Use InnoDB tables.
  - InnoDB skips BLOB columns if they are not requested in a SELECT statement.
- Separate out BLOB columns into separate tables.
  - MyISAM only
- Store large objects in files instead.
  - Memory consumption in MySQL is three times the size of the BLOB.
  - MySQL always performs full reads on BLOB columns.

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## **Large Objects**

Fragmentation: Watch out for fragmentation when deleting or updating large objects.

## **Practice 8-1 Overview: Large Objects**

In this practice, you evaluate the effects of large objects on InnoDB and MyISAM storage engines by:

- Using the PT Stress.php script to execute a query that displays a large-object column for every record in InnoDB and MyISAM storage engines and comparing the results
- Using the PT Stress.php script to execute a query that displays a variable-character column for every record (that also includes a large-object column) in InnoDB and MyISAM storage engines and comparing the results



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## Quiz

Which storage engine skips BLOB columns if they are not requested in a SELECT statement?

- **CSV** a.
- InnoDB b.
- MEMORY
- **MyISAM**

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Answer: b

## **MEMORY Storage Engine**

- Content is lost on power failure.
- Hash and B-tree indexes only
- Table-level locking
- Fixed-length rows
  - Empty VARCHAR (200) columns still take up a lot of space.
- Lookups are very fast.
- The max\_heap\_table\_size system variable limits the size of individual memory tables.



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## MEMORY Storage Engine: Uses

- Tables that are used for caching
- Temporary tables
- Tables that are used for buffering
  - Insert or update buffering
- Applications that require complex queries to be run
- Reporting on subsets of data
  - Daily work activity reports, quarterly reports, and so on

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## **MEMORY Storage Engine: Performance**

- Avoid table locks.
- Watch the size of rows.
  - Fixed size rows can require much more memory for your data.
- Do not exceed system memory.
  - MEMORY tables that need to be swapped to disk are slower than MyISAM tables.
- Use B-tree indexes for data with many duplicates.
  - Deletes on hash-indexed data are very slow.
  - Hash indexes also do not support ranges or prefix matches.

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## Practice 8-2 Overview: MEMORY Storage Engine

In this practice, you evaluate the MEMORY storage engine for performance and memory consumption by:

- Creating the city\_huge database based on the MylSAM storage engine and running scripts against it to test performance and memory consumption
- Creating the city\_huge database based on the MEMORY storage engine and running scripts against it to test performance and memory consumption



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## Quiz

Which level of locking takes place on a table using the MEMORY storage engine?

- a. Column
- b. Page
- c. Row
- d. Table

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Answer: d

# **Using Multiple Storage Engines: Advantages**

- Each storage engine has different strengths and defined purposes.
  - Use MylSAM for constant data.
  - Use InnoDB for dynamic critical data.
  - Use MEMORY for temporary tables.
- Ability to change the storage engine:
  - Try out different storage engines on the same table:
    - ALTER TABLE tbl ENGINE=<engine>
  - Should only be done on nonproduction servers
  - Good tool for benchmarking data

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InnoDB

**MyISAM** 

**MEMORY** 

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# **Using Multiple Storage Engines: Advantages**

#### **Changing Storage Engine**

Changing a table's storage engine requires the entire table to be copied. For large tables, this process can be time consuming. Determining the best storage engine during the development of the schema design saves you the trouble of changing the storage engine later.

# **Using a Single Storage Engine: Advantages**

- Mixed database configuration can be more complicated to maintain.
  - Backups
  - Maintenance
  - **Tuning**
- The optimizer has a difficult time reporting correct plans when multiple storage engines are referenced.
- Mixing transactional tables with nontransactional tables in a transaction can cause replication difficulties.

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## **Using a Single Storage Engine: Advantages**

**Note:** For details about replication and possible difficulties due to mixed storage engines, see http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/replication-features-transactions.html.

# Quiz

Mixing transactional tables with nontransactional tables in a transaction can cause replication difficulties.

- True a.
- False b.

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Answer: a

# **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Improve the storage of large objects in MySQL
- Explain the best uses for the MEMORY storage engine
- Improve the performance of tables by using the MEMORY storage engine
- Describe the advantages of designing applications that use multiple storage engines
- Describe the advantages of designing applications that use a single storage engine

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# **Schema Design and Performance**



# **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Describe the purpose of designing a schema based on the data to be stored
- Describe how normalization can affect performance
- Use the appropriate data type to improve performance
- Use indexing to improve performance
- Describe the different indexing types
- Use partitioning to improve query performance

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# **Schema Design Considerations**

- Reports or output that the database will be responsible for
  - Identify queries that need to be executed.
- Type of data that needs to be collected to create the reports or output
  - Determine data types and sizes needed.
  - Identify relationships that exist.
- Best way to store the data
  - Identify data that needs to be housed in the database.



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## **Schema Design Considerations**

## Reports and output

- Understanding what end users need is an important step in designing the correct schema design.
  - You can determine this by understanding the problem that the application is designed to solve.

#### **Data collected**

- You can understand the type of data needed to meet end-user requirements by defining:
  - The data type and size for the data to be collected
  - The relationships and cardinality that exist within the data pool

#### Storing data

- With an understanding of the data, you can determine if the database is the best place to store all of the data.
  - Images or other binary files can produce better performance if stored outside of the database.
  - XML or other data formats might be better handled by the applications that retrieve data from the database instead of being stored with the data.

# Schema Design Tasks

- Normalize the data.
  - Eliminates redundant data
  - Provides flexible access to data
  - Minimizes data becoming inconsistent
- Choose the correct data types and size.
  - Improves performance
  - Protects data
- Create the most efficient indexes.
  - Improves data processing



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## Schema Design Tasks

#### Normalizing the data

There are many levels to normalization that you can work through when determining the best way to store your data. However, over-normalizing is just as bad as undernormalizing data. It is important to remember that the ultimate purpose of normalization is to get accurate data to the end user as quickly as possible. If you are normalizing just for the sake of normalizing, you are most likely going to over-normalize your database.

#### Data types and size

Choosing the correct data type can be considered a minor task in the schema design process. However, one of the biggest factors in database performance is the actual storing of data. Small amounts of extra data that are stored in an individual column because of an improper data type or size can become a large problem when the data grows. The result is an exponential growth in the file system needs and, more importantly, the memory that is used.

#### **Efficient indexes**

 Indexing, like normalization, can produce large gains in performance if the number and types of indexes are created properly. Not using an index on a table or under-indexing a table can result in full table scans, while over-indexing a table can result in a query that has to interact with more indexes than are actually needed to produce the results. Both of these extremes must be resolved to see an improvement in performance by indexing tables.

# Quiz

Which of the following is *not* a schema design task?

- Choosing the correct data types and sizes
- Choosing the best monitor to view the data b.
- Creating the most efficient indexes C.
- Normalizing the data d.

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Answer: b

## **Normalization and Performance**

- All "objects" are in their own tables. There is no redundancy.
- Normalization provides a compact, single update location to modify objects
- Normalization results in performance degradation when joining tables
- The optimizer is limited in the choices it can make for the selection and sorting data.
- Online transaction processing (OLTP) applications can gain the most from having normalized data.

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# **Non-Normalization and Performance**

- The size of tables containing non-normalized data can be large.
- Updating data can have added complexity.
- Data loss is more likely.
- With a limited need for joins, the optimizer has more choices.
- Decision support system (DSS) applications can gain the most from non-normalized data.

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# **Mixing Normalization and Performance**

- Benefits can be gained from caching some static data in the table.
- Having some non-normalized data can result in performance gains.
- Include non-normalized value as key for simple objects.
- Non-normalized tables can simulate materialized views.
- Reference non-normalized data by PRIMARY or UNIQUE key.
  - MySQL can optimize these by prereading values that are constant.

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## **Mixing Normalization and Performance**

#### Non-normalized data and better performance

You must consider the cost of updates to ensure that you are not creating a performance problem.

#### Non-normalized data as key for simple objects

Example: Adding an IP address to a table as a key (even though it may exist in another table) can limit the need to join tables and can produce substantial performance gains.

#### **Materialized views**

- MySQL does not support materialized views.
  - Materialized views are different from normal views. They are not "updated" when the original tables of the SELECT query are modified.
- Creating a table that contains non-normalized data on an interval basis can simulate a materialized view in MySQL.
  - Create a normal view based on the SELECT guery that you want to store.
  - Create a materialized view table with the indexes that support your needs (based on the normal view created).

- Run the following commands on a regular interval (at midnight, every six hours, or at other regular times):

```
LOCK TABLES mView WRITE;
TRUNCATE mView;
INSERT INTO mView SELECT * FROM nView;
UNLOCK TABLES;
```

# **Practice 9-1 Overview: Schema Design**

In this practice, you evaluate the effects of normalized and nonnormalized data in a variety of scenarios by:

- Using the PT Stress.php script to execute queries that draw data from normalized and non-normalized tables that do not require the joining of normalized tables
- Using the PT Stress.php script to execute queries that draw data from normalized and non-normalized tables that require the joining of normalized tables



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# b. Answer: b, c

# Quiz

What are some of the advantages to mixing normalization in a database application? (Choose all that apply.)

- a. Redundancy is completely eliminated.
- b. Non-normalized data used as a key for simple objects can prevent the need to join tables.
- Non-normalized tables can simulate materialized views.
- d. The process to update data is simplified.

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# **Data Types**

- Use the correct data type for the data being stored.
  - Incorrect data types can cause problems beyond performance.
- Set the appropriate length for a data type
  - Larger data types than are necessary lead to poor performance.
- Use NOT NULL in columns that do not require a NULL value.
- Use an appropriate character length.
  - Some buffers are fixed in memory.
  - Sorting files and temporary tables are fixed length.
- Converted data can result in incorrect data types.

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#### **Data Types**

#### Correct data types

- True numeric values should be stored as numbers.
  - 09 and 9 represent the same number but are different strings.
  - Such things as postal codes and phone numbers are not true numeric values and are best stored as strings.
- Date values should be stored as dates.
  - It is best to store "raw" data in the database. Storing formatted or manipulated data in a table can lead to eventual problems.

## Appropriate data type length

- Examples:
  - Most date-of-birth (DOB) columns do not require the end user to know the exact time the individual was born. Only the month, day, and year are necessary.
  - Using DATE rather than DATETIME can reduce the storage requirements by 5 bytes for each record. In a table that houses 100,000 records, that can save 500,000 bytes from having to be stored and retrieved.

#### **Converted data**

Having control over data that is loaded is essential to ensuring that loaded data does not lose any of its value on conversion.

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# **Practice 9-2 Overview: Data Types**

In this practice, you evaluate the effects of data types in a variety of scenarios by:

- Viewing the size of specific tables in the /var/lib/mysql/isfdb directory
- Modifying a DATE column to a DATETIME column and determining the effect on the size of the table
- Creating multiple copies of the same table that contain different string data types and determining the effect on the size of the table
- Using the PT Stress.php script to execute queries against the different copies of the table to determine the effect that string data types have on performance



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## Quiz

What are some best practices when determining the data type for a column? (Choose all that apply.)

- Use the correct data type for the data being stored.
- Use the largest length possible for a data type.
- Use NOT NULL in columns that do not require a NULL value.
- Worry about converted data after it has been imported into your tables.

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Answer: a, c

## **Indexes**

- Indexes can speed up the retrieval of data.
  - Indexes can be extensive to maintain.
- Only the prefix of a composite index can be used alone.
  - The order of columns in a composite index is important.
- Minimize the number of indexes created on a column.
  - It is best to have only one index for a column.
- Indexes that are unique should be defined as UNIQUE.
- Apply indexes on columns that contain nonrepeating or selective data.
- Remove indexes that are dead.
  - Indexes that are not being used continue to drain performance during DML operations.

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#### Indexes

#### Improve speed

- Indexes speed up reads and lookups either by index-only reads for SELECT statements or by the WHERE clause for SELECT/UPDATE/DELETE statements.
  - Indexes increase the time for write operations (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE statements) because every index must be updated.
- Indexes can speed up the sorting of some ORDER BY queries.

#### MySQL composite indexes

- When an index is created from two or more columns, only the first column of the index can be used alone.
  - KEY (a,b)
    - a=4 would use index
    - a=4 AND b=5 would use index
    - b=5 would not use index
- The order of columns, especially in a BTREE index, is important.

#### Two or more indexes

- Having two or more indexes on the same column can result in unnecessary performance overhead.
- This includes having a stand-alone index on a column ( KEY (a) ) and that same column being part of a prefix index ( KEY (a, b) ).

#### Indexes

#### **Unique indexes**

- Unique indexes should be created on columns that contain no duplicate values.
- An index that is defined as UNIQUE provides the query optimizer with more opportunities to create an effective execution plan.

#### **Index Selectivity**

- The selectivity of an index is defined as the percentage of rows in a table that have the same value for the indexed column.
  - SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT (author\_lastname)) FROM authors results in 28.920.
  - SELECT COUNT (author lastname) FROM authors results in 68,700.
  - The selectivity of the index for this column is calculated as 28,920/68,700, which is 42%.
    - An index selectivity of 33% or better is preferred.

# Indexing

- Covering indexes can be accessed without reading the original table.
- Prefix an index if the data is selective enough by the first few characters.
- Using short keys improves the performance of the index.
  - Columns using the integer data type are the best to index.
- Key values that are close to each other produce the best performance.
  - An indexed AUTO INCREMENT field results in better performance than an indexed UUID() field.

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#### Indexing **Covering indexes**

- If a SELECT query references only those fields that are contained entirely within the index, MySQL may skip accessing the original table entirely.
  - ... UNIQUE KEY 'rental date' ('rental date', 'inventory id', 'customer id') ...
  - SELECT inventory id, customer id FROM rental WHERE rental date > '2005-05-25' results in the rental date index being used without the need to locate (seek) and read the full row.

#### **Prefix indexes**

- Columns that contain lengthy text can be indexed based on a number of beginning characters in the column.
  - This reduces the size of the index on disk, as well as when it is subsequently stored in memory.
  - The titles.title title column is assigned as a MEDIUMTEXT data type.
  - The index using the titles.title\_title column stores the first 50 characters. With the titles table containing over 500,000 records and over 25,000 title\_title columns containing text lengths greater than 50 characters (with a maximum character length of 931), limiting the length of the index can save a large amount of disk space.

# Indexing

- Executing OPTIMIZE TABLE compacts and sorts indexes.
- Executing ANALYZE TABLE updates the key distribution statistics.
  - These key distribution statistics are used by MySQL to assist in:
    - Ordering joined tables
    - Choosing the most efficient index for a query

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# **Index Types**

- BTREE is supported by all MySQL storage engines.
  - Default except for MEMORY (which defaults to HASH)
  - Assists equal and range queries along with sorting operations
- HASH is supported by the MEMORY storage engine only.
  - Provides a faster, smaller footprint than any other index types
- RTREE is supported by the MylSAM storage engine only.
  - Works with GIS data
- FULLTEXT is supported by the MyISAM storage engine only.
  - Speeds up natural language searches

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#### **Index Types**

#### BTREE

- A BTREE index on KEY (a,b) would help with the following SELECT statements:
  - SELECT id FROM table WHERE a = ? AND b = ?
  - SELECT id FROM table WHERE a = ? AND b BETWEEN ? AND ?
  - SELECT id FROM table WHERE a = ? AND b > ?
  - SELECT id FROM table WHERE a = ? ORDER BY b
  - SELECT id FROM table WHERE a = ? AND b LIKE 'prefix%'
  - SELECT id FROM table WHERE a = ?
  - SELECT id FROM table ORDER BY a

#### HASH

Slower; many nonunique values

#### RTREE

Speeds up multidimensional lookups (such as find POINT in region)

#### **FULLTEXT**

Slows down update for long texts

# **Practice 9-3 Overview: Indexes**

In this practice, you observer the effects of indexes in a variety of scenarios by:

- Viewing the size of specific tables in the /var/lib/mysql/isfdb directory
- Creating a MEMORY table with both BTREE and HASH indexes
- Using the PT Stress.php script to run multiple queries against the MEMORY table created to test the performance using the different index types
- Creating a table that uses a prefix index and evaluating the performance along with the size difference between a full index and a prefix index



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# Quiz

Executing which of the following commands will compact and sort indexes on the city table?

- a. EXPLAIN TABLE city;
- b. ORDER INDEX city;
- c. SHOW TABLES LIKE 'city';
- d. OPTIMIZE TABLE city;

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Answer: d

# **Partitioning**

- Partitioning can improve query efficiency.
  - Partitioning pruning is possible.
- Proper partitioning can result in fewer table management and maintenance tasks.
- Partitions can be distributed across different file systems and hardware.
  - Different storage engines perform better than others in this setup.

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## **Partitioning**

Partition pruning: Refers to the MySQL Optimizer removing entire partitions from a query execution plan, which results in less data that is read.

# Partitioning and the File System

- Partitioning operations are dependent on the file system.
- MySQL system variables to consider:
  - open\_files\_limit: Ensure that the size of this limit is set properly to prevent MySQL from running out of file descriptors.
  - myisam\_max\_sort\_file\_size: Ensure that this is set high enough to use "Repair by sorting" versus "Repair by Key Cache" when running ALTER statements.
  - innodb\_file\_per\_table: Turning this variable on can improve partitioning operations.

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## Partitioning and the File System

Partitioning performance depends on such factors as:

- · Type of file system being used
- Characteristics of the file system
- Speed of the disk
- Amount of swap space available
- Efficiency of the file system

#### System variables

- open files limit
  - The MySQL server implementation of partitioning can be described as multiple tables housing data that correlates from table to table.
  - The open\_files\_limit system variable, if set too low, results in MySQL errors when your database has multiple tables.
  - Because partitioning increases the number of "tables" that MySQL sees in your database, this setting needs to be set high enough to account for MySQL's implementation of partitioning.
- innodb file per table
  - When this system variable is turned on, each partition has its own InnoDB "table" .ibd file that stores data and indexes.

# Other Partitioning Performance Issues

- Using a WHERE clause that allows partition pruning is usually faster than a nonpartitioned table.
- Altering and maintaining partitions is usually faster than altering the whole table.
- Creating useful indexes is just as important with partitioned tables.
  - You need to consider partition pruning when designing indexes on partitioned tables.
- Per-partition key caches are supported.
  - MylSAM tables support key caching on one partition, several partitions, or all partitions.

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## **Other Partitioning Performance Issues**

#### Altering and maintaining partitions

- The only case when this is not faster is when the server needs to alter all partitions.
  - Common for HASH/KEY partition management, which can be avoided by using LINEAR HASH/LIST.
- Dropping or truncating a partition is as fast as removing one file, while deleting the same amount of data would take a long time and have different results depending on the storage engine.

# **Partitioning Limitations**

- Foreign keys are not supported.
- ALTER TABLE ... ORDER BY operations result in only the rows of individual partitioned "subtables" being ordered.
- FULLTEXT indexes are not supported.
- Spatial columns are not supported.
- Temporary tables cannot be partitioned.
- There are limitations on the data type of the column that can be used for partitioning.
- Subqueries cannot be used as a partitioning key.
- Not all functions are allowed as partitioning functions.

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## **Partitioning Limitations**

## Data type limitations

- INTEGER columns are required for most partitioning types.
  - An expression that results in an integer is also acceptable.
  - Although NULL values are accepted, you should avoid them in columns used in partitioning.
    - See http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/partitioning-handling-nulls.html if you must have NULL values in a column that is used for partitioning.
- For KEY partitioning: MySQL's internal key-hashing functions produce a data type that is allowed in partitioning.
- For RANGE and LIST partitioning: The string, DATE, and DATETIME columns are acceptable.
  - BLOB or TEXT data types cannot be used as columns for partitioning.

#### **Functions**

Only the YEAR(), TO DATE(), TO SECOND(), and UNIX TIMESTAMP() functions are optimized for range partitioning.

# **Practice 9-4 Overview: Partitioning**

In this practice, you evaluate how partitioning can improve performance. The practice covers the following topics:

- Creating a copy of an existing table that uses range partitioning
- Using the PT Stress.php script to execute queries against the original table and partitioned table to compare performance



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# Quiz

Which of the following is *not* a limitation of MySQL partitioning?

- Foreign keys are not supported.
- Partitioning pruning is not supported. b.
- Spatial columns are not supported. C.
- Temporary tables cannot be partitioned.

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Answer: b

# **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Describe the purpose of designing a schema based on the data to be stored
- Describe how normalization can affect performance
- Use the appropriate data type to improve performance
- Use indexing to improve performance
- Describe the different indexing types
- Use partitioning to improve query performance

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# MySQL Query Performance

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# **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Describe best practices for SQL writing and execution
- Read EXPLAIN output
- Adjust MySQL Optimizer behavior
- Locate problematic queries

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# **SQL Tuning: General Best Practices**

- Test on a realistic data set.
- Watch for changes to your data and requirements.
- Do not make ported code assumptions.
- Use efficient data types.
- Consider multiple queries.



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# **SQL Tuning: General Best Practices**

- Use a complete set of real-world data, not just a subset or sample of your data.
- As your database and applications grow, be aware that performance characteristics of the initial application can change.
- Test all ported code thoroughly. Do not assume a query that executes quickly on other databases can do so on your MySQL server.
- Keep data types at the smallest possible size that meet your data requirements.
- Break slow and complex queries into multiple, smaller queries.

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- a. True
- b. False

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Answer: a

### **EXPLAIN**

- The EXPLAIN command describes how MySQL will execute your particular SQL statement, but it does not return any data from the data sets.
- You can use the EXPLAIN command by preceding your SELECT statement with the keyword.
  - EXPLAIN SELECT
  - The EXPLAIN command produces a number of columns that provide information about how MySQL will execute the statement.

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Which script results in the MySQL server describing how it intends to execute your particular SQL statement?

- a. DEFINE SELECT \* FROM world;
- b. EXPLAIN SELECT \* FROM world;
- c. HOW SELECT \* FROM world;
- d. SELECT EXPLAIN \* FROM world;

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Answer: b

# **EXPLAIN Output**

- id: A simple identifier for your SELECT statement
- select type: Describes the type of SELECT being performed
- table: Displays the names of tables that will be used in the access strategy
- type: Describes the strategy deployed by MySQL to access the data in the table or index
- possible keys: Provides the available indexes that MySQL had to choose from in evaluating the access strategy
  - NULL is the output if there are no keys available.

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## **EXPLAIN Output**

type access strategy:

- Each access strategy is assigned a sliding performance scale that is compared to a number of statistics.
- The two most important statistics used are:
  - Selectivity of an index: This number identifies the cardinality (the number of unique values in the field) in the index tree, thus giving MySQL a possible number of keys that an index will match in the WHERE or ON conditions of the query.
  - **Sequential reads versus random seeks:** The relative speed of doing sequential reads for data on disk versus reading an index key and accessing table data using random seeks from the index row pointers to the actual data location

# **EXPLAIN Output**

- key: Displays the actual key chosen to perform the data access
  - NULL is the output if there are no keys available.
- key len: Provides the length (in bytes) of the chosen key
  - The length is NULL if the key column says NULL.
- ref: Displays the columns in the key that is used to access data in the table
- rows: Displays the number of rows that MySQL expects to find
- Extra: Extra information pertaining to this particular row's access strategy

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# **EXPLAIN Output (continued)**

- ref value: Produces a single constant value if the join has been optimized away
- rows value: Based on statistics that the MySQL server keeps on the table or index (key) chosen to be used, and also based on any preliminary calculations that the server has done based on the WHERE clause

Which field in the EXPLAIN output describes the strategy deployed by MySQL to access the data in the table or index?

- a. keys
- b. possible\_keys
- c. select type
- d. type

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Answer: d

# EXPLAIN select type

- SIMPLE: Normal, non-UNION, non-subquery SELECT
- PRIMARY: Outermost SELECT in any statement
- UNION: Second or later SELECT in a UNION
- DEPENDENT UNION: Second or later SELECT in a UNION
  - Dependent on the results of an outer SELECT statement
- UNION RESULT: Result of a UNION
- SUBQUERY: Primary SELECT in a subquery
- DEPENDENT SUBQUERY: Contains a reference to a table that also appears in the outer query
  - Also known as a correlated subquery
- DERIVED: FROM clause contains a subquery.

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Which EXPLAIN select\_type value is also known as a correlated subquery?

- a. DEPENDENT UNION
- b. DEPENDENT SUBQUERY
- c. DERIVED
- d. SUBQUERY

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Answer: b

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# EXPLAIN type

Order from most efficient access to least efficient:

- system: Used when your SELECT statement is requesting data from an in-memory table and the result has only one row of data
- const: Contains at most one matching row, which is read at the start of the query
- eq ref: Contains a single row that matches rows from a previous table data set
- ref: Contains one or more rows that match rows returned from a previous table data set
- ref or null: Identical to ref with following exceptions:
  - NULL values: Key used contains NULL values.
  - OR null condition: Query contains a WHERE with an OR key column that is NULL.

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### EXPLAIN type

- The system type access strategy is a special type of access strategy that MySQL can deploy based on the const join type.
- The const type access strategy meets one of the following criteria:
  - **Limited number of rows:** The table has no matching rows to provide for the query or one row of data that meets the guery requirements.
  - Unique key(s) are present: The table contains a unique, non-nullable key for which a WHERE condition contains a single value that is present for each column in the key.
- The eq ref access strategy type is used only if both of the following conditions are met:
  - **Keys used:** All parts of a key are used by the join in the query.
  - Unique key(s) are present: The tables contain a unique, non-nullable key for which a WHERE condition contains a single value that is present for each column in the kev.

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- The ref access strategy is used when either of the following occurs:
  - Leftmost part of join is used: The join condition uses only the left-most part of a multicolumn key.
  - **Non-unique and non-null key:** The key used is not unique but does not contain any null values.

# EXPLAIN type

- index\_merge: Multiple executions of ref, ref\_or\_null, or range accesses are used to retrieve key values matching various WHERE conditions.
- unique\_subquery: A subquery is used in an IN clause in the WHERE condition.
- index\_subquery: Identical to unique\_subquery except the values returned from the subquery are not unique
- range: Contains a WHERE clause that uses range operators
- Index: Sequential scan is performed on all the key entries of an index.
- ALL: Sequential scan is performed on all data in the table.

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# EXPLAIN type (continued)

- The index\_merge type access strategy is used when the results of the various retrievals are combined to form a single data set.
- The unique\_subquery type access strategy:
  - Values returned from the subquery are unique.
  - Child query is another name for a subquery of this type.
- The range access strategy type:
  - Range operators include >, >=, <, <=, ON, LIKE and BETWEEN.
- The index access strategy is used when both of the following conditions are met:
  - **Slow data retrieval:** No WHERE clause is specified, or the table used contains no index that would speed up data retrieval.
  - **Covering index:** All columns in the SELECT statement for this table are available in the index.
- The ALL access strategy is used when either of the following conditions is met:
  - **No conditions on keys:** No WHERE or ON condition is specified for any columns of the table's keys.
  - **Poor index key distribution:** Poor index key distribution results in a sequential scan that is more efficient than numerous index lookups.

Which EXPLAIN type value is considered the most efficient?

- a. ALL
- b. const
- c. index merge
- d. system

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Answer: d

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# EXPLAIN key

- Include index hints in the SELECT statement issued.
  - USE INDEX (key list): Use only one of the possible indexes from key list to find rows in the table.
  - IGNORE INDEX (key\_list): Notifies MySQL not to use a particular index from key list
  - FORCE INDEX (key list): Acts like USE INDEX (key\_list) but with the addition that a table scan is assumed to be very expensive
- Include join hints in the SELECT statement issued.
  - STRAIGHT JOIN: Forces MySQL to use the join order defined in the statement

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### EXPLAIN key

### STRAIGHT JOIN

- By default, MySQL adjusts the join order to improve query effectiveness.
- Adding this option overrides adjusting the join order by MySQL.

Which EXPLAIN key value forces MySQL to use the join order defined in the statement?

- a. FORCE\_INDEX
- b. FORCE\_JOIN
- STRAIGHT JOIN
- d. USE INDEX

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Answer: c

### **EXPLAIN** Extra

- Using where: A WHERE clause is being used to restrict which rows to match against the next table or send to the client.
- Using filesort: A manual sorting-pass is needed.
- Using temporary: A temporary table is being used to store the result set at some stage of the execution.
- Using index: All operations on this table reference are completed in the index tree. There are thus no row lookups.

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### **EXPLAIN Extra**

### Using filesort

There is no extra information given to tell if the output will fit in memory or if it will use file-merge sort.

### Using temporary

There is no way to determine from the EXPLAIN output if the temporary table will use the MEMORY storage engine or if it will use the MyISAM storage engine.

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### **EXPLAIN Extra**

- Using index for group-by: An index is available to retrieve all columns of a GROUP BY or DISTINCT query.
  - No extra disk access to the actual table is needed.
- Using sort union(...), Using union(...), and Using intersect(...)
  - These indicate how index scans are merged for the index merge join type.
- Distinct: Searching stops after the first matching row is found.
- Not exists: A LEFT JOIN optimization has taken place.
- Range checked for each record (index map: N)

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## **EXPLAIN Extra (continued)**

### Not exists output:

- MySQL was able to do a LEFT JOIN optimization on the query.
  - No more rows are examined in this table for the previous row combination after MySQL finds one row that matches the LEFT JOIN criteria.

# Range checked for each record (index map:N) output:

- There are no good indexes to use from primary data.
- Some of the indexes may be useful after column values from preceding tables are known.

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# Quiz

Which EXPLAIN Extra value indicates that a LEFT JOIN optimization has taken place?

- a. Distinct
- b. Not exists
- c. Using index
- d. Using\_sort\_union

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Answer: b

# **Practice 10-1 Overview: EXPLAIN Outputs**

In this practice, you execute a number of SELECT statements by using the EXPLAIN command to review the different outputs that are possible. The practice covers the following topics:

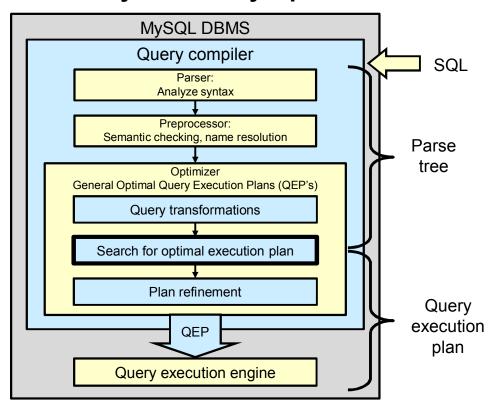
- Executing multiple SELECT statements against the world database
- Adding indexes to existing tables
  - **Note:** Throughout this practice, there are numerous steps to clean up the world database and its tables to ensure that the database itself remains unaffected at the end of the exercises.



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# **MySQL Query Optimizer**



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# **MySQL Query Optimizer**

The task of the guery optimizer in MySQL is to find the best or optimal plan for executing the SQL query that is submitted to the server. The query optimizer searches for the best plan among all the possible guery evaluation plans.

A process called *greedy optimization* enables the optimization engine to significantly reduce the amount of time it spends calculating optimal execution paths by a process of intelligent best-path reductions. For larger, more complex queries, this had previously become a bottleneck in the server's performance.

A process called *generous optimization* enables the optimization engine to significantly reduce the amount of time it spends calculating optimal execution paths by a process of intelligent best-path reductions.

- a. True
- b. False

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Answer: b

# **Finding Problematic Queries**

- Run EXPLAIN.
  - Monitor SQL statements being sent to the server.
  - Run these statements by using the EXPLAIN command.
- Enable the slow query log.
  - Query logs can be expensive on performance.
  - The slow query log is worth the minimal overhead.
- Enable the general query log.
  - Enable this periodically to collect a sampling of gueries that are being sent to the server.

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# **Finding Problematic Queries**

# Slow Query Log

- Queries that do not use indexes are logged in the slow query log if the log-queriesnot-using-indexes system variable is turned on.
- The --log-slow-admin-statements server option enables logging of slow administrative statements such as OPTIMIZE TABLE, ANALYZE TABLE, and ALTER TABLE to the slow query log.
- Queries handled by the guery cache are not added to the slow guery log, nor are queries that would not benefit from the presence of an index because the table has zero rows or one row.

# General Query Log

- The server writes information to this log when clients connect or disconnect, and it logs each SQL statement received from clients.
- This log can be very useful when an error in a client is suspected and it is beneficial to know exactly what the client sent to the server.

# **Finding Problematic Queries**

- Run SHOW PROCESSLIST.
  - Provides a real-time list of all connections to the server.
  - Displays the action being performed by each connection.
  - Terminate processes that are problematic:
    - KILL <connection\_id>
      - Terminates the connection itself
    - KILL QUERY <connection id>
      - Terminates the query being executed by the connection

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Which of the following steps can assist you in finding problematic queries? (Choose all that apply.)

- Run EXPLAIN.
- Enable the slow query log.
- Enable the general query log.
- Run SHOW PROCESSLIST.

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Answer: a, b, c, d

# **Practice 10-2 Overview: Improve Query Executions**

In this practice, you improve the execution of a sample query by:

- Executing the sample SELECT statement against the world database
- Using the EXPLAIN command to evaluate the steps needed to reduce the negative performance issues associated with the query
- Implementing changes to the table to improve the performance of the query based on the outcome of your evaluation

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# Practice 10-3 Overview: Locate and Correct Problematic Queries

In this practice, you locate and correct queries that are executing longer than determined to be acceptable. The practice covers the following topics:

- Reviewing the current system variables associated with the slow query log
- Setting the system variables to control the types of queries to be captured by the slow query log
- Using the mysqlslap application to execute a predefined script that contains multiple SQL statements
- Reviewing the statements captured by the slow query log and performing the steps necessary to improve the statement execution times



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# **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Describe best practices for SQL writing and execution
- Read EXPLAIN output
- Adjust MySQL Optimizer behavior
- Locate problematic queries

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# Performance Tuning Extras

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# **Objectives**

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Describe how your hardware and O/S can affect performance
- Demonstrate how to set up and evaluate logging to improve performance
- Describe best practices for backup and recovery

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# **Hardware Considerations**

# **CPU**

- The standard is 64 bit.
- For large workloads, larger CPU cache improves performance.
- Multiple gueries scale well for multiple CPUs.
  - Single query uses single CPU.
- Intel Hyper-Threading Technology has the potential to improve performance by as much as 20%.
- Dual-core CPUs provide up to 80% increase in CPU capacity.
- High-performance system bus minimizes overload on high load.

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### **Hardware Considerations**

### 64-bit standard

The benefits of 64-bit systems include improved RAM addressing, faster CPU response time, improved parallel processing, and faster file I/O response time.

### **CPU Cache**

- A large CPU cache provides improved performance.
  - 1 MB to 2 MB has the potential to improve performance by as much as 30%.
  - A large number of threads accessing the MySQL server can benefit from the larger CPU cache.

# Intel Hyper-Threading Technology

More information can be found at http://www.intel.com/technology/platformtechnology/hyper-threading/index.htm.

## Dual dual core versus dual quad core

- In most applications, dual dual cores at a faster clock speed usually perform better than dual quad cores at a slower clock speed.
- If your applications are highly concurrent and CPU-bound, dual guad cores have the potential to perform better.

# System bus

Having a high-performance system bus or several system buses spreading high bus usage devices (network, disk, and so on) has the potential to improve performance.

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The benefits of a 64-bit system include which of the following? (Choose all that apply.)

- a. Improved RAM addressing
- b. Faster CPU response time
- c. Improved parallel processing
- d. Faster file I/O response time

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Answer: a, b, c, d

# **Hardware Considerations**

# Memory

- Bandwidth is a frequent bottleneck for CPU-bound workloads.
- Fast memory, dual-channel memory, and a dedicated bus have the potential to provide multiple benefits.

## Network card

- Minimize latency by choosing a Gigabit Ethernet card.
- Choose a network interface card that supports CPU offloading.
- Verify driver support for your O/S.

## Disks

- Use RAID to ensure data security.
- Use multiple channels when working with multiple devices.

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# **Hardware Considerations (continued)**

## Memory

- Fast memory has the potential to improve cached disk performance.
- The increase in dual-channel memory performance has a minimal effect on overall system performance.
- A dedicated bus on a shared-memory multiprocessor (SMP) has the potential to improve performance.

### **Disks**

- RAID10 is the best choice for many devices. RAID1 is a good choice if you have only two disks.
  - The software associated with these devices use very little CPU time for random I/O.
- RAID5 is slower for applications with random writes in addition to slower rebuild time.
- RAID0 can be used in slaves to improve performance.
- Use larger RAID chunk (256K to 1MB) to improve performance.
  - Chunk is the "atomic" mass of data that is written to the devices.
- Use write cache that is backed up by battery.
  - Ensures truly ACID transactions with minimal performance overhead.

### **Hardware Considerations**

- Storage sharing
  - Storage area network (SAN) is easy to manage but slower than direct disks.
  - Network attached storage (NAS) works well with logs, binary logs, and read-only MyISAM.
    - Problems have been reported with InnoDB.
  - InnoDB logs can be placed on a dedication RAID1 drive if there are many devices.
    - O/S can use the same drive.
- Extending your hardware
  - Hardware should be purchased with expansion in mind.
    - You should be able to add more memory and disks as your applications grow.

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# Quiz

Which hardware component is the most frequent bottleneck for CPU-bound workloads?

- a. Disks
- b. Memory bandwidth
- c. Network card
- d. Storage area network (SAN)

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Answer: b

### **Configuring Hardware**

- Make sure it works.
  - Check for bad drivers if hardware is not working correctly.
- Check for proper throughput.
  - Check both random and sequential read/writes.
  - Verify that the disk cache is set to the proper mode for your system.
    - Benchmark your settings.
- Verify that the network interface is working properly.
  - Check to make sure that it is set to proper mode (that is, 1GB/full duplex).
  - Verify that CPU offloading is working.
  - Check the interrupt rates.
- Check for broken memory.

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### **Configuring Hardware**

### **Network interrupt rates**

Some drivers seem to have problems with buffering (taking an interrupt for each packet).

### **Broken memory**

- Frequent source of MySQL "bugs"
- Test the memory with memtest86 or equivalent application if you are unsure of the status of your memory.

### Quiz

Which of the following is a frequent source of MySQL bugs?

- a. Broken memory
- b. Disk cache set to wrong mode
- c. Network card drivers
- d. Other hardware drivers

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Answer: a

### **Operating System Considerations**

- MySQL supports a wide range of operating systems.
  - Windows, Linux, and Solaris are the top three.
  - Use operating systems for which Oracle delivers packages.
  - Verify that the vendor of an O/S can provide support.
    - Some non-Oracle O/S bugs cannot be fixed by Oracle support.
- Verify that the O/S has good thread support.
  - Ensure that the O/S contains kernel-level threads library for symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) support.
- Verify that the O/S allows you to address system memory.
- Verify that all your hardware is supported by the O/S.

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### Quiz

Which of the following operating systems are in the top three operating systems supported by MySQL? (Choose three.)

- HP-UX
- Linux b.
- Solaris
- Windows d.

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Answer: b, c, d

### **Operating System Configuration**

- Allow large process sizes.
- Allow a fairly large number of open files.
  - This is especially important for your MylSAM applications.
- When using a virtual machine (VM), ensure it is tuned well.
  - This is especially important to avoid swapping.
- Set proper I/O scheduling to ensure the best I/O performance.
- Consider using CPU binding (hard affinity) to prevent the scheduler from switching threads too often.
- Use large pages for MySQL processes if allowed by your O/S.

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### **Operating System Configuration**

### Large process sizes

The MySQL server is a single process. Allowing MySQL to use a large number of processes will provide benefits to performance.

### Virtual machines

It is also important that you size your MySQL buffers carefully when using a virtual machine (VM).

### I/O scheduling

- The deadline elevator on Linux systems aggressively reorders requests to improve I/O performance.
  - The scheduler provides near real-time behavior and uses a round-robin policy to attempt to be fair among multiple I/O requests and to avoid process starvation.

### **CPU** binding

For more information about CPU affinity, see http://littledaemons.wordpress.com/2009/01/22/cpu-affinity-and-taskset.

### Large pages

- Large pages are single-page table entries that cover large (up to multiple-megabyte) ranges of contiguous physical memory.
- After large pages are enabled on your O/S, enable the --large-pages MySQL server variable so that MySQL can take advantage of O/S large-page support.

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### **Operating System Configuration**

- For applications that use InnoDB, use direct I/O:
  - O DIRECT on Linux systems; directio on Solaris systems
  - For logs and MyISAM applications, use I/O buffering.
- Increase the number of active commands for SCSI devices.
  - The default is often too low.
- Use large file system/block events.
  - Tables are typically large.
  - Use notail with ReiserFS.



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### **Operating System Configuration (continued)**

### Direct I/O

O DIRECT attempts to minimize I/O cache effects to and from the application.

### Active commands for SCSI devices

- The SCSI protocol allows multiple commands to be active on a logical unit number (LUN) at the same time.
  - A LUN is a unique identifier that is used on a SCSI bus to distinguish between devices that share the same bus.
- SCSI device drivers have a configurable parameter called the LUN queue depth that determines how many commands can be active at one time for a given LUN.

### Large file system/block events

ReiserFS is a general-purpose, journaled computer file system currently supported on Linux.

# Quiz

For which type of application is it especially important to set your operating system to allow a fairly large number of open files?

- a. C++
- b. InnoDB
- c. MyISAM
- d. Web-based

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Answer: c

### Logging

- Use MyISAM tables with no indexes.
  - Provides fast logging and scans
  - Using the ARCHIVE storage engine can reduce the size of the footprint.
- Use INSERT DELAYED to have live reporting.
  - When there are no holes, concurrent insert works as well.
  - It is possible to write requests to files and use a separate "feeder."
- When using indexes, keep their number small.
  - Keep tables small so that indexes fit in memory.
- Consider using multiple tables, partitioning, and/or fast data purging.

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### Logging

### MyISAM tables

- Using MySQL to store logs provides an easy reporting tool using SQL.
- For example, the following SQL statement creates a report based on data in a log table:

SELECT AVG(request time) FROM log WHERE request="search"

### Quiz

Which storage engine is well suited for logging because it provides fast logging and scans?

- a. ARCHIVE
- InnoDB b.
- **MEMORY**
- **MyISAM** d.

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Answer: d

### **Backup and Recovery**

- Maintain your binary logs for the last two backups.
- Test your backups regularly to ensure that they actually restore valid data.
- Test how long a restoration of your data would take.
  - Textual backups take a long time to restore.
- Test how long roll-forward recovery takes.
  - mysqlbinlog logfile015.bin --start-position=123 | mysql
  - It may take up to several hours for each live hour.
    - Roll forward recovery is done by single thread.
  - Set innodb flush log at trx commit=0 for recovery.

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### Quiz

How long should you maintain your binary logs when used as a backup method?

- One week
- One month b.
- Last two backups
- d. Last five backups

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Answer: d

### **Summary**

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Describe how your hardware and O/S can affect performance
- Demonstrate how to set up and evaluate logging to improve performance
- Describe best practices for backup and recovery

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# Conclusion

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### **Course Goals: Review (1 of 3)**

In this course, you should have learned how to:

- Define a tuning strategy for your organizational needs
- Explain how the MySQL architecture affects performance tuning
- Use diagnostic tools to evaluate the current performance conditions of the MySQL server
- Use tuning tools to improve the performance of the MySQL server
- Evaluate how the user base of your application interacts with the MySQL server, and implement strategies that work with your specific users' needs

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## Course Goals: Review (2 of 3)

In this course, you should have learned how to:

- Use the INFORMATION SCHEMA database to assist with monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of performance tuning on your MySQL server
- Describe how the relational database model affects database performance
- Describe the status variables that have direct and indirect effects on the performance of applications
- Adjust server configuration variables to improve the performance of applications
- Write queries that take advantage of the performance enhancements of the MySQL server

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### Course Goals: Review (3 of 3)

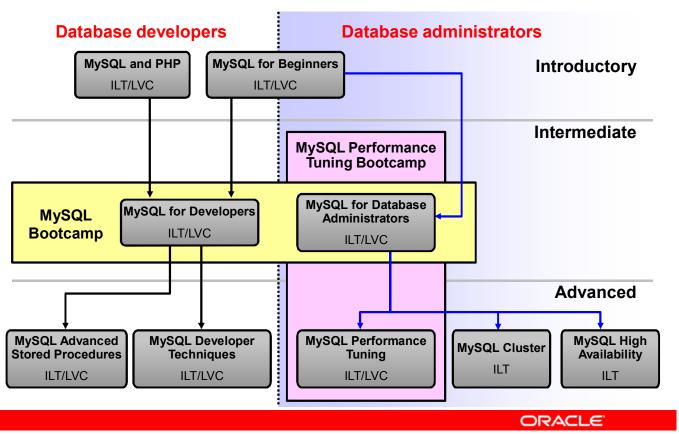
In this course, you should have learned how to:

- Describe how the storage engines have an effect on the performance of applications
- Describe how your current hardware and operating system affects the performance of the MySQL server
- Implement strategies for improving performance on dataloading operations

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## **MySQL Curriculum Path**



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  - http://msyql.com
    - Webinars and demos
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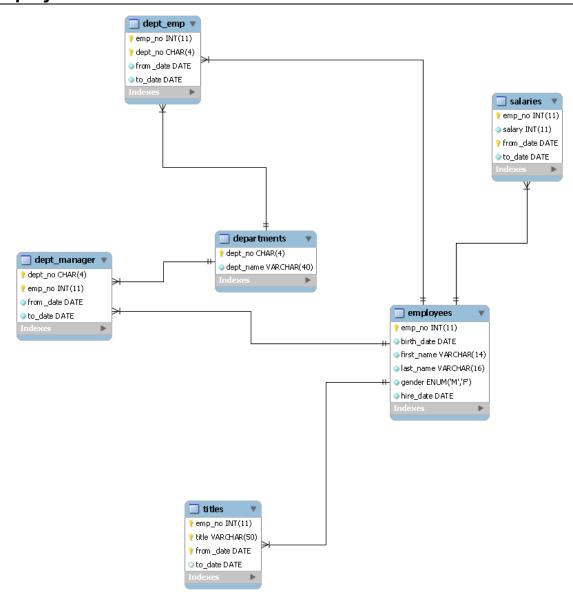
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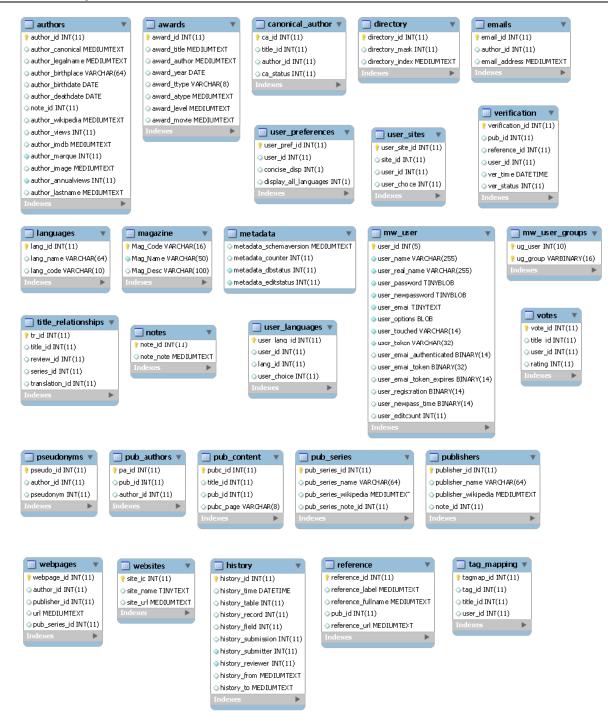
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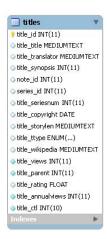
# **Example Schema Data Models**

### **Employees Schema Data Model**



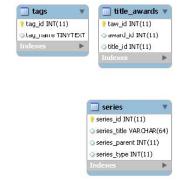
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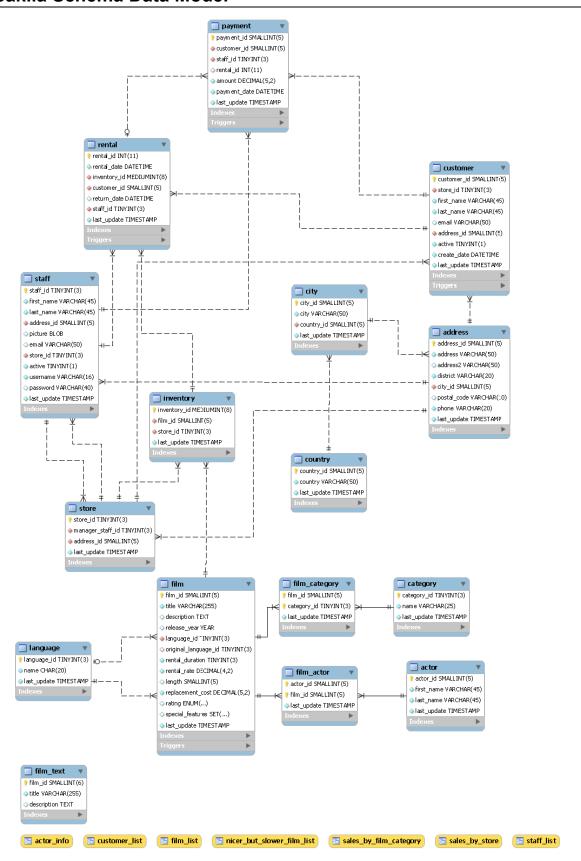


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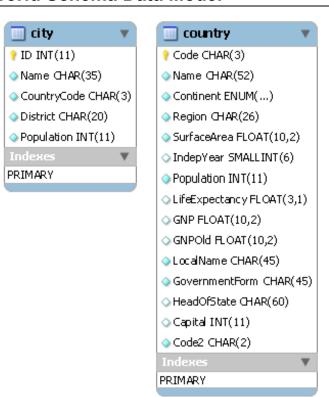


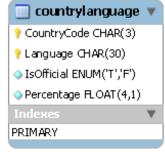
### Sakila Schema Data Model



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### **World Schema Data Model**





# Lab Scripts

### **Lesson 1: Introduction**

No activities for this lesson.

# **Lesson 2: Performance Tuning Basics**

No activities for this lesson

## **Practice 3-1 MySQL Monitoring Tools**

```
su -
rm -rf /etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-server
ln -s /opt/mysql/enterprise/monitor/mysqlmonitorctl.sh \
/etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-server
/etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-server stop
/etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-agent stop
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads%'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW TABLES FROM INFORMATION SCHEMA LIKE 'S%'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"DESC INFORMATION SCHEMA.SESSION STATUS"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT * FROM
INFORMATION SCHEMA.SESSION STATUS WHERE VARIABLE NAME LIKE 'Thread%'"
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/mysql start --performance schema
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW TABLES FROM performance schema"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT * FROM performance schema.threads"
mysql -uroot -poracle < /stage/scripts/10min.sql</pre>
### Second Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW OPEN TABLES WHERE In use > 0"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW PROCESSLIST\G"
mysqladmin -uroot -poracle status
mysqladmin -uroot -poracle kill 5
### First Terminal Window
/etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-server start
/etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-agent start
/etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-agent stop
/etc/init.d/mysql-monitor-server stop
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
```

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## **Practice 3-2 Open Source Community Tools**

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/apachectl stop
/apps/ADMIN/dim_STAT-Server start
/etc/STATsrv/STAT-service start
/etc/STATsrv/STAT-service stop
/apps/ADMIN/dim_STAT-Server stop
/etc/init.d/apachectl start
/etc/init.d/mysql start
```

```
/stage/mysqlresources -u root -p oracle
exit
ls /stage/maatkit-7041/bin
mk-find -uroot -poracle --engine InnoDB
mk-find -uroot -poracle --tablesize +50M
mk-variable-advisor -uroot -poracle localhost
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
cd /stage/mysqlreport-3.5
mysqlreport --user root --password oracle > /tmp/mysqlreport class1.txt
more /tmp/mysqlreport class1.txt
mysql -uroot -poracle < /stage/scripts/Qcache-queries.sql</pre>
cd /stage/mysqlreport-3.5
mysqlreport --user root --password oracle > /tmp/mysqlreport class2.txt
exit
more /tmp/mysqlreport class2.txt
mytop --user root --password oracle -d world
```

#### **Practice 3-3 Benchmark Tools**

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
cd /usr/bin/sql-bench
perl run-all-tests --small-test --create-options=ENGINE=INNODB --
user="root" --password="oracle" | tee /tmp/sql-bench-run-all-tests.txt
exit
ls /usr/bin/sql-bench/output/
more /usr/bin/sql-bench/output/select-mysql-Linux 2.6.18 164.el5 i686
more /tmp/sql-bench-run-all-tests.txt
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS mysqlslap; CREATE
DATABASE mysqlslap;"
mysqlslap --user=root --password=oracle \
--query="/stage/scripts/dept employees.sql" --iterations=10 \
--concurrency=10
exit
sysbench --test=oltp --mysql-table-engine=myisam \
--oltp-table-size=50000 --mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock \
--mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle --mysql-db=test prepare
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=50000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"DROP DATABASE test; CREATE DATABASE test;"
```

# **Lesson 4: MySQL Server Tuning**

#### **Practice 4-1 Effects of Thread Caching**

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
sysbench --test=oltp --mysql-table-engine=myisam \
--oltp-table-size=1000000 --mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock \
--mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle --mysql-db=test prepare
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL thread cache size=0; SET GLOBAL
max connections=300;"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads_created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
S11 -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL thread cache size=8; SET GLOBAL
max connections=300;"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
```

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL thread cache size=16; SET GLOBAL
max connections=300;"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=128 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Threads created'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Connections'"
```

#### **Practice 4-2 Table Caching**

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/mysql start --table-open-cache=1 --query-cache-size=0
exit
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -h
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "dept employees large.sql" \
-i 20 -c 5 -t -v "open%table%"
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/mysql start --table-open-cache=8 --query-cache-size=0
exit
cd /stage/scripts
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "dept_employees_large.sql" \
-i 20 -c 5 -t -v "open%table%"
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/mysql start --table-open-cache=16 --query-cache-size=0
exit
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "dept employees large.sql" \
-i 20 -c 5 -t -v "open%table%"
```

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/mysql start --table-open-cache=32 --query-cache-size=0
cd /stage/scripts
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "dept_employees_large.sql" \
-i 20 -c 5 -t -v "open%table%"
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/mysql start --table-open-cache=48 --query-cache-size=0
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "dept employees large.sql" \
-i 20 -c 5 -t -v "open%table%"
S11 -
/etc/init.d/mysql stop
/etc/init.d/mysql start --table-open-cache=64 --query-cache-size=0
exit
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "dept employees large.sql" \
-i 20 -c 5 -t -v "open%table%"
```

## Practice 4-3 Setting open\_files\_limit

```
cat /proc/meminfo
su -
sysctl fs.file-max
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT @@global.open_files_limit"
su -
vi /etc/my.cnf
### open_files_limit=453120
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT @@global.open_files_limit"
```

#### Practice 4-4 Setting max\_connections

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'max_connect%'";
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=200 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Max_used_connections'";
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL max_connections = 225";
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=200 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Max used connections'";
```

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=200 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Max used connections'";
su -
vi /etc/my.cnf
### max connections = 225
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=1000 --num-threads=200 run
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW STATUS LIKE 'Max used connections'";
```

## **Practice 4-5 Evaluating the Effects of Numerous Connections**

```
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL max connections = 1024";
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=100000 --num-threads=8 \
run | grep "total time"
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=100000 --num-threads=32 \
run | grep "total time"
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=100000 --num-threads=64 \
run | grep "total time"
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
```

```
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=100000 --num-threads=128 \
run | grep "total time"
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=100000 --num-threads=256 \
run | grep "total time"
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=100000 --num-threads=512 \
run | grep "total time"
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
sysbench --test=oltp --oltp-table-size=1000000 \
--mysql-socket=/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock --oltp-test-mode=simple \
--oltp-reconnect-mode=query --mysql-user=root --mysql-password=oracle \
--mysql-db=test --max-requests=100000 --num-threads=1000 \
run | grep "total time"
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
```

#### **Practice 4-6 Total Thread Memory Usage**

```
su -
vi /etc/my.cnf
### read_buffer_size: 2M
### read_rnd_buffer_size: 8M
### sort_buffer_size: 2M
### max_connections: 225
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'join_buffer_size'";
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'thread_stack'";
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'max_heap_table_size'";
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'tmp_table_size'";
```

#### **Practice 4-7 Sort Queries**

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
```

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL sort buffer size=32768;SET GLOBAL
query cache type=0"
cd /stage/scripts
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 20 -s "sort.read" \
-i 1 -v "Sort%" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL sort buffer size=524288"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 20 -s "sort.read" \
-i 1 -v "Sort%" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL sort buffer size=1048576"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 20 -s "sort.read" \
-i 1 -v "Sort%" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL sort buffer size=4194304"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 20 -s "sort.read" \
-i 1 -v "Sort%" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL sort buffer size=8388608"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 20 -s "sort.read" \
-i 1 -v "Sort%" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL sort buffer size=16777216"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 20 -s "sort.read" \
-i 1 -v "Sort%" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL sort buffer size=33554432"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 20 -s "sort.read" \
-i 1 -v "Sort%" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
```

# **Lesson 5: MySQL Query Cache**

#### **Practice 5-1 Query Cache**

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'have%'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query cache type = 1"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query cache size = 0"
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query cache size = 524288"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query cache size = 1048576"
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query cache size = 4194304"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query_cache_size = 16777216"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query_cache_size = 67108864"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query cache size = 134217728"
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
```

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```
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query_cache_size = 268435456"
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \setminus
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL query_cache_size = 536870912"
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -c 10 -s "qcache.read" \setminus
-i 5 -v "QCache hits, Com select" -t
### Second Terminal Window
top | grep mysqld
su -
vi /etc/init.d/my.cnf
### query_cache_type = 0
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
```

#### Lesson 6: InnoDB

#### **Practice 6-1 Committing Transactions**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle
USE many_tables;
SELECT ROUTINE_NAME, ROUTINE_DEFINITION FROM
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.ROUTINES WHERE ROUTINE_NAME LIKE 'innodb_inserts'\G
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,1);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,10);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,100);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,1000);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,5000);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,5000);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,50000);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,50000);
CALL innodb_inserts(100000,50000);
```

#### Practice 6-2 SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
mysql -uroot -poracle
USE many tables;
SELECT ROUTINE NAME, ROUTINE DEFINITION FROM
INFORMATION SCHEMA.ROUTINES WHERE ROUTINE NAME LIKE
'create_city_huge'\G
SELECT ROUTINE NAME, ROUTINE_DEFINITION FROM
INFORMATION SCHEMA. ROUTINES WHERE ROUTINE NAME LIKE
'add data to city huge'\G
CALL create city huge (100);
ALTER TABLE city huge ENGINE=INNODB;
### Second Terminal Window
su -
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /stage/scripts/innodb query.sql \
--create-schema=many tables -i 20 -c 20
exit
### First Terminal Window
SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS\G
```

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#### **Practice 6-3 InnoDB Monitors**

```
ls /var/lib/mysql/*.err
su -
## Modify the information below for the machine you are using
## cp /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err /var/lib/mysqlEDTDR14P0.err-bu1
## rm -rf /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
```

```
exit
### Second Terminal Window
mysql -uroot -poracle
USE many tables;
CREATE TABLE innodb monitor (A INT) ENGINE=INNODB;
### Wait one minute, the SLEEP function can be used to keep the script
### from moving on until one minute has passed
SELECT SLEEP(60);
DROP TABLE innodb monitor;
### First Terminal Window
## Modify the information below for the machine you are using
## more /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err
## cp /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err /var/lib/mysqlEDTDR14P0.err-bu2
## rm -rf /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
### Second Terminal Window
CREATE TABLE innodb tablespace monitor (A INT) ENGINE=INNODB;
### Wait one minute, the SLEEP function can be used to keep the script
### from moving on until one minute has passed
SELECT SLEEP(60);
DROP TABLE innodb tablespace monitor;
### First Terminal Window
## Modify the information below for the machine you are using
## more /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err
## cp /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err /var/lib/mysqlEDTDR14P0.err-bu3
## rm -rf /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
### Second Terminal Window
CREATE TABLE innodb table monitor (A INT) ENGINE=INNODB;
### Wait one minute, the SLEEP function can be used to keep the script
### from moving on until one minute has passed
SELECT SLEEP(60);
DROP TABLE innodb table monitor;
### First Terminal Window
su -
## Modify the information below for the machine you are using
## more /var/lib/mysql/EDTDR14P0.err
exit
### Second Terminal Window
exit;
```

#### **Practice 6-4 InnoDB Settings**

```
mysgl -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'innodb%'"
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /staqe/scripts/innodb query.sql \
--create-schema=many tables -i 4 -c 10
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL innodb flush log at trx commit=2"
su -
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /stage/scripts/innodb query.sql \
--create-schema=many_tables -i 4 -c 10
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL innodb flush log at trx commit=0"
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /staqe/scripts/innodb query.sql \
--create-schema=many tables -i 4 -c 10
/etc/init.d/mysql restart --innodb buffer pool size=0
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /stage/scripts/innodb_buffer.sql \
--create-schema=many tables -i 5 -c 1
exit
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysgld
### First Terminal Window
/etc/init.d/mysql restart --innodb buffer pool size=12M
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /stage/scripts/innodb buffer.sql \
--create-schema=many tables -i 5 -c 1
exit
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart --innodb buffer pool size=24M
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /stage/scripts/innodb buffer.sql \
--create-schema=many tables -i 5 -c 1
exit
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
### First Terminal Window
/etc/init.d/mysql restart --innodb buffer pool size=36M
mysqlslap -uroot -poracle -q /stage/scripts/innodb buffer.sql \
--create-schema=many tables -i 5 -c 1
exit
### Second Terminal Window
top -n 8 | grep mysqld
```

#### **Practice 7-1 Optimizing MyISAM**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many_tables; CALL create_city_huge(0);\
ALTER TABLE city_huge ENGINE=MYISAM;\
ALTER TABLE city_huge DISABLE KEYS;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/city_huge.sql; ALTER TABLE city_huge ENABLE KEYS;"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT COUNT(*) FROM many_tables.city_huge;"
su -
ls -l /var/lib/mysql/many_tables/city_huge.*
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many_tables;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/delete_city_huge.sql;"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT COUNT(*) FROM many_tables.city_huge;"
su -
ls -l /var/lib/mysql/many_tables/city_huge.*
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"OPTIMIZE TABLES many_tables.city_huge;"
su -
ls -l /var/lib/mysql/many_tables/city_huge.*
exit
```

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#### **Practice 7-2 MyISAM Table Locks**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables; TRUNCATE city huge; \
ALTER TABLE city huge DISABLE KEYS; SOURCE
/stage/scripts/city_huge.sql;\ ALTER TABLE city_huge ENABLE KEYS;"
# Note: For the next few steps, you need to have four separate terminal
windows opened. The first terminal window is running the mysql client.
The second terminal window is running delete operations against the
MySQL server. The third terminal window is running insert operations
against the MySQL server. The fourth terminal window is running the
select operations.
### Terminal 1
mysql -uroot -poracle
FLUSH STATUS;
SHOW FULL PROCESSLIST\G
SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Table_locks%';
### Terminal 2
time mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/delete city huge 32K.sql;"
time mysql -uroot -poracle -e" USE many tables;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/insert city huge 100K.sql;"
### Terminal 4
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -t -q -s "Q:SELECT * FROM
many tables.city huge WHERE ID={RANDOM}" -i 100000 -r 2000000
### Terminal 1
SHOW FULL PROCESSLIST\G
```

```
SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Table locks%';
FLUSH STATUS;
### Terminal 2
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;TRUNCATE city huge;\
ALTER TABLE city huge DISABLE KEYS; SOURCE
/stage/scripts/city_huge.sql;\ ALTER TABLE city_huge ENABLE KEYS;"
### Terminal 2
time mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many_tables;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/delete city huge 8K 1.sql;\
SELECT SLEEP(30); SOURCE /stage/scripts/delete city huge 8K 2.sql; \
SELECT SLEEP(30); SOURCE /stage/scripts/delete city huge 8K 3.sql;
SELECT SLEEP(30); SOURCE / stage/scripts/delete city huge 8K 4.sql;"
### Terminal 3
time mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/insert city huge 100K.sql;"
### Terminal 4
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -t -q -s "Q:SELECT * FROM
many_tables.city_huge WHERE ID={RANDOM}" -i 100000 -r 2000000
### Terminal 1
SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Table locks%';
FLUSH STATUS;
### Terminal 2
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;TRUNCATE city huge;\
ALTER TABLE city huge DISABLE KEYS; SOURCE
/stage/scripts/city huge.sql;\ ALTER TABLE city huge ENABLE KEYS;"
### Terminal 3
time mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/insert_city_huge_100K.sql;"
### Terminal 4
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -t -q -s "Q:SELECT * FROM
many_tables.city_huge WHERE ID={RANDOM}" -i 100000 -r 2000000
### Terminal 1
SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Table locks%';
```

#### **Practice 7-3 Key Cache Effectiveness**

```
su -
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL key_buffer_size=16*1024;"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES \
LIKE 'key_cache_block_size';"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Key%';"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT Name FROM world.Country \
WHERE Code = 'SWE';"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Key%';"
```

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT Name FROM world.Country \
WHERE Code = 'SWZ';"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Key%';"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT Name FROM world.Country \
WHERE Code = 'FIN';"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'Key%';"
```

#### **Practice 7-4 Full-Text Indexing**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;\
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS city_fulltext;\
CREATE TABLE city_fulltext LIKE city_huge;\
ALTER TABLE city_fulltext DROP INDEX CountryCode, \
DROP INDEX Name, DROP INDEX Population;\
ALTER TABLE city fulltext ADD FULLTEXT(Name, District);\
INSERT INTO city fulltext SELECT * FROM city huge;"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT COUNT(*) FROM \
many tables.city fulltext WHERE Name LIKE 'San %';"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT COUNT(*) FROM \
many tables.city fulltext WHERE MATCH(Name, District) AGAINST('San');"
/etc/init.d/my.cnf
### ft_min_word_len = 3
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;\
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS city fulltext;\
CREATE TABLE city fulltext LIKE city huge;\
ALTER TABLE city_fulltext DROP INDEX CountryCode, \
DROP INDEX Name, DROP INDEX Population;\
ALTER TABLE city fulltext ADD FULLTEXT(Name, District);\
INSERT INTO city fulltext SELECT * FROM city huge;"
cd /stage/scripts
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT * FROM
many tables.city fulltext WHERE MATCH(Name, District) AGAINST ('San')
LIMIT 1000" -t -i 100
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT * FROM
many tables.city fulltext WHERE MATCH(Name, District) AGAINST ('San' IN
BOOLEAN MODE) LIMIT 1000" -t -i 100
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT COUNT(*) FROM
many_tables.city_fulltext WHERE MATCH(Name, District) AGAINST ('San')" \
-t -i 100
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT * FROM
many_tables.city_fulltext WHERE MATCH(Name,District) AGAINST ('San' IN
BOOLEAN MODE) LIMIT 1000" -t -i 100
```

# **Lesson 8: Other MySQL Storage Engines and Issues**

#### **Practice 8-1 Large Objects**

```
cd /stage/scripts
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT
picture FROM many_tables.BLOB_InnoDB" -t
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT
picture FROM many_tables.BLOB_MyISAM" -t
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT
last_name FROM many_tables.BLOB_InnoDB" -i 10 -c 10 -t
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT
last_name FROM many_tables.BLOB_MyISAM" -i 10 -c 10 -t
```

#### Practice 8-2 MEMORY Storage Engine

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL max heap table size = 100000 *
time mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables; TRUNCATE city huge; \
ALTER TABLE city huge ENGINE=MYISAM; ALTER TABLE city huge DISABLE
KEYS;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/city huge.sql; ALTER TABLE city huge ENABLE KEYS; "
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT id FROM
many tables.city huge WHERE
ID={RANDOM}; " -r 2000000 -t -i 100000 -c 10 -q
### Terminal 2
top | grep mysqld
### Terminal 1
time mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables; TRUNCATE city huge; \
ALTER TABLE city huge ENGINE=MEMORY;\
ALTER TABLE city huge DISABLE KEYS;\
SOURCE /stage/scripts/city huge.sql; ALTER TABLE city huge ENABLE
KEYS;"
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT id FROM
many tables.city huge WHERE
ID={RANDOM}; " -r 2000000 -t -i 100000 -c 10 -q
### Terminal 2
top | grep mysqld
```

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# **Lesson 9: Schema Design and Performance**

#### **Practice 9-1 Schema Design**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW CREATE TABLE world NonNorm.world all\G"
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT DISTINCT Country Name,
GovernmentForm FROM world NonNorm.world all WHERE Country Population <
{RANDOM}" -r 1500000000 -t -i 100 -c 5 -q
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT Name, GovernmentForm
FROM world.Country WHERE Population
< {RANDOM}" -r 1500000000 -t -i 100 -c 5 -q
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT City Name, Country Name
FROM world NonNorm.world all WHERE Percentage
< {RANDOM} " -r 101 -t -i 100 -c 2 -q
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT City.Name, Country.Name
FROM world.City, world.Country, world.CountryLanguage WHERE
City.CountryCode = Country.Code AND Country.Code =
CountryLanguage.CountryCode AND Percentage
< {RANDOM}" -r 101 -t -i 100 -c 2 -q
```

#### **Practice 9-2 Data Types**

```
ls -alt /var/lib/mysql/isfdb/authors*
exit
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"ALTER TABLE isfdb.authors MODIFY \
author birthdate DATETIME DEFAULT NULL"
su -
ls -alt /var/lib/mysql/isfdb/authors*
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW CREATE TABLE isfdb.history\G"
### Terminal 2
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT MAX(LENGTH(history from)) \
FROM isfdb.history"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT MAX(LENGTH(history to)) \setminus
FROM isfdb.history"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE isfdb;CREATE TABLE history char \setminus
LIKE history;
ALTER TABLE history char MODIFY history from CHAR(199);\
ALTER TABLE history char MODIFY history to CHAR(226);\
INSERT INTO history char SELECT * FROM history;"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE isfdb;CREATE TABLE history varchar \
LIKE history;\
ALTER TABLE history varchar MODIFY history from VARCHAR(199);
ALTER TABLE history varchar MODIFY history to VARCHAR(226);\
INSERT INTO history varchar SELECT * FROM history;"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE isfdb;CREATE TABLE history mixed \
LIKE history;\
ALTER TABLE history_mixed MODIFY history_from CHAR(199);\
ALTER TABLE history mixed MODIFY history to VARCHAR(226);
INSERT INTO history mixed SELECT * FROM history;"
### Terminal 1
```

```
su -
ls -alt /var/lib/mysql/isfdb/history*
exit
### Terminal 2
cd /stage/scripts
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT history_from, history_to
FROM isfdb.history_varchar" -t -i 200 -c 2 -q
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT history_from, history_to
FROM isfdb.history_char" -t -i 200 -c 2 -q
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT history_from, history_to
FROM isfdb.history_char" -t -i 200 -c 2 -q
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT history_from, history_to
FROM isfdb.history" -t -i 200 -c 2 -q
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT history_from, history_to
FROM isfdb.history_mixed" -t -i 200 -c 2 -q
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"ALTER TABLE isfdb.authors MODIFY \
author_birthdate DATE DEFAULT NULL"
```

#### **Practice 9-3 Indexes**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT ROUTINE NAME, ROUTINE DEFINITION
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.ROUTINES WHERE ROUTINE NAME \
LIKE 'create city memory huge'\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;\
CALL create_city_memory_huge(30); SELECT COUNT(*) FROM
city memory huge;"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW CREATE TABLE \
many tables.city memory huge\G"
cd /stage/scripts
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s btree-equal.sql -t
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s hash-equal.sql -t
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s scan-equal.sql -t
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s btree-nonequal.sql -t
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s hash-nonequal.sql -t
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s scan-nonequal.sql -t
mysgl -uroot -poracle -e"USE many tables;\
CALL create city huge(30); SELECT COUNT(*) FROM city huge; "
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW CREATE TABLE many tables.city huge\G"
su -
ls -alt /var/lib/mysql/many tables/city huge*
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"ALTER TABLE many tables.city huge \
DROP INDEX Name, ADD INDEX (Name(4))"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW CREATE TABLE many_tables.city_huge\G"
S11 -
ls -alt /var/lib/mysql/many tables/city huge*
exit
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s prefix-equal.sql -t
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s prefix-nonequal.sql -t
```

#### **Practice 9-4 Partitioning**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"CREATE TABLE many tables.city no partition \
(ID int(11) NOT NULL, Name char(35) NOT NULL DEFAULT '', \
CountryCode char(3) NOT NULL DEFAULT '', \
District char(20) NOT NULL DEFAULT '', \
Population int(11) NOT NULL DEFAULT '0', \
PRIMARY KEY (ID, Population)) ENGINE=MYISAM"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"INSERT INTO many tables.city no partition \
SELECT * FROM many tables.city huge"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"CREATE TABLE many tables.city partition \
(ID int(11) NOT NULL, Name char(35) NOT NULL DEFAULT '', \
CountryCode char(3) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
District char(20) NOT NULL DEFAULT '', \setminus
Population int(11) NOT NULL DEFAULT '0') ENGINE=MYISAM \
PARTITION BY RANGE (Population) \
(PARTITION one VALUES LESS THAN (100000), \
PARTITION two VALUES LESS THAN (1000000), \
PARTITION three VALUES LESS THAN MAXVALUE) "
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"INSERT INTO many tables.city partition \
SELECT * FROM many tables.city_huge"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"ALTER TABLE many tables.city partition \
ADD PRIMARY KEY (ID, Population)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SELECT partition name, table rows FROM \
INFORMATION SCHEMA.PARTITIONS WHERE table name = 'city partition'"
cd /stage/scripts
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT Name, Population \
FROM many tables.city no partition WHERE Population
> 1000000" -t -i 10 -c 3 -q
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT Name, Population FROM \
many tables.city partition WHERE Population
> 1000000" -t -i 10 -c 3 -q
./PT Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT Name, Population FROM
many tables.city no partition" -t -i 10 -c 3 -q
./PT_Stress.php -u root -p oracle -s "Q:SELECT Name, Population FROM
many tables.city partition" -t -i 10 -c 3 -q
```

# Practice 10-1 EXPLAIN Outputs

```
WHERE ID=3803\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City \
WHERE ID=3800+3\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City \
WHERE ID-3=3800\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT Country. Name \
FROM Country, City WHERE City.CountryCode=Country.Code\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; ALTER TABLE City \
ADD INDEX (District)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City \
WHERE District='California'\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; DROP INDEX District ON City"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; ALTER TABLE Country \
ADD INDEX (IndepYear)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM Country \
WHERE IndepYear=1905 OR IndepYear IS NULL\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;DROP INDEX IndepYear ON Country"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;ALTER TABLE City \
ADD INDEX (District)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City \
WHERE ID=50 OR District='Michigan'\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; DROP INDEX District ON City"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City WHERE \
CountryCode IN (SELECT code FROM Country WHERE CODE LIKE 'USA')\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;\
ALTER TABLE City ADD INDEX (Population)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City \
WHERE population>1000000\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; DROP INDEX Population ON City"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT ID FROM City\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM City \
WHERE population>1000000\G"
```

#### **Practice 10-2 Improve Query Executions**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT Name FROM City \
WHERE CountryCode = 'usa' ORDER BY Population DESC LIMIT 5\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;ALTER TABLE City \setminus
ADD INDEX (CountryCode)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT Name FROM City \
WHERE CountryCode = 'usa' ORDER BY Population DESC LIMIT 5\G"
mysgl -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; ALTER TABLE City \
ADD INDEX Code Pop (CountryCode, Population)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world; EXPLAIN SELECT Name FROM City WHERE
CountryCode = 'usa' ORDER BY Population DESC LIMIT 5\G"
```

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;ALTER TABLE City \
ADD INDEX Code_Pop_Name (CountryCode, Population, Name)"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;EXPLAIN SELECT Name FROM City WHERE \
CountryCode = 'usa' ORDER BY Population DESC LIMIT 5\G"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;DROP INDEX CountryCode ON City"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;DROP INDEX Code_Pop ON City"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"USE world;DROP INDEX Code_Pop_Name ON City"
```

#### **Practice 10-3 Locate Problematic Queries**

```
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'log%'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'long%'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'slow%'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL slow query log file = \
'/tmp/mysql slow.log'"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL long query time = 0.05"
mysql -uroot -poracle -e"SET GLOBAL slow query log = ON"
### Terminal 2
tail -f /tmp/mysql slow.log
### Terminal 1
mysqlslap --user=root --password=oracle --delimiter=";" \
--query="/stage/scripts/isfdb selects.sql" --create-schema="isfdb" \
--iterations=1
mysql -uroot -poracle
USE isfdb
SELECT DISTINCT
 (SELECT author canonical FROM authors WHERE author id=4)
AS author, pub title FROM pubs WHERE pub id IN
 (SELECT pub id FROM pub authors WHERE author id=4)
ORDER BY pub title;
EXPLAIN SELECT DISTINCT
 (SELECT author canonical FROM authors WHERE author id=4)
AS author, pub_title FROM pubs WHERE pub_id IN
 (SELECT pub id FROM pub authors WHERE author id=4)
ORDER BY pub title\G
SELECT DISTINCT author canonical, pub title
FROM authors, pub authors, pubs WHERE
pub authors.author id=authors.author id AND
pub authors.pub id=pubs.pub id AND authors.author id=4
ORDER BY pub title;
SELECT "A's" AS LastName, COUNT(*)
FROM authors WHERE author lastname LIKE 'A%';
EXPLAIN SELECT "A's" AS LastName, COUNT(*)
FROM authors WHERE author lastname LIKE 'A%'\G
ALTER TABLE authors ADD INDEX (author lastname(10));
SELECT "A's" AS LastName, COUNT(*)
FROM authors WHERE author lastname LIKE 'A%';
```

```
SELECT author_canonical,
COUNT(award id) AS Number Awards FROM authors,
title_awards, canonical_author
WHERE canonical author.author id = authors.author id
AND title awards.title id = canonical author.title id
GROUP BY author canonical ORDER BY author lastname;
EXPLAIN SELECT author canonical,
COUNT(award_id) AS Number_Awards FROM authors,
title awards, canonical author
WHERE canonical author.author id = authors.author id
AND title awards.title id = canonical author.title id
GROUP BY author canonical ORDER BY author lastname\G
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE award count
 (author_id INT PRIMARY KEY, award_count INT)
SELECT author id, COUNT(award id) AS award count
FROM canonical_author, title awards
WHERE title_awards.title_id = canonical_author.title_id
GROUP BY author id;
SELECT author canonical, award count FROM authors,
award count WHERE authors.author id =
award_count.author_id ORDER BY author_lastname;
```

# **Lesson 11: Performance Tuning Extras**

No activities for this lesson.

# **Lesson 12: Conclusion**

No activities for this lesson.

# **Basic Linux vi Editor Commands**

#### What Is vi?

The default editor that comes with the UNIX operating system is called vi (visual editor). [Alternate editors for UNIX environments include pico and emacs, a product of GNU.]

The UNIX vi editor is a full screen editor and has two modes of operation:

- Command mode commands, which cause action to be taken on the file
- Insert mode, in which entered text is inserted into the file

In the command mode, every character typed is a command that does something to the text file being edited; a character typed in the command mode may even cause the vi editor to enter the insert mode. In the insert mode, every character typed is added to the text in the file; pressing the  $\langle Esc \rangle$  (Escape) key turns off the Insert mode.

While there are a number of vi commands, just a handful of these are usually sufficient for beginning vi users. To assist such users, this appendix contains a sampling of basic vi commands. The most basic and useful commands are marked with an asterisk (\* or star) in the following tables. With practice, these commands should become automatic.

**Note:** Both UNIX and vi are case-sensitive. Be sure not to use a capital letter in place of a lowercase letter; the results will not be what you expect.

## To Get Into and Out of VI

#### To Start vi

To use vi on a file, enter vi filename. If the file named filename exists, then the first page (or screen) of the file will be displayed. If the file does not exist, then an empty file and screen are created into which you may enter text.

vi	filename	edit filename starting at line l
vi	-r filename	recover filename that was being edited when system crashed

#### To Exit vi

Usually the new or modified file is saved when you leave vi. However, it is also possible to quit vi without saving the file.

**Note:** The cursor moves to the bottom of the screen whenever a colon (:) is typed. This type of command is completed by pressing the <Return> or <Enter> keys.

:x <return></return>	quit vi, writing out modified file to file named in original invocation
:wq <return></return>	quit vi, writing out modified file to file named in original invocation
:q <return></return>	quit (or exit) vi
:q! <return></return>	quit vi even though latest changes have not been saved for this vi call

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# **Moving the Cursor**

Unlike many of the PC and MacIntosh editors, the mouse does not move the cursor within the vi editor screen (or window). You must use the key commands listed below. On some UNIX platforms, the arrow keys may be used as well; however, since vi was designed with the Qwerty keyboard (containing no arrow keys) in mind, the arrow keys sometimes produce strange effects in vi and should be avoided.

If you go back and forth between a PC environment and a UNIX environment, you may find that this dissimilarity in methods for cursor movement is the most frustrating difference between the two.

In the table below, the symbol ^ before a letter means that the <Ctrl> key should be held down while the letter key is pressed.

ville the letter key to proceed.		
j <i>or</i> <return> [<i>or</i> down-arrow]</return>	move cursor down one line	
k [or up-arrow]	move cursor up one line	
h <i>or</i> <backspace> [<i>or</i> left-arrow]</backspace>	move cursor left one character	
1 or <space> [or right-arrow]</space>	move cursor right one character	
0 (zero)	move cursor to start of current line (the one with the cursor)	
\$	move cursor to end of current line	
w	move cursor to beginning of next word	
b	move cursor back to beginning of preceding word	
:0 <return> or 1G</return>	move cursor to first line in file	
:n <return> or nG</return>	move cursor to line n	
:\$ <return> or G</return>	move cursor to last line in file	

# **Screen Manipulation**

The following commands allow the vi editor screen (or window) to move up or down several lines and to be refreshed.

^f	move forward one screen
<b>^</b> b	move backward one screen
^d	move down (forward) one half screen
^u	move up (back) one half screen
^1	redraws the screen
^r	redraws the screen, removing deleted lines

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# Adding, Changing, and Deleting Text

Unlike PC editors, you cannot replace or delete text by highlighting it with the mouse. Instead, you use the commands in the following tables.

Perhaps the most important command is the one that allows you to back up and undo your last action. Unfortunately, this command acts like a toggle, undoing and redoing your most recent action. You cannot go back more than one step.

u UNDO WHATEVER YOU JUST DID; a simple toggle

The main purpose of an editor is to create, add, or modify text for a file.

## **Inserting or Adding Text**

The following commands allow you to insert and add text. Each of these commands puts the vi editor into insert mode; thus, the <Esc> key must be pressed to terminate the entry of text and to put the vi editor back into command mode.

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i	insert text before cursor, until <esc> hit</esc>
I	insert text at beginning of current line, until <esc> hit</esc>
a	append text after cursor, until <esc> hit</esc>
A	append text to end of current line, until <esc> hit</esc>
0	open and put text in a new line below current line, until <esc> hit</esc>
0	open and put text in a new line above current line, until <esc> hit</esc>

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# **Changing Text**

The following commands allow you to modify text.

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replace single character under cursor (no <esc> needed)</esc>		
replace characters, starting with current cursor position, until <esc> hit</esc>		
change the current word with new text, starting with the character under cursor, until <esc> hit</esc>		
change N words beginning with character under cursor, until <esc> hit; e.g., c5w changes 5 words</esc>		
change (replace) the characters in the current line, until <esc> hit</esc>		
change (replace) the entire current line, stopping when <esc> is hit</esc>		
change (replace) the next N lines, starting with the current line, stopping when <esc> is hit</esc>		

# **Deleting Text**

The following commands allow you to delete text.

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x	delete single character under cursor	
Nx	delete N characters, starting with character under cursor	
dw	delete the single word beginning with character under cursor	
dNw	delete N words beginning with character under cursor; e.g., d5w deletes 5 words	
D	delete the remainder of the line, starting with current cursor position	
dd	delete entire current line	
Ndd <i>or</i> dNd	delete N lines, beginning with the current line; e.g., 5dd deletes 5 lines	

# **Cutting and Pasting Text**

The following commands allow you to copy and paste text.

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уу	copy (yank, cut) the current line into the buffer
Nyy or yNy	copy (yank, cut) the next N lines, including the current line, into the buffer
р	put (paste) the line(s) in the buffer into the text after the current line

# **Other Commands**

#### **Searching Text**

A common occurrence in text editing is to replace one word or phase by another. To locate instances of particular sets of characters (or strings), use the following commands.

/string	search forward for occurrence of string in text
?string	search backward for occurrence of string in text
n	move to next occurrence of search string
N	move to next occurrence of search string in opposite direction

# **Determining Line Numbers**

Being able to determine the line number of the current line or the total number of lines in the file being edited is sometimes useful.

: .=	returns line number of current line at bottom of screen	
:=	returns the total number of lines at bottom of screen	
^g	provides the current line number, along with the total number of lines, in the file at the bottom of the screen	

# **Saving and Reading Files**

These commands permit you to input and output files other than the named file with which you are currently working.

:r filename <return></return>	read file named filename and insert after current line (the line with cursor)
:w <return></return>	write current contents to file named in original vi call
:w newfile <return></return>	write current contents to a new file named newfile
:12,35w smallfile <return></return>	write the contents of the lines numbered 12 through 35 to a new file named smallfile
:w! prevfile <return></return>	write current contents over a pre-existing file named prevfile