DBMS Implementation project Part III

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Postgres

It is a powerful, open-source object relational database that extends SQL language.

Robust feature set, extensible and consistent delivery of performance and runs on major operating systems.

It has many features that help developers build fault tolerant environment and manage data no matter how big.

Why Postgres?

- Familiarity with the system and ease of use
- Easier to compare differences in the performance within a system and test various features
- Lots of resources and community threads to learn from.
- Various query parameters can be tweaked and observed for variations in performance.

Goals

- Using the Wisconsin benchmark design to generate data tables of various sizes and perform various experiments on them. Our code generates data according to the Wisconsin benchmark specification, as described in "The Wisconsin Benchmark: Past, Present, and Future" by David J. DeWitt
- For the performance of the system by choosing a variety of queries fetching data of different size and attributes under varying conditions.
- Observe and record the results of execution and measure the performance in terms of time and cost and the impact of modifying query parameters.

Experiment 1

► Performance issue :

work_mem specifies the amount of memory used by internal sort operations and hash tables before writing to temporary disk files. There could be a difference in the performance when the work_mem is increased or decreased based on the no of connections and also the sort operation performed on the relations.

► Parameters :

Vary work_mem upto 128 MB.

Execution

Query: EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT unique2, string4 FROM hundredktup ORDER BY string4;

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dbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT unique2,string4 FROM hundredktup ORDER BY string4;
                                                                                                                           work mem = '500kB'
                                                    QUERY PLAN
Sort (cost=19860.82..20110.82 rows=100000 width=57) (actual time=118.527..133.501 rows=100000 loops=1)
  Sort Key: string4
  Sort Method: external merge Disk: 6576kB
  -> Seq Scan on hundredktup (cost=0.00..4031.00 rows=100000 width=57) (actual time=0.619..66.123 rows=100000 loops=1)
Planning Time: 7.485 ms
Execution Time: 139.082 ms
(6 rows)
ibmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT unique2,string4 FROM hundredktup ORDER BY string4;
                                                     OUERY PLAN
                                                                                                                           work mem = '4MB'
Sort (cost=16098.32..16348.32 rows=100000 width=57) (actual time=90.876..106.671 rows=100000 loops=1)
  Sort Key: string4
  Sort Method: external merge Disk: 6584kB
 -> Seq Scan on hundredktup (cost=0.00..4031.00 rows=100000 width=57) (actual time=0.034..37.254 rows=100000 loops=1)
Planning Time: 4.638 ms
Execution Time: 114.269 ms
(6 rows)
                                                                                                                           work mem = 50MB
dbmsproject=# set work mem = '50MB';
dbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT unique2, string4 FROM hundredktup ORDER BY string4;
                                                      OUERY PLAN
 Sort (cost=12335.82..12585.82 rows=100000 width=57) (actual time=71.055..84.447 rows=100000 loops=1)
  Sort Key: string4
  Sort Method: quicksort Memory: 17135kB
  -> Seg Scan on hundredktup (cost=0.00..4031.00 rows=100000 width=57) (actual time=0.029..37.034 rows=100000 loops=1)
 Planning Time: 4.386 ms
 Execution Time: 89.314 ms
(6 rows)
```

Results of Execution

Exp No		Execution time for work_mem (milli seconds)				
		500kB	4 MB	50 MB	100 MB	
	1	129.75	105.241	89.314	80.605	
	2	131.942	109.163	89.793	91.961	
	3	139.082	110.789	100.925	91.966	
	4	140.871	114.269	101.712	93.065	
	5	142.714	116.323	103.514	94.113	
Average						
		137.298	111.407	97.476	92.330	



Results and Lessons Learned

The size of the relation hundredktup is 46MB. Since the size of the relation is larger than work_mem which is 4MB by default, the database had to use external merge sort to sort the relation.

Now changing the work_mem to 50 MB and then 100 MB decreases the execution, the database uses quicksort which reduces the execution time from 111.407 to 92.330

Increasing work_mem doesn't always improve the performance. A database backs a web server, and, in that case, you have many queries coming through the web service and too many hitting at the same time. To not overwhelm the memory, we want those different queries to get a small bit of memory. We want work mem to be relatively small to allow many queries and to allocate some amount of space to each query.

Experiment 2

- ► <u>Performance Issue</u>: This experiment explores the benefit of setting the random_page_cost parameter on the performance of queries.
- ►What is random_page_cost and what does it do?

Sets the planner's estimate of the cost of a non-sequentially-fetched disk page. The default is 4.0. This value can be overridden for tables and indexes in a particular tablespace by setting the tablespace parameter of the same name. Reducing this value relative to seq_page_cost will cause the system to prefer index scans; raising it will make index scans look relatively more expensive. We can raise or lower both values together to change the importance of disk I/O costs relative to CPU costs

The Experiment

```
dbmsproject=# set random page cost=1000000000;
dbmsproject=# select * from hundredktup where unique2=9999;
dbmsproject=# explain analyze select * from hundredktup where unique2=9999;
                                                OUERY PLAN
Seq Scan on hundredktup (cost=0.00..4281.00 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=1.616..15.914 rows=1 loops=1)
  Filter: (unique2 = 9999)
  Rows Removed by Filter: 99999
Planning Time: 0.216 ms
Execution Time: 16.002 ms
(5 rows)
dbmsproject=# set random page cost=1;
dbmsproject=# explain analyze select * from hundredktup where unique2=9999;
Index Scan using hundredktup pkey on hundredktup (cost=0.29..2.31 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=1.563..1.566 rows=1 loops=1)
  Index Cond: (unique2 = 9999)
Planning Time: 0.272 ms
Execution Time: 1.593 ms
(4 rows)
dbmsproject=#
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Result of Execution

postgres=# \c dbmsproject

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You are now connected to database "dbmsproject" as user "postgres".
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dbmsproject=# set random page cost=1;
                                                                                                                              dbmsproject=# set random page cost=100;
dbmsproject=# explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;
                                                                                                                              dbmsproject=# explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;
                                                       OUERY PLAN
                                                                                                                                                                                      OUERY PLAN
                                                                                                                              Index Scan using onemtup pkey1 on onemtup (cost=0.42..200.44 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=3.352..3.358 rows=1 loops=1)
 Index Scan using onemtup pkey1 on onemtup (cost=0.42..2.44 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=3.520..3.525 rows=1 loops=1)
  Index Cond: (unique2 = 155835)
                                                                                                                                 Index Cond: (unique2 = 155835)
Planning Time: 22.596 ms
                                                                                                                              Planning Time: 18.527 ms
Execution Time: 3.689 ms
                                                                                                                               Execution Time: 3.460 ms
(4 rows)
                                                                                                                               (4 rows)
                                                                                                                              postgres=# set random page cost=10000;
dbmsproject=# set random page cost=1000;
                                                                                                                              postgres=# explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;
dbmsproject=# explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;
                                                                                                                              ERROR: relation "onemtup" does not exist
                                                                                                                              LINE 1: explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;
                                                                                                                              postgres=# \c dbmsproject
 Index Scan using onemtup pkeyl on onemtup (cost=0.42..2000.44 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=2.856..2.859 rows=1 loops=1)
                                                                                                                              You are now connected to database "dbmsproject" as user "postgres".
   Index Cond: (unique2 = 155835)
                                                                                                                              dbmsproject=# explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;
 Planning Time: 16.950 ms
 Execution Time: 2.993 ms
                                                                                                                                Index Scan using onemtup pkey1 on onemtup (cost=0.42..8.44 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=3.262..3.267 rows=1 loops=1)
 (4 rows)
                                                                                                                                 Index Cond: (unique2 = 155835)
                                                                                                                               Planning Time: 17.806 ms
                                                                                                                               Execution Time: 3.399 ms
dbmsproject=# \q
```

postgres=# \c dbmsproject

Result of Execution(Continued)

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postgres=# set random_page_cost=100000;
SET
postgres=# explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;
ERROR: relation "onemtup" does not exist
LINE 1: explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;

postgres=# \c dbmsproject

You are now connected to database "dbmsproject" as user "postgres".
dbmsproject=# explain analyse select * from onemtup where unique2=155835;

QUERY PLAN

Index Scan using onemtup_pkeyl on onemtup (cost=0.42..8.44 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=4.190..4.195 rows=1 loops=1)
Index Cond: (unique2 = 155835)
Planning Time: 17.483 ms
Execution Time: 4.298 ms
(4 rows)
```

Results and Lessons Learned

Exp No.	random_page_cost	Execution time	Type of Scan Used
1	1	3.689	Index
2	100	3.4	Index
3	10000	3.4	Index
4	100000	4.3	Index
5	10000000	1558.72	Sequential

- We saw 16 times improvement in performance by reducing the value of random_page_cost. So, what this parameter does is by setting this value higher the query optimizer thinks that a sequential scan is better than an index scan which was the case in our experiment.
- So, it would be good to set this to a lower value because by doing this the query optimizer prefers an index scan which took only 1 ms in our case to scan a 100000-tuple dataset.

Experiment 3

Performance issue:

This test explores how the query optimizer benefits from using a clustered index when compared to non-clustered index.

Parameters:

The parameter we would be using here is unique2 which is a clustered index and unique1 which is a non-clustered index.

Query Example 1:

Clustered Index:

EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM tenktup1, (SELECT * FROM tenktup2 WHERE tenktup2.unique2 < 1000) AS BPRIME WHERE (tenktup1.unique2 = BPRIME.unique2);

Non-Clustered Index:

EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM tenktup1, (SELECT * FROM tenktup2 WHERE tenktup2.unique1 < 1000) AS BPRIME WHERE (tenktup1.unique1 = BPRIME.unique1);

Execution Example 1

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dbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM tenktup1, (SELECT * FROM tenktup2 WHERE tenktup2.unique2 < 1000) AS BPRIME WHERE (tenktup1.unique2 = BPRIME.unique2);

QUERY PLAN

Hash Join (cost=77.28..507.55 rows=1000 width=422) (actual time=0.591..5.742 rows=1000 loops=1)

Hash Cond: (tenktup1.unique2 = tenktup2.unique2)

-> Seq Scan on tenktup1 (cost=0.00..404.00 rows=10000 width=211) (actual time=0.007..2.172 rows=10000 loops=1)

-> Hash (cost=64.78..64.78 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=0.574..0.575 rows=1000 loops=1)

Buckets: 1024 Batches: 1 Memory Usage: 246kB

-> Index Scan using tenktup2_pkey on tenktup2 (cost=0.29..64.78 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=0.016..0.312 rows=1000 loops=1)

Index Cond: (unique2 < 1000)

Planning Time: 0.455 ms

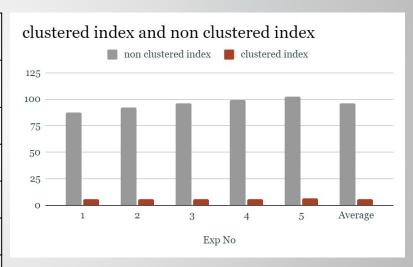
Execution Time: 5.889 ms

(9 rows)
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dbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM tenktup1, (SELECT * FROM tenktup2 WHERE
tenktup2.unique1 < 1000) AS BPRIME WHERE (tenktup1.unique1 = BPRIME.unique1);
                                                                  OUERY PLAN
 Hash Join (cost=361.04..791.30 rows=1000 width=422) (actual time=77.192..96.138 rows=1000 loops=1)
  Hash Cond: (tenktup1.unique1 = tenktup2.unique1)
  -> Seq Scan on tenktup1 (cost=0.00..404.00 rows=10000 width=211) (actual time=0.979..15.953 rows=10000 loops=1)
  -> Hash (cost=348.54..348.54 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=76.137..76.140 rows=1000 loops=1)
        Buckets: 1024 Batches: 1 Memory Usage: 246kB
        -> Bitmap Heap Scan on tenktup2 (cost=24.04..348.54 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=2.258..74.621 rows=1000 loops=1)
              Recheck Cond: (unique1 < 1000)
              Heap Blocks: exact=294
              -> Bitmap Index Scan on tenktup2 unique1 key (cost=0.00..23.79 rows=1000 width=0) (actual time=1.571..1.571 rows=1000 loops=1)
                    Index Cond: (unique1 < 1000)
 Planning Time: 24.484 ms
 Execution Time: 96.418 ms
 (12 rows)
```

Result of Execution:

Exp No	Execution time (milli seconds)		
	non clustered index	clustered index	
1	87.118	5.385	
2	92.079	5.431	
3	96.418	5.889	
4	99.367	5.892	
5	102.351	6.395	
Average	95.95466667	5.737333333	



Query Example 2:

Clustered Index:

EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM onektup LEFT JOIN (tenktup1 JOIN tenktup2 ON (tenktup1.unique2 = tenktup2.unique2)) ON (onektup.unique2 = tenktup1.unique2) AND tenktup1.tenpercent = 9;

Non - Clustered Index:

EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM onektup LEFT JOIN (tenktup1 JOIN tenktup2 ON (tenktup1.unique1 = tenktup2.unique1)) ON (onektup.unique1 = tenktup1.unique1) AND tenktup1.tenpercent = 9;

Execution Example 2:

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dbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM onektup LEFT JOIN (tenktup1 JOIN tenktup2 ON (tenktup1.unique1 = tenktup2.unique1)) ON (onektup.unique1 = tenktup1.uni
quel) AND tenktup1.tenpercent = 9;
                                                         QUERY PLAN
Hash Right Join (cost=495.00..935.89 rows=1000 width=633) (actual time=18.889..36.026 rows=1000 loops=1)
  Hash Cond: (tenktup1.unique1 = onektup.unique1)
  -> Hash Join (cost=441.50..879.76 rows=1000 width=422) (actual time=15.266..31.189 rows=1000 loops=1)
        Hash Cond: (tenktup2.unique1 = tenktup1.unique1)
        -> Seq Scan on tenktup2 (cost=0.00..412.00 rows=10000 width=211) (actual time=1.228..13.713 rows=10000 loops=1)
        -> Hash (cost=429.00..429.00 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=13.999..14.000 rows=1000 loops=1)
              Buckets: 1024 Batches: 1 Memory Usage: 246kB
              -> Seq Scan on tenktup1 (cost=0.00..429.00 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=1.142..13.469 rows=1000 loops=1)
                    Filter: (tenpercent = 9)
                    Rows Removed by Filter: 9000
  -> Hash (cost=41.00..41.00 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=3.573..3.574 rows=1000 loops=1)
        Buckets: 1024 Batches: 1 Memory Usage: 246kB
        -> Seq Scan on onektup (cost=0.00..41.00 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=0.73<u>0..3.212 rows=1000 loops=1)</u>
Planning Time: 33.218 ms
Execution Time: 36.356 ms
(15 rows)
mbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM onektup LEFT JOIN (tenktup1 JOIN tenktup2 ON (tenktup1.unique2 = tenktup2.unique2)) ON (onektup.unique2 = tenktup1.uni
que2) AND tenktup1.tenpercent = 9;
                                                                 QUERY PLAN
Merge Right Join (cost=479.39..614.64 rows=1000 width=633) (actual time=3.208..5.337 rows=1000 loops=1)
  Merge Cond: (tenktup1.unique2 = onektup.unique2)
  -> Merge Join (cost=479.11..1104.11 rows=1000 width=422) (actual time=3.187..3.892 rows=98 loops=1)
        Merge Cond: (tenktup2.unique2 = tenktup1.unique2)
        -> Index Scan using tenktup2 pkey on tenktup2 (cost=0.29..585.28 rows=10000 width=211) (actual time=0.014..0.456 rows=1016 loops=1)
        -> Sort (cost=478.83..481.33 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=3.157..3.169 rows=98 loops=1)
              Sort Key: tenktup1.unique2
              Sort Method: quicksort Memory: 290kB
              -> Seg Scan on tenktup1 (cost=0.00..429.00 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=0.009..2.784 rows=1000 loops=1)
                    Filter: (tenpercent = 9)
                    Rows Removed by Filter: 9000
  -> Index Scan using onektup pkey on onektup (cost=0.28..69.28 rows=1000 width=211) (actual time=0.014..0.318 rows=1000 loops=1)
Planning Time: 5.247 ms
Execution Time: 5.739 ms
(14 rows)
```

Results of Execution

Exp No	Execution time (milli seconds)		
	non clustered index	clustered index	
1	33.862	5.221	
2	34.76	5.27	
3	36.356	5.526	
4	39.443	5.739	
5	40.331	6.395	
Average	36.853	5.511666667	



Results and Lessons Learned

In clustered index the tuples in the table are sorted on the index and stored in memory. By default, the primary key of a table has a clustered index. Once an index search is done and found, pulling out the data on the same page is faster since we've already found the start point and it's easier to point all successive data nearby.

Since, each record is found from index data, it needs to look in heap data which causes random I/O and it's considered to perform slower than sequential I/O. If a small percentage of records are selected which is calculated based on the **PostgreSQL** optimizer cost, only then PostgreSQL chooses Index scan otherwise it continues to use sequence scan even though there is an index on the table.

We expect to see a higher execution time when we query a non clustered index when compared to using a clustered index. Even though index creation speeds up performance, it has to be chosen carefully as it has overhead in terms of storage and has many factors such as database structure, queries, etc.

Experiment 4

► Performance Issue:

We analyze the impact of various join algorithms on the query execution time.

▶Data set:

The dataset we use here is a join on tenktup and onemtup which consists of ten thousand and one million records respectively.

►Query:

In this query, we extract all the records of onemtup and tenktup on which a join operation is performed. All the records where tenktup's unique2 values are lesser than 7000 are fetched and analyzed.

EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM tenktup1, onemtup WHERE onemtup.unique2 = tenktup1.unique2 AND onemtup.unique2<7000

We expect this to use a sort merge join and this should be faster because we already have a clustered index on unique2

SELECT * FROM hundredktup h1, hundredktup h2 WHERE h1.unique1 = h2.unique1 AND h1.unique1 BETWEEN 7000 AND 10000;

We expect this to use a hash join which should take more time than the sort merge join. It was very interesting to see this same query when executed on onemtup the query optimizer resorts to a nested loop join. The reason is still a little unclear to us.

Execution

Sort Merge Join

Hash Join

Execution

Nested Loop Join

```
dbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM onemtup o1, onemtup o2 WHERE o1.unique1 = o2.unique1 AND o1.unique1 BETWEEN 7000 AND 10000;

QUERY PLAN

Gather (cost=1075.16..22446.08 rows=2957 width=422) (actual time=1.580..17.929 rows=3001 loops=1)

Workers Planned: 1

Workers Launched: 1

-> Nested Loop (cost=75.16..21150.38 rows=1739 width=422) (actual time=0.639..10.115 rows=1500 loops=2)

-> Parallel Bitmap Heap Scan on onemtup o1 (cost=74.73..8800.08 rows=1739 width=211) (actual time=0.619..4.539 rows=1500 loops=2)

Recheck Cond: ((unique1 >= 7000) AND (unique1 <= 10000))

Heap Blocks: exact=2065

-> Bitmap Index Scan on onemtup_unique1_key1 (cost=0.00..73.99 rows=2957 width=0) (actual time=0.740..0.741 rows=3001 loops=1)

Index Cond: ((unique1 >= 7000) AND (unique1 <= 10000))

-> Index Scan using onemtup_unique1_key1 on onemtup o2 (cost=0.42..7.10 rows=1 width=211) (actual time=0.003..0.003 rows=1 loops=3001)

Index Cond: (unique1 = o1.unique1)

Planning Time: 0.376 ms

Execution Time: 18.241 ms
(13 rows)
```

Hash Join(Same query different Table but different Join Algorithm)- Interesting??

```
dbmsproject=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM hundredktup h1, hundredktup h2 WHERE h1.unique1 = h2.unique1 AND h1.unique1 BETWEEN 7000 AND 10000;

QUERY PLAN

Hash Join (cost=3287.27..7580.78 rows=3005 width=422) (actual time=583.417..754.851 rows=3001 loops=1)

Hash Cond: (h2.unique1 = h1.unique1)

-> Seq Scan on hundredktup h2 (cost=0.00..4031.00 rows=100000 width=211) (actual time=0.749..147.503 rows=100000 loops=1)

-> Hash (cost=3249.71..3249.71 rows=3005 width=211) (actual time=582.579..582.580 rows=3001 loops=1)

Buckets: 4096 Batches: 1 Memory Usage: 745kB

-> Bitmap Heap Scan on hundredktup h1 (cost=75.09..3249.71 rows=3005 width=211) (actual time=5.450..578.226 rows=3001 loops=1)

Recheck Cond: ((unique1 >= 7000) AND (unique1 <= 10000))

Heap Blocks: exact=1914

-> Bitmap Index Scan on hundredktup_unique1_key (cost=0.00..74.34 rows=3005 width=0) (actual time=5.188..5.189 rows=3001 loops=1)

Index Cond: ((unique1 >= 7000) AND (unique1 <= 10000))

Planning Time: 14.833 ms

Execution Time: 755.256 ms
(12 rows)
```

Results

Exp no	Hash Join	Sort Merge Join	Nested Loop Join
1	744.261	15.581	1943.514
2	745.843	17.656	1946.19
3	744.190	15.965	1946.495
4	739.282	15.581	1941.098
5	755.256	14.517	1942.297
Average	745.664	15.86	1943.9188



Results and Lessons Learned

According to our expectations sort merge join executes the fastest and is used when we used the clustered attribute of both the tables as the join predicate

Hash Join is the next best when it comes to execution time and is used when we perform a join on two tables and the join predicate is an unclustered index

The worst in performance is the nested loop join and is used when we perform a join on two very large tables and the join predicate is a range query. Even though we have an unclustered index on the table we saw the query optimizer perform a nested loop join.

Conclusion

- We have learned how just changing a single parameter can have an impact on performance. For example, a
 clustered index may take less time to fetch queries than an unclustered index but, again the reverse is possible too.
 Forcing the query optimizer to pick a plan than what it originally did sometimes enhanced the performance and it was
 interesting to analyze why the optimizer would have chosen a particular plan.
- We understood the real world impacts of a clustered index vs a non-clustered index and why a good index always speeds up your execution time.
- We understood multiple parameters that postgresql has and understood the practical benefits of tuning these parameters to get better results.

Conclusion

- We would have loved to perform speedup experiments but we didn't have that many processors at our disposal to perform speedup experiments.
- With time what we have observed is that the performance of the single user systems has not changed drastically by enabling
 or disabling any parameter but even those slight differences would become big ones in a multiuser environment. And hence
 we understood why gaining the most optimal performance on a single user system is more beneficial as it would probably be
 an indicator to how the system would perform in a multi-user environment.

Lessons Learned

- The Wisconsin benchmark and it's various criteria for measuring the performance of database management system.
- The different configuration parameters in the system
- How the performance varies with difference in selection of queries of different size, indices, etc.

Github Link:

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