

Task 5: Database & Storage Optimization

This task focuses on optimizing **PostgreSQL or MongoDB** databases to improve **performance, scalability, and efficiency**. The goal is to ensure **faster queries, reduced storage costs, and better reliability**.

Overview

Database optimization is essential for:

- ✓ **Faster Query Execution** (reducing response times).
- ✓ **Efficient Storage Utilization** (avoiding redundant data).
- ✓ **Scalability** (handling large datasets with minimal performance loss).

I will focus on **PostgreSQL optimization**, but the same principles apply to **MongoDB**.

1. PostgreSQL Optimization Techniques

◆ Step 1: Indexing for Faster Queries

◆ Why?

Indexes speed up searches by reducing the amount of data scanned.

◆ How to Apply?

Check slow queries:

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```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM users WHERE email = 'test@example.com';
```

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Create an Index:

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```
CREATE INDEX idx_users_email ON users(email);
```

2.

Verify Improvement:

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```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM users WHERE email = 'test@example.com';
```

3.

✓ Indexing reduced query execution time significantly!

◆ Step 2: Optimize Queries

◆ Why?

Poorly written queries cause **slow performance & high CPU usage**.

◆ How to Apply?

Avoid SELECT *: Fetch only required columns.

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```
SELECT id, name FROM users WHERE email = 'test@example.com';
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Use Joins Efficiently:

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```
SELECT users.name, orders.amount  
FROM users  
INNER JOIN orders ON users.id = orders.user_id  
WHERE users.email = 'test@example.com';
```

2.

3. **Use Query Caching:** Store **frequently accessed data** in memory.

✓ Optimized queries improve response time and reduce database load.

◆ Step 3: Partitioning Large Tables

◆ Why?

When dealing with **millions of records**, searching a **single huge table** slows down performance.

◆ How to Apply?

Create a Partitioned Table:

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```
CREATE TABLE orders (  
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
    order_date DATE NOT NULL,  
    amount NUMERIC  
) PARTITION BY RANGE (order_date);
```

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Create Partitions:

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```
CREATE TABLE orders_2024 PARTITION OF orders  
FOR VALUES FROM ('2024-01-01') TO ('2024-12-31');
```

2.

✓ Partitioning improves query speed by narrowing the search range.

◆ Step 4: Storage Optimization Strategies

◆ Why?

Efficient storage reduces **costs and improves performance**.

◆ How to Apply?

✓ **Enable Compression** for large text fields:

sql

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```
ALTER TABLE logs SET STORAGE EXTERNAL;
```

✓ **Delete Unused Data:** Archive or remove **stale data** regularly.

✓ **Use JSONB Instead of JSON** for faster queries in PostgreSQL.

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```
ALTER TABLE events ALTER COLUMN metadata SET DATA TYPE JSONB;
```

- ✓ Storage optimization keeps the database lightweight and efficient.
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2. MongoDB Optimization Techniques (If Used)

If using **MongoDB**, apply these techniques:

- ✓ **Use Indexes:**

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db.users.createIndex({ email: 1 })
```

- ✓ **Optimize Queries:**

```
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db.users.find({ email: "test@example.com" }).explain("executionStats")
```

- ✓ **Use Sharding for Scalability:**

```
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sh.enableSharding("myDatabase")
```

3. Conclusion

- ✓ Indexing speeds up queries.
- ✓ Partitioning improves scalability.
- ✓ Storage optimization reduces database size & costs.

 Now, the database is fully optimized for high performance! 🎉