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### EXAM PROFESSIONAL DATA ENGINEER TOPIC 1 QUESTION 207 DISCUSSION

Actual exam question from Google's Professional Data Engineer

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You are collecting IoT sensor data from millions of devices across the world and storing the data in BigQuery. Your access pattern is based on recent data, filtered by location\_id and device\_version with the following query:

```
SELECT
  MAX(temperature)
FROM
  acme_iot_data.sensors
WHERE
  create_date > DATE_SUB(CURRENT_DATE(), INTERVAL 7 day)
  AND location_id = "SW1W9TQ"
  AND device_version = "202007r3"
```

You want to optimize your queries for cost and performance. How should you structure your data?

- A. Partition table data by create\_date, location\_id, and device\_version.
- B. Partition table data by create\_date, cluster table data by location\_id, and device\_version.
- C. Cluster table data by create\_date, location\_id, and device\_version.
- D. Cluster table data by create\_date, partition by location\_id, and device\_version.



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by  e70ea9e at Dec. 30, 2023, 9:29 a.m.

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Selected Answer: B

B. Partition table data by create\_date, cluster table data by location\_id, and device\_version.

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  **Matt\_108** 9 months, 3 weeks ago

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B: Partitioning makes date-related querying efficient, clustering will keep relevant data close together and optimize the performance of filters for the cluster columns



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1. Partitioning the data by create\_date will allow BigQuery to prune partitions that are not relevant to the query by date.  
2. Clustering the data by location\_id and device\_version within each partition will keep related data close together and optimize the performance of filters on those columns.  
This provides both the pruning benefits of partitioning and locality benefits of clustering for filters on multiple columns.  
The query provided indicates that the access pattern is primarily based on the most recent data (within the last 7 days), filtered by location\_id and device\_version. Given this pattern, you would want to optimize your table structure in such a way that queries scanning through the data will process the least amount of data possible to reduce costs and improve performance.


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Only correct answer is B, you can only partition by one field, and you can only cluster on partitioned tables

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Selected Answer: B

Answer is B:

- Partitioning the table by create\_date allows us to efficiently query data based on time, which is common in access patterns that prioritize recent data.

- Clustering the table by location\_id and device\_version further organizes the data within each partition, making queries filtered by these columns more efficient and cost-effective.

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The best answer is B. Partition table data by create\_date, cluster table data by location\_id, and device\_version.

Here's a breakdown of why this structure is optimal:

Partitioning by create\_date:

Aligns with query pattern: Filters for recent data based on create\_date, so partitioning by this column allows BigQuery to quickly narrow down the data to scan, reducing query costs and improving performance.

Manages data growth: Partitioning effectively segments data by date, making it easier to manage large datasets and optimize

storage costs.

Clustering by location\_id and device\_version:

Enhances filtering: Frequently filtering by location\_id and device\_version, clustering physically co-locates related data within partitions, further reducing scan time and improving performance.

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