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1. [12 pts] To start down the path of exploring physical database designs (indexing) and query plans, start by checking the query plans for each of the following queries against the database without any indexes using the EXPLAIN function (see instructions). For each query, take snapshots of the EXPLAIN results and paste them into your copy of the HW7 template file. (Just take a snapshot of the query plan, not the whole screen.)

a) [1.5 pts]

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| SELECT \* FROM Tweeter WHERE followers\_count BETWEEN 20000 AND 21000; |

Query Plan:

b) [1.5 pts]

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| SELECT \* FROM Tweeter WHERE followers\_count BETWEEN 0 AND 21000; |

Query Plan:

c) [3 pts]

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| SELECT \* FROM Hashtags WHERE hashtag LIKE '%vid%'; |

Query Plan:

d) [3 pts]

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| SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM Hashtags WHERE hashtag = 'COVID19'; |

Query Plan:

e) [3 pts]

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| SELECT tw.handle  FROM Hashtags ht, Tweet t, Tweeter tw WHERE ht.hashtag LIKE 'COV%' AND ht.tweet\_id = t.tweet\_id AND t.tweeter\_id = tw.tweeter\_id; |

Query Plan:

1. [10 pts] Now create secondary indexes (which are B+ trees, under the hood of MySQL) on the Tweeter.followers\_count attribute and Hashtags.hashtag *separately*. (I.e., create two indexes, one per table.) Paste your CREATE INDEX statements below.
2. [12 pts] Re-“explain” the queries in Q1 and **indicate whether the indexes you created in Q2 are used**, and if so, **whether the uses are index-only plans or not**. Copy and paste the query plan after each query, as before.

a) [1.5 pts]

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| SELECT \* FROM Tweeter WHERE followers\_count BETWEEN 20000 AND 21000; |

Query Plan:

Is index used? (y/n) :

Is the plan index only? (y/n) :

b) [1.5 pts]

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| SELECT \* FROM Tweeter WHERE followers\_count BETWEEN 0 AND 21000; |

Query Plan:

Is index used? (y/n) :

Is the plan index only? (y/n) :

c) [3 pts]

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| --- |
| SELECT \* FROM Hashtags WHERE hashtag LIKE '%vid%'; |

Query Plan:

Is an index used? (y/n) :

Is the plan index only? (y/n) :

d) [3 pts]

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| --- |
| SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM Hashtags WHERE hashtag = 'COVID19'; |

Query Plan:

Is an index used? (y/n) :

Is the plan index only? (y/n) :

e) [3 pts]

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| --- |
| SELECT tw.handle  FROM Tweet t, Tweeter tw, Hashtags ht WHERE ht.hashtag LIKE 'COV%' AND ht.tweet\_id = t.tweet\_id AND t.tweeter\_id = tw.tweeter\_id; |

Query Plan:

Is index used? (y/n) :

For which table?

1. [21 pts] Examine **each** of the above queries **with** and **without** the use of an index. Please **briefly** answer the following questions after pondering what you have seen.

a) [5 pts] For both queries 3a and 3b:

i) Explain the differences between their produced plans:

ii) Why are the two queries (3a and 3b) producing different plans?

b) [6 pts] For the LIKE query (**c**), explain **whether** an index is useful and **why** or **why not.**

i)

Is an index useful? (y/n) :

Explanation:

ii)

What if the query is changed to something like:

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| --- |
| SELECT \* FROM Hashtags WHERE hashtag LIKE 'C%19'; |

In your explanation, if an index is used and is beneficial to perform the query, include the search key that would be used. Assume the number of result records selected by the index (if an index is used) is extremely small compared to the total number of records in the file.

Is an index useful? (y/n) :

Explanation:

c) [10 pts] For join queries (e.g., query 3**e**), answer the following questions briefly (assuming the number of tweets that contain hashtags like 'COV%' is extremely small compared to the total number of tweets in the file).

Is an index useful? (y/n) :

Why is the index useful or not useful? (explain briefly => 2 sentences):

In what order the join was performed (your answer’s format should be TblName1, TblName2, TblName3, when TblName1 and TblName2 are joined first and TblName3 joined after)?

What kinds of joins are being performed? Why?

Use the query below to inspect the plan that produces the other join order. Having **STRAIGHT\_JOIN** after **SELECT** forces the join order to be performed as the tables’ names appear in the **FROM** clause.

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| SELECT STRAIGHT\_JOIN tw.handle  FROM Tweet t, Tweeter tw, Hashtags ht WHERE ht.hashtag LIKE 'COV%' AND ht.tweet\_id = t.tweet\_id AND t.tweeter\_id = tw.tweeter\_id; |

What kinds of joins are being performed in this case?

Is this query cheaper to perform (w.r.t the join order) compared to the join order picked by MySQL? Why?

1. [21 pts] It’s time to go one step further and explore the notion of a “*composite Index*”, which is an

index that covers several fields together.

a) [5 pts] Create a composite index on the attributes name\_first and name\_last (*in that order!*) of the User table. Paste your CREATE INDEX statement below.

b) [6 pts] ‘Explain’ the queries 1) and 2) below. Copy and paste the query plan of each query into your response, as before. Be sure to look carefully at each plan.

Query 1)

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| **SELECT** \* **FROM** User **WHERE** name\_last = 'Hernandez'; |

Query Plan:

Query 2)

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| **SELECT** \* **FROM** User **WHERE** name\_first = 'Michael' **AND** name\_last = 'Burton'; |

Query Plan:

c) [10 pts] For each query, explain whether the composite index is **used or not** and **why**.

Query 1)

Is index used? (y/n) :

Explanation:

Query 2)

Is index used? (y/n) :

Explanation:

1. [24 pts] Now assume you are working with a different system (that isn’t MySQL) that allows you to specify if an index is clustered or not. To create a *clustered* index in this hypothetical system on User (first\_name), one would execute the statement:

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| **CREATE** **CLUSTERED** **INDEX** userFirstNameIdx **ON** **User**(first\_name); |

To create an *unclustered* index on User (last\_name), one would execute the statement:

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| **CREATE** **UNCLUSTERED** **INDEX** userLastNameIdx **ON** **User**(last\_name); |

For each of the queries below, specify the most appropriate CREATE INDEX statement that would build a helpful index to accelerate that query. If an index won’t be useful for a given query, then write ‘No index’.

a) [8 pts]

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| **SELECT** \* **FROM** Phone **WHERE** user\_id = 2939; |

Answer:

b) [8 pts] (**Note**: CheckedTweets.org started their service in 2020…)

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| --- |
| **SELECT** \* **FROM** Checker **WHERE** checker\_since > '2019-01-01 06:12:35'; |

Answer:

c) [8 pts]

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| --- |
| **SELECT** user\_id, **COUNT**(\*) **as** cnt **FROM** EvidenceFrom **GROUP** **BY** user\_id; |

Answer: