SQL Tuning via Toad



Tips for Optimizing SQL Performance

Books by Bert ... LOOK INSIDE!" LOOK INSIDE! TOAD Handbook Oracle DBA Guide to Data Warehousing and Star Schemas Oracle In-Focus Oracle In-Focus Database Oracle on VMWare **Benchmarking**





Also: FREE Toad e-Book for Toad 10...

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- Database Benchmarking
- Database Tuning & Optimization
- "Star Schema" Data Warehouses
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Articles for:

- Oracle's Technology Network (OTN)
- Oracle Magazine,
- Oracle Informant
- PC Week (eWeek)

Articles for:

- **Dell Power Solutions** Magazine
- The Linux Journal
- www.linux.com
- www.orafaq.com



Topics ...

- Pre-Reas
 - Correct Toad vs. Oracle Database Server version
 - Correct Oracle SQL*Net Client networking version
 - SQL Tuning Approach much more than just explain plans and run times
- Explain Plans
 - Setup and effective use of the "Explain Plan"
 - Be careful, Explain Plan costs can sometimes not be the best way to pick the winner - sometimes (auto) trace is required to be 100% sure
 - Some guidelines on how to best or at least more easily read SQL explain plans - which is the general starting point for any SQL tuning attempt
- SQL Tuning Rules
 - Some Guidelines i.e. ("Golden Rules") just the tip of the iceberg
 - · Efficient and fast selects & sub selects
 - · Dealing with large tables
 - Parallel Hints
 - Pinning SQL in Memory
 - · Efficient SQL queries that use a lot of AND conditionals or sub-queries
 - · How to avoid full-table scans
- Is There a Better (i.e. more productive) Way to Tune SQL
 - SQL Optimzier automate all the above (and much more)





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Toad vs. Oracle Product Release History

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Seven Steps for SQL Tuning Success

- 1. Always start by knowing (i.e. being able to say in English) what the query does
- 2. For queries involving more than 2 tables, a data model can be a handy road map
- 3. Explain plan costs alone may well lead you astray sometimes the costs can lie
- 4. Sometimes equal execution times don't necessarily equate to equivalent solutions
- 5. You should always include (auto) trace information to divine among all the above
- 6. Sole reliance on automatic SQL optimization and tuning tools can be suboptimal
- 7. You must add human intuition and insight to the optimization process for success



Oracle Client / Server Interoperability Support (See Metalink Document 207303.1)

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Yes	Supported
ES	Supported but fixes only possible for customers with Extended Support.
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No	Has never been Supported

Toad may work with older client talking to newer databases but there might be data type issues 🛞

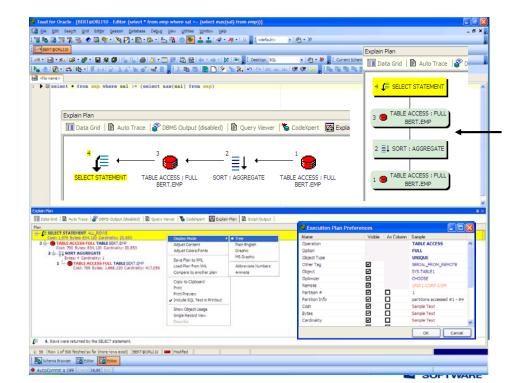
Explain Plans

- Explain Plans are the standard Oracle mechanism to peek into the possible "internal algorithm" the database engine might execute for the query (think of it as sort of like program pseudo-code)
- Explain Plans generally require an Oracle "plan table" to hold the explain plan intermediate results
 - Three Options here:
 - · Central "plan table" for all users to share managed by DBA
 - "Plan table" per schema but be careful if users all login the same
 - "Plan table" per session -
- When doing explain plans manually
 - Method #1
 - EXPLAIN FOR SELECT * FROM emp;
 - SELECT ... FROM plan_table WHERE ... (fairly complex SQL)
 - Method #2
 - EXPLAIN FOR SELECT * FROM emp;
 - SELECT * FROM table(DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY(PLAN_TABLE));



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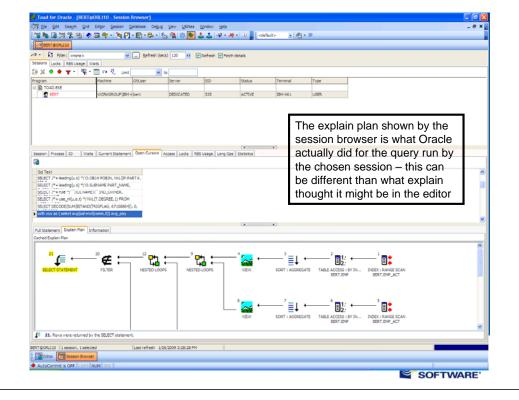
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SQL Guidelines

Rule #2: Watch Non-Indexed WHERE Conditions

•Oracle evaluates <u>Non-Indexed conditions</u> linked by "AND" <u>bottom up</u>
•Bad: select * from address where areacode = 972 and type_nr = (select seq_nr from code_table where type = 'HOME')
•Good: select * from address where type_nr = (select seq_nr from code_table where type = 'HOME') and areacode = 972
•Oracle evaluates <u>Non-Indexed conditions</u> linked by "OR" top down
•Bad: select * from address where type_nr = (select seq_nr from code_table where type = 'HOME') or areacode = 972
•Good: select * from address where areacode = 972
•Good: select * from address where areacode = 972 or

type_nr = (select seq_nr from code_table where type = 'HOME')



SQL Guidelines

Rule #1: Watch Indexed WHERE Conditions

Assume <u>address index</u> has columns (city, state)	
•non-leading index column references may not use indexes	
•where state = 'TX'	[Depends Oracle on Version]
•where city = 'DALLAS'	[Index Used]
•where state = 'TX' and city = 'DALLAS'	[Index Used]
•NOT, != and <> disable index use	
•where state not in ('TX', 'FL','OH')	[Index Not used]
•where state != 'TX'	[Index Not used]
•NULL value references almost never use indexes (one except	ion - bitmaps)
•where state IS NULL	[Index Not used]
•where state IS NOT NULL	[Index Not used]
•expression references can never use indexes	
•where substr(city,1,3) = 'DAL'	[Index Not used]
•where city like 'DAL%'	[Index Used]
•where city state = 'DALLASTX'	[Index Not used]
•where city = 'DALLAS' and state = 'TX'	[Index Used]
•where salary $* 12 >= 24000$	[Index Not used]
•where salary ≥ 2000	[Index Used]



SQL Guidelines

Rule #3: Order Table in the FROM Clause (pre-10g)

•important under rule based optimizer, and won't hurt under cost based optimizer

•order FROM clauses in descending order of table sizes based upon row counts

•for example

•select * from larger table, smaller table

•select * from larger table, smaller table, smallest table

•select * from larger table, smaller table, associative table

Note – rule based optimizer only (pre-10g)



SQL Guidelines

Rule #4: Consider IN or UNION in place of OR

·if columns are not indexed, stick with OR •if columns are indexed, use IN or UNION in place of OR •IN example •Bad: select * from address where state = TX' or state = 'FL' or state = 'OH'•Good: select * from address where state in ('TX','FL','OH') •UNION example •Bad: select * from address where state = 'TX' or areacode = 972 Good: select * from address where state = 'TX' union select * from address where areacode = 972

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SQL Guidelines

Rule #6: Consider EXISTS in place of DISTINCT

•avoid joins that use DISTINCT, use EXISTS sub-query instead

•Bad: select distinct deptno, deptname from emp, dept where emp.deptno = dept.deptno

•Good: select deptno, deptname from dept where exists (select 'X' from emp where emp.deptno = dept.deptno)

Note – only has to find one match



SQL Guidelines

Rule #5: Weigh JOIN versus EXISTS Sub-Query

•use table JOIN instead of EXISTS sub-query

•when the percentage of rows returned from the outer sub-query is high

select e.name, e.phone, e.mailstop from employee e, department d where e.deptno = d.deptno and d.status = 'ACTIVE'

•use EXISTS sub-query instead of table JOIN

•when the percentage of rows returned from the outer sub-query is low

select e.name, e.phone, e.mailstop from employee e where e.deptno in (select d.deptno from department d where d.status != 'ACTIVE')



SQL Guidelines

Rule #7: Consider NOT EXISTS in place of NOT IN

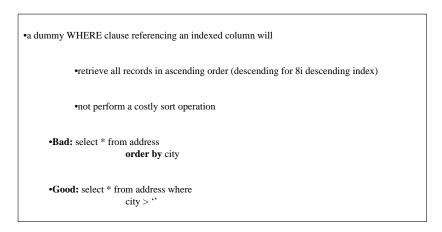
•avoid sub-queries that use NOT IN, use NOT EXISTS instead
•Bad: select * from emp where deptno not in (select deptno from dept where deptstatus = 'A')
•Good: select * from emp where not exists (select 'X' from dept where deptstatus = 'A' and dept.deptno = emp.deptno)

Note – only has to find one non-match



SQL Guidelines

Rule #8: Ordering Via the WHERE Clause



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SQL Guidelines

Rule #10: Partition Large Tables and Indexes

•Partition Elimination

•Partition-Wise Join (requires Parallel too)

•NOTE: Do not expect that merely partitioning will solve some major performance problem, it should merely make an incremental improvement to a non-partitioned explain plan. Read that as partitioning can make an already good explain plan even better.

SQL Guidelines

Rule #9: Use PL/SQL to reduce network traffic

•Utilize PL/SQL to group related SQL commands and thereby reduce network traffic
•Bad: select city_name, state_code

into :v_city, :v_sate from zip_codes where zip_code = '75022';

insert into customer ('Bert Scalzo','75022', :v_city, v_state);

•Good: begin select city_name, state_code into :v_city, :v_sate from zip_codes where zip_code = '75022'; insert into customer ('Bert Scalzo', '75022', :v_city, v_state); end; /



Why to

Partitioning Benefits: Opinion (Mine)

- Manageability 40%
- Availability

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Capacity Management

20% 20% Partition

Performance

20% **20%**

- Don't over-sell/over-expect the performance aspect
- Need to experiment for best approach for a database
- Better to take longer at the start to get right, because very often it's far too expensive to change afterwards





Partition Pruning (Restriction Based) \precsim

- From Docs: In partition pruning, the optimizer analyzes FROM and WHERE clauses in SQL statements to <u>eliminate unneeded partitions</u> when building the <u>partition access list</u>. This enables Oracle Database to perform operations only on those partitions that are relevant ...
- "Divide and Conquer" for performance
 - Sometimes can yield order of magnitude improvement
 - But once again, best not to oversell and/or over-expect
- Some Potential Issues to be aware of:
 - SQL*Plus Auto-Trace can sometimes miss partition pruning
 - "Old Style" Explain Plans via simple SELECT has issues too
 - Best to always use <u>DBMS_XPLAN</u> and/or <u>SQL_TRACE</u>

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Partition-Wise Join (Multi-Object Based)

 From Docs: Partition-wise joins reduce query response time by minimizing the amount of data exchanged among parallel execution servers when joins execute in parallel. This significantly reduces response time & improves the use of both CPU & memory resources.

Different Flavors:

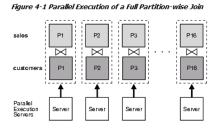
- Full Single to Single
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- Partial Single
- Partial Composite
- Indexing Strategy Counts
 - Local Prefixed/Non-Prefixed
 - Global

All of these affect the explain plan

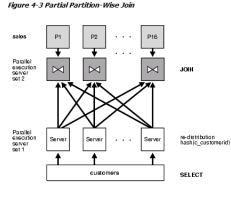
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Picture Worth 1000 Words (from Docs)

Simple Mantra: Subdivide the work into equally paired chunks, then perform all that work using many parallel processes



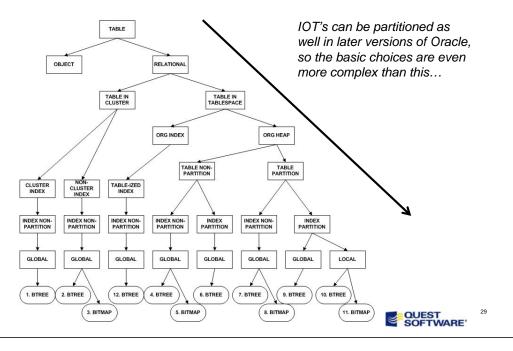
Make sure not to over-allocate CPU's – remember there will also be concurrent workload



Partitioning History (from Oracle 11G training+)

Oracle 5	Before Tablespace	es – we had pa	artitions 😊 ←						
Oracle 7	Partition Views – really more of a cheat 🛞								
	Core functionality Performance Manageability								
Oracle8	Range partitioning Global range indexes	"Static" partition pruning	Basic maintenance operations: add, drop, exchange						
Oracle8 <i>i</i>	Hash and composite range-hash partitioning	Partition-wise joins "Dynamic" pruning	Merge operation						
Oracle9 <i>i</i>	List partitioning		Global index maintenance						
Oracle9 <i>i</i> R2	Composite range-list partitioning	Fast partition split							
Oracle10g	Global hash indexes		Local Index maintenance						
Oracle10g R2	1M partitions per table	"Multi-dimensional" pruning	Fast drop table						
Oracle Database 11g	More composite choices REF Partitioning Virtual Column		Interval Partitioning Partition Advisor						

Partitioning Options - Part 1



Partitioning Options - Part 2

Prior to 11G: Oracle White Paper: 2007 Partitioning in Oracle Database 11g

Partitioning Strategy	Data Distribution	Sample Business Case
Range Partitioning	Based on consecutive ranges of values.	 Orders table range partitioned by order_date
List Partitioning	Based on unordered lists of values.	Orders table list partitioned by country
Hash Partitioning	Based on a hash algorithm.	 Orders table hash partitioned by customer_id
Composite Partitioning • Range-Range • Range-List • Range-Hash • List-List • List-Range • List-Hash	Based on a combination of two of the above-mentioned basic techniques of Range, List, Hash, and Interval Partitioning	 Orders table is range partitioned by order_date and sub-partitioned by hash on customer_id Orders table is range partitioned by order_date and sub-partitioned by range on shipment_date



Partitioning Options – Part 3

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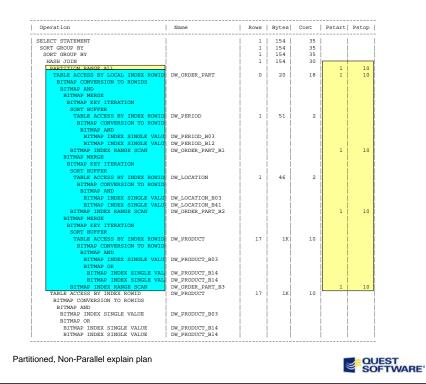
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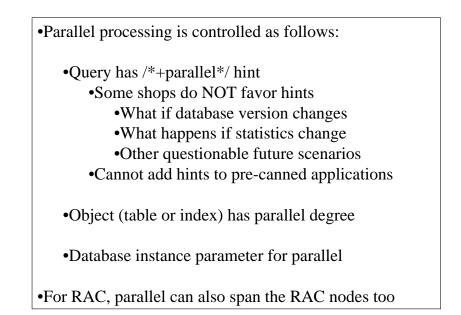
Partitioning Extension	Partitioning Key	Sample Business Case	
Interval Partitioning • Interval • Interval-Range • Interval-List • Interval-Hash	An extension to Range Partition. Defined by an interval, providing equi-width ranges. With the exception of the first partition all partitions are automatically created on- demand when matching data arrives.	Orders table partitioned by order_date with a predefined daily interval, starting with '01-Jan-2007'	
REF Partitioning	Partitioning for a child table is inherited from the parent table through a primary key – foreign key relationship. The partitioning keys are not stored in actual columns in the child table.	 (Parent) Orders table range partitioned by order_date and inherits the partitioning technique to (child) order lines table. Column order_date is only present in the parent orders table 	←−−−− Very exciting
Virtual column based Partitioning	Defined by one of the above- mentioned partition techniques and the partitioning key is based on a virtual column. Virtual columns are not stored on disk and only exist as metadata.	 Orders table has a virtual columa that derives the sales region-based on the first three digits of the customer account number. The orders table is then list partitioned by sales region. 	options

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SQL Guidelines

Rule #11: Serial Explain Plans, then Parallel (maybe)

•Parallel Full Table Scan

•Parallel Index Scan

•Parallel Fast Full Scan (FFS Index Scan)

•NOTE: Do not expect that merely parallelizing will solve some major performance problem, it should merely make an incremental improvement to a non-paralell (i.e. serial) explain plan. Read that as parallel can make an already good explain plan even better.



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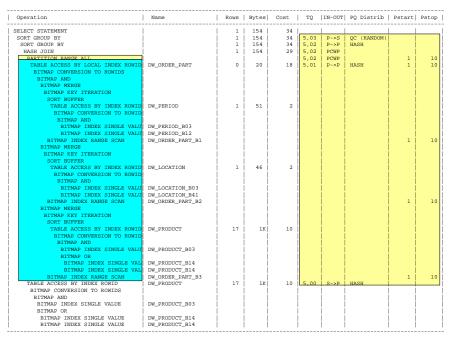
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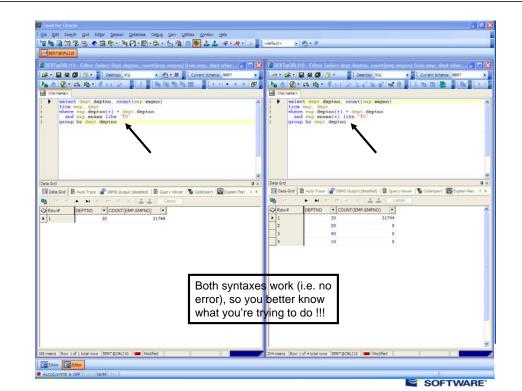
SQL Guidelines

Rule #12: Use ANSI 99 JOIN Syntax – ALWAYS !!!

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Cannot do a FULL JOIN efficiently
See slides that follow the next
Outer JOIN syntax prone to user error
You must specify (+) in the WHERE clause for both
The JOIN condition(s)
All other references to that table (source of many mistakes)



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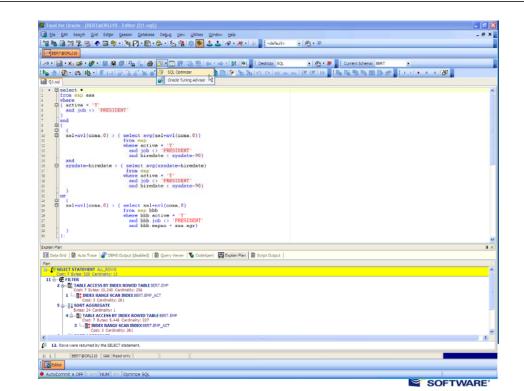
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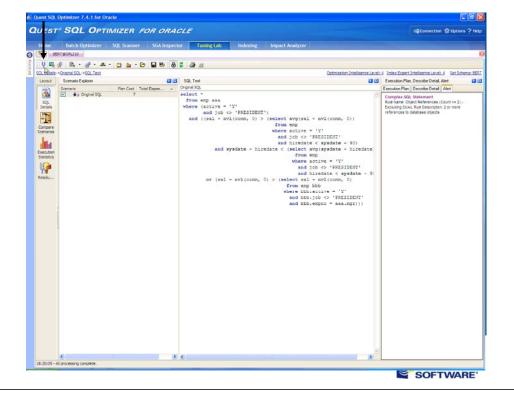
I could go on and list probably another two dozen or so "Best Practices" SQL Tuning and Optimization rules, but you should already be seeing my point – there is a lot of tuning stuff to remember while trying to get your job done.

You should focus on being <u>effective</u> – i.e. the SQL does what the business and/or user requirements mandate.

You should let Toad handle making you SQL efficient !!!

SQL Optimizer knows all this and much, much more: developers can press just two buttons to get their SQL statements automatically and 100% fully tuned!





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