

# DB2 for i Index Advice Trick or Treat?

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# Is DB2's index advice a trick or treat?









# DB2 for i – Index Technology Review

- Two types of indexing technologies are supported
  - *Radix* Index
  - Encoded Vector Index
- Each type of index has specific uses and advantages
- Respective indexing technologies compliment each other
- Indexes can be used for <u>statistics</u> and/or <u>implementation</u>
- Indexes can provide RRNs and/or data
- Indexes are probed and/or scanned
  - Probe can only occur on the leading, contiguous key columns
  - Scan (test) can occur on any key column
  - Probe and scan can be used together





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*cardinality* The number of elements in a set.

- High cardinality = large distinct number of values
- •Low cardinality = small distinct number of values



#### In general...

- A <u>radix index</u> is best when accessing a small set of rows and the key cardinality is high
- An <u>encoded vector index</u> is best when accessing a set of rows and the key cardinality is low
- Understanding the data and query are keys to success





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- CREATE INDEX SQL statement CREATE INDEX MY\_IX ON MY\_TABLE (KEY1, KEY2)
- CREATE ENCODED VECTOR INDEX SQL statement CREATE ENCODED VECTOR INDEX MY\_EVI ON MY\_TABLE (KEY1)
- Navigator for i Database graphical interface
- CRTPF and CRTLF CL commands
  - Keyed access path within the physical file, or logical file or join logical file
- Primary Key, Foreign Key and Unique Key Constraints
  - CREATE TABLE
  - ALTER TABLE
  - ADDPFCST





# Data Access Methods – Technology Review

Cost based optimization dictates that the fastest access method for a given table will vary based upon:

- <u>Number of rows</u> in the table
- <u>Selectivity</u> of the query





#### **Query Optimization and Runtime Information**







## **Indexing Advice from the Optimizer**

- Index advice is provided to assist the user with tuning
- The advice should be used with other monitoring and analysis strategies
- Taking the advice is not required, but is usually a good idea
- The indexes created from the advice can help with:
  - Statistics
  - Implementation
- The optimizer and database engine do not necessarily have to use the index
  - After the index is created, query optimization begins anew
  - Trick or Treat!





# **Indexing Advice from the Optimizer**

- Both CQE and SQE provide index creation advice
- CQE
  - Basic advice
  - Radix index only
  - Based on table or index scan and local selection columns
  - Temporary index creation information also provides insight
  - CQE Visual Explain will try and tie pieces together for a more complete index
- SQE
  - Robust advice
  - Radix and EVI indexes
  - Based on all parts of the query
  - Multiple indexes can be advised for the same tables
  - Some limitations
    - 6.1 is better than V5R4
    - V5R4 is better than V5R3





# Indexing Advice from <u>SQE 6.1</u>

- There are only three main areas of advice
  - Row selection (includes joining)
  - Grouping / Ordering
  - Row selection plus Grouping / Ordering
- Remember that the query optimizer has the ability and freedom to rewrite the query
  - Tables and columns move around, appear and disappear
  - Trick or Treat!





# Indexing Advice from <u>SQE 6.1</u>

- Advice is based on:
  - Local equal predicates as leading keys
    - Including IS NULL
    - This is done regardless of the rest of the criteria below
  - Additional columns advised, in order of precedence:
    - equal join predicates

OR

• IN column predicates

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- a single non-equal join predicate
- a single non-equal local predicate
  - This is always appended to the end of the advised list
  - Note: non-equal includes LIKE in 6.1
- No more than 20 columns will be advised for a single index
- Column order is: lowest cardinality to highest cardinality
  - For order independent columns





#### -- Query 1

SELECT A.CUSTOMER\_NO, A.ORDER\_DATE, A.QUANTITY FROM ORDERS A

WHERE A.CUSTOMER\_NO = 0112358;

CREATE INDEX ORDERS\_IX1 ON ORDERS (CUSTOMER\_NO);





#### -- Query 2 SELECT FROM WHERE AND

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- AND A.ITEM\_ID LIKE 'ABC123YXZ%';

CREATE INDEX ORDERS\_IX2 ON ORDERS (CUSTOMER\_NO, ITEM\_ID);





# -- Query 3 SELECT A.CUSTOMER\_NO, A.CUSTOMER, A.ORDER\_DATE FROM ORDERS A WHERE A.CUSTOMER\_NO IN (0112358, 1321345, 5891442) AND A.ORDER\_DATE > '2005/06/30' ORDER BY A.ORDER\_DATE;

CREATE INDEX ORDERS\_IX3 ON ORDERS (CUSTOMER\_NO, ORDER\_DATE);





# -- Query 4 SELECT A.CUSTOMER\_NO, A.CUSTOMER, A.ORDER\_DATE FROM ORDERS A WHERE A.CUSTOMER\_NO = 0112358 OR A.ORDER\_DATE = '2005/06/30';

CREATE INDEX ORDERS\_IX4 ON ORDERS (**CUSTOMER\_NO**); CREATE ENCODED VECTOR INDEX ORDERS\_EVI4 ON ORDERS (**ORDER\_DATE**);







#### -- Query 5 SELECT A.CUSTOMER\_NO, B.CUSTOMER, A.ORDER\_DATE, A.QUANTITY FROM ORDERS A, CUSTOMERS B, ITEMS C WHERE A.CUSTKEY = B.CUSTKEY AND A.ITEMKEY = C.ITEMKEY

AND A.**CUSTOMER\_NO** = 0112358;

CREATE INDEX ORDERS\_IX5 ON ORDERS (CUSTKEY, ITEMKEY); CREATE INDEX CUSTOMERS\_IX5 ON CUSTOMERS (CUSTKEY); CREATE INDEX ITEMS\_IX5 ON ITEMS (ITEMKEY);

CREATE ENCODED VECTOR INDEX ITEMS\_EVI5 ON ITEMS (ITEMKEY);











- New V5R4 feature, enhanced in V6R1
- System wide index advice
  - –Data is placed into a DB2 table (QSYS2.SYSIXADV)
  - -Autonomic
  - -No overhead
- CQE and SQE support
  - -CQE only provides basic advice based on local selection predicates
  - -SQE provides complex advice based on all parts of the query
    - Not complete, but much better
- GUI interface via Navigator for i
  - -Advice for System, or Schema, or Table
  - -Report column list and column sorting is available
- System only adds (summary) rows, user must manage the data –Options to condense, clear or prune
- Can create single or multiple indexes directly from GUI

   Additional indexing analysis might be required to determine the optimal index



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#### Index Advised – System wide and Condensed

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#### Index Advised – System wide and Condensed

#### Queries:

...WHERE YEAR = 2008 AND QUARTER = 1 AND COLOR = 'BLUE; ...WHERE YEAR = 2008 AND QUARTER = 1; ...WHERE YEAR = 2008;

Index advice - by query:

YEAR, QUARTER, COLOR YEAR, QUARTER YEAR

Condensed advice:

YEAR, QUARTER, COLOR



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# Visual Explain

- Enhanced in V5R4 and again in V6R1
- Graphical representation of query plan
  - -Representation of the DB objects and data structures
  - -Representation of the methods and strategy
  - -Associated environmental information
  - Advice on indexes and column statistics
  - -Highlighting of specific query rewrites
  - -Highlighting of expensive methods
- CQE and SQE support
- GUI interface via Navigator for i
  - -Explain only
  - -Run and Explain
  - Explain while running (SQE only)
    Explain while active (SQE only)
- Based on <u>detailed</u> optimizer information
  - -SQE Plan Cache
  - -SQE Plan Cache Snapshots
  - Detailed Database Monitor Data





# Visual Explain

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#### SQL Performance Monitor or Plan Cache Snapshot Analysis

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#### Visual Explain – Index Advisor

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# **Indexed Advised from other Mechanisms**

#### SQE Plan Cache (V5R4)

- No direct index advice
- Index advice via Snapshot data or Visual Explain

#### SQE Plan Cache Snapshot (V5R4)

- Enhanced SQE index advised
- "3020" records to show multiple indexes for same table
- Temporary index created

#### • Detailed Database Monitor (V5R4)

- Enhanced SQE index advised
- "3020" records to show multiple indexes for same table
- Temporary index created

#### Summary Database Monitor

- No enhanced SQE index advised
- Basic index advice
- Temporary index created

#### • Debug Messages in Job Log

- No enhanced SQE index advised
- Basic index advice
- Temporary index created

#### Print SQL Information

- No index advice
- Temporary index created







## 3020 Row - Index Advised Analysis (V5R4)

#### • What indexes are advised, and how often?

SELECT COUNT(\*) "Times Advised", qvptbl "Table Name", qvplib "Schema", qq1000L "Keys Advised" FROM *monitor file* WHERE qqrid = 3020 GROUP BY qvplib, qvptbl, qq1000L ORDER BY 1 desc, 3, 2, 4

No. Times Advised	Schema	Table Name	KEYS_ADVISED
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24	DBITSODATA	ORDERS	RETURNFLAG, CUSTKEY
22	DBITSODATA	SUPPLIERS	SUPPKEY
18	DBITSODATA	PARTS	PARTKEY
15	DBITSODATA	DATES	YEAR, DATEKEY
12	DBITSODATA	ORDERS	SHIPDATE
12	DBITSODATA	ORDERS	YEAR, QUANTITY
10	DBITSODATA	DATES	DATEKEY
10	DBITSODATA	SUPPLIERS	SUPPLIER, SUPPKEY

Remember, system wide index advice is ALWAYS available in QSYS2/SYSIXADV





# What if you do not take the advice provided?

# **Cue the scary music!**

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#### **Autonomic Index Creation**

- Optimizer can have the DB Engine create a temporary index
- Both full and sparse indexes can be created
- Temporary indexes are not used for statistics
- Temporary indexes are maintained
- CQE
  - Temporary indexes are not reused and not shared
  - Usually a bottleneck in query performance
  - Can impact overall system performance
  - Can increase the amount of temporary storage used
- SQE
  - New feature in V5R4
  - Temporary indexes are reused and shared across jobs and queries
  - Creation is based on "watching" the query requests over time
  - Creation is based on optimizer's own index advice
  - Temporary index maintenance is delayed when all associated cursors closed







# "I see indexes"

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# **Indexing Strategy - Basic Proactive Approach**

#### **Radix Indexes**

- Equal local selection columns
- Equal join columns

<u>Minimum</u>

- Local selection columns + join columns
- Local selection columns + grouping columns
- Local selection columns + ordering columns
- Ordering columns + local selection columns
- •One non-equal column at the end

#### **Encoded Vector Indexes**

- Equal local selection column (single key)
- Join columns (data warehouse star or snowflake schema)
- Grouping columns
  - COUNT and COUNT(DISTINCT)





# Indexing Strategy – Basic Reactive Approach

If the optimization information indicates the following, and no suitable index exists:

Full table scan	$\rightarrow$ Create an index on local selection columns
Temporary index	<ul> <li>→ Create an index on join columns</li> <li>→ Create an index on grouping columns</li> <li>→ Create an index on ordering columns</li> </ul>
Hash table	→ Create an index on join columns → Create an index on grouping columns

"Perfect", multiple key column radix indexes are usually best

Balance individual query performance with overall maintenance











#### Thank You

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**Halloween**, or **Hallowe'en**, is an international holiday celebrated on October 31. Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, ghost tours, bonfires, costume parties, visiting haunted attractions, carving jack-o'-lanterns, reading scary stories and watching horror movies. Irish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America in the nineteenth century. Other western countries embraced the holiday in the late twentieth century. Halloween is celebrated in several countries of the Western world, most commonly in the United States, Canada, Ireland, Puerto Rico, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and occasionally in parts of Australia. In Sweden the All Saints' official holiday takes place on the first Saturday of November.





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