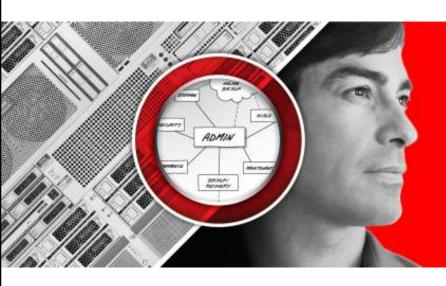
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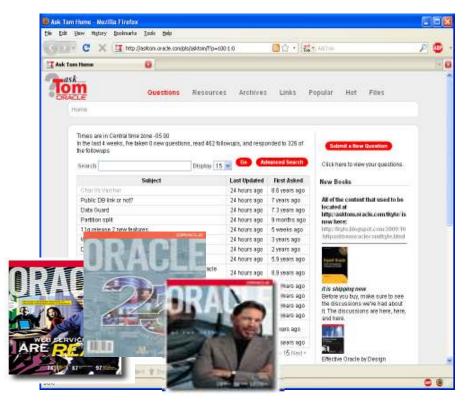


Five things you *probably* didn't know about SQL

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Five things you probably didn't know about SQL

- SQLNet Compression
- NULLS and Indexes and Cardinality
- You are being watched!
- Scalar Subquery Caching
- Calling statement level non-deterministic functions







- How you retrieve the data matters
- Not all result sets are the same even if they have the same data

ops\$tkyte%ORA11GR2> set arraysize 15

ops\$tkyte%ORA11GR2> set autotrace traceonly statistics

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t;
72228 rows selected.
```

Statistics

```
5794 consistent gets
8015033 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
53385 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
4817 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
72228 rows processed
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t order by timestamp; 72228 rows selected.
```

Statistics

```
1031 consistent gets
3427630 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
53385 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
4817 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
72228 rows processed
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t order by timestamp,
object_type, owner;
72228 rows selected.
```

Statistics

```
1031 consistent gets
3280011 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
53385 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
4817 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
72228 rows processed
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> set arraysize 100
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> set autotrace traceonly statistics
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t; 72228 rows selected.
```

Statistics

```
7482943 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
8362 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
724 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
7228 rows processed
```

ops\$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t order by timestamp; 72228 rows selected.

Statistics

```
1031 consistent gets
2907819 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
8362 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
724 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
72228 rows processed
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t order by timestamp,
object_type, owner;
72228 rows selected.
```

Statistics

```
1031 consistent gets
2760200 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
8362 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
724 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
7228 rows processed
```

| | No Order 15 | Some Order 15 | Very Ordered 15 | No Order 100 | Some Order 100 | Very Ordered 100 |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bytes Sent | 8.01 m | 3.42 m | 3.28 m | 7.48 m | 2.90 m | 2.76 m |
| % of original | 100% | 43% | 41% | 93% | 36% | 34% |
| Consistent Gets | 5832 | 1033 | 1033 | 1741 | 1033 | 1033 |

ops\$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select round(1033*8/1024,2) from dual;

ROUND (1033*8/1024,2)

8.07

| | No Order | Some Order 1000 | Very Ordered 1000 | No Order 100 | Some Order 100 | Very Ordered 100 |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bytes Sent | 7.39 m | 2.82 m | 2.67 m | 7.48 m | 2.90 m | 2.76 m |
| % of original | 92% | 35% | 33% | 93% | 36% | 34% |
| Consistent Gets | 1105 | 1033 | 1033 | 1741 | 1033 | 1033 |

ops\$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select round(1033*8/1024,2) from dual;

ROUND (1033*8/1024,2)

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"Wrong cardinality = Wrong Plan"

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
   2    dbms_stats.gather_table_stats(user, 'T');
   3  end;
   4  /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select count(*),
            count(distinct end_date),
  2
  3
            count(end date),
            min(end date),
  5
            max (end_date)
       from t;
                       CNT2
 CNT
           CNTD
                                  MIN
                                             MAX
     72228
                            36850 01-OCT-02 30-SEP-11
                   703
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> update t
   2   set end_date =
   3          to_date('01-jan-9999','dd-mon-yyyy')
   4   where end_date is null;

35378 rows updated.

ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> commit;

Commit complete.
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
   2   dbms_stats.gather_table_stats(user, 'T');
   3 end;
   4 /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

```
Predicate Information (identified by operation id):
```

"Wrong cardinality = Wrong Plan"

Nulls and Indexes

- There is a pervasive myth that indexes and NULLs are like matter and anti-matter
- There is the thought that "where column is null" cannot use an index
- There is a thought that NULLs are not indexed

None of that is true...



```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select count(*) from t where
otype is null;

COUNT(*)
-----
1445
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
   2   dbms_stats.gather_table_stats( user, 'T' );
   3  end;
   4  /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

ops\$tkyte%ORA11GR2> set autotrace traceonly explain
ops\$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t where otype is null;

Execution Plan

Plan hash value: 470836197

```
Predicate Information (identified by operation id):
```

```
2 - access("OTYPE" IS NULL)
```

```
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Nulls and Indexes

- What is true is that entirely NULL key entries are not made in B*Tree indexes
- Therefore, an index on just OTYPE cannot be used to find NULLs
- But what about B*Tree cluster indexes and Bitmap indexes?





- 9i and before V\$ tables
- 10g ASH and AWR are obvious
- But there is more
 - We watch what you ask for and change how statistics are gathered based on that.



```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
   2    dbms_stats.gather_table_stats(user,'T');
   3  end;
   4  /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select histogram
   2   from user_tab_cols
   3   where table_name = 'T'
   4   and column_name = 'SOME_STATUS';

HISTOGRAM
------
NONE
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
   2   dbms_stats.gather_table_stats( user, 'T' );
   3  end;
   4  /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select *
  2
       from
  4 select *
      from sys.col usage$
     where obj# = (select object id
                      from dba objects
  8
                     where object name = 'T'
  9
                       and owner = 'OPS$TKYTE' )
 10
 11
     unpivot (value for x in
 12
        ( EQUALITY PREDS, EQUIJOIN PREDS, NONEQUIJOIN PREDS,
 13
          RANGE PREDS, LIKE PREDS, NULL PREDS ) )
 14
```

| OBJ# | INTCOL# | | TIMESTAMP | X | VALUE |
|------|---------|----|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | | | |
| 980 | 040 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | EQUALITY_PREDS | 1 |
| 980 | 040 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | EQUIJOIN_PREDS | 0 |
| 980 | 040 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | NONEQUIJOIN_PREDS | 0 |
| 980 | 040 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | RANGE_PREDS | 0 |
| 980 | 040 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | LIKE PREDS | 0 |
| 980 | 040 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | NULL_PREDS | 0 |

6 rows selected.

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select * from t where
some_status > 100;

no rows selected

ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
   2   dbms_stats.gather_table_stats( user, 'T' );
   3   end;
   4  /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

| OBJ# | INTCOL# | TIMES | STAMP X | | VALUE |
|------|---------|-------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | | | |
| 980 | 40 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | EQUALITY_PREDS | 2 |
| 980 | 40 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | EQUIJOIN_PREDS | 0 |
| 980 | 40 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | NONEQUIJOIN_PREDS | 0 |
| 980 | 40 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | RANGE PREDS | 1 |
| 980 | 40 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | LIKE PREDS | 0 |
| 980 | 40 | 16 | 30-SEP-11 | NULL_PREDS | 0 |

6 rows selected.

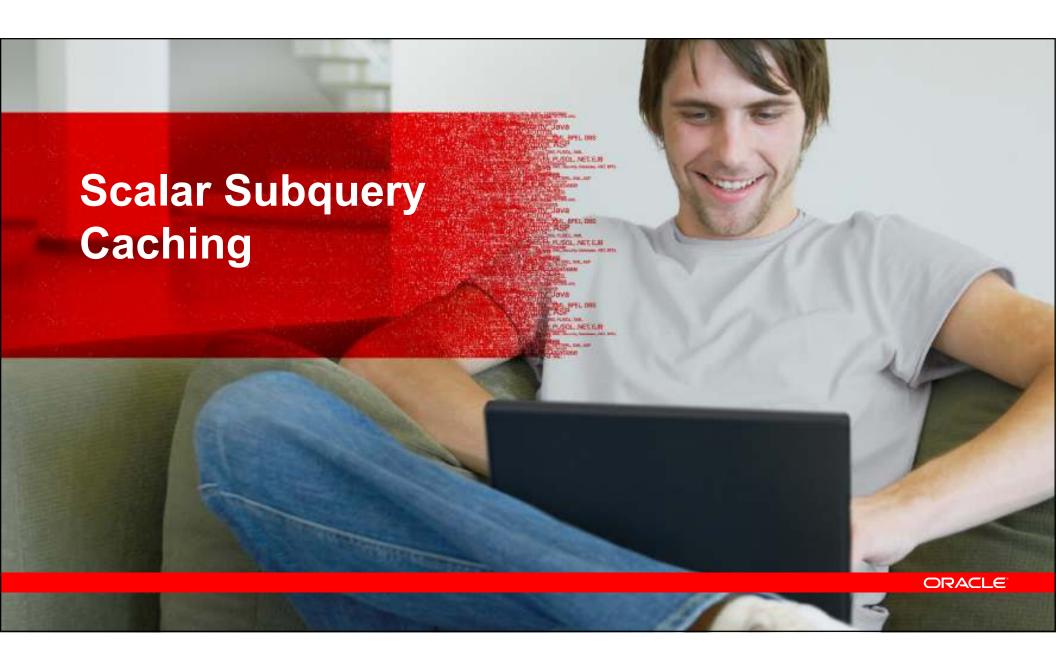
- You can 'seed' column stats pre-emptively
- Adds more "watching"
- Suggests possible extended statistics as well



```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
   2   dbms_stats.seed_col_usage( null, null, 10 );
   3   end;
   4  /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select *
   2   from t
   3   where owner = 'SYS'
   4   and object_type = 'DIMENSION';
no rows selected
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select dbms stats.report col usage( user, 'T' )
       from dual;
  2
DBMS STATS.REPORT COL USAGE (USER, 'T')
LEGEND:
EQ
         : Used in single table EQuality predicate
RANGE : Used in single table RANGE predicate
           : Used in single table LIKE predicate
LIKE
           : Used in single table is (not) NULL predicate
NULL
EQ JOIN : Used in EQuality JOIN predicate
NONEQ JOIN: Used in NON EQuality JOIN predicate
FILTER
           : Used in single table FILTER predicate
          : Used in JOIN predicate
JOIN
GROUP BY
           : Used in GROUP BY expression
```



- A scalar subquery is a query that returns zero or one rows and a single column
- Can be used anywhere an expression can be used
- Is executed conceptually once for each row it is processed against
- For example:



Is a lot like

```
Begin
    for x in (select dname, deptno from dept)
    loop
        select count(*) into cnt
            from emp
            where deptno = X.DEPTNO;

        dbms_output.put_line
            ( x.dname || ` ` || x.cnt );
        end loop;
End;
```

- Conceptually it is like that...
- In reality there is caching going on
- Up to 255 entries can be saved
- Only for the duration of the query! Not across queries



```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> create table t
  2 as
  3 select *
  4 from all_objects;
Table created.
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> begin
  2   dbms_stats.gather_table_stats( user,'T' );
  3   end;
  4  /
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> create or replace
                    function f( x in varchar2 )
  2
     return number
  3
    as
    begin
         dbms_application_info.set_client_info
         ( to number(userenv('client info'))+1 );
         return length(x);
     end;
 10
Function created.
```

How many times will g('scott') be invoked?

```
Select * from T where owner = g('scott');
```

It depends of course...

Now How many times will g('scott') be invoked?

```
Select * from T where owner =
(select g('scott') from dual);
```

It won't depend this time...



- What is a deterministic function?
- What is a statement level deterministic function?
- Why do we care?



```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> create table t
  2  as
  3  select *
  4   from all_users
  5  where rownum <= 5;</pre>
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> create or replace function f
     return number
  3
    as
  4
         pragma autonomous transaction;
         1 cnt number;
    begin
         select count(*) into l_cnt from t;
  8
  9
         insert into t (username, user id, created )
 10
         values ( 'hello', 123, sysdate );
 11
         commit;
 12
 13
         return 1 cnt;
 14
    end;
 15
```

```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> select count(*) over () cnt1,
2          (select count(*) from t) cnt2,
3          f() cnt3,
4          (select f() from dual) cnt4
5          from t;
```



```
ops$tkyte%ORA11GR2> create or replace
                    function f(p scn in number)
  2 return number
  3 as
         pragma autonomous transaction;
         1 cnt number;
    begin
         select count(*) into 1 cnt from t
  8
             as of scn p scn;
  9
 10
         insert into t (username, user id, created )
 11
         values ( 'hello', 123, sysdate );
 12
        commit;
 13
 14
         return 1 cnt;
 15
    end;
 16 /
```

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

6 rows selected.



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