CSE 344: Section 7 SQL++, Cost Estimation

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SQL++ Crash Course

What is SQL++?

Just like SQL but parsed for processing JSON data

SQL++ has keywords to handle collections of data (i.e. non-flat data)

Motivation for SQL++?

Why SQL++? Why not some other query language?

People are used to/like specifying data through SQL syntax (like C++/Java) SQL-like language enforces idea of physical data independence

Useful Keywords/Syntax

is_array(...) ----> checks if value is an array

split(s, d) ----> splits string s on delimiter d

[...] ----> explicitly construct array

(CASE WHEN ... THEN ... ELSE ... END) ----> combine with "is array (...)"

MISSING -----> reserved keyword like "NULL"

… `----> backtick needed for accessing keys with names containing "-"

Cost Estimation

Looking Inside the Black Box

Query optimization is a complicated task

What good is it for us to know these "implementation details?"

Indexes! Design your DB instance to speed up critical queries.

For each relation we have > (number of attributes)! possible indexes.

Real-world tables can have 50+ attributes = quindecillion indexes