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Optimizing Queries Using CTEs and Window Functions

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Agenda

- What are Common Table Expressions (CTEs)?
- What are Window Functions?
- Practical use cases
- Why are window functions fast?
- Development status in MariaDB



What are CTEs?

Syntax

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    FROM employees  
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FROM engineers  
WHERE ...
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Keyword



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CTE Name



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CTE Body



What are CTEs?

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SELECT *  
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```

CTE Usage



What are CTEs?

CTEs are similar to derived tables.

```
WITH engineers AS (  
    SELECT *  
    FROM employees  
    WHERE dept="Engineering"  
)  
SELECT *  
FROM engineers  
WHERE ...
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM (SELECT *  
    FROM employees  
    WHERE dept="Engineering") AS engineers  
WHERE ...
```




What are CTEs?

CTEs are more readable than derived tables.

```
WITH engineers AS (  
    SELECT *  
    FROM employees  
    WHERE dept="Engineering"  
)  
eu_engineers AS (  
    SELECT *  
    FROM engineers  
    WHERE country IN ("NL",...)  
)  
SELECT *  
FROM eu_engineers  
WHERE ...
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM (SELECT *  
      FROM (SELECT *  
            FROM employees  
            WHERE dept="Engineering") AS engineers  
      WHERE country IN ("NL",...))  
WHERE ...
```



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SELECT *  
FROM eu_engineers  
WHERE ...
```

Linear View

```
SELECT *  
FROM (SELECT *  
      FROM (SELECT *  
            FROM employees  
            WHERE dept="Engineering") AS engineers  
      WHERE country IN ("NL",...))  
WHERE ...
```

Nested View



What are CTEs?

Example: Year-over-year comparisons

```
WITH sales_product_year AS (  
  SELECT  
    product,  
    year(ship_date) as year,  
    SUM(price) as total_amt  
  FROM  
    item_sales  
  GROUP BY  
    product, year  
)
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM  
  sales_product_year CUR,  
  sales_product_year PREV,  
WHERE  
  CUR.product = PREV.product AND  
  CUR.year = PREV.year + 1 AND  
  CUR.total_amt > PREV.total_amt
```



Summary on CTEs

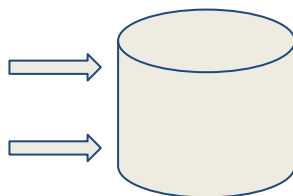
- Identified by the WITH clause.
- Similar to derived tables in the FROM clause.
- More expressive and provide cleaner code.
- Can produce more efficient query plans.



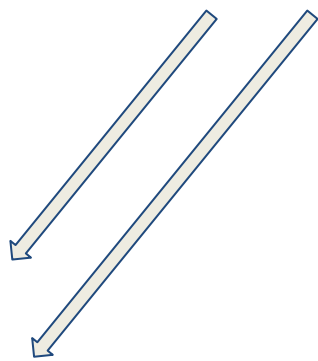
CTE execution

Basic algorithm

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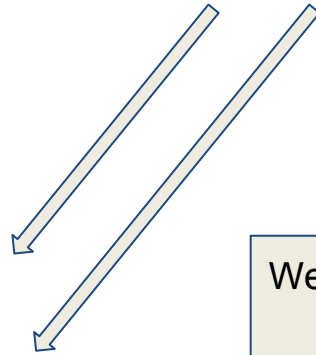
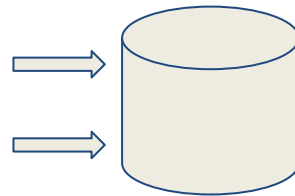
- Materialize each CTE occurrence into a Temporary Table
- Often Not optimal!



CTE optimization #1

CTE reuse

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)  
  
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FROM  
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  sales_product_year PREV,  
WHERE  
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```



We can reuse CTE here!

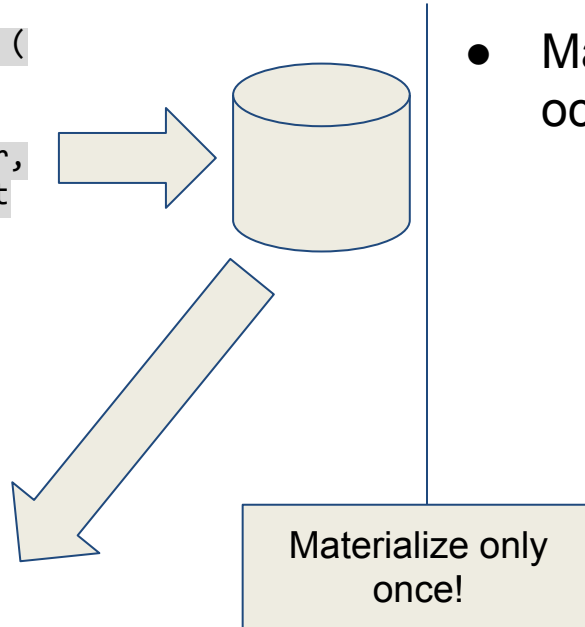
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FROM  
  sales_product_year CUR,  
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```



- Materialize each **distinct** CTE occurrence into a Temporary Table

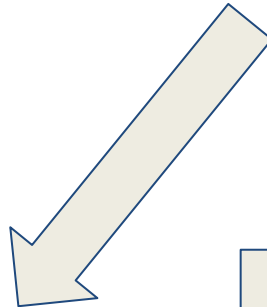
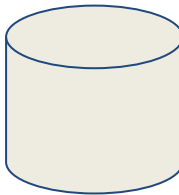
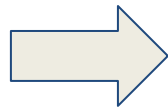


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```



Materialize only once!

- Materialize each **distinct** CTE occurrence into a Temporary Table
- Not compatible with other optimizations.



CTE optimization #2

CTE merging

```
WITH engineers AS (  
    SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES  
    WHERE  
        dept='Development'  
)  
SELECT  
    ...  
FROM  
    engineers E,  
    support_cases SC  
WHERE  
    E.name=SC.assignee and  
    SC.created='2017-04-10' and  
    E.location='New York'
```

Requirements:

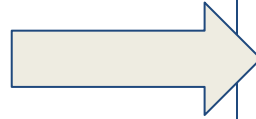
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```



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    ...  
FROM  
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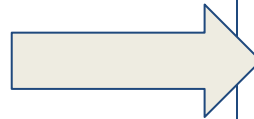
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WHERE  
    E.name=SC.assignee and  
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    E.location='New York'  
    E.dept='Development'
```

- CTE merged into parent join.
- Now optimizer can pick any query plan.
- Same algorithm is used for VIEWS (ALGORITHM = MERGE)



CTE optimization #3

Condition pushdown

```
WITH sales_per_year AS (  
  SELECT  
    year(order.date) AS year  
    sum(order.amount) AS sales  
  FROM  
    order  
  GROUP BY  
    year  
)  
SELECT *  
FROM sales_per_year  
WHERE  
  year in ('2015', '2016')
```



CTE optimization #3

Condition pushdown

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WITH sales_per_year AS (  
  SELECT  
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    sum(order.amount) AS sales  
  FROM  
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)  
SELECT *  
FROM sales_per_year  
WHERE  
  year in ('2015', '2016')
```

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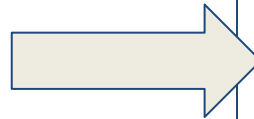
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SELECT *  
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WHERE  
  year in ('2015','2016')
```



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  FROM  
    order  
  WHERE  
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  GROUP BY  
    year  
)  
SELECT *  
FROM sales_per_year
```

Requirements:

- Merging is not possible (GROUP BY exists)
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CTE optimization #3

Condition pushdown

- Makes temporary tables smaller.
- Can filter out whole groups.
- Works for derived tables and views.
- Implemented as a GSoC project:

“Pushing conditions into non-mergeable views and derived tables in MariaDB”

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WITH sales_per_year AS (  
  SELECT  
    year(order.date) as year  
    sum(order.amount) as sales  
  FROM  
    order  
  WHERE  
    year in ('2015', '2016')  
  GROUP BY  
    year  
)  
SELECT *  
FROM sales_per_year
```



CTE Optimizations Summary

	CTE Merge	Condition pushdown	CTE reuse
MariaDB 10.2	✓	✓	✗
MS SQL Server	✓	✓	✗
PostgreSQL	✗	✗	✓
MySQL 8.0.0-labs-optimizer	✓	✗	✓*

- Merge and condition pushdown are most important
 - Can not be used at the same time as CTE reuse
- PostgreSQL considers CTEs optimization barriers
- MySQL (8.0) tries merging, otherwise reuse



What are window functions?

- Similar to aggregate functions
 - Computed over a sequence of rows
- But they provide one result per row
 - Like regular functions!
- Identified by the OVER clause.



What are window functions?

Let's start with a "function like" example

```
SELECT
```

```
    email, first_name,  
    last_name, account_type
```

```
FROM users
```

```
ORDER BY email;
```

email	first_name	last_name	account_type
admin@boss.org	Admin	Boss	admin
bob.carlsen@foo.bar	Bob	Carlsen	regular
eddie.stevens@data.org	Eddie	Stevens	regular
john.smith@xyz.org	John	Smith	regular
root@boss.org	Root	Chief	admin



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```
SELECT
    row_number() over () as rnum,
    email, first_name,
    last_name, account_type
FROM users
ORDER BY email;
```

rnum	email	first_name	last_name	account_type
1	admin@boss.org	Admin	Boss	admin
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  last_name, account_type
FROM users
ORDER BY email;
```

This is also valid!

rnum	email	first_name	last_name	account_type
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FROM users
ORDER BY email;
```

And this one...

rnum	email	first_name	last_name	account_type
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What are window functions?

Let's start with a "function like" example

```
SELECT
  row_number() over (ORDER BY email) as rnum,
  email, first_name,
  last_name, account_type
FROM users
ORDER BY email;
```

Now only this one is valid!

rnum	email	first_name	last_name	account_type
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```
SELECT
  row_number() over (ORDER BY email) as rnum,
  email, first_name,
  last_name, account_type
FROM users
ORDER BY email;
```

How do we "group" by account type?

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Let's start with a "function like" example

```
SELECT
  row_number() over (PARTITION BY account_type ORDER BY email) as rnum,
  email, first_name,
  last_name, account_type
FROM users
ORDER BY account_type, email;
```

row_number() resets for every
partition

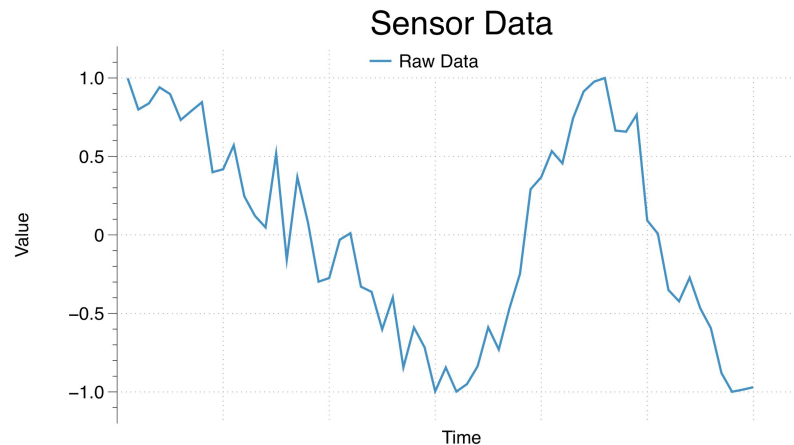
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How about that aggregate similarity?

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```

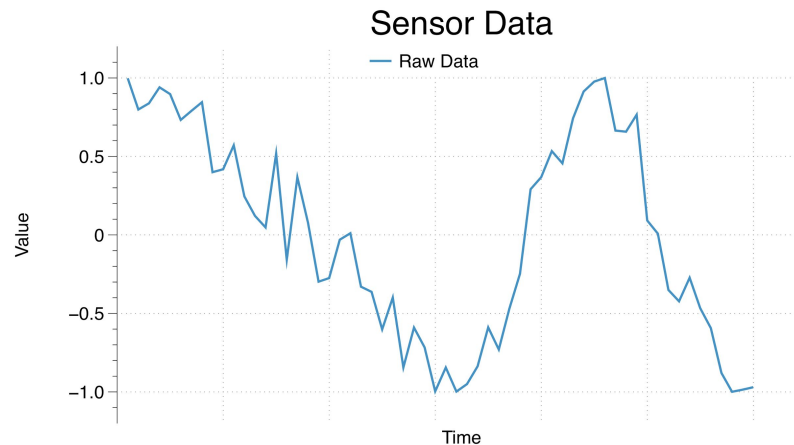




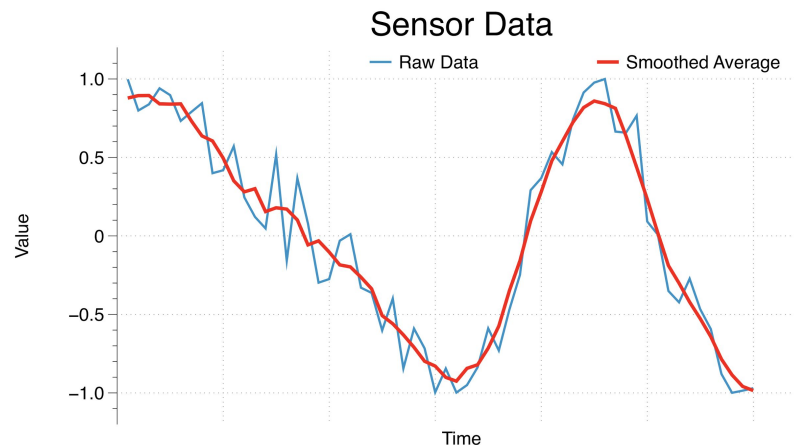
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```



```
SELECT
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  avg(value) over (ORDER BY time
),
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

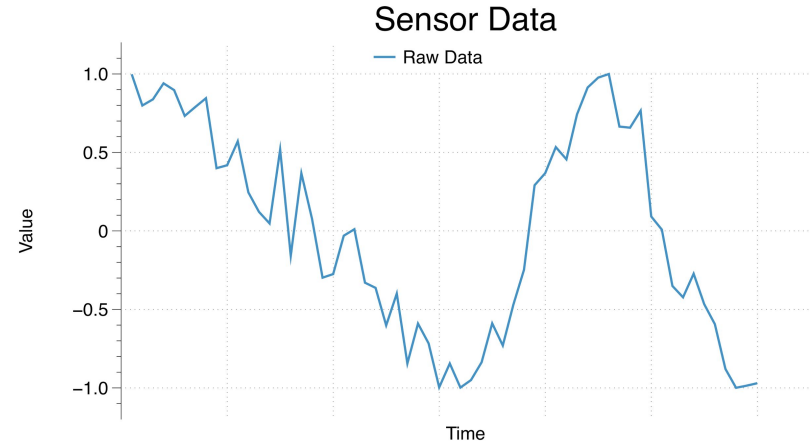




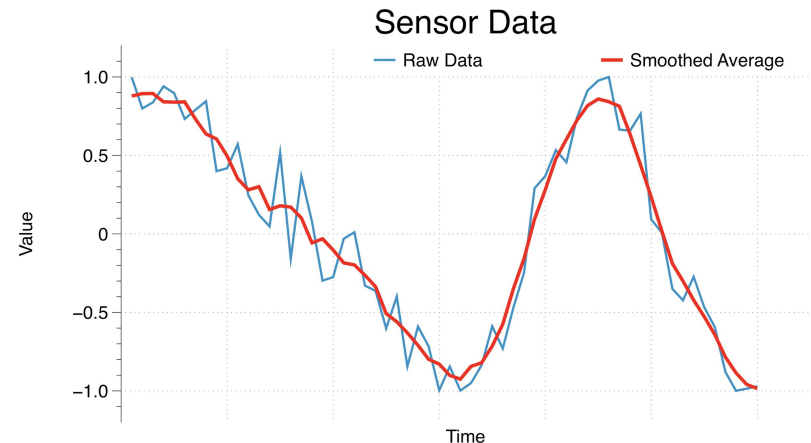
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ORDER BY time;
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```
SELECT
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                    ROWS BETWEEN 3 PRECEDING
                    AND 3 FOLLOWING),
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

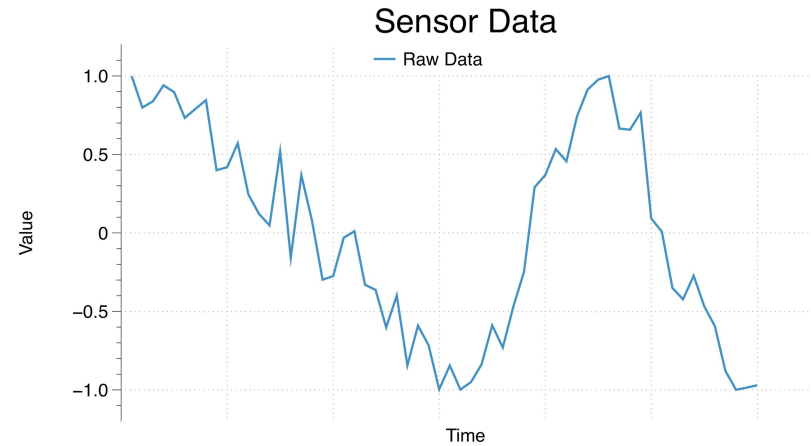




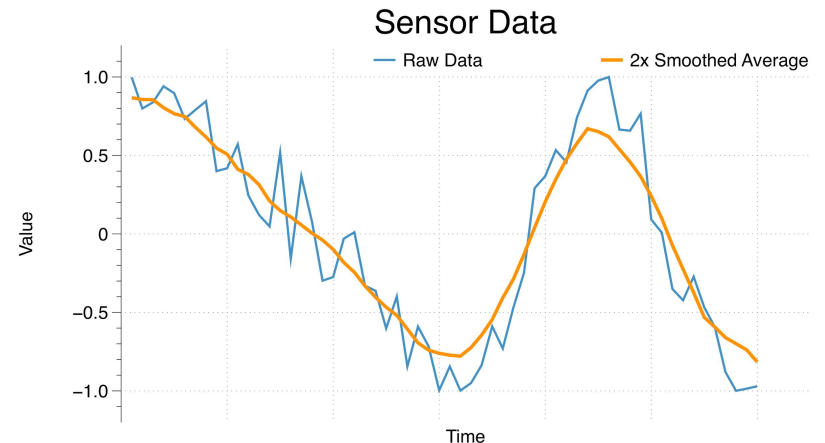
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```
SELECT
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                  ROWS BETWEEN 6 PRECEDING
                  AND 6 FOLLOWING),
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```





What are window functions?

So how do frames work?

```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING
              AND 1 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	
11:00:00	5	
12:00:00	4	
13:00:00	4	
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING
              AND 2 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	
11:00:00	5	
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time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	7
11:00:00	5	
12:00:00	4	
13:00:00	4	
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

(2 + 5)

```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING
                AND 2 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	11
11:00:00	5	
12:00:00	4	
13:00:00	4	
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

(2 + 5 + 4)



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15:00:00	2	
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    AND 2 FOLLOWING)
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ORDER BY time;
```

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10:00:00	2	11
11:00:00	5	15
12:00:00	4	
13:00:00	4	
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15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

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12:00:00	4	13
13:00:00	4	
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

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```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING
    AND 2 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	11
11:00:00	5	15
12:00:00	4	16
13:00:00	4	
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

(2 + 5 + 4)
(2 + 5 + 4 + 4)
(2 + 5 + 4 + 4 + 1)



What are window functions?

So how do frames work?

```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING
                AND 1 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	7
11:00:00	5	11
12:00:00	4	13
13:00:00	4	9
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

(2 + 5)
(2 + 5 + 4)
(5 + 4 + 4)
(4 + 4 + 1)

```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING
                AND 2 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	11
11:00:00	5	15
12:00:00	4	16
13:00:00	4	19
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

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  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING
    AND 1 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;

```

Every new row adds a value and removes a value!

time	value	sum
10:00:00	2	7
11:00:00	5	11
12:00:00	4	13
13:00:00	4	9
14:00:00	1	
15:00:00	5	
15:00:00	2	
15:00:00	2	

(2 + 5)
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```

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  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING
    AND 2 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;

```

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10:00:00	2	11
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13:00:00	4	19
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15:00:00	5	
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So how do frames work?

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  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING
    AND 1 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

We can do “on-line” computation!

time	value	sum	
10:00:00	2	7	(2 + 5)
11:00:00	5	11	(2 + 5 + 4)
12:00:00	4	13	(5 + 4 + 4)
13:00:00	4	9	(4 + 4 + 1)
14:00:00	1		
15:00:00	5		
15:00:00	2		
15:00:00	2		

```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING
    AND 2 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum	
10:00:00	2	11	(2 + 5 + 4)
11:00:00	5	15	(2 + 5 + 4 + 4)
12:00:00	4	16	(2 + 5 + 4 + 4 + 1)
13:00:00	4	19	(5 + 4 + 4 + 1 + 5)
14:00:00	1		
15:00:00	5		
15:00:00	2		
15:00:00	2		



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  sum(value) OVER (
    ORDER BY time
    ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING
              AND 1 FOLLOWING)
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ORDER BY time;
```

time	value	sum	
10:00:00	2	7	(2 + 5)
11:00:00	5	11	(2 + 5 + 4)
12:00:00	4	13	(5 + 4 + 4)
13:00:00	4	9	(4 + 4 + 1)
14:00:00	1	10	(4 + 1 + 5)
15:00:00	5	8	(1 + 5 + 2)
15:00:00	2	9	(5 + 2 + 2)
15:00:00	2	4	(2 + 2)

```
SELECT
  time, value
  sum(value) OVER (
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    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING
              AND 2 FOLLOWING)
FROM data_points
ORDER BY time;
```

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12:00:00	4	16	(2 + 5 + 4 + 4 + 1)
13:00:00	4	19	(5 + 4 + 4 + 1 + 5)
14:00:00	1	16	(4 + 4 + 1 + 5 + 2)
15:00:00	5	14	(4 + 1 + 5 + 2 + 2)
15:00:00	2	10	(1 + 5 + 2 + 2)
15:00:00	2	9	(5 + 2 + 2)



Scenario 1 - Regular SQL

Given a set of bank transactions,
compute the account balance after each transaction.

```
SELECT timestamp, transaction_id, customer_id, amount,  
FROM transactions  
ORDER BY customer_id, timestamp;
```

timestamp	transaction_id	customer_id	amount
2016-09-01 10:00:00	1	1	1000
2016-09-01 11:00:00	2	1	-200
2016-09-01 12:00:00	3	1	-600
2016-09-01 13:00:00	5	1	400
2016-09-01 12:10:00	4	2	300
2016-09-01 14:00:00	6	2	500
2016-09-01 15:00:00	7	2	400



Scenario 1 - Regular SQL

Given a set of bank transactions,
compute the account balance after each transaction.

```
SELECT timestamp, transaction_id, customer_id, amount,  
       (SELECT sum(amount)  
        FROM transactions AS t2  
        WHERE t2.customer_id = t1.customer_id AND  
              t2.timestamp <= t1.timestamp) AS balance  
FROM transactions AS t1  
ORDER BY customer_id, timestamp;
```

timestamp	transaction_id	customer_id	amount	balance
2016-09-01 10:00:00	1	1	1000	1000
2016-09-01 11:00:00	2	1	-200	800
2016-09-01 12:00:00	3	1	-600	200
2016-09-01 13:00:00	5	1	400	600
2016-09-01 12:10:00	4	2	300	300
2016-09-01 14:00:00	6	2	500	800
2016-09-01 15:00:00	7	2	400	1200



Scenario 1 - Window Functions

Given a set of bank transactions,
compute the account balance after each transaction.

```
SELECT timestamp, transaction_id, customer_id, amount,  
       sum(amount) OVER (PARTITION BY customer_id  
                        ORDER BY timestamp  
                        ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND  
                        CURRENT ROW) AS balance  
FROM transactions AS t1  
ORDER BY customer_id, timestamp;
```

timestamp	transaction_id	customer_id	amount	balance
2016-09-01 10:00:00	1	1	1000	1000
2016-09-01 11:00:00	2	1	-200	800
2016-09-01 12:00:00	3	1	-600	200
2016-09-01 13:00:00	5	1	400	600
2016-09-01 12:10:00	4	2	300	300
2016-09-01 14:00:00	6	2	500	800
2016-09-01 15:00:00	7	2	400	1200



Scenario 1 - Performance

Given a set of bank transactions,
compute the account balance after each transaction.

#Rows	Regular SQL (seconds)	Regular SQL + Index (seconds)	Window Functions (seconds)
10 000	0.29	0.01	0.02
100 000	2.91	0.09	0.16
1 000 000	29.1	2.86	3.04
10 000 000	346.3	90.97	43.17
100 000 000	4357.2	813.2	514.24



Practical Use Cases - Scenario 2

- “Top-N” queries
- Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.



Scenario 2 - Regular SQL

Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.

```
SELECT dept, name, salary  
FROM employee_salaries  
ORDER BY dept;
```

dept	name	salary
Sales	John	200
Sales	Tom	300
Sales	Bill	150
Sales	Jill	400
Sales	Bob	500
Sales	Axel	250
Sales	Lucy	300
Eng	Tim	1000
Eng	Michael	2000
Eng	Andrew	1500
Eng	Scarlett	2200
Eng	Sergei	3000
Eng	Kristian	3500
Eng	Arnold	2500
Eng	Sami	2800



Scenario 2 - Regular SQL

Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.

```
SELECT dept, name, salary
FROM employee_salaries AS t1
WHERE (SELECT count(*)
       FROM employee_salaries AS t2
       WHERE t1.name != t2.name AND
            t1.dept = t2.dept AND
            t2.salary > t1.salary) < 5
ORDER BY dept, salary DESC;
```

dept	name	salary
Eng	Kristian	3500
Eng	Sergei	3000
Eng	Sami	2800
Eng	Arnold	2500
Eng	Scarlett	2200
Sales	Bob	500
Sales	Jill	400
Sales	Lucy	300
Sales	Tom	300
Sales	Axel	250



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ORDER BY dept, salary DESC;
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Sales	Lucy	300
Sales	Tom	300
Sales	Axel	250

What if I want a "rank" column?



Scenario 2 - Regular SQL

Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.

```
SELECT
  (SELECT count(*) + 1
   FROM employee_salaries as t2
   WHERE t1.name != t2.name and
         t1.dept = t2.dept and
         t2.salary > t1.salary)
  AS ranking,
  dept, name, salary
FROM employee_salaries AS t1
WHERE (SELECT count(*)
       FROM employee_salaries AS t2
       WHERE t1.name != t2.name AND
            t1.dept = t2.dept AND
            t2.salary > t1.salary) < 5
ORDER BY dept, salary DESC;
```

ranking	dept	name	salary
1	Eng	Kristian	3500
2	Eng	Sergei	3000
3	Eng	Sami	2800
4	Eng	Arnold	2500
5	Eng	Scarlett	2200
1	Sales	Bob	500
2	Sales	Jill	400
3	Sales	Lucy	300
3	Sales	Tom	300
5	Sales	Axel	250

What if I want a "rank" column?



Scenario 2 - Window Functions

Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.

```
SELECT
  rank() OVER (
    PARTITION BY dept
    ORDER BY salary DESC)
  AS ranking,
  dept, name, salary
FROM employee_salaries;
```

ranking	dept	name	salary
1	Eng	Kristian	3500
2	Eng	Sergei	3000
3	Eng	Sami	2800
4	Eng	Arnold	2500
5	Eng	Scarlett	2200
6	Eng	Michael	2000
7	Eng	Andrew	1500
8	Eng	Tim	1000
1	Sales	Bob	500
2	Sales	Jill	400
3	Sales	Tom	300
3	Sales	Lucy	300
5	Sales	Axel	250
6	Sales	John	200
7	Sales	Bill	150



Scenario 2 - Window Functions

Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.

```
SELECT
  rank() OVER (
    PARTITION BY dept
    ORDER BY salary DESC)
  AS ranking,
  dept, name, salary
FROM employee_salaries
WHERE ranking <= 5;
```

ranking	dept	name	salary
1	Eng	Kristian	3500
2	Eng	Sergei	3000
3	Eng	Sami	2800
4	Eng	Arnold	2500
5	Eng	Scarlett	2200
6	Eng	Michael	2000
7	Eng	Andrew	1500
8	Eng	Tim	1000
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5	Sales	Axel	250
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    ORDER BY salary DESC)
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FROM employee_salaries
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```

No Window Functions in the WHERE clause :(

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5	Eng	Scarlett	2200
6	Eng	Michael	2000
7	Eng	Andrew	1500
8	Eng	Tim	1000
1	Sales	Bob	500
2	Sales	Jill	400
3	Sales	Tom	300
3	Sales	Lucy	300
5	Sales	Axel	250
6	Sales	John	200
7	Sales	Bill	150



Scenario 2 - Window Functions

Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.

```
WITH salary_ranks AS (  
  SELECT  
    rank() OVER (  
      PARTITION BY dept  
      ORDER BY salary DESC)  
    AS ranking,  
    dept, name, salary  
  FROM employee_salaries  
)  
SELECT *  
FROM salary_ranks  
WHERE ranking <= 5  
ORDER BY dept, ranking;
```

ranking	dept	name	salary
1	Eng	Kristian	3500
2	Eng	Sergei	3000
3	Eng	Sami	2800
4	Eng	Arnold	2500
5	Eng	Scarlett	2200
1	Sales	Bob	500
2	Sales	Jill	400
3	Sales	Lucy	300
3	Sales	Tom	300
5	Sales	Axel	250



Scenario 2 - Performance

Retrieve the top 5 earners by department.

#Rows	Regular SQL (seconds)	Regular SQL + Index (seconds)	Window Functions (seconds)
2 000	1.31	0.14	0.00
20 000	123.6	12.6	0.02
200 000	10000+	1539.79	0.21
2 000 000	5.61
20 000 000	76.04



Window functions summary

- Can help eliminate expensive subqueries.
- Can help eliminate self-joins.
- Make queries more readable.
- Make (some) queries faster.



Window Functions in MariaDB

- We support:
 - ROW_NUMBER, RANK, DENSE_RANK, PERCENT_RANK, CUME_DIST, NTILE
 - FIRST_VALUE, LAST_VALUE, NTH_VALUE, LEAD, LAG
 - All regular aggregate functions except GROUP_CONCAT



Window Functions in MariaDB

- We do not (yet) support:
 - Time interval range-type frames
 - DISTINCT clause
 - GROUP_CONCAT function
 - Advanced window functions such as:
PERCENTILE_CONT, PERCENTILE_DISC

Thank You!

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