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Let's talk Database Optimizers

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Goal of a query optimizer

- Produce a query plan that executes your query in the fastest time possible.

- Optimizer has many tools at its disposal:
 - It can choose to pre-read tables
 - Cache results (such as uncorrelated subqueries)
 - Use indexes to look up values
 - Use indexes to access data in-order and avoid sorting
 - Rewrite a query (more on this later)
 - And more...

- Number of possible plans grows exponentially with # tables



Goal of a query optimizer

- Not enough time to try out every possible plan
- In a "perfect world" any query should be performing as fast as possible.
- Many queries do!
- But sometimes, the query optimizer doesn't have all the information. (missing indexes, inaccurate statistics, etc.)
- Optimizers are constantly evolving!



Background about optimizations

- A derived table is a table in the FROM clause, defined as a subquery.

```
SELECT * FROM (SELECT a from t1) der_t1;
```



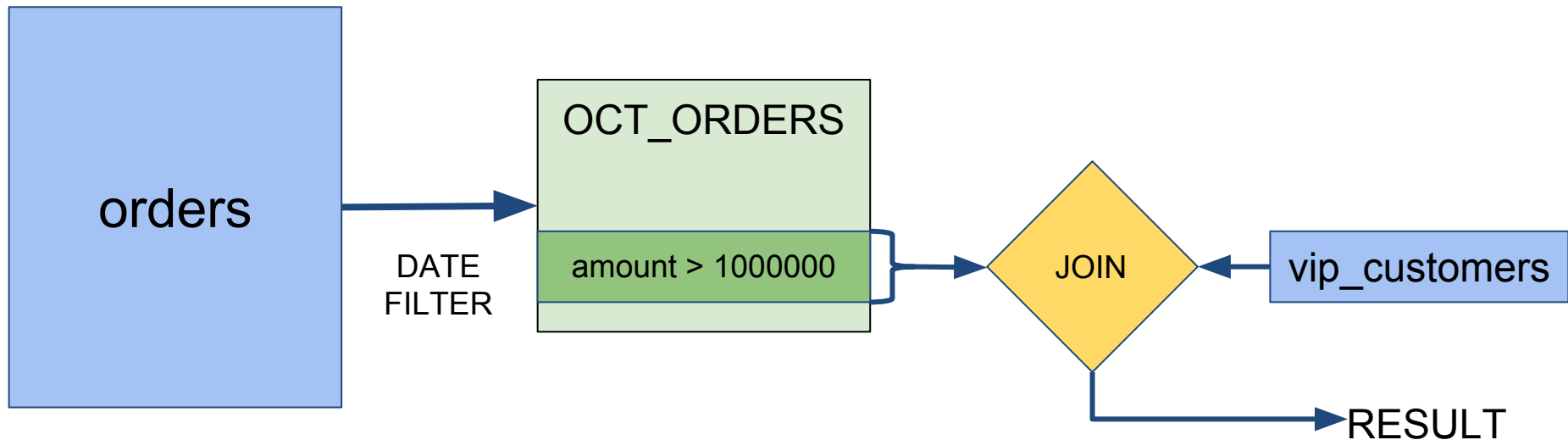
VIP Customers and their orders

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select *
from vip_customers,
    (select *
     from orders
     where order_date
           between '2017-10-01' and '2017-10-31') as
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Naive Execution

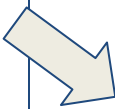
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Derived Table Merge

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  ) as OCT_ORDERS
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Explain shows the table being merged

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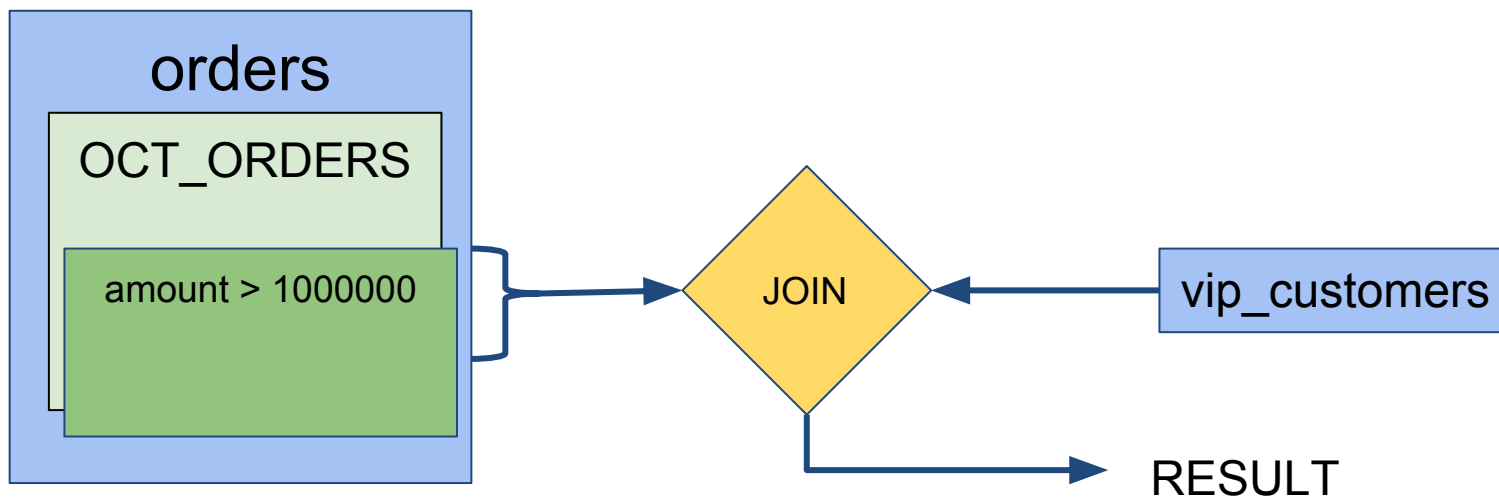
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id	select_type	table	type	rows	Extra
1	SIMPLE	vip_customers	ALL	101	
1	SIMPLE	orders	ALL	1000000	Using where;



Execution after merge

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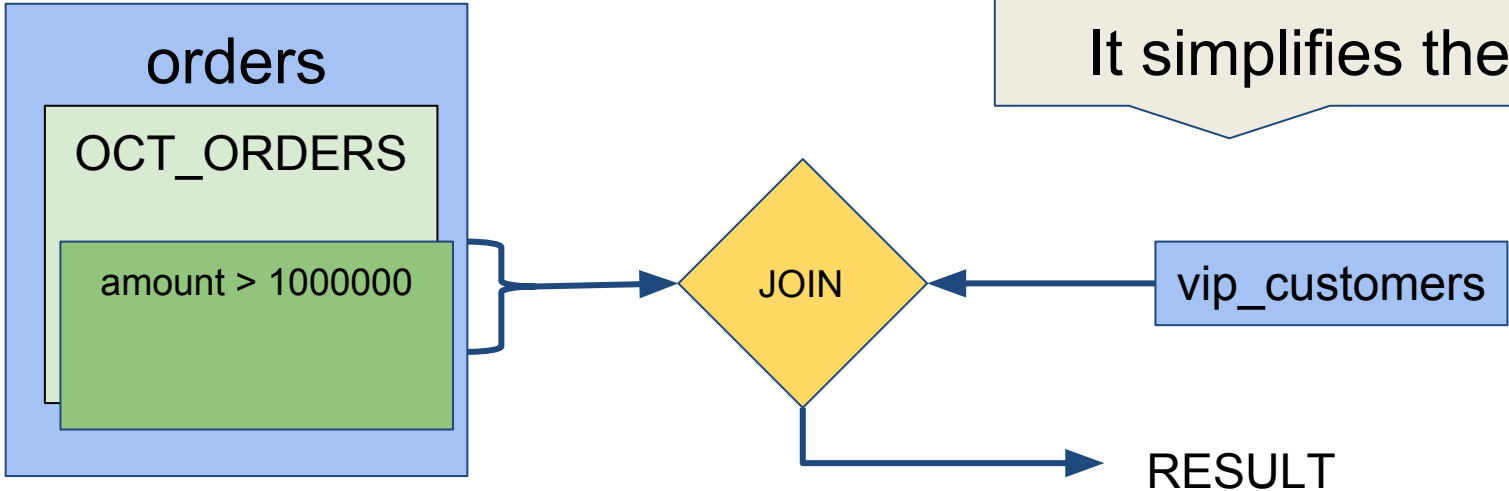




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Merging is good!
It simplifies the query.

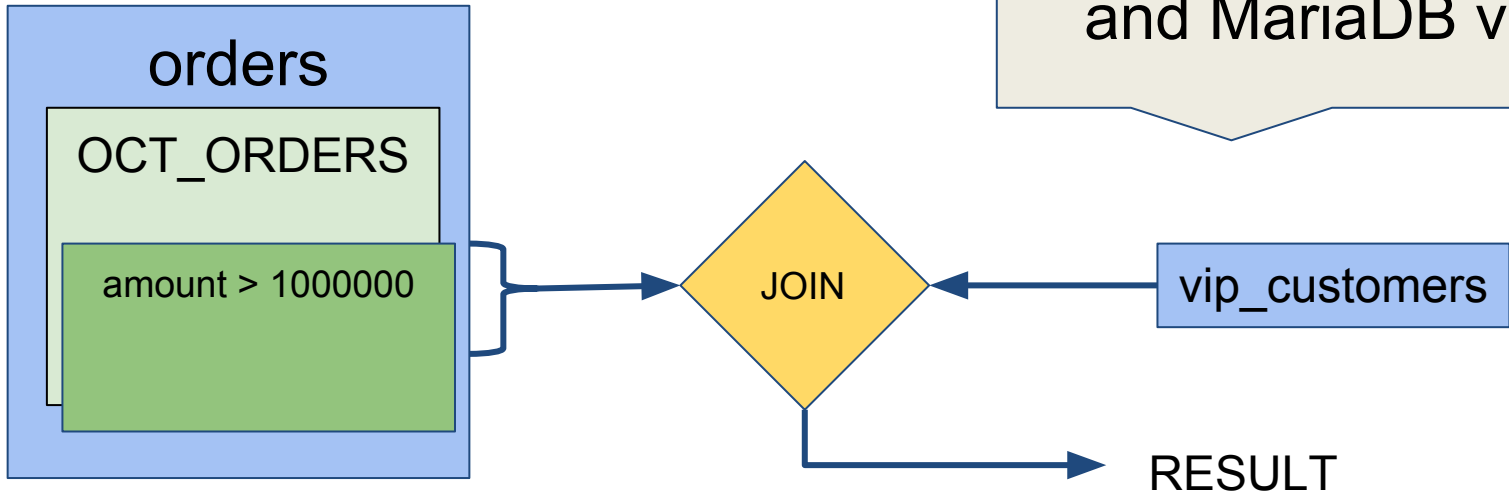




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Works in all stable MySQL
and MariaDB versions

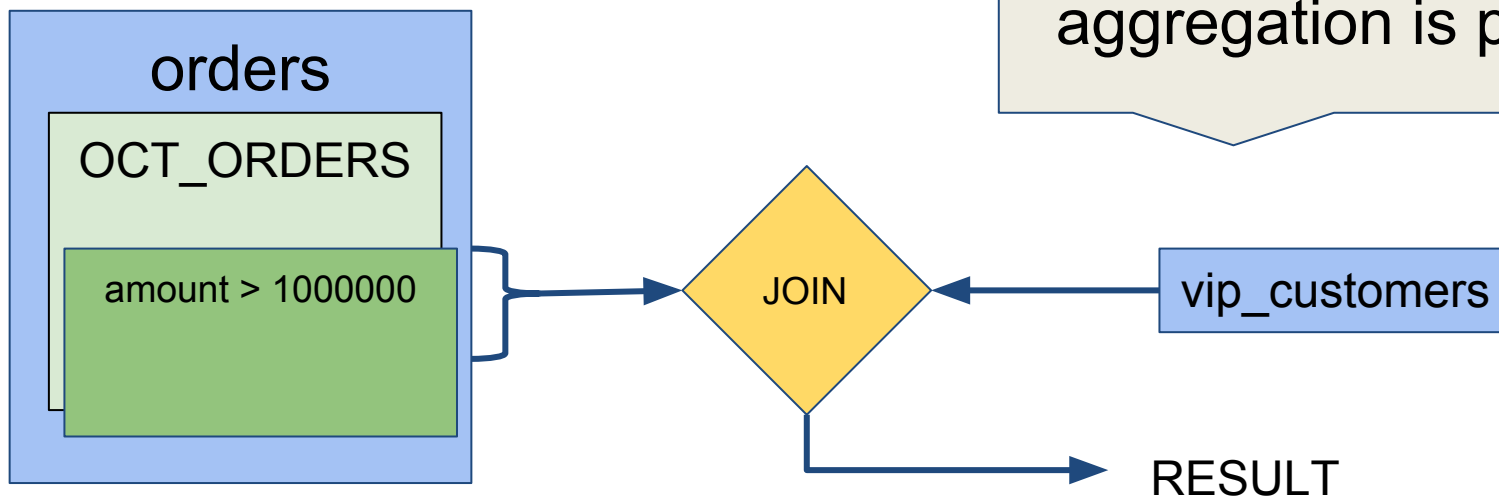




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Can not be used when aggregation is present :(





Condition pushdown

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There are a lot of customers and we only want a total for one.



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We can push the condition to the where clause!

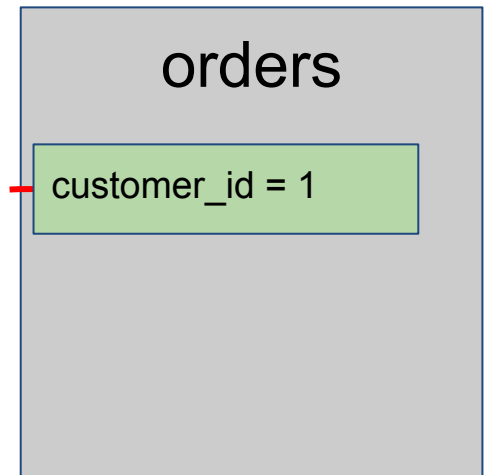
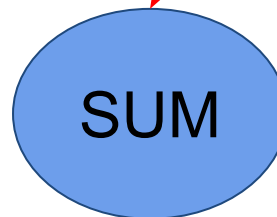


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All this is available in MariaDB 10.2



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This tactic works with window functions too!



Condition pushdown through Partition By

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Condition pushdown through PARTITION BY

MariaDB 10.2, MySQL 8.0, MariaDB 10.3 Comparison

MariaDB 10.2, MySQL 8.0

- Compute `top_three_orders` for **all** customers
- Select rows with `customer_id=1`

MariaDB 10.3 (and e.g. PostgreSQL)

- Only compute `top_three_orders` for `customer_id=1`
- **This can be much faster!**
- **Can make use of `index(customer_id)`**



Split grouping for derived

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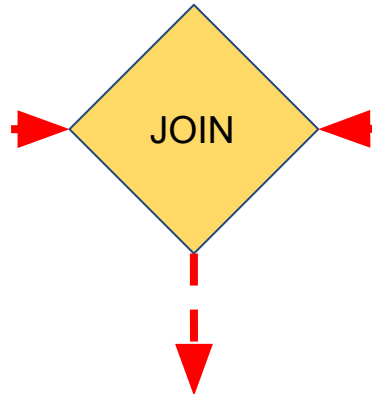



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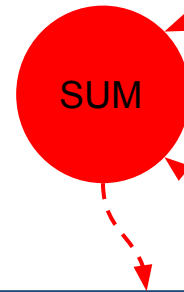
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customers
Bob
John



OCT_TOTALS
Customer X
Bob
John



orders
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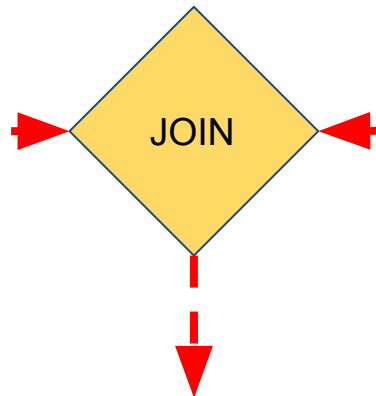


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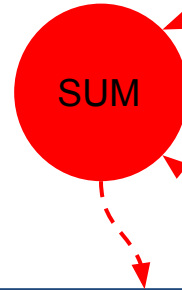
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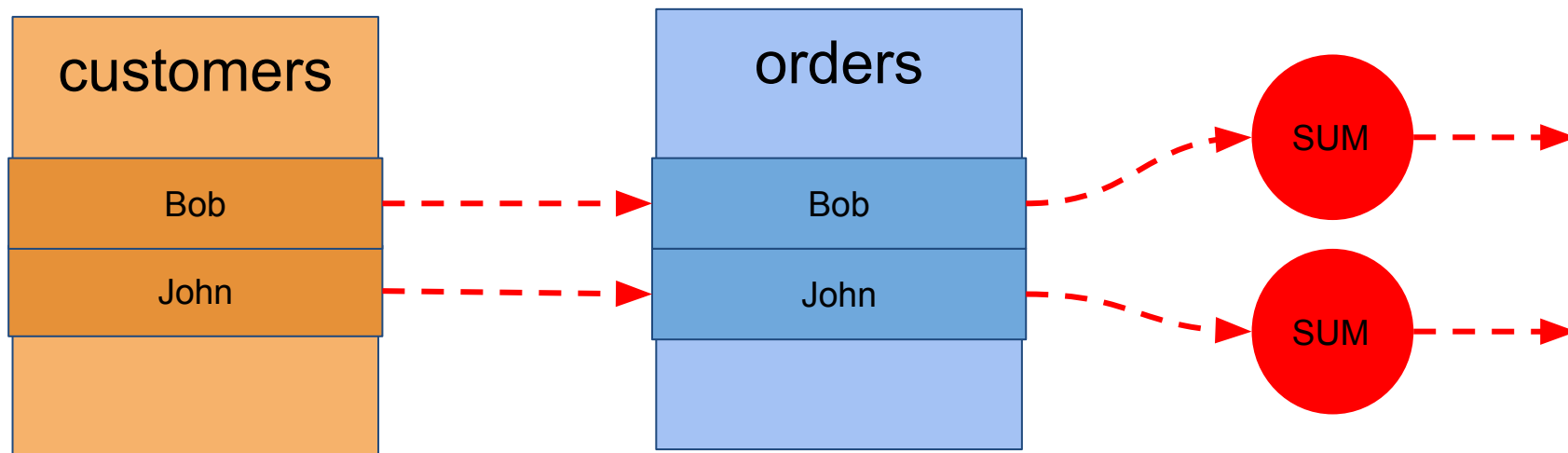
Customer X total not needed!
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Customer X
Bob
John



Split grouping execution

Figure out which orders we need to aggregate first!

Aggregate each group individually.





Split grouping execution requirements

- Can be used when doing join from customer to orders
- Must have equalities for GROUP BY columns:
OCT_TOTALS.customer_id=customer.customer_id
 - This allows to select one group
- The underlying table (orders) must have an index on the GROUP BY column (customer_id)
 - This allows to use ref access



Conclusions

	MySQL 5.7	MySQL 8.0	MariaDB 10.1	MariaDB 10.2	MariaDB 10.3
Derived Table / View Merge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Condition Pushdown through Group BY	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Window Functions	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Condition Pushdown through Partition BY	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Split Table Grouping	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

Not comprehensive comparison, only optimizations discussed in this talk!



Conclusions

- MariaDB 10.2: **Condition pushdown for derived tables** optimization
 - Push a condition into derived table
 - Used when derived table cannot be merged
 - Biggest effect is for subqueries with GROUP BY
- MariaDB 10.3: **Condition Pushdown through Window functions' partition by**
- MariaDB 10.3: **Split grouping for derived** optimization
 - When doing a join, can't do condition pushdown
 - So, split grouping derived is used.
 - It allows to only examine GROUP BY groups that match other tables. It needs index on grouped columns
 - Work in progress (optimization process is very basic ATM)

Thank You!

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