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Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema

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# **Background Information**

To login to the virtual machine:

| Username      | ouser     |
|---------------|-----------|
| Password      | Oracle123 |
| Root password | Oracle123 |

# Installed software:

The following MySQL software has been installed:

| Software                              | Abbreviation | Notes  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| MySQL Server 5.7.2                    | MySQL        |  |
| <b>MySQL Enterprise Monitor 3.0.1</b> | MEM          | Backend MySQL is 5.6.13                          |
| MySQL Workbench 6.0.7                 | Workbench    | Launch using button in the top panel             |
| MySQL Utilities 1.3.5                 | Utilities    | Scripts are located in /usr/bin                  |
| MySQL Enterprise Backup 3.9.0         | MEB          | Located in /opt/mysql/enterprise/bin/mysqlbackup |

Additionally some processes are running in the background generating some activity in the database.

# To login to MySQL:

| Description                | Shell                  | Workbench |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Using the Unix socket      | mysqllogin-path=socket | Socket    |
| Using TCP/IP               | mysqllogin-path=tcp    | TCP       |
| To access the MEM database | mysqllogin-path=mem    | MEM       |

MySQL Workbench 6.0 is also available – to launch Workbench, click on the button with the Workbench logo (with the dolphin) on the panel at the top of the screen. MySQL Workbench has one connection predefined for each of the three cases above named Socket, TCP, and MEM respectively.

### **Databases**

The following databases are available in MySQL:

| Database           | Description  |
|--------------------|--|
| information_schema | The standard information schema with metadata and some performance related |
|                    | data.  |
| employees          | The employees sample database. Approximately 160M data in 4 million rows.  |
| mysql              | The MySQL system database.   |
| performance_schema | The main database for the MySQL Performance Schema.                        |
| ps_helper          | Mark Leith's ps_helper views and procedures for the Performance Schema.    |
|                    | http://www.markleith.co.uk/ps_helper/                                      |
|                    | https://github.com/MarkLeith/dbahelper                                     |
| ps_tools           | Similar to ps_helper by Jesper Krogh.                                      |
|                    | http://mysql.wisborg.dk  |
| sakila             | A medium sized sample database with views, stored programs, etc.           |
| test               | An empty test database.  |
| world              | The standard World sample database.  |





# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema Starting and Stopping MySQL and MySQL Enterprise Monitor

Both MySQL and MySQL Enterprise Monitor has been started automatically with the VM. However should it be necessary to stop, start, or restart either it can be done as follows:

| Action                              | Shell  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| MySQL – Start                       | sudo service mysql start                         |
| MySQL - Stop                        | sudo service mysql stop                          |
| MySQL – Restart                     | sudo service mysql restart                       |
|                                     |  |
| MEM Dashboard - Start               | sudo service mysql-monitor-server start          |
| MEM Dashboard - Stop                | sudo service mysql-monitor-server stop           |
| MEM Dashboard - Restart             | sudo service mysql-monitor-server restart        |
|                                     |  |
| MEM Dashboard - Start MySQL only    | sudo service mysql-monitor-server start mysql    |
| MEM Dashboard - Stop MySQL only     | sudo service mysql-monitor-server stop mysql     |
| MEM Dashboard - Restart MySQL only  | sudo service mysql-monitor-server restart mysql  |
|                                     |  |
| MEM Dasbboard - Start Tomcat only   | sudo service mysql-monitor-server start tomcat   |
| MEM Dashboard – Stop Tomcat only    | sudo service mysql-monitor-server stop tomcat    |
| MEM Dashboard - Restart Tomcat only | sudo service mysql-monitor-server restart tomcat |
|                                     |  |
| MEM Agent – Start                   | sudo service mysql-monitor-agent start           |
| MEM Agent – Stop                    | sudo service mysql-monitor-agent stop            |
| MEM Agent – Restart                 | sudo service mysql-monitor-agent restart         |
|                                     |  |
| Queries – Start                     | sudo service mysql_queries start                 |
| Queries – Stop                      | sudo service mysql_queries stop                  |

# Useful resources

The following resources may be useful during the lab or at home:

| Resource                   | URL   |
|----------------------------|---|
| MySQL 5.7 Reference Manual | https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/                        |
| Performance Schema         | https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/performance-schema.html |
| Information Schema         | https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/information-schema.html |
| Mark Leith's ps_helper     | http://www.markleith.co.uk/ps_helper/                           |
|                            | https://github.com/MarkLeith/dbahelper                          |

See also the reference list at the end of the workbook.

# Tour of the MySQL Performance Schema

# Configuration

We will start out taking a look at how MySQL has been configured with respect to the MySQL Performance Schema.

Starting with MySQL 5.6, a subset of the Performance Schema is enabled by default. The MySQL instances on the VM are using the default configuration. If you want to enable all consumers and instruments (see later for more information on these), you can do it in one of the following ways:

# Enable consumers and instruments through /etc/my.cnf

Add the following options to /etc/my.cnf and restart MySQL:

```
performance schema instrument
                                                           = '%=on'
performance schema consumer events stages current
performance schema consumer events stages history
                                                           = ON
performance_schema_consumer_events_stages history long
performance schema consumer events statements current
                                                           = ON
performance schema consumer events statements history
performance schema consumer events statements history long = ON
performance schema consumer events waits current
performance schema consumer events waits history
performance schema consumer events waits history long
                                                           = ON
performance schema consumer global instrumentation
                                                           = ON
performance schema consumer thread instrumentation
                                                           = ON
performance schema consumer statements digest
```

The first setting performance\_schema\_instrument = '%=on' switched on all instruments (% is a wildcard that matches all instruments – this can be used similar to a LIKE clause to enable a subset of instruments).

For the consumers it is necessary to enable each consumer explicitly. This is done by pre-pending the name of the consumer with performance\_schema\_consumer\_, for example to enable the statements\_digest consumer use the setting performance\_schema\_consumer\_statements\_digest and set it to ON.

# Enable using update statements in the performance schema database

All consumers and instruments can be enabled as:

```
UPDATE performance_schema.setup_consumers SET ENABLED = 'YES';
UPDATE performance_schema.setup_instruments SET ENABLED = 'YES', TIMED = 'YES';
```

The change will take effect immediately.

## Enable using ps tools

The ps\_tools database includes a stored procedure to enable all consumers and instruments with a single statement:

```
CALL ps_tools.ps_enable_all();
```





# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema Resetting the settings

To reset all settings (not only consumers and instruments) to the default settings (i.e. not taking /etc/my.cnf into consideration):

```
CALL ps_helper.reset_to_default(FALSE);
```

#### Performance Schema Variables

In addition to the options for which instruments and consumers are enabled at start up, there are a number of variables:

These defines the size of the various Performance Schema tables. Several of the values are automatically calculated based on other settings such as max connections.

As all the Performance Schema data is in-memory, changing the size of the tables affects the memory usage. The memory usage of the Performance Schema can be checked with SHOW ENGINE PERFORMANCE SCHEMA STATUS:

The last row with Name = performance\_schema.memory has the total memory usage for the Performance Schema.

# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema Setup Tables

There are five setup tables for the Performance Schema:

The setup tables include the current settings and allow for dynamic changes of the settings at runtime.

Changes to the setup tables in general takes effect immediately. One exception is changes to setup\_actors which will only affect new connections.

**Note:** while it is possible to configure most of the Performance Schema settings dynamically, these changes are not persistent when MySQL restarts.

### setup actors

The setup\_actors table controls which user accounts are instrumented by default (see also the threads table later). The setup actors table has the following content by default:

The HOST and USER fields correspond to the same fields in mysql.user. The ROLE field is currently not used.

The rule is that if any row in setup\_actors matches the user account, the connection will be instrumented. For background threads which do not have a user account, the thread is always instrumented unless turned off in the threads table.

#### setup objects

The table setup\_objects define which database object will be instrumented. In MySQL 5.6 this can only be configured for tables, however in 5.7 events, triggers, functions, and procedures have been added. The wildcard '%' is allowed. By default everything is enabled except objects in the mysql, performance schema, and information schema databases.





# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema The default content of the table is:

| OBJECT_TYPE   ( | OBJECT_SCHEMA      | OBJECT_NAME | ENABLED | TIMED |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| EVENT   1       | <br>mysql          | 9           | NO      | NO    |
| EVENT   ]       | performance_schema | ્ર          | NO      | NO    |
| EVENT           | information_schema | ્ર          | NO      | NO    |
| EVENT           | %                  | ે           | YES     | YES   |
| FUNCTION   1    | mysql              | ે           | NO      | NO    |
| FUNCTION   ]    | performance_schema | ે           | NO      | NO    |
| FUNCTION        | information_schema | 8           | NO      | NO    |
| FUNCTION        | %                  | ે           | YES     | YES   |
| PROCEDURE   1   | mysql              | 8           | NO      | NO    |
| PROCEDURE   ]   | performance_schema | 8           | NO      | NO    |
| PROCEDURE       | information_schema | 96          | NO      | NO    |
| PROCEDURE       | 응                  | 9           | YES     | YES   |
| TABLE   1       | mysql              | 8           | NO      | NO    |
| TABLE   ]       | performance_schema | 96          | NO      | NO    |
| TABLE           | information_schema | 8           | NO      | NO    |
| TABLE           | 용                  | 96          | YES     | YES   |
| TRIGGER   1     | mysql              | 8           | NO      | NO    |
|                 | performance_schema | 8           | NO      | NO    |
| TRIGGER         | information_schema | 9           | NO      | NO    |
| TRIGGER         | %                  | િ           | YES     | YES   |

For setup\_objects the most specific match is used. The difference between ENABLED and TIMED is when an object is instrumented whether the events are only counted or also timed.

To demonstrate the use of the setup\_objects table, consider the following example:

```
mysql> TRUNCATE table_io_waits_summary_by_table;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

This resets the table io waits summary by table table.

```
mysql> SELECT OBJECT_SCHEMA, OBJECT_NAME, COUNT_STAR, SUM_TIMER_WAIT FROM
table_io_waits_summary_by_table WHERE OBJECT_SCHEMA = 'world' AND OBJECT_NAME =
'Country';
Empty set (0.01 sec)
```

So the table does not have any rows for the world. Country table at this point – just as would be expected just after truncating a table.

# HOL9733 - Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema After executing a query using the world. Country table, what does the table io waits summary by table now show?

```
mysql> SELECT OBJECT_SCHEMA, OBJECT_NAME, COUNT_STAR, SUM_TIMER_WAIT FROM
table_io_waits_summary_by_table WHERE OBJECT_SCHEMA = 'world' AND OBJECT_NAME =
'Country';
+-----+
| OBJECT_SCHEMA | OBJECT_NAME | COUNT_STAR | SUM_TIMER_WAIT |
+-----+
| world | Country | 240 | 963058006 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

So there are 240 events for the world. Country table now and a total of 963058006 picoseconds (10<sup>-12</sup> seconds) has been spent using the table.

Now try the same again, but with a rule in the setup\_objects table that turns off timing of the events on the world. Country table:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO setup_objects VALUES ('TABLE', 'world', 'Country', 'YES', 'NO');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> TRUNCATE table_io_waits_summary_by_table;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

Now what is that? We just truncated the table\_io\_waits\_summary\_by\_table table, but there is still content in it! For summary tables in the Performance Schema, TRUNCATE does in general not delete any of the existing rows; instead the counters are set to 0. This is what happened in this case.

```
mysql> SELECT OBJECT_SCHEMA, OBJECT_NAME, COUNT_STAR, SUM_TIMER_WAIT FROM
table_io_waits_summary_by_table WHERE OBJECT_SCHEMA = 'world' AND OBJECT_NAME =
```





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|                   | 6           |            |                |  |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|--|
| Country';         |             |            |                |  |
| OBJECT_SCHEMA     | OBJECT_NAME | COUNT_STAR | SUM_TIMER_WAIT |  |
| world             | Country     | 240        | 0              |  |
| 1 row in set (0.0 | )1 sec)     |            |                |  |

Here the effect of setting TIMED = 'NO' is that the timer fields (here SUM\_TIMER\_WAIT) is not updated, but we can still see how many times world. Country has been accessed.

Finally we will reset the settings:

```
mysql> CALL ps_helper.reset_to_default(FALSE);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

## setup timers

The setup timers table defines which timer is sued for each of the instrument types:

The TIMER NAME can be set to any of the values available from the performance timer table:

|               | FROM performance_ | timers;          |                |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| TIMER_NAME    | TIMER_FREQUENCY   | TIMER_RESOLUTION | TIMER_OVERHEAD |
| CYCLE         | 2277546341        | <br>1            | 13699          |
| NANOSECOND    | 1000000000        | 1                | 16107          |
| MICROSECOND   | 1000000           | 1                | 15876          |
| MILLISECOND   | 1038              | 1                | 16347          |
| TICK          | 103               | 1                | 17443          |
| ++            | ++                |                  | +              |
| 5 rows in set | (0.00 sec)        |                  |                |

From the performance\_timer table you can also see the timer frequency, resolution, and overhead (in number of cycles) using that particular timer.

**Note:** while CYCLE has the lowest overhead, it is also the least precise as the frequency is not completely constant (e.g. the CPU frequency might be changed by the OS depending on the workload). So timers using CYCLE tend to drift a bit compared to other timers. For the measurement of a duration this is generally not a problem, but sorting by the start time of the events should be avoided if not all events use the same timer.

The setup\_instruments table contain one row per instrumentation point in the source code. These are the events that can be collected. It is possible to specify both whether an instrument is producing events and if so whether it is timed; this is very similar to the setup objects table:

The name is constructed by components which form a hierarchy:

Class/Order/Family/Genus/Species

The number of components depends on the Class. The components are separated by '/'. When ENABLED is YES, the instrument produces events. TIMED is whether the events are timed or just counted.

The default for which instruments are enabled can be set in the MySQL configuration file using the performance schema instrument option.

# setup consumers

The last setup table is setup\_consumers which lists the consumers of events from the instruments and allows you to specify whether it is enabled or not:

| mysql> SELECT * FROM setup_consum                             | ers;         |
|---|--------------|
| NAME  | ENABLED      |
| events_stages_current<br>  events stages history              | NO<br>  NO   |
| events_stages_history_long<br>  events_statements_current     | NO<br>  YES  |
| events_statements_history<br>  events_statements_history long | NO           |
| events_waits_current  | NO           |
| events_waits_history<br>  events_waits_history_long           | NO NO        |
| global_instrumentation<br>  thread_instrumentation            | YES<br>  YES |
| statements_digest<br>   | YES<br>+     |
| 12 rows in set (0.00 sec)                                     |              |

The consumers also form a hierarchy – you can use the ps\_setup\_tree\_consumers procedure in ps\_tools to generate one from the Linux shell:

```
[ouser@localhost ~]$ echo -e "$(mysql --login-path=socket -Ee "CALL
```





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Legend: Enabled - Partially enabled - Disabled

The ps setup tree consumers procedure takes two arguments:

- The format which can be one of:
  - o 'Text: Left-Right'
  - o 'Text: Top-Bottom'
  - o 'Dot: Left-Right'
  - o 'Dot: Top-Bottom'
- Whether to use color or brackets to indicate whether the consumer is effectively enabled.

For a consumer to collect events, it is not enough that the consumer itself is enabled; all consumers above it in the hierarchy must be enabled as well. The ps\_setup\_tree\_consumers procedure takes this into account.

As an alternative to the above procedure, the view ps\_tools.ps\_setup\_consumers is the setup\_consumers table with an additional column displaying whether the consumer is effectively enabled.

The Left-Right and Top-Bottom parts of the formats describes the direction of the graph.

The two dot formats can be used to generate for example a PNG or PDF version of the above graph. To create a dot formatted output:

## **DOT FILES**

The dot format is graph description language. The format is plain text so can be read using any text editor.

The VM has been installed with the dot program from the graphviz library. This program can be used to convert the text based dot formatted file to for example PNG images or PDF files:

```
dot -Tpdf graph.dot -o graph.pdf
or
```

dot -Tpng grapn.dot -o grapn.png

Programs that can be used to open the files created:

- PDF: evince graph.pdf
- PNG: eog graph.png

```
mysql --login-path=socket -rBNe "CALL
ps tools.ps setup tree consumers('Dot: Left-Right', TRUE)" > consumers.dot
```

The instance tables include information about the objects being instrumented. They provide event names and explanatory notes or status information. The relation to the setup tables is that the instance table has a NAME or EVENT NAME column that corresponds to the NAME column in the setup instruments table.

#### **Event Tables**

The event tables are the main entry point for looking at the collected data. There are three groups of event tables depending on the type of event:

- Stages: The same stages as in the State column of SHOW PROCESSLIST, for example Sending data.
- Statements: The SQL statements that have been run on the server.
- Waits: Where the server is spending time

Each event has an event name that comes from the corresponding instrument in the setup\_instruments table, e.g. statement/sql/select for a SELECT statement.

For each event type there are three tables with the actual (raw) data collected:

- %\_current: the last event for each thread. Note that in some events are *molecular* events, so there can be more than one current event for one thread.
- %\_history: the last N (around 10 by default) events for each thread. The number of events per thread can be configured using the performance schema events % history size options.
- %\_history\_long: the last M (around 10000 by default) events irrespectively of the thread. The size of the tables can be configured with the

```
\verb|performance_schema_events_%_history_long_size options.|
```

Additionally there are a number of summary tables for each event type. The naming convention for the event summary tables is that the table name has two or more parts:

- event\_%\_summary: specified the event type and it is a summary table.
- One or more by <field>: specifies a field the summary is grouped by.

An example is events\_stages\_summary\_by\_account\_by\_event\_name: a summary of stages grouped by account and event name.





# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema Other Summary Tables

In addition to the event summary tables above, there are also a few other summary tables:

- For objects (currently only tables)
- For files
- For table I/O and Lock Wait
- For sockets
- For memory usage (5.7.2+ only)

### **Connection Tables**

There are tables showing the current and total number of connections per user, host, or account (user@host). For example for accounts:

| mysql> SELECT * FROM                | 1 accounts;         |                   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| USER   HOST                         | CURRENT_CONNECTIONS | TOTAL_CONNECTIONS |
| NULL   NULL  <br>  root   localhost | 18  <br>1           | 20                |
| 2 rows in set (0.00                 | •                   | ++                |

This shows another aspect of the Performance Schema: note the row having both USER and HOST set to NULL. That is for the background threads, so not only can the Performance Schema give information about the client connections (foreground threads), it can also give insight into what the internal threads such as the InnoDB threads are doing.

### **Connection Attribute Tables**

Related to the connection tables are two tables giving access to connection attributes:

- session account connect attrs
- session\_connect\_attrs

| PROCESSLIST_ID                | +<br>  ATTR_NAME  | ATTR_VALUE  | ORDINAL_POSITION           |
|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| 8<br>  8<br>  8<br>  8<br>  8 | _os<br>  _client_name<br>  _pid<br>  _client_version<br>  _platform<br>  program_name | Linux<br>  libmysql<br>  7635<br>  5.7.2-m12<br>  x86_64<br>  mysql | 0<br>1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5 |

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The difference between the two tables is that session\_connect\_attrs includes all the connections whereas session\_account\_connect\_attrs only includes the connections for the same account as the current user. That is, you can get the content of session\_account\_connect\_attrs from session\_connect\_attrs using the query:

```
SELECT a.*
  FROM session_connect_attrs a
        INNER JOIN threads t USING (PROCESSLIST_ID)

WHERE        t.PROCESSLIST_USER = SUBSTRING_INDEX(USER(), '@', 1)
        AND t.PROCESSLIST_HOST = SUBSTRING_INDEX(USER(), '@', -1);
```

### **Threads**

The threads table is one of the most central tables in the Performance Schema. The THREAD\_ID is for example a "key" for all of the non-summary event tables.

The example below includes both a background thread (THREAD\_ID = 16) and a foreground thread (THREAD\_ID = 27).

Background threads are the ones created by MySQL to handle the internal server activity – in this case it is the master InnoDB thread.

Foreground threads are client connections where PROCESSLIST\_ID is the same as the Id displayed by SHOW PROCESSLIST. The active connection's processlist id can be found using the CONNECTION ID() function.

The INSTRUMENTED column tells whether the thread is being instrumented. This column is updatable, so for a given thread, instrumentation can be enabled and disabled on demand.



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```
mysql> SELECT * FROM threads WHERE NAME = 'thread/innodb/srv master thread' OR
PROCESSLIST ID = CONNECTION ID()\G
THREAD ID: 16
            NAME: thread/innodb/srv master thread
             TYPE: BACKGROUND
   PROCESSLIST ID: NULL
  PROCESSLIST USER: NULL
  PROCESSLIST HOST: NULL
   PROCESSLIST DB: NULL
PROCESSLIST COMMAND: NULL
  PROCESSLIST TIME: NULL
 PROCESSLIST STATE: NULL
  PROCESSLIST INFO: NULL
  PARENT THREAD ID: NULL
            ROLE: NULL
     INSTRUMENTED: YES
THREAD ID: 27
            NAME: thread/sql/one connection
            TYPE: FOREGROUND
   PROCESSLIST ID: 8
  PROCESSLIST USER: root
  PROCESSLIST HOST: localhost
    PROCESSLIST DB: performance schema
PROCESSLIST COMMAND: Query
  PROCESSLIST TIME: 0
 PROCESSLIST STATE: Sending data
  PROCESSLIST_INFO: SELECT * FROM threads WHERE NAME = 'thread/innodb/srv_master thread'
OR PROCESSLIST ID = CONNECTION ID()
  PARENT THREAD ID: NULL
            ROLE: NULL
     INSTRUMENTED: YES
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

# Tools to Help with Ad-Hoc Configuration Changes

As can be seen from the above, there are several tables to keep track of when changing the configuration of the Performance Schema. In addition to ps\_tools.ps\_enable\_all() and ps\_helper.reset\_to\_default(FALSE) discussed earlier, ps\_helper has a few other procedures that makes life easier when you need to change the configuration in order to investigate an issue.

- save\_current\_config() saves the current configuration in a set of temporary tables.
- reload saved config() restores the saved configuration.
- truncate\_all (FALSE) truncates all the events and summary tables. This is important to consider to avoid making observations where the settings have changed. The procedure takes one Boolean argument which specifies whether the executed statements should be printed or not.

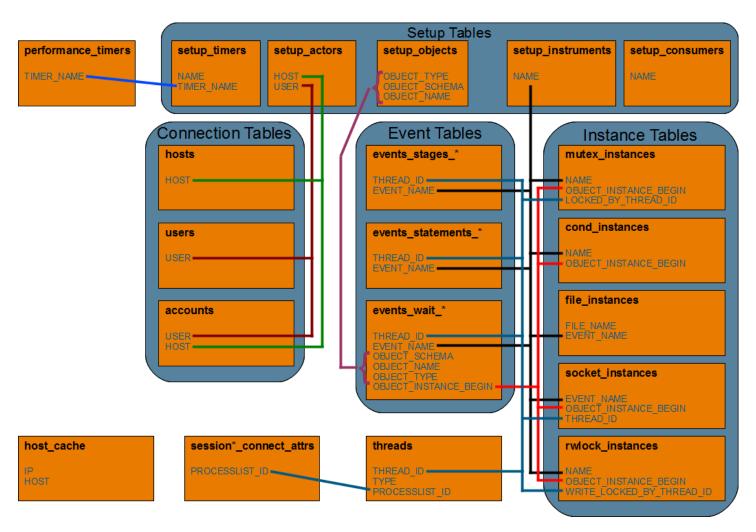
```
mysql> CALL ps_helper.save_current_config();
Query OK, 19 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> CALL ps_helper.truncate_all(FALSE);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> -- Perform investigation
mysql> -- ...
mysql> -- ...
mysql> -- ...
mysql> -- ...
mysql> CALL ps_helper.reload_saved_config();
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.20 sec)
```

#### Overview of the Relation Between Tables

The following diagram shows how the Performance Schema tables relate to each other – summary tables are not included:







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# **Investigating Queries**

The following will look at the options for investigating which queries are executed on the server. The topics are:

- SHOW PROCESSLIST
- Digests
- ps helper views and procedures
- MySQL Enterprise Monitor (MEM) 3.0 Query Analyzer

In the following it can be an advantage to turn on background queries to general some background queries. The queries display a range of queries from simple primary key lookups to badly written queries scanning large tables without WHERE clauses as well as queries causing errors.

To enable the queries execute in the Linux shell:

```
[ouser@localhost ~]$ sudo service mysql_queries start
Starting MySQL Queries...... [ OK ]
```

#### SHOW PROCESSLIST

Using the Performance Schema to get the equivalent of SHOW PROCESSLIST has several advantages:

- Less locking, so less impact on other queries
- Possible to get more details
- Uses regular SELECT statements

The simplest way to get the processlist is to just use the threads table:

This works no matter which consumers and instruments are enabled.

However if the consumer events\_statements\_current is enabled, a much more interesting processlist can be obtained by joining on events\_statements\_current. An example of a new processlist can be found in ps helper.processlist. With the default Performance Schema settings it returns:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM ps helper.processlist WHERE conn id = CONNECTION ID()\G
thd id: 35
            conn id: 16
              user: root@localhost
               db: performance schema
            command: Query
              state: Sending data
               time: 0
    current statement: SELECT * FROM ps helper.proces ... HERE conn id = CONNECTION ID()
      lock latency: 195.30 ms
       rows examined: 0
         rows sent: 0
       rows affected: 0
        tmp tables: 2
     tmp_disk_tables: 0
       full scan: YES
      current memory: 1.41 MiB
     last statement: NULL
last statement latency: NULL
     last wait: NULL
    last wait latency: NULL
        source: NULL
1 row in set (0.26 sec)
```

To get all available data from ps\_helper.processlist the following must be enabled:

- Consumer events statements current
- Consumer events waits current
- Instruments memory/% must be ENABLED

Some things to note about the output:

• The statements, latencies, and the memory usage is formatted. This is done with the ps\_helper functions:

```
o format_statement()
o format_time()
o format bytes()
```

- Additionally there is format path() for file paths (see the section on I/O later).
- last statement will be set if the thread is not currently executing a statement.
- The memory usage is new as of MySQL 5.7.2
- The rest of the output is also available in MySQL 5.6



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# Consider the example:

```
mysql> UPDATE setup_consumers SET ENABLED = 'YES' WHERE NAME =
'events statements history';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 0 Warnings: 0
mysql> CALL ps helper.truncate all(FALSE);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
mysql> SELECT Code, Name FROM world.Country WHERE Code = 'AUS';
+----+
| Code | Name
+----+
| AUS | Australia |
+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT Code, Name FROM world.Country WHERE Code = 'USA';
+----+
| Code | Name
| USA | United States |
+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT DIGEST, DIGEST TEXT, SQL TEXT FROM events statements history WHERE SQL TEXT
LIKE 'SELECT Code, Name FROM world.Country %' AND THREAD ID =
ps tools.ps thread id(NULL)\G
DIGEST: 192967f1f46a922c0837f0782f28a9cc
DIGEST_TEXT: SELECT CODE , NAME FROM `world` . `Country` WHERE CODE = ?
  SQL TEXT: SELECT Code, Name FROM world.Country WHERE Code = 'AUS'
DIGEST: 192967f1f46a922c0837f0782f28a9cc
DIGEST_TEXT: SELECT CODE , NAME FROM `world` . `Country` WHERE CODE = ?
  SQL TEXT: SELECT Code, Name FROM world.Country WHERE Code = 'USA'
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

In the last query, ps\_tools.ps\_thread\_id(NULL) is used to get the thread id of the connection.

Note how the DIGEST\_TEXT is the same for the two SELECT queries. When the consumer statements\_digest is enabled (this is the default), the Performance Schema normalizes (creates the DIGEST\_TEXT) all queries. This process is similar to what mysqldumpslow does when analyzing the Slow Query Log. The DIGEST\_TEXT is then used to calculate the DIGEST by using md5 sum.

# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema The DIGEST is then used to aggregate statistics for similar queries in the events statements summary by digest table:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM events statements summary by digest WHERE DIGEST =
'192967f1f46a922c0837f0782f28a9cc'\G
SCHEMA NAME: performance schema
                  DIGEST: 192967f1f46a922c0837f0782f28a9cc
               DIGEST TEXT: SELECT CODE , NAME FROM `world` . `Country` WHERE CODE = ?
               COUNT STAR: 2
            SUM TIMER WAIT: 678298000
           MIN TIMER WAIT: 310374000
           AVG TIMER WAIT: 339149000
           MAX TIMER WAIT: 367924000
            SUM LOCK TIME: 28200000
               SUM ERRORS: 0
             SUM WARNINGS: 0
         SUM ROWS AFFECTED: 0
            SUM ROWS SENT: 2
         SUM ROWS EXAMINED: 2
SUM CREATED TMP DISK TABLES: 0
    SUM CREATED TMP TABLES: 0
      SUM SELECT FULL JOIN: 0
SUM SELECT FULL RANGE JOIN: 0
         SUM SELECT RANGE: 0
    SUM SELECT RANGE CHECK: 0
          SUM SELECT SCAN: 0
     SUM SORT MERGE PASSES: 0
           SUM SORT RANGE: 0
            SUM_SORT_ROWS: 0
            SUM_SORT_SCAN: 0
         SUM NO INDEX USED: 0
    SUM NO GOOD INDEX USED: 0
                FIRST SEEN: 2013-09-18 18:58:39
                LAST SEEN: 2013-09-18 18:58:43
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

# ps helper Views and Procedures

The events\_statements\_summary\_by\_digest table is in itself an excellent source of information and it is there by default.

However it is also possible to use it as a base for other views. Examples from ps helper are:

- statement analysis
- statements with runtimes in 95th percentile
- statements with full table scans
- statements with sorting
- statements with temp tables





HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema Additionally ps helper has two procedures that can be used to investigate queries.

# dump thread stack()

The procedure dump\_thread\_stack() will generate a dot formatted file with the stack trace for one thread. The procedure takes the arguments:

- The thread id to investigate
- The output file this file must not exist
- How long to collect data (in seconds)
- The time between sampling (in seconds)
- Whether to reset all Performance Schema data before starting the data collection
- Whether to automatically enable all consumers/instruments and disable other threads this uses the save current config() and reload saved config()
- Whether to use debug mode (adds source information)

As an example create two connections. In the connection that should be monitored, get the thread id and enter the query to investigate, but do not submit:

```
mysql> SELECT ps_tools.ps_thread_id(NULL);
+------+
| ps_tools.ps_thread_id(NULL) |
+-----+
| 23 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT * FROM world.City WHERE ID = 3805;
```

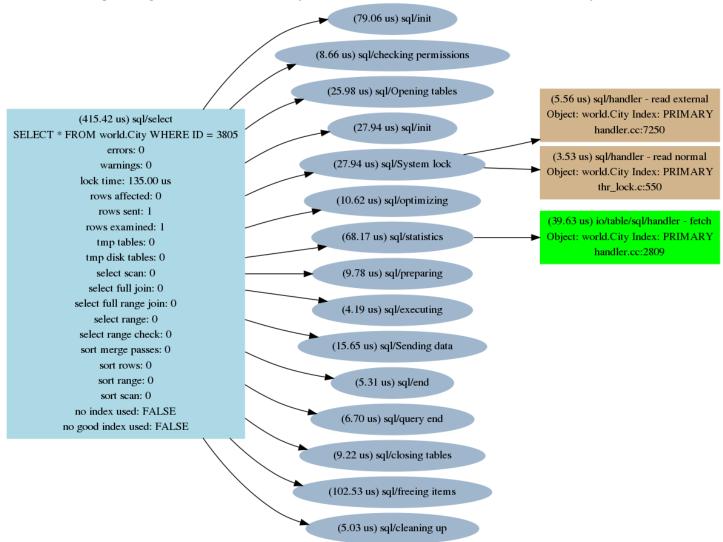
```
mysql> CALL ps_helper.dump_thread_stack(23, '/tmp/stack.dot', 20, 0.1, TRUE, TRUE);
| Info
+----+
| Data collection starting for THREAD ID = 23 |
1 row in set (0.03 sec)
| Info
+----+
| Stack trace written to /tmp/stack.dot |
1 row in set (20.20 sec)
| Convert to PDF
+----+
| dot -Tpdf -o /tmp/stack 23.pdf /tmp/stack.dot |
1 row in set (20.20 sec)
| Convert to PNG
| dot -Tpng -o /tmp/stack 23.png /tmp/stack.dot |
1 row in set (20.20 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (20.20 sec)
```

The last two outputs are sample commands to convert the dot formatted output file to a PDF or PNG file respectively. See also the sidebar on 'DOT FILES' above.





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# analyze\_statement\_digest()

If you have a common query on the server and want to collect information about it, you can use analyze\_statement\_digest() which takes the following parameters:

- The digest to investigate
- How many seconds to collect data for
- How often to take a snapshot (in seconds)
- Whether to truncate the events\_statements\_history\_long and events\_stages\_history\_log tables before starting
- Whether to automatically turn on required consumers

Like dump\_thread\_stack() the save\_current\_config() and reload\_saved\_config() procedures are used if the required consumers are automatically turned on.

# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema With the mysql\_queries running, one often executed query has the digest 6f4ad8c048e735f01f42121fdd81f3e3:

```
mysql> CALL ps_helper.analyze_statement_digest('6f4ad8c048e735f01f42121fdd81f3e3', 30, 1.0, TRUE, TRUE);
| SUMMARY STATISTICS
| SUMMARY STATISTICS |
1 row in set (30.50 sec)
| executions | exec_time | lock_time | rows_sent | rows_affected | rows_examined | tmp_tables | full_scans |
                40 | 69.02 ms | 2.85 ms | 40 |
                                                  0 | 9560 | 0 | 40 |
1 row in set (30.50 sec)
Empty set (30.50 sec)
| LONGEST RUNNING STATEMENT |
| LONGEST RUNNING STATEMENT |
1 row in set (30.50 sec)
| thread_id | exec_time | lock_time | rows_sent | rows_affected | rows_examined | tmp tables | full scan |
1536 | 3.95 ms | 56.00 us | 1 | 0 | 239 | 0 | 1 |
1 row in set (30.50 sec)
| SELECT * FROM world.Country WHERE NAME = 'Morocco'
1 row in set (30.50 sec)
Empty set (30.50 sec)
| id | select_type | table | type | possible_keys | key | key_len | ref | rows | Extra
| 1 | SIMPLE | Country | ALL | NULL | NULL | NULL | 239 | Using where |
1 row in set (31.01 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (31.01 sec)
```

# MySQL Enteprise Monitor (MEM) 3.0 Query Analyzer

In MEM 2.3 and earlier, to use the Query Analyzer required it was required to use a proxy or a connector that could send the necessary data to the Query Analyzer.

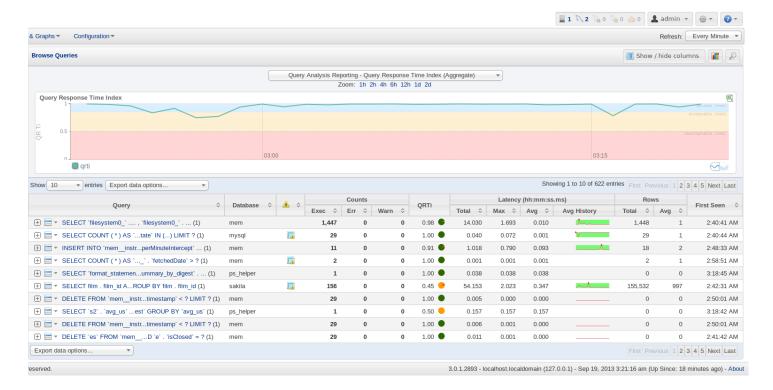
With MEM 3.0 when monitoring MySQL 5.6.14 or later or MySQL 5.7.2 or later, the Query Analyzer can take advantage of the Performance Schema to get the data. Even with just the default settings, the events\_statements\_summary\_by\_digest is enough to get started, although in order to get sample queries it is also necessary to keep the history.



# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema To use MEM's Query Analyzer launch Firefox from the menu at the top of the screen. The login is:

| Username | admin     |
|----------|-----------|
| Password | Oracle123 |

# Go to the Query Analyzer tab:



# Schema, Disk, and Memory

There are other factors to keep an eye on other than the queries themselves. In this part the topics are:

- The Schema
- Disk I/O
- Memory usage new in MySQL 5.7.2

#### Schema

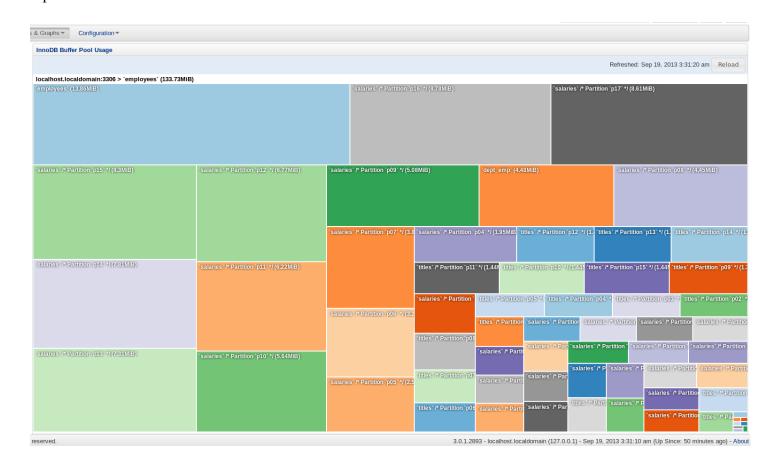
The Performance Schema has several tables with data about the schema. These can be used to find out which tables are hotspots, which indexes are missing, and whether there are any indexes that are not used at all? ps helper can again help organizing the data.

#### Table Statistics

The schema\_table\_statistics and schema\_table\_statistics\_with\_buffer gives a summary of how much each table is used and the latency involved with the operations. schema\_table\_statistics\_with\_buffer additionally uses the INNODB\_BUFFER\_PAGE in the Information Schema to determine how much data the table contributes with in the InnoDB Buffer Pool:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM ps helper.schema table statistics with buffer LIMIT 1\G
table schema: employees
            table name: salaries
           rows fetched: 115624831
          fetch latency: 00:14:44.10
          rows inserted: 0
          insert latency: 0 ps
          rows updated: 71974322
          update latency: 00:14:54.64
          rows_deleted: 0
         delete latency: 0 ps
        io read requests: 15
                io read: 3.90 KiB
        io read latency: 7.49 ms
        io_write_requests: 0
               io write: 0 bytes
        io write latency: 0 ps
        io misc requests: 18
         io misc latency: 306.66 us
  innodb buffer allocated: NULL
      innodb buffer data: NULL
      innodb_buffer_pages: NULL
innodb buffer pages hashed: NULL
  innodb buffer pages old: NULL
innodb buffer rows cached: NULL
1 row in set (1.55 sec)
```





### **Index Statistics**

To determine the usage of the indexes, the view schema\_index\_statistics can give an overview:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM ps_helper.schema_index_statistics LIMIT 1\G
***************************
  table_schema: employees
   table_name: salaries
   index_name: PRIMARY
  rows_selected: 65810773
  select_latency: 00:15:23.52
  rows_inserted: 0
  insert_latency: 0 ps
   rows_updated: 1717
  update_latency: 2.75 s
   rows_deleted: 0
  delete_latency: 0 ps
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

# Full Table Scans

The schema\_tables\_with\_full\_table\_scans can be used to locate the tables that are seeing table scans:

|                   | FROM ps_helper | schema_tables_with_full_table_scans; |  |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| object_schema     | object_name    | rows_full_scanned                    |  |
|                   | salaries       | 129979175                            |  |
| world             | City           | 27446160                             |  |
| employees         | employees      | 10800900                             |  |
| world             | Country        | 1750560                              |  |
| sakila            | category       | 21590                                |  |
| sakila            | staff          | 942                                  |  |
| employees         | departments    | 180                                  |  |
| +                 | +              | +                                    |  |
| 7 rows in set (0. | .02 sec)       |                                      |  |

### **Unused Indexes**

An unused index take up storage and causes overhead as it is still kept up to date. While not all unused indexes can be removed – some may be the PRIMARY KEY, others be part of foreign key definitions – it is good to keep an eye on which are not used. This can be done with the schema unused indexes view:

| mysql> SELECT * | FROM ps_helper.so | chema_unused_indexes;       |  |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| object_schema   | object_name       | index_name                  |  |
| employees       | departments       | PRIMARY                     |  |
|                 | departments       | dept name                   |  |
|                 | dept emp          | emp no                      |  |
|                 |                   | PRIMARY                     |  |
|                 | salaries          | emp no                      |  |
| • •             | titles            | emp no                      |  |
|                 | actor             | idx actor last name         |  |
| sakila          | address           | idx fk city id              |  |
| sakila          | category          | PRIMARY                     |  |
| sakila          | city              | idx fk country id           |  |
| sakila          | film              | idx fk language id          |  |
| sakila          | film              | idx_title                   |  |
| sakila          | film              | idx_fk_original_language_id |  |
| sakila          | film_actor        | PRIMARY                     |  |
| sakila          | film_category     | PRIMARY                     |  |
| sakila          | film_text         | PRIMARY                     |  |
| sakila          | film_text         | idx_title_description       |  |
| sakila          | staff             | idx_fk_address_id           |  |
| sakila          | staff             | idx_fk_store_id             |  |
| sakila          | staff             | PRIMARY                     |  |
| world           | Country           | PRIMARY                     |  |





# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema Unused Stored Procedures and Functions

Starting with MySQL 5.7.2 stored functions, procedures, triggers, and events are also instrumented in the Performance Schema. This can for example be used to find those functions and procedures that are not used. The view schema unused routines in ps tools does that:

## Disk I/O

The disk – particularly with spinning disks – can quickly become a bottleneck. I/O was among the first to be instrumented in the Performance Schema and dates back to MySQL 5.5. Combining the information from this section with the previous can for example give hints to whether it is worth moving some data files, the InnoDB log files, the binary log, etc. to another disk system

## Latest I/O

The ps\_helper view latest\_file\_io gives an overview of the latest I/O wait events. The view is ever changing:

| thread  | file<br>   |   | latency  | operation   | requested              |
|---|--|---|--|---|------------------------|
| io write thread:9   | @@datadir/employees/salaries                                       | #P#p05.ibd  | 3.47 ms  | sync  | NULL                   |
| page_cleaner_thread:18  | @@datadir/ibdata1  | 1   | 89.52 us   | write   | 304.00 KiB             |
| <pre>page_cleaner_thread:18  </pre>   | @@datadir/ibdata1  | 1   | 3.28 ms  | sync  | NULL                   |
| <pre>page_cleaner_thread:18  </pre>   | @@datadir/ibdata1  | 1   | 55.70 us   | write   | 16.00 KiB              |
| page_cleaner_thread:18   @@datadir/ibdata1  |  |   | 26.87 us   | write   | 16.00 KiB              |
| page_cleaner_thread:18   @@datadir/ibdata1  |  |   | 28.29 us   | write   | 16.00 KiB              |
| <pre>page_cleaner_thread:18  </pre>   | @@datadir/ibdata1  |   | 45.10 us   | write   | 16.00 KiB              |
| page_cleaner_thread:18  | @@datadir/ibdata1  |   | 25.39 us   | write   | 16.00 KiB              |
| page_cleaner_thread:18  | @@datadir/ibdata1  |   | 24.05 us   | write   | 16.00 KiB              |
| page cleaner thread:18  | @@datadir/ibdata1  |   | 45.64 us   | write   | 16.00 KiB              |
| o rows in set (0.21 sec)  | per.latest_file_io   | +   | .+   | -+  | +                      |
| vsql> SELECT * FROM ps_hel  | -+   | +<br>  latency  | 1  | -+  | •                      |
| ysql> SELECT * FROM ps_hel;<br>thread<br>root@localhost:35030:8774  | -+   | latency<br>+<br>  1.70 ms   | operation<br>+   | requested   | •                      |
| thread root@localhost:35030:8774  | file<br>  <br>  @datadir/ib_logfile1<br>  @dtmpdir//#sql_acc_0.MYI | latency<br>+<br>  1.70 ms<br>  181.34 us  | operation write create   | requested<br> -+<br>  3.94 MiB<br>  NULL  | •                      |
| thread root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138  | file<br>   | latency<br> <br>  1.70 ms<br>  181.34 us<br>  50.92 us  | operation write create create  | requested   | d  <br>+<br> <br>      |
| thread root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138  | file<br>-+   | latency<br> <br>  1.70 ms<br>  181.34 us<br>  50.92 us<br>  24.40 us  | operation write create create write  | requested<br>   | d  <br>+<br> <br> <br> |
| thread  root@localhost:35030:8774 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138   | file<br>-+   | latency<br> <br>  1.70 ms<br>  181.34 us<br>  50.92 us<br>  24.40 us<br>  6.20 us                                   | operation write create create write write write                                      | requested<br>   | d  <br>+<br> <br> <br> |
| thread  root@localhost:35030:8774 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138   | file   | latency<br> <br>  1.70 ms<br>  181.34 us<br>  50.92 us<br>  24.40 us<br>  6.20 us<br>  5.44 us                      | operation write create create write write write write                                | requested<br>   | d  <br>+<br> <br> <br> |
| thread  root@localhost:35030:8774 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138                     | file<br>   | latency<br> <br>  1.70 ms<br>  181.34 us<br>  50.92 us<br>  24.40 us<br>  6.20 us<br>  5.44 us<br>  4.97 us         | operation write create create write write write write write                          | requested<br>   | d  <br>+<br> <br> <br> |
| thread  root@localhost:35030:8774 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 | file<br>   | latency<br>  1.70 ms<br>  181.34 us<br>  50.92 us<br>  24.40 us<br>  6.20 us<br>  5.44 us<br>  4.97 us<br>  5.23 us | operation    write   create   create   write   write   write   write   write   write | requested<br>  3.94 MiB<br>  NULL<br>  NULL<br>  176 bytes<br>  100 bytes<br>  7 bytes<br>  7 bytes<br>  7 bytes<br>  7 bytes | d  <br>+<br> <br> <br> |
| thread  root@localhost:35030:8774 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138 root@localhost:4138                     | file<br>   | latency<br>   | operation write create create write write write write write                          | requested<br>   | d  <br>+<br> <br> <br> |

In the first output, it's all InnoDB. A few seconds later, it's almost all MyISAM temporary tables.

Note how the file paths uses @@datadir and @@tmpdir - this is the format\_path() function in ps helper that makes that substitution.

#### Thread I/O

If you need to find out which background thread or connection is causing I/O, you can use the io by thread by latency view:

#### Global I/O Views

There are four related views to monitor the global I/O (as:

- io\_global\_by\_file\_by\_bytes
- io global by file by latency
- io global by wait by bytes
- io global by wait by latency

#### An example is:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM ps_helper.io global by file by bytes LIMIT 2\G
file: @@datadir/ibdata1
 count read: 1210
  total read: 18.91 MiB
   avg read: 16.00 KiB
 count write: 491768
total written: 20.32 GiB
  avg write: 43.33 KiB
     total: 20.34 GiB
  write pct: 99.91
file: @@datadir/ib logfile0
  count read: 4
  total read: 3.50 KiB
   avg read: 896 bytes
count_write: 6500
total written: 7.83 GiB
  avg write: 1.23 MiB
    total: 7.83 GiB
  write pct: 100.00
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```





# HOL9733 – Improving Performance with MySQL Performance Schema Memory Usage

New in MySQL 5.7.2 is the instrumentation of memory usage. While not yet complete – particularly InnoDB is missing, it can still be used to compare the memory usage of different connections.

It has already been shown how ps helper.processlist in MySQL 5.7 includes the memory usage.

The raw tables for this are:

Memory instrumentation is disabled by default:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM setup_instruments WHERE NAME LIKE 'memory/%' LIMIT 10;
| NAME
                                                  | ENABLED | TIMED |
| memory/sql/buffered logs
                                                  | NO | NO
| memory/sql/Locked tables list::m locked_tables_root | NO
                                                            | NO
| memory/sql/THD::transactions::mem root
                                                            | NO
| memory/sql/Delegate::memroot
                                                    l NO
                                                            l NO
| memory/sql/sql acl mem
                                                    | NO
                                                             | NO
| memory/sql/sql acl memex
                                                             | NO
                                                    | NO
| memory/sql/thd::main mem root
                                                    | NO
                                                             | NO
                                                            | NO
| memory/sql/help
                                                    l NO
                                                   | NO
| memory/sql/new frm mem
                                                            | NO
                                                           | NO
| memory/sql/TABLE SHARE::mem root
                                                   | NO
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

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