



Lazy Evaluation of SPARQL Queries with Caching

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QLever & SPARQL

The screenshot shows the QLever web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for "Index Information", "Backend Information", and "Shortcuts / Help". Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder "Wikidata". The main area contains a SPARQL query:

```
PREFIX wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
PREFIX wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>
PREFIX wikibase: <http://wikiba.se/ontology#>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>

SELECT ?name ?pic ?sitelinks WHERE [
  ?person schema:name ?name .
  ?person schema:about ?person .
  ?person wdt:P18 ?pic .
  ?person schema:name ?name .
  FILTER (lang(?name) = "en") .
]
ORDER BY DESC(?sitelinks)
```

Below the query, there are several buttons: "Execute", "Download", "Share", "Format", "Clear cache", "Analysis", "Examples", "Context sensitive suggestions", and "Automatically add names to result".

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The screenshot shows the W3C SPARQL 1.1 Overview recommendation page. At the top, it says "W3C Recommendation 21 March 2013". Below that is the "This version" section with links to the document and its cover sheet.

Abstract
The document is an overview of SPARQL 1.1. It provides an introduction to a set of W3C specifications that facilitate querying and manipulating RDF graph content.

Status of this Document
This section describes the status of this document at the time of its publication. Other documents may supersede this document. A list of current W3C publications and the latest version of this technical report can be found on the [W3C Technical Report Index](#).

Set of Documents
This document is one of several SPARQL 1.1 Recommendations produced by the [SPARQL Working Group](#):

1. SPARQL 1.1 Query Language (this document)
2. SPARQL 1.1 Path Patterns
3. SPARQL 1.1 Semantics
4. SPARQL 1.1 Results Description
5. SPARQL 1.1 Update
6. SPARQL 1.1 Query Result JSON Format
7. SPARQL 1.1 Query Result XML Format (Second Edition)
8. SPARQL 1.1 Results XSD Schema
9. SPARQL 1.1 Protocol
10. SPARQL 1.1 Test Cases
11. SPARQL 1.1 Test Cases HTTP Protocol

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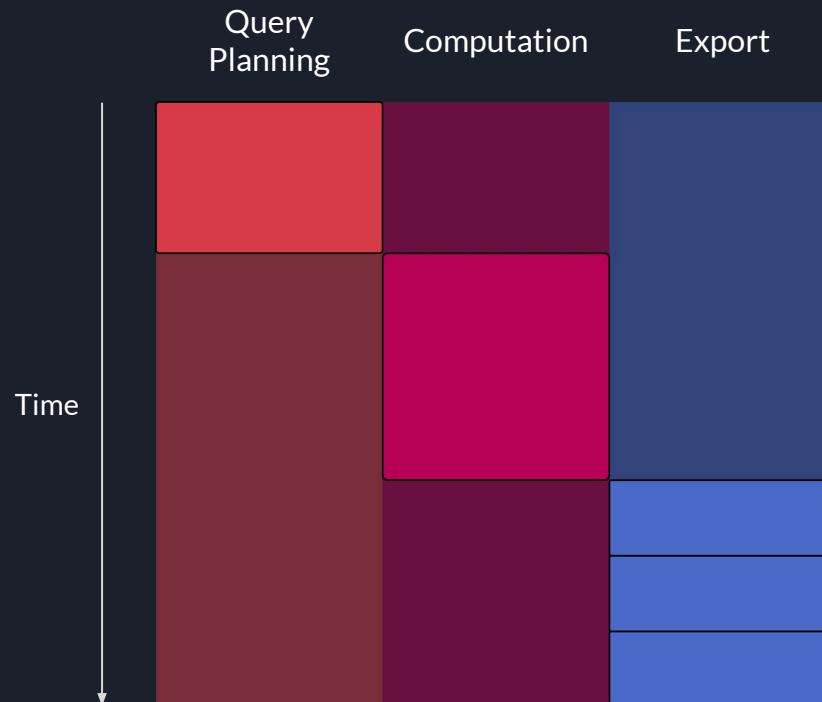
<https://qlever.cs.uni-freiburg.de>

<https://www.w3.org/TR/2013/REC-sparql11-overview-20130321/>

Problem Definition



Current Processing Model





Practical Example

```
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o }
```

```
INDEX SCAN ?s ?p ?o
```

Cols: ?o, ?p, ?s

Size: 20,052,950,074 x 3 [~ 20,052,968,255]

Time: 51,357ms [~ 20,052,968,255]



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$$\begin{aligned} & 3 \cdot 8 \cdot 20,052,950,074 \text{ bytes} \\ & = 481,270,801,776 \text{ bytes} \\ & \approx \mathbf{481 \text{ GB !!}} \end{aligned}$$

High memory requirement!



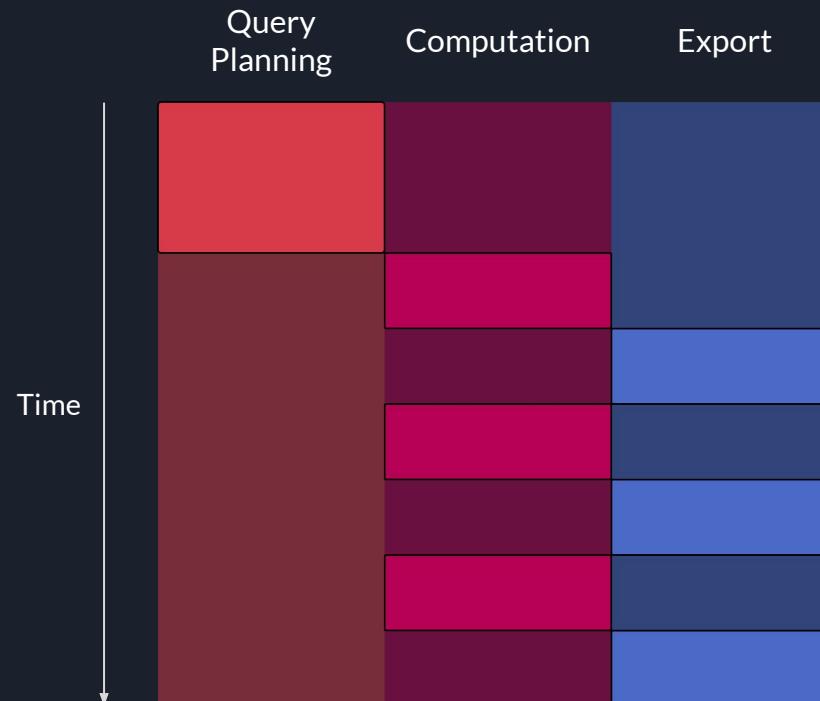
Existing Workaround

```
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 0 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 10000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 20000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 30000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 40000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 50000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 60000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 70000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 80000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 90000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 100000000 LIMIT 10000000
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 110000000 LIMIT 10000000
...
SELECT * WHERE { ?s ?p ?o } OFFSET 200500000000 LIMIT 10000000
```

Solution



Proposed Processing Model



Code Examples in Different Languages

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <ranges>

int main() {
    std::ranges::istream_view<std::string> input{std::cin};
    for (const auto& line : input) {
        std::cout << line << std::endl;
    }
    return 0;
}

using System;
class Cat
{
    static void Main()
    {
        string? line;
        while ((line = Console.ReadLine()) is not null)
        {
            Console.WriteLine(line);
        }
    }
}
```

```
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.nio.charset.StandardCharsets;
import java.util.stream.Stream;

public class Cat {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
        try (var reader = new InputStreamReader(
                System.in, StandardCharsets.UTF_8);
            var bufferedReader = new BufferedReader(reader)) {
            bufferedReader.lines().forEach(System.out::println);
        }
    }
}

import System.IO (isEOF)

main :: IO ()
main = do
    eof <- isEOF
    if eof
        then return ()
    else do
        line <- getLine
        putStrLn line
        main
```



Challenges of the Thesis

- Implement general mechanism to existing codebase
 - Keep backwards compatibility
 - Keep code architecture largely untouched
- Keep Caching Mechanism
- Identify operations benefiting from new mechanism
- Add actual implementations for suited operations
 - Performance should ideally not regress by much

Demo

FILTER ($?a = ?c$)

Cols: $?c, ?b, ?a$

Size: 17,716,426 x 3 [~ 20,052,968]

Time: 90,680ms [~ 20,073,021,223]

GROUP BY on $?a$

Cols: $?a, ?count (U)$

Size: 2,187,234,654 x 2 [~ 2,187,234,560]

Time: 574,101ms [~ 0]

INDEX SCAN $?a ?b ?c$

Cols: $?c, ?b, ?a$

Size: 20,052,950,074 x 3 [~ 20,052,968,255]

Time: 1,415ms [~ 20,052,968,255]

INDEX SCAN $?a ?b ?c$

Cols: $?a, ?b, ?c$

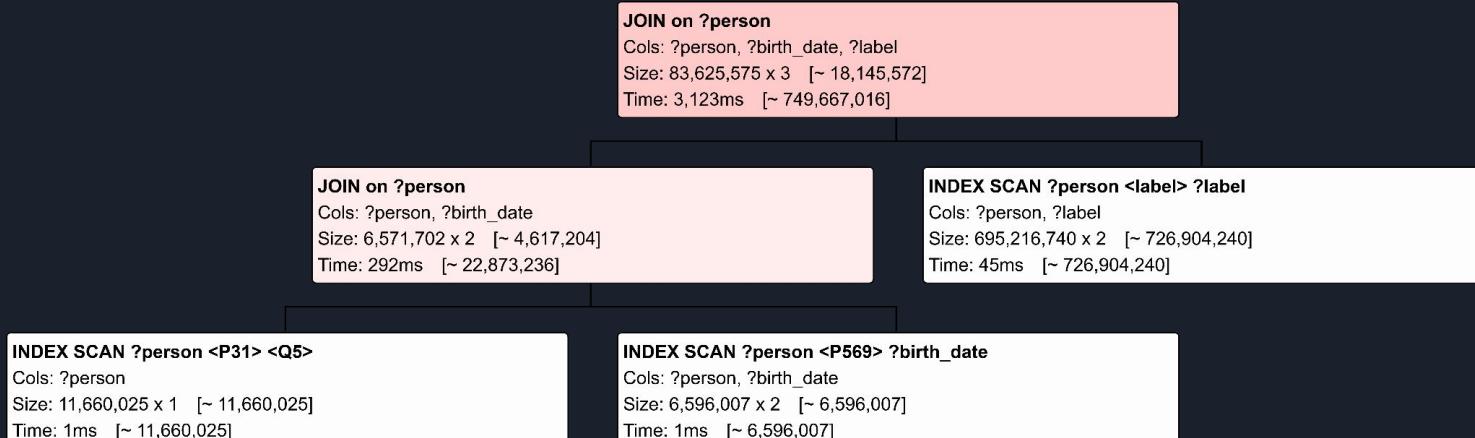
Size: 20,052,950,073 x 3 [~ 20,052,968,255]

Time: 771ms [~ 20,052,968,255]

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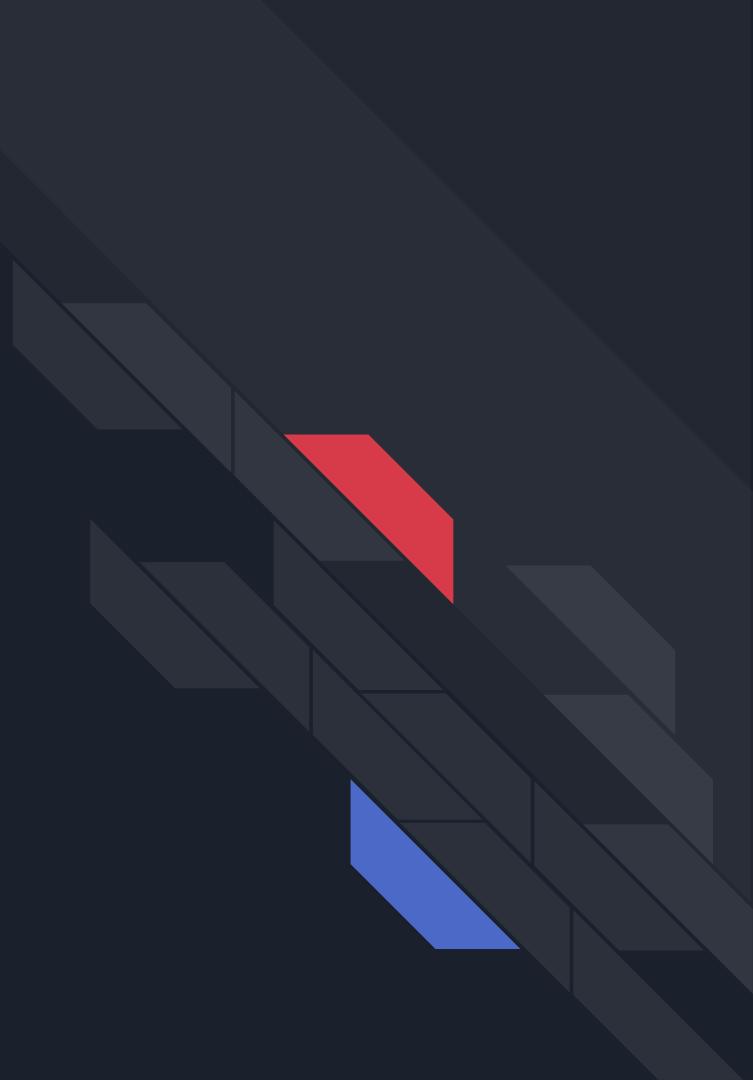
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Demo



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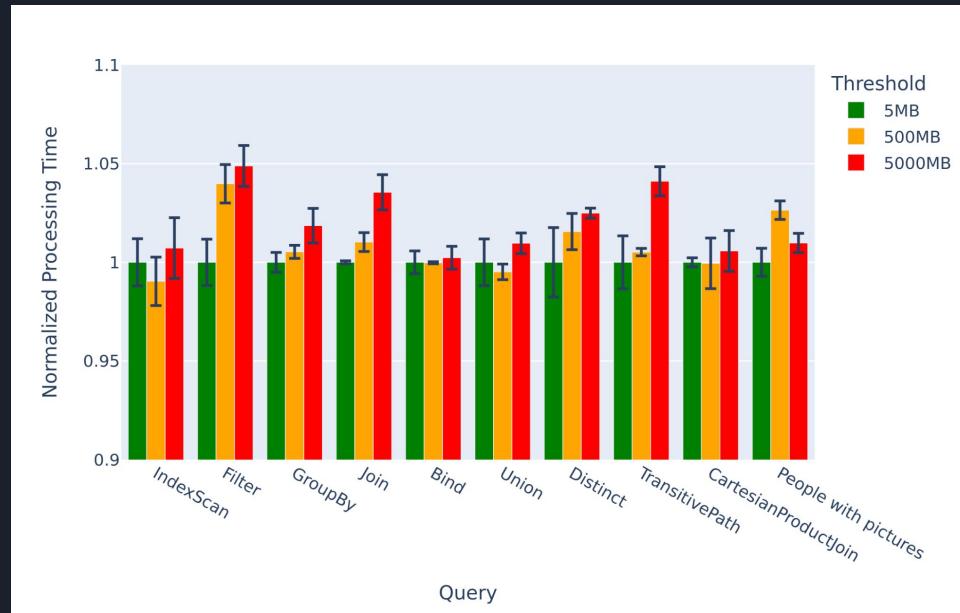
Performance Analysis



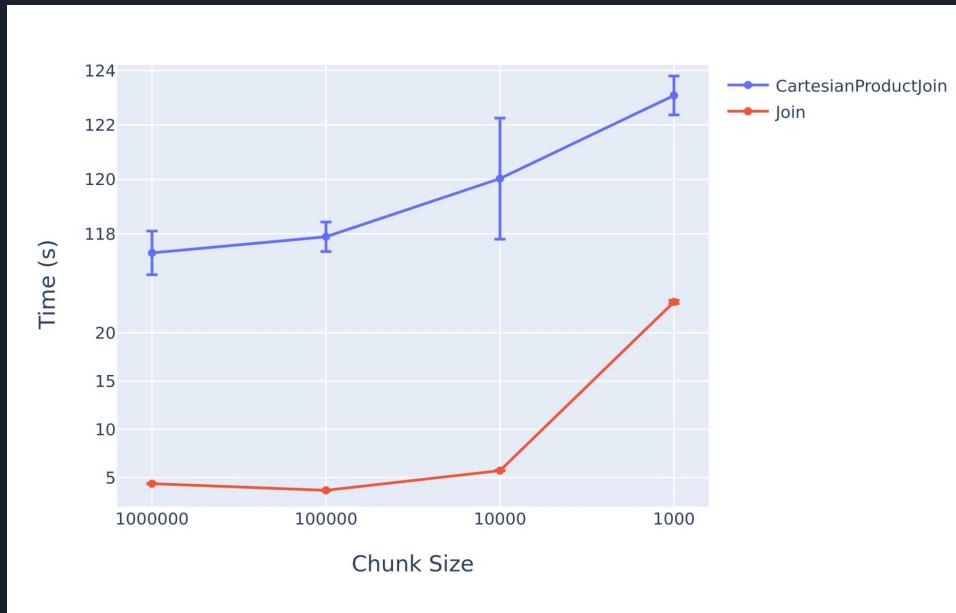
Laziness Performance Overhead

Query	Processing Time		Memory Delta	
	Lazy	Non-Lazy	Lazy	Non-Lazy
<i>IndexScan</i> example	20 s	-	702 MB	> 48 GB
<i>Filter</i> example	127 s	-	702 MB	> 48 GB
<i>GroupBy</i> example	608 s	-	702 MB	> 48 GB
<i>Join</i> example	3715 ms	4833 ms	702 MB	2151 MB
<i>Bind</i> example	447 min	-	1130 MB	> 48 GB
<i>Union</i> example	39 s	-	702 MB	> 48 GB
<i>Distinct</i> example	82 s	-	702 MB	> 48 GB
<i>TransitivePath</i> example	13 s	15 s	702 MB	2244 MB
<i>CartesianProductJoin</i> example	111 s	-	702 MB	> 48 GB
<i>GroupBy</i> example variant	385 ms	-	705 MB	> 48 GB
<i>CartesianProductJoin</i> example variant	144 ms	122 ms	702 MB	702 MB
People with pictures	2342 ms	2222 ms	851 MB	996 MB

Caching Overhead



Chunk Size Impact





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