



Assembling the perfect MySQL toolbox



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ABOUT FLITE

Flite enables customers to build, traffic, and measure interactive, content-rich ads at scale

Founded: 2006

Investors: Sequoia Capital, HWVP, General Catalyst, Iris Capital

Headquarters: San Francisco, with offices in New York City, Chicago, and Boston

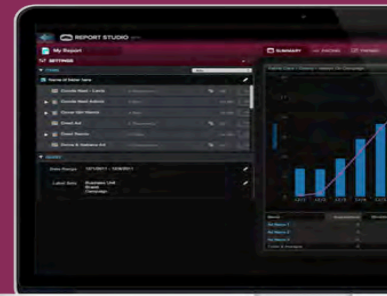


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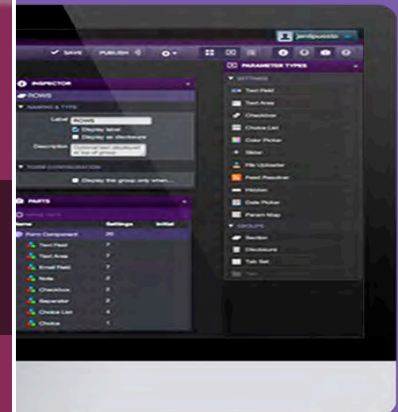
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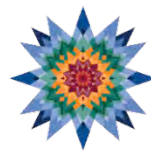
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EXTEND



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MYSQL AT FLITE

PERCONA SERVER 5.6

- Running at AWS
- Almost all InnoDB
- Multi-region replication

OTHER DATA STORES

- **Hive** (for batch metrics)
- **Redis** (for realtime metrics)
- **Cassandra** (for data captured within ad units)



ABOUT ME

Who am I?

1. Database Architect at **Flite** since 2007
2. [@iowalker](#) on twitter
3. Blog at mechanics.flite.com




WHAT'S IN MY TOOLBOX?



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WHAT'S IN MY TOOLBOX?



An aerial photograph of a vast expanse of clouds, likely taken from a high altitude. The sky is a mix of deep purple, blue, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The clouds are dense and textured, with some catching the low light of the sun.

PERCONA TOOLKIT



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PERCONA TOOLKIT

ORIGINALLY
“MAATKIT” BY
BARON
SCHWARTZ

MAINTAINED
BY PERCONA



32 TOOLS (AS OF VERSION 2.2.14)

pt-align
pt-archiver ⚠️
pt-config-diff
pt-deadlock-logger
pt-diskstats
pt-duplicate-key-checker
pt-fifo-split
pt-find
pt-fingerprint
pt-fk-error-logger
pt-heartbeat
pt-index-usage
pt-ioprofile ⚠️
pt-kill
pt-mext
pt-mysql-summary
pt-online-schema-change
pt-pmp ⚠️
pt-query-digest
pt-show-grants
pt-sift
pt-slave-delay
pt-slave-find
pt-slave-restart
pt-stalk
pt-summary
pt-table-checksum
pt-table-sync
pt-table-usage
pt-upgrade
pt-variable-advisor
pt-visual-explain

Free download at

<http://www.percona.com/software/percona-toolkit>.

PERCONA TOOLKIT

EXAMPLES

capture 10 minutes of queries and profile them

```
pt-query-digest --processlist h=localhost --interval=0.01  
--run-time 10m --output=slowlog > /tmp/slowlog.txt  
pt-query-digest --report-format=profile /tmp/slowlog.txt
```

kill and print all queries lasting over 2 minutes from a certain user

```
pt-kill --match-user bad_user --match-command Query --  
busy-time 120 --victims all --kill-query -print
```

copy config files from two servers and compare them

```
scp db01.acme.com:/etc/my.cnf ~/my.cnf.db01  
scp db02.acme.com:/etc/my.cnf ~/my.cnf.db02  
pt-config-diff ~/my.cnf.db01 ~/my.cnf.db02
```



COMMON_SCHEMA

COMMON_SCHEMA

WRITTEN BY
SHLOMI
NOACH

30,000 LINES
OF SQL
GOODNESS:
VIEWS AND
FUNCTIONS
AND PROCS,
OH MY!



VIEWS LIBRARY

A set of powerful views, typically operating and presenting server metadata.

ROUTINES LIBRARY

A set of complementary routines to MySQL, including metadata handling.

QUERYSCRIPT

A programming language aimed for SQL scripting, seamlessly combining scripting power such as flow control & variables with standard SQL statements or RDBMS-specific commands.

RDEBUG

A debugger and debugging API for MySQL stored routines

Learn more at:

<https://code.google.com/p/common-schema/>

COMMON_SCHEMA

EXAMPLES

-- Update row format for all InnoDB tables in a given schema

```
call common_schema.run("foreach($table, $schema, $engine:
table in sakila)
{
  if ($engine = 'InnoDB')
    ALTER TABLE :$schema.:$table ENGINE=InnoDB
ROW_FORMAT=Compact;
}");
```

-- insert a bunch of random numbers into a table

```
call common_schema.run("foreach($i: 1:10)
  insert into test.random_numbers select rand() from
common_schema.numbers;
");
```



COMMON_SCHEMA

EXAMPLES



```
DELIMITER $$
```

```
DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS easter_day $$  
CREATE FUNCTION easter_day(dt DATETIME) RETURNS DATE  
DETERMINISTIC  
NO SQL  
SQL SECURITY INVOKER  
COMMENT 'Returns date of easter day for given year'
```

```
BEGIN  
    DECLARE p_year    SMALLINT DEFAULT YEAR(dt);  
    DECLARE a        SMALLINT DEFAULT p_year % 19;  
    DECLARE b        SMALLINT DEFAULT p_year DIV 100;  
    DECLARE c        SMALLINT DEFAULT p_year % 100;  
    DECLARE e        SMALLINT DEFAULT b % 4;  
    DECLARE h        SMALLINT DEFAULT (19*a + b - (b DIV 4) - ((b - ((b + 8) DIV 25) +  
1) DIV 3) + 15) % 30;  
    DECLARE L        SMALLINT DEFAULT (32 + 2*e + 2*(c DIV 4) - h - (c % 4)) % 7;  
    DECLARE v100     SMALLINT DEFAULT h + L - 7*(a + 11*h + 22*L) DIV 451) + 114;  
  
    RETURN STR_TO_DATE(  
        CONCAT(  
            p_year  
            , '-'  
            , v100 DIV 31  
            , '-'  
            , (v100 % 31) + 1  
        )  
        , '%Y-%c-%e'  
    );  
END $$
```

```
DELIMITER ;
```

COMMON_SCHEMA

EXAMPLES



```
mysql> -- when is easter next year?
mysql> select common_schema.easter_day('2016-01-01') as easter_2016;
+-----+
| easter_2016 |
+-----+
| 2016-03-27  |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.05 sec)
```

```
mysql> -- what was the most common easter date in the 20th century?
mysql> select
right(common_schema.easter_day(concat(1900+n,'-01-01')),5) as
easter, count(*)
-> from common_schema.numbers
-> where n between 0 and 99
-> group by easter
-> order by count(*) desc
-> limit 1;
+-----+-----+
| easter | count(*) |
+-----+-----+
| 04-12  |          5 |
+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```



MYSQL SANDBOX



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The image shows the cover of a book titled 'MySQL Sandbox' by Giuseppe Maxia. The cover has a dark background with a subtle pattern of clouds. The title 'MYSQL SANDBOX' is in a white box at the top. The author's name 'BY GIUSEPPE MAXIA' is below it. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'FLITE' which includes a stylized cloud icon.

MYSQL SANDBOX

BY GIUSEPPE
MAXIA

 FLITE

A tool for quickly and easily installing one or more MySQL Servers.

Get started in 2 lines:

```
$ sudo su -  
# cpan MySQL::Sandbox
```

More info at:

<http://mysqlsandbox.net/>

MYSQL SANDBOX

EXAMPLES

```
# Create a MySQL 5.6 master with 2 slaves and connect to the master
$ make_replication_sandbox ~/Downloads/mysql-5.6.22-osx10.8-x86_64.tar.gz
# executing "clear" on /Users/ikewalker/sandboxes/rsandbox_mysql-5_6_22
executing "clear" on slave 1
executing "clear" on slave 2
executing "clear" on master
installing and starting master
installing slave 1
installing slave 2
starting slave 1
. sandbox server started
starting slave 2
.. sandbox server started
initializing slave 1
initializing slave 2
replication directory installed in $HOME/sandboxes/rsandbox_mysql-5_6_22
```

```
$ cd $HOME/sandboxes/rsandbox_mysql-5_6_22
$ ./m
```

```
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 5
Server version: 5.6.22-log MySQL Community Server (GPL)
```

```
...
```

```
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
```

```
master [localhost] {msandbox} ((none)) >
```



MORE TOOLS

1. [MySQL Utilities](#)
2. [swanhart-tools](#)
3. [Innotop](#)
4. [MySQL sys schema](#) (fka ps_helper)
5. [Pmysql](#)
6. [Securich](#)



WHO'S THE B.O.S.S.?



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ASSEMBLE YOUR TOOLBOX LIKE A B.O.S.S.

- **B**uy the right tool
- **O**wn the tool
- **S**ell the tool to others
- **S**uccess!



LIKE A BOSS



BUY THE RIGHT TOOL

- **Buy it? I thought these tools were free???**

BUY THE RIGHT TOOL

Do some research

- **Invest the time**
- **Make the commitment**





OWN THE TOOL

- **Own it? How can I own something that's free?**



OWN THE TOOL

Learn how the tool works

1. **Try it** in a test environment
2. Look at the **code**
3. **Submit feedback** to the tool's creator/maintainer



SELL THE TOOL

Sell it? I'm not a salesperson!



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SELL THE TOOL

- **Show** your co-workers how you are using the tool
- **Blog** about the tool and what you did with it
- **Share your knowledge** on a mailing list or Q&A site like Stack Overflow





SUCCESS!

Your problem is solved and you've expanded your toolbox, now move on to the next problem...



WHO'S THE B.O.S.S.?



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YOU'RE THE B.O.S.S.!





B.O.S.S. BY EXAMPLE



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EXAMPLE #1

THE GREAT WIDGETBOX PURGE

1. Flite evolved from a product called **Widgetbox**.
2. **80% of the data** in MySQL was legacy Widgetbox data
3. How can I delete that data **safely, easily, and efficiently?**



BUY IT

I considered using pt-archiver, but after reading a blog post by Baron Schwartz I decided to use common_schema instead

http://www.xaprb.com/blog/2013/01/28/deleting-millions-of-rows-in-small-chunks-with-common_schema/

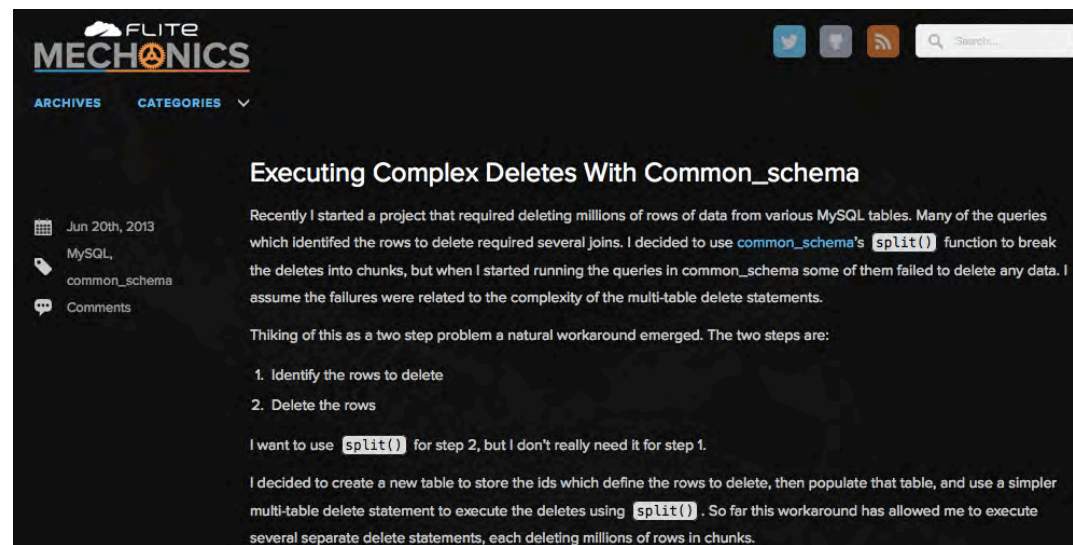


OWN IT

- I ran tests in our stage environments to understand the way common_schema chunks deletes
- I opened a bug report based on that experience, which Shlomi promptly fixed 😊

SELL IT

I blogged about doing data purges with common_schema



<http://mechanics.flite.com/blog/2013/06/20/executing-complex-deletes-with-common-schema/>



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SUCCESS!

- After optimizing all of the tables, the database .ibd files shrank by 80%
- (ibdata1 is still big, time to find another tool and start the B.O.S.S. process again!) This might help:
<http://www.mysqlplus.net/2014/09/11/shrink-ibdata-file-trite/>



EXAMPLE #2

Check data consistency after the purge

1. After purging 80% of the database, how do I know that the data is consistent across all replicas?



BUY IT

1. Sounds like a job for pt-table-checksum
2. (and pt-table-sync)
3. Time to create a DSNs table...

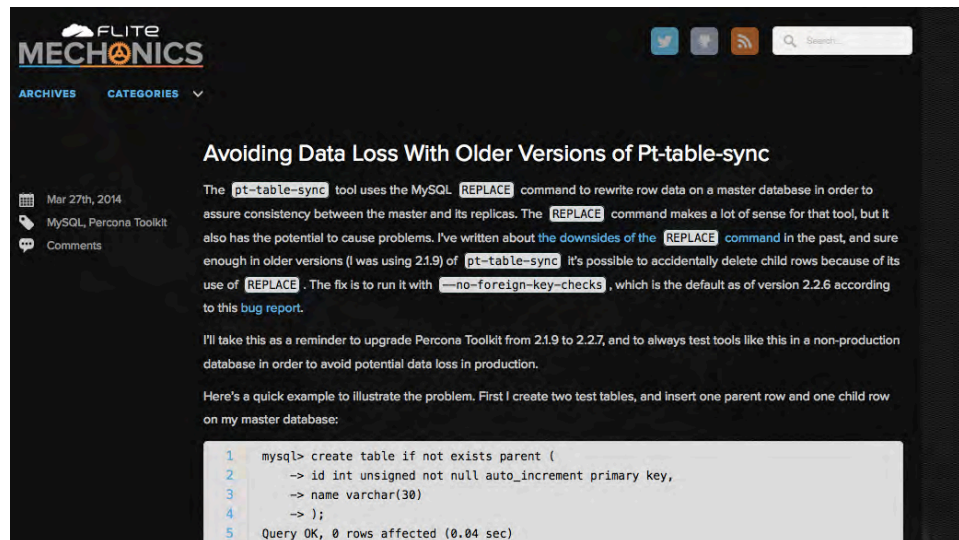


OWN IT

1. Lots of testing in stage.
2. More testing
3. Create a DSN table that knows about all replicas
4. Learn that schema differences can cause the tool to fail if it doesn't know about all replicas
5. Explicitly set the charset for heterogenous schema because of [bug 1400472](#)

SELL IT

I blogged about the importance of `--no-foreign-key-checks` in `pt-table-sync`



<http://mechanics.flite.com/blog/2014/03/27/avoiding-data-loss-with-older-versions-of-pt-table-sync/>



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SUCCESS!

Now I can sync all of my replicas to the
masters and make sure they stay consistent



EXAMPLE #3

Patching pt-online-schema-change to work on tables with “before” triggers

1. pt-online-schema-change refuses to run on tables with any triggers, but it only creates “after” triggers.
2. I made a 3 line change to allow it to run on tables with “before” triggers
3. <https://bugs.launchpad.net/percona-toolkit/+bug/1270328>



B.O.S.S. REMINDERS



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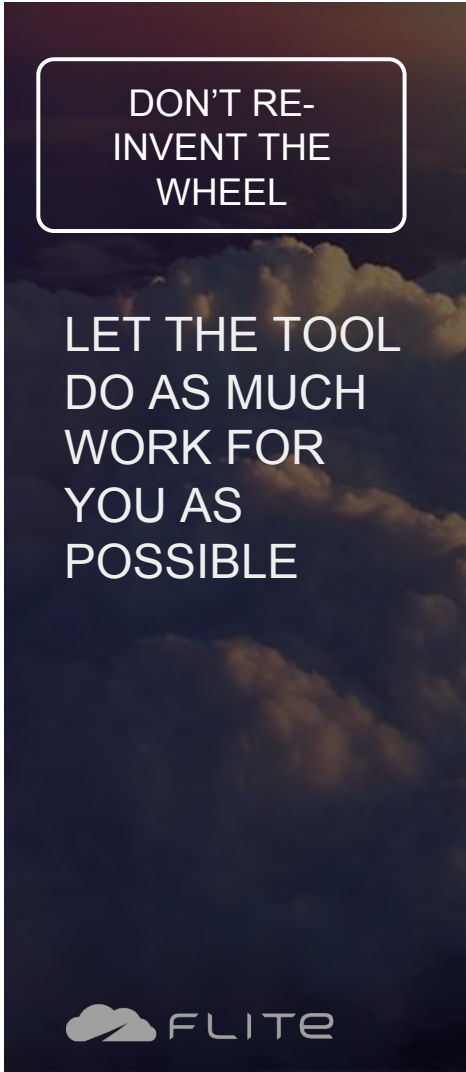


REMINDERS

1. Don't re-invent the wheel
2. Only use tools you understand
3. Test it before you use it in production

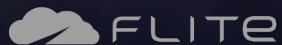
DON'T RE-INVENT THE WHEEL





DON'T RE-
INVENT THE
WHEEL

LET THE TOOL
DO AS MUCH
WORK FOR
YOU AS
POSSIBLE



Examples:

pt-heartbeat

Use the built-in checks to monitor replication delay.

For Nagios alerts, combine pt-heartbeat with **pmp-check-mysql-replication-delay** (and pmp-check-mysql-replication-running).

pt-table-checksum

Use **pt-table-sync** with pt-table-checksum to resolve data differences.

ONLY USE TOOLS YOU UNDERSTAND



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UNDERSTAND

GET TO KNOW THE CODE

Tool code is typically **much more accessible** than server code.

NEVER RUN A TOOL WITH ONLY DEFAULT OPTIONS

Explicitly declare the options to force yourself to see them and think about them.

SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

Small changes like running pt-kill with `–kill` versus `–kill-query` can make a difference

Examples:

- if pt-table-checksum doesn't know about all replicas it can break replication
- pt-table-sync can delete child data because of cascade delete



TEST TOOLS OUTSIDE OF PRODUCTION

Don't test in prod (duh)

1. Test it in **dev, qa, stage**, etc
2. **MySQL Sandbox** is super useful for this
3. If you are in the cloud, spin up a new **disposable** DB instance with your production data set for testing



WHAT'S NEW IN MYSQL 5.6?

MySQL 5.6

DO WE STILL
NEED pt-slave-
delay?

NO!



```
CHANGE MASTER TO MASTER_DELAY = N;
```

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.6/en/replication-delayed.html>

<http://mechanics.flite.com/blog/2014/07/28/replacing-pt-slave-delay-with-master-delay-in-mysql-5-dot-6/>

MySQL 5.6

DO WE STILL
NEED pt-online-
schema-
change?

MAYBE!



In MySQL 5.6 lots of DDL operations are no longer blocking, but it's complicated...

Lots of good details in this article:

<http://www.tocker.ca/2013/11/05/a-closer-look-at-online-ddl-in-mysql-5-6.html>

MySQL 5.6

DO WE STILL
NEED pt-
heartbeat?

YES!



- It's still more accurate than Seconds_Behind_Master
- Not the same thing as MASTER_HEARTBEAT_PERIOD

An aerial photograph of a vast expanse of clouds, likely taken from a high altitude. The sky is a deep blue, and the clouds are illuminated from below, creating a warm, golden glow. The clouds are dense and textured, with some peaks catching the light more than others. The overall mood is serene and expansive.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB

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BULK
DELETES



pt-archiver vs common_schema

CHOOSING THE
RIGHT TOOL FOR
THE JOB

ONLINE DDL



pt-online-schema-change
VS
oak-online-alter-table
VS
ALTER TABLE in MySQL 5.6
VS
ALTER TABLE in MySQL 5.7

CHOOSING THE
RIGHT TOOL FOR
THE JOB

JSON
PARSING



common_schema
VS
MySQL JSON UDFs
VS
rapidjson UDFs
VS
MySQL 5.7 built-in JSON
functions



CONCLUSION

1. Be a **B.O.S.S.**
2. Always look for a **better way**
3. **Share** your experiences with the community


An aerial photograph of a vast expanse of clouds, illuminated by the warm, golden light of a setting or rising sun. The clouds are dense and textured, with varying shades of blue, purple, and orange. The sun is visible as a bright, hazy glow on the horizon line.

THANKS!

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An aerial photograph of a vast expanse of clouds, illuminated by the warm, golden light of a setting or rising sun. The clouds are dense and textured, with varying shades of blue, purple, and orange. The sun is visible on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long, soft shadows across the cloud layers.

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