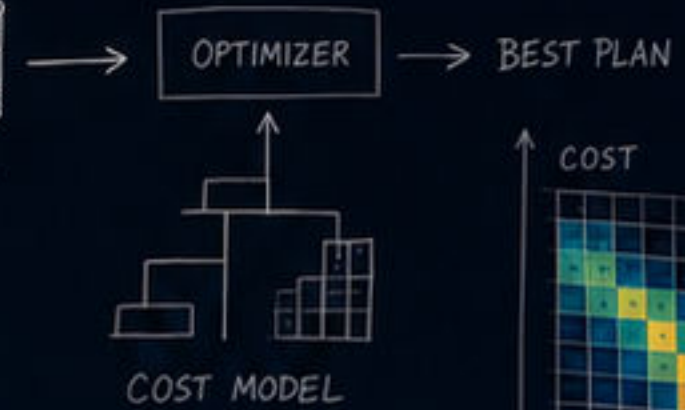




SQL Visual Optimizer



An Interactive Query Planning,
Cost Analysis, and SQL Performance
Laboratory



INFOGRAPHIC GUIDEBOOK
FOR THE GITHUB REPOSITORY

A 10-page visual guide to the SQL Visual Optimizer project. Explore features, concepts, and practical insights through clear infographics.



GITHUB REPOSITORY

github.com/FaramarzKowsari/sql-visual-optimizer



Understand Queries Deeply

Visualize the full journey of your SQL from parse tree to execution plan.



Analyze Costs Intelligently

Inspect operator costs, cardinalities, and data flow with rich, interactive visualizations.



Optimize with Confidence

Explore index candidates and rewrite suggestions backed by quantitative insights.



Engineer for Performance

Built for developers, researchers, and DBAs who care about performance.



SQL EDITOR

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8 ORDER BY total_spent DESC
9 LIMIT 50;
```



AST (Abstract Syntax Tree)



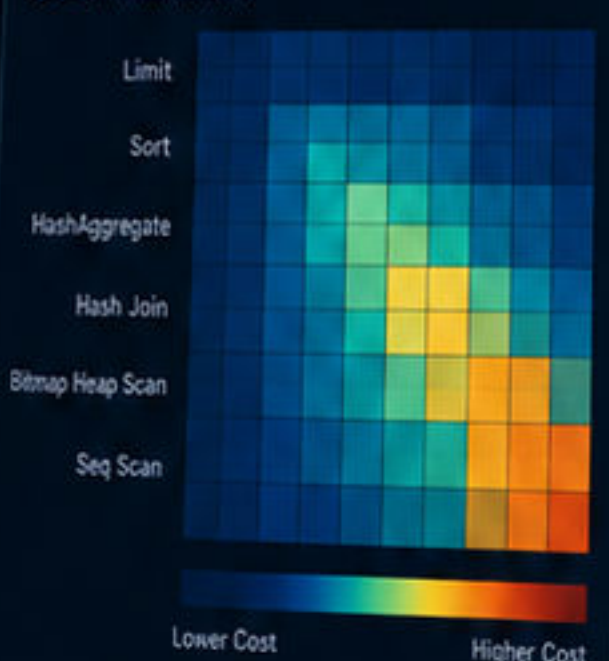
LOGICAL PLAN (Tree View)



EXPLAIN (JSON)

```
{
  "Plan": {
    "Node Type": "Limit",
    "Startup Cost": 0.71,
    "Total Cost": 15.58,
    "Plan Rows": 50,
    "Plan Width": 72,
    "Plans": [
      {
        "Node Type": "Sort",
        "Sort Key": [
          { "total_spent", "order_date" },
        ],
        "Startup Cost": 0.71,
        "Total Cost": 15.58,
        "Plan Rows": 50,
        "Plans": [ ... ]
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

COST HEATMAP



INDEX CANDIDATES

orders(customer_id, order_date) Est. Cost Reduction 73% Reason Helps filter by customer and date range View Details	orders(status, order_date) Est. Cost Reduction 58% Reason Improves filtering on status and date View Details	orders(customer_id) Est. Cost Reduction 31% Reason Speeds up join on customer_id View Details	customers(customer_id) Est. Cost Reduction 12% Reason Already efficient or low selectivity View Details
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10-PAGE INFOGRAPHIC GUIDEBOOK

Your visual companion to the SQL Visual Optimizer repository.
Perfect for onboarding, learning, and quick reference.

- ✓ Complete visual tour of the repository
- ✓ Key concepts, architecture, and workflows
- ✓ Step-by-step examples and insights
- ✓ Designed for developers, DBAs, and learners



Interactive by Design

Explore plans, costs, and indexes with dynamic, intuitive visuals.



Data-Driven Insights

Quantitative analysis that turns guesswork into knowledge.



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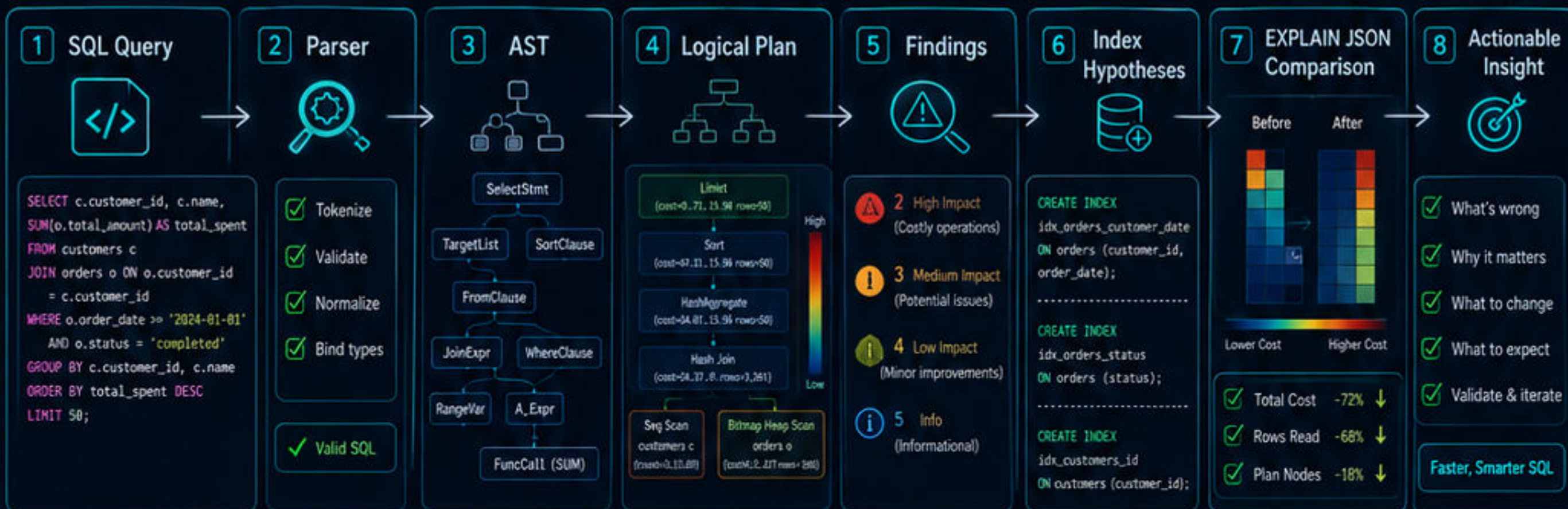




What Is SQL Visual Optimizer?

From raw SQL text to visual performance insight

Think of it as your **SQL x-ray machine**. See what the engine sees—and act on it.

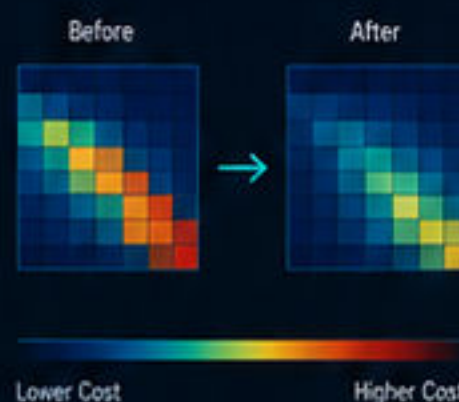


Overview

A browser-first educational SQL performance laboratory that parses queries, models likely cost centers, surfaces anti-patterns, and visualizes real PostgreSQL-compatible EXPLAIN JSON.

- No Install**
Runs in your browser
- PostgreSQL Compatible**
Realistic EXPLAIN JSON
- AI-Powered Explanations**
Clear, concise rationales
- Privacy-First**
No query data leaves your device
- Open Source**
Transparent, trusted, extensible

Cost Heatmap (Before vs After)



Top Improvement



Why it matters

- Makes hidden query behavior visible**
See the plan the engine will (likely) use.
- Supports learning and teaching**
Great for classrooms, workshops, and self-study.
- Encourages evidence-based optimization**
Compare plans, measure impact, and validate improvements.
- Runs without project-owned servers or embedded secrets**
You connect using your own database (optional) or use offline/estimated plans.

Three evidence labels

- Estimated Plan** (Estimated)
Generated from query analysis and cardinality heuristics when no real plan is imported. Great for early exploration.
 - Imported Real Plan** (Real)
You import actual EXPLAIN (FORMAT JSON) from PostgreSQL-compatible databases. The source of truth.
 - AI Explanation** (AI)
AI-generated natural language explanations that clarify the plan, identify risks, and suggest actions in plain English.
- Label shown on every insight so you always know the evidence behind it.

Who is it for?

- Developers**
Speed up queries and ship better code.
- DBAs**
Diagnose, tune, and validate at scale.
- Data Engineers**
Design efficient pipelines and models.
- Students**
Learn how the database thinks.
- Researchers**
Experiment and benchmark ideas.
- Instructors**
Teach with real examples and visuals.



Golden Rule

Measure.
Understand.
Change.
Measure again.





Core Features

What the laboratory can do

Explore.
Analyze.
Optimize.

All in your browser.



1 Multi-dialect SQL support

Write and analyze SQL in your preferred dialect.

 PostgreSQL

 MySQL

 SQLite

 T-SQL

One tool. Many dialects.
Consistent insights.

2 AST visualization

See your query as a clear Abstract Syntax Tree.

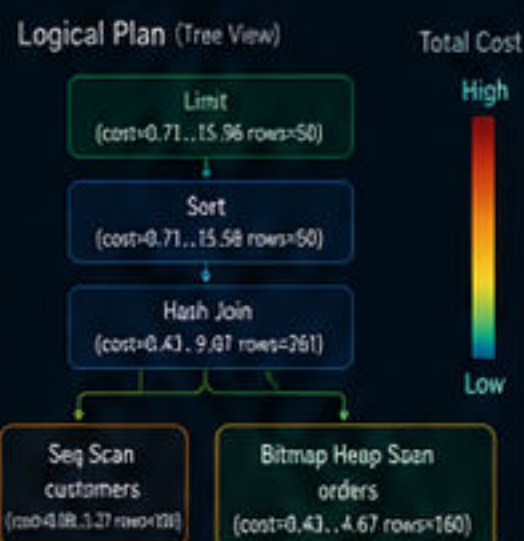
AST (Abstract Syntax Tree)



Understand structure.
Write better queries.

3 Transparent browser-side logical plan estimation

Instant logical plan with estimated costs—computed in your browser.



No server needed.
Fast, private, and portable.

4 Modeled row flow and relative cost heat

Understand how rows move and where cost is concentrated.



Follow the data.
Focus your optimizations.

5 SQL anti-pattern detection

Find common pitfalls that hurt performance.

-  SELECT *
-  Implicit conversions
-  Functions on columns
-  Missing WHERE filters
-  NOT IN with NULs
-  Non-SARGable predizations

Catch issues early.
Write efficient SQL.

6 Index candidate generation

Get data-driven index suggestions with impact estimates.

Index Candidate	Impact
orders(customer_id, order_date)	High
orders(status, order_date)	High
orders(customer_id)	Medium
customers(country, created_at)	Low

Better indexes.
Better performance.

7 Schema and table statistics editing

Edit statistics to reflect your environment and see the impact.

Table: orders	
Row Count	1,250,000
Width (avg)	128 bytes
Distinct: customer_id	320,000
Distinct: status	6
Null %: shipped_at	12%

Accurate stats.
Accurate plans.

8 PostgreSQL-compatible EXPLAIN JSON import

Import plans exported from PostgreSQL.

```
{
  "Plan": {
    "Node Type": "Hash Join",
    "Startup Cost": 0.71,
    "Total Cost": 15.96,
    "Plan Rows": 50,
    "Plan Width": 72,
    "Plans": [
      {
        "Node Type": "Seq Scan",
        "Relation Name": "customers"
      },
      ...
    ]
  }
}
```

Bring your DB's plan.
Analyze offline.

9 Local rule-based explanation without AI

Get clear, deterministic explanations generated by built-in rules.

- ✓ Deterministic
- ✓ Always available
- ✓ Private & offline
- ✓ Fast & transparent
- ✓ No data leaves your browser

Knowledge you can trust.
No network required.

10 Optional Gemini BYOK explanation

Use your own Google Gemini API key for deeper natural language explanations.

 Gemini (BYOK) 

Status Connected

Model gemini-1.5-flash

[Explain with Gemini](#)

You control the key.
You control the data.



Runs on
GitHub Pages

No paid project infrastructure required ✨

SQL Visual Optimizer is a fully client-side web app. It runs as static files on GitHub Pages—no servers, no database, no backend.

- ✓ Open source
- ✓ Private: your queries never leave your browser
- ✓ Free to host
- ✓ Always available
- ✓ Easy to deploy
- ✓ Works offline after loading



GitHub
Repository



GitHub Pages
(Static Hosting)



You
(Your Browser)

```
$ git clone https://github.com/FaramarzKowsari/sql-visual-optimizer.git
$ cd sql-visual-optimizer
$ open index.html # or open in your browser
```

That's it. You're ready to optimize!



Private by design
Everything runs in your browser.



Secure
No data is sent to any server.



Fast
Instant feedback and visualization.



Explainable
Understand every step and decision.



Data-driven
Better stats lead to better plans.



For everyone
DBAs, developers, researchers, students.





How the Workflow Works

A guided path through the application

SQL + Stats



Analyze



Insights



Better Plan



Data in. Insight out. Performance up.

1 Choose a sample clinic or paste your own SQL.

Start fast with curated samples or bring your own query.

Samples All Samples

- Clinic - Top Costly Patients
- Clinic - Doctor Workload
- Clinic - Appointments Overview
- Clinic - No Show Analysis

Load Sample

OR

SQL Editor

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```

Run

2 Select the SQL dialect.

Pick the engine to get accurate rules and plan behavior.

Dialects



PostgreSQL



MySQL



SQL Server



BigQuery



Snowflake

3 Format or edit the query.

Clean, consistent SQL is easier to read and optimize.

Format SQL

Auto-format & indent

Edit

Make quick changes or add comments

SQL Editor

```
1 -- Top spending customers
2 SELECT c.customer_id, c.name, SUM(o.total_amount) AS total_spent
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```

Run

Format

4 Review schema statistics and declared indexes.

Accurate stats and good indexes are the foundation of reliable analysis.

Schema Statistics (Top Tables)

Table	Rows	Total Size	Updated
customers	1.21M	128 MB	2h ago
orders	8.73M	1.32 GB	2h ago
order_items	45.2M	2.94 GB	2h ago
products	15.6K	64 MB	2h ago

View All

Declared Indexes

Index	Table	Type
idx_orders_customer_id	orders	BTree
idx_orders_order_date	orders	BTree
idx_order_items_order_id	order_items	BTree
idx_customers_email	customers	BTree

View All

Good stats + good indexes = Better plans

5 Run the analysis.

Let the optimizer analyze costs, cardinalities, and plan alternatives.

Run Analysis

Analyzing...

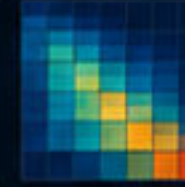
Building plans and collecting estimates.

Health Score
82 /100
Good

Est. Total Cost
1,842
Relative Cost

Complexity
Medium

Rows Scanned
12.6M
Estimated



6 Inspect the health score, estimated cost, complexity, and rows scanned.

High-level signals that tell you where to focus.

Health Score

82
Good
Plan looks healthy, but can be improved.

Est. Total Cost

1,842
Relative cost units. Lower is better.

Complexity

Medium
Joins, sorts, and aggregations detected.

Rows Scanned

12.6M
Estimated rows read by the plan.

Tip

Use these metrics to compare scenarios and track progress.

7 Explore the Estimated Plan, Findings, AST, and AI Explanation.

Understand why the plan looks the way it does.

Estimated Plan

Hash Join
(cost=0.71..15.96 rows=50)
Hash
(cost=0.31..7.72 rows=50)
Hash
(cost=0.29..5.96 rows=50)
Seq Scan on orders o
(cost=0.00..4.16 rows=8643)
Seq Scan on customers c
(cost=0.00..1.81 rows=1210)

Findings

AST

AI Explanation

AST (Tree)

AI Explanation

Findings (3)

- High cost due to large scan on orders (8.7M rows).
- Consider index on orders(order_date, status).
- Filter on status is not very selective.

```
SelectStmt
  TargetList
    FROM
      WHERE
        GROUP BY
          HAVING
            ORDER BY
              LIMIT
```

The plan scans a large portion of orders and then hashes it for the join. An index on (order_date, status, customer_id) could reduce rows scanned and improve join performance.

Ask follow-up

8 Import real EXPLAIN JSON for comparison.

Compare estimated vs. actual to understand gaps and tune better.

Drop EXPLAIN (ANALYZE) JSON here or click to browse

explain_analyze.json

Estimated vs. Actual

Metric	Estimated	Actual	Δ (Actual / Est)
Total Cost	1,842	2,315	1.26x
Rows Returned	50	48	0.96x
Rows Scanned	12.6M	8.9M	0.71x
Execution Time	-	812 ms	-

Big gaps? Check stats and predicates.

9 Turn findings into index experiments or query rewrites.

Iterate, compare, and keep what actually helps.

Index Experiments

Create and test hypothetical indexes without touching production.

CREATE INDEX idx_orders_date_status_cust ON orders (order_date, status, customer_id);

Test Index

Query Rewrites

Try alternative rewrites and compare plans.

```
WITH recent_orders AS (
  SELECT * FROM orders
  WHERE order_date >= '2024-01-01'
)
SELECT ... FROM recent_orders r ...
```

Compare Plans

Best practices



Use real plans for verification.

Import EXPLAIN (ANALYZE) JSON to validate estimates with actual execution.



Treat estimates as hypotheses.

Optimizers estimate. Validate, measure, and iterate.



Edit table statistics for realism.

Keep row counts and distributions up to date for trustworthy plans.



Compare alternatives, not absolutes.

The "best" plan depends on your workload and data distribution.



Keep AI interpretation separate from evidence.

AI explanations help you understand—plans and metrics show what actually happens.

“ Good data in. Clear evidence out. Better decisions in between.”

— SQL Visual Optimizer



9+

Test. Learn. Improve. Repeat.



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Interface Deep Dive

A guided map of the live dashboard



How to use this page

Each numbered callout corresponds to a part of the interface. Follow the map, explore the features, and build better, faster SQL.

1 Site header and navigation

Access key modules, save workspaces, manage settings, and sync with GitHub. [Start here.](#)

SQL Visual Optimizer

Dashboard Clinics Saved Plans Compare Settings

3 SQL editor

Write or paste your query, use smart formatting, and get live linting. Supports auto-complete and snippet library.

```
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6 GROUP BY c.customer_id, c.name
7 HAVING SUM(o.total_amount) > 1000
8 ORDER BY total_spent DESC
9 LIMIT 50;
```

9 Schema editor

Define or edit tables, columns, and indexes used by the optimizer.

Tables	+	-
customers	8 cols	
orders	9 cols	
order_items	7 cols	
products	6 cols	
+ Add Table		

10 Explain importer

Paste or upload an EXPLAIN / ANALYZE plan from your database.

Paste Plan Upload File

EXPLAIN (ANALYZE, BUFFERS)
SELECT ...

Import Plan

How to explore (recommended flow)



Pro tip

Use clinics to test ideas quickly, then save and compare your best plans with real execution data.

SQL

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GitHub Repository

Star, fork, and contribute to the project.



Documentation

Deep guides and reference material.



Discussions

Ask questions and share optimization stories.



Releases

Track updates and new features.



Roadmap

See what's coming next.

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github.com/FaramarzKowsari/sql-visual-optimizer

How the project is organized under the hood

A) Repository tree

Key directories and what they do.

```

sql-visual-optimizer/
├── src/
│   ├── components/
│   ├── data/
│   ├── lib/
│   │   ├── analyzer.ts
│   │   ├── explain.ts
│   │   └── gemini.ts
│   └── types.ts
├── crates/
│   └── query-math/
├── examples/
├── benchmarks/
├── docs/
├── .github/
│   └── workflows/
├── README.md
├── CITATION.cff
├── LICENSE
└── package.json

```

src/

Reusable UI components and visual panels.

data/

Static data, cost models, examples, and lookups.

lib/

Deterministic SQL analysis (engine core).

analyzer.ts

Parsers for EXPLAIN/PLAN (JSON, text, adapters).

explain.ts

Optional AI insights via Gemini (BYOK).

gemini.ts

Shared TypeScript types and interfaces.

types.ts

Shared TypeScript types and interfaces.

crates/

Experimental Rust library (for advanced math).

query-math/

Experimental Rust library (for advanced math).

examples/

Example queries and usage scenarios.

benchmarks/

Performance benchmarks and datasets.

docs/

Documentation, guides, and architecture notes.

.github/

CI/CD pipelines and automations.

workflows/

CI/CD pipelines and automations.

README.md

Project overview and getting started.

CITATION.cff

Scholarly citation metadata.

LICENSE

MIT License.

package.json

Project metadata & scripts.

B) Tech stack map

The technologies that power SQL Visual Optimizer.



React
UI library for interactive, component-driven experience.



TypeScript
Type-safe codebase for scalability and maintainability.



Vite
Blazing-fast dev server and optimized build pipeline.



Lucide Icons
Beautiful, consistent, open-source icons for the UI.



GitHub Pages
Static site hosting for docs and the live app.



GitHub Actions
CI/CD for linting, testing, building, and deployment.



Gemini (BYOK) Optional
AI insights and natural language explanations.



Rust / WASM (Experimental)
High-performance math & cost model in WebAssembly.

C) Architecture flow

From query to insights.

1

UI Layer

- SQL Editor
- Plan Visuals
- Controls & Settings

2

Deterministic Analysis Engine

- Parse & Normalize
- Cost Model
- Logical Plan Builder
- Heuristics & Rules

3

Data Sources

- Metadata
- Statistics
- Cost Model Data
- Selectivity Curves

4

Outputs / Visual Panels

- Logical Plan (Tree)
- Cost Heatmap
- Cost Breakdown
- Index Candidates

5

Optional AI (Gemini BYOK)

- Plain-English Insights
- What-If Suggestions
- Tuning Guidance

query-math (Rust/WASM)
Cost math & selectivity

Imported EXPLAIN / PLAN
JSON / Text

- Parse
- Normalize
- Integrate

D) Scholarly and repository metadata

Everything you need to cite, trust, and build upon this work.



README.md
Project overview, installation, usage, and contribution guide.

Start here



CITATION.cff
Scholarly citation metadata for academic and research use.

Cite this work



Zenodo DOI
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Permanent, citable release with versioned archives.

View on Zenodo



Documentation
Deep dives, architecture notes, and best practices for advanced users.

Explore docs



Transparent
Open-source code, clear algorithms, and full reproducibility.



Modular
Clean separation of concerns for easy extension.



Performant
WASM-accelerated math and efficient analysis engine.



Extensible
Plug in new adapters, cost models, and visualizations.



Community-Driven
Built for researchers, engineers, and data professionals.



Scholarly-Ready
Citations, DOI, and docs for academic and practical impact.

Inside the Analyzer

Project Reference



SQL Visual Optimizer
github.com/FaramarzKowsari/
sql-visual-optimizer

How the deterministic engine reasons about SQL

The SQL Visual Optimizer runs entirely in your browser. Given your SQL, chosen dialect, and schema statistics, it deterministically parses, models, estimates costs, finds issues, and proposes index improvements.



1 INPUT

SQL TEXT

```
1 SELECT c.customer_id, c.name, SUM(o.total_amount) AS total_spent
2 FROM customers c
3 JOIN orders o ON o.customer_id = c.customer_id
4 WHERE o.order_date >= '2024-01-01'
5 AND o.status = 'completed'
6 GROUP BY c.customer_id, c.name
7 HAVING SUM(o.total_amount) > 1000
8 ORDER BY total_spent DESC
9 LIMIT 50 OFFSET 1000;
```

DIALECT

PostgreSQL

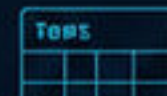
SCHEMA STATISTICS (SAMPLE)

Table	Rows	Distinct	Notes
customers	1.2M	customer_id (1.2M)	PK: customer_id
orders	28.6M	customer_id (1.2M)	PK: order_id
order_items	72.4M	order_id (28.6M)	PK: order_item_id

2 DETECTION (What we extract)

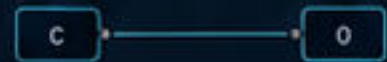
Tables & Aliases

- customers AS c
- orders AS o



Joins

- o.customer_id = c.customer_id



Filters

- o.order_date >= '2024-01-01'
- o.status = 'completed'



Aggregates

- SUM(o.total_amount)
- GROUP BY c.customer_id, c.name



Sorts

ORDER BY total_spent DESC
(derived alias)



Limits / Offsets

LIMIT 50
OFFSET 1000



MINI AST (Abstract Syntax Tree)



ANALYZER LOGIC (High-Level)

```
function analyzeSql(sql, dialect, stats):
1 ast = parse(sql, dialect)
2 clauses = extractClauses(ast)
3 sem = buildSemanticModel(ast, stats)
4 plan = estimatePlan(sem, stats)
5 findings = computeFindings(sem, plan, stats)
6 indexes = proposeIndexes(sem, plan, stats)
7 score = computeComplexity(plan, findings)
8 return { plan, findings, indexes, score }
```

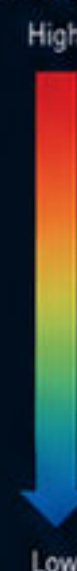


3 MODELING (Deterministic cost reasoning)

PLAN TREE (Estimated)



ROW FLOW (Approx.)



COST SIGNALS WE USE

- ✓ Table/Cardinality estimates from stats
- ✓ Selectivity of predicates
- ✓ Join type & join key coverage
- ✓ Sort / Hash / Aggregate overheads
- ✓ I/O vs CPU mix (heuristic)
- ✓ Penalty for deep OFFSET
- ✓ Wide rows & SELECT * penalty

COMPLEXITY SCORE



Drivers

- Deep OFFSET (1000)
- Large Aggregation
- Sort on derived alias

4 FINDINGS (Anti-patterns & Warnings)

- Deep OFFSET pagination** (High)
OFFSET 1000 forces the engine to process and discard many rows.
- SELECT list could be narrower** (Medium)
Avoid SELECT * or unnecessary columns to reduce row width.
- GROUP BY on non-key columns** (Medium)
Grouping on c.name may increase cardinality and memory.
- HAVING on aggregate** (Medium)
HAVING SUM(o.total_amount) > 1000 may be non-sargable early.
- Status filter may be low-selective** (Low)
If 'completed' is most rows, index benefit may be limited.
- Consider keyset pagination** (Info)
Use WHERE (total_spent, c.customer_id) < (:last_val, :last_id)

5 INDEX HYPOTHESES (Generated from predicates & joins)

Candidate Index	Why it helps	Impact	Cost Reduction (Est.)
orders(customer_id, order_date, status) INCLUDE (total_amount)	Supports join + filter + date range + aggregation	High	58%
orders(status, order_date) INCLUDE (customer_id)	Helps filter by status and date range	Medium	31%
customers(customer_id)	Join key lookup	Low	12%
orders(customer_id)	Join key only (fallback)	Low	8%

Heuristics: Prefer composite indexes aligned with equality → range → include columns.

6 EVIDENCE BOUNDARY



All costs, rows, and impact percentages are relative educational estimates, not production latency or SLAs.



Relative Units

"Cost" is in relative units based on heuristics and statistics—not time.



Heuristic Model

The engine uses deterministic rules, not live execution plans or runtime metrics.



Stats Dependence

Estimates vary with table statistics quality and data distribution.



Use Responsibly

Validate suggestions with EXPLAIN (ANALYZE) and real workloads.

Think of it as a smart whiteboard, not a stopwatch.





Privacy, BYOK AI, Deployment & CI/CD

Why the project is lightweight, safe, and reproducible

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Browser-first deployment

Static files · GitHub Pages · No project-owned server · No paid runtime · No project-owned API key



- ✓ No project-owned server
- ✓ No paid runtime
- ✓ No database
- ✓ No project-owned API key embedded



What this means

- ✓ Runs entirely in your browser.
- ✓ No backend costs.
- ✓ No project access to your data or queries.
- ✓ Easy to audit, fork, and mirror.

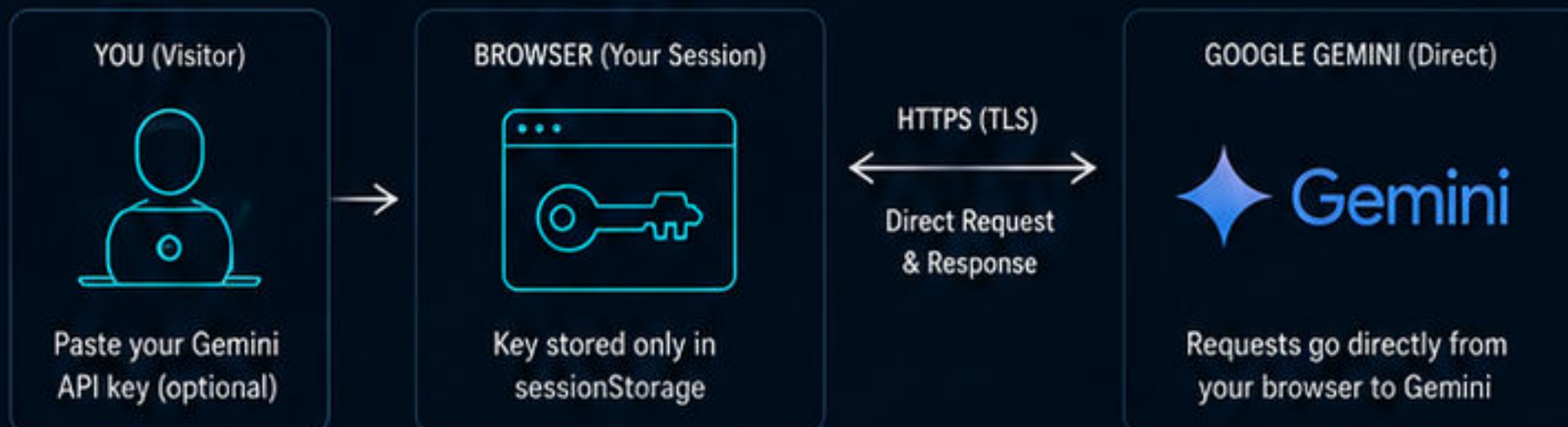
You stay in control.

The project serves only static files—nothing more.

B

Optional Gemini BYOK mode

Bring Your Own Key (BYOK) · Your key, your control, your session



How it works

- ✓ You provide your own API key.
- ✓ Requests are sent directly from your browser to Gemini.
- ✓ No proxy. No project server.
- ✓ Key is stored only in sessionStorage.
- ✓ Cleared when the tab/session ends.



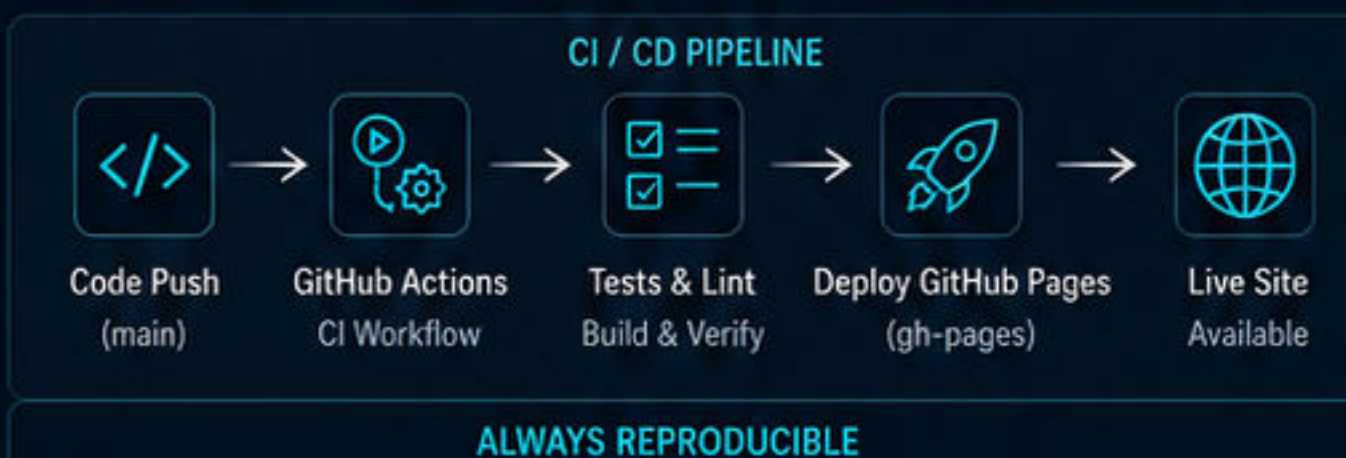
Important

Do not submit confidential production queries without authorization.

C

Reproducibility and trust

Open workflows · Versioned releases · Archived · Citable · Licensed



RELEASES & ARCHIVAL

- Versioned Releases
Tagged snapshots
- Zenodo Archiving
Automatic archive
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Why it matters

- ✓ Deterministic builds and public workflow logs.
- ✓ Anyone can reproduce, audit, and extend.
- ✓ Archived for the long term.
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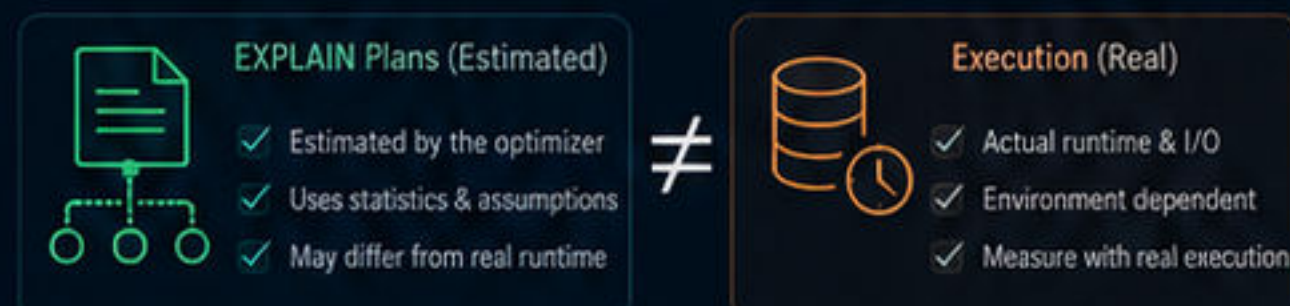
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D

Security principles

Transparent labels · No fake execution claims · Estimates vs real plans



Our commitments

- ✓ We show estimates, not guaranteed results.
- ✓ We do not execute your queries.
- ✓ We do not store or log your queries.
- ✓ You remain in control of your data.
- ✓ Transparent, honest, and user-first.



Honest labels. Accurate context.
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Use Cases, Research Value & Citation

Why this repository matters beyond the demo



- ✓ ANALYZE
- ✓ COMPARE
- ✓ OPTIMIZE

1 USE CASES

Who benefits and how this repository is used in the real world.



Classroom Teaching

Demystify the optimizer with visual plans, costs, and clear explanations.



Self-Study & Upskilling

Learn by doing—write queries, inspect plans, and refine iteratively.



Technical Demos

Engage audiences with live, data-driven explanations.



SQL Clinics

Diagnose slow queries, recommend fixes, and show the impact.



Onboard Junior Analysts

Build mental models of plans, costs, and performance trade-offs.



Database Workshops

Hands-on labs for indexes, joins, stats, and query rewrites.



Exploratory Optimization

What-if analysis with hints, indexes, and alternative strategies.



Document Performance Thinking

Capture experiments, insights, and decisions for future reference.

3 CITATION

If you use this work, please cite it.



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Title

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Repository

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4 ROADMAP — WHERE WE'RE HEADING NEXT

A living plan shaped by community feedback and research needs.

1



Richer Cost Models

More accurate models across engines, statistics, and hardware profiles.

DEEPER INSIGHT

2



Benchmark Suites

Curated workloads and microbenchmarks for repeatable evaluation.

STRONGER EVIDENCE

3



More EXPLAIN Dialects

Support for additional databases and plan formats (Postgres, MySQL, SQL Server, BigQuery, Oracle, DuckDB...).

WIDER COVERAGE

4



Expanded Teaching Clinics

Scenario packs, exercises, and instructor guides for classrooms and workshops.

BETTER PEDAGOGY

5



Stronger Visualization Tooling

Interactive what-if, diff views, and explain-aware recommendations.

BETTER DECISIONS

5 GET INVOLVED — YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS

Use it, teach with it, cite it, and help others learn.



Explore the repo

- Browse the code
- Read the docs
- Star the project

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Run the live app

- Try queries
- Inspect plans
- Compare costs

Launch the App



Cite the software

- Use the DOI
- Give proper credit
- Boost open science

View Citation



Use it in teaching

- Labs & exercises
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- Workshop materials

Teaching Resources



Scan to visit the repository



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Visualize. Analyze. Optimize.

Transform complex SQL execution plans and cost metrics into clear, interactive visualizations.



Data-Driven Intelligence

Inspect operator costs, cardinalities, and data flow to make informed optimization decisions.



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