



Foreword

I have known Peter, Vadim, and Arjen a long time and have witnessed their long history of both using MySQL for their own projects and tuning it for a lot of different high-profile customers. On his side, Baron has written client software that enhances the usability of MySQL.

The authors' backgrounds are clearly reflected in their complete reworking in this second edition of *High Performance MySQL: Optimizations, Replication, Backups, and More*. It's not just a book that tells you how to optimize your work to use MySQL better than ever before. The authors have done considerable extra work, carrying out and publishing benchmark results to prove their points. This will give you, the reader, a lot of valuable insight into MySQL's inner workings that you can't easily find in any other book. In turn, that will allow you to avoid a lot of mistakes in the future that can lead to suboptimal performance.

I recommend this book both to new users of MySQL who have played with the server a little and now are ready to write their first real applications, and to experienced users who already have well-tuned MySQL-based applications but need to get "a little more" out of them.

—Michael Widenius
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