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### Question

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## Reducing select fields hurts query performance

We have a query that looks something like:

```
select a, b, c, d, e, f
```

```
from tbla inner join tblb on tbla.....
```

This query runs in the expected 200-400 ms range.

If we run the same query but reduce the select to just:

```
select a
```

```
from tbla inner join tblb on tbla.....
```

then the query runs for 30 minutes or more.

The rest of the query is identical. Is there a logical explanation for how this can happen?

Thanks.

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