Abstract
In many data processing scenarios, input data happen to be already in some kind of order by fields of interest. For example, data may come in flat files pre-sorted as a result of routine system maintenance/requirements, or in a SAS data set output by a procedure. Since this makes the data already organized, such situations are extremely advantageous from the algorithmic point of view, and thus they literally beg for performance-enhancing tricks. In this paper, we shall share a few from our own bag.