Hints

- Force optimizer to pick specific alternative
  - Implemented via embedded comment

    SELECT /*+ <hint> */ ….
    FROM ….
    WHERE ….

    UPDATE /*+ <hint> */ ….
    WHERE ….

    DELETE /*+ <hint> */ ….
    WHERE ….

    INSERT (see SELECT)

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- Common hints
  - Full(<tab>)
  - Index(<tab> <ind>)
  - Index_asc(<tab> <ind>)
  - Index_desc(<tab> <ind>)
  - Ordered
  - Use_NL(<tab> <tab>)
  - Use_Merge(<tab> <tab>)
  - Use_Hash(<tab> <tab>)
  - Leading(<tab>)
  - First_rows, All_rows, Rule