## **Storage and Indexing**



## **Motivation**

- DBMS stores vast quantities of data
- Data is stored on external storage devices and fetched into main memory as needed for processing
- Page is unit of information read from or written to disk. (in DBMS, a page may have size 8KB or more).
- Data on external storage devices :
	- Disks: Can retrieve random page at fixed cost (I/O operations). But reading several consecutive pages is much cheaper (i.e. faster) than reading them in random order
	- Tapes: Can only read pages in sequence.
		- Cheaper than disks; used for archival storage.
- Cost of page I/O dominates cost of typical database operations





### introduction

□ **DBMS** abstracts data as a collection of **records** stored in a **file**.

A file is a set of **pages**, each contain certain **set of records**.

□The **files layer** is responsible or data organization for fast data retrieval.

**File organization**: a way of organizing records in a file.

**□Each file organization makes certain** operations efficient, but other operations expensive





□ Hard disks are the primary storage devices for DBMS

**□The taps** are used for archiving.

 $\square$  The unit of information read from or written from disk is a **page**.

A page is **typically 4KB** or **8KB**

The cost of page I/O is the **most expensive** operation.

Disks have **fixed cost per page**.

 $\square$  Each record in a file has a unique identifier called **rid**.

Using the **rid**, we can identify the **page address**





**□The buffer manager** is responsible for loading a page into memory. ■When the files layer wants to access a certain page, it asks the **buffer manager** to load it into memory (if it is not already there)

**□** Space on disk is managed by **disk space manager.**





- File organization:
	- Method of arranging a file of records on external storage.
	- Record id (rid) is sufficient to physically locate record
	- Indexes are data structures that allow us to find the record ids of records with given values in index search key fields
- Architecture: Buffer manager stages pages from external storage to main memory buffer pool.



## Multiple File Organizations

#### **Many alternatives exist, each good in some situations and not so good in others**

#### • **Heap Files:**

- is the simplest file organization: records are stored randomly across the pages.
- Suitable when typical access is a full scan of all records
- Unordered collection of records
- Add/Remove records: Easy (Cost?)
- **Sorted Files:** 
	- Best for retrieval in search key order, or a range of records is needed
	- Arrange and store collection of records in sorted manner.
	- Add/Remove records: Easy or not (Cost?)
- **Clustered Files & Indexes:** Group data into block to enable fast lookup and efficient modifications. (More on this soon …) An **index** is a data structure that allows fast retrieval of data records.

We can create several indexes for same data file, each with different search key.



## Bigger Questions

- What is the "best" file organization?
	- Depends on access patterns …
	- How? What are they?
- Can we be quantitative about tradeoffs?
	- $-$  Better  $\rightarrow$  How much?



#### Goals for Today

- Big picture overheads for data access
	- Then estimate cost in a principled way
- Foundation for query optimization
	- Can't choose the fastest scheme without an estimate of speed!



## Cost Model & Analysis



## Cost Model for Analysis

- **B:** The number of data blocks
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** (Average) time to read/write disk block
- Average case analysis for uniform random workloads
- We will ignore
	- Sequential vs Random I/O
	- Pre-fetching
	- Any in-memory costs

#### Good enough to show the overall trends!



## More Assumptions

- **Single record** insert and delete
- Equality selection **exactly one match**
- For Heap Files:
	- Insert always **appends to end of file.**
- For Sorted Files:
	- Files **compacted after deletions.**
	- Sorted according to search key



### Heap Files & Sorted Files

#### Heap File



#### Sorted File



#### Records are just integers

- **B:** The number of data blocks = 5
- **R:** Number of records per block = 2
- **D:** (Average) time to read/write disk block = 5ms





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### Scan All Records

#### Heap File



#### Sorted File



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**Pages touched: ?**

**Time to read the record: ?**





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## Find Key 8

#### Heap File



#### **Pages touched on average?**

- **P(i):** Probability of key on page *i* is **1/B**
- **T(i):** Number of pages touched if key on page *i* is **i**
- Therefore the expected number of pages touched



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## Find Key 8

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Pages touched **on average:** B/2

- **Breaking an assumption**
	- What if there was more than one key?
	- Need to check all the pages  $\rightarrow$  B



## Find Key 8

#### Sorted File



- **Worst-case:** Pages touched in binary search
	- $-$ **log**<sub>2</sub>**B**
- **Average-case:** Pages touched in binary search
	- **log2B?**



# Average Case Binary Search 1 IO 2 IOs 3 IOs 4 IOs $\log_2 B$





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### Find Keys Between 7 and 9

#### Heap File



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#### Always touch all blocks. Why?

#### Sorted File



- Find beginning of range
- Scan right





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#### Insert 4.5

#### Heap File



Stick at the end of the file. **Cost? = 2\*D** Why 2?



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Read last page, append, write. **Cost = 2\*D**

#### Sorted File



• Find location for record: **log2B**



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- Find location for record: **log2B**
- Insert and shift rest of file **Cost? 2\*B/2 Why?**





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### Delete 4.5

#### Heap File



Average case to find the record: **B/2 reads**  $Cost? = (B/2+1)*D$  Why +1? Delete record from page



#### Delete 4.5

#### Heap File



Average case runtime: (**B/2+1) \* D**

#### Sorted File



- Find location for record: **log2B**
- Delete record in page  $\rightarrow$  Gap


#### Delete 4.5

#### Heap File



Average case runtime: (**B/2+1) \* D**

#### Sorted File



- Find location for record: **log2B**
- Shift rest of file left by 1 record: **2 \* (B/2)**





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*Indexes*



# Indexes



#### Indexes Overview

**Indexing** organizes data records on disk to optimize certain kinds of **retrieval operations**.

An **index** is a data structure that enables fast **lookup** of **data entries** by **search key.**

- **Lookup (retrieval):** may support many different operations
	- $-$  Equivalence (i.e. =), range (i.e. >, <, >=), ...
- **Data Entries:** records stored in the index file, (**k,** {items})
	- A data entry with search key value **k**, denoted as **k\*.**
	- Could be actual records or record-ids (pointers).
	- We can efficiently search an index to find the desired data entries, and then use these to obtain data records.
- **Search Key:** any subset of columns (i.e. fields) in the relation.



## Search Key: Any **Subset** of Columns?

- **Search key does not require to be a key of the relation**
	- Recall: key of a relation must be unique (e.g., SSN)
	- Search keys don't have to be unique
- Additional indexes can be created on a given collection of data records, each with a different search key,
- **Why indexing used?**
- to speed up search operations that are not efficiently supported by the file organization used to store the data records on disk.



# **Example**

- Consider the Employee Table.
- We can store the records in a file organized as an **index on employee age**;
- which it is an alternative to sorting the file by age (i.e Sorted file).
- Additionally, we can create an auxiliary **index file based on salary**, to speed up queries involving salary.



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#### **Example: creating different indexes**









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- **Composite Keys:** more than one column
	- Think: Phone Book <Last Name, First>
	- **Lexicographic order**
	- <Age, Salary>:
		- Age =  $31$  & Salary =  $400$ ✓✓
		- Age = 55 & Salary > 200
	- Age > 31 & Salary = 400 ✗
	- Age =  $31$  $\bigvee$
	- $\bullet$  Age > 31
	- Salary  $= 300$ ✗









#### Data Entries: How are they stored?

- What is the representation of data in the index?
	- Actual data or pointer(s) to the data
- How is the data stored in the data file?
	- Clustered or unclustered with respect to the index
- **Big Impact on Performance**



#### What to store as a data entry in an index?

#### • Three main alternatives:

**1. By Value:** 

A data entry **k\*** is an actual data record (with search key value **k**).

**2. By Reference:** <**k**, rid of matching data record>

 A data entry **k\*** is a (k, *rid*) pair, where *rid* is the record id of a data record with search key value **k**.

**3. By List of References:** <**k**, list of rids of *all* matching data records>

 A data entry **k\*** is a (k. rid-list) pair, where rid-list is a list of record ids of data records with search key value k.

- Can have multiple (different) indexes per file, for e.g.,
	- file stored by **age**
	- a hash index on **salary** and
	- B+ tree index on **name**.



## Alternatives for Storing Data Entries

Alternative 1: **By Value** – Actual data record (with key value **k**)

- Index as a file organization for records
	- Similar to heap files or sorted files
- No "**pointer lookups**" to get data records
	- Following record ids
- Could a single relation have multiple indexes of this form?



## Alternatives for Storing Data Entries

Alternative 2: **By Reference,** <**k**, rid of matching data record> and

Alternative 3: **By List of references,** <**k**, list of rids of matching data records>



#### **By Reference**

- Alternatives 2 or 3 needed to support multiple indexes per table!
- Alternative 3 more compact than alternative 2
- For very large rid lists, single data entry spans multiple blocks.



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	- **index data entries** are stored in (approximate) order by value of **search keys** in data records
	- A file can be clustered on at most one search key
- Cost of retrieving data records through index varies greatly based on whether index is clustered or not!

- Note: there is another definition of "clustering"
	- **Data Mining/AI**: grouping similar items in n-space



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- Clustered Index Pros
	- Efficient for range searches
	- Potentially locality benefits?
		- Sequential disk access, prefetching, etc.
	- Support certain types of compression
- Clustered Cons
	- More expensive to maintain
		- Need to update index data structure
	- File usually only **packed to 2/3** to accommodate inserts
	- Need more storage space

Enhance compression algorithms. Graduation project or Master





#### **Can we do better with indexes?**

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Assumptions:

- Store data by reference (Alternative 2)
- Clustered index with 2/3 full heap file pages
	- Clustered  $\rightarrow$  Heap file is initially sorted
	- **Fan-out** (F): relatively large. Why?
		- Page of <key, pointer> pairs  $\sim O(R)$
	- Assume static index



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## Scan all the Records

Assumptions:

- Store data by reference (Alternative 2)
- Clustered index with 2/3 full heap file pages
- Occupancy = 66.6%
	- Clustered  $\rightarrow$  Heap file is initially sorted





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#### Find the record with key 3

Search the index: =  $log_F(1.5 * B) * D$ 

- Each page load narrows search by **factor of F**
- Lookup record in heap file by record-id = D





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#### Find keys between 3 and 7

Search the index: =  $log_F(1.5 * B) * D$ 

- Each page load narrows search by **factor of F**
- Lookup record in heap file by record-id = D
- Scan the data pages until the end of range

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= (#matching pages) * D
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## Tree-Based Indexing

- Usually B+ tree is used.
- Each node points to one block
	- Make leaves into a linked list (range queries are easier)


#### B+ Trees Basics

- Parameter d = the degree
- Each node has >= d and <= 2d keys (except root)



• Each leaf has >=d and <= 2d keys:



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### B+ Tree Example



## Searching a B+ Tree

- Exact key values:
	- Start at the root
	- Proceed down, to the leaf

Select name From people Where  $age = 25$ 

- Range queries:
	- As above
	- Then sequential traversal

Select name From people Where  $20 \leq a$ ge and  $\text{age} \leq 30$ 



## B+ Trees in Practice

The average number of children for a non-leaf node is called the **fan-out** of the tree.

How many I/O needed to

search for a record within

312 million records?

- Typical order: d= 100.
- Typical fill-factor: 67%.
	- average fanout = 133
- Typical capacities:

 $-$  Height 4: 133<sup>4</sup> = 312,900,700 records

 $-$  Height 3: 133<sup>3</sup> = 2,352,637 records

• B-Trees – dynamic, good for changing data, range queries



#### Hash-Based Indexes

- Good for equality selections.
- Index is a collection of *buckets*.
- Bucket = *primary* page plus zero or more *overflow* pages.
- Buckets contain data entries.
- Hashing function **h**:  $h(r)$  = bucket in which (data entry for) record r belongs.
- **h** looks at the *search key* fields of r.



## Static Hashing

- # primary pages fixed, allocated sequentially, never de-allocated;
- overflow pages if needed.
- h(*k*)= k mod N = bucket to which data entry with key *k* belongs*.* (N = # of buckets)
	- $h(k) = (a * k + b)$  usually works well.
	- a and b are constants



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# **<sup>79</sup>** Summary

- Many file organizations, with tradeoffs
	- Heap Files, Sorted Files, Clustered Files and Indexes
	- Benefits depend on the common operations
	- Compute expected costs
- Indexes: fast lookup of data entries by search key
	- Lookup: equivalence, range, region …
	- Search key: arbitrary columns
- Data Entries:
	- 3 alternatives: By Value, By Reference, By List of References



## **<sup>80</sup>** Summary

- Often multiple indexes per file of data records
	- Each with a different search key
- Indexes can be classified as clustered vs unclustered
	- Important consequences for utility/performance



## **Summary**



