Indices and Data Aggregation

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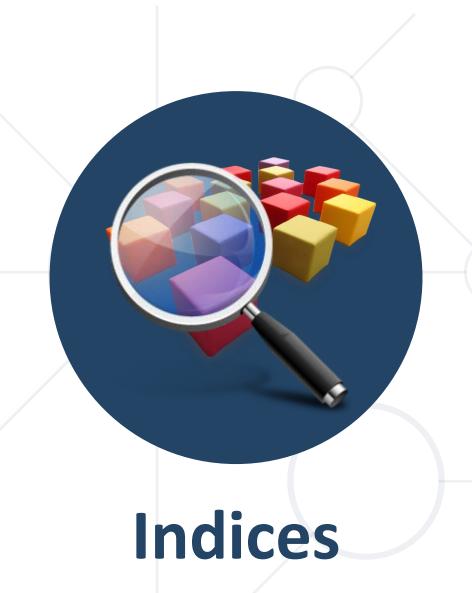
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Clustered and Non-Clustered Indexes

Indices

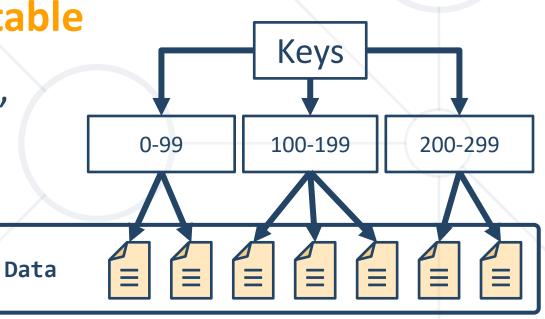


- Indices speed up the searching of values in a certain column or group of columns
 - Usually implemented as B-trees
- Indices can be built-in the table (clustered) or stored externally (non-clustered)
- Adding and deleting records in indexed tables is slower!
 - Indices should be used for big tables only (e.g. 500 000 rows).

Clustered Indices



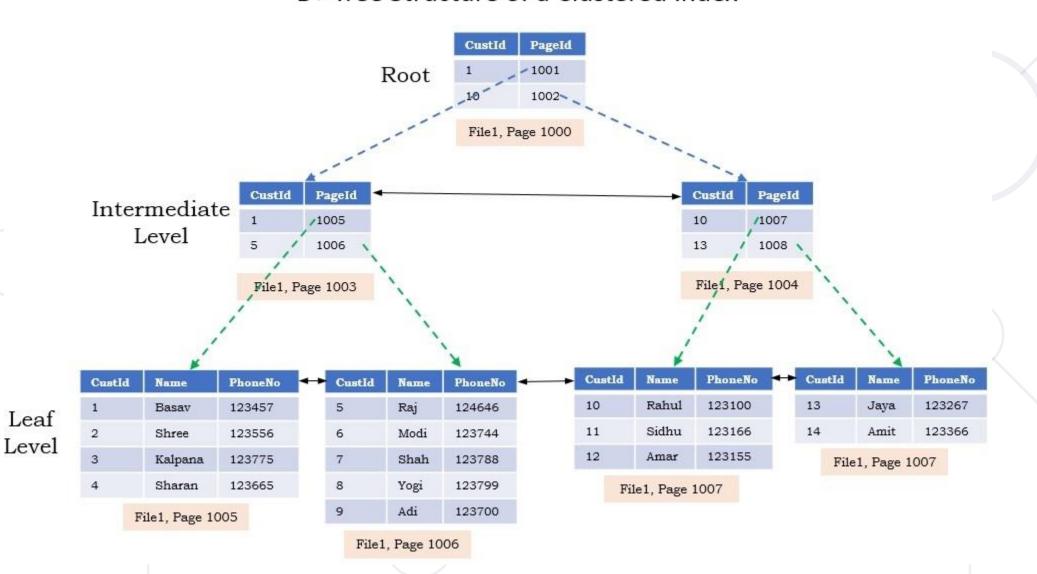
- Clustered index is actually the data itself
 - Very useful for fast execution of WHERE, ORDER BY and
 GROUP BY clauses
- Maximum 1 clustered index per table
 - If a table has no clustered index, its data rows are stored in an unordered structure (heap).



Clustered Indexes



B+ Tree Structure of a Clustered Index



Non-Clustered Indeces

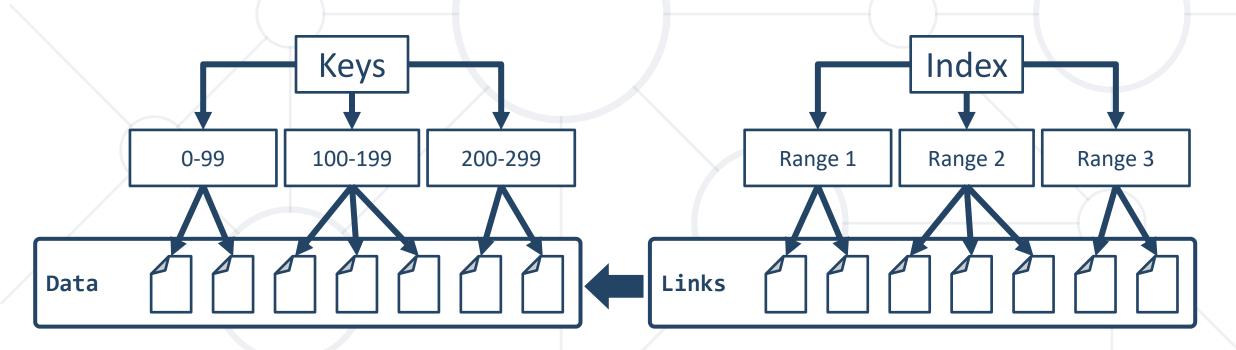


- Useful for fast retrieving of a range of records
- Maintained in a separate structure in the DB
- Tend to be much narrower than the base table
 - Can locate the exact record(s) with less I/O
- Has at least one more intermediate level than the clustered index
 - Much less valuable if a table doesn't have a clustered index

Non-Clustered Indexes



 A non-clustered index has pointers to the actual data rows (pointers to the clustered index if there is one).



Indices Syntax



Index Type

CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX

IX_Employees_FirstName_LastName

ON Employees(FirstName, LastName)

Table Name

Columns



Demo: Index Performance

Live Demo



Grouping

Consolidating Data Based On Criteria

Grouping

Single row



Grouping allows receiving data into separate groups

based on a common property

Grouping column

Employee	DepartmentName	Salary
Adam	Database Support	5,000
John	Database Support	15,000
Jane	Application Support	10,000
George	Application Support	15,000
Lila	Application Support	5,000
Fred	Software Support	15,000

Can be aggregated

Grouping



• GROUP BY allows you to get each separate group and use an "aggregate" function over it (like Average, Min or Max):

```
SELECT e.DepartmentID
FROM Employees AS e
GROUP BY e.DepartmentID
```

Group Columns

DISTINCT allows you to get all unique values:

SELECT DISTINCT e.DepartmentID FROM Employees AS e

Unique Values

Problem: Departments Total Salaries



- Use "SoftUni" database to create a query which prints the total sum of salaries for each department
 - Order them by **DepartmentID** (ascending)

Employee	DepartmentID	Salary		
Adam	1	5,000		
John	1	15,000	DepartmentID	TotalSalary
Jane	2	10,000	1	20,000
George	2	15,000	2	30,000
Lila	2	5,000	3	15,000
Fred	3	15,000		

Solution: Departments Total Salaries



 After grouping every employee by its department, we can use an aggregate function to calculate the total amount of money per group

```
SELECT e.DepartmentID, Column Alias
SUM(e.Salary) AS TotalSalary
FROM Employees AS e
GROUP BY e.DepartmentID
ORDER BY e.DepartmentID
Group Columns
```



Aggregate Functions

COUNT, SUM, MAX, MIN, AVG...

Aggregate Functions



- Operate over (non-empty) groups
- Perform data analysis on each one
 - MIN, MAX, AVG, COUNT, etc.

SELECT e.DepartmentID,
MIN(e.Salary) AS MinSalary
FROM Employees AS e
GROUP BY e.DepartmentID



DepartmentID	MinSalary
1	32700.00
2	25000.00
3	23100.00
4	13500.00
5	12800.00
6	40900.00
7	9500.00

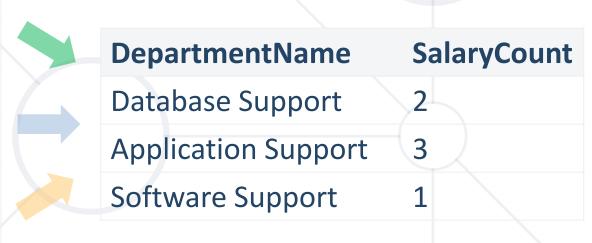
Aggregate functions usually ignore NULL values

Aggregate Functions: COUNT



- COUNT counts the values in one or more grouped columns
 - Ignores NULL values

Employee	DepartmentName	Salary
Adam	Database Support	5,000
John	Database Support	15,000
Jane	Application Support	10,000
George	Application Support	15,000
Lila	Application Support	5,000
Fred	Software Support	15,000



COUNT Syntax



COUNT(ColumnName)

```
SELECT e.DepartmentID,

COUNT(e.Salary) AS SalaryCount

FROM Employees AS e
GROUP BY e.DepartmentID
```

Group Columns

Note: COUNT ignores any employee with NULL salary

Aggregate Functions: SUM



SUM - sums the values in a column

Employee	DepartmentName	Salary
Adam	Database Support	5,000
John	Database Support	15,000
Jane	Application Support	10,000
George	Application Support	15,000
Lila	Application Support	5,000
Fred	Software Support	15,000



DepartmentName	TotalSalary
Database Support	20,000
Application Support	30,000
Software Support	15,000

SUM Syntax



If any department has no salaries, it returns NULL

Grouping Column

SELECT e.DepartmentID,

New Column Alias

SUM(e.Salary) AS TotalSalary

FROM Employees AS e

GROUP BY e.DepartmentID

Aggregate Functions: MAX



MAX - takes the largest value in a column

Employee	DepartmentName	Salary
Adam	Database Support	5,000
John	Database Support	15,000
Jane	Application Support	10,000
George	Application Support	15,000
Lila	Application Support	5,000
Fred	Software Support	15,000



DepartmentName	MaxSalary	
Database Support	15,000	
Application Support	15,000	
Software Support	15,000	

MAX Syntax



Grouping Column

SELECT e.DepartmentID,

New Column Alias

MAX(e.Salary) AS MaxSalary

FROM Employees AS e

GROUP BY e.DepartmentID

Group Columns

Aggregate Functions: MIN



MIN - takes the smallest value in a column

Employee	DepartmentName	Salary
Adam	Database Support	5,000
John	Database Support	15,000
Jane	Application Support	10,000
George	Application Support	15,000
Lila	Application Support	5,000
Fred	Software Support	15,000



DepartmentName	MinSalary
Database Support	5,000
Application Support	5,000
Software Support	15,000

MIN Syntax



SELECT e.DepartmentID,

New Column Alias

MIN(e.Salary) AS MinSalary

FROM Employees AS e GROUP BY e.DepartmentID

Group Columns

Aggregate Functions: AVG



AVG - calculates the average value in a column

Employee	DepartmentName	Salary
Adam	Database Support	5,000
John	Database Support	15,000
Jane	Application Support	10,000
George	Application Support	15,000
Lila	Application Support	5,000
Fred	Software Support	15,000



DepartmentName	AvgSalary	
Database Support	10,000	
Application Support	10,000	
Software Support	15,000	

AVG Syntax



SELECT e.DepartmentID,

New Column Alias

AVG(e.Salary) AS AvgSalary

FROM Employees AS e

GROUP BY e.DepartmentID

Group Columns

Aggregate Functions: STRING_AGG



 STRING_AGG - Concatenates the values of string expressions and places separator values between them. The separator is not added at the end of string

Expressions are converted to NVARCHAR or VARCHAR types during concatenation. Non-string types are converted to NVARCHAR type

```
STRING_AGG ( expression, separator )
[WITHIN GROUP ( ORDER BY expression [ ASC | DESC ] )]
```



HAVING Clause





- We cannot use it without grouping first
- Aggregate functions (MIN, MAX, SUM etc.) are executed only once
 - Unlike HAVING, WHERE filters rows before aggregation



HAVING Clause: Example



Filter departments having total salary more than or equal to 15,000

Aggregated value

Employee	DepartmentName	Salary	TotalSalary
Adam	Database Support	5,000	20,000
John	Database Support	15,000	
Jane	Application Support	1,000	11,000
George	Application Support	5,000	
Lila	Application Support	5,000	
Fred	Software Support	15,000	15,000

DepartmentName	TotalSalary	
Database Support	20,000	
Software Support	15,000	

HAVING Syntax



Column Alias

SELECT e.DepartmentID, Function
SUM(e.Salary) AS TotalSalary

FROM Employees AS e

GROUP BY e.DepartmentID __ Grouping Columns

HAVING SUM(e.Salary) >= 15000

Having Predicate

Aggregate

Summary



- Grouping by Shared Properties
- Aggregate Functions
- Having Clause

```
SELECT
  SUM(e.Salary) AS 'TotalSalary'
FROM Employees AS e
GROUP BY e.DepartmentID
HAVING SUM(e.Salary) >= 15_000
```





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