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1. INTRODUCTION

This assignment aims to develop a Record Manager that handles tables with a fixed schema. The Record Manager supports inserting, deleting, updating, and scanning records based on search conditions. The tables are stored in separate page files, accessed via a Buffer Manager developed in Assignment 2.

2. RECORD MANAGER OVERVIEW

The Record Manager provides essential functionalities for managing records in a structured manner. It supports:

- Schema Management: Defines table attributes and constraints.
- Record Storage and Access: Uses a page-file-based approach for storing records efficiently.
- Free Space Management: Maintains an optimized allocation strategy for record storage.
- Scanning: Retrieves records matching specific conditions using expressions.

3. FUNCTIONALITIES AND CONCEPTS

3.1 Record Representation

Each record follows a fixed-length schema, making storage efficient. The system assigns unique Record IDs (RIDs), consisting of page number and slot number.

3.2 Page Layout

Records are stored within fixed-size pages, which also contain metadata for slot management and free space tracking. The first few pages store table schema and indexing information.

3.3 Free Space Management

Deleted records create free slots, tracked using either a linked list approach or a bitmap-based directory. The system optimally allocates new records to free slots before extending the storage.

3.4 Scan Operations

Scanning retrieves records based on a search condition represented by an expression tree. It supports both full table scans and conditional scans using comparison operators such as Equal, Less Than, AND, OR, and NOT.

4. INTERFACE AND IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Data Structures

• Schema:

Defines table structure, attribute names, and data types.

Record:

Represents a data entry with a unique RID.

• RM TableData:

Encapsulates table metadata and management data.

• RM_ScanHandle:

Tracks active scan operations.

4.2 Table Management Functions

• initRecordManager():

Initializes the Record Manager.

• createTable():

Creates a table and initializes schema storage.

• openTable() / closeTable():

Manages access to table files.

• deleteTable():

Deletes an existing table.

• **getNumTuples()**:

Returns the count of stored records.

4.3 Record Management Functions

insertRecord():

Adds a new record and assigns an RID.

• deleteRecord():

Marks a record as deleted and updates free space.

• updateRecord():

Modifies an existing record.

getRecord():

Retrieves a record using its RID.

4.4 Scan Functions

• startScan():

Initializes a scan operation.

next():

Retrieves the next matching record.

closeScan():

Cleans up scan resources.

4.5 Schema and Attribute Functions

• getRecordSize():

Returns the size of records for a given schema.

• createSchema():

Constructs a schema definition.

• createRecord() / freeRecord():

Manages memory allocation for records.

• getAttr() / setAttr():

Retrieves or updates specific attribute values.

5. ERROR HANDLING AND DEBUGGING

• Error Codes:

Defined in dberror.h for consistency.

• Debugging Methods:

Included print functions for schema, records, and page contents.

6. SOURCE CODE STRUCTURE

The project directory follows this structure:

assign3/	
	— buffer_mgr_stat.c
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	— buffer_mgr.c
	— buffer_mgr.h
	— dberror.c
	— dberror.h
	dt.h
	— expr.c
	— expr.h
	— makefile
	— README.md
	— record_mgr.c
	— record_mgr.h
	— rm_serializer.c
	— storage_mgr_backup.c
	— storage_mgr.c
	— storage_mgr.h
	— tables.h
	— test_assign3_1.c
	— test_expr.c
	— test helper.h

7. TESTING AND VALIDATION

Test cases ensure the correctness of:

- Basic record operations (Insert, Delete, Update, Retrieve)
- Scan functionalities (Full scan, Conditional scan)
- Schema and attribute management

8. OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS ADDED

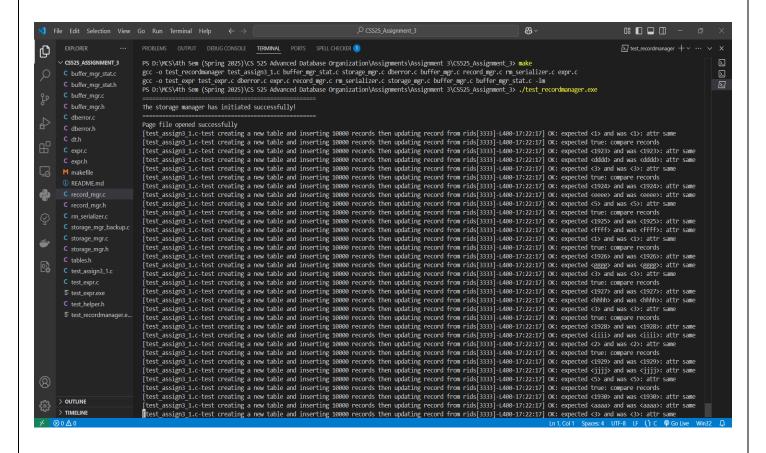
- **TIDs and Tombstones:** Implement a system for tracking record deletions (tombstones) and record locations (TIDs).
- Null Values: Added support for SQL-style NULL values in records and expressions.
- **Primary Key Constraint Checking:** Ensure that primary keys remain unique when inserting or updating records.
- Ordered Scans: Allow scans to return records in a specified sort order.

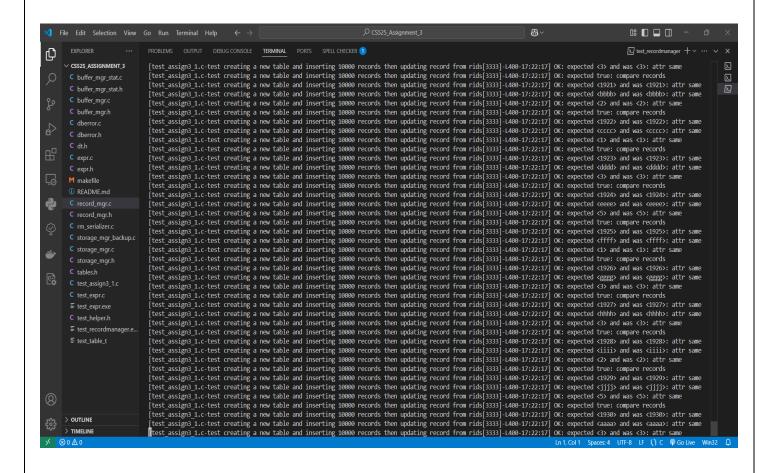
9. CONCLUSION

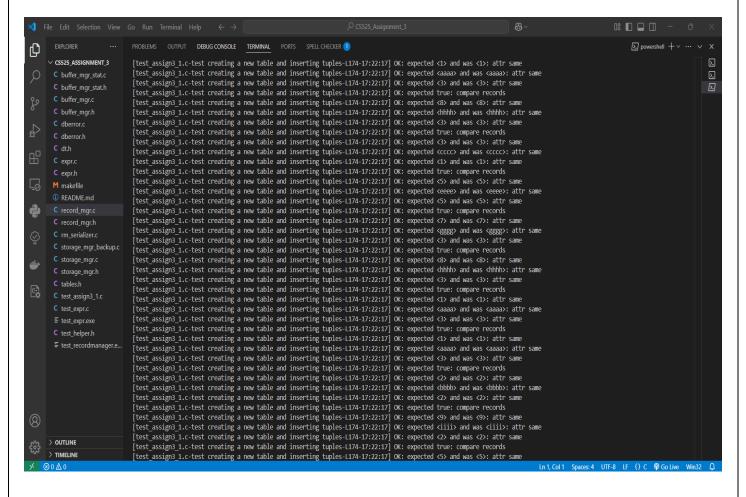
This assignment is focused on the development and implementation of a Record Manager that facilitates structured storage, efficient data retrieval, and versatile scanning capabilities. By integrating it with a Buffer Manager, memory access is optimized for enhanced performance. Additional features such as primary key constraints and NULL value support further strengthen its functionality, making it more aligned with real-world database management systems.

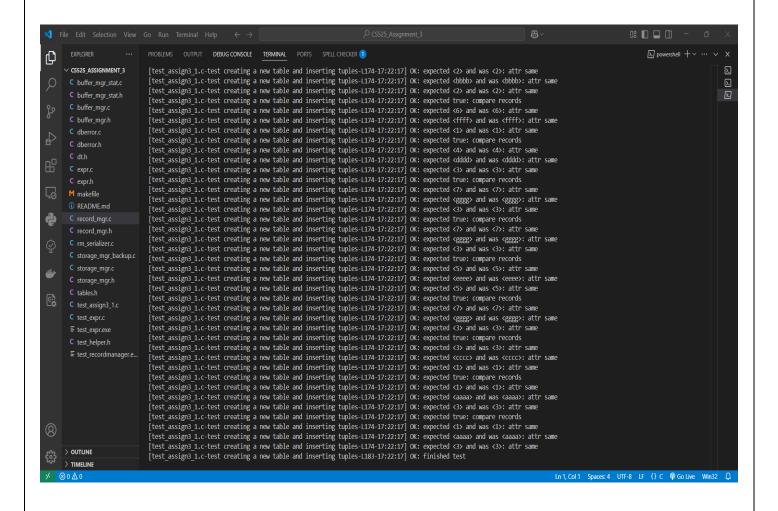
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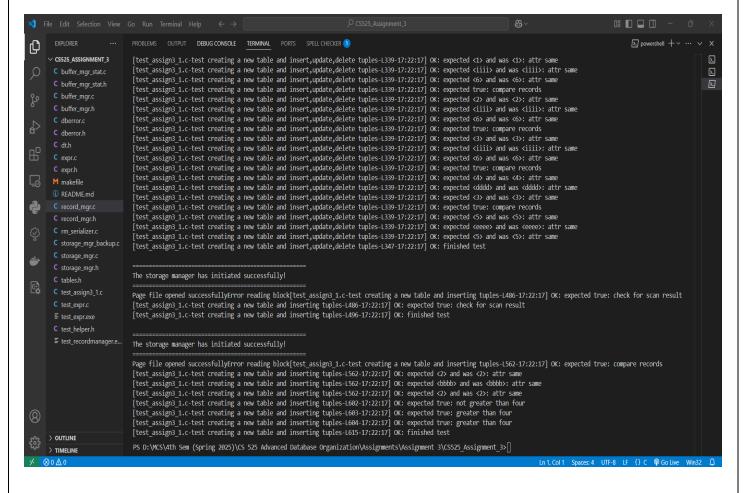
a. Executing test cases for the Record Manager functions.











b. Executing test cases for the expression evaluation part of the Record Manager

