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# **Disk, Storage, and Indexing**

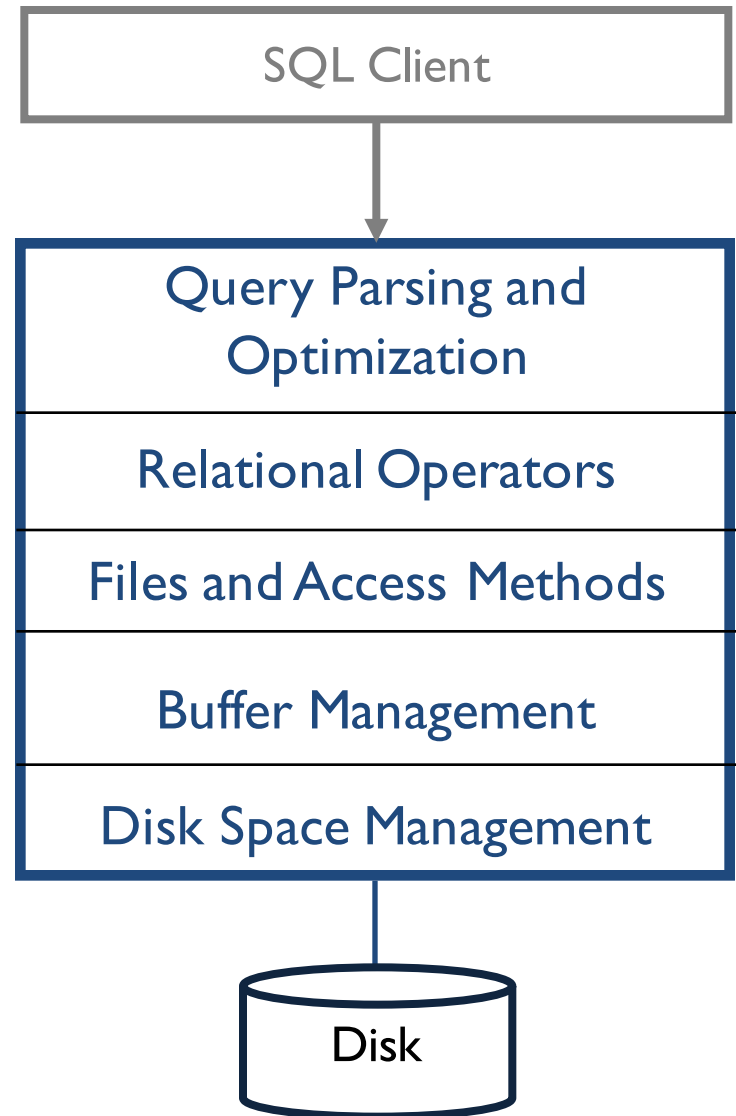
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# DBMS Overview

Each layer provides a simple abstraction to layers above it, and makes assumptions about layers below it.

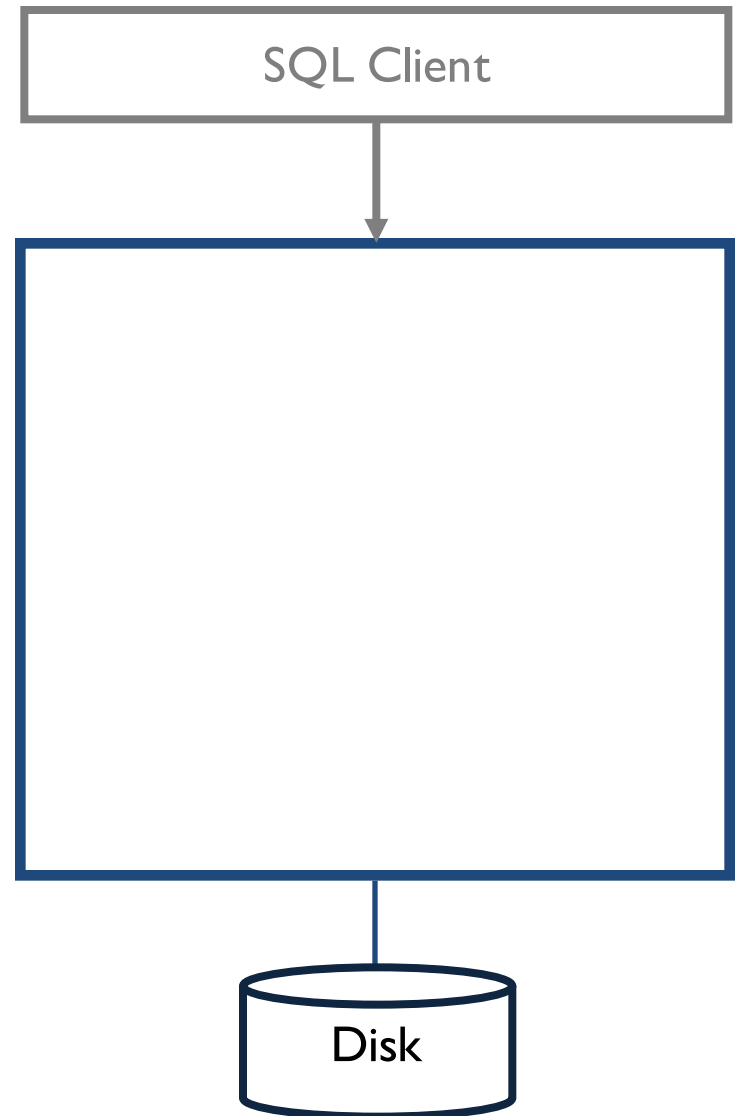
Requires careful design and assumptions for performance



# DBMS Overview

Applications interact with  
SQL Client

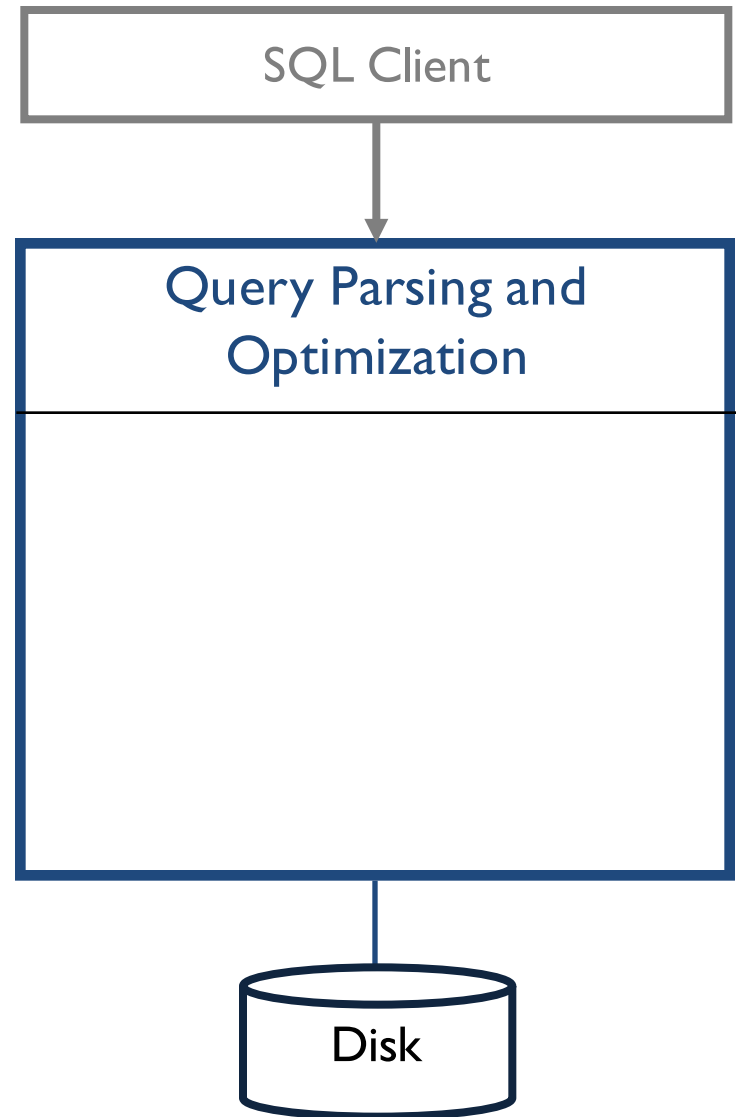
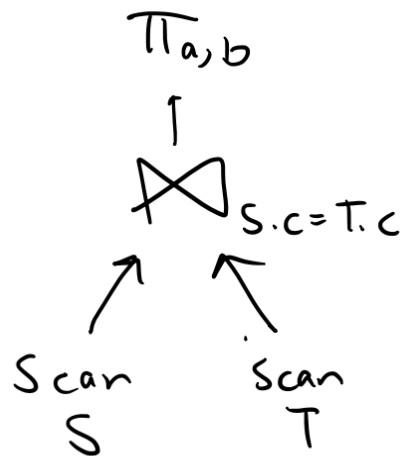
```
db.execute('''  
    SELECT a, b  
    FROM S, T  
    WHERE S.c = T.c''')
```



# DBMS Overview

Parse, check, and verify the SQL query

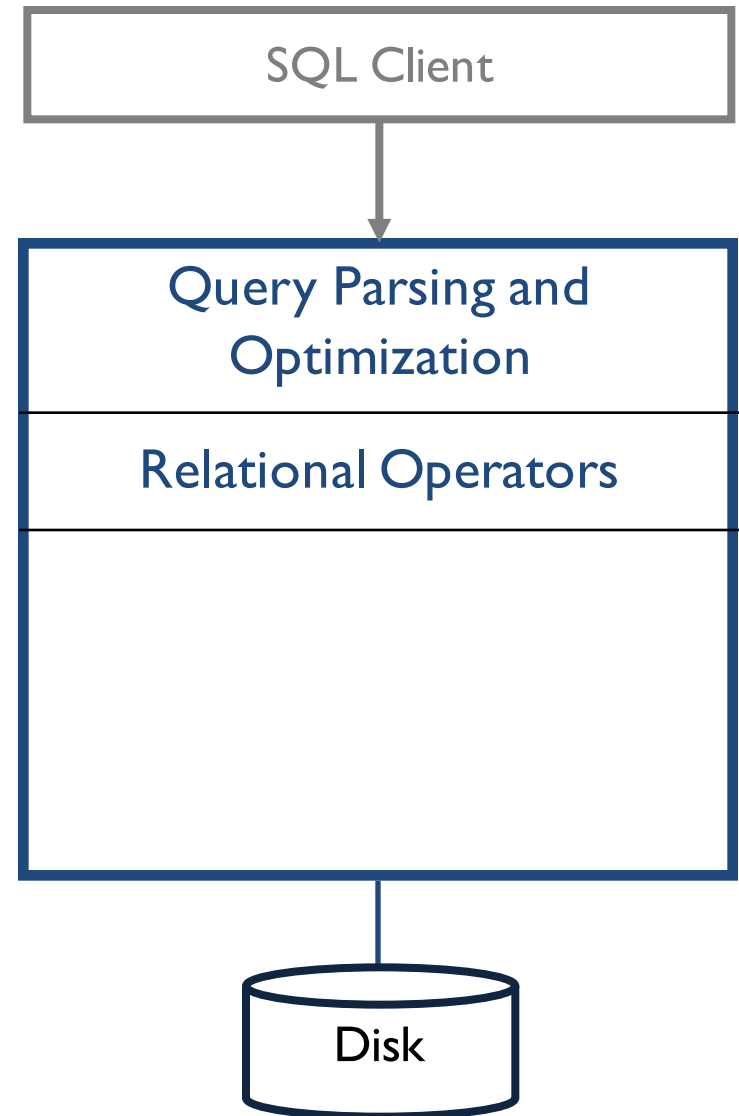
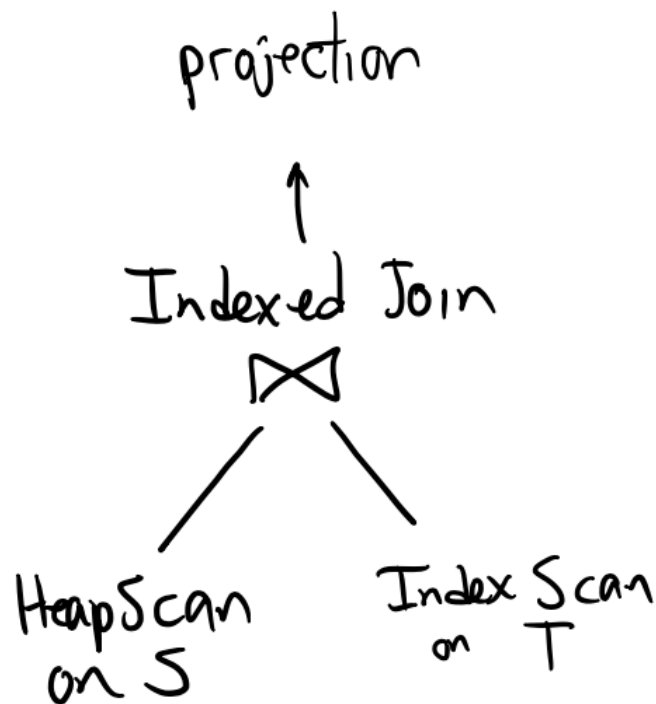
Turn into efficient query plan



# DBMS Overview

A query is represented as a relational data flow

Each operator is a specific implementation



# DBMS Overview

Organizes tables, indexes, records as groups of pages in a “logical file”

Operators ask for records; logical files help read and write bytes on pages



# DBMS Overview

Not all pages can fit into RAM. Buffer manager provides illusion that all pages are accessible.

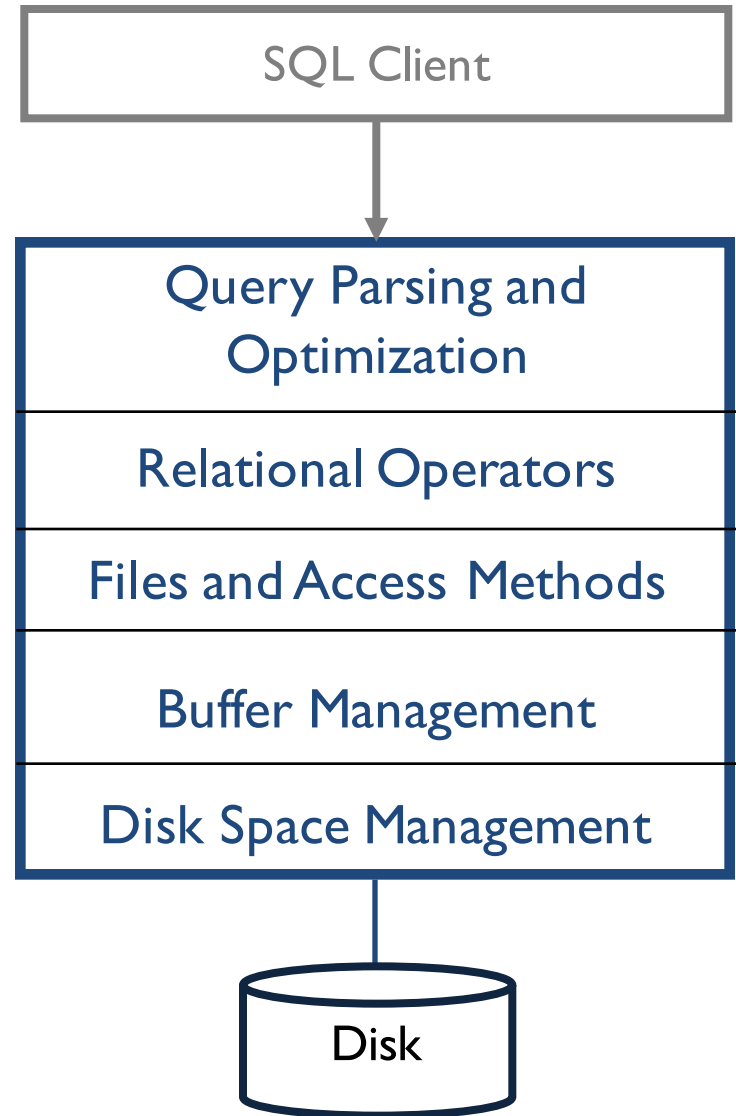
Files simply ask for pages.



# DBMS Overview

Physically read and write bytes on one or more storage devices (hard drives, SSDs, etc)

Storage performance properties dictate the design of layers above.

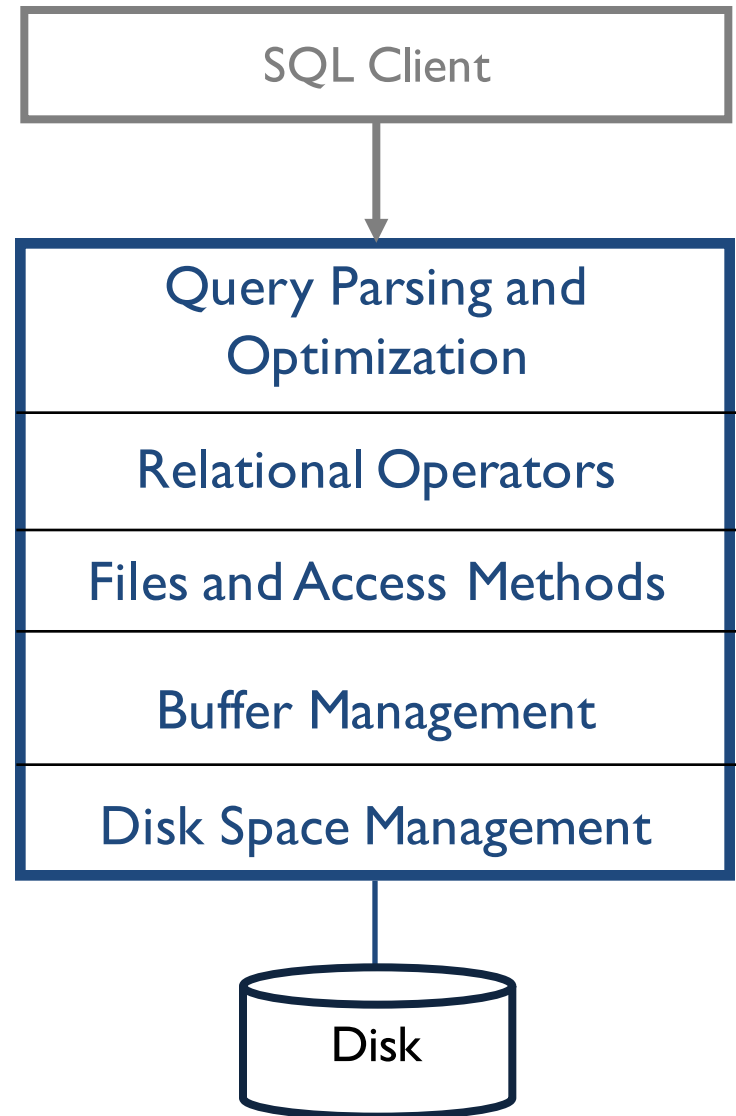




# DBMS Overview

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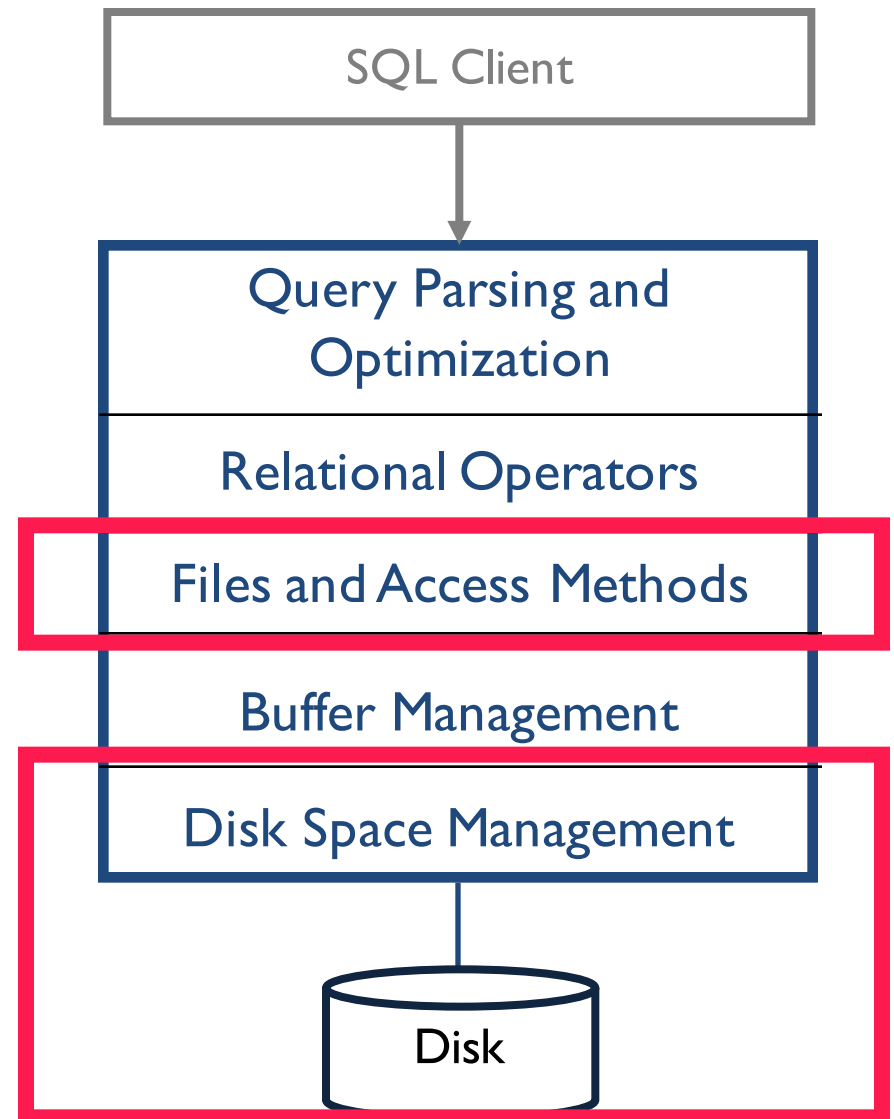
Requires assumptions about performance of lower layers. (cost models)



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# Storage Devices

Hard Drives vs SSDs vs RAM

Locality (random vs sequential)

Reads vs Writes

Costs

# \$ Matters

Why not store all in RAM?

Costs too much

High-end Databases today ~Petabyte (1000TB) range.  
~60% cost of a production system is in the disks.

Main memory not persistent

Obviously important if DB stops/crashes

Some systems are *main-memory* DBMSes, topic for advanced DB course

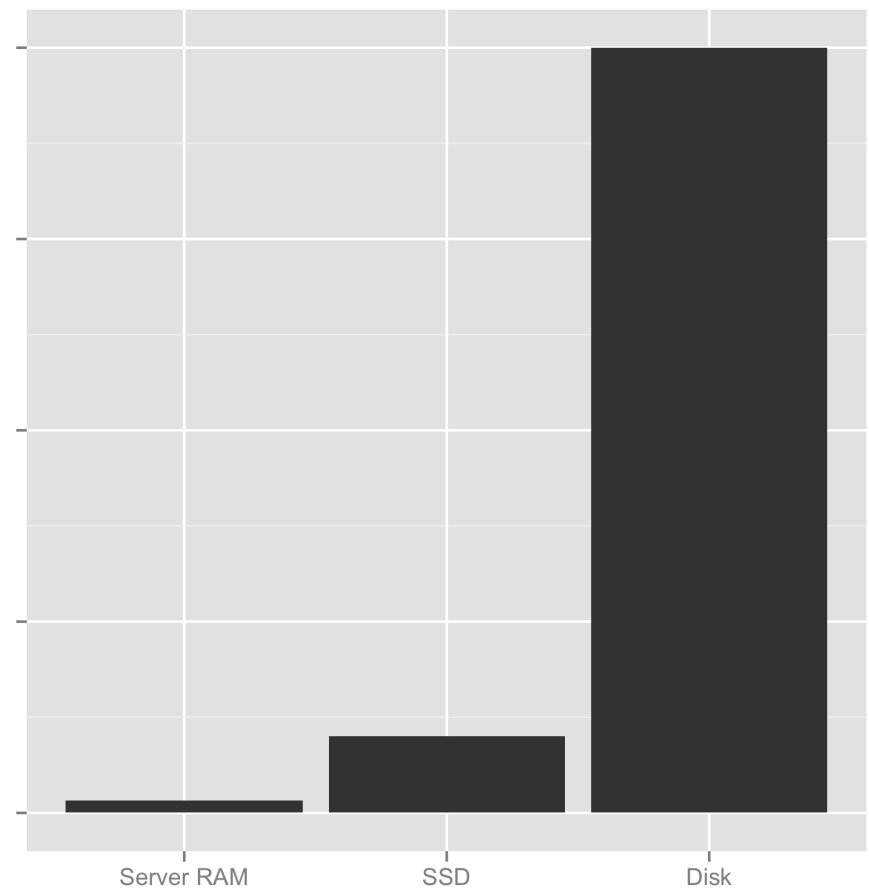
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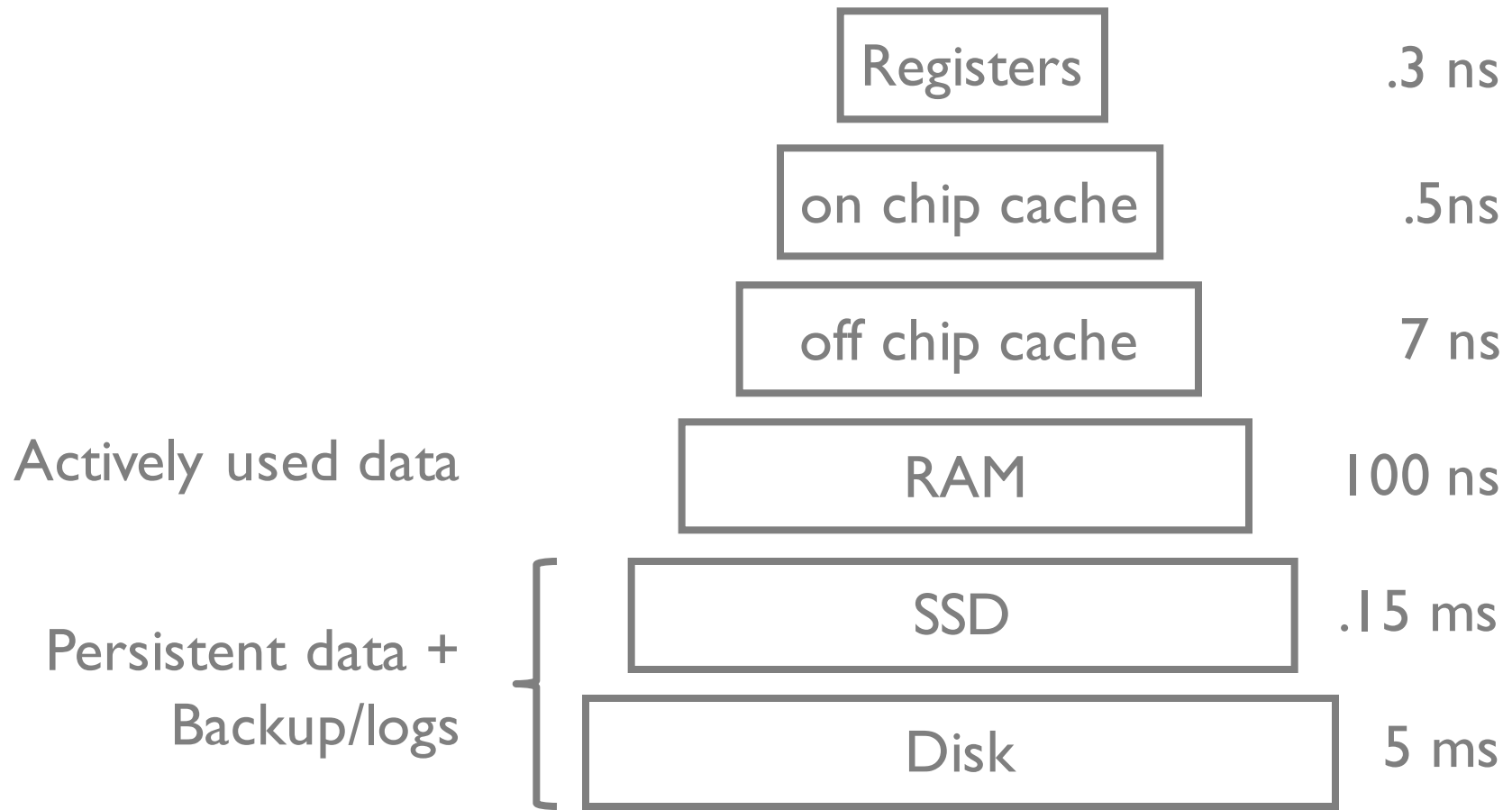
Newegg enterprise \$1000

RAM: 80GB

SSD: ~2TB

Disk: ~40TB

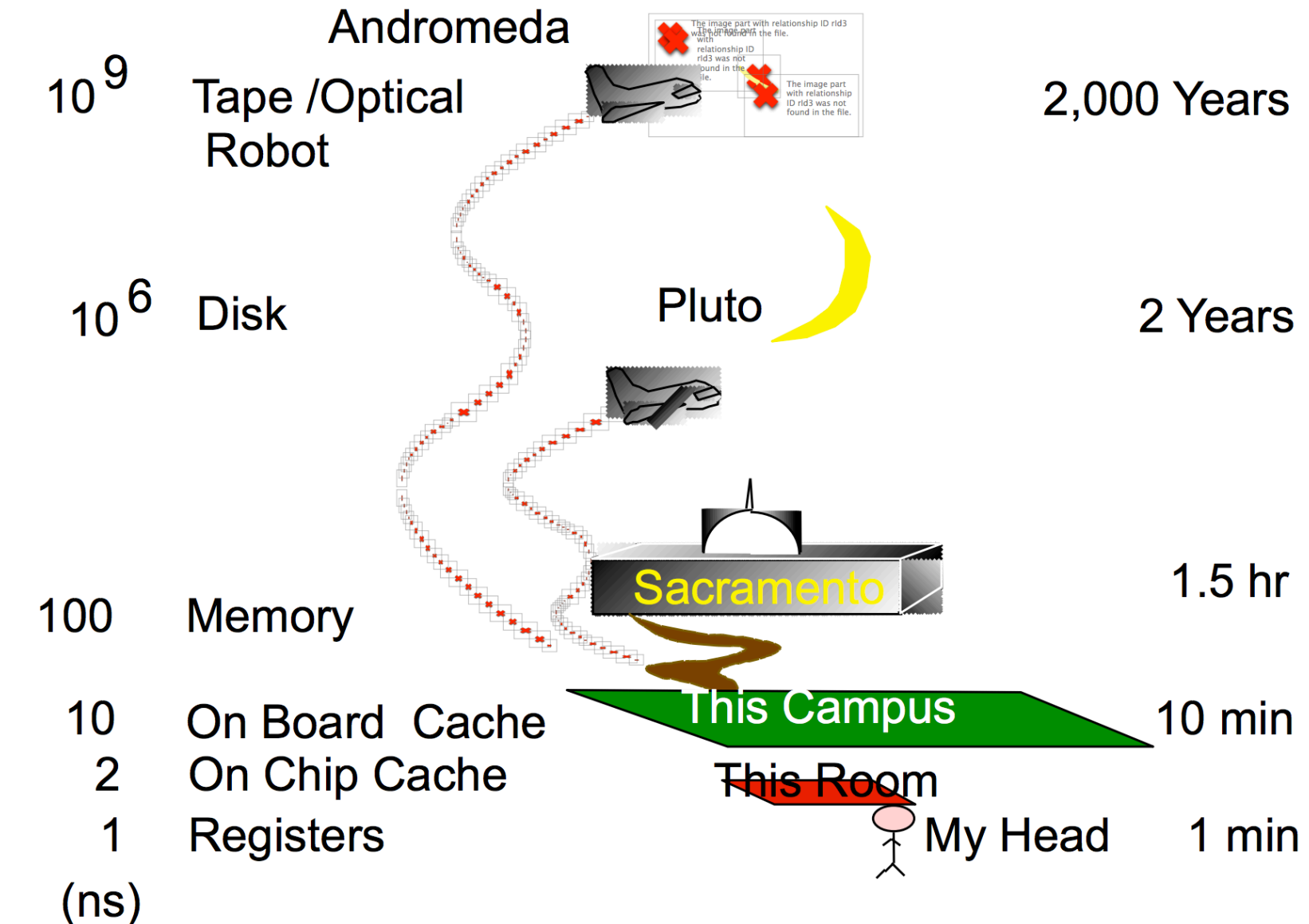




Interesting numbers

compress 1k bytes: 3000 ns

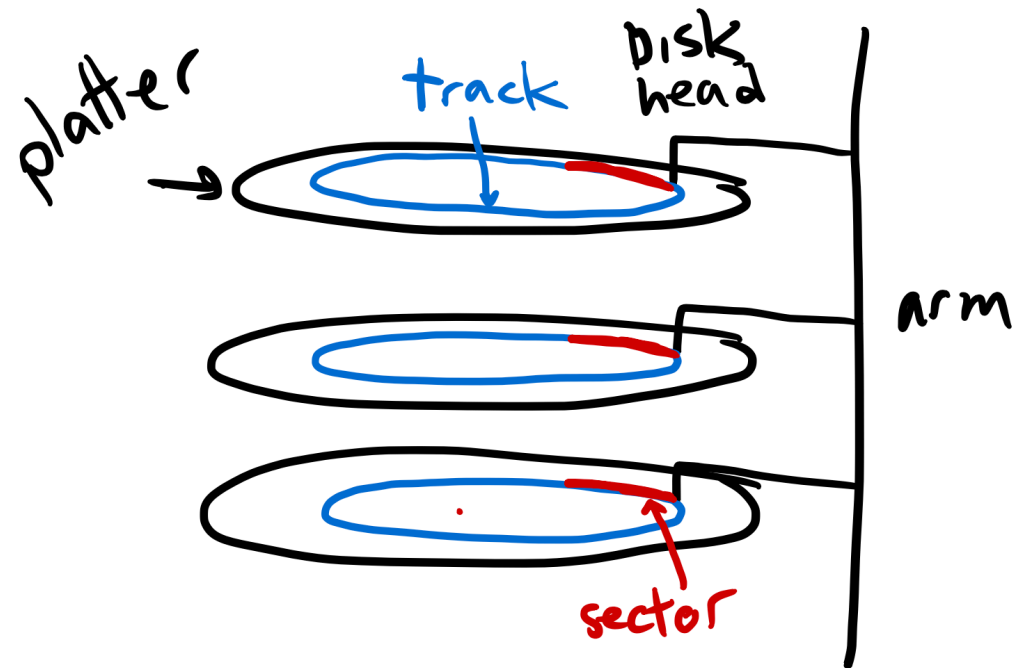
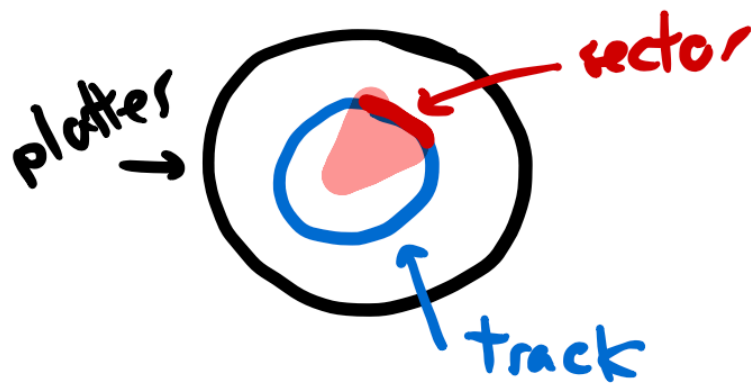
roundtrip in data center: .5 ms



Spin speed: ~7200 RPM

Section = multiples of pages

Terminology: block same as page in this class





Time to access (read or write) a disk block

seek time                      2-4 msec avg

rotational delay              2-4 msec

transfer time                 0.3 msec/64kb page

Throughput

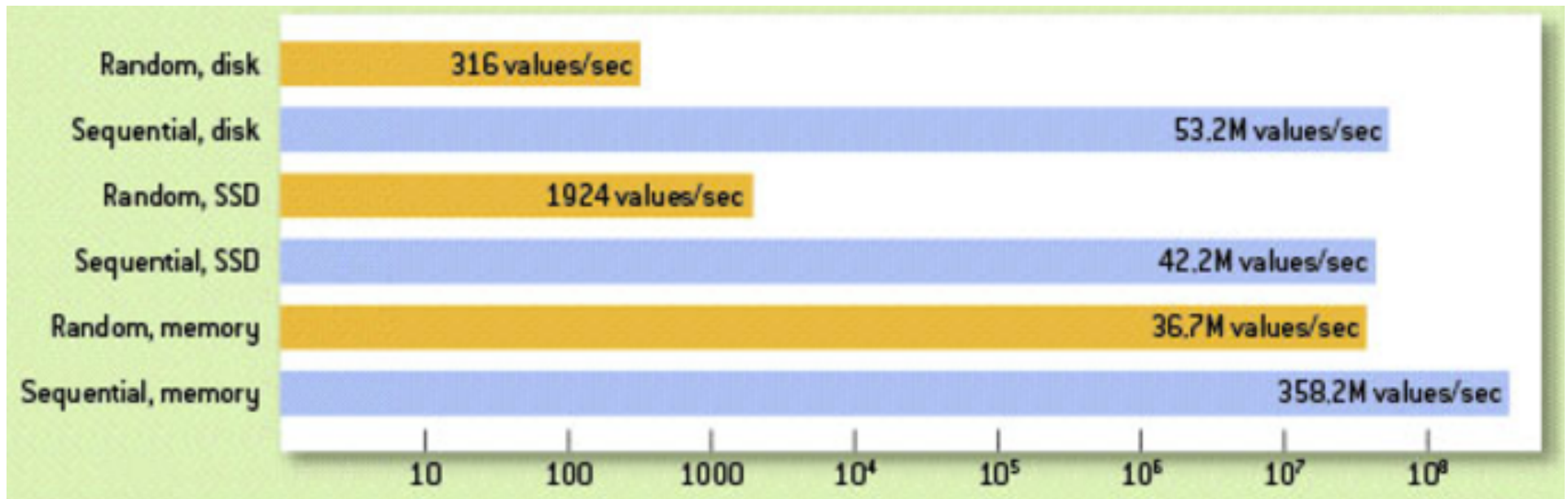
read                            ~150 MB/sec

write                           ~50 MB/sec

Key: reduce seek and rotational delays

HW & SW approaches

# # of 4 byte values read per second



5 orders of magnitude

# SSDs

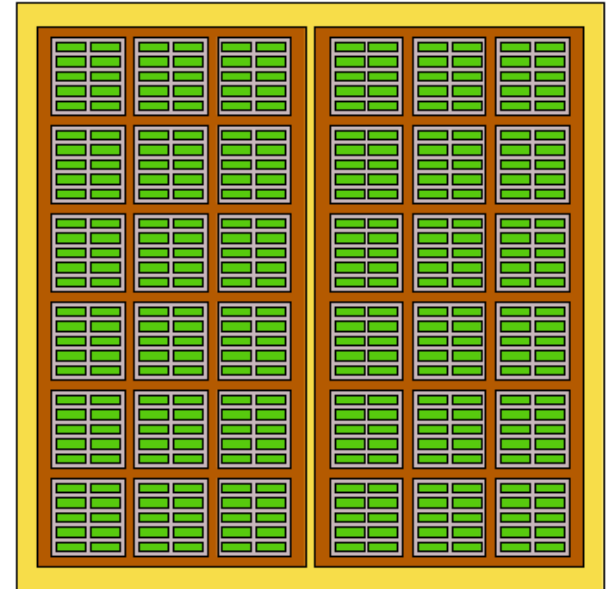
NAND memory

Small reads: 4-8k

Big writes: 1-2MB

2-3k writes before failure

wear leveling: distribute writes around



Write amplification: changing 4 bytes writes a 1-2MB chunk!

Need to think about wear, garbage collection, writing in bulk

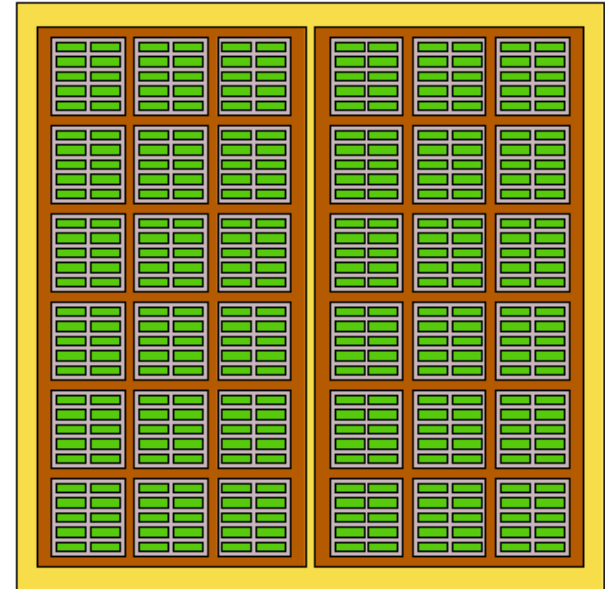
# SSDs

## Reads fast

- single read time: 0.03ms
- random reads: 500MB/s
- sequential reads: 525MB/s

## Writes less predictable

- single write time: 0.03ms
- random reads: 120MB/s
- sequential reads: 480MB/s



# What's Best? Depends on Application

## Small databases:

- All global daily weather since 1929: 20GB

- 2000 US Census: 200GB

- 2009 english wikipedia: 14GB

- Easily fits on an SSD or in RAM

## Very Big databases

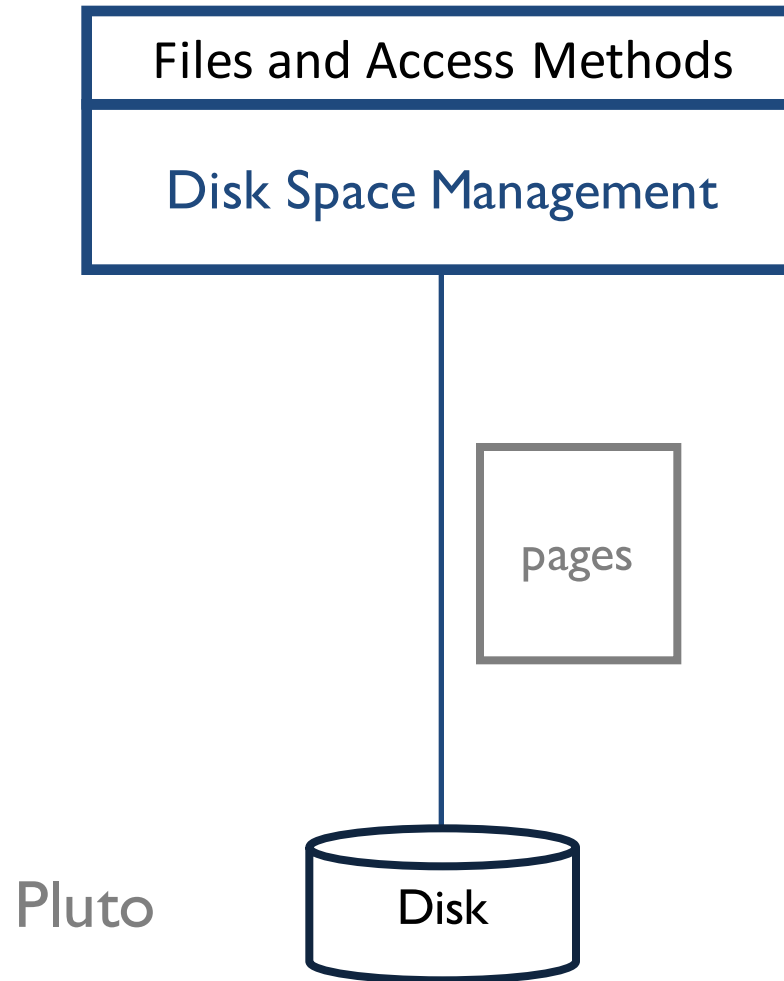
- Sensors easily generate TBs of data/day

- Boeing 787 generates 1/2 TB per flight

- Disk has best cost-capacity ratio

- SSDs help reduce read variance

# Work from the bottom up



# Strategies for Fast Data Access

Big difference between random & sequential access

- Optimize for sequential accesses

**Amortize:** sequentially read & write big chunks of bytes

**Cache** popular blocks

**Pre-fetch** what you will need later

API

- read/write page
- read/write sequential pages
- notion of “next” page

Big File

Files and Access Methods

Disk Space Management

OS File System

Disk

```
graph TD; A[Big File] --> B[Files and Access Methods]; B --> C[Disk Space Management]; C --> D[OS File System]; D --> E[(Disk)];
```

The diagram illustrates the data flow from a 'Big File' to a 'Disk'. At the top, a blue-outlined rounded rectangle labeled 'Big File' is connected by a vertical line to a stack of three rectangular boxes. The top box is 'Files and Access Methods', the middle is 'Disk Space Management', and the bottom is 'OS File System'. The 'OS File System' box has a thicker dark blue border. A vertical line connects the bottom of the 'OS File System' box to a cylinder labeled 'Disk' at the bottom.



Big File

Files and Access Methods

Disk Space Management

Big File  
part 1

OS File System

Disk

Big File  
part 2

OS File System

Disk

Big File  
part 3

OS File System

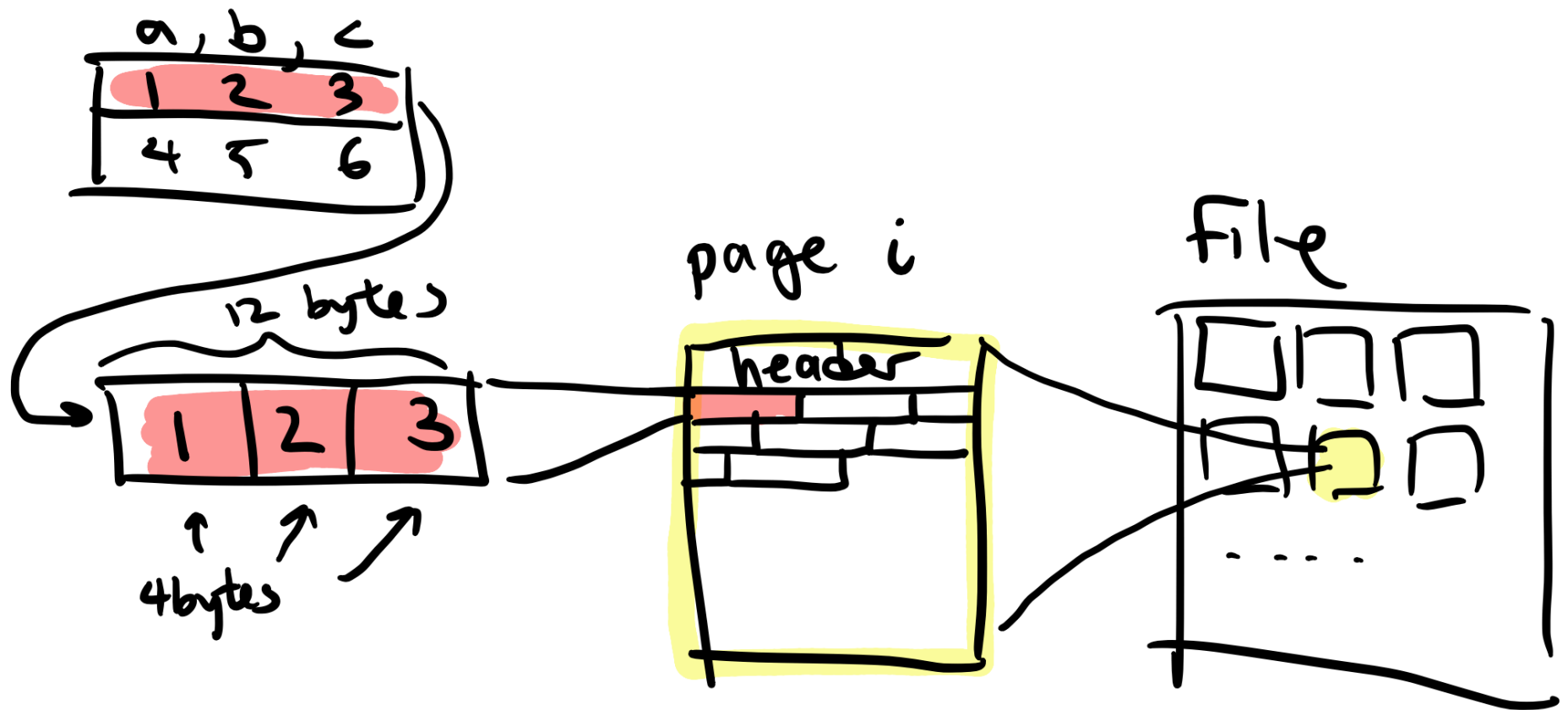
Disk

# PostgreSQL database stored in files

```
ewu@dyn-160-39-248-197 ~/d/p/base> cd 33883/
ewu@dyn-160-39-248-197 ~/d/p/b/33883> ls
112      12526      2601      2612      2659      2696      2840_vm   3456_fsm   3602
113      12528      2601_fsm  2612_fsm  2660      2699      2841      3456_vm   3602_fsm
1247     12529      2601_vm   2612_vm   2661      2701      2995      3466      3602_vm
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12518     2187      2608_vm   2650      2685      2836      3395      3598      827
12519     2328      2609      2651      2686      2836_vm   34002     3598_vm   828
12519_fsm 2328_vm   2609_fsm  2652      2687      2837      34004     3599      PG_VERSION
12519_vm  2336      2609_vm   2653      2688      2838      34004_fsm 3600      pg_filenode.map
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```

# Files

Logical relation



# Files

Higher layers want to talk in terms of records, and files of records

File: collection of pages

Minimum API:

- insert/delete/modify record

- lookup record\_id

- scan all records

Page: collection of records

- typically *fixed page sizes* (8 or 64kb in PostgreSQL)

These are logical.

Different page organizations in a file have different access costs

# Units that we'll care about

Ignore CPU cost

Ignore RAM cost

**B** # *data* pages on disk for relation

**R** # records per data page

**D** avg time to read/write data page to/from disk

Simplifies life when computing costs

OK to not be exactly correct

# Unordered Heap Files

Collection of records (no order)

As we add records, pages allocated

As we remove records, pages removed

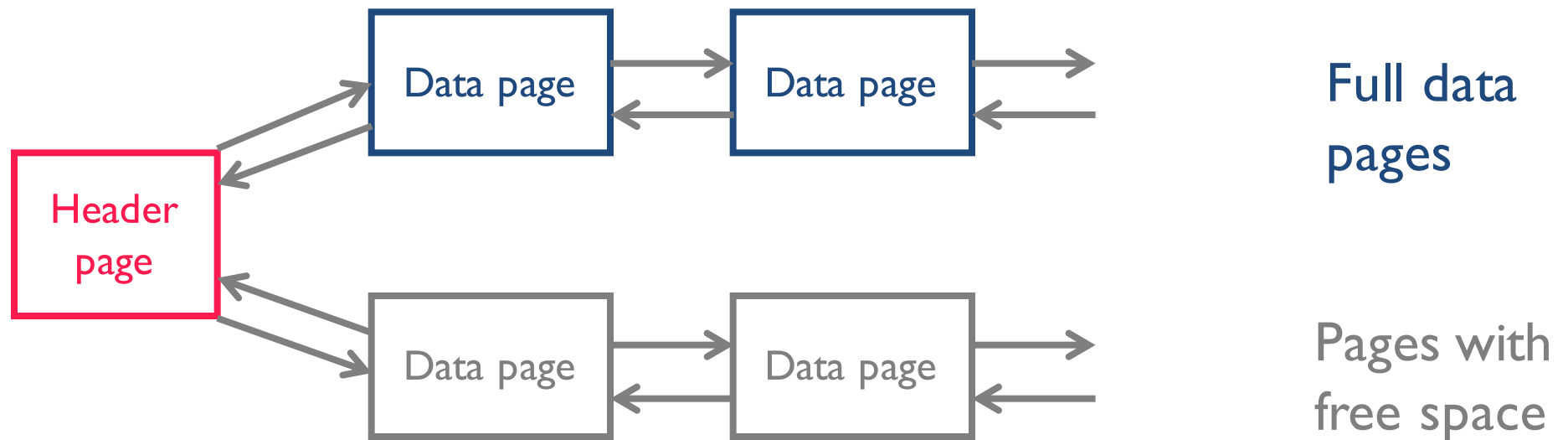
To support record level ops, need to track:

- pages in file

- free space on pages

- records on page

# Heap File



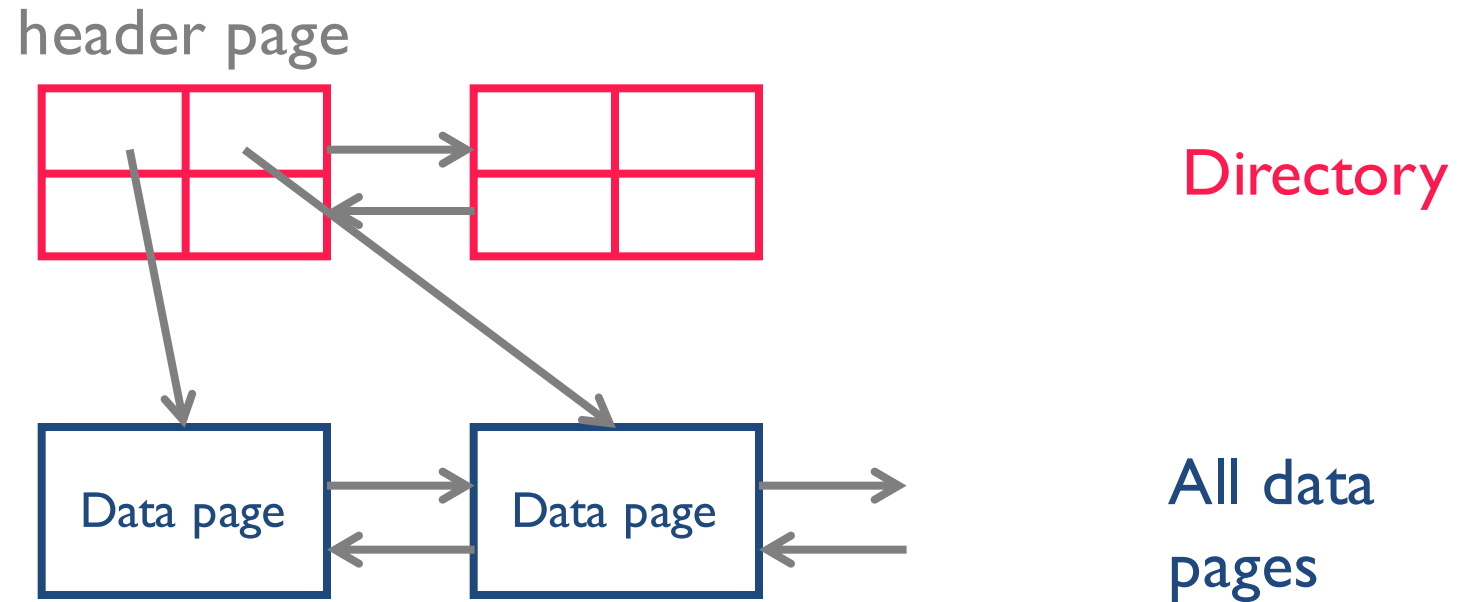
Header page info stored in catalog

Data page contains: 2 pointers, free space, data

Need to scan pages to answer any query

Which page has enough free space for 100 bytes?

# Use a directory



Directory entries track # free bytes on data pages

Directory is collection of pages



# Indexes

“If I had eight hours to chop down a tree,  
I'd spend six sharpening my ax.”

*Abraham Lincoln*

# Indexes

Heap files answers any query via a sequential scan

Queries use *qualifications* (predicates)

find students here class = “CS”

find students with age > 10

Indexes: file structures for value-based queries

B+-tree index (~1970s)

Hash index

Overview! Details in 4112

# Indexes

Defined wrt a *search key*

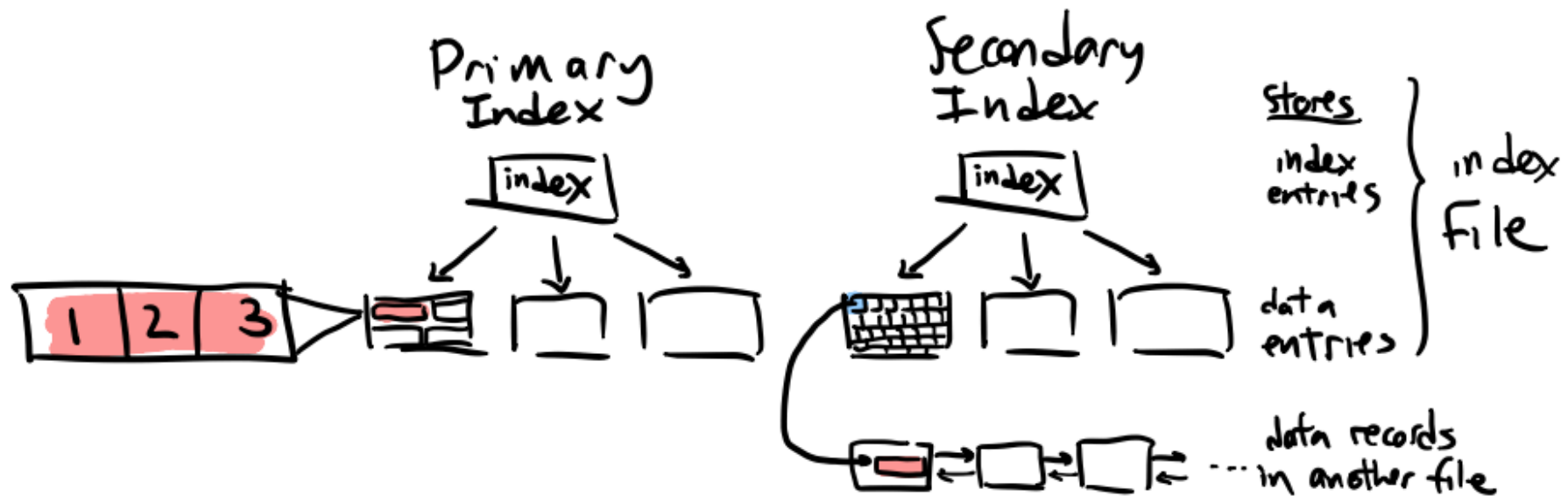
no relation to candidate keys!

Faster access for WHERE clauses w/ search key

```
CREATE INDEX idx1 ON users USING btree (sid)
CREATE INDEX idx2 ON users USING hash  (sid)
CREATE INDEX idx3 ON users USING btree (age,name)
```

You will play around with indexes in HW4

# Primary vs Secondary Index Files



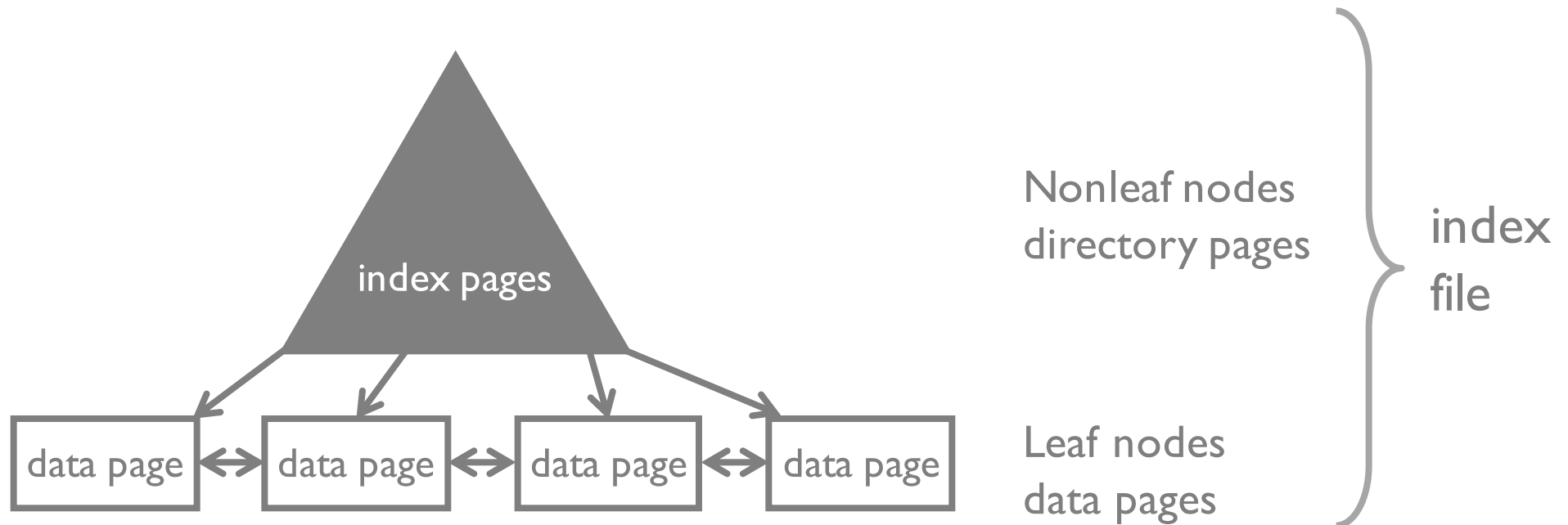
Primary: data entries contain data records in another file

Pros: directly access data

Secondary: data entries contain pointers  $\langle \text{search key value, rid} \rangle$

Pros: index is more compact

# B+ Tree Index



Supports equality and range queries on search key

Self balancing

Leaf nodes are connected

Disk optimized

Node = Page

Height is with respect to directory pages. Height 1 = root page + leaf nodes

# B+ Tree on (age)

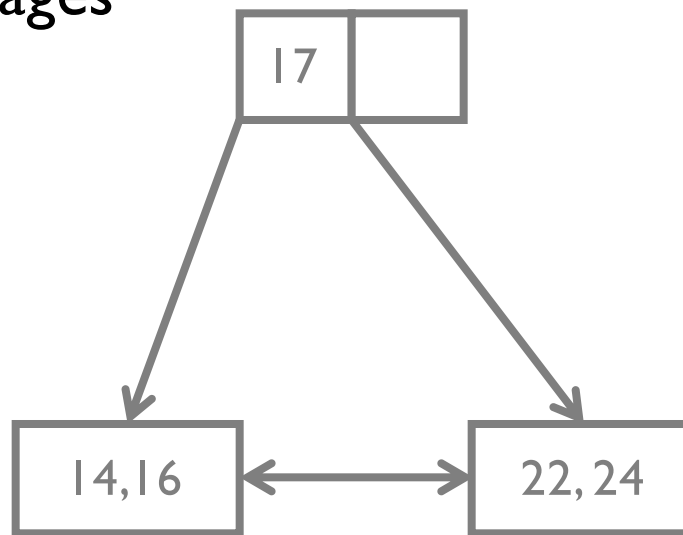
Non-leaf Directory pages

m index entries

m+1 pointers

Leaf Data pages

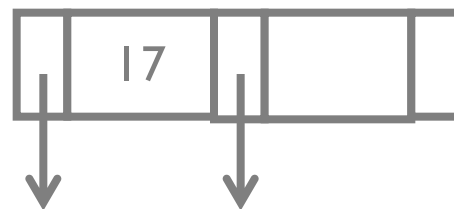
data entries/tuples



index & data  
page contents  
are in order

Query: `SELECT * WHERE age= 14`

directory page



# Index Only Queries: B+ Tree on (age)

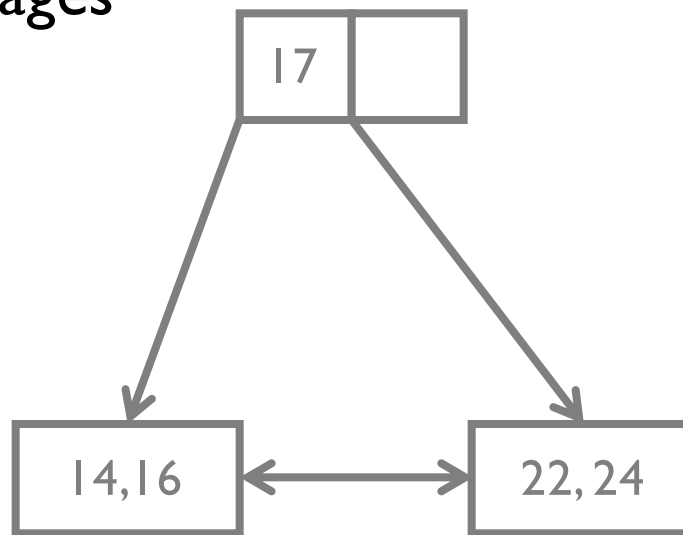
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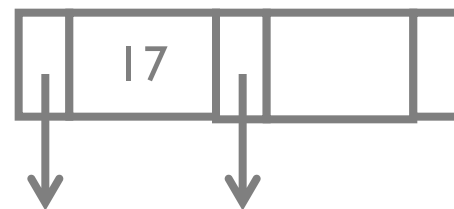
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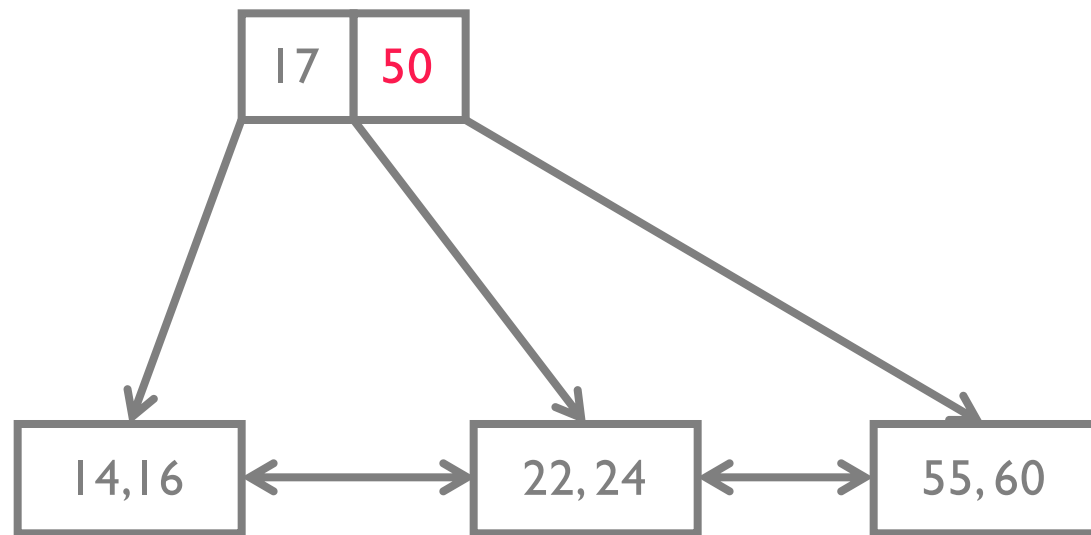
Query: **SELECT age WHERE age > 14**  
(index only!)

directory page



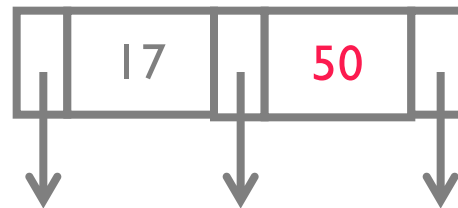
# B+ Tree on (age)

Note: 50 not a  
data entry



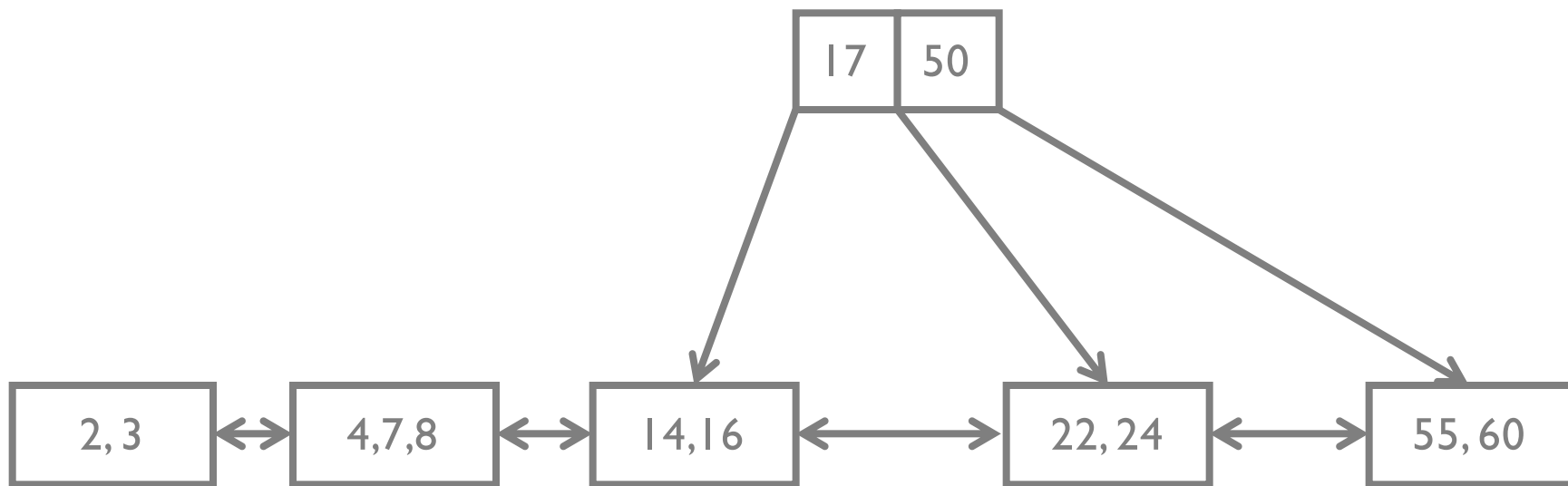
Query: `SELECT * WHERE age = 55`

directory page

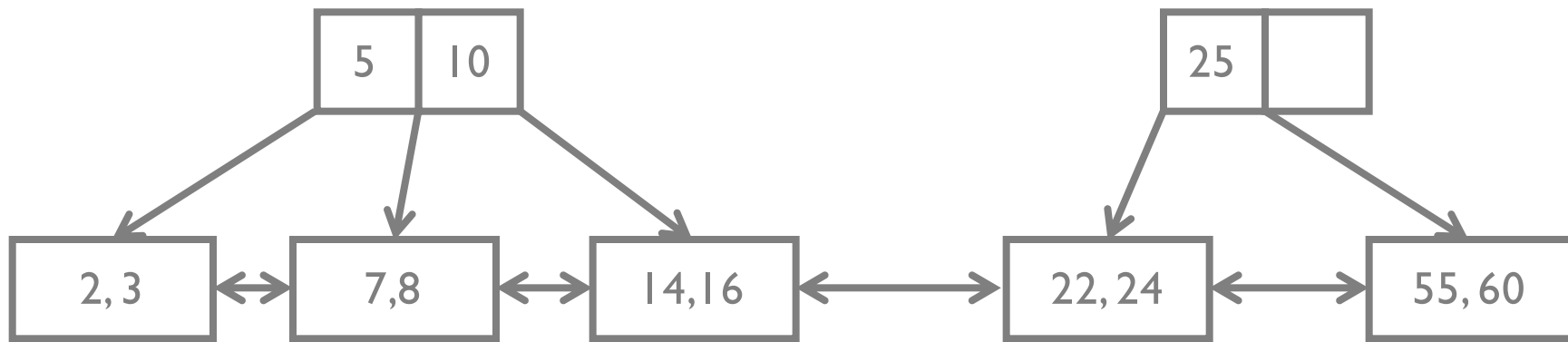




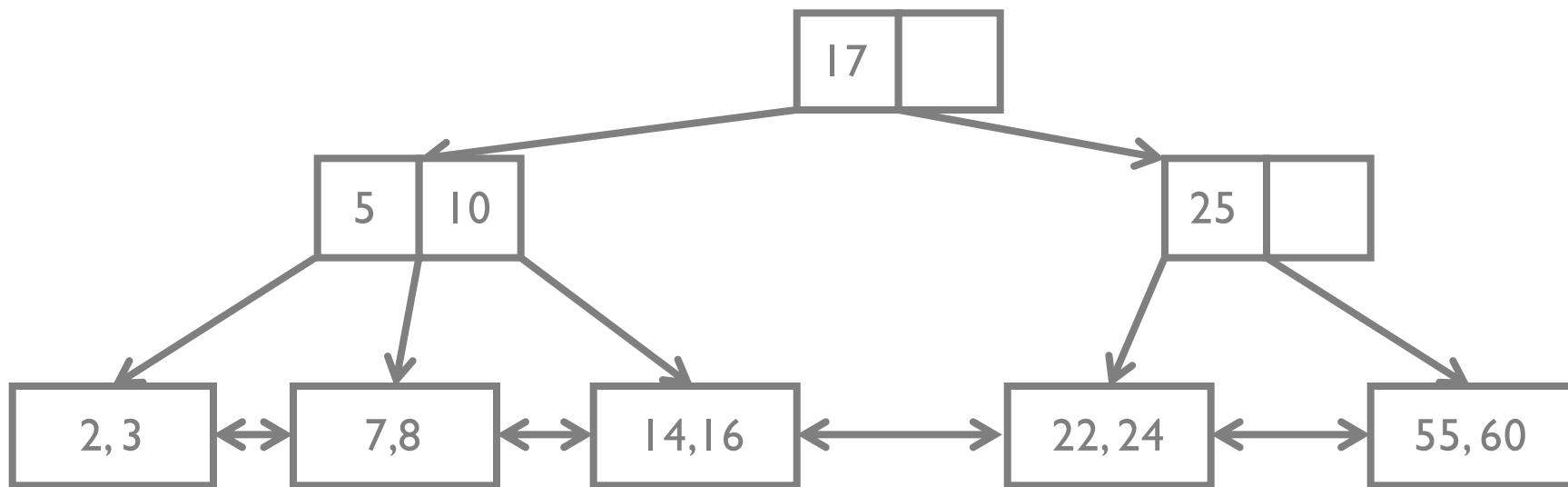
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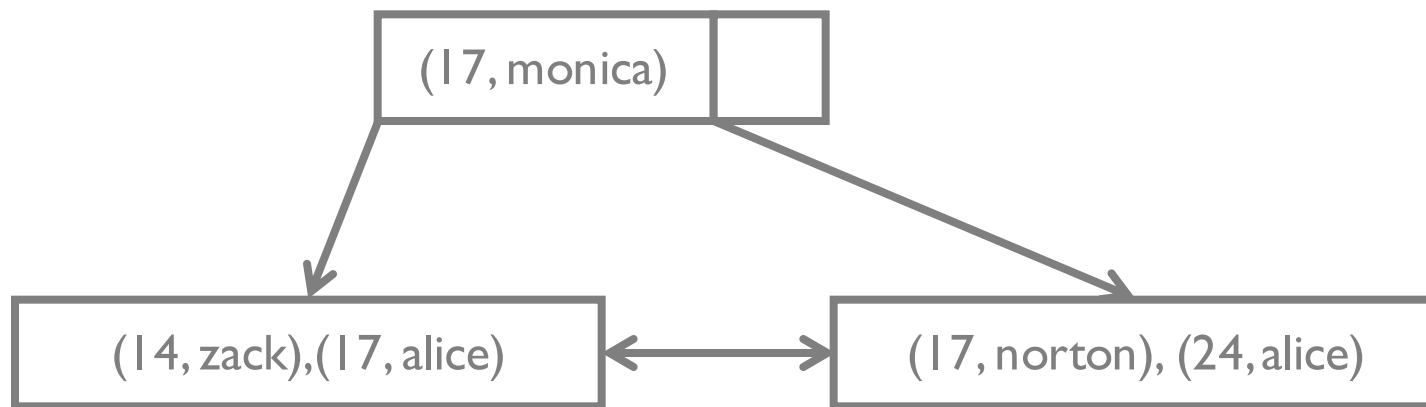


# B+ Tree on (age)



Query: **SELECT \* WHERE age > 20**

# B+ Tree on (age, name)



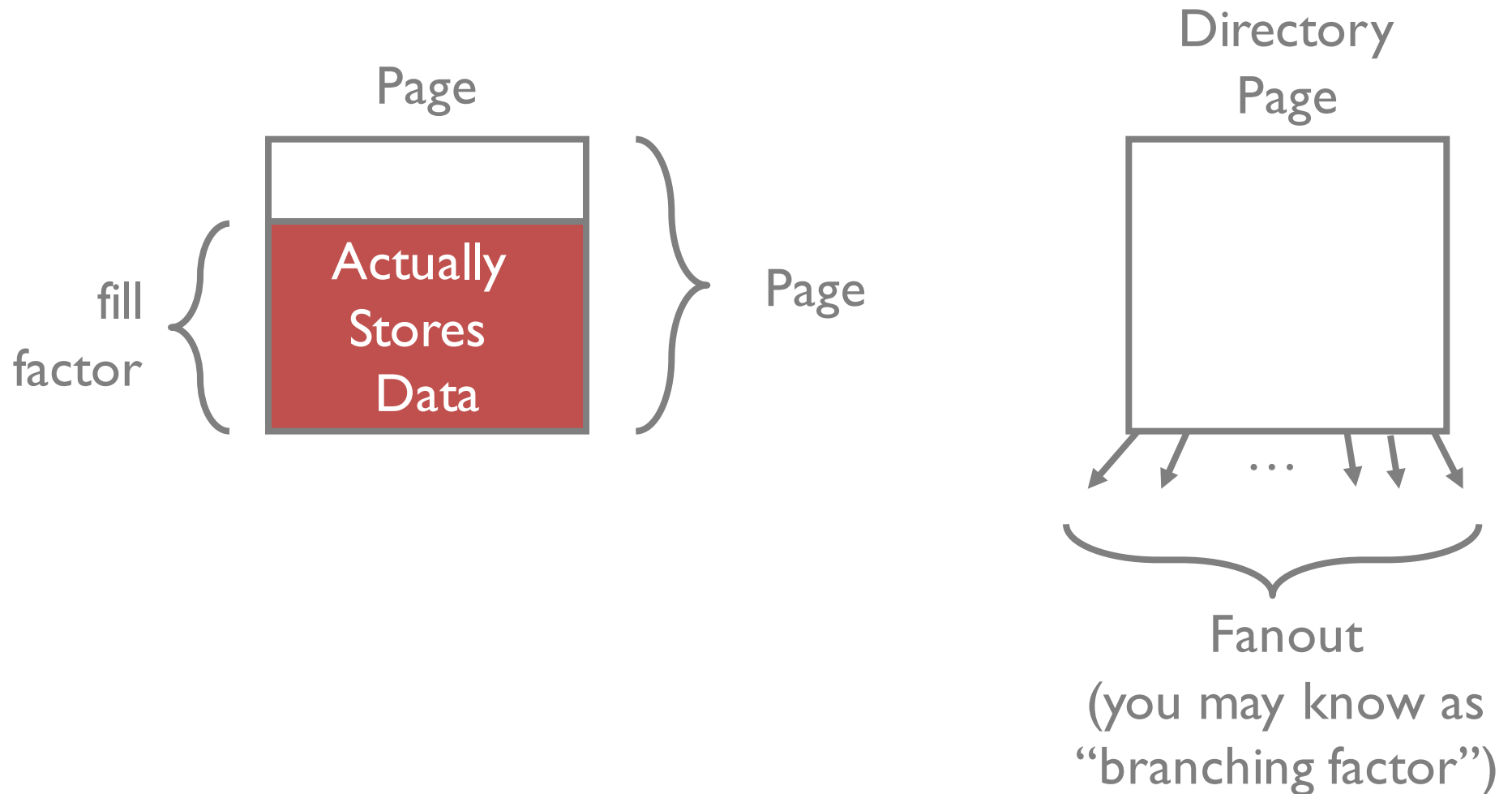
How do the following queries use the index on (age, name)?

SELECT age      WHERE age = 14

SELECT \*        WHERE age < 18 AND name < 'monica'

SELECT age      WHERE name = 'bobby'

# Terminology



# Some numbers (8kb pages)

How many levels?

fill-factor: ~66%

~300 entries per directory page

height 2:  $300^3 \sim 27$  Million entries

height 3:  $300^4 \sim 8.1$  Billion entries

Top levels often in memory

height 2 only 300 pages ~2.4MB

height 3 only 90k pages ~750MB

# Hash Index on age

Hash function

$$h(v) = v \% 3$$

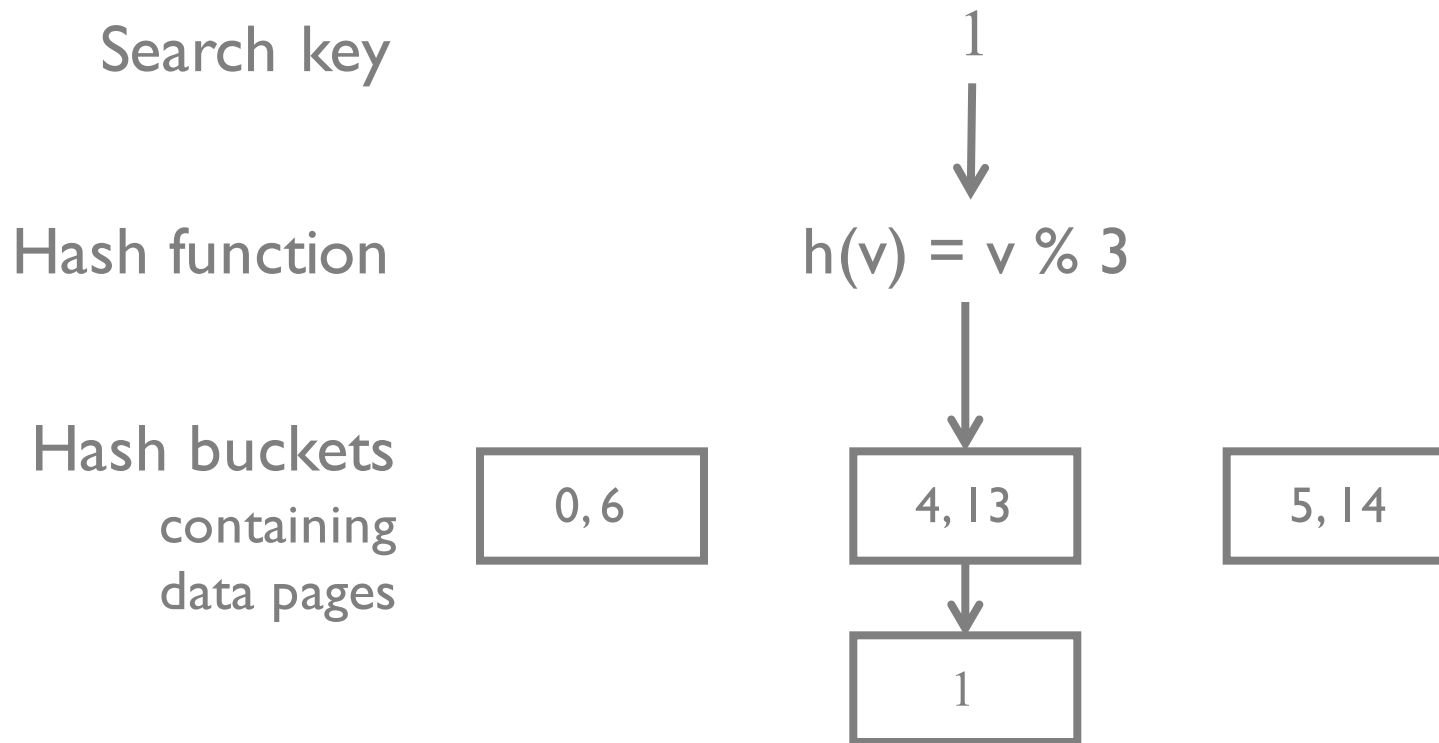
Hash buckets  
containing  
data pages

0, 6

4, 13

5, 14

# INSERT Hash Index on age





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Search key

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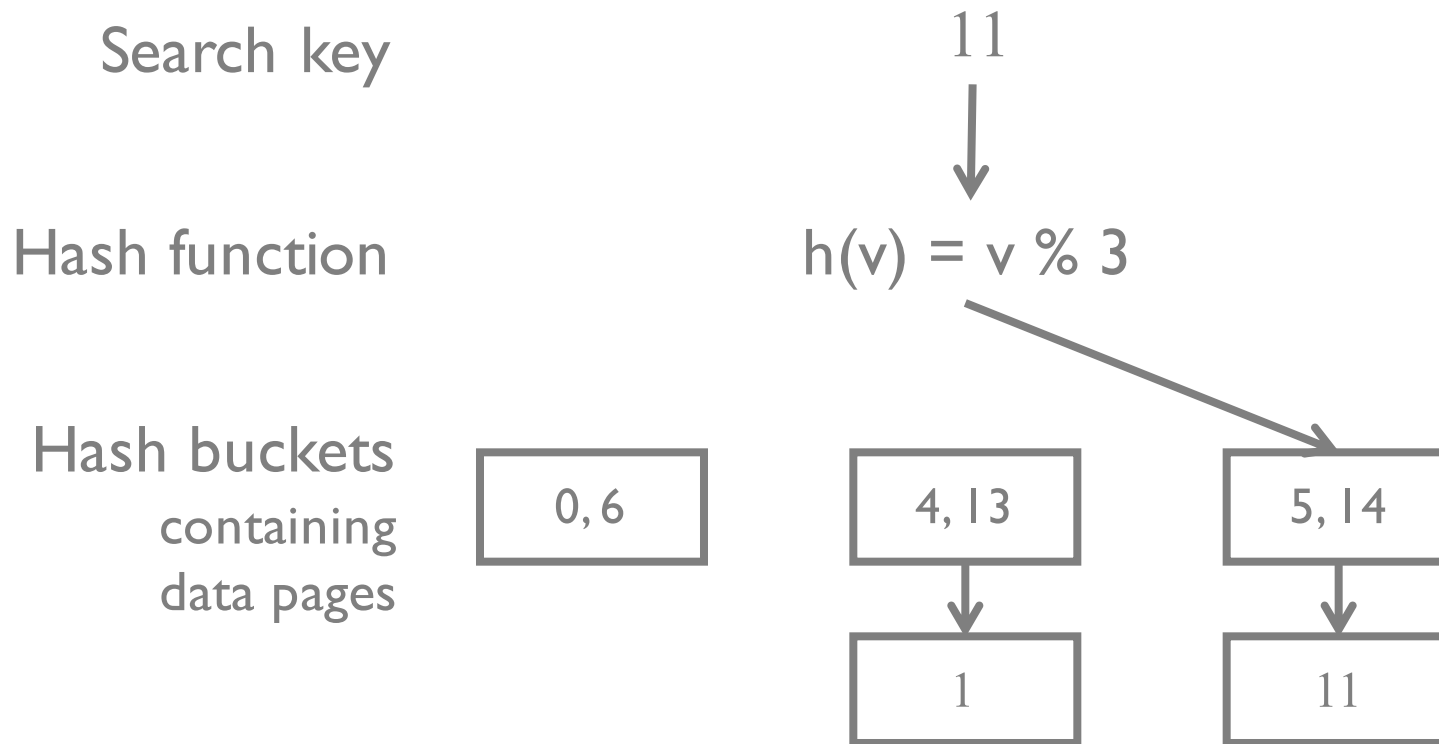
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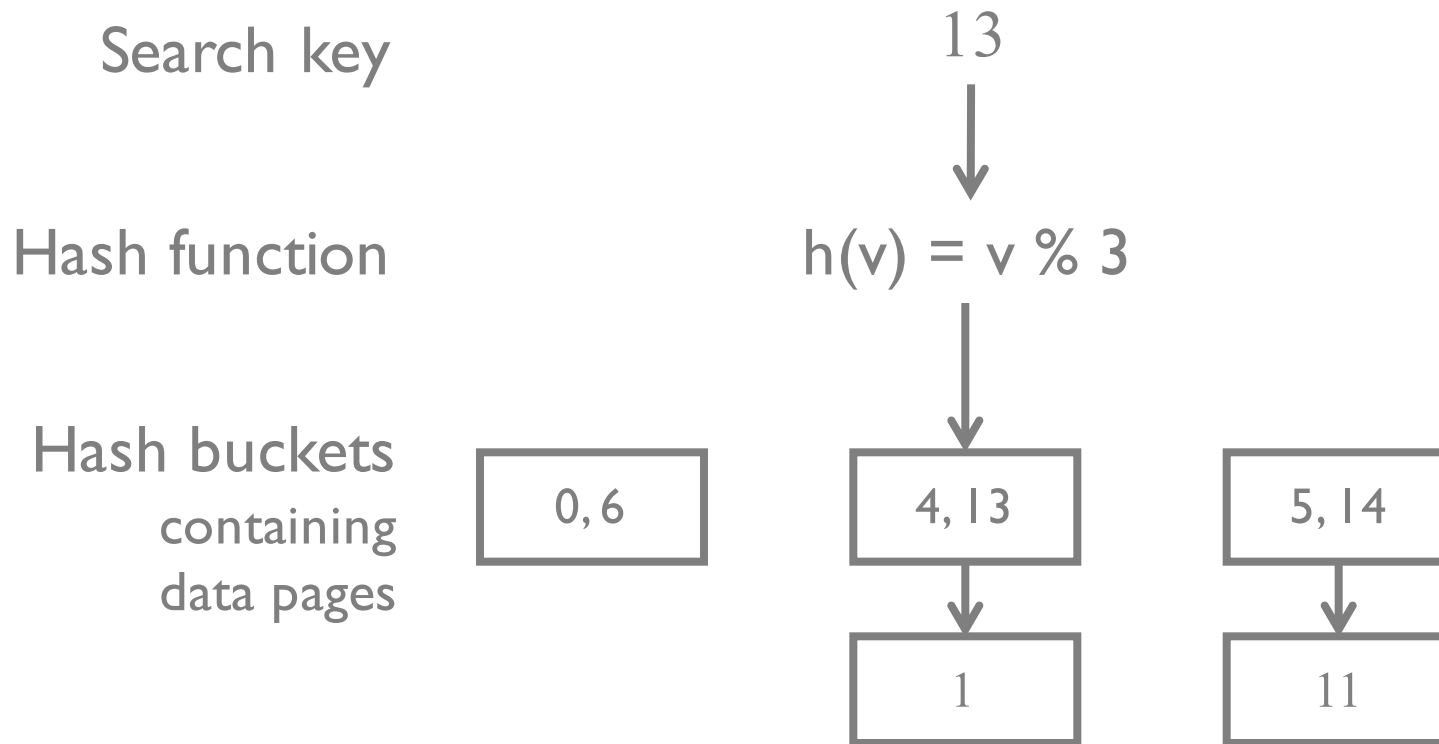


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# INSERT Hash Index on age



# SEARCH Hash Index on age



Good for equality selections

Index = data pages + overflow data pages

Hash function  $h(v)$  takes as input the *search key*

# Costs

Three file types

Heap, B+ Tree, Hash

Operations we care about

Scan all data     `SELECT * FROM R`

Equality            `SELECT * FROM R WHERE x = I`

Range              `SELECT * FROM R WHERE x > 10 and x < 50`

Insert record

Delete record

	Heap File	Sorted Heap	B+ Tree	Hash
Scan everything				
Equality				
Range				
Insert				
Delete				

**B** # data pages

**D** time to read/write page

**M** # pages in range query

	Heap File	Sorted Heap	B+ Tree	Hash
Scan everything	BD			
Equality	0.5BD			
Range	BD			
Insert	2D			
Delete	Search + D			

## Heap File

equality on a key. How many results?

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Scan everything	BD	BD		
Equality	0.5BD	$D(\log_2 B)$		
Range	BD	$D(\log_2 B + M)$		
Insert	2D	Search + BD		
Delete	Search + D	Search + BD		

## Heap File

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## Sorted File

files compacted after deletion

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	Heap File	Sorted Heap	B+ Tree	Hash
Scan everything	BD	BD	1.25BD	
Equality	0.5BD	$D(\log_2 B)$	$D(\log_{80} B + 1)$	
Range	BD	$D(\log_2 B + M)$	$D(\log_{80} B + M)$	
Insert	2D	Search + BD	$D(\log_{80} B)$	
Delete	Search + D	Search + BD	$D(\log_{80} B)$	

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## B+ Tree

100 entries/directory page

80% fill factor

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Delete	Search + D	Search + BD	$D(\log_{80} B)$	2D

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## Hash index

no overflow

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# Where do B, D, M come from?

Estimated from more basic info

Assuming:

- fanout = number of directory entries
- pointer in secondary index same size as directory entry

Given:

- p: page size
- r: record size
- d: directory entry size
- f: fill factor
- n: # records

Estimate for primary and secondary index:

- size
- height
- access cost

# Primary B+ Index

$p = 100$	records/page	$p / r = 10$
$r = 10$	direntries/page	$p / d = 20$
$d = 5$	fanout:	20
$f = 100\%$	# data pages	$n/(p/r) = 800$
$n = 8000$	height	$\log_{20} 1000 = 3$

Cost to look up a single record is  
3 for directory pages + 1 data page

# Secondary B+ Index

$p = 100$	records/page	$p / r = 10$
$r = 10$	direntries/page	$p / d = 20$
$d = 5$	fanout:	20
$f = 100\%$	# data pages	$n/(p/d) = 400$
$n = 8000$	height	2

Cost to look up a single record is  
1 for directory pages + 1 data page + 1 pointer lookup

# How to pick?

Depends on your queries (workload)

Which relations?

Which attributes?

Which types of predicates ( $=$ ,  $<$ ,  $>$ )

*Selectivity*

Insert/delete/update queries? how many?

# How to choose indexes?

## Considerations

which relations should have indexes?

on what attributes?

how many indexes?

what type of index (hash/tree)?

# Naïve Algorithm

get query workload

group queries by type

for each query type in order of importance

    calculate best cost using current indexes

    if new index IDX will further reduce cost

        create IDX

## Why not create every index?

update queries slowed down (upkeep costs)

takes up space

# High level guidelines

Check the WHERE clauses

- attributes in WHERE are search/index keys

- equality predicate → hash index

- range predicate → tree index

Multi-attribute search keys supported

- order of attributes matters for range queries

- may enable queries that don't look at data pages (*index-only*)



# Summary

Design depends on economics, access cost ratios

Disk still dominant wrt cost/capacity ratio

Many physical layouts for files

same APIs, difference performance

remember physical independence

## Indexes

Structures to speed up read queries

Multiple indexes possible

Decision depends on workload

# Things to Know

- How a hard drive works and its major performance characteristics
- The storage hierarchy and rough performance differences between RAM, SSD, Hard drives
- What files, pages, and records are, and how they are different than the UNIX model
- Heap File data structure
- B+ tree and Hash indexes
- Performance characteristics of different file organizations