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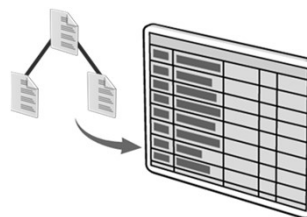
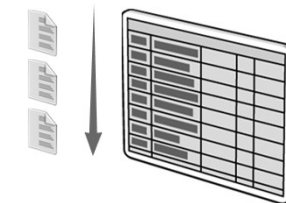
Planning Indexes

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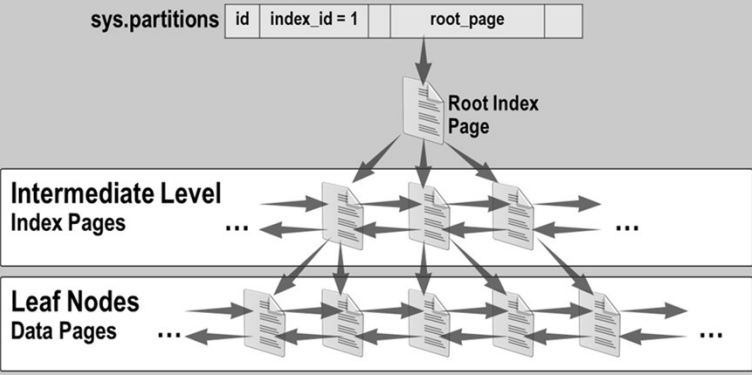
How SQL Server Accesses Data

- Table scan
 - SQL Server reads all table pages
- Index
 - SQL Server uses index pages to find rows
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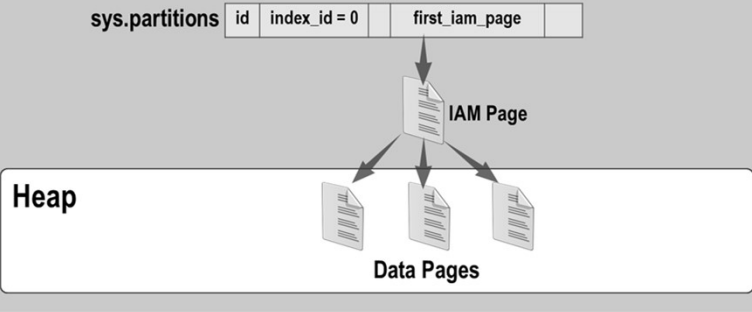
What Is a Clustered Index?

- One clustered index per table
- B-tree stores data pages in order of index key



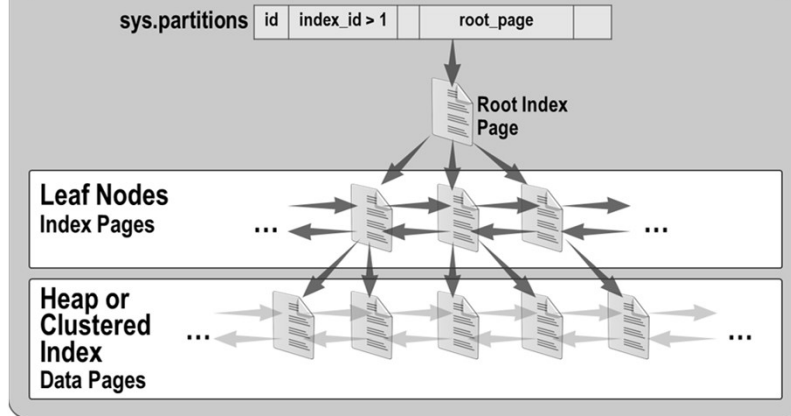
What Is a Heap?

- A table without a clustered index
- Pages stored in no particular order



What Is a Nonclustered Index?

- B-tree references underlying heap or clustered index
- Up to 249 nonclustered indexes per table



Creating Indexes

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Overview of Creating Indexes

```
CREATE [ UNIQUE ] [ CLUSTERED | NONCLUSTERED ]  
INDEX index_name ON { table | view } ( column [ ASC | DESC  
] [ ,...n ] )  
INCLUDE ( column [ ,...n ] )  
[WITH option [ ,...n ] ]  
[ON {partition_scheme (column) | filegroup | "default" } ]
```


WITH option	Purpose
ALLOW_ROW_LOCKS	Enables/disables row-level locks on index
ALLOW_PAGE_LOCKS	Enables/disables page-level locks on index
ONLINE	Enables/disables access to index during creation
FILLFACTOR	Controls free space on leaf-level pages
PAD_INDEX	Controls free space on non-leaf-level pages

What Are Unique Indexes?

Ensures no duplicate values in index key

```
CREATE UNIQUE NONCLUSTERED INDEX [AK_Employee_LoginID]  
ON [HumanResources].[Employee] ( [LoginID] ASC)
```

EmployeeID	LoginID	Gender	MaritalStatus	...
216	mike0	M	S	...
231	fukiko0	M	M	...
242	pat0	M	S	...
...				
291	pat0	F	S	...



Duplicate key value not allowed

Considerations for Creating Indexes with Multiple Columns

‣ **Composite indexes**

- **Include up to 16 columns and 900 bytes in key**
- **Define most unique column first**

```
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX K_Contact_LastName_FirstName
ON Person.Contact ( LastName ASC, FirstName ASC)
```

‣ **Included columns**

- **Nonkey columns included in index**
- **Improve query “coverage” and therefore performance**

```
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX AK_Employee_LoginID
ON HumanResources.Employee ( LoginID ASC)
INCLUDE ( ContactID, NationalIDNumber)
```



When to Create Indexes on Computed Columns

- **You can create indexes on computed columns when:**
- **Expression is deterministic and precise**
- **ANSI_NULLS connection-level option is ON**
- **Column does not evaluate to the text, ntext, or image data types**
- **Required options are set to ON when index is created and when changes cause index to update**
- **NUMERIC_ROUNDABORT option is set to OFF**

```
Query optimizer might ignore an index on a computed column
```



Options for Incorporating Free Space in Indexes Server-Level Roles

- Availability of free space affects performance of index updates
- FILLFACTOR determines the amount of free space on leaf nodes
 - Use low FILLFACTOR for OLTP applications
 - Use high FILLFACTOR for OLAP applications
- PAD_FILL determines the amount of free space on non-leaf index nodes

```
CREATE UNIQUE NONCLUSTERED INDEX [AK_Employee_LoginID]
ON [HumanResources].[Employee] ( [LoginID] ASC)
WITH ( FILLFACTOR = 65, PAD_INDEX = ON)
```



Index Fragmentation

- How fragmentation occurs
 - SQL Server reorganizes index pages when data is modified and causes index pages to split
- Types of fragmentation
 - Internal – Pages are not full
 - External – Pages are out of logical sequence
- Detecting fragmentation
 - SQL Server Management Studio – Index Properties window
 - System function – sys.dm_db_index_physical_stats



Options for Defragmenting Indexes

- ▶ **<= 30% fragmentation = Reorganize**

```
ALTER INDEX AK_Product_Name ON Production.Product  
REORGANIZE
```

- ▶ **> 30% fragmentation = Rebuild**

```
ALTER INDEX AK_Product_Name ON Production.Product  
REBUILD
```

