

5-way BTree Example

Format of Data Nodes

TP[0]	KV[0]	TP[1]	KV[1]	TP[2]	KV[2]	TP[3]	KV[3]	TP[4]
DRP [0]		DRP [1]		DRP [2]		DRP [3]		

where TP is a TreePointer (ChildPtr) - pointing to another node in this tree (i.e., that node's RRN)
KV is a Key/Value – the field on which this INDEX is based (e.g., Code, SSN, WIN, Title)
DRP is a DataRecordPointer - pointing to a node in the actual main DATA File (i.e., its RRN)

NOTES:

1. This is a “conceptual view” of the tree/nodes, not the actual physical view
2. Valid KVs (and their DRPs and surrounding TPs) are always **left-justified** within a node, with empty KVs (and their DRPs & TPs) filling the right end of the node
3.]]] is used to indicate an “**empty**” (unused) KV with 00 for its corresponding DRP and -1 for the **next** TP. (These would always be on the right end of the node). This value is used (rather than 3 spaces) because the char ']' is greater than any standard ASCII character code (a-z, A-Z, 0-9, etc.) (based on the standard 7-bit ASCII code table). Thus the]]] will thus act as a “MaxValue” in key-comparisons – assuming the program code uses an ASCII-based comparison operator (e.g., in C#, string.CompareOrdinal, but NOT Compare or CompareTo). This then eliminates the “special case” handling when searching a node.
4. BTree nodes are always at least half-full (because of the INSERT algorithm), except for the root node which may be as small as a single KV/DRP pair (with 2 TPs) with empty padding on the right.

Header Node Data: M = 05, RootPtr = 011, N = 022

NOTE: RRNs for B Tree nodes start at 1, not 0

[RRN 11]	ROOT NODE							
03	CON	05	IMP	10	SAT	14	]]]	-1
18		10		06		00		

[RRN 03]	LEVEL 2 NODE							
18	AND	01	ART	09	BEG	02	BUN	06
09		07		43		44		

[RRN 05]	LEVEL 2 NODE							
17	DVD	04	FIT	12	HAT	22	]]]	-1
26		11		59		00		

[RRN 10]	LEVEL 2 NODE							
08	JET	07	RAT	21	]]]	-1	]]]	-1
17		35		00		00		

[RRN 14]	LEVEL 2 NODE							
15	TON	16	USE	20	WAN	13	YOU	19
65		64		31		30		

5 LEAF NODES (L-to-R children of RRN 03 node)

[RRN 18]	-1	ALL	-1	AMY	-1	]]]	-1	]]]	-1
40		45		00		00			

[RRN 01]	-1	ANN	-1	ANT	-1	APT	-1	ARE	-1
03		04		19		01			

[RRN 09]	-1	BAM	-1	BAT	-1	]]]	-1	]]]	-1
42		41		00		00			

[RRN 02]	-1	BOT	-1	BUG	-1	]]]	-1	]]]	-1
05		02		00		00			

[RRN 06]	-1	CAM	-1	CAT	-1	]]]	-1	]]]	-1
20		21		00		00			

4 LEAF NODES (L-to-R children of RRN 05 node)

[RRN 17]	-1	CPU	-1	DAT	-1	DIP	-1	DOG	-1
47		23		70		46			

[RRN 04]	-1	EEL	-1	EGG	-1	FAN	-1	FAT	-1
22		69		16		48			

[RRN 12]	-1	GET	-1	GIG	-1	GOT	-1	HAM	-1
15		24		58		68			

[RRN 22]	-1	HIP	-1	HOP	-1	HOT	-1	ICE	-1
25		57		12		67			

3 LEAF NODES (L-to-R children of RRN 10 node)

[RRN 08]	-1	INK	-1	ITS	-1	JAM	-1	]]]	-1
37		60		14		00			

[RRN 07]	-1	NOT	-1	ONE	-1	OWN	-1	RAM	-1
49		66		13		27			

[RRN 21]	-1	RED	-1	ROM	-1	SAM	-1	]]]	-1
50		28		36		00			

5 LEAF NODES (L-to-R children of RRN 14 node)

[RRN 15]	-1	SUN	-1	SYS	-1	TAN	-1	THE	-1
51		38		39		08			

[RRN 16]	-1	TWO	-1	USA	-1	]]]	-1	]]]	-1
34		29		00		00			

[RRN 20]	-1	VAT	-1	VEG	-1	]]]	-1	]]]	-1
52		53		00		00			

[RRN 13]	-1	WEB	-1	WOW	-1	WWW	-1	YES	-1
55		54		33		61			

[RRN 19]	-1	YUP	-1	ZAK	-1	ZEN	-1	ZIP	-1
56		63		32		62			