Database Systems Lab

SESSION 4

Table scan: Linear search on a non-indexed field

In this lab session, you will build search in Personal Data Store (PDS) based on a non-indexed field. You are expected to read the data from the data file one block at a time and do a linear search in each block until the requisite record is found.

Main PDS functions

A) pds_open

No change from Session 3

B) put_rec_by_key

No change from Session 3

C) get_rec_by_key rename to get_rec_by_ndx_key

No change from Session 3

D) pds_close

No change from Session 3

E) get_rec_by_non_ndx_key

This is a new search function you need to add to PDS for the purpose of searching based on a key field on which an index does not exist. This function actually does a full table scan by reading the data file until the desired record is found.

G) contact.c changes

Add the following functions to contact.c

```
// Use get_rec_by_non_ndx_key function to search contact
int search_contact_by_phone( struct Contact *c, char *phone );

//Return 0 if phone of the contact matches with phone parameter
// Return 1 if phone of the contact does NOT match
// Return > 1 in case of any other error
int match_contact_phone( struct Contact *c, char *phone );
```

Testing

1. Use the contact loader program given to you for loading a large number of records into PDS.

2. Test your program with various RETRIEVE functions with the help of modified pds_tester.c given to you.

Submission

- a. A driver program called pds_tester is given to you. This file takes a file with commands such as (CREATE, STORE, RETRIEVE, OPEN, CLOSE) inside.
- b. Test your program thoroughly with the driver program
- c. Upload the source file to LMS in the form of a zip file