Designing an Index for ZooDB

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Outline

- an open source object database written in Java
- JDO standard compliant
- 4 times faster than competitor db4o
- `zoodb.org`

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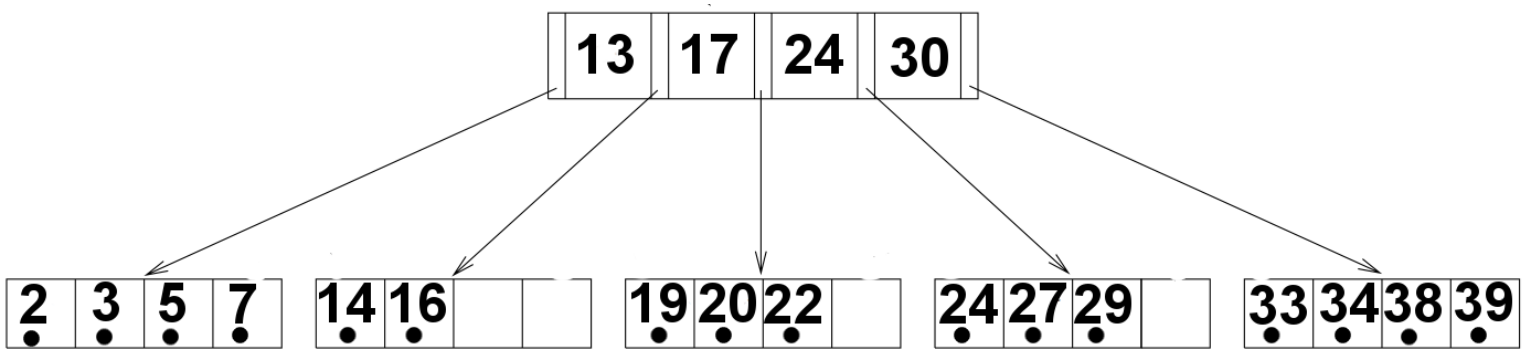

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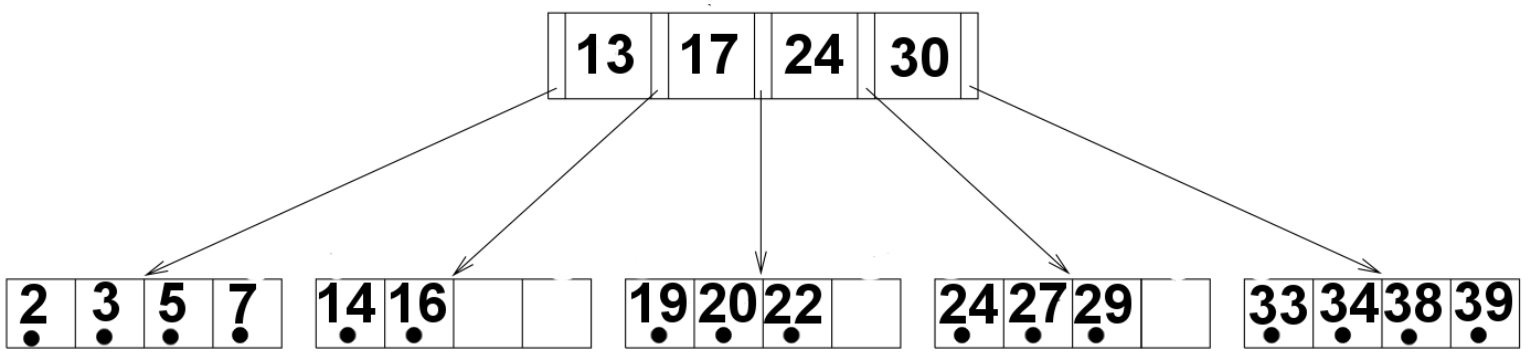

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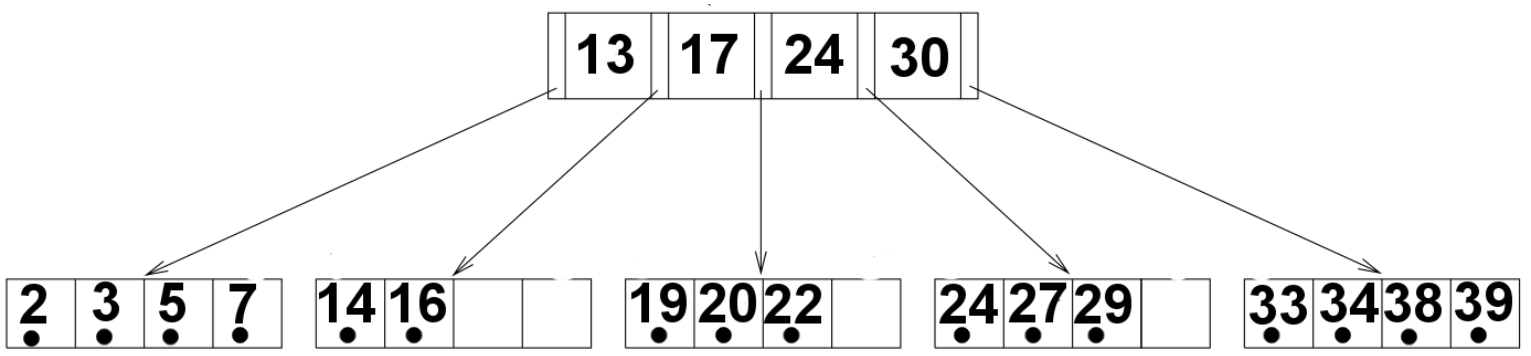

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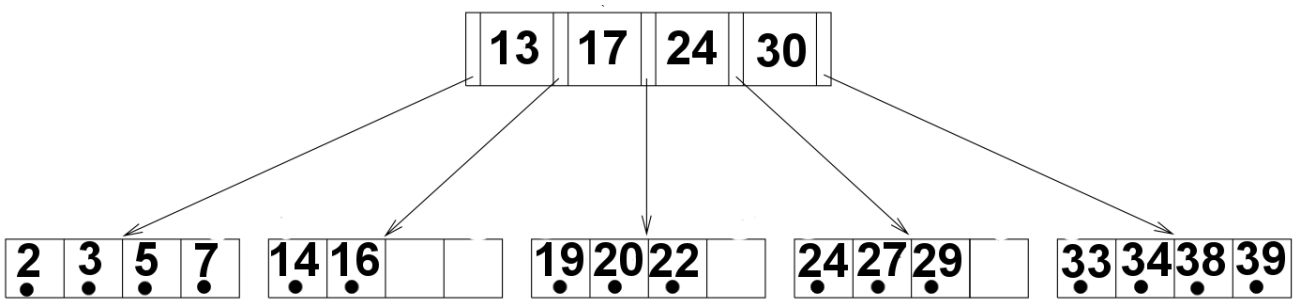

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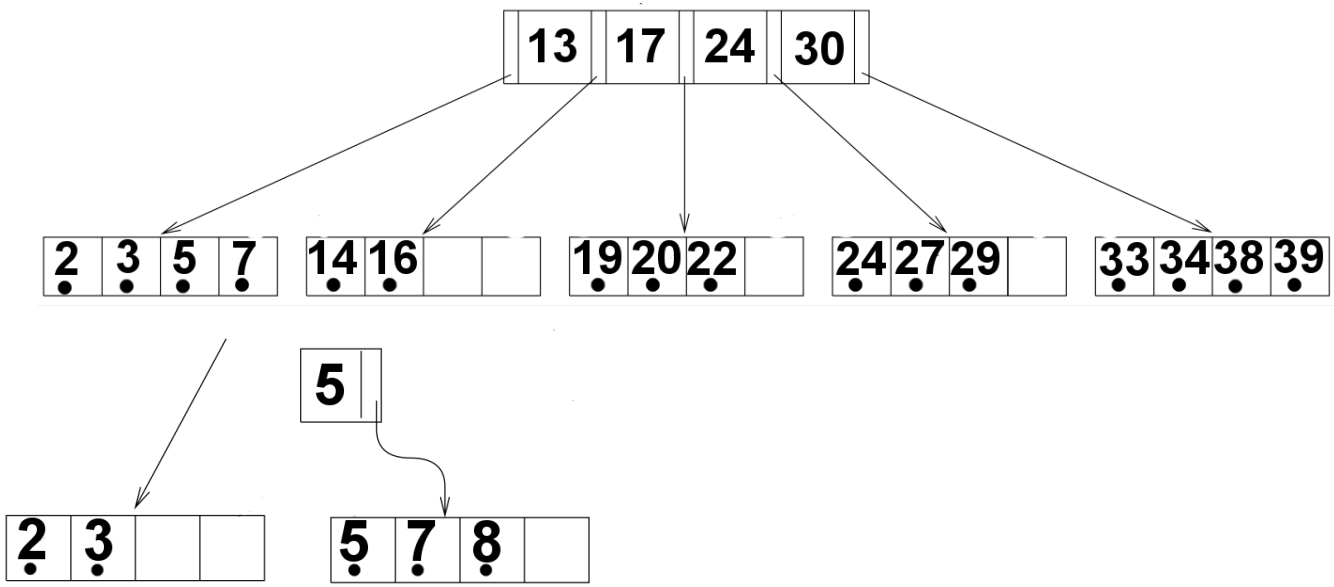

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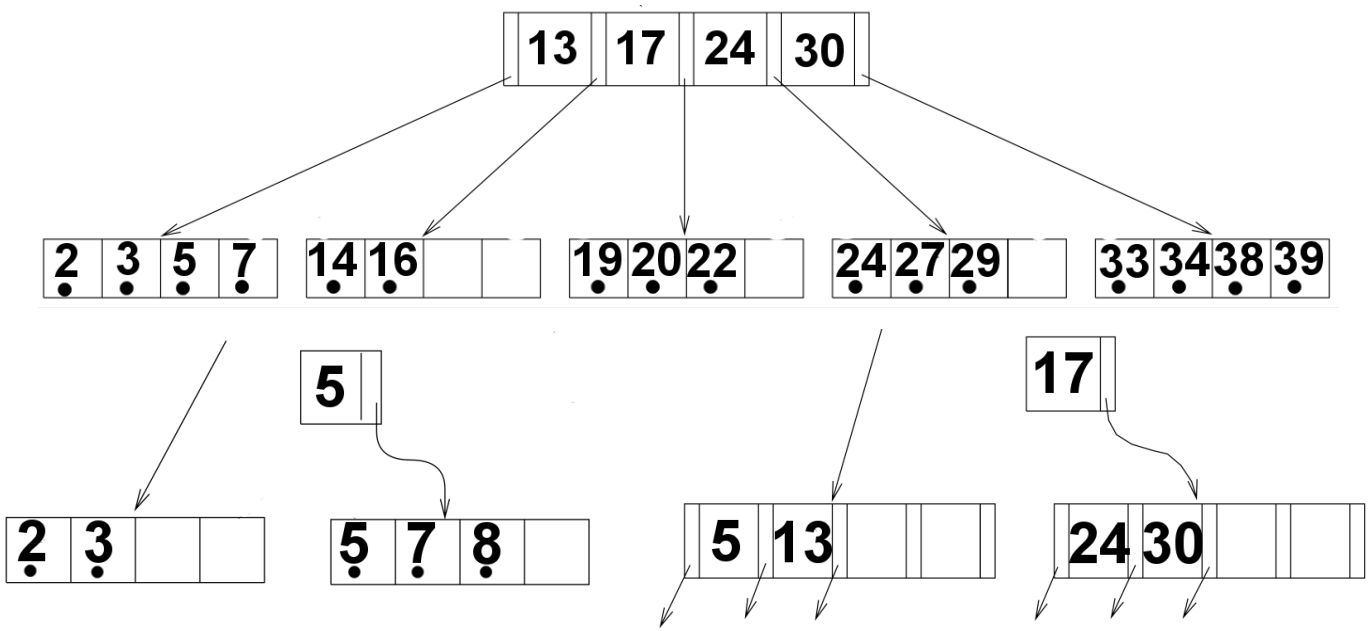

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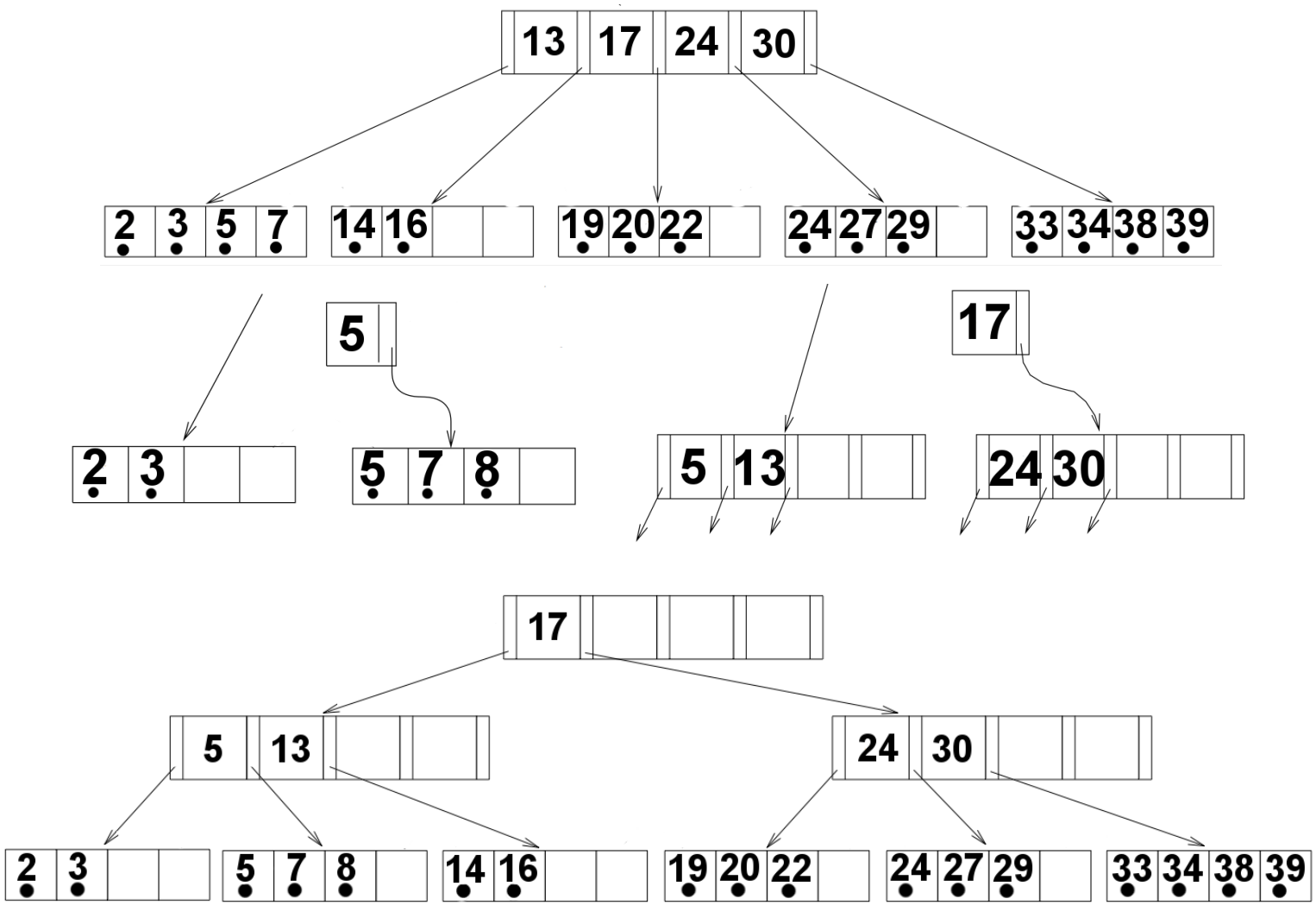

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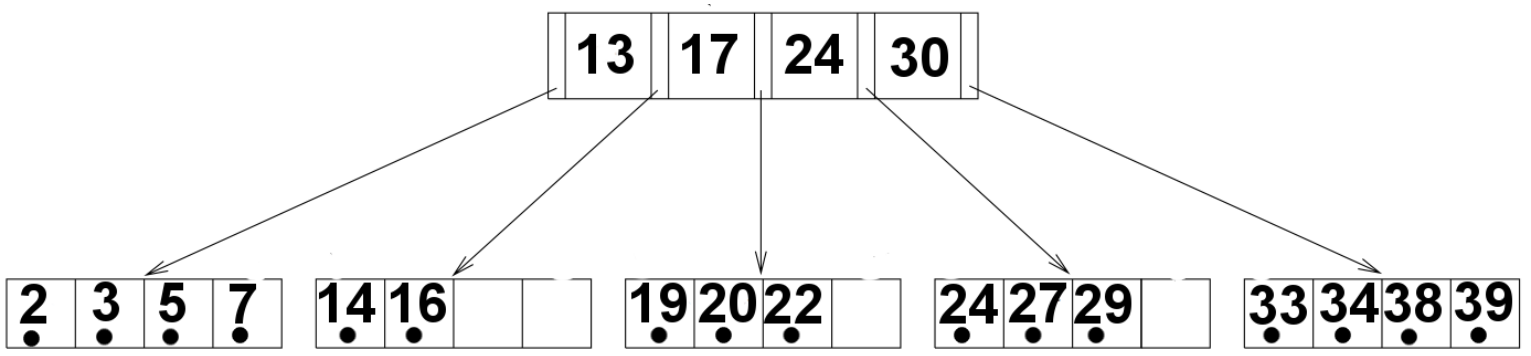

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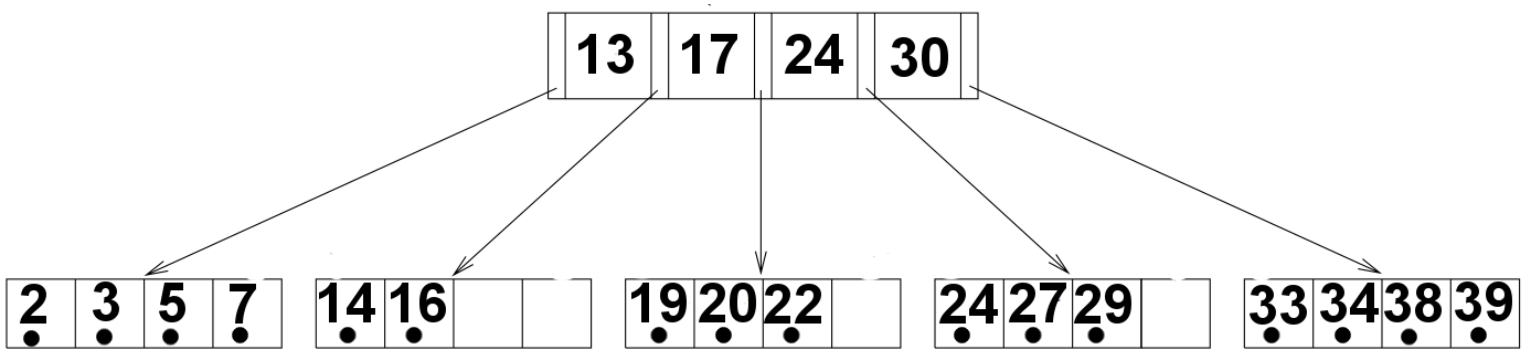

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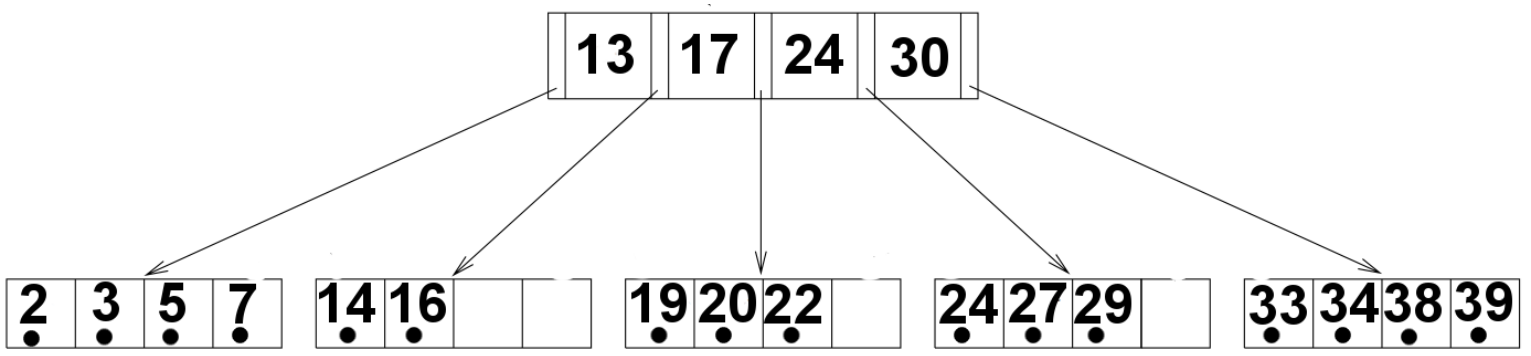

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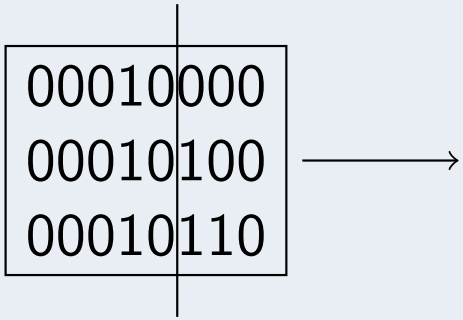

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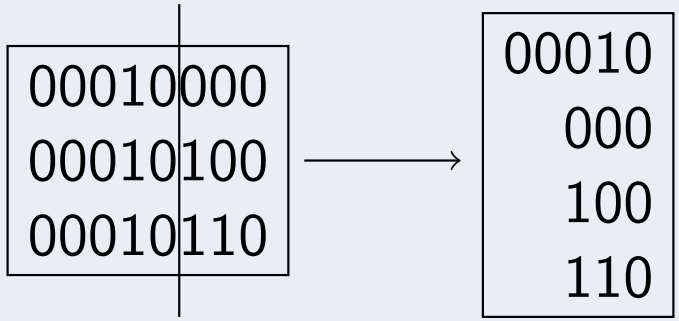

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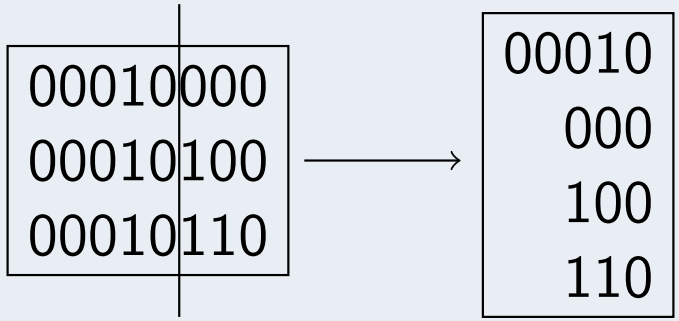

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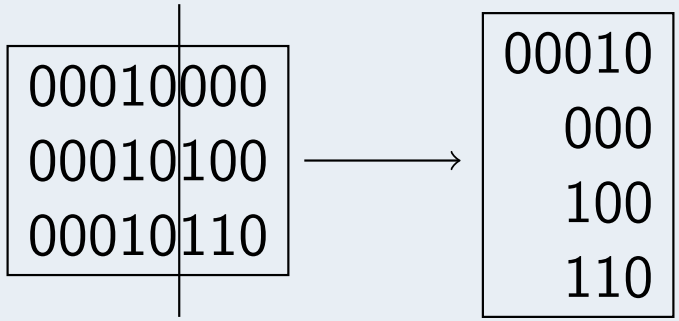

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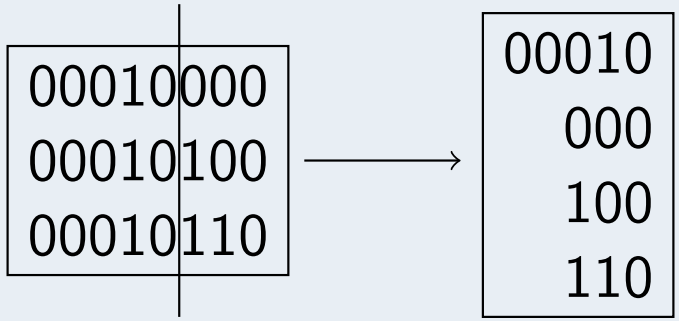

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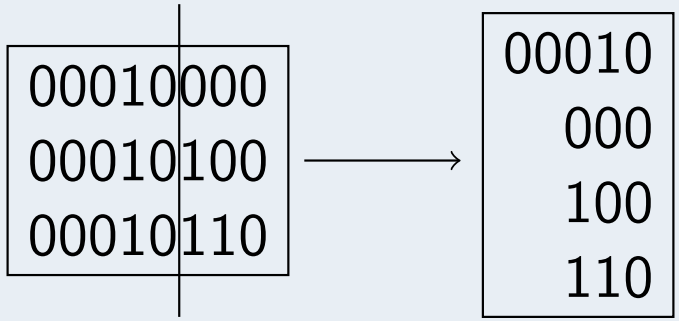

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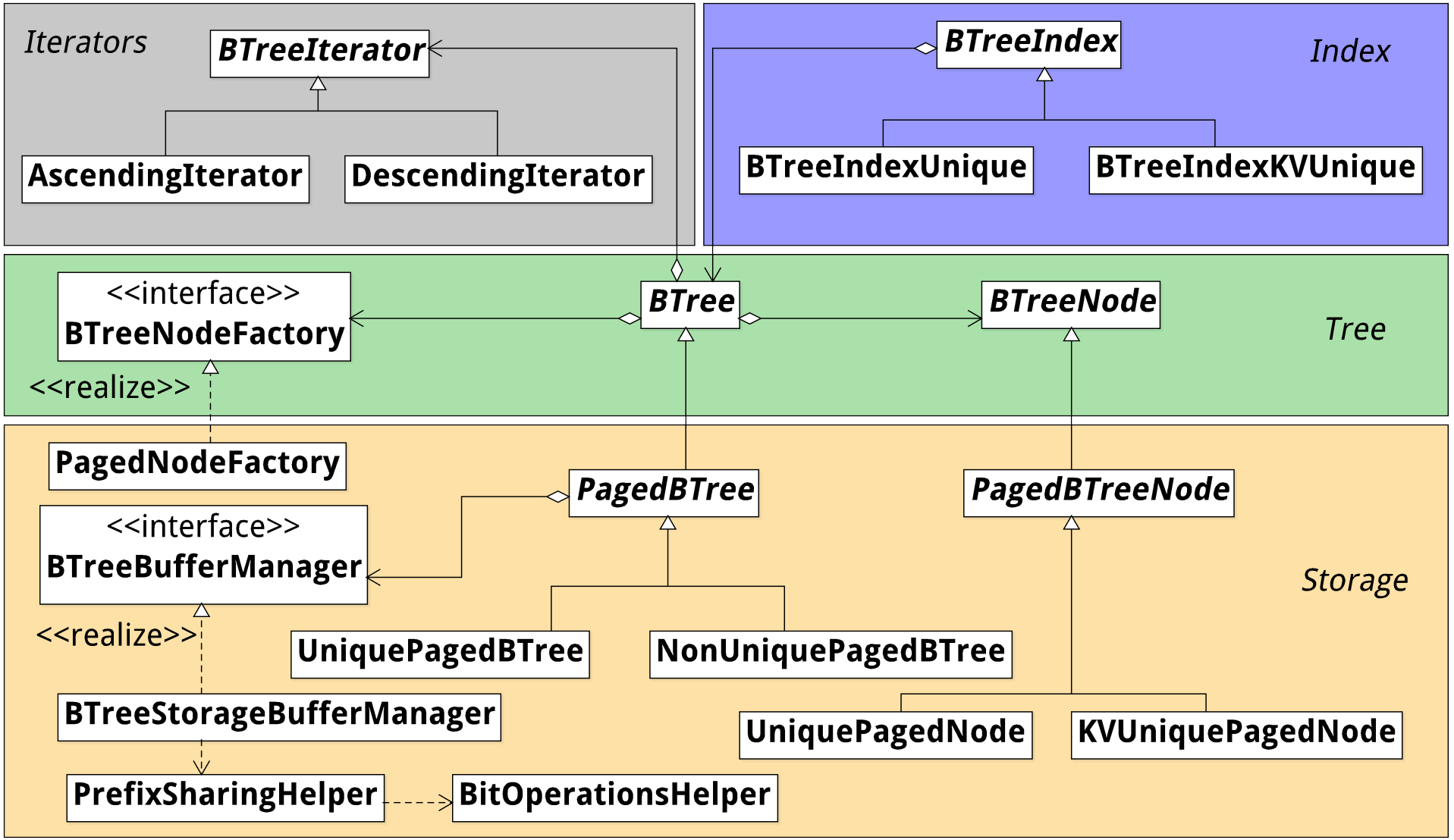

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- Write
  - only write dirty nodes
  - prefix encoding

Microbenchmarks

Duration

Operation	No Prefix sharing	Prefix sharing
Search	1	0.9 - 1.1
Insert	1	1.6 - 2.8
Delete	1	1.45 - 2.9

Size of B+ tree

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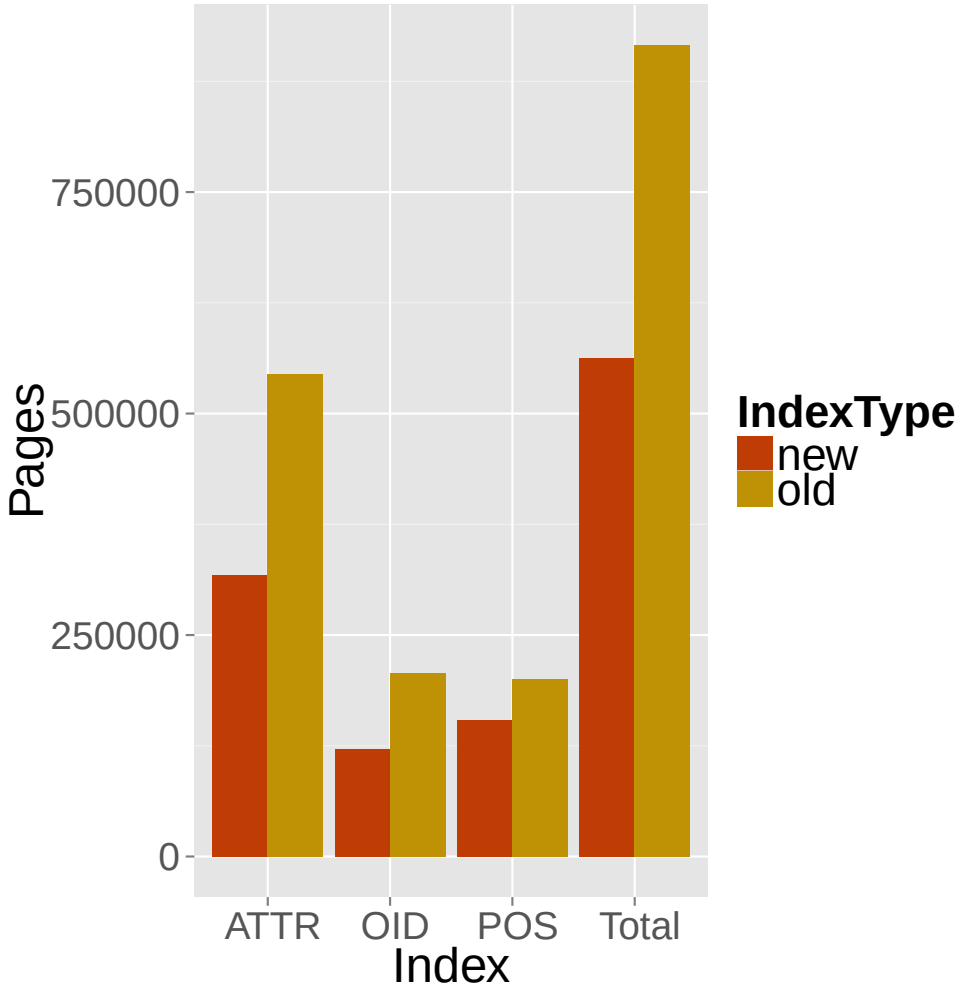
Insert	1	0.5 - 1.1
Delete	1	0.5 - 0.75

StackOverflow Data Import

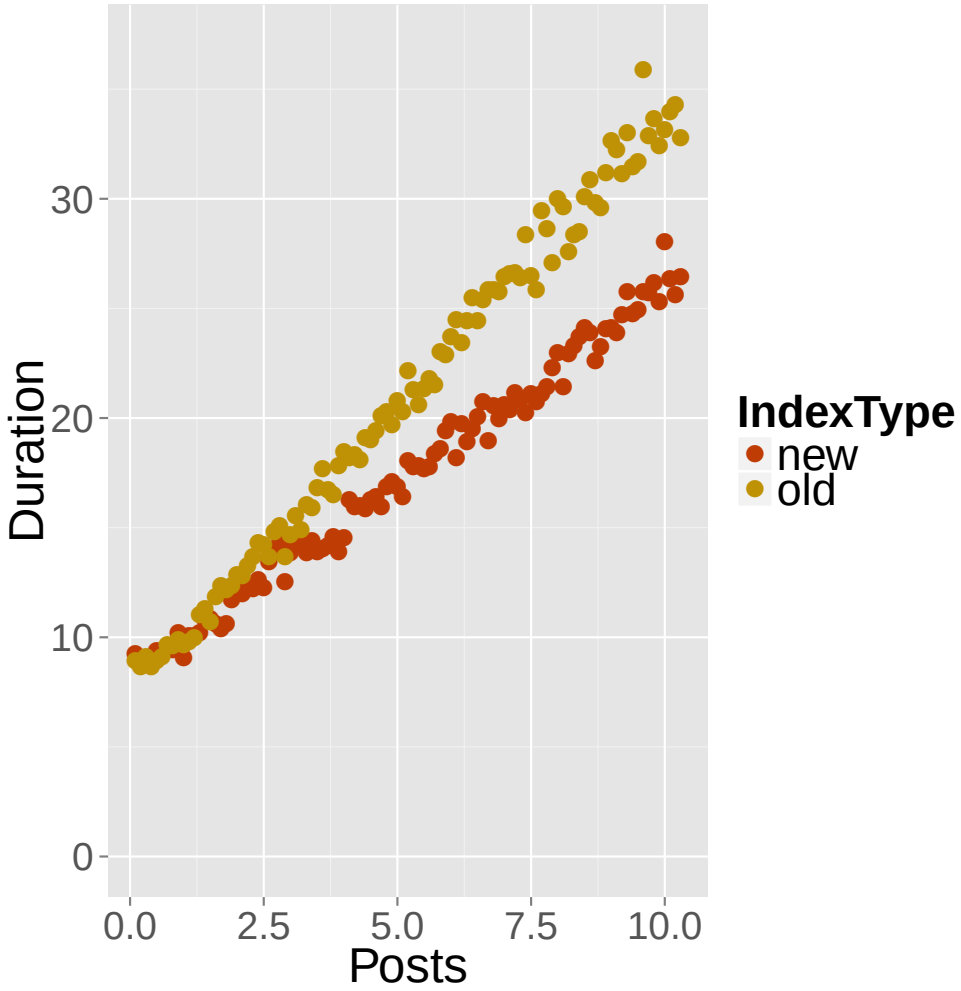
- Real-world workload consisting of importing StackOverflow dump
- 1.3 million users, 10.3 million posts, 13 million comments comments and 25 million votes
- 3 key unique attribute indexes
- 9 key-value unique indexes

StackOverflow Import - Index Sizes



Index	**Space saving** (%)
Atrribute	41.6
OID	41.5
POS	23.1
Total	38.5

StackOverflow Import - Commit times



- predominantly searches
- more entries in a node
  $\rightarrow$ fewer dirty nodes
- data locality

Summary

- Prefix sharing: tradeoff between speed and space
- Microbenchmarks
- Implementation complexity.

Q&A

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