

Example 1 – Search without Index

- Block size $B=1024$ bytes; unspanned blocking
- Ordered file for EMPLOYEE(NAME, SSN, ADDRESS, JOB, SAL, ...)
 - record size $R=100$ bytes
 - $r=30000$ records
 - blocking factor $bfr = B/R = 1024/100 = 10$ records/block
 - number of file blocks $b = (r/Bfr) = (30000/10) = 3000$ blocks
- Average linear search cost for non-ordering fields:
 - $(b/2) = 3000/2 = 1500$ block accesses
- Binary search cost for ordering-field:
 - $\log_2 b = \log_2 3000 = 12$ block accesses

Example 1 - Search with Index

- Index on the ordering field Name
 - Name field size $V_{\text{Name}}=9$ bytes
 - record pointer size $P_R=6$ byte
 - index entry size $R_i=(V_{\text{Name}}+ P_R)=(9+6)=15$ bytes
 - Number of index entries = number of data file blocks = 3000
 - index blocking factor $bfr_i= B/R_i= 1024/15= 68$ entries/block
 - number of index blocks $bi = (3000/68)= 45$ blocks

- Search cost
 - Binary search in the index: $\log_2 bi= \log_2 45= 6$ block accesses
 - Data access using the block pointer: 1 block access
 - Total block accesses: 7 blocks

Example 2 - Search with Dense Secondary Index

- Employee File with ordering field name (as in Example 1)
- Secondary index on the non-ordering field SSN
 - Name field size $V_{SSN}=9$ bytes
 - record pointer size $P_R=6$ byte
 - index entry size $R_i=(V_{SSN}+P_R)=(9+6)=15$ bytes
 - Number of index entries = number of records = 30000
 - index blocking factor $bfr_i= B/R_i= 1024/15= 68$ entries/block
 - number of index blocks $bi = (30000/68)= 442$ blocks
- Search cost on non-ordering field SSN
 - Binary search in the index: $\log_2 bi = \log_2 442 = 9$ block accesses
 - Data access using the block pointer: 1 block access
 - Total block accesses: 10 blocks
- Search cost on SSN without secondary index (linear search): 1500 blocks
- Search cost on ordering field with primary index: 7 blocks