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Lesson 6
Storage and Index

Outline

- Overview of database storage structures
- Physical database files
- Database index

Objectives

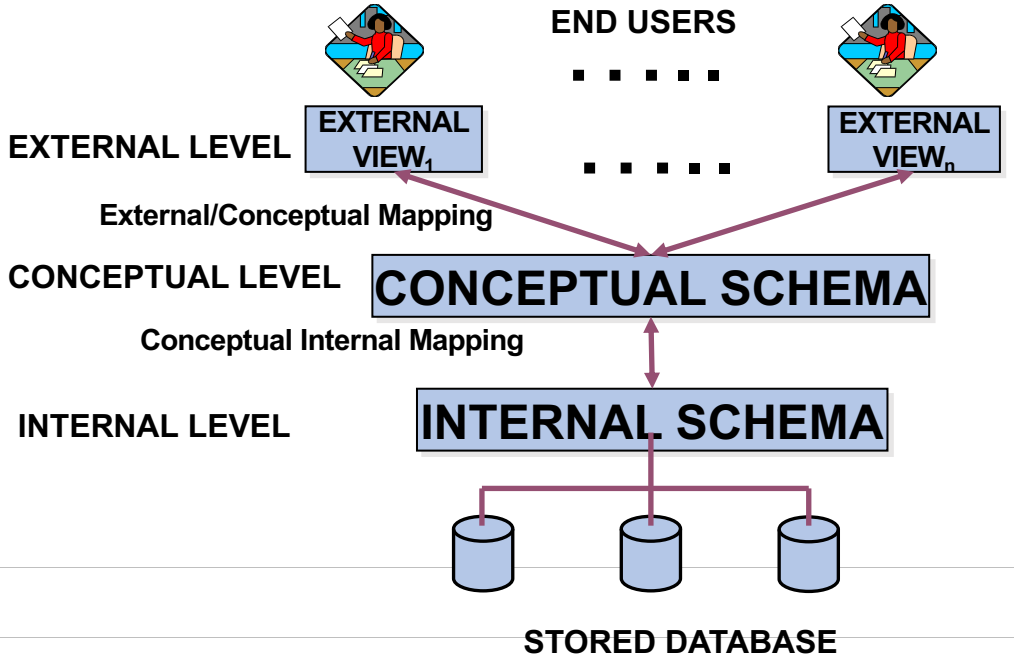
- Upon completion of this lesson, students will be able to:
  - Understand the physical database files
  - Understand the role of database indexes

Keywords

Heap file	Files of Unordered Records
Ordered file	Physically order the records of a file on disk based on the values of one of their fields (key field)
Index	A data structure that improves the speed of data retrieval operations
B-tree	A self-balancing tree data structure that keeps data sorted

1. Overview of database storage structures

3-tier Schema Model (ANSI-SPARC Architecture)



1. Overview of database storage structures

How does Mariadb store data

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MariaDB [(none)]> SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'datadir';
+---------------+-----------------+
| Variable_name | Value           |
+---------------+-----------------+
| datadir       | /var/lib/mysql/ |
+---------------+-----------------+
```

```
MariaDB [student_management]> show tables;
+-------------------------------+
| Tables_in_student_management  |
+-------------------------------+
| class                         |
| enrolled                      |
| faculty                       |
| student                       |
+-------------------------------+
```

```
:/var/lib/mysql/student_management# ls -la

ql mysql    4096 Mar 12 02:05 .
ql mysql    4096 May  5 06:06 ..
ql mysql    1547 Mar 12 02:05 class.frm
ql mysql  114688 Mar 12 02:21 class.ibd
ql mysql      65 Mar 12 01:59 db.opt
ql mysql    1466 Mar 12 02:03 enrolled.frm
ql mysql  114688 Mar 12 02:18 enrolled.ibd
ql mysql    1005 Mar 12 02:04 faculty.frm
ql mysql   98304 Mar 12 02:16 faculty.ibd
ql mysql    1101 Mar 12 02:00 student.frm
ql mysql   98304 Mar 12 02:23 student.ibd
```

the .frm table file stores the table's format
the .ibd file stores the table's data

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How does Mariadb store data

- the .frm file stores the table's format

```
MariaDB [student_management]> describe student;
+-------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| Field | Type        | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
| snum  | int(11)     | NO   | PRI | NULL    |       |
| sname | varchar(40) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| major | varchar(30) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| level | varchar(10) | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
| age   | int(11)     | YES  |     | NULL    |       |
+-------+-------------+------+-----+---------+-------+
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root@285e07e9458f:/var/lib/mysql/student_management# cat student.frm
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?snum?sname?major?level?age?root@285e07e9458f:/var/lib/mysql/student
```

1. Overview of database storage structures

How does Mariadb store data

- the .ibd file stores the table's data

```
MariaDB [student_management]> select * from student;
+------+--------------------+---------+-------+------+
| snum | sname              | major   | level | age  |
+------+--------------------+---------+-------+------+
|    1 | Nguyen Van A       | CS      | JR    |   18 |
|    2 | Nguyen Viet Cuong  | History | JR    |   19 |
|    3 | Nguyen Hong Ngoc   | CS      | JR    |   19 |
|    4 | Mark Juke          | History | JR    |   20 |
|    5 | Elon Mulk          | CS      | JR    |   20 |
|    6 | Donal Trump        | CS      | JR    |   20 |
|    7 | Obama              | CS      | JR    |   20 |
|    8 | Tan Dung           | History | SR    |   30 |
+------+--------------------+---------+-------+------+
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root@285e07e9458f:/var/lib/mysql/student_management# cat student.ibd
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2. Physical database files

Motivation

Magnetic disks as data storage

Primary file organizations

2.1. Motivation

- Databases typically store large amounts of data persistently on disks:
  - Databases are too large to fit entirely in main memory.
  - Disk - nonvolatile storage vs. Main memory - volatile storage
  - The cost of storage per unit is much cheaper

2.2. Magnetic disks as data storage

- A disk is a random access addressable device.
- Transfer of data between main memory and disk takes place in units of disk blocks.
- Typical disk block sizes: 4KB – 8KB.
- Disk I/O (read/write from disk to main memory) overhead is the key factor of database performance optimization.

2.2.1. Physical database design

- The process of physical database design involves choosing the particular data organization techniques that best suit the given application requirements (on SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).
- The data stored on disk is organized as files of records:
  - Primary file organizations: determine how the file records are physically placed on the disk, and hence how the records can be accessed.
  - Secondary organization or auxiliary access structure allows efficient access to file records based on alternate fields.

2.2.2. Placing File Records on Disk

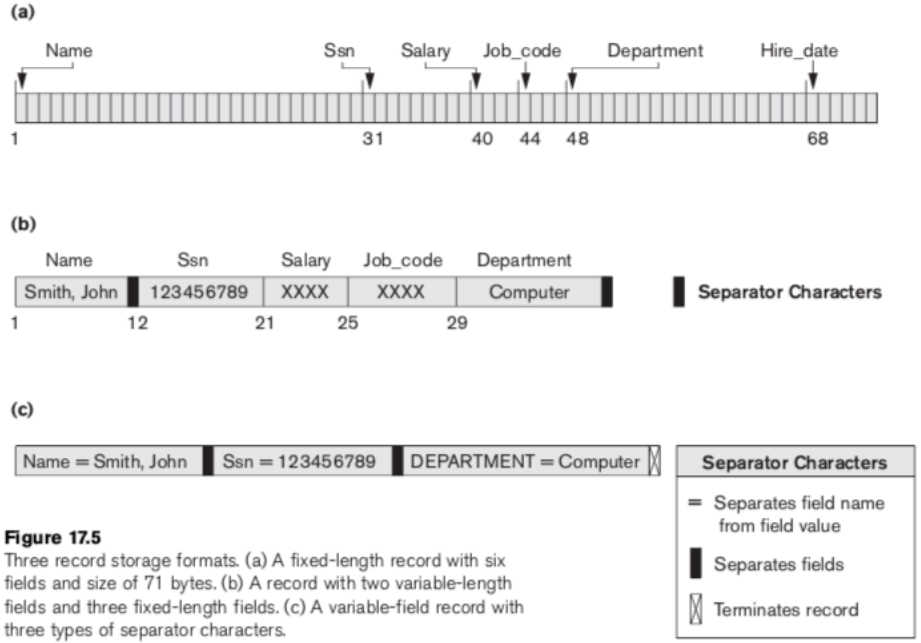


Figure 17.5
Three record storage formats. (a) A fixed-length record with six fields and size of 71 bytes. (b) A record with two variable-length fields and three fixed-length fields. (c) A variable-field record with three types of separator characters.

2.3. Primary file organizations

- Files of Unordered Records (Heap Files)
- Files of Ordered Records (Sorted Files)
- Hashing Techniques

2.3. Primary file organizations

- Files of Unordered Records (Heap Files)
  - Records are placed in the file in the order in which they are inserted
  - INSERT: Inserting a new record is very efficient
    - New records are inserted at the end of the file
  - UPDATE/SELECT: Searching for a record on any search condition is not efficient – linear search
  - DELETE: leaves unused space in the disk block
    - require periodic reorganization

2.3. Primary file organizations

- Files of Ordered Records (Sorted Files)
  - Physically order the records of a file on disk based on the values of one of their fields (key field)
  - SELECT: binary search (very fast)
  - INSERT/DELETE/UPDATE: more expensive

2.3. Primary file organizations

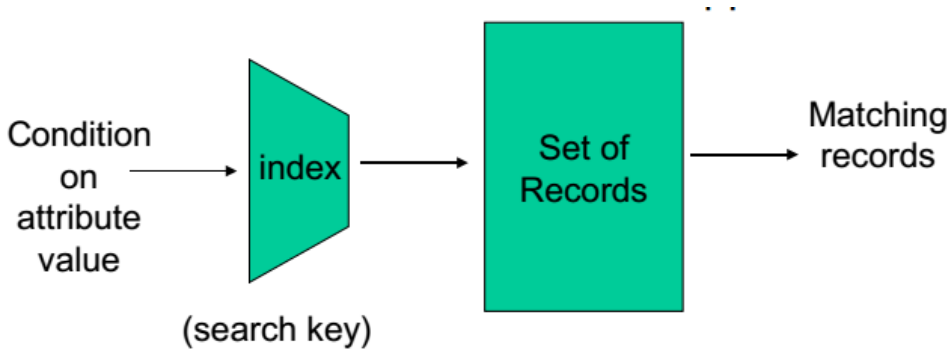
- Hash files
  - The address of the disk block in which the record is stored is the result of applying a hash function to the value of a particular field (hash field) of the record.
  - Very fast access to records for search on equality condition on the hash field.

3. Database indexes

1. What is database index?
2. Index data structures
3. B+tree
4. Spare vs. Dense index
5. Clustered vs. Non-clustered index
6. Index creation in SQL

3.1. What is database index?

- Auxiliary access structure (commonly index) allows efficient access to file records based on alternate fields

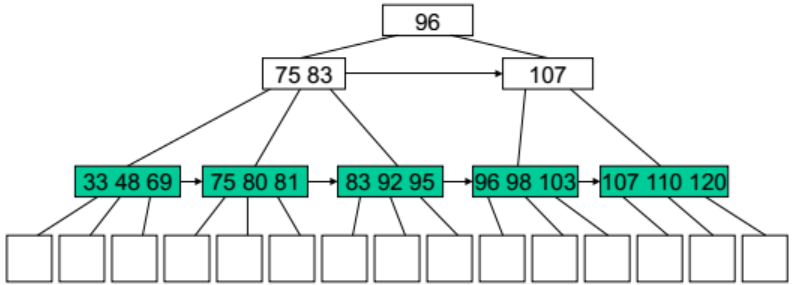


3.2. Index data structures

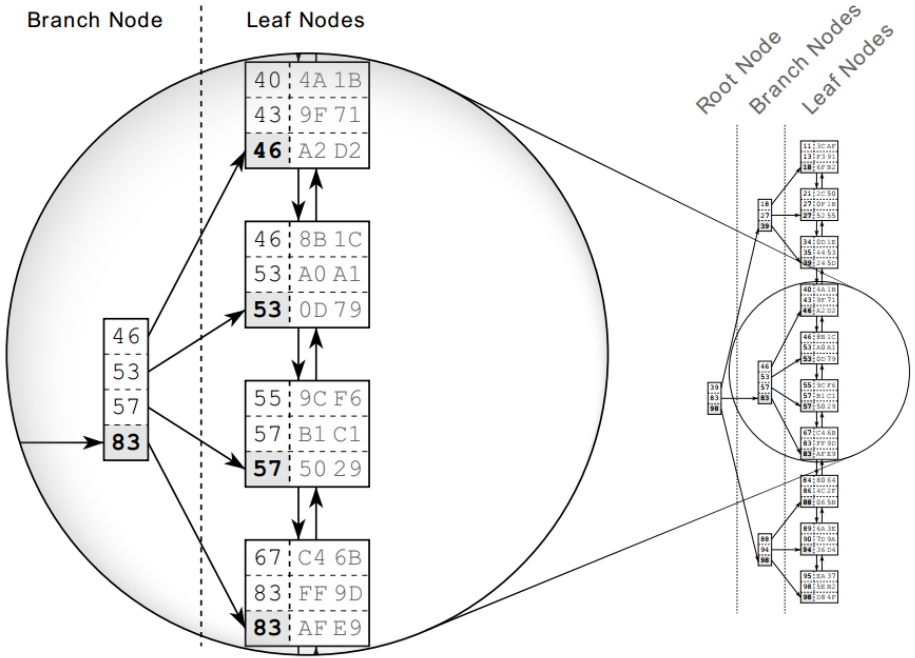
- Indexes can be implemented with different data structures.
  - B+-tree index
  - hash index
  - bitmap index (briefly)
  - dynamic hash indexes: number of buckets modified dynamically
  - R-tree: index for special data (points, lines, shapes)
  - quadtree: recursively partition a 2D plane into four quadrants
  - octree: quadtree version for three dimensional data
  - main memory indexes: T-tree, binary search tree

3.3. B+Tree

- Balanced tree of key-pointer pairs
- Keys are sorted by value
- Nodes are at least half full
- Access records for key: traverse tree from root to leaf



3.3.1. Example: B+ tree



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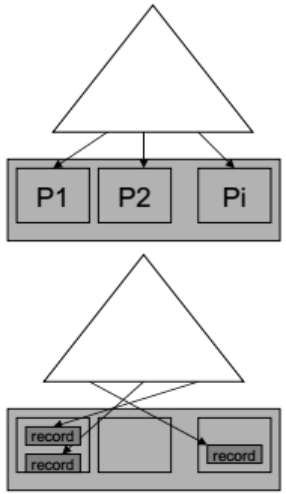
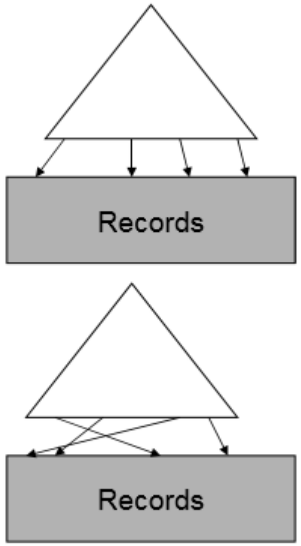
3.4. Spare vs. Dense index

- Sparse index
  - pointers to disk pages
  - at most one pointer per disk page
  - usually much less pointers than records
- Dense index
  - pointers to individual records
  - one key per record
  - usually more keys than sparse index optimization: store repeating keys only once, followed by pointers

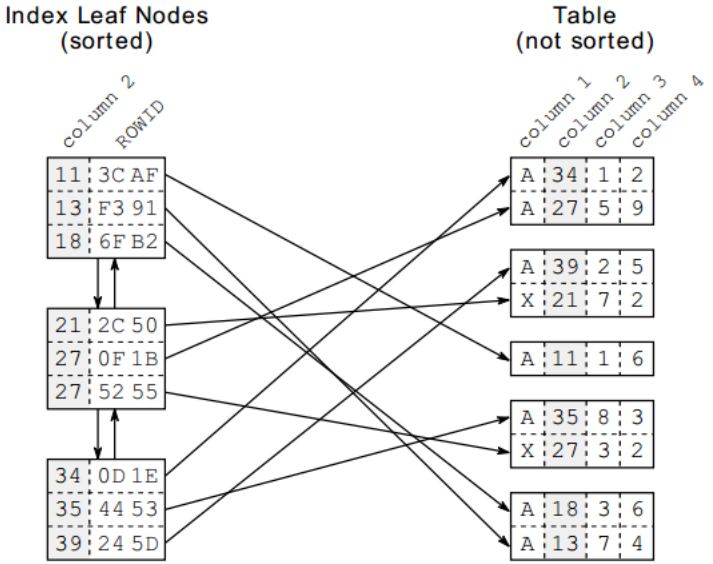


3.5. Clustered vs. Non-Clustered

- Clustered index on attribute X
  - This index controls the placement of records on disk
  - only one clustering index per table
  - dense or sparse
- Non-clustered index on attribute X
  - no constraint on table organization
  - Can have more than one index per table
  - always dense



3.5.1. Example: Non-clustered index



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3.6. Creating Index

- CREATE [UNIQUE|FULLTEXT|SPATIAL] INDEX index_name [index_type] ON tbl_name (index_col_name,...) [index_option] [algorithm_option | lock_option] ...
- index_type: USING {BTREE | HASH}

Remark

- Databases typically store data persistently on disks
  - Files of unordered records (Heap files)
  - Files of ordered records (Sorted files)
  - Hash files
- Index allows efficient access to file records based on “indexed” fields

Quiz 1.

Quiz Number	1	Quiz Type	OX	Example Select
Question	Does heap files support INSERT query efficiently?			
Example	A. Yes B. No			
Answer	A			
Feedback	New records are appended to the end of the head file			

Quiz 2.

Quiz Number	2	Quiz Type	OX	Example Select
Question	Are ordered files better for heavy Insert operation?			
Example	A. Yes B. No			
Answer	B			
Feedback	Insertion to ordered files requires reorganizing w.r.t. new records			

Summary

- Overview of database storage structures
  - 3-tier Schema Model (ANSI-SPARC Architecture)
  - How Mariadb stores data
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  - Magnetic disks as data storage
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