### ****Types of Indexes in Databases****

1. **Primary Index**
   * Automatically created on primary key columns.
   * Ensures unique and fast lookups on the primary key.
   * **Use Case:** Frequently accessed unique identifiers.

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CREATE UNIQUE INDEX idx\_primary\_key ON table\_name(column\_name);

1. **Unique Index**
   * Ensures all values in the indexed column are unique.
   * **Use Case:** Columns like email, username, or SSN.

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CREATE UNIQUE INDEX idx\_unique\_email ON users(email);

1. **Clustered Index**
   * Sorts and stores data rows in the table based on the key values.
   * Only one clustered index per table.
   * **Use Case:** Columns frequently used in range queries or sorting.

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CREATE CLUSTERED INDEX idx\_clustered\_id ON orders(order\_id);

1. **Non-Clustered Index**
   * Maintains a separate structure pointing to the rows in the table.
   * Multiple non-clustered indexes allowed per table.
   * **Use Case:** Columns often used in WHERE, GROUP BY, or ORDER BY.

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CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX idx\_last\_name ON employees(last\_name);

1. **Composite Index**
   * Combines multiple columns into a single index.
   * **Use Case:** Queries involving multiple columns in filtering or sorting.

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CREATE INDEX idx\_composite ON sales(customer\_id, order\_date);

1. **Full-Text Index**
   * Enables efficient text-based searches in large datasets.
   * **Use Case:** Searching within text or document fields.

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CREATE FULLTEXT INDEX ON articles(content) WITH STOPLIST = OFF;

1. **Spatial Index**
   * Used for spatial data types like geometry and geography.
   * **Use Case:** Geolocation queries or mapping applications.

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CREATE SPATIAL INDEX idx\_geo ON locations(geo\_column);

1. **Bitmap Index** (specific to some databases like Oracle)
   * Uses bitmaps to index low-cardinality columns.
   * **Use Case:** Columns with few unique values (e.g., gender, status).

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CREATE BITMAP INDEX idx\_gender ON employees(gender);

### ****General Syntax for Creating an Index****

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CREATE [UNIQUE|CLUSTERED|NONCLUSTERED|FULLTEXT|SPATIAL] INDEX index\_name

ON table\_name (column1 [ASC|DESC], column2 [ASC|DESC], ...);

### ****Examples by Use Case****

1. **Index for Unique Values (e.g., email):**

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CREATE UNIQUE INDEX idx\_unique\_email ON users(email);

1. **Index for Range Queries (e.g., dates):**

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CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX idx\_order\_date ON orders(order\_date);

1. **Index for Text Searches (e.g., article content):**

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CREATE FULLTEXT INDEX idx\_article\_content ON articles(content);

1. **Index for Combined Columns (e.g., customer and order):**

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CREATE INDEX idx\_customer\_order ON orders(customer\_id, order\_date);

1. **Index for Geolocation Data:**

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CREATE SPATIAL INDEX idx\_geo\_location ON locations(geo\_point);

Indexes enhance query performance but can slow down insert, update, and delete operations due to maintenance overhead. Use them strategically based on query patterns.

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##### You said:

what index will make the = process faster and what index will make the >< process faster.

###### ChatGPT said:

### Index for = (Equality) Queries

* **Best Index Type:** **Unique Index** or **Non-Clustered Index**.
* **Reason:** These indexes create a direct lookup path for exact match queries.
* **Use Case:** Searching by unique values like email, username, or ID.

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CREATE UNIQUE INDEX idx\_unique\_id ON users(user\_id);

-- Query example:

SELECT \* FROM users WHERE user\_id = 123;

### Index for > and < (Range) Queries

* **Best Index Type:** **Clustered Index** or **Non-Clustered Index**.
* **Reason:** Clustered indexes store data physically sorted, making range scans faster. Non-clustered indexes are efficient if the column is queried in range filters frequently.
* **Use Case:** Queries like order\_date > '2023-01-01' or price BETWEEN 50 AND 100.

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CREATE CLUSTERED INDEX idx\_order\_date ON orders(order\_date);

-- Query example:

SELECT \* FROM orders WHERE order\_date > '2023-01-01';

### Key Considerations

* **Equality (**=**):** Prioritize **Unique Index** if the column has unique values.
* **Range (**>**,** <**):** Use **Clustered Index** if frequent range queries occur and sorting aligns with query patterns. Use **Composite Index** if range queries involve multiple columns.

Indexes significantly improve performance by reducing the search space for queries, but the right index type depends on the query pattern and data structure.

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##### You said:

give me a group of tables and only use one of the index and show how it will look and how i can see which column is using index.

###### ChatGPT said:

### Example: Tables with a Single Index

Let’s create a scenario with two related tables: users and orders, where we apply a **Non-Clustered Index** on the email column in the users table. We'll demonstrate how it looks and how to check which column is using the index.

#### ****Step 1: Create Tables****

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CREATE TABLE users (

user\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,

email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,

name VARCHAR(100),

age INT

);

CREATE TABLE orders (

order\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,

user\_id INT,

order\_date DATE,

amount DECIMAL(10, 2),

FOREIGN KEY (user\_id) REFERENCES users(user\_id)

);

#### ****Step 2: Create an Index****

We create a **Non-Clustered Index** on the email column in the users table to optimize lookups based on email.

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CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX idx\_email ON users(email);

#### ****Step 3: Query Using the Index****

Run a query that benefits from the index:

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SELECT \* FROM users WHERE email = 'user@example.com';

The database engine uses the index to locate rows matching the email column efficiently.

#### ****Step 4: Check Index Usage****

To see which column is using an index, use these queries:

1. **For MySQL:**

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SHOW INDEX FROM users;

**Output:**

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| Table | Non\_unique | Key\_name | Column |

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| users | 0 | PRIMARY | user\_id |

| users | 1 | idx\_email | email |

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1. **For PostgreSQL:**

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SELECT

tablename,

indexname,

indexdef

FROM

pg\_indexes

WHERE

tablename = 'users';

**Output:**

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tablename | indexname | indexdef

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users | idx\_email | CREATE INDEX idx\_email ON users(email)

users | users\_pkey | CREATE UNIQUE INDEX users\_pkey ON users(user\_id)

1. **For SQL Server:**

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SELECT

i.name AS index\_name,

c.name AS column\_name

FROM

sys.indexes i

INNER JOIN

sys.index\_columns ic ON i.index\_id = ic.index\_id

INNER JOIN

sys.columns c ON ic.column\_id = c.column\_id

WHERE

i.object\_id = OBJECT\_ID('users');

**Output:**

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index\_name | column\_name

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idx\_email | email

PK\_users | user\_id

### ****What Happens?****

* **Index Definition:** The index creates a structure (like a sorted list) for the email column, allowing faster lookups for queries using WHERE email = 'value'.
* **Query Plan Check:** Most databases allow checking query plans to see if the index is used:

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EXPLAIN SELECT \* FROM users WHERE email = 'user@example.com';

The output will confirm if the query optimizer is using the idx\_email index.

### Summary

By creating a **Non-Clustered Index** on the email column, we:

1. Optimized equality lookups on email.
2. Used database-specific commands to verify which columns have indexes.
3. Observed the benefit in query performance through index usage in query plans.

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##### You said:

this index key 'idx\_email' will not be present in the actual table right meaning when i select \* from table name idx\_email will not appear there right. If it is not stored there where these index keys will be stored.

###### ChatGPT said:

You're correct that the index key idx\_email will **not appear in the table itself** when you run a query like SELECT \* FROM users. Indexes are not part of the table's data; they are separate structures maintained by the database.

### ****Where Are Indexes Stored?****

Indexes are stored **separately** in the database as auxiliary data structures. Here's how they are managed:

1. **Physical Storage:**
   * Indexes are stored in separate **files** or **disk spaces** managed by the database system.
   * The storage details depend on the database engine:
     + **MySQL:** Indexes are stored alongside table data in .ibd files (for InnoDB).
     + **PostgreSQL:** Indexes are stored in separate objects within the database.
     + **SQL Server:** Indexes are stored in the same database file but managed separately.
2. **Logical Representation:**
   * Indexes are maintained as **metadata** in system catalog tables or internal data structures.
   * Examples of where index metadata is stored:
     + **MySQL:**
       - Stored in information\_schema.statistics.
       - Example query:

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SELECT \* FROM information\_schema.statistics WHERE table\_name = 'users';

* + - **PostgreSQL:**
      * Stored in pg\_indexes or pg\_class tables.
      * Example query:

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SELECT \* FROM pg\_indexes WHERE tablename = 'users';

* + - **SQL Server:**
      * Stored in system views like sys.indexes and sys.index\_columns.
      * Example query:

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SELECT \* FROM sys.indexes WHERE object\_id = OBJECT\_ID('users');

### ****How Does the Index Work Without Being in the Table?****

* When you query a table, the database **query optimizer** decides if an index can be used to improve performance.
* The optimizer checks the index metadata and, if applicable, uses the index to locate rows more efficiently than scanning the table directly.

### ****Key Points:****

* Indexes are **not visible in** SELECT \* **queries** because they are stored separately.
* They are stored in **internal files** or **system catalog tables** managed by the database engine.
* The database **automatically maintains and updates indexes** as data in the indexed columns changes.

Indexes are invisible to users during normal queries but play a critical role behind the scenes in improving query performance.

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##### You said:

which index will be best for using in joining multiple tables.

###### ChatGPT said:

### ****Best Index for Joining Multiple Tables****

The **best index for joins** depends on the type of join and the columns used in the ON condition. Typically, a **Non-Clustered Index** or **Composite Index** works best for optimizing joins.

### ****Recommended Indexes for Joins****

1. **Non-Clustered Index**
   * **Use Case:** For join conditions where a single column is used in the ON clause.
   * **Reason:** Provides quick lookups by pointing to the row location in the table.
   * **Example:**

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CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX idx\_users\_user\_id ON users(user\_id);

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SELECT u.name, o.amount

FROM users u

JOIN orders o ON u.user\_id = o.user\_id;

1. **Composite Index**
   * **Use Case:** For join conditions involving multiple columns in the ON clause.
   * **Reason:** Reduces the need for additional lookups by indexing multiple columns together.
   * **Example:**

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CREATE INDEX idx\_orders\_composite ON orders(user\_id, order\_date);

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SELECT u.name, o.amount

FROM users u

JOIN orders o ON u.user\_id = o.user\_id

WHERE o.order\_date > '2023-01-01';

1. **Clustered Index**
   * **Use Case:** When the join column is also used for sorting or range queries.
   * **Reason:** Clustered indexes sort and store rows physically, which improves range-based lookups.
   * **Example:**

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CREATE CLUSTERED INDEX idx\_users\_id ON users(user\_id);

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SELECT u.name, o.amount

FROM users u

JOIN orders o ON u.user\_id = o.user\_id

WHERE u.user\_id BETWEEN 100 AND 200;

1. **Foreign Key Index**
   * **Use Case:** The foreign key column in child tables.
   * **Reason:** Ensures faster lookups when the parent table's primary key is joined with the child table's foreign key.
   * **Example:**

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CREATE INDEX idx\_orders\_user\_id ON orders(user\_id);

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SELECT u.name, o.amount

FROM users u

JOIN orders o ON u.user\_id = o.user\_id;

### ****General Guidelines for Joins****

* **Index Both Sides:** Ensure indexes exist on columns in both tables used in the ON clause.
  + Primary key columns in one table.
  + Foreign key columns in the related table.
* **Use Composite Index:** If filtering on additional columns from the same table, create a composite index.
* **Avoid Redundant Indexes:** Do not create multiple overlapping indexes, as they increase storage and maintenance costs.

### ****Verifying Index Usage in Joins****

To confirm that the index is used in a join:

* **MySQL:**

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EXPLAIN SELECT u.name, o.amount

FROM users u

JOIN orders o ON u.user\_id = o.user\_id;

* **PostgreSQL:**

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EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT u.name, o.amount

FROM users u

JOIN orders o ON u.user\_id = o.user\_id;

* **SQL Server:**

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SET STATISTICS IO ON;

SELECT u.name, o.amount

FROM users u

JOIN orders o ON u.user\_id = o.user\_id;

This will show whether the query optimizer is using the indexes for the join operation.