

File Structures

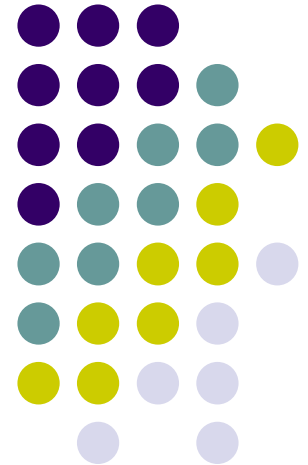
07. Indexing – Part2

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Where are we?



- Plain Stream File
- Persistency → Buffer support → BufferFile
 - <incremental approach> Deriving BufferFile using various other classes
- Random Access → Index support → IndexedFile
 - <incremental approach> : Deriving TextIndexedFile using RecordFile and TextIndex

Outline



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- 7.10 Binding

Too Large Index (1/2)



- On secondary storage (large linear index)
- Disadvantages
 - binary searching of the index requires several seeks (slower than a sorted file)
 - index rearrangement requires shifting or sorting records on second storage
- Alternatives (to be considered later)
 - hashed organization
 - tree-structured index (e.g. B-tree)

Too Large Index (2/2)



- Advantages over the use of a data file sorted by key even if the index is on the secondary storage
 - can use a binary search
 - sorting and maintaining the index is less expensive than doing the data file
 - can rearrange the keys without moving the data records if there are pinned records

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Index by Multiple Keys (1/2)



DB-Schema = (ID-No, Title, Composer, Artist, Label)

- Query samples
 - Find the record with ID-NO “COL38358” (primary key - ID-No)
 - Find all the recordings of “Beethoven” (secondary key - composer)
 - Find all the recordings titled “Violin Concerto” (secondary key - title)

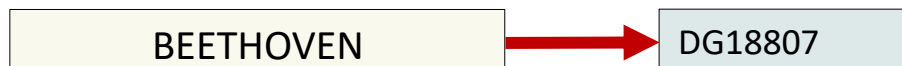
Index by Multiple Keys (2/2)



- Most people don't want to search only by primary key
- Secondary Key
 - can be duplicated
- Secondary Key Index
 - secondary key -> consult one additional index (primary key index)

Composer index

Secondary Key	Primary Key
BEETHOVEN	ANG3795
BEETHOVEN	DG139201
BEETHOVEN	DG18807
BEETHOVEN	RCA2626
COREA	WAR23699
DVORAK	COL31809
PROKOFIEV	LON2312
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV	MER75016
SPRINGSTEEN	COL38358
SWEET HONEY IN THE R	FF245



Secondary Index : Basic Operations (1/3)



- Record Addition
 - similar to the case of adding to primary index
 - secondary index is stored in canonical form
 - fixed length (so it can be truncated)
 - original name can be obtained from the data file
- can contain duplicate keys
- local ordering in the same key group

Secondary Index : Basic Operations (2/3)



- Record Deletion (2 cases)
 - Secondary index references directly record
 - delete both primary index and secondary index
 - rearrange both indexes
 - Secondary index references primary key
 - delete only primary index
 - advantage : fast

Secondary Index : Basic Operations (3/3)



- Record Updating
 - Secondary index references directly record
 - update all files containing record's location
 - Secondary index references primary key
 - affect secondary index only when either primary or secondary key is changed
 - when changes the secondary key
 - rearrange the secondary key index
 - when changes the primary key
 - update all reference field
 - may require reordering the secondary index
 - when confined to other fields
 - do not affect the secondary key index

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Retrieval of Records



- Types
 - primary key access
 - secondary key access
 - combination of above
- Combination of keys
 - using secondary key index, it is easy
 - boolean operation (AND, OR)

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Selective Indexes



- Selective Index
 - Index on a subset of records
- Selective index contains only some part of entire index
 - provide a selective view
 - useful when contents of a file fall into several categories
 - e.g. $20 < \text{Age} < 30$ and $\$1000 < \text{Salary}$

Index Binding (1/2)



- When to bind the key indexes to the physical address of its associated record?
- File construction time binding (Tight, in-the-data binding)
 - tight binding & faster access
 - the case of primary key
 - when secondary key is bound to that time
 - simpler and faster retrieval
 - reorganization of the data file results in modifications of all bound index files

Index Binding (2/2)



- Postpone binding until a record is actually retrieved (Retrieval-time binding)
 - minimal reorganization & safe approach
 - mostly for secondary key
- Tight, in-the-data binding is good when
 - static, little or no changes
 - rapid performance during retrieval
 - mass-produced, read-only optical disk

Q&A

