ICS Data Storage & Retrieval

Overview of Storage & Indexing (i)

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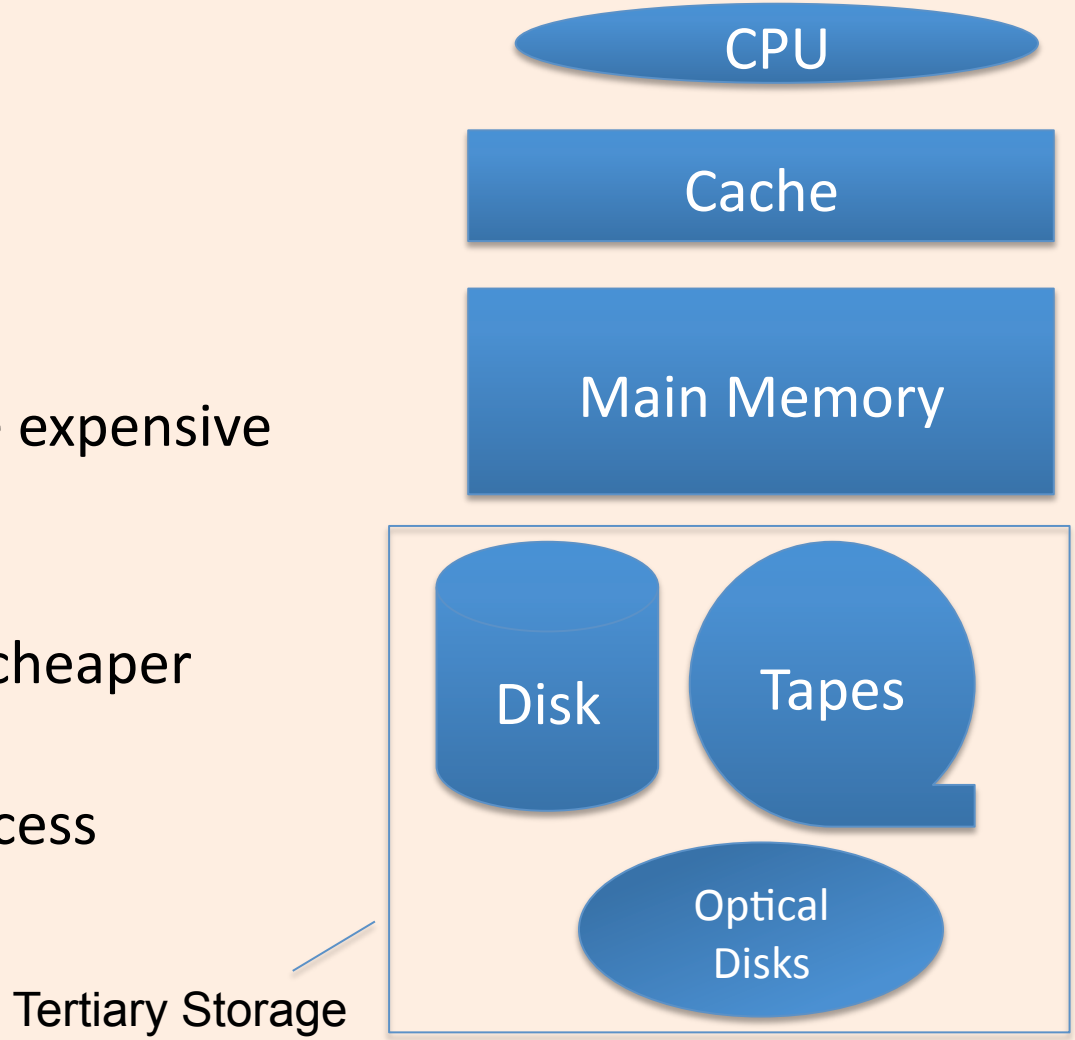
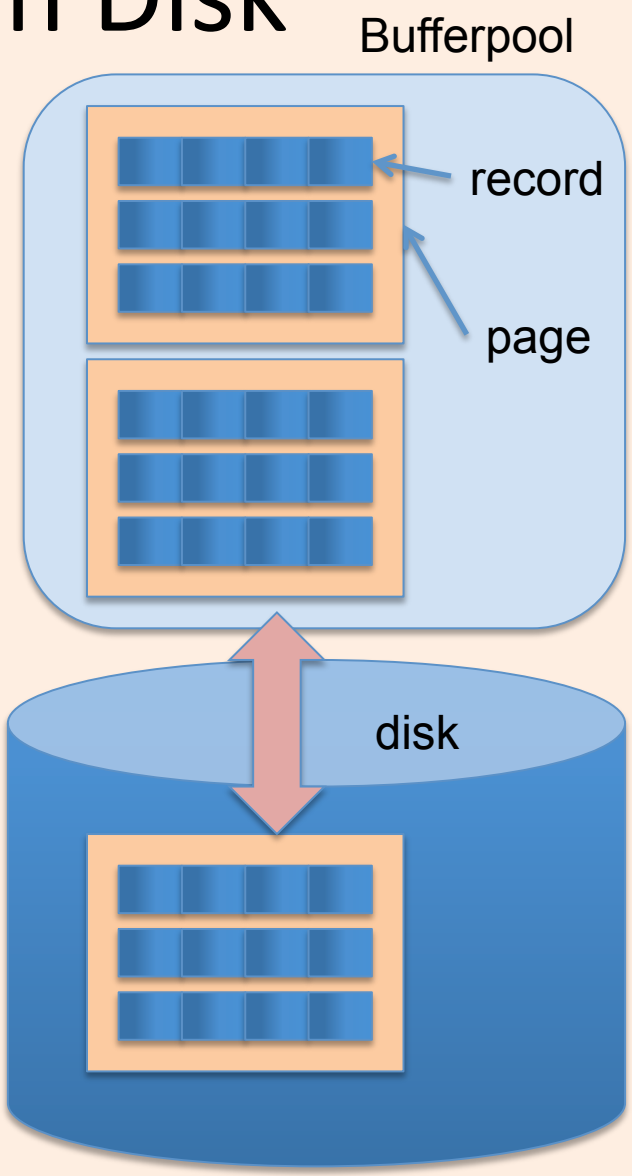
Data Storage

- Main Memory
  - Random access
  - Volatile
- Flash Memory
  - Random access
  - Random writes are expensive
- Disk
  - Random access
  - Sequential access cheaper
- Tapes
  - Only sequential access
  - Archiving



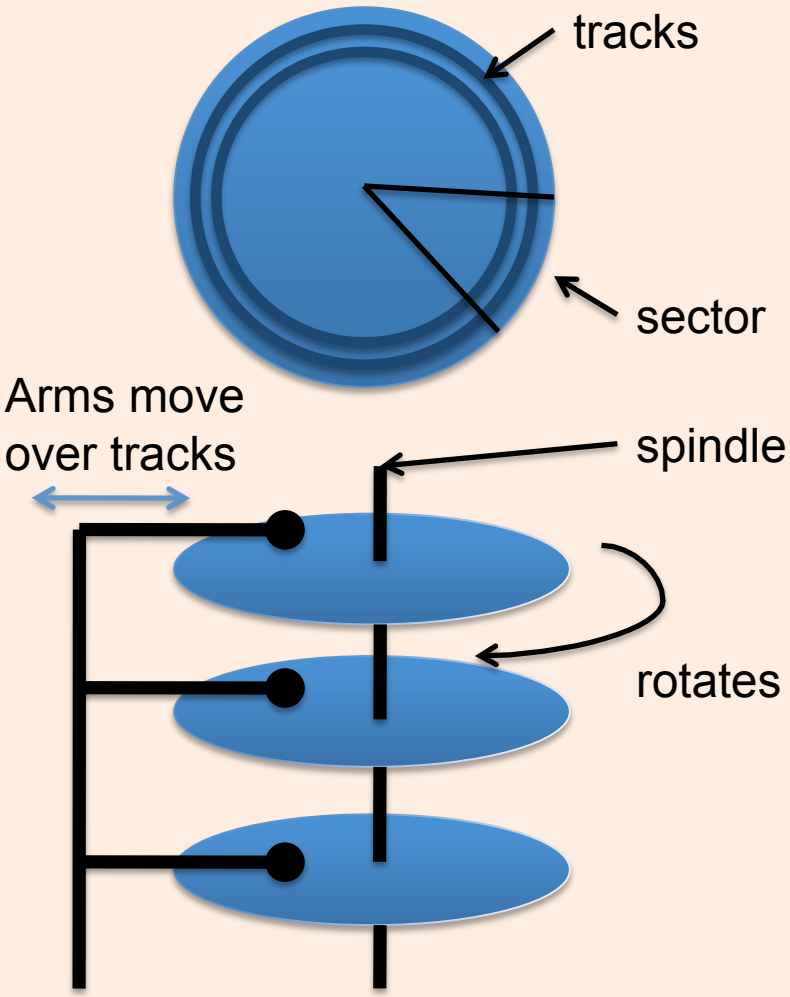
Relational Tables on Disk

- **Record** -- a tuple or row of a relational table
- **RIDs** – record identifiers that uniquely identify a record across memory and disk
- **Page** – a collection of records that is the unit of transfer between memory and disk
- **Bufferpool** – a piece of memory used to cache data and index pages.
- **Buffer Manager** – a component of a DBMS that manages the pages in memory
- **Disk Space Manager** – a component of a DBMS that manages pages on disk



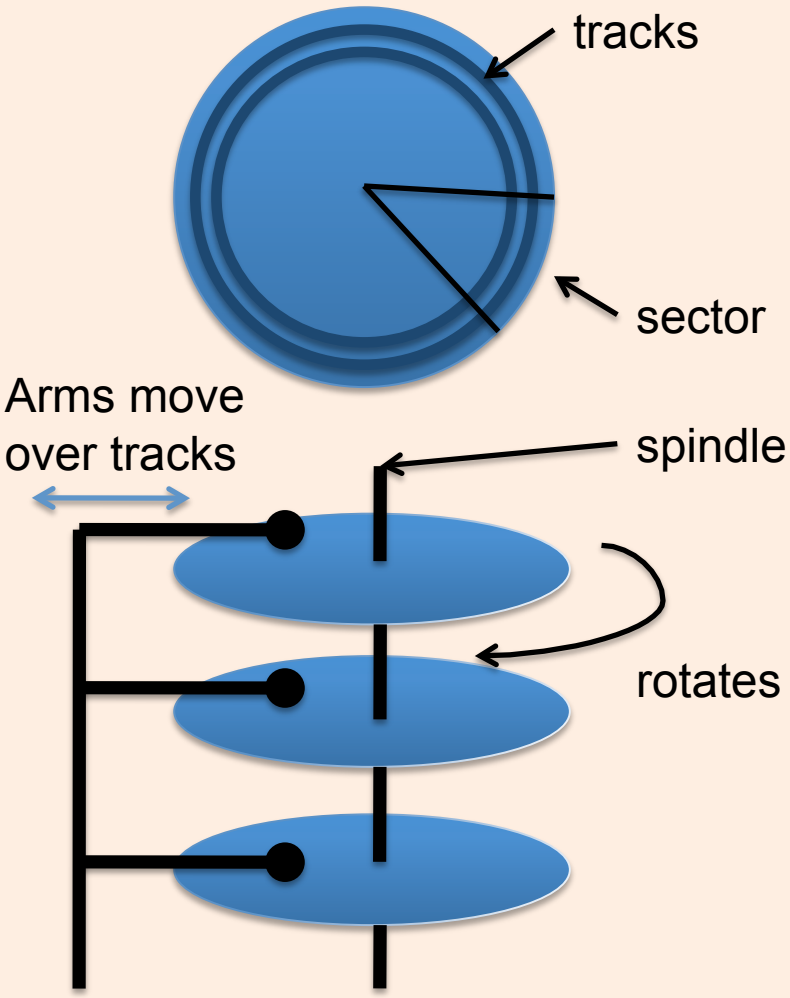
Magnetic Disks

- A disk or platter contains multiple concentric rings called **tracks**.
- Tracks of a fixed diameter of a spindle of disks form a **cylinder**.
- Each track is divided into fixed sized **sectors** (ie. “arcs”).
- Data stored in units of disk **blocks** (in multiples of sectors)
- An array of **disk heads** moves as a single unit.
- **Seek time**: time to move disk heads over the required track
- **Rotational delay**: time for desired sector to rotate under the disk head.
- **Transfer time**: time to actually read/write the data



Accessing Data on Disk

- **Seek time**: time to move disk heads over the required track
- **Rotational delay**: time for desired sector to rotate under the disk head.
  - Assume uniform distribution, on average time for half a rotation
- **Transfer time**: time to actually read/write the data



Example: Barracuda 1TB HDD (ST31000528AS)

- What is the average time to read 2048 bytes of data ?

= Seek time + rotational latency + transfer time

= 8.5 msec + 4.16 msec + (2048 / 512) / 63 * (60 000 msec / 7200 rpm)

= 8.5 + 4.16 + 0.265

cylinders	121601
Bytes/cylinder	16065*512
Blocks/cylinder	8029
Sectors/track	63
Heads	255
Spindle Speed	7200 rpm
Average Latency	4.16 msec
Random read seek time	< 8.5 msec
Random read Write time	< 9.5 msec

File Organizations

How do we organize records in a file ?

- **Heap files**: records not in any particular order
  - Good for scans
- **Sorted files**: records sorted by particular fields
  - scans in the sorted order or range scans in the sorted order
- **Indexes**: Data structures to organize records via trees or hashing.
  - Like sorted files, they speed up searches for a subset of records, based on values in certain ("search key") fields
  - Updates are much faster than in sorted files

Comparing File Organizations

Consider an employee table with search key <age,sal>

- Scans : fetch all records in the file
- Point queries: find all employees who are 30 years old (let's assume there's only one such employee)
- Range queries: find all employees aged above 65.
- Insert a record.
- Delete a record given its RID.

Analysis of Algorithms

- Computation model
  - CPU comparison operation
  - General: most expensive operation
- Worst-case
  - How bad can it get ?
- Average-case
  - Assumption about probabilities
- Analysis: count the number of some operation w.r.t. some input size
- Asymptotics: Big "O"
  - Constants don't matter
  - 500n+10000 = O(n)

```
SELECT *
FROM Employees E
WHERE E.age=30
```

```
For each tuple t in Employees
{
   if (t.age==30)
   {
      output t
   }
}
```

Assume input size : ***n*** tuples

What is the worse case number of output tuples ?

What is the worse case running time in the number of comparisons ?

Search Algorithms on Sorted Data

```
SELECT *
FROM Employees E
WHERE E.age=30
```

Tuples are sorted by age

Shortcircuited Linear Search

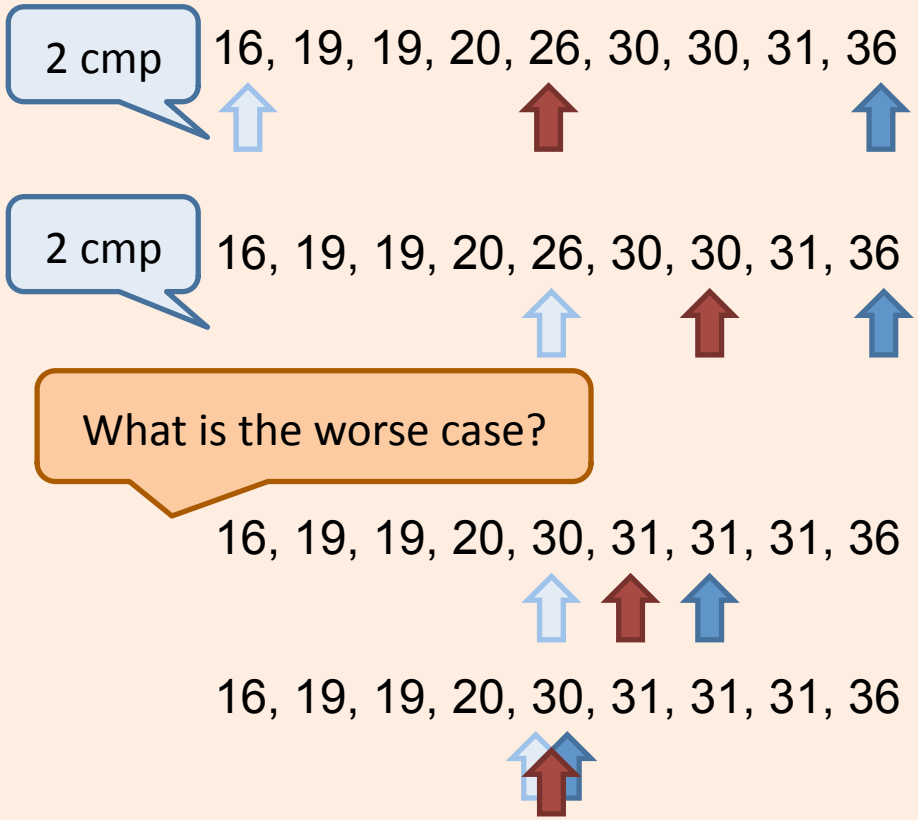
```
For each tuple t in Employees
{
  if (t.age==30)
  {
     output t
  }
  elsif ( t.age > 30 )
  {
     exit
  }
}
```

What is the worse case running time in the number of comparisons ?

Binary Search

```
(lo, hi) = (0,n-1)
mid = lo+(hi-lo)/2
While(hi>lo && E[mid].age!=30)
{
  if (E[mid].age < 30)
  {
     lo=mid
  }
  else
  {
     hi=mid
  }
  mid = lo+(hi-lo)/2
}
Output all satisfying tuples
around E[mid]
```

Analysis of Binary Search

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- Number tuples searched per iteration = n, n/2, n/4, ... 1
- Hence the number of iterations = O(log n)
- Therefore number of comparisons = O(log n)

Analysis of DBMS Algorithms

```
SELECT *
FROM Employees
WHERE age=30
```

```
for each page p of Employees table
{
  if (p not in bufferpool)
  {
    Fetch p from disk
  }
  for each tuple t in page p
  {
    if (t.age==40)
    {
      output t
    }
  }
}
```

Table Scan

Worst case running time =

+ time to fetch all pages of Employees from disk
+ time to compare age
+ time to output result

How would you estimate these times ?

What is the worst case number of disk access ?

What is the most expensive operation ?

Analysis Model

- B : number of data pages
- R : number of records per page
- D : average time to read/write a disk page
  - From previous calculations, if a page is 2K bytes, D is about 13 milliseconds
- C : average time to process a record
  - For the 1 Ghz processors we have today, assuming it takes 100 cyles, C is about 100 nanoseconds

Table Scans on Heap Files

SELECT *
FROM Employees

O(B) pages get fetched +
O(B*R) tuples processed

SELECT *
FROM Employees
WHERE age=30

SELECT *
FROM Employees
WHERE age > 20 and age < 30

```
for each page p of Employees table
{
  if (p not in bufferpool)
  {
    Fetch p from disk
  }
  for each tuple t in page p
  {
    output t
    if (t.age==30)
    {
      output t
    }
    if (t.age>20 && t.age<30)
    {
      output t
    }
  }
}
```