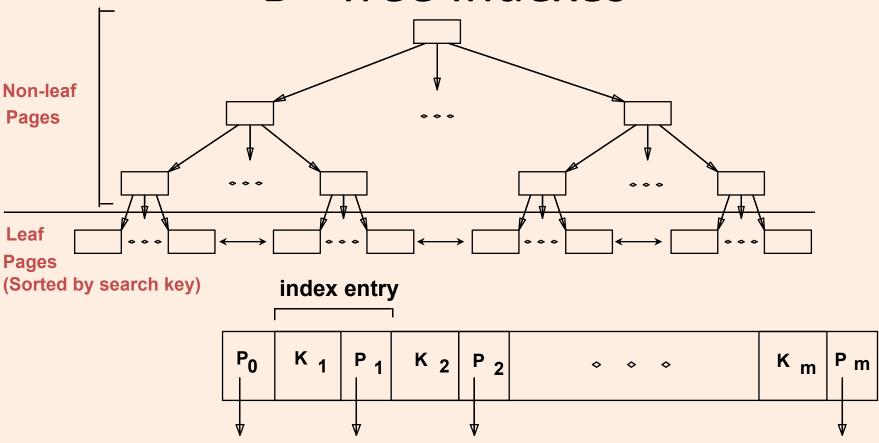
ICS 321 Data Storage & Retrieval Overview of Storage & Indexing (ii)

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Indexes

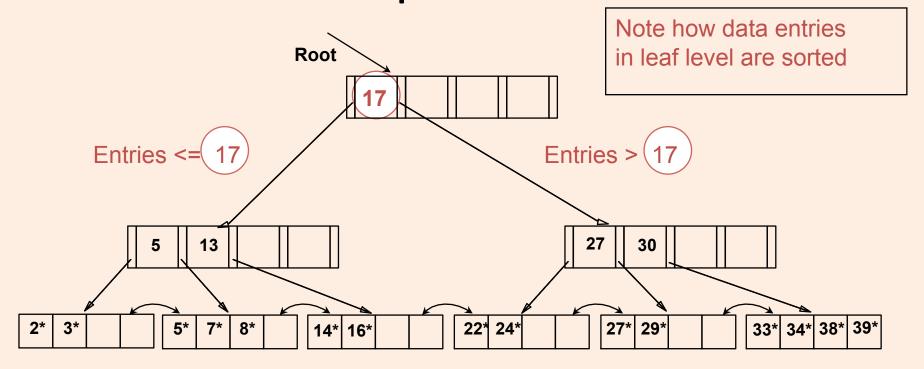
- An <u>index</u> on a file speeds up selections on the search key fields for the index.
 - Any subset of the fields of a relation can be the search key for an index on the relation.
 - Search key is not the same as key (minimal set of fields that uniquely identify a record in a relation).
- An index contains a collection of data entries, and supports efficient retrieval of all data entries k* with a given key value k.
 - A data entry is usually in the form <key, rid>
 - Given data entry k*, we can find record with key k in at most one disk I/O. (Details soon ...)

B+ Tree Indexes



- Leaf pages contain data entries, and are chained (prev & next)
- A data entry typically contain a key value and a rid.
- Non-leaf pages have index entries; only used to direct searches:

Example B+ Tree



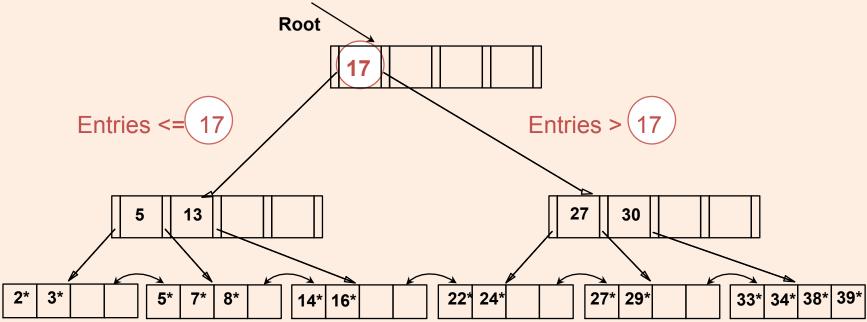
- Find 28*? 29*? All > 15* and < 30*
- Insert/delete: Find data entry in leaf, then change it. Need to adjust parent sometimes.
 - And change sometimes bubbles up the tree

Point Queries using B+ Trees

SELECT *
FROM Employees
WHERE age=30

Assume heap file
data storage

- Use index to find 30*
- Request tuple from buffer manager
- If not in bufferpool, fetch page from disk

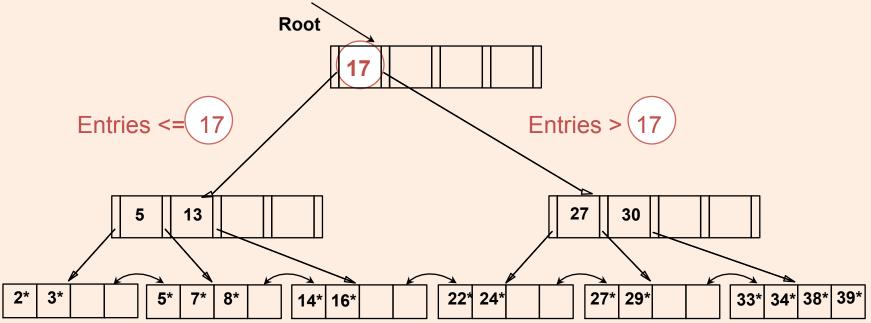


Range Queries using B+ Trees

SELECT *
FROM Employees
WHERE age>30

Assume heap file
data storage

- Use index to find 30*
- For each data entry to the right of 30*
- Request tuples from buffer manager
- If not in bufferpool, fetch page from disk



Hash-Based Indexes

Hash Index on Age
Overflow page

30 45 56 41 20 25

File

- Index is a collection of <u>buckets</u> that contain data entries
 - Bucket = primary page plus zero or more overflow pages.
- Hashing function h: h(r) = bucket in which (data entry for) record r belongs. h looks at the search key fields of r.
- No "index entries" in this scheme.

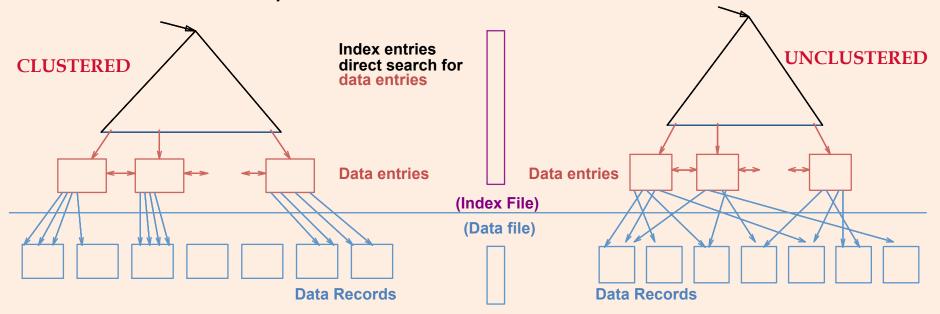
Value for age

Index Classifications

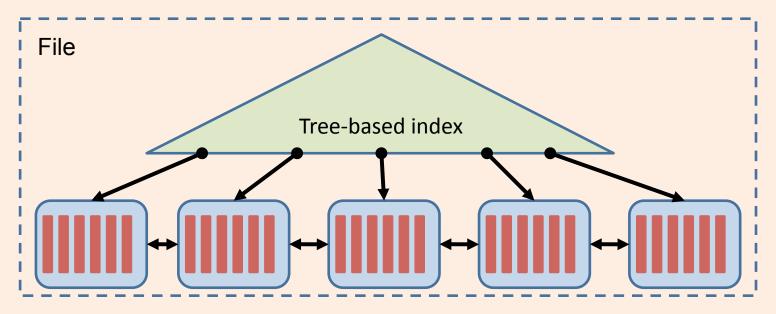
- What should be in a Data Entry k*?
 - Possibilities:
 - The data record itself with key value k
 - <k, rid of data record with key value k>
 - <k, list of rids of data records with key value k>
 - Variable size data entries
 - Applies to any indexing technique
- Primary vs Secondary
 - Primary index : search key contains primary key
 - Unique Index : search key contains candidate key
- Clustered vs unclustered
 - Clustered index: order of data records same or close to order of data entries

Clustered vs Unclustered Index

- Suppose data records are stored in a Heap file.
 - To build clustered index, first sort the Heap file (with some free space on each page for future inserts).
 - Overflow pages may be needed for inserts. (Thus, order of data recs is `close to', but not identical to, the sort order.)



Clustered File



- An index where the data entry contains the data record itself (cf. just the key value, RID pair).
- No heap/sorted file is used, the index IS the file of record
- Steps to build a clustered file:
 - Sort data records
 - Partition into pages
 - Build the tree on the pages