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# INFO90002

## Database Systems & Information Modelling

Week 09  
Database Administration

- Three hour lecture today – no more labs
- Hour 1 Database Administration
- Hour 2 Database Security, Ethics and Backu
- Hour 3 Assignment 1 Feedback



## HOUR 1:

- The 'Database Administrator' role
- Architecture – Understanding the DBMS
  - concepts
- Performance improvement
  - concepts
  - common approaches e.g. indexes

## HOUR 2

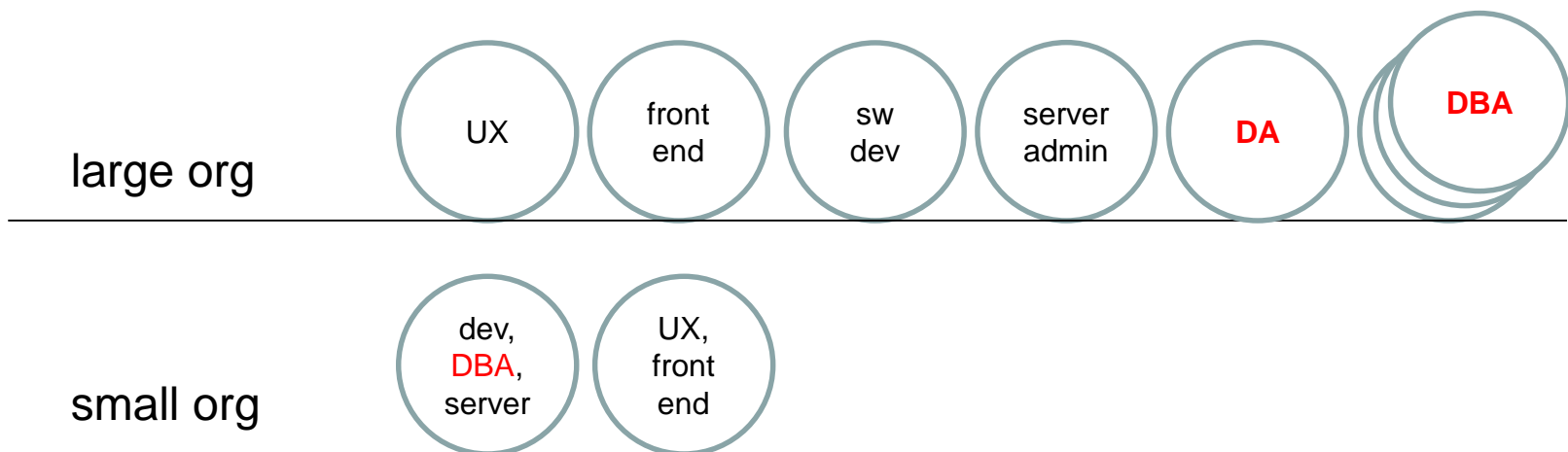
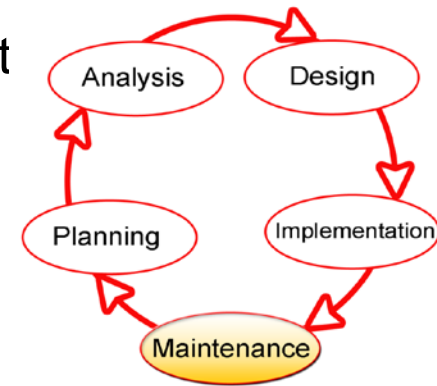
- Security
  - requirements
  - web apps and SQL injection
- Ethics
- Backup & Recovery

## HOUR 3

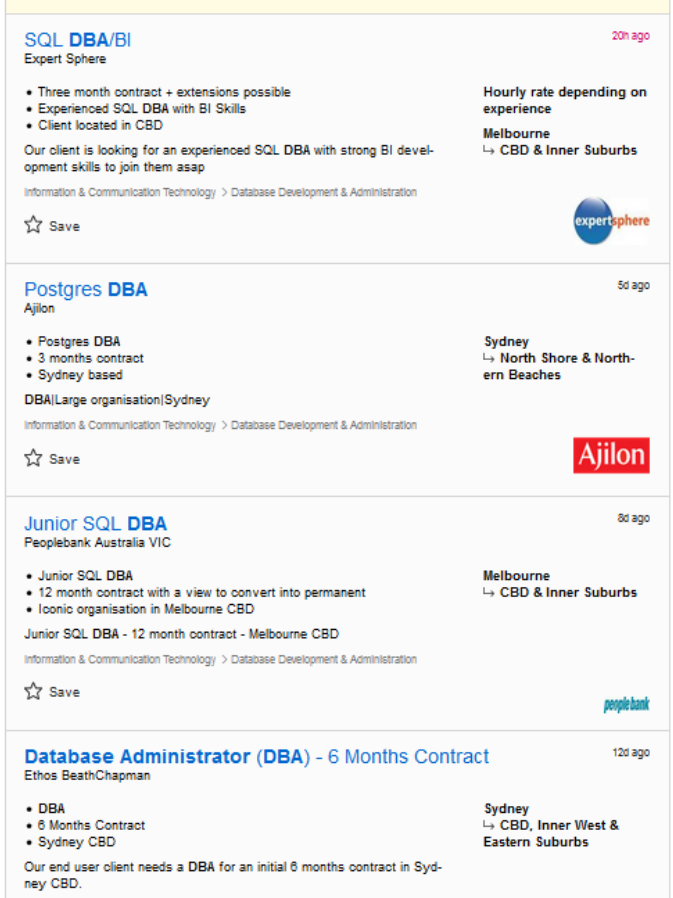
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# The DBA role

- primarily concerned with “maintenance” / “ops” phase
- but should be consulted during all phases of development
- “Database Administrator” or “DBA”
- often framed as a “job” or a “person”
- Large companies – many DBA’s
- Small company developer is the DBA
- DBA role can be made redundant by Cloud-based DBMS or “database as a service” DAAS (often IAAS or PAAS)



- **Data Administrator** (management role)
  - data policies, procedures and standards
  - planning
  - data conflict resolution
  - managing info repository
  - internal marketing
  - similar to “Chief Data Officer”
- **Database Administrator** (technical role)
  - analyze and design DB
  - select DBMS / tools / vendor
  - install and upgrade DBMS
  - tune DBMS performance
  - manage security, privacy, integrity
  - backup and recovery



The screenshot displays four job listings for database administration roles. Each listing includes the job title, company name, location, and a brief description of the role and requirements. The listings are as follows:

- SQL DBA/BI** by Expert Sphere, Melbourne, CBD & Inner Suburbs. Requirements: Three month contract + extensions possible, Experienced SQL DBA with BI Skills, Client located in CBD. Description: Our client is looking for an experienced SQL DBA with strong BI development skills to join them asap.
- Postgres DBA** by Ajilon, Sydney, North Shore & Northern Beaches. Requirements: Postgres DBA, 3 months contract, Sydney based. Description: Large organisation(Sydney).
- Junior SQL DBA** by Peoplebank Australia VIC, Melbourne, CBD & Inner Suburbs. Requirements: Junior SQL DBA, 12 month contract with a view to convert into permanent, Iconic organisation in Melbourne CBD. Description: Junior SQL DBA - 12 month contract - Melbourne CBD.
- Database Administrator (DBA) - 6 Months Contract** by Ethos BeathChapman, Sydney, CBD, Inner West & Eastern Suburbs. Requirements: DBA, 6 Months Contract, Sydney CBD. Description: Our end user client needs a DBA for an initial 6 months contract in Sydney CBD.

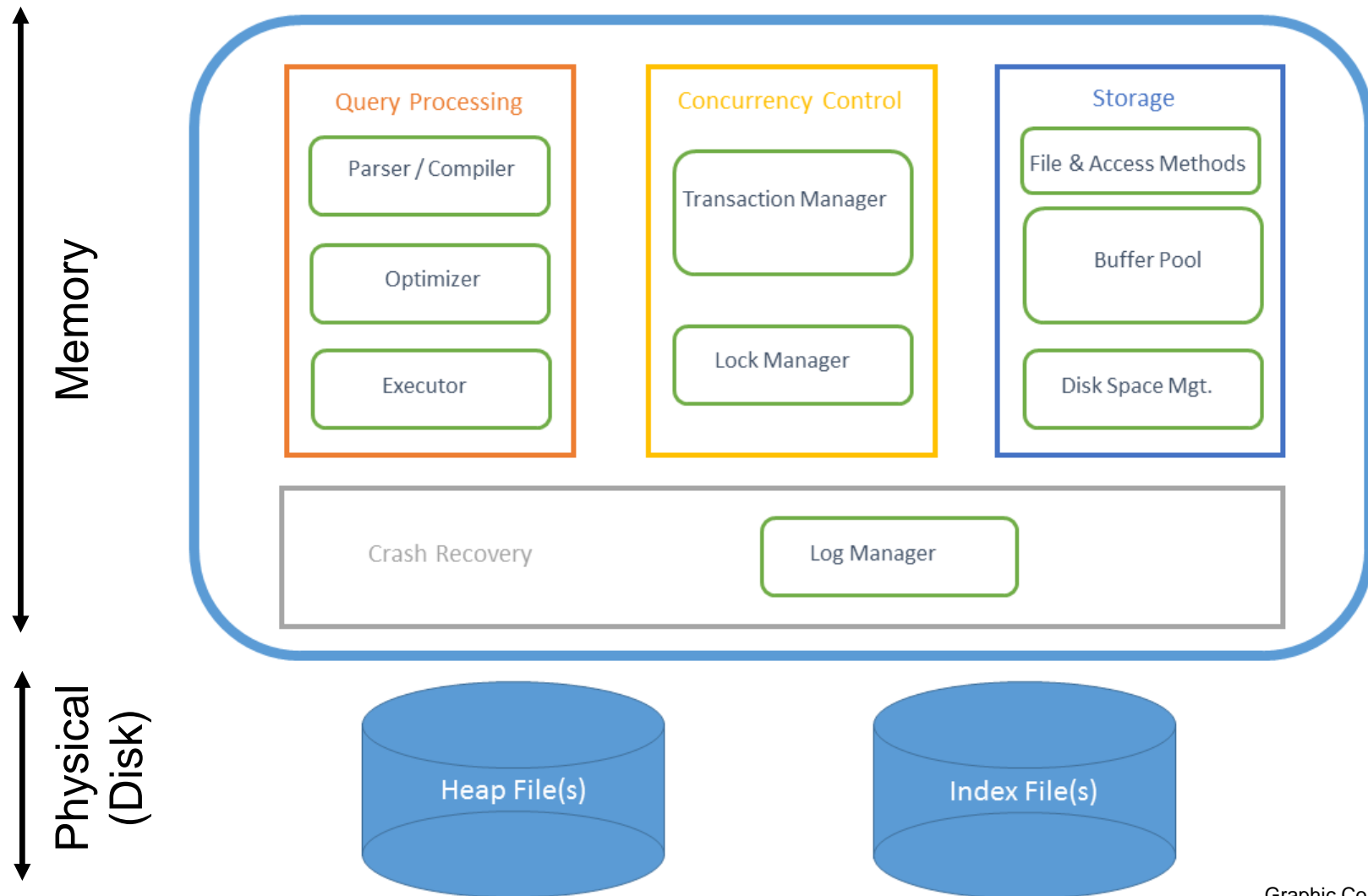
(Hoffer et al., chapter 11)



# Architecture of a Database Management System (DBMS)

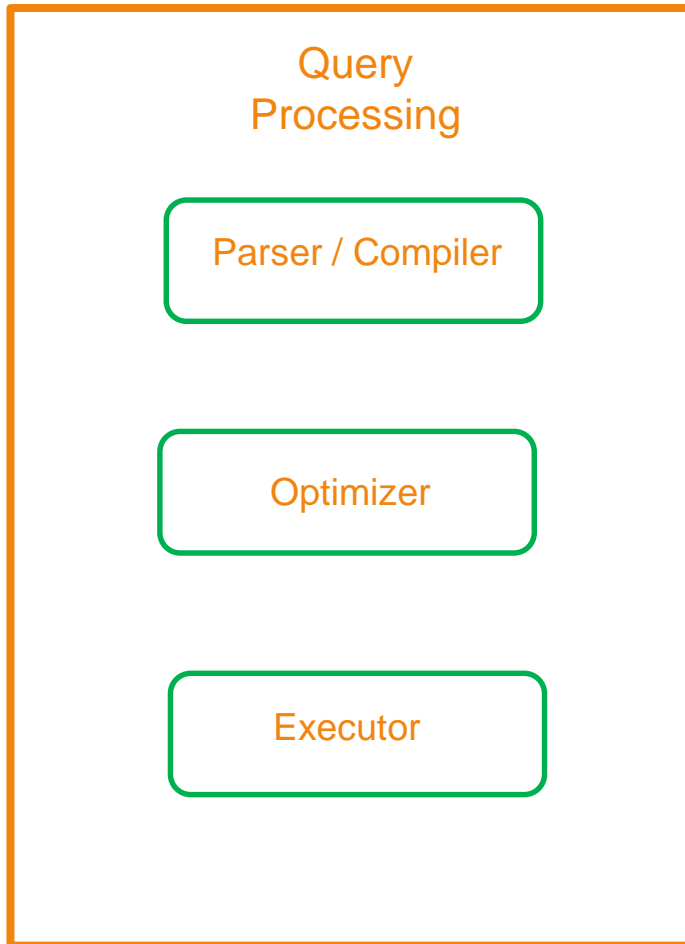


- A Database Management System (DBMS)
- Exists as one entity in two places
  - In Memory
  - Physically on disk
- Both places
  - Manage Data (the reason we have the DBMS)
  - Manage Performance (how it performs as it is used & grows)
  - Manage Concurrency (manages high volumes of users)
  - Manage Recoverability (assist in recovery and availability)
- One place is persistent the other transient
  - Disk representation is always present
  - Memory – transient – only exists when DBMS is running



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## Parsing

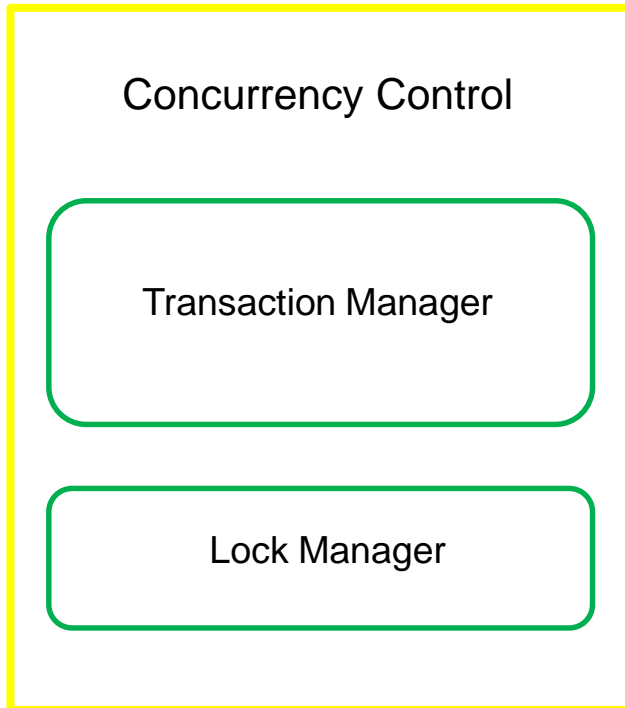
- Syntax is correct & can “compile”
- DBMS User Permissions
- Resources (Data, Code, be able to Record Changes/Retrieve results)

## Optimizing

- Execution Plan & Execution Cost
- Evaluate indexes, table scans, hashing
- Eliminate worst, consider best options
- Lowest cost theoretically “best”

## Execution

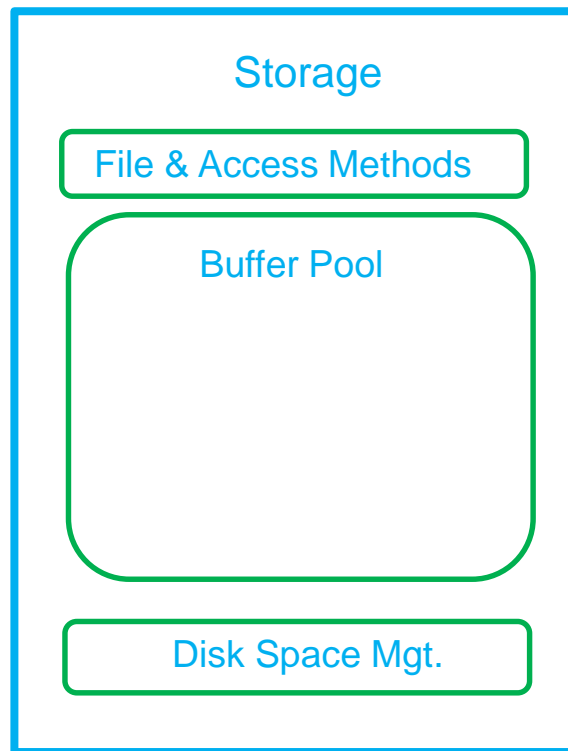
- Meet the ACID test,
- Atomic: All rows succeed or all fail
- Ensure resources are available
  - Data, Log changes, Memory, Cursor to do the work for the USER



- Manages the work of the DBMS.
- Transaction Manager handles all aspects of the SQL transaction - which DBMS user wants WHAT resource
- Lock Manager is a list of what resources are locked and by which user at what level
- not only tables, indexes
  - buffers, cursor, memory addresses of resources

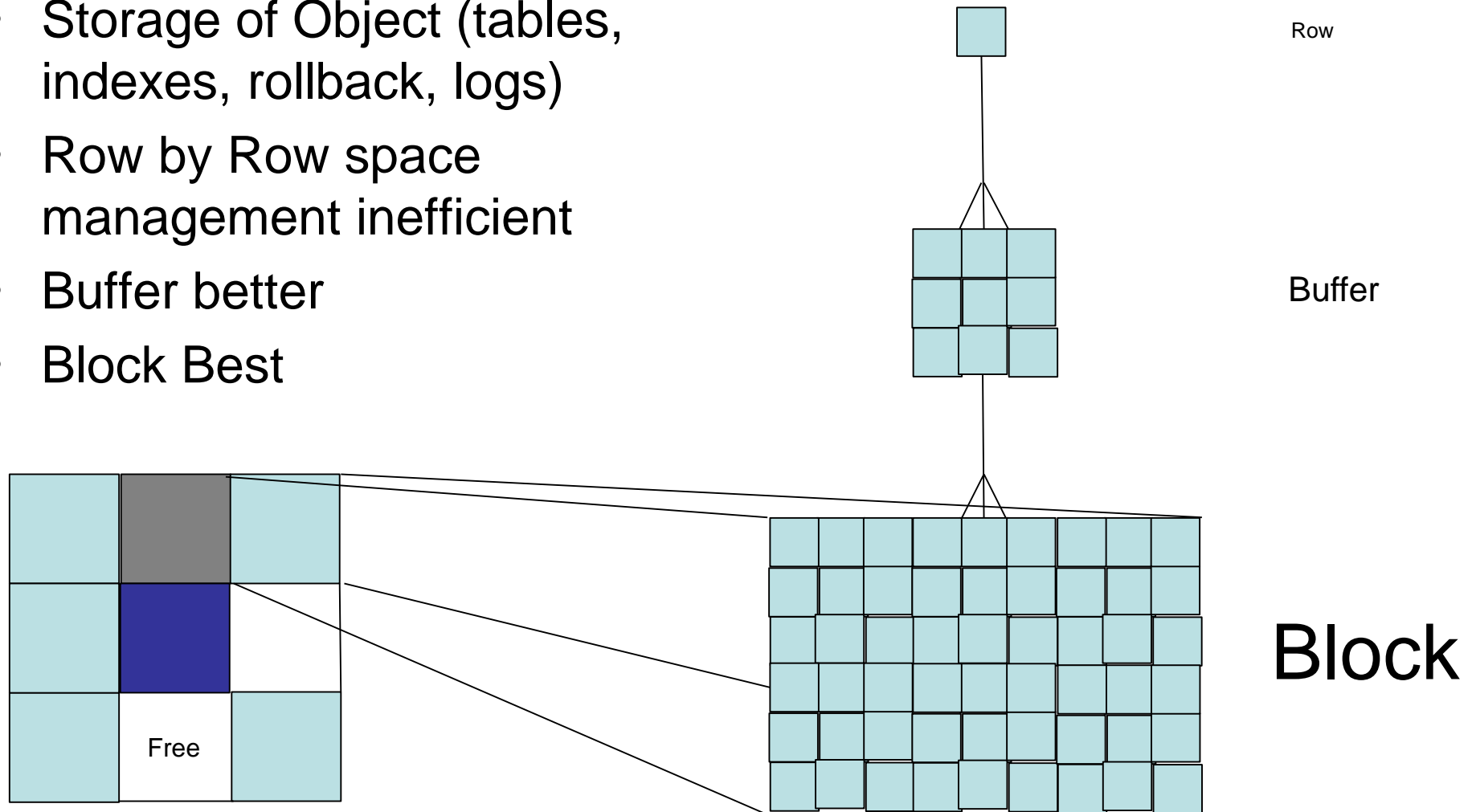


- Essential to manage large scalable DBMS
- Enables 100,000s of concurrent users
- Like a Traffic Policemen controlling the flow of traffic
  - Who can do what (allowed to do what they need to do)
  - Who has to wait (queue)
  - Who can travel through the intersection concurrently



- File & Access Methods
  - Disk to Memory to Disk
  - Read a buffer or a block of buffers
- Buffer Pool
  - Data in memory
    - Row data
    - Index data
  - Organised
- Disk Space Management
  - How to organise growth of data on disk efficiently by writing efficiently.

- Hierarchical Structure
- Storage of Object (tables, indexes, rollback, logs)
- Row by Row space management inefficient
- Buffer better
- Block Best



- Many Object Types (Tables, Indexes, Undo)
- Each buffer contains rows, btree leaf etc.
- Each buffer can have one of four status types:

- Current

- In use current committed version of data (row)

- Active

- Most recent change (may not be committed)

COMMIT (Current: DepartmentID=9)

- Stale

- An old version of the data

- Aged

- Old and about to be removed from buffer pool

Buffer Pool

DepartmentID=8

DepartmentID=9

*DepartmentID=8*

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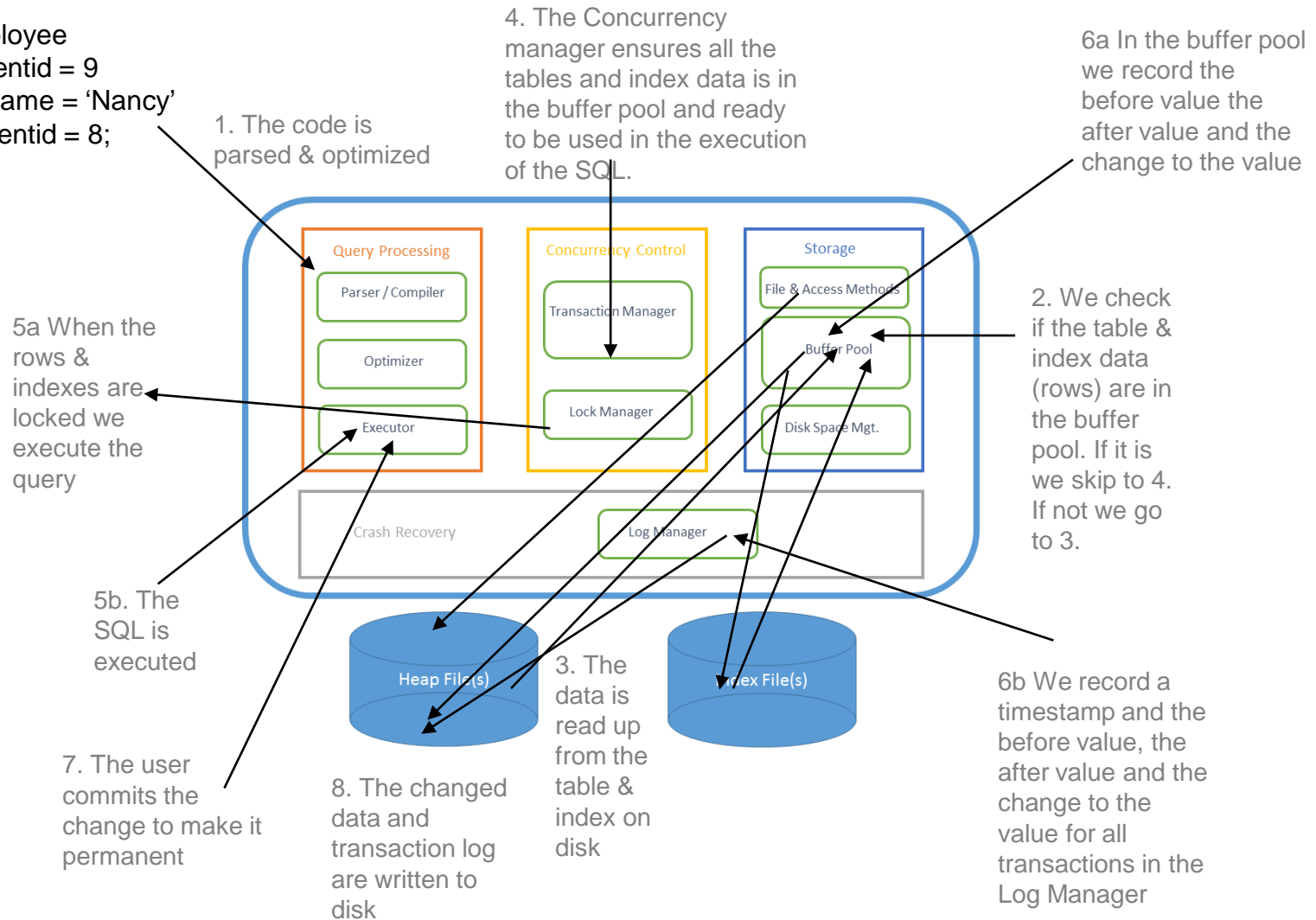


Crash Recovery

Log Manager

- Recovery
- Log Manager records ALL changes
  - Statement
  - Transaction
    - Statement
    - Rollback values
    - Before and After values
    - Timestamp begin
      - txn, savepoint & commit
  - Database
    - Data Dictionary Changes

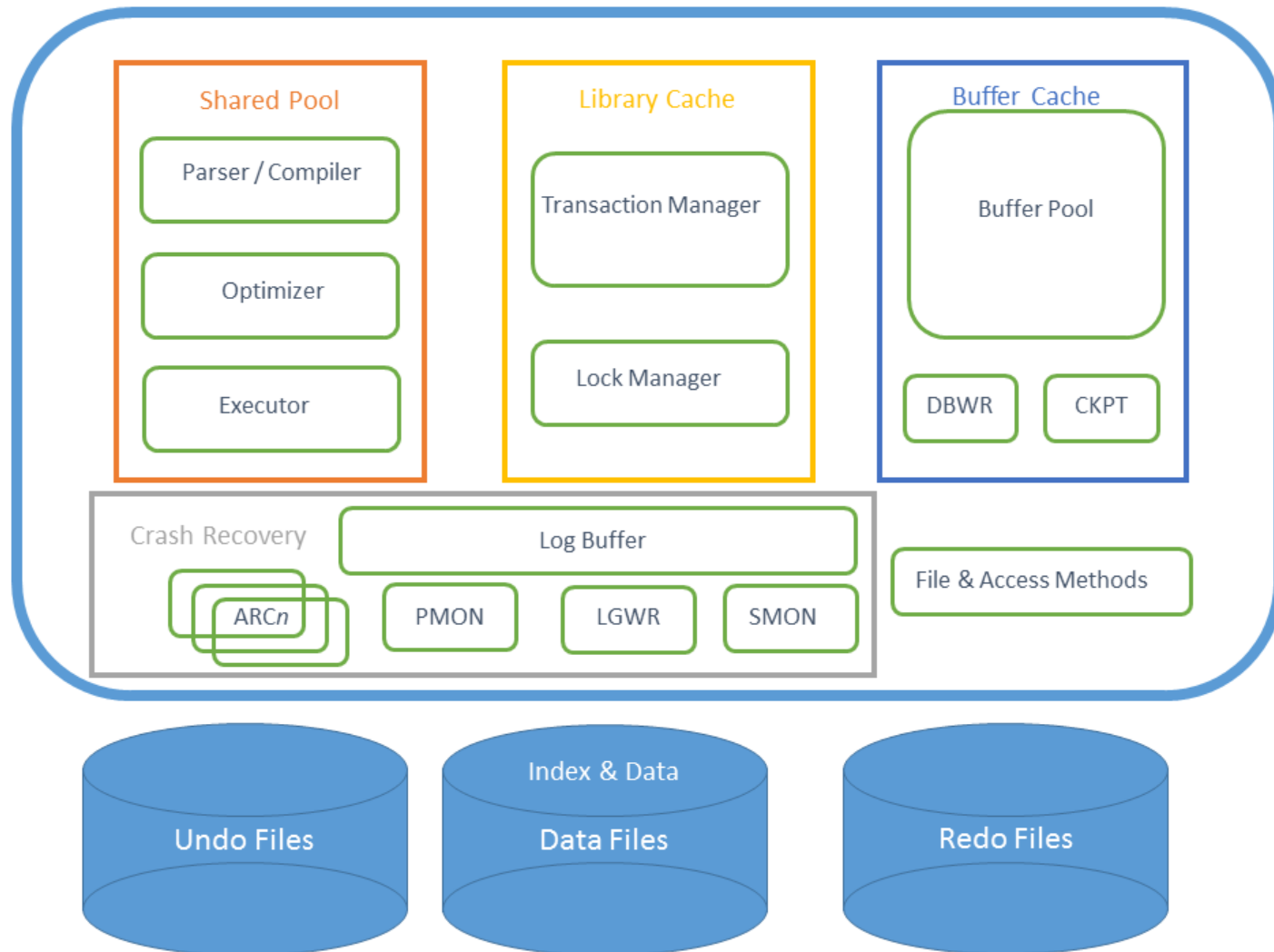
UPDATE employee  
SET departmentid = 9  
WHERE firstname = 'Nancy'  
AND departmentid = 8;



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# How Oracle\* DBMS looks



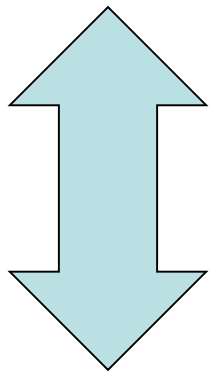
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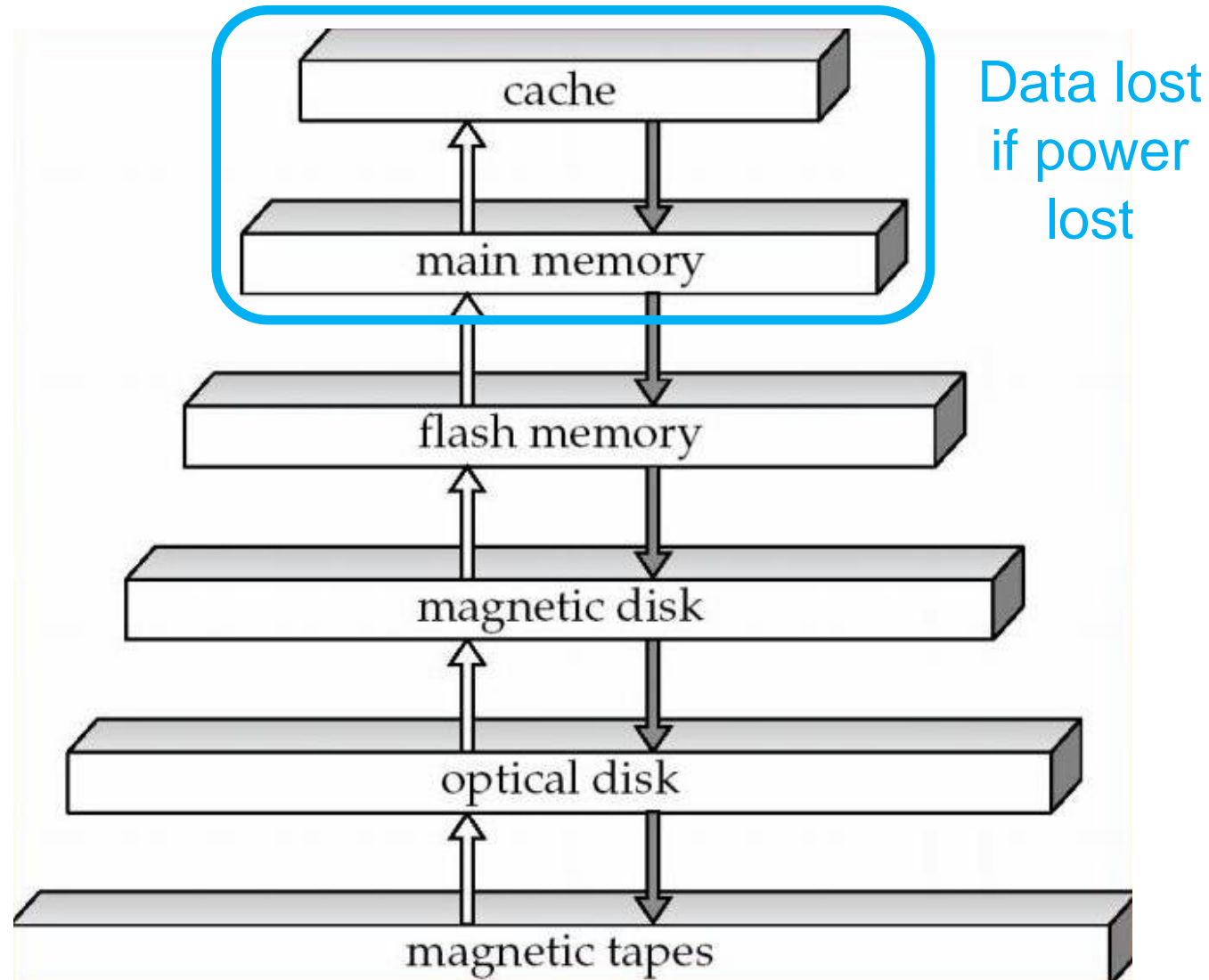
# Database Performance

# Storage media hierarchy

faster, more  
expensive,  
smaller  
capacity



slower,  
cheaper,  
*older*,  
bigger  
capacity





- caching data in memory, e.g. data buffers
- placement of data files across disc drives
- use of fast storage such as SSD
- database replication and server clustering
- use of indexes to speed up searches and joins
- good choice of data types (especially PKs)
- good program logic
- good query execution plans
- good code (no deadlocks)

- Data and Code found in memory
- Avoids a read
- Reads are expensive
- Goal in to minimize reads (& writes)
  - Writes are necessary (recovery logs, changed data)
- “in memory databases”
  - all code all data loaded into memory on db start & stays until shutdown

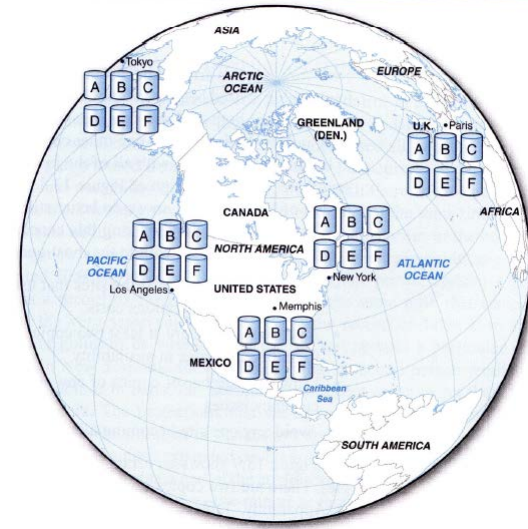
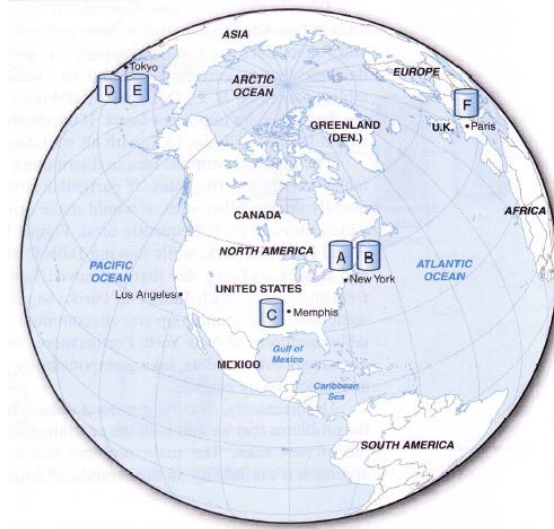
Buffer Pool  
(Table & Index rows)

Parser / Compiler  
(SQL)



- Spread the files across the physical server
- We can't avoid writes
  - Spread files across many disks
    - Avoid contention
      - (many users competing for same resource)
  - Recovery Logs (always writing)
    - faster disk
- SSD (Solid State Drives)
  - No moving parts – nothing to break down
  - Faster I/O (Input & Output compared to other disk types)

- Distributed data
  - Spreads the load
  - Data kept only where it is needed
  - Less work per physical server – faster response times
- Replicated Data
  - Spreads Load
  - Less work per physical server – faster response times



# When to create indexes

- for each table, choose the columns you will index:
- column is *queried frequently* (used in Where clauses)
- columns that are used for *joins (PK to FK)*
- primary *keys* (automatic in most DBMS)
- foreign *keys* (automatic in MySQL)
- unique columns (automatic in most DBMS)
- large tables only - small tables do not require indexes
  - if you frequently retrieve less than about 15% of the rows
- wide range of values (good for regular indexes).
- small range of values (good for bitmap/hash indexes).

covered already in week 6

source: Oracle® Database Application Developer's Guide



- Good Data Types
  - INTEGERS for PK FK & PFK
- Good Program Logic & Code
  - Transaction design

BEGIN TRANSACTION

SELECT

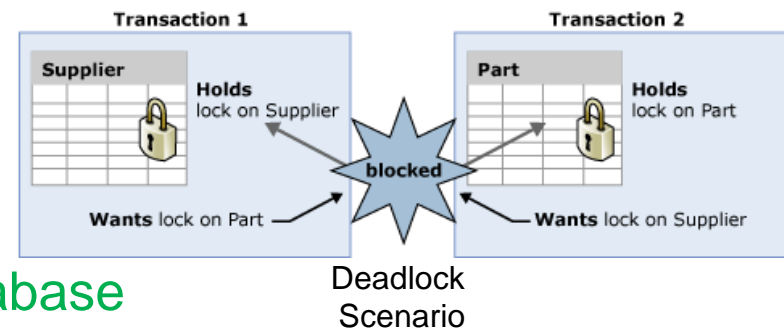
UPDATE

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COMMIT

- Avoid Long Complex Transactions that never commit or savepoint
- Avoid coding deadlocks!
- Appropriate Locking strategy
  - Row b4 Buffer b4 Table b4 Database
  - Consider Lock Timeouts (if not automatic)



- The best execution plan has the lowest “cost”
- Known as Cost Based Optimization (CBO)

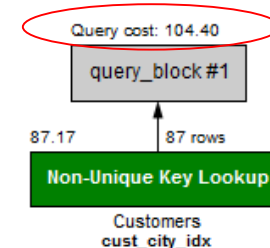
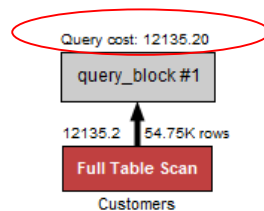
Index on where condition (cust\_city) improves cost:

```
SELECT cust_first_name, cust_last_name, cust_marital_status,
       cust_city, cust_income_level
FROM Customers
WHERE cust_last_name = 'Parkburg'
AND cust_first_name = 'Peter'
AND cust_city = 'Trafford';
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	cust_first_name	cust_last_name	cust_marital_status	cust_city	cust_income_level
	Peter	Parkburg	single	Trafford	H: 150.000 - 169.999

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CREATE INDEX cust_city_idx
ON customers(cust_city);

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Break Time (10 minutes)