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# Database

## Lesson 10. Storage and Indexing

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- Overview of database storage structures
- Physical database files
- Database index

# Objectives

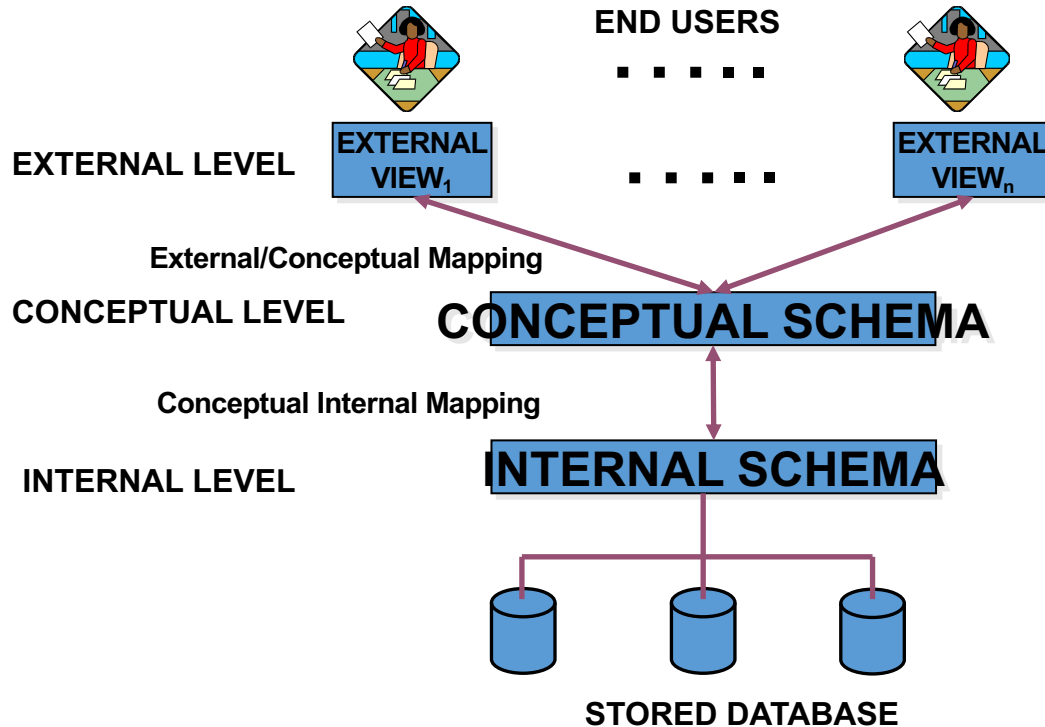
- Upon completion of this lesson, students will be able to:
  - Understand the physical database files
  - Understand the role of database indexes

# Keywords

Heap file	Files of Unordered Records
Ordered file	Physically order the <b>records of a file on disk</b> based on the values of one of their fields (key field)
Index	A data structure that improves the <b>speed of data</b> retrieval operations
B-tree	A <b>self-balancing tree</b> data structure that keeps data sorted

# 1. Overview of database storage structures

- *3-tier Schema Model (ANSI-SPARC Architecture)*



# 1. Overview of database storage structures

## ● *How does Mariadb store data*

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'datadir';
```

Variable_name	Value
datadir	/var/lib/mysql/

```
MariaDB [student_management]> show tables;
```

Tables_in_student_management
class
enrolled
faculty
student

```
:/var/lib/mysql/student_management# ls -la
```

ql mysql	4096	Mar 12 02:05	.
ql mysql	4096	May 5 06:06	
ql mysql	1547	Mar 12 02:05	class.frm
ql mysql	114688	Mar 12 02:21	class.ibd
ql mysql	65	Mar 12 01:59	db.opt
ql mysql	1466	Mar 12 02:03	enrolled.frm
ql mysql	114688	Mar 12 02:18	enrolled.ibd
ql mysql	1005	Mar 12 02:04	faculty.frm
ql mysql	98304	Mar 12 02:16	faculty.ibd
ql mysql	1101	Mar 12 02:00	student.frm
ql mysql	98304	Mar 12 02:23	student.ibd

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the .ibd file stores the table's data

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```
MariaDB [student_management]> describe student;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
snum	int(11)	NO	PRI	NULL	
sname	varchar(40)	YES		NULL	
major	varchar(30)	YES		NULL	
level	varchar(10)	YES		NULL	
age	int(11)	YES		NULL	

```
root@285e07e9458f:/var/lib/mysql/student_management# cat student.frm  
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?snum?sname?major?level?age?root@285e07e9458f:/var/lib/mysql/student
```



# 1. Overview of database storage structures

## ● *How does Mariadb store data*

- the .ibd file stores the table's data

```
MariaDB [student_management]> select * from student;
```

snum	sname	major	level	age
1	Nguyen Van A	CS	JR	18
2	Nguyen Viet Cuong	History	JR	19
3	Nguyen Hong Ngoc	CS	JR	19
4	Mark Juke	History	JR	20
5	Elon Mulk	CS	JR	20
6	Donal Trump	CS	JR	20
7	Obama	CS	JR	20
8	Tan Dung	History	SR	30

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root@285e07e9458f:/var/lib/mysql/student_management# cat student.ibd
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## 2. Physical database files

- Motivation
- Magnetic disks as data storage
- Primary file organizations

## 2.1. Motivation

- Databases typically store large amounts of data persistently on disks:
  - Databases are too large to fit entirely in main memory.
  - Disk - nonvolatile storage vs. Main memory - volatile storage
  - The cost of storage per unit is much cheaper

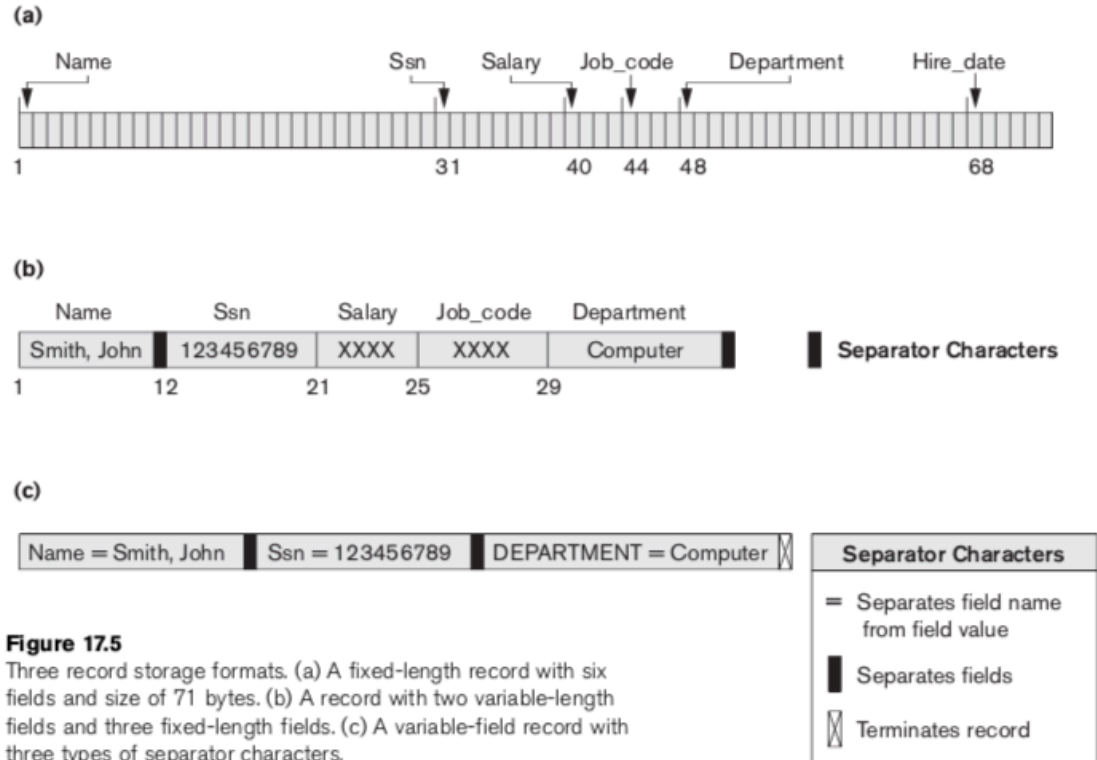
## 2.2. Magnetic disks as data storage

- A disk is a random access addressable device.
- Transfer of data between main memory and disk takes place in units of disk blocks.
- Typical disk block sizes: 4KB – 8KB.
- Disk I/O (read/write from disk to main memory) overhead is the key factor of database performance optimization.

## 2.2.1. Physical database design

- The process of physical database design involves choosing the particular data organization techniques that best suit the given application requirements (on SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).
- The data stored on disk is organized as files of records:
  - **Primary file organizations**: determine how the file records are physically placed on the disk, and hence how the records can be accessed.
  - **Secondary organization** or auxiliary access structure allows efficient access to file records based on alternate fields.

## 2.2.2. Placing File Records on Disk



## 2.3. Primary file organizations

- Files of Unordered Records (Heap Files)
- Files of Ordered Records (Sorted Files)
- Hashing Techniques

## 2.3. Primary file organizations

- **Files of Unordered Records (Heap Files)**

- Records are placed in the file in the order in which they are inserted
- INSERT: Inserting a new record is very efficient
  - New records are inserted at the end of the file
- UPDATE/SELECT: Searching for a record on any search condition is not efficient – linear search
- DELETE: leaves unused space in the disk block
  - require periodic reorganization



## 2.3. Primary file organizations

- **Files of Ordered Records (Sorted Files)**

- Physically order the records of a file on disk based on the values of one of their fields (key field)
- SELECT: binary search (very fast)
- INSERT/DELETE/UPDATE: more expensive

## 2.3. Primary file organizations

- **Hash files**

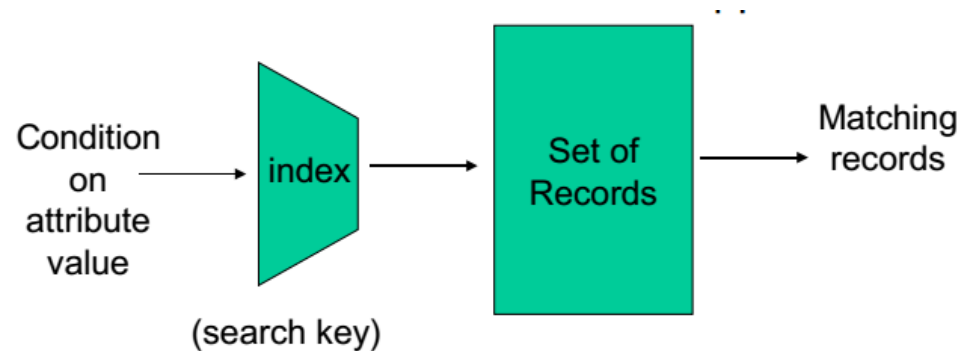
- The address of the disk block in which the record is stored is the result of applying a hash function to the value of a particular field (hash field) of the record.
- Very fast access to records for search on equality condition on the hash field.

### 3. Database indexes

- What is database index?
- Index data structures
- B+tree
- Sparse vs. Dense index
- Clustered vs. Non-clustered index
- Index creation in SQL

## 3.1. What is database index?

- Auxiliary access structure (commonly index) allows efficient access to file records based on alternate fields

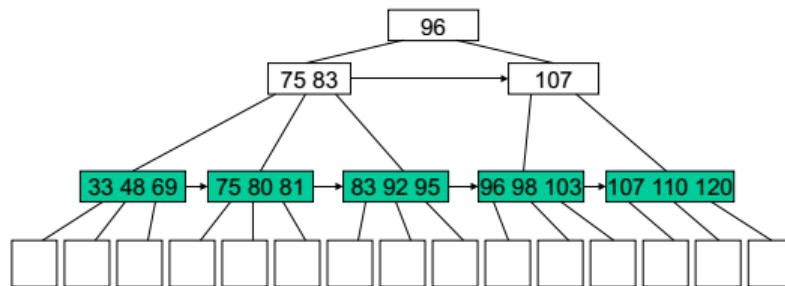


## 3.2. Index data structures

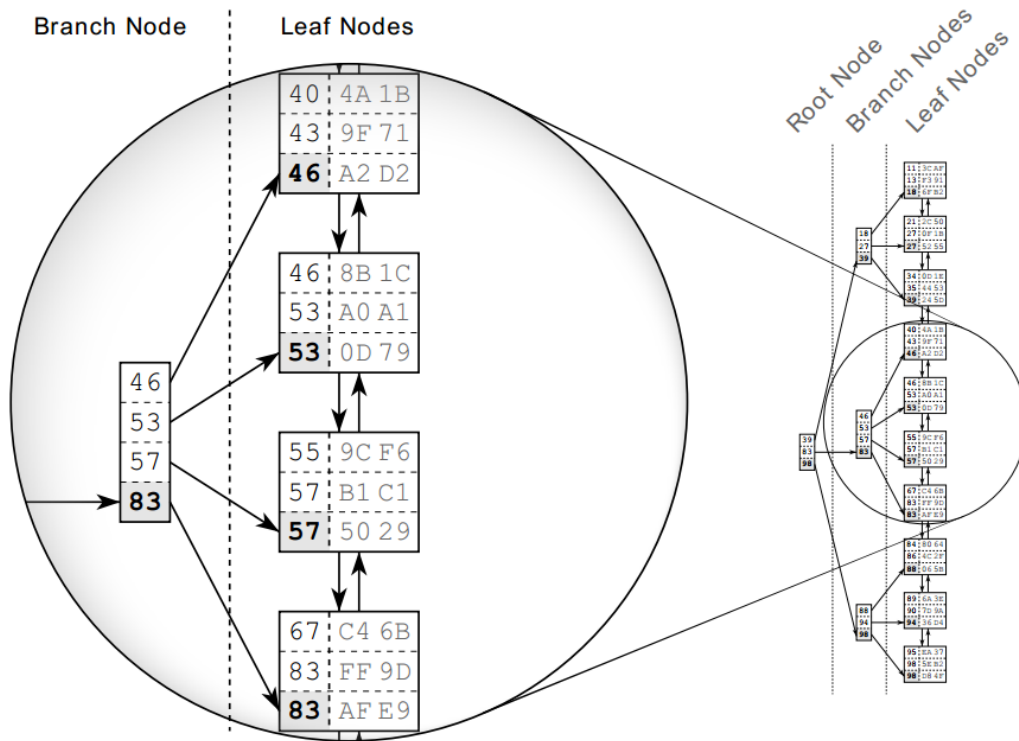
- Indexes can be implemented with different data structures.
  - B+-tree index
  - hash index
  - bitmap index (briefly)
  - dynamic hash indexes: number of buckets modified dynamically
  - R-tree: index for special data (points, lines, shapes)
  - quadtree: recursively partition a 2D plane into four quadrants
  - octree: quadtree version for three dimensional data
  - main memory indexes: T-tree, binary search tree

## 3.3. B+Tree

- Balanced tree of key-pointer pairs
- Keys are sorted by value
- Nodes are at least half full
- Access records for key: traverse tree from root to leaf

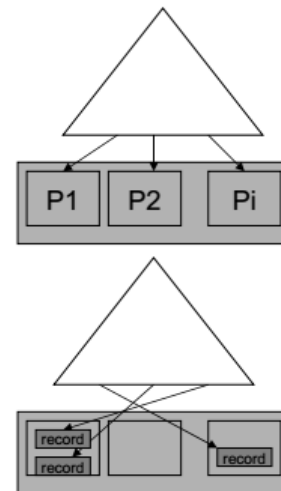


## 3.3.1. Example: B+ tree



## 3.4. Spare vs. Dense index

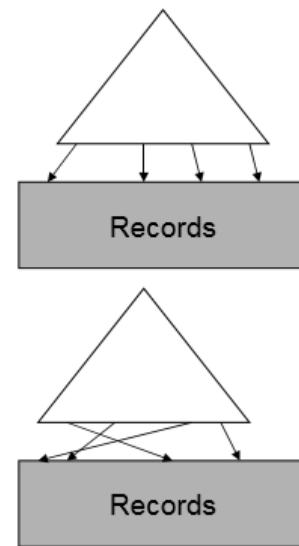
- Sparse index
  - pointers to disk pages at most one pointer per disk page usually much less pointers than records
- Dense index
  - pointers to individual records one key per record usually more keys than sparse index optimization: store repeating keys only once, followed by pointers



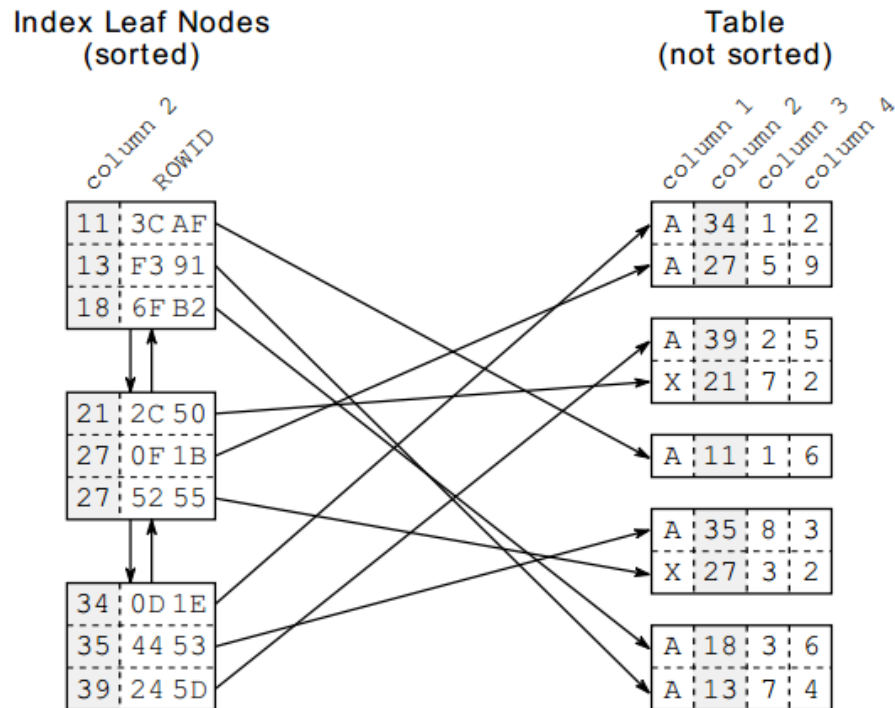


## 3.5. Clustered vs. Non-Clustered

- Clustered index on attribute X
  - This index controls the placement of records on disk
  - only one clustering index per table
  - dense or sparse
- Non-clustered index on attribute X
  - no constraint on table organization
  - Can have more than one index per table
  - always dense



## 3.5.1. Example: Non-clustered index



## 3.6. Creating Index

- `CREATE [UNIQUE|FULLTEXT|SPATIAL] INDEX index_name  
[index_type] ON tbl_name (index_col_name,...) [index_option]  
[algorithm_option | lock_option] ...`
- `index_type: USING {BTREE | HASH}`

## Remark

- Databases typically store data persistently on disks
  - Files of unordered records (Heap files)
  - Files of ordered records (Sorted files)
  - Hash files
- Index allows efficient access to file records based on “indexed” fields

# Quiz 1.

Quiz Number	1	Quiz Type	OX	Example Select
Question	Does heap files support INSERT query efficiently?			
Example	A. Yes B. No			
Answer	A			
Feedback	New records are appended to the end of the head file			

## Quiz 2.

Quiz Number	2	Quiz Type	OX	Example Select
Question	Are ordered files better for heavy Insert operation?			
Example	A. Yes B. No			
Answer	B			
Feedback	Insertion to ordered files requires reorganizing w.r.t. new records			

# Summary

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  - 3-tier Schema Model (ANSI-SPARC Architecture)
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## Next lesson: Query processing

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