

Mod 5 - Lecture 7,8,9:

Secondary Indexes

Multi-Level Indexes

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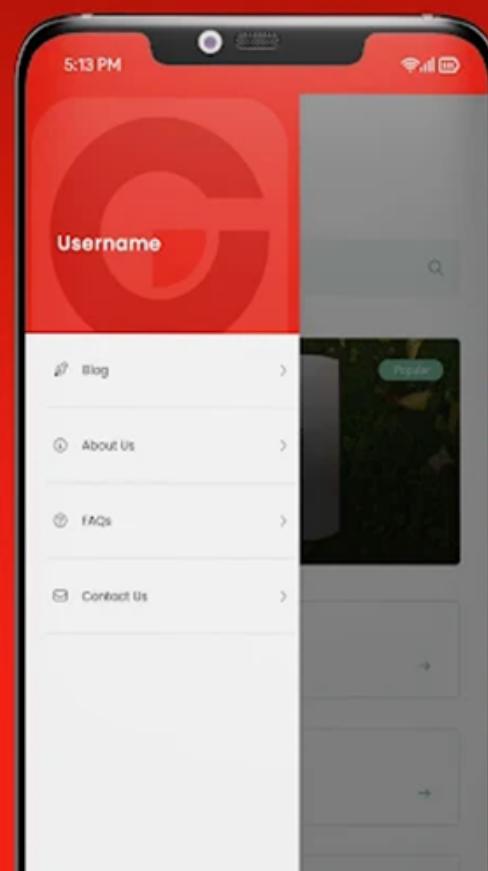
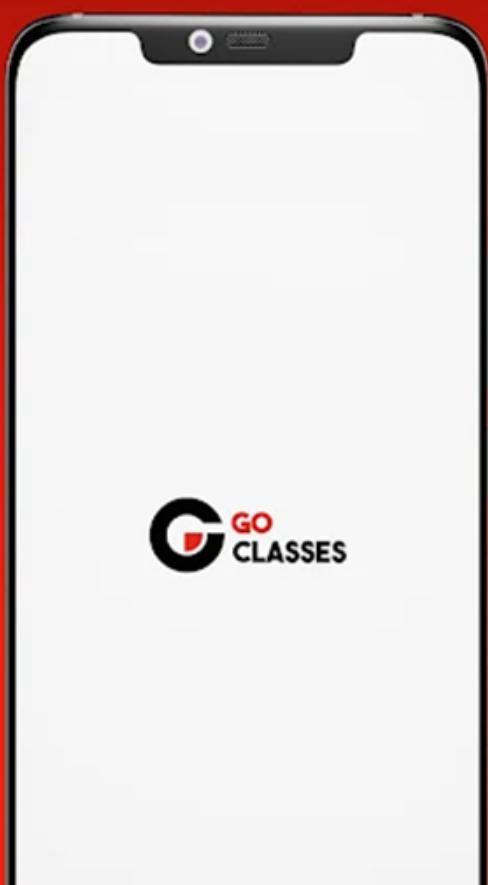
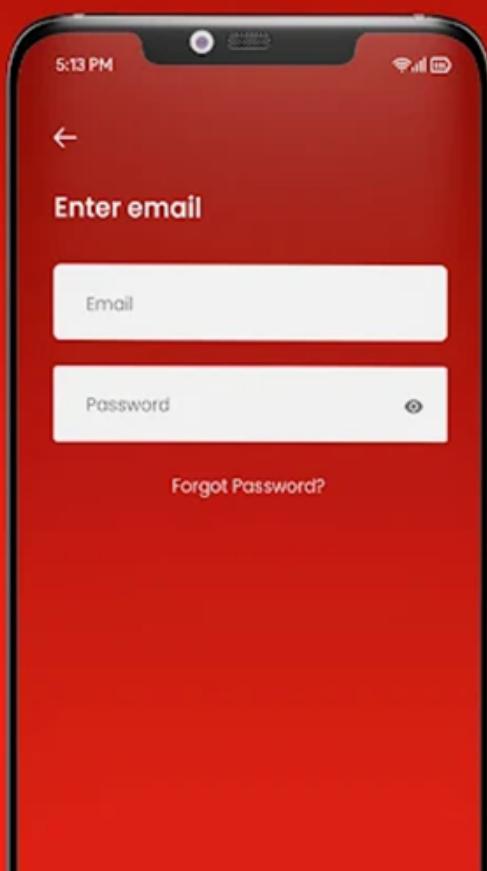
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Types of Single level Ordered Indexes:

2. Clustering Index

Clustering Index:

If the file containing the records is sequentially ordered by a Non-key field F, then the Index using search key F is called **Clustering Index**.

17.1.2 Clustering Indexes

If file records are physically ordered on a nonkey field—which *does not* have a distinct value for each record—that field is called the **clustering field** and the data file is called a **clustered file**. We can create a different type of index, called a **clustering index**, to speed up retrieval of all the records that have the same value for the clustering field. This differs from a primary index, which requires that the ordering field of the data file have a *distinct value* for each record.

Q:

Consider a Heap file (Do you remember what a Heap file is ???)

Can we create a Clustering Index on a heap file ??

Ans: NO. File must be Physically Ordered by a Non-key attribute.

NOTE:

To create Clustering Index on a file R:

R MUST be PHYSICALLY Ordered by a Non-Key Field F...

Then a **Index by F** is called Clustering Index.

Q:

How many Clustering Indexes can be created on a file ?

Ans: At Most One

Q:

On a file, Can we create both Primary as well as Clustering Index ??

Ans: NO. At most one of them.

Clustering Index:

Implementation

Index file (clustering Index)

Biology	-	76766	Crick	Biology	72000
Comp. Sci.	•	10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
Elec. Eng.	•	45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
Finance	•	83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000
History	•	98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000
Music		12121	Wu	Finance	90000
Physics		76543	Singh	Finance	80000
		32343	El Said	History	60000
		58583	Califieri	History	62000
		15151	Mozart	Music	40000
		22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
		33465	Gold	Physics	87000

Clustering Index:

< Search key value , Block pointer >

for every Distinct Search key value we make one Index entry.

Block address of that Block in which first occurrence of Search key value exists.

#Index Entries(Records) =

#clusters
in Data file

= # Distinct values
of ON KF

overly
Non-key
field

Clustering Index

Built on ordered files where ordering field is *not a key*
Index attribute: ordering field (OF)

Index entry:

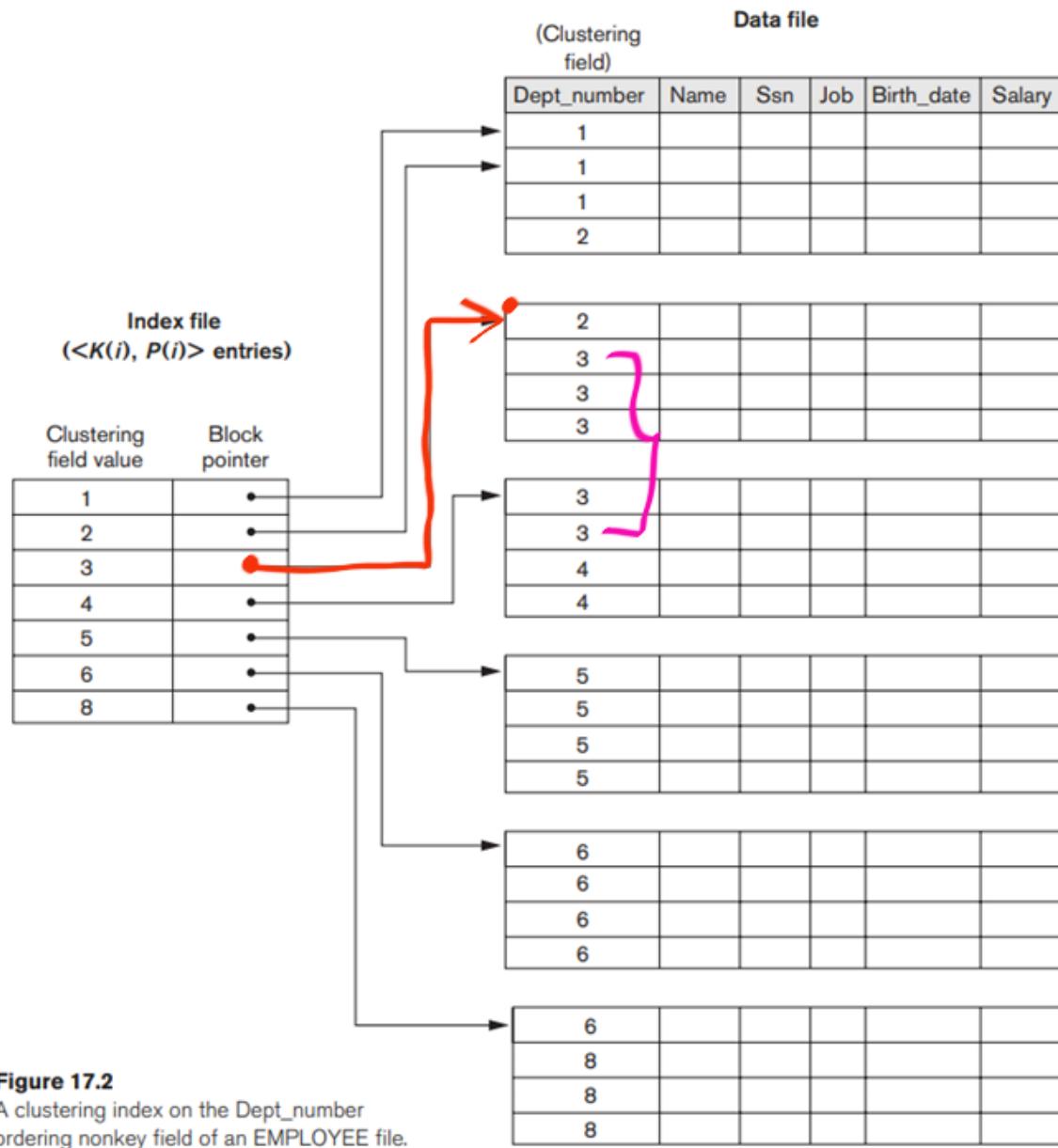
Distinct value V_i
of the OF

address of the first
block that has a record with OF value V_i

Index file: Ordered file (sorted on OF)
size – no. of distinct values of OF

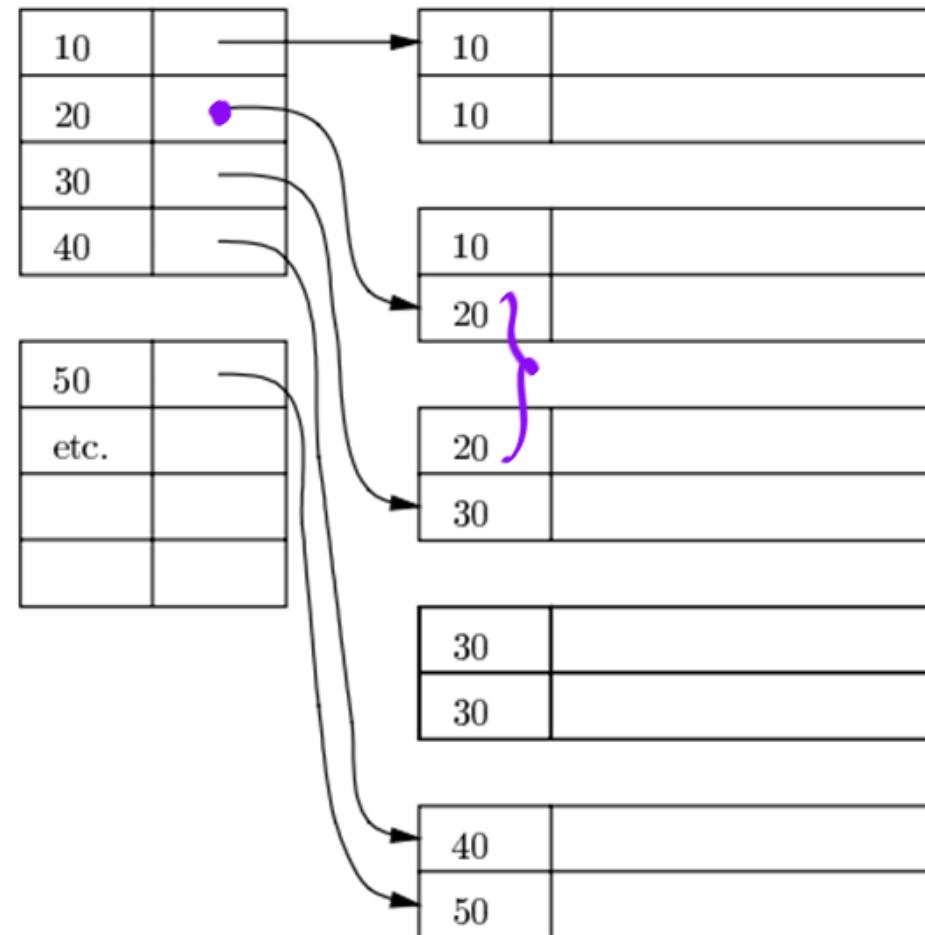
A clustering index is also an ordered file with two fields; the first field is of the same type as the clustering field of the data file, and the second field is a disk block pointer. There is one entry in the clustering index for each *distinct value* of the clustering field, and it contains the value and a pointer to the first block in the data file that has a record with that value for its clustering field. Figure 17.2 shows an

A clustering index is another example of a nondense index because it has an entry for every distinct value of the indexing field, which is a nonkey by definition and hence has duplicate values rather than a unique value for every record in the file.

**Figure 17.2**

A clustering index on the **Dept_number** ordering nonkey field of an **EMPLOYEE** file.

Lookup. Find the search key on the index, read the pointed disk block, possibly read successive blocks.



	Account#	Branch	Balance
Brighton	A-217	Brighton	750
Downtown	A-101	Downtown	500
Mianus	A-110	Downtown	600
Perryridge	A-215	Mianus	700
Redwood	A-102	Perryridge	400
Round Hill	A-201	Perryridge	900
	A-218	Perryridge	700
	A-222	Redwood	700
	A-305	Round Hill	350

NOTE:

Clustering Index is a Sparse Index.

In Clustering index, we make One index entry for Every Distinct Value of search key in the data file.

Q: Suppose that we consider a ordered file with $r = \underline{300,000 \text{ records}}$ stored on a disk with block size $B = \underline{4,096 \text{ bytes}}$. Imagine that it is ordered by the attribute Zipcode and there are 1,000 zip codes in the file (with an average 300 records per zip code, assuming even distribution across zip codes.) Assume 5-byte Zipcode and 6-byte block pointer. Data Record size = 100 B We create Index on Zipcode. Number of Index entries? Blocking Factor of the Index?? Number of Index Blocks?

Data file: Ordered by Zipcode

Index on Zipcode: Clustering Index → Non-key field

① # Index Entries = # Distinct Zipcode values
= 1000

② Index Entry (Record) size =
(Search key) Zipcode size + Block address size

$$= 5 + 6 = \underline{\underline{11 \text{ B}}}$$

$$\text{Block size} = \frac{4096}{B}$$

③ Blocking factor of Index :

$$\# \text{ Index entries per Block} = \left\lfloor \frac{4096}{11} \right\rfloor = \underline{\underline{372}}$$

(4)

Index Blocks Required:Index: 1000 RecordsPer Block \Rightarrow 372 Index Records

$$\text{# Index Blocks} = \left\lceil \frac{1000}{372} \right\rceil = 3$$

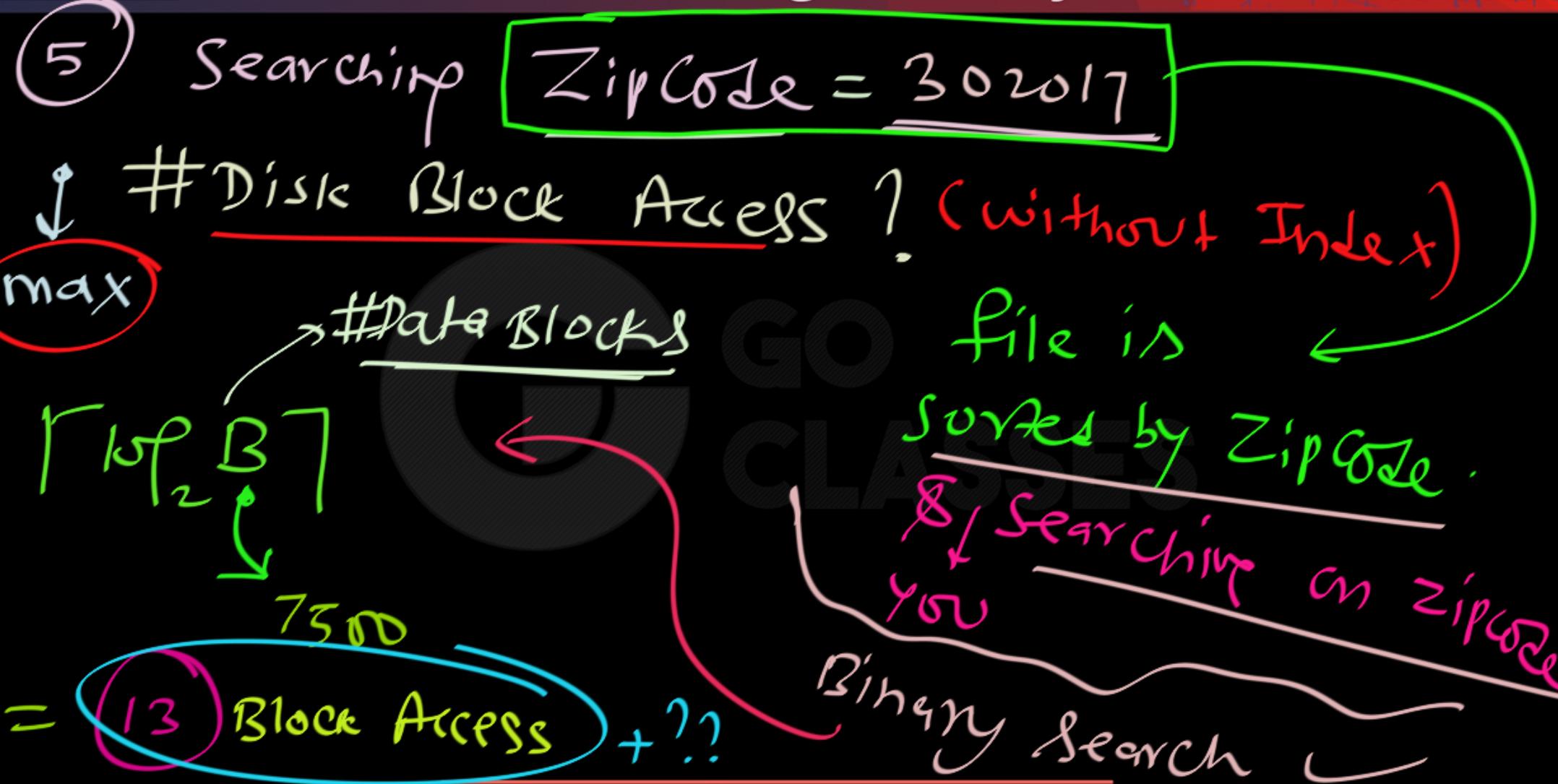
(5)

Searching

ZipCode = 302017

↓ # Disk Block Access ? (without Index)
max





Data file:

Record size = 100 B

Block " = 4096 B

$$\frac{\text{#Records per Block}}{\text{Block factor of file}} = \left\lfloor \frac{4096}{100} \right\rfloor = 40$$

$$\frac{\text{#Blocks for file}}{\text{Block factor of file}} = \left\lceil \frac{300,000}{40} \right\rceil = 7500 \text{ file blocks}$$

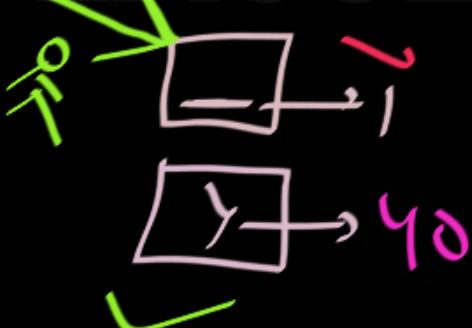
Zipcode = 302017 Records we want to find

13

Block Access

first occurrence
of this zipcode

8



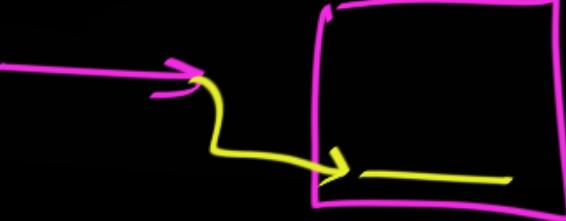
= 21

Block Access (max)

40

40

$$\frac{199}{40} = 8$$

first record → 

299 Records { → 40 per Block

$$\left\lceil \frac{299}{40} \right\rceil = \underline{\underline{8 \text{ more blocks}}}$$

(5)

Searching ZipCode = 302017

with Index:

Clustering

$\lceil \log_2 I \rceil$

+

9 Data Blocks

Index Block Access = 2

Max Block Access

11

⑥ If Index is Already in main

memory then

9 Disk Block Access

max.

Example 2. Suppose that we consider the same ordered file with $r = 300,000$ records stored on a disk with block size $B = 4,096$ bytes. Imagine that it is ordered by the attribute Zipcode and there are 1,000 zip codes in the file (with an average 300 records per zip code, assuming even distribution across zip codes.) The index in this case has 1,000 index entries of 11 bytes each (5-byte Zipcode and 6-byte block pointer) with a blocking factor $bfr_i = \lfloor (B/R_i) \rfloor = \lfloor (4,096/11) \rfloor = 372$ index entries per block. The number of index blocks is hence $b_i = \lceil (r_i/bfr_i) \rceil = \lceil (1,000/372) \rceil = 3$ blocks. To perform a binary search on the index file would need $\lceil (\log_2 b_i) \rceil = \lceil (\log_2 3) \rceil = 2$ block accesses. Again, this index would typically be loaded in main memory (occupies 11,000 or 11 Kbytes) and takes negligible time to search in memory. One block access to the data file would lead to the first record with a given zip code.

Types of Single level Ordered Indexes:

3. Secondary Index

file R

Physically

✓
stored on Disk

field B is
in Data file R
✓
unordered

Index on B

secondary Index

Secondary Index:

of Data file

Index on Non-ordering field B

Ordered

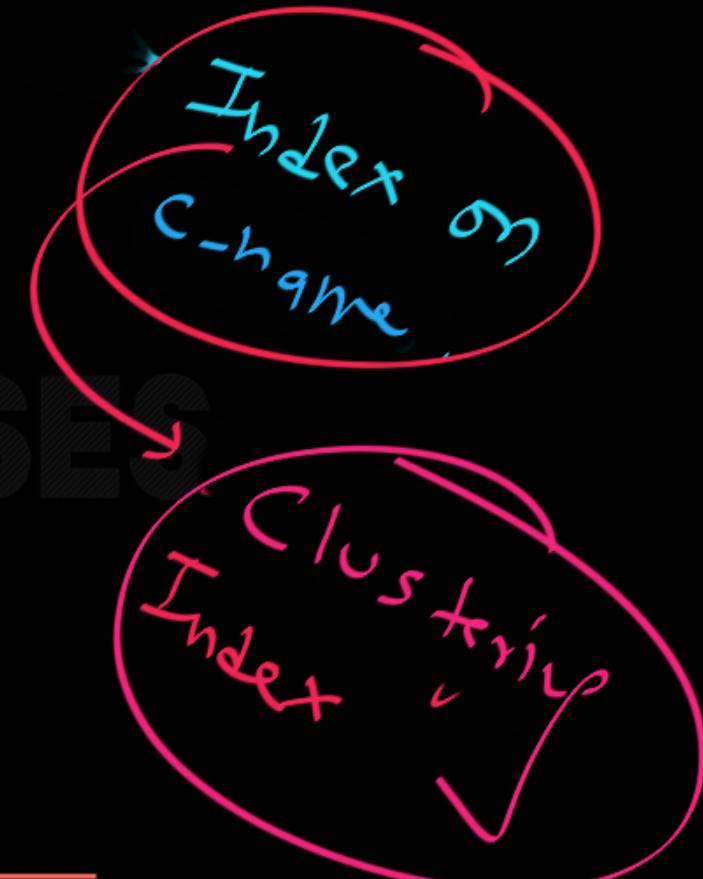
① If B key: SI on key

② If B Nonkey: SI on Non-key

Assume that it is also physical order:

customer_name	account_number
Hayes	A-102
Johnson	A-101
Johnson	A-201
Jones	A-217
Lindsay	A-222
Smith	A-215
Turner	A-305

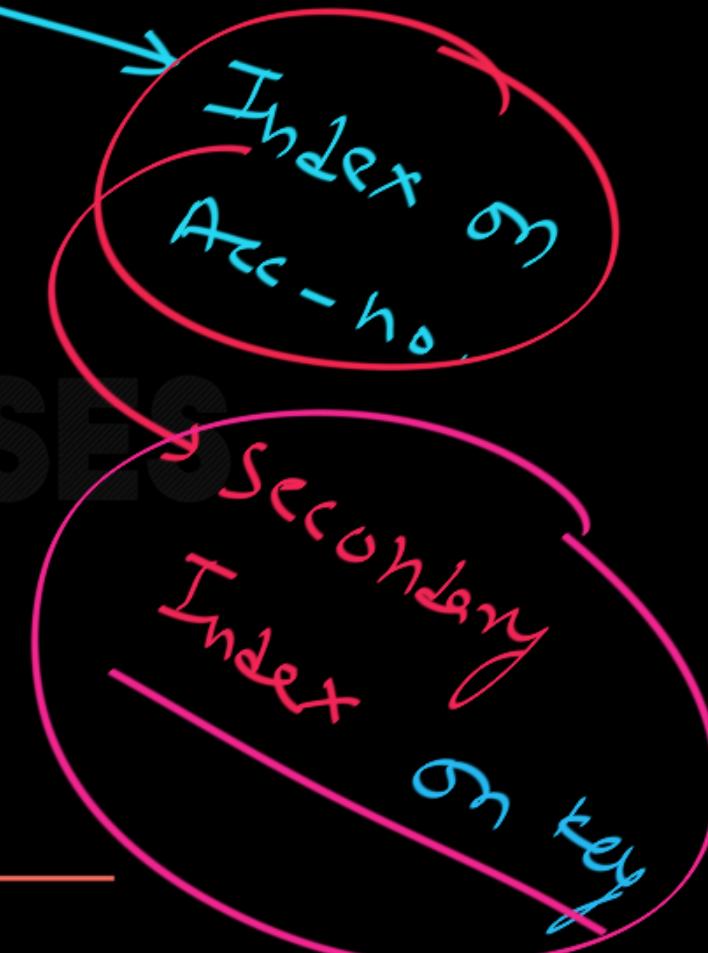
Physical
order
of
Data
file



Assume that it is also physical order:

customer_name	account_number
Hayes	A-102
Johnson	A-101
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Lindsay	A-222
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Turner	A-305

Physical
order
of
Data
file



Assume that it is also physical order:

	customer_name	account_number
B ₁	Hayes	A-102
B ₁	Johnson	A-101
B ₂	Johnson	A-201
B ₂	Jones	A-217
B ₃	Lindsay	A-222
B ₃	Smith	A-215
B ₄	Turner	A-305

Physical order
of
Data
file

Block addresses

Secondary Index on Acc-no		
A - 101	B ₁	
A - 102	B ₁	
A - 201	B ₂	
A - 215	B ₃	
A - 217	B ₂	
A - 222	B ₃	
A - 305	B ₄	

Assume that it is also physical order:

	customer_name	account_number
R ₁	Hayes	A-102
R ₂	Johnson	A-101
R ₃	Johnson	A-201
R ₄	Jones	A-217
R ₅	Lindsay	A-222
R ₆	Smith	A-215
R ₇	Turner	A-305

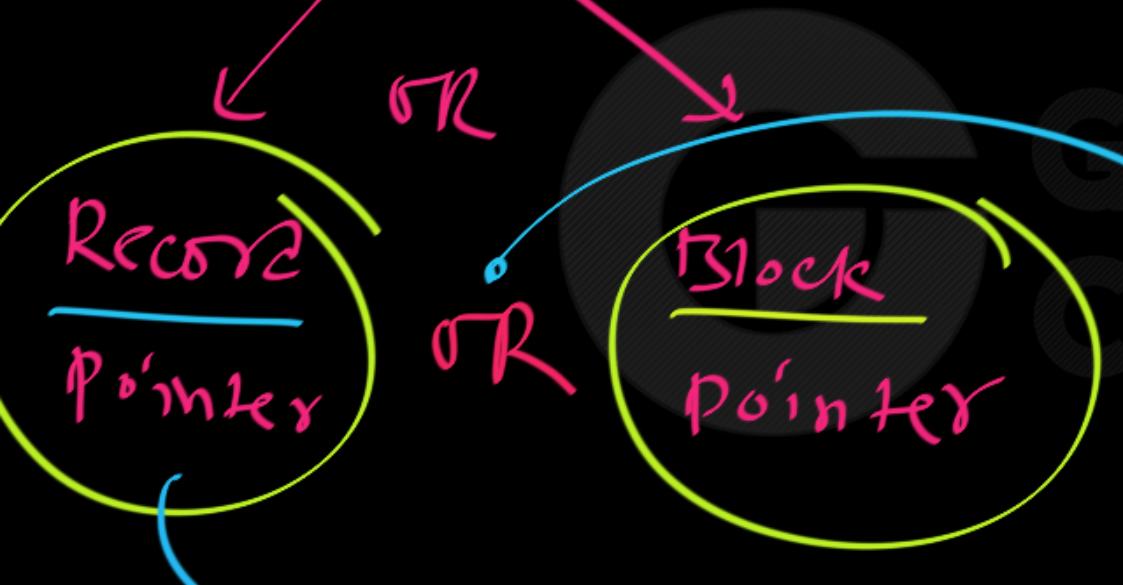
Physical order
of
Data
file

Secondary Index
on Acc-no

A-101	R ₂
A-102	R ₁
A-201	R ₃
A-215	R ₅
A-217	R ₄
A-222	R ₆
A-305	R ₇

Records addresses

Dense Index :



By Default for Dense Index.

Index Entry for Every Record of Data file # Disk Block Access Doesn't change

Sparse Index :

Index Entry for
Some Records of
Data file

Block
Pointer

Data Access Always Happens Block
by Block.

Assume this is also physical order.

account_number	branch_name	balance
A-101	Downtown	500
A-102	Perryridge	400
A-201	Brighton	900
A-215	Mianus	700
A-217	Brighton	750
A-222	Redwood	700
A-305	Round Hill	350

Data file
ordered by

Acc-no

key of

Data file

Assume this is also physical order.

Index I_1
on Acc-no

Primary Index

Index I_2
on B-name

SI
on Non-key

account_number	branch_name	balance
A-101	Downtown	500
A-102	Perryridge	400
A-201	Brighton	900
A-215	Mianus	700
A-217	Brighton	750
A-222	Redwood	700
A-305	Round Hill	350

Index on Balance : SI on Non-key

SI on Non-key

SI on Balance:

Implementation 1:

350	B ₄
400	B ₁
500	B ₁
700	B ₂ , B ₃
750	B ₃
900	B ₂

Assume this is also physical order.

account_number	branch_name	balance
B ₁ A-101	Downtown	500
B ₁ A-102	Perryridge	400
B ₂ A-201	Brighton	900
B ₂ A-215	Mianus	700
B ₃ A-217	Brighton	750
B ₃ A-222	Redwood	700
B ₄ A-305	Round Hill	350

→ NOT Preferred (variable length Index Records)

SI on Non-key

SI on Balance:

Implementation 2:

350	B ₄
400	B ₁
500	B ₁
700	B ₂
700	B ₃
750	B ₃
900	B ₂

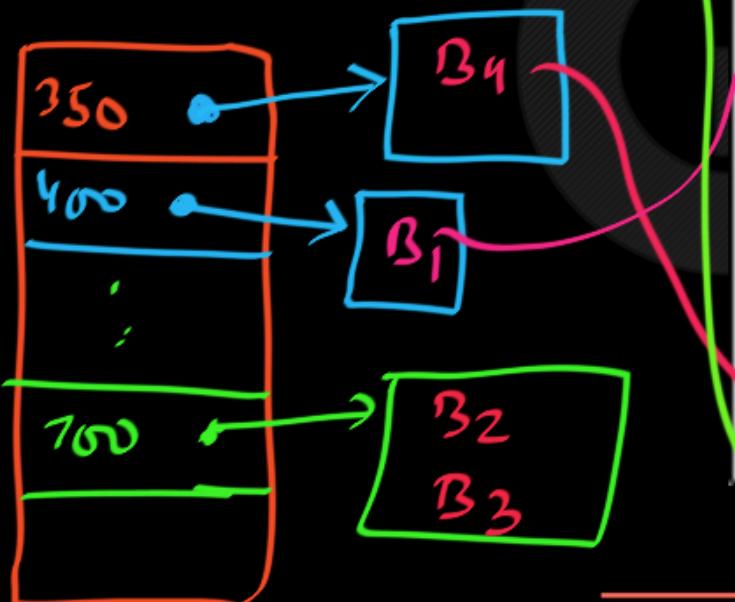
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B ₁	A-102	Perryridge
B ₂	A-201	Brighton
B ₂	A-215	Mianus
B ₃	A-217	Brighton
B ₃	A-222	Redwood
B ₄	A-305	Round Hill

→ NOT Preferred (why?) we'll see
in multilevel Indexes

SI on Non-key

SI on Balance:

Implementation 3:



Assume this is also physical order.

account_number	branch_name	balance
B ₁ A-101	Downtown	500
B ₁ A-102	Perryridge	400
B ₂ A-201	Brighton	900
B ₂ A-215	Mianus	700
B ₃ A-217	Brighton	750
B ₃ A-222	Redwood	700
B ₄ A-305	Round Hill	350

by Default Implementation

Assume this

Also the

Physical
order
of data file

Heap
organization

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>a</i> ₁	<i>b</i> ₁	<i>d</i> ₁
<i>a</i> ₁	<i>b</i> ₁	<i>d</i> ₂
<i>a</i> ₁	<i>b</i> ₂	<i>d</i> ₁
<i>a</i> ₂	<i>b</i> ₂	<i>d</i> ₁
<i>a</i> ₃	<i>b</i> ₁	<i>d</i> ₂
<i>a</i> ₂	<i>b</i> ₂	<i>d</i> ₂
<i>a</i> ₂	<i>b</i> ₂	<i>d</i> ₃
<i>a</i> ₁	<i>b</i> ₁	<i>d</i> ₄

Index₁: on *D*
 Index₂: on *B*
 Index₃: on *A*

Secondary
Indexes

Assume this

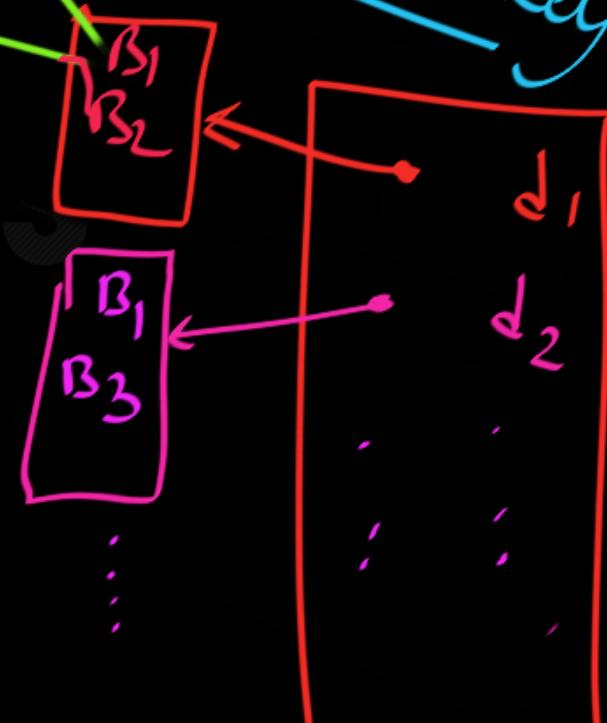
Also the

Physical
Order
of Data file

Heap
Organization

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	
β_1	a_1	b_1	d_1
β_1	a_1	b_1	d_2
β_2	a_1	b_2	d_1
β_2	a_2	b_2	d_1
β_3	a_3	b_1	d_2
β_3	a_2	b_2	d_2
β_4	a_2	b_2	d_3
β_4	a_1	b_1	d_4

Index 1: on D_1 ,
LSI on Non key



Q:

From DBMS point of view,
Index at the end of RaghuRama Krishnana
book (Or any other standard book), is
Secondary Index ????

SUBJECT INDEX

Data file is NOT
sorted by Topic Name

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Search key:



Secondary index

Q:

Consider a Heap file (Do you remember what a Heap file is ???)

Can we create Secondary Index on a heap file ??

Q:

Consider a Heap file (Do you remember what a Heap file is ???)

Can we create Secondary Index on a heap file ?? \Rightarrow Yes.

NOTE:

So, to create Secondary Index on a file R:

R can be a Heap file **OR** a Sequential file...

Index on Unordered field of Data file, is called Secondary Index.

Q:

→ Yes (3 SI possible Simultaneously)
Can we create Secondary Index on the
following File? (Assume the Order of
recorded shown is the physical order of
records)

If yes, then on which search key we should
create Secondary Index??

Database Management System

10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
15151	Mozart	Music	40000
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
32343	El Said	History	60000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
58583	Califieri	History	62000
76543	Singh	Finance	80000
76766	Crick	Biology	72000
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000

3 SI

Q: Yes → 3 SI Simultaneously possible

Can we create Secondary Index on the following File? (Assume the Order of recorded shown is the physical order of records)

If yes, then on which search key we should create Secondary Index??

76766	Crick	Biology	72000
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
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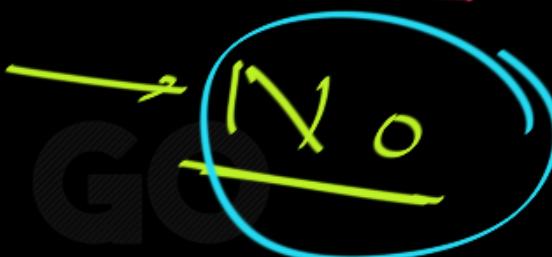
Not
SI



Index
on
Subject
name

Q:

Index on Non Candidate key is called
Secondary Index ??



Q:

Index on unordered fields of Date file is called
Secondary Index ??



Q:

Consider a relation with at least two attributes, stored on a disk, either in sequential organization Or heap organization...

Can we **ALWAYS** create at least one secondary index??

Q:

Consider a relation with at least two attributes, stored on a disk, either in sequential organization Or heap organization...

Can we ALWAYS create at least one secondary index??

YES

Q:

How many Secondary Indexes can be created on a file (using single attribute) ??

Sequential

we only study

Indexes on Single attribute

(#attribute -)

Q:

How many Secondary Indexes can be created on a file (using single attribute) ??

Heap

we only study

Indexes on single attribute

attributes

Secondary Index on Key:

→ Sortes

Implementation

SI on key:

Always Dense

#Entries in Index

#Records in Data file

Secondary Index (key)

Can be built on ordered and also other type of files

Index attribute: non-ordering key field

Index entry:

value of the NOF V_i	pointer to the <i>record</i> with V_i as the NOF value
------------------------	--

Index file: ordered file (sorted on NOF values)

No. of entries – same as the no. of *records* in the data file

Index file blocking factor $Bf_i = \lfloor B/(V+P_r) \rfloor$

(B: block size, V: length of the NOF,
 P_r : length of a record pointer)

Index file blocks = $\lceil r/Bf_i \rceil$

(r – no. of records in the data file)

An Example

Data file:

No. of records $r = 90,000$

Record length $R = 100$ bytes

NOF length $V = 15$ bytes

Block size $B = 4KB$

length of a record pointer $P_r = 7$ bytes

Key

Index on this field ; SI on key

An Example

Data file:

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Record length $R = \underline{100 \text{ bytes}}$

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Index on this field ;

#file Blocks

Block size $B = 4\text{KB}$

$BF = \lfloor 4096/100 \rfloor = \underline{40}$,

$b = \lceil 90000/40 \rceil = \underline{2250}$

length of a record pointer $P_r = \underline{7 \text{ bytes}}$

SI on key

① Index entry size = $15 + 7 = 22 \text{ B}$

② Blocking factor of Index = # Index Records per Block

Key

Block size: $4KB \rightarrow 2^{10}$

Index record size = $22B$

$$\frac{\text{# Index Records per Block}}{22} = \left\lfloor \frac{4096}{22} \right\rfloor = 186$$

③ $\frac{\text{# Index entries}}{22} = 90,857$

Index
blocking
factor

Block size: 4 KB

$$2^{10}$$

Index record size = 22 B

$$\frac{\# \text{ Index Records per Block}}{22} = \left\lfloor \frac{4096}{22} \right\rfloor = 186$$

④ # Index Blocks:

$$\left\lceil \frac{90,000}{186} \right\rceil = 484 \text{ Index Blocks}$$

Index
Blocking
factor

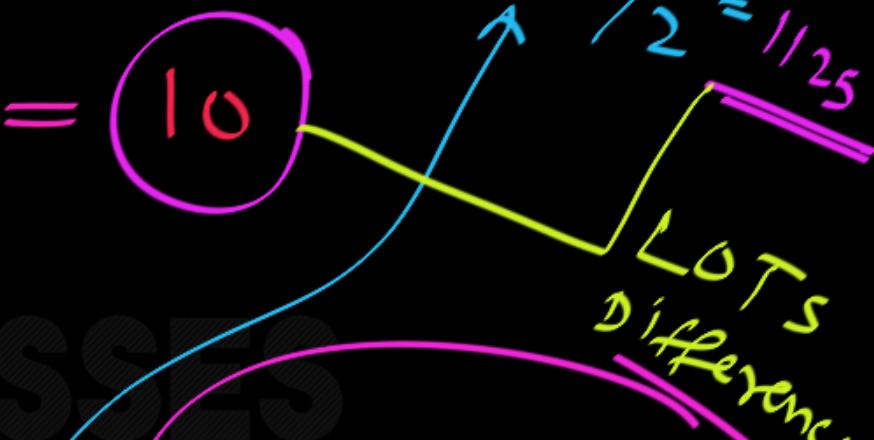
(5)

Access Cost using SI :

$$\frac{\text{max} = b = 225_0}{\text{Avg}} = b/2 = 1125$$

$$\lceil \log_2 I \rceil + 1 = 10$$

484



(6)

Access Cost with SI :

file not

sorres by search key

Can't Do Binary Search

An Example

Data file:

No. of records $r = 90,000$

Record length $R = 100$ bytes

NOF length $V = 15$ bytes

Index file :

No. of records $r_i = 90,000$

$BF_i = \lfloor 4096/22 \rfloor = 186$

Block size $B = 4KB$

$$BF = \lfloor 4096/100 \rfloor = 40, \\ b = \lceil 90000/40 \rceil = 2250$$

length of a record pointer $P_r = 7$ bytes

record length $= V + P_r = 22$ bytes

No. of blocks $b_i = \lceil 90000/186 \rceil = 484$

Max no. of block accesses to get a record
using the secondary index

$$1 + \lceil \log_2 b_i \rceil = 10$$

Avg no. of block accesses to get a record
without using the secondary index

$$\bullet \\ b/2 = 1125$$

A very significant improvement

NOTE:

Secondary Index is ALWAYS Dense Index.

So, in the index entry, second field can be Record pointer Or block pointer. (If record pointer and block pointer both are given in the question, take Record pointer for Dense Indexes)

17.1.3 Secondary Indexes

A **secondary index** provides a secondary means of accessing a data file for which some primary access already exists. The data file records could be ordered, unordered, or hashed. The secondary index may be created on a field that is a candidate key and has a unique value in every record, or on a nonkey field with duplicate values. The index is again an ordered file with two fields. The first field is of the same data type as some *nonordering field* of the data file that is an **indexing field**. The second field is either a *block pointer* or a *record pointer*. Many secondary indexes (and hence, indexing fields) can be created for the same file—each represents an additional means of accessing that file based on some specific field.

First we consider a secondary index access structure on a key (unique) field that has a *distinct value* for every record. Such a field is sometimes called a **secondary** key; in the relational model, this would correspond to any UNIQUE key attribute or to the primary key attribute of a table. In this case there is one index entry for *each record* in the data file, which contains the value of the field for the record and a pointer either to the block in which the record is stored or to the record itself. Hence, such an index is dense.

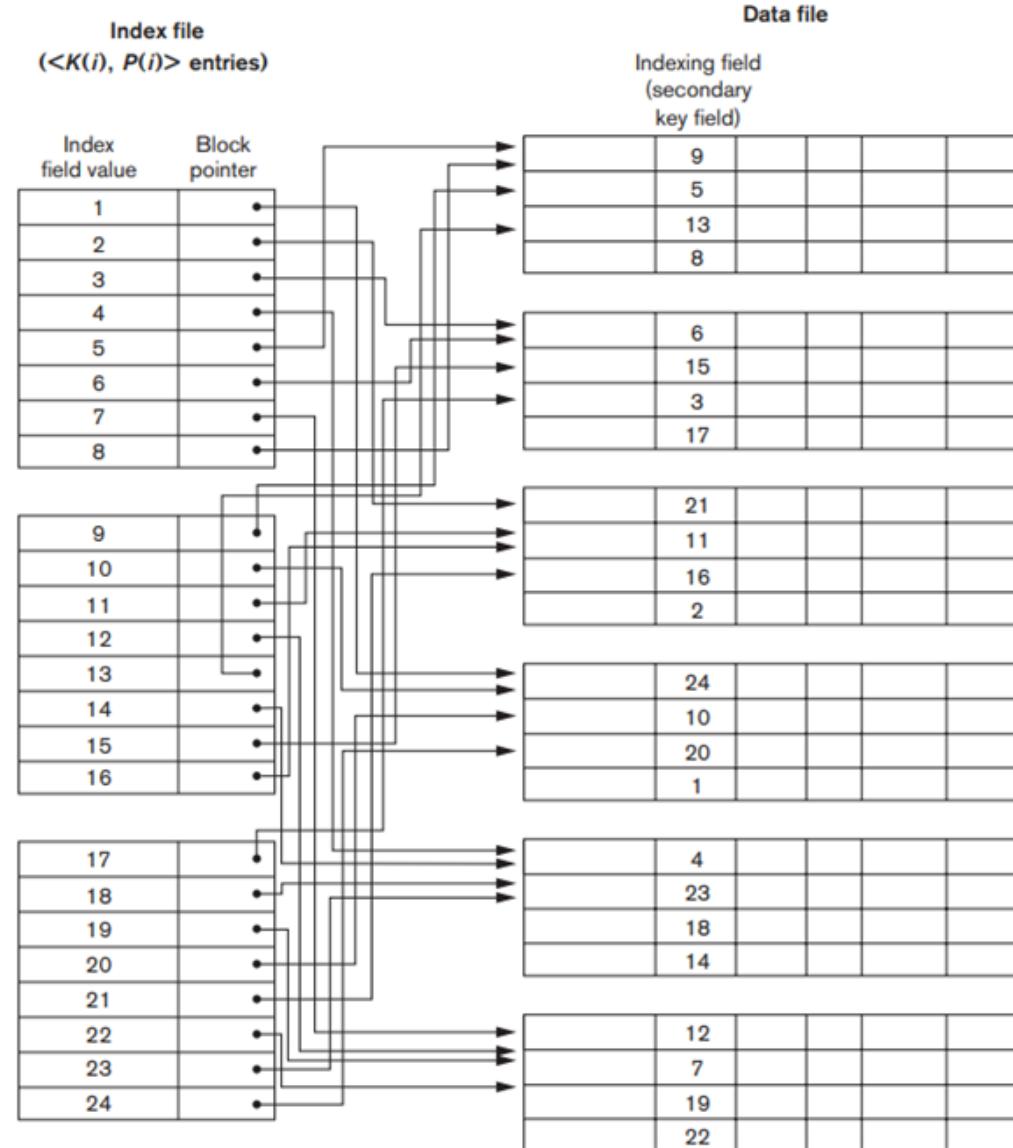


A secondary index usually needs more storage space and longer search time than does a primary index, because of its larger number of entries. However, the *improvement* in search time for an arbitrary record is much greater for a secondary index than for a primary index, since we would have to do a *linear search* on the data file if the secondary index did not exist. For a primary index, we could still use a binary search on the main file, even if the index did not exist. Example 3 illustrates the improvement in number of blocks accessed.

Example 3. Consider the file of Example 1 with $r = 300,000$ fixed-length records of size $R = 100$ bytes stored on a disk with block size $B = 4,096$ bytes. The file has $b = 7,500$ blocks, as calculated in Example 1. Suppose we want to search for a record with a specific value for the secondary key—a nonordering key field of the file that is $V = 9$ bytes long. Without the secondary index, to do a linear search on the file would require $b/2 = 7,500/2 = 3,750$ block accesses on the average. Suppose that we construct a secondary index on that *nonordering key* field of the file. As in Example 1, a block pointer is $P = 6$ bytes long, so each index entry is $R_i = (9 + 6) = 15$ bytes, and the blocking factor for the index is $bfr_i = \lfloor (B/R_i) \rfloor = \lfloor (4,096/15) \rfloor = 273$ index entries per block. In a dense secondary index such as this, the total number of index entries r_i is equal to the *number of records* in the data file, which is 300,000. The number of blocks needed for the index is hence $b_i = \lceil (r_i/bfr_i) \rceil = \lceil (300,000/273) \rceil = 1,099$ blocks.

A binary search on this secondary index needs $\lceil (\log_2 b_i) \rceil = \lceil (\log_2 1,099) \rceil = 11$ block accesses. To search for a record using the index, we need an additional block access to the data file for a total of $11 + 1 = 12$ block accesses—a vast improvement over the 3,750 block accesses needed on the average for a linear search, but slightly worse than the 6 block accesses required for the primary index. This difference arose because the primary index was nondense and hence shorter, with only 28 blocks in length as opposed to the 1,099 blocks dense index here.

Figure 17.4
A dense secondary index (with block pointers) on a nonordering key field of a file.



Secondary Index on Non-Key: Various Implementations possible

Secondary Index on Non-Key: Implementation 1: Like a Book Index (NOT Good Implementation)

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Implementation 1:

NOT preferred :

Why? ⇒ Variable length
Index Records

*Secondary Index
on Non-Key:
Implementation 2: Index
entry for every record
(NOT Good Implementation)*

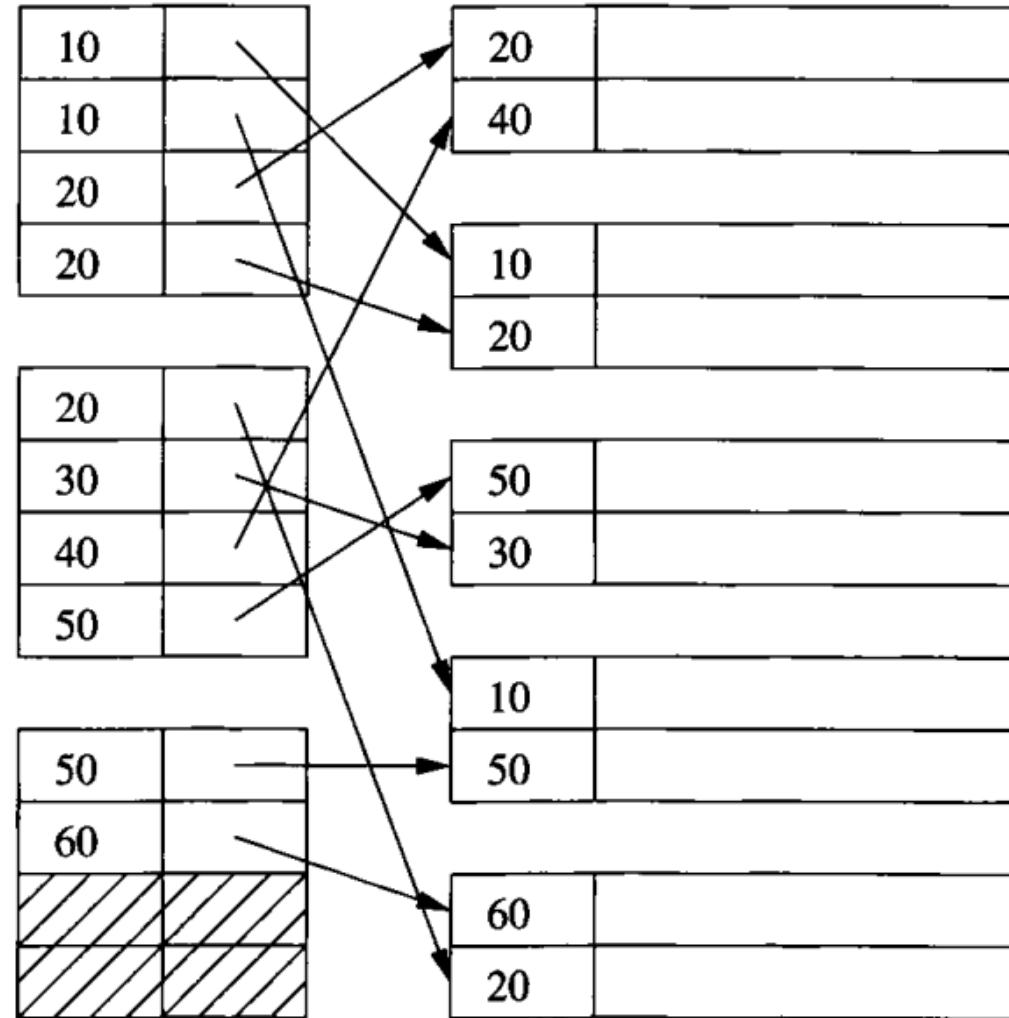


Figure 14.5: A secondary index

Secondary Index on Non-Key: Implementation 3: A new level of pointers (Good & Default Implementation)

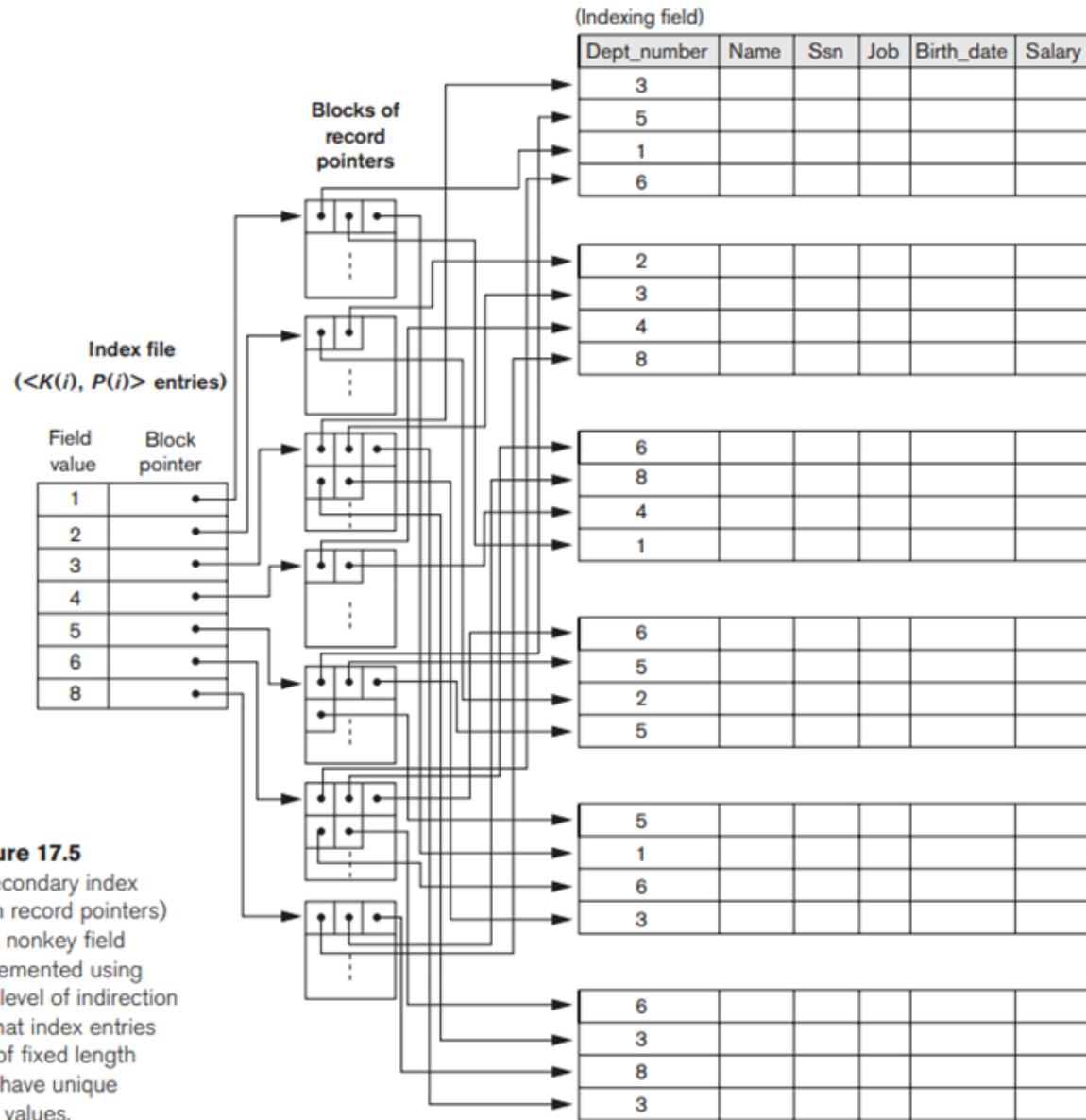
a block

salary

40000	
60000	
62000	
65000	
72000	
75000	
80000	•
87000	
90000	
92000	
95000	

Salary
Index

10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
15151	Mozart	Music	40000
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
32343	El Said	History	60000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
58583	Califieri	History	62000
76543	Singh	Finance	80000
76766	Crick	Biology	72000
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000

**Figure 17.5**

A secondary index (with record pointers) on a nonkey field implemented using one level of indirection so that index entries are of fixed length and have unique field values.

- Option 3, which is more commonly used, is to keep the index entries themselves at a fixed length and have a single entry for each *index field value*, but to create *an extra level of indirection* to handle the multiple pointers. In this scheme, the pointer $P(i)$ in index entry $\langle K(i), P(i) \rangle$ points to a disk block, which contains a *set of record pointers*; each record pointer in that disk block points to one of the data file records with value $K(i)$ for the indexing field. If some value $K(i)$ occurs in too many records, so that their record pointers cannot fit in a single disk block, a cluster or linked list of blocks is used. This technique is illustrated in Figure 17.5. Retrieval via the

Secondary Index

Built on any non-ordering field (NOF) of a data file.

Case I: NOF is also a key (Secondary key)

value of the NOF V_i	pointer to the record with V_i as the NOF value
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Case II: NOF is not a key: two options

(1)

value of the NOF V_i	pointer(s) to the record(s) with V_i as the NOF value
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(2)

value of the NOF V_i	pointer to a block that has pointer(s) to the record(s) with V_i as the NOF value
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Remarks:

- (1) index entry – variable length record
- (2) index entry – fixed length – One more level of indirection

Next Topic:

Ordered Indexes

Practice

Q 1: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A is the Key. File R stored in 100 Blocks.

SELECT * FROM R WHERE a=10;

No Index. File R uses Heap Organization.

Number of Disk Block Access needed??

Q 1: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A is the Key. File R stored in 100 Blocks.

SELECT * FROM (R) WHERE a=10; } ^{Search based on A.}
at most records in o/p } Every field is unordered.

No Index. File R uses Heap Organization.

Number of Disk Block Access needed??

Worst: 100 Blocks ; Avg : $b/2 = 50$ Blocks

Q 2: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A is the Key. File R stored in 100 Blocks.

SELECT * FROM R WHERE a=10;

No Index. File R is Ordered by A.

Number of Disk Block Access needed??

Q 2: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A is the Key. File R stored in 100

Blocks.

at most one record with $A = 10$

SELECT * FROM R WHERE a=10;

sequential file

search based
on A

No Index. File R is Ordered by A.

Number of Disk Block Access needed??

Binary search

$\lceil \log_2 100 \rceil = 7$ Blocks (worst case)

Q 3: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A is the Key. File R needs 100 Blocks.

SELECT * FROM R WHERE a=10;

No Index. File R is Ordered by B.

Number of Disk Block Access needed??

Q 3: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A is the Key. File R needs 100 Blocks.

SELECT * FROM R WHERE A=10; } searching on A

No Index. File R is Ordered by B. } sequential by B

Number of Disk Block Access needed??

Can NOT use Binary search; Avg = 50; Worst = 100 Blocks

Q 4:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by A.

Index on A is ??

Q 4:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by A.

Index on A is ??

Primary Index

Ordering key
of R
on A

Q 5:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by A.

Index on B is ??

Q 5:

ordered

unordered

Index on B

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by A. \Rightarrow file R, B is

Index on B is ??

\Rightarrow SI (on key)

unordered

Q 6:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by A.

Index on C is ??

Q 6:

Sorted



Unsorted

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by A. ✓

Index on C is ??



SI on Non-key

Q 7:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by C.

Index on C is ??

Q 7: Data file

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by C.

Index on C is ?? \Rightarrow

Non key ordering field
Clustering Index (CI)

Q 8:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by C.

Index on A is ??

Q 8: unordered

sorted

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by C.

ordering

ON K F

field

Nonkey

Index on A is ??

key

SI on key

Q 9:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by C.

Index on D is ??

Q 9:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Ordered by C.

Unordered
Lies
Non-key

Index on D is ??

SI on Non-key

Q 10:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Heap File i.e. NO Field is Ordered in R.

Index on A is ??

Q 10:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

unordered

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Heap File i.e. NO Field is Ordered in R.

Index on A is ?? \Rightarrow SI on key

Q 11:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Heap File i.e. NO Field is Ordered in R.

Index on D is ??

Q 11:

Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is Heap File i.e. NO Field is Ordered in R.

Index on D is ?? S I on Non-key

Q 12: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is sequentially ordered by A.

How many Indexes can we create (using single attribute search key) simultaneously??
Mention their types.

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Assume A, B are two Keys.

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How many Indexes can we create (using single attribute search key) simultaneously??

Mention their types. \Rightarrow 4 Indexes

Data file R sorted on key A.

Index on A : PI ✓

" " B : SI on key
" " C : SI " Nonkey }
" " D : SI " "

Q 13: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is sequentially ordered by C.

How many Indexes can we create (using single attribute search key) simultaneously??
Mention their types.

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Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is sequentially ordered by C.

How many Indexes can we create (using single attribute search key) simultaneously??
Mention their types.

R ordered by Non-key c:

Index on A: SI on key

" " B: SI "

" " C: CI

" " D: SI on Non-key

Q 14: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is a Heap file i.e. NO Field is Ordered in R.

How many Indexes can we create (using single attribute search key) simultaneously??
Mention their types.

Q 14: Consider relation R(A,B,C,D)

Assume A, B are two Keys.

File R is a Heap file i.e. NO Field is Ordered
in R.

→ 4 all SI on A } SI on key
on B }
Remaining → SI on Non key

How many Indexes can we create (using single attribute search key) simultaneously??
Mention their types.

Q 16: Consider relation R.

We create an Index I on R. The (Physical) Order of search key in I is same or almost same as order of R.

Then I is?

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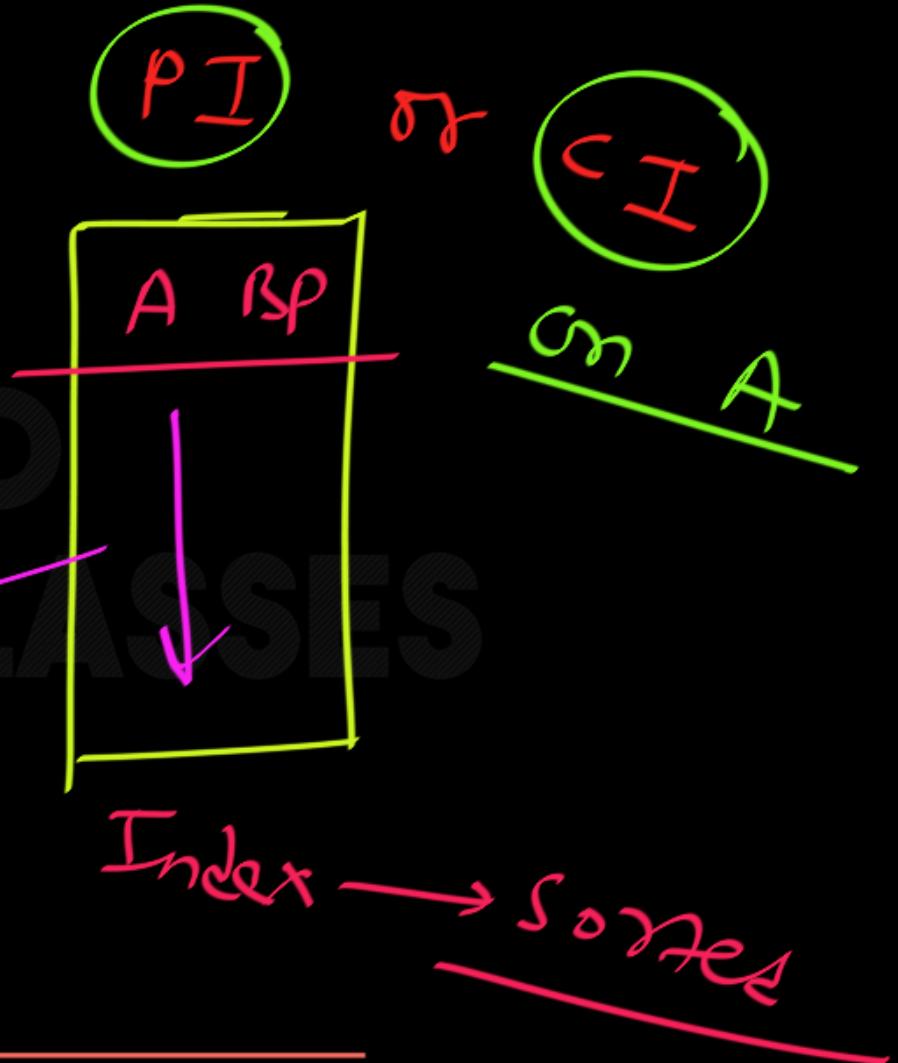
Then I is?

PI or CI

Data file

A
<u>sorted</u>

same



Q 17: Consider relation R.

We create an Index I on R. The (Physical) Order of search key in I is different from the order of R.

Then I is?

Q 17: Consider relation R.

We create an Index I on R. The (Physical) Order of search key in I is different from the order of R.

Then I is?



Data file unsorted

'In Data
file'

B

20
60

10

80

5

file

~~SI on~~ B

ordered

B	BP
5	
10	
20	
60	
80	

Q 18: GATE CSE 2008

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A clustering index is defined on the fields which are of type

- A. non-key and ordering
- B. non-key and non-ordering
- C. key and ordering
- D. key and non-ordering

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Q 19: GATE CSE 2013

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An index is clustered, if

- A. it is on a set of fields that form a candidate key
- B. it is on a set of fields that include the primary key
- C. the data records of the file are organized in the same order as the data entries of the index
- D. the data records of the file are organized not in the same order as the data entries of the index

SI

PI OR SI

PI OR SI

Q 20: GATE CSE 2015

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A file is organized so that the ordering of the data records is the same as or close to the ordering of data entries in some index. Than that index is called

- A. Dense
- B. Sparse
- C. Clustered
- D. Unclustered

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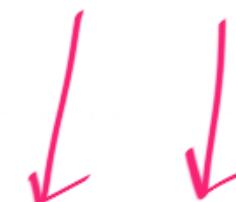
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- A. Dense
- B. Sparse
- C. Clustered ✓
- D. Unclustered

CI OR PI

secondary Index



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Q 20: GATE CSE 2015

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Index entry for some records of Data file

Than that index is called

- A. Dense
- B. Sparse
- C. Clustered
- D. Unclustered

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Indexing is a topic which many students think they understand BUT they lack the **CRYSTAL Clarity.**

We have studied in a CRYSTAL Clear Way, like we do **ALWAYS** in GO Classes.

Do you have CRYSTAL Clarity
about All the types of Indexes
now??



Tell me in Comments.

Q 21: CSIE @ NTU university question

How many clustered indexes can you create on a file?



Q 21: CSIE @ NTU university question

How many clustered indexes can you create on a file?

At most one

Q 22: CSIE @ NTU university question

Would you always be able to create at least one clustered index for a file?

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Q 22: CSIE @ NTU university question

Would you always be able to create at least one clustered index for a file?

No

file is Heap file OR file is sequential by key
No Clustering Index possible

Q 23: True/False ??

A clustered index is one in which the (search key) order of the entries in the index corresponds to the order of the data records themselves in the underlying file for which the index was constructed.

Q 23: True/False ??

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Navathe

OR RR : Primary → OKF
Clustering → ONKF

Korth

Primary OR clustering

same

Q 24: True/False ??

It is possible to create several clustered indexes on a given data file.

It is possible to create several unclustered indexes on a given data file.

Q 24: True/False ??

It is possible to create several clustered indexes on a given data file.

False

It is possible to create several unclustered indexes on a given data file.

True

Q 25: True/False ??

An index can only be created on a unique field or field(s), i.e., on a candidate key.

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Q 25: True/False ??

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False

Q 26:

What is a record id (record address)?

Given a record's id, how many I/Os are needed to fetch it into main memory?

Q 26: RID = BID + offset within the Block

Record Address = Block Address + offset

What is a record id (record address)?



Given a record's id, how many I/Os are needed to fetch it into main memory?



A record id, or rid for short, is a unique identifier for a particular record in a set of records. An rid has the property that we can identify the disk address of the page containing the record by using the rid. The number of I/O's required to read a record, given a rid, is therefore 1 I/O.



Q 27:

Consider a Heap file (Do you remember what a Heap file is ???)

Can we create a Clustering Index on a heap file ??

Q 27:

Consider a Heap file (Do you remember what a Heap file is ???)

Can we create a Clustering Index on a heap file ??

Ans: NO. File must be Physically Ordered by a Non-key attribute.

Q 28:

How many Clustering Indexes can be created on a file ?



Q 28:

How many Clustering Indexes can be created on a file ?

Ans: At Most One

Q 29:

On a file, Can we create both Primary as well as Clustering Index ??

Q 29:

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Ans: NO. At most one of them.

Q 29:

On a file, Can we create Primary OR
Clustering Index ??

Ans: NO. At most one of them.

Some
thought-provoking
Questions...

THINK...

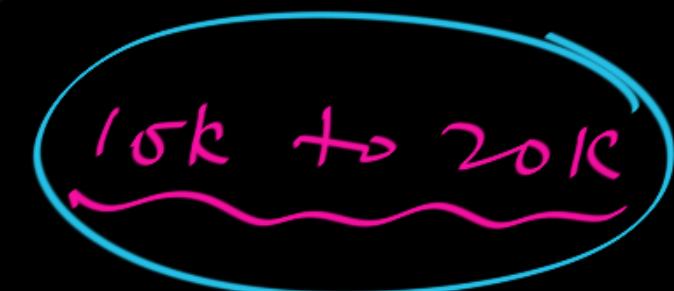
Q 30: True/False ??

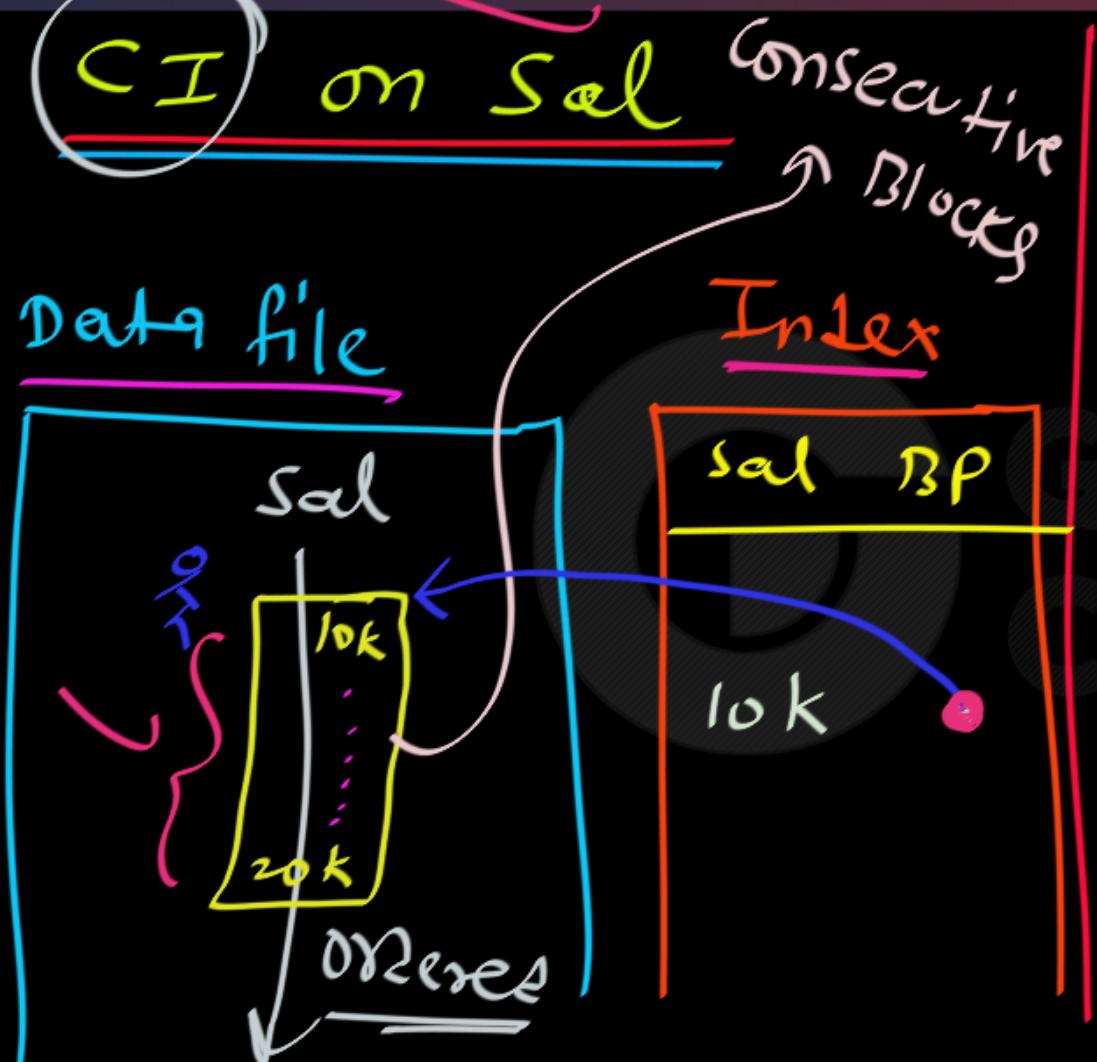
Processing a range query (e.g., salary
BETWEEN 10000 AND 20000) using a
clustered index is always faster than using
an unclustered index.

Q 30: True/False ??

Processing a range query (e.g., salary BETWEEN 10000 AND 20000) using a clustered index is always faster than using an unclustered index.

↓ Records with Sal :
Data





Q 30: True/False ??

Processing a range query (e.g., salary BETWEEN 10000 AND 20000) using a clustered index is always faster than using an unclustered index.

If CI on sal then Range Query
records are found in Consecutive Blocks

*Some
thought-provoking
Questions...*

Is Index ALWAYS Helpful?

Q 31: True/False ??

Consider a relation stored as a randomly ordered file(i.e. Heap Organization) for which the only index is an unclustered(secondary) index on a field called sal.

If you want to retrieve all records with $\text{sal} > 20$, is using the index always the best alternative?

Q 31: True/False ??

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Exercise 8.3 Consider a relation stored as a randomly ordered file for which the only index is an unclustered index on a field called *sal*. If you want to retrieve all records with $sal > 20$, is using the index always the best alternative? Explain.

Answer 8.3 No. In this case, the index is unclustered, each qualifying data entry could contain an *rid* that points to a distinct data page, leading to as many data page I/Os as the number of data entries that match the range query. In this situation, using index is actually worse than file scan.

Is Index always helpful ?

→ No

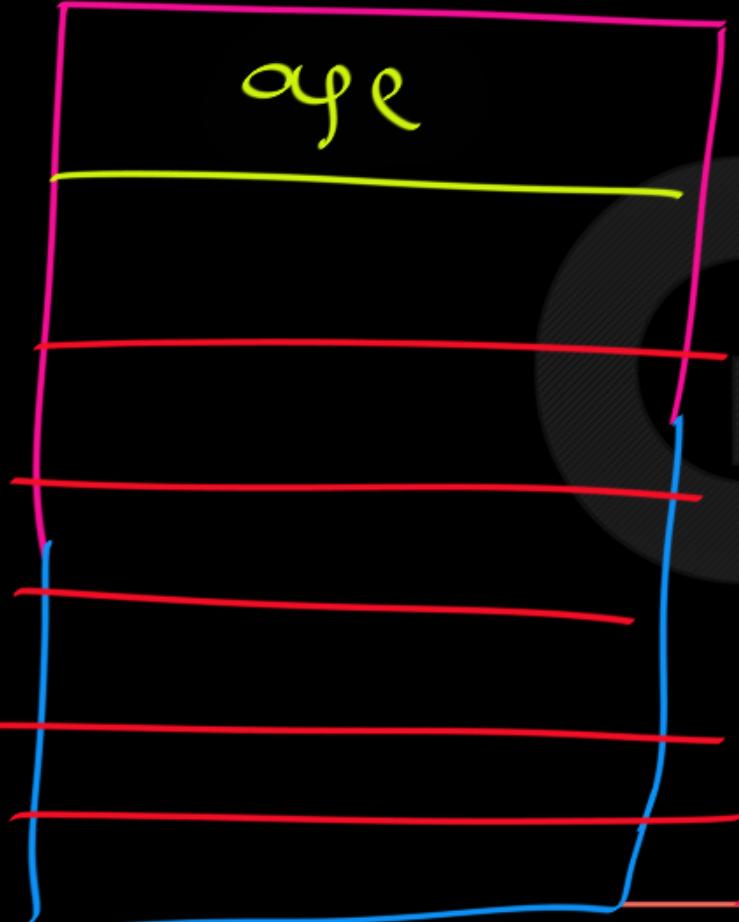
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SELECT E.dno  
FROM Emp E  
WHERE E.age>30
```

What is the selectivity of the condition ?

- If most employees are older than 30, a sequential scan of the relation would do almost as well
- What if only 10% are older than 30 ?
 - **Unclustered index:** Performing one I/O per qualifying tuple could be more expensive than a sequential scan
 - **Clustered index:** This is a good option

Emp → Datafile

unordered
in age



Objective: Records with
age > 30

No Index

Access Cost:

file scan

Blocks
in file

Emp → Datafile ⇒ Unordered
on age

age
✓
✓
✓

SI on age

age	RP
20	.
30	●
31	●
32	●
⋮	⋮

$Afe > 30$

Assume Almost everyone has $Afe > 30$

{ with SI on Afe ,

file Blocks +

Index
Blocks

Emp → Data file

Unordered by
age

with SI
most costly

file scan → better

even if few
people with age > 30
most of the
blocks can have
some record with
age > 30

Conclusion:

SI is

useful

: when we want

a particular

record

in very few

which can exist in
number of blocks.

Data

$age = 50$

$\Rightarrow SI \text{ on Age}$

e.g.: People with

very good.

Conclusion:

SI is useful

: when we don't have
to access too many
Data Blocks.

e.g.: People with

age = 50

Conclusion:

SI is

Burden

In Data file
Age unsorted

: when we
have
to access too many
Data blocks.

Eg: Range Queries

Eg: People with

$30 < \text{age} < 50$

SI on age
Not useful

Q 32: True/False ??

Processing a range query using an unclustered index is always faster than using a file scan.

Q 32: True/False ??



Processing a range query using an unclustered index is always faster than using a file scan.

False

More Questions in GO Classes
Test Series & Mock Tests.

Do you have CRYSTAL Clarity
about All the types of Indexes
now??



Tell me in Comments.

Index Structures

Index: A disk data structure

- enables efficient retrieval of a record given the value (s) of certain attributes
 - indexing attributes

Primary Index:

Index built on *ordering key* field of a file

Clustering Index:

Index built on *ordering non-key* field  of a file

Secondary Index:

Index built on any *non-ordering* field of a file

Next Topic:

Ordered Indexes

Multilevel