

Indexing

- improving DB Performance
- Reducing search space.

Example

→ text Book (1000 pages)

→ Find instances of a particular word

i.e. concentrate

* w/o index → takes a long time

— start page 1

— Read first word and every word (top to bottom)

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— page 1000

— Read first word and every word (top to bottom)

* w/ index → jump directly to specific pages

→ Find c

→ Find co

(Page Nos)

Perf improvement using indexing is significant

index
↓

index	Comp. No	Ad-no	Cost	Ad-no
10	11	48	0.01	
10	20	49	0.02	
10	14	52	0.01	
11	10	55	0.03	
11	20	62	0.02	
14	20	63	0.01	
14	20	64	0.02	
20	10	77	0.03	
20	20	99	0.03	
20	11	101	0.01	
20	10	102	0.01	
20	14	119	0.02	

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Separate index structure
index (Comp-no, Ad-no)
composite

Hash-based indexing

Tree-based indexing

Deciding when to index

① Read vs write
😊 😞

② cardinality of attribute
~~must~~ Design-time

→ unique values

→ total observation > cardinality

example → Person DB
(1x10⁶)
people

attr → gender
2 states
M
F

→ index based
on gender
is not good

$$\text{cardinality} = \frac{\text{total diff}}{\text{total records}} = \frac{500k}{1 \times 10^6} = 0.5$$

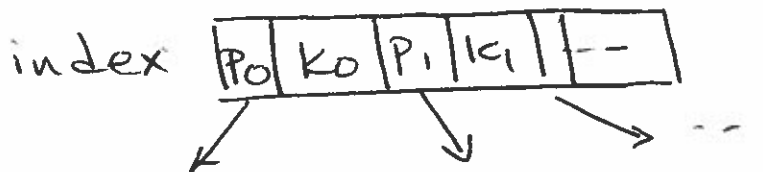
③ search / filter likelihood

→ how frequently a query is executed
index

Index → Data structure

→ organizes data records on disk

→ Fetching/retrieval is optimized



Hash-based indexing

Approach

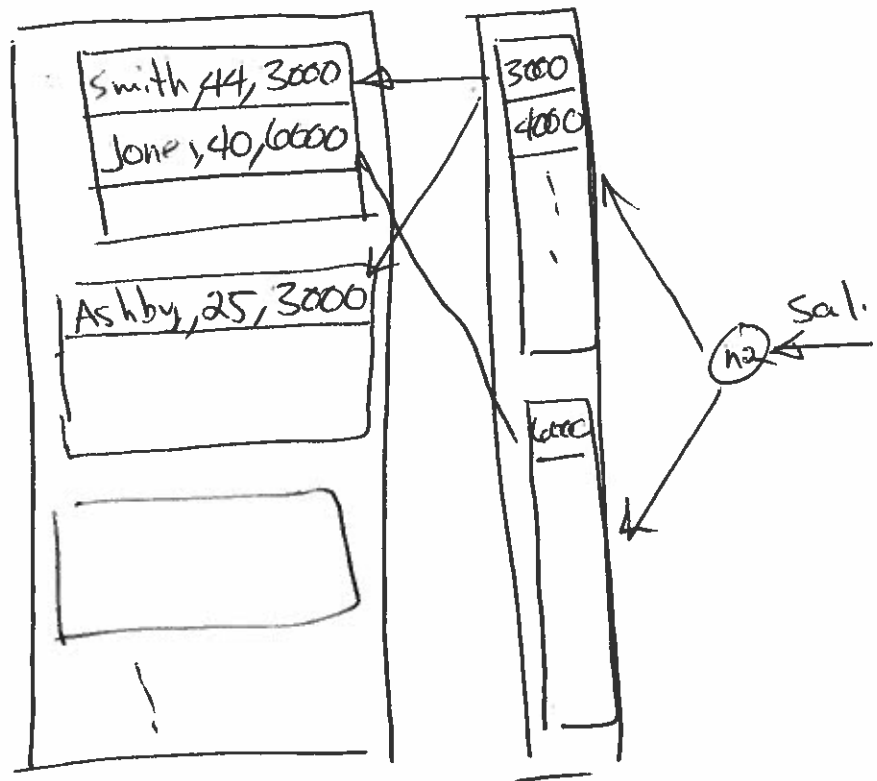
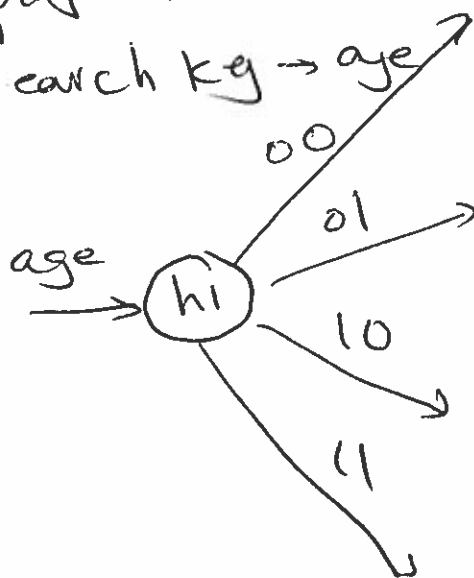
— records grouped into buckets

— hash function: determines the bucket the record belongs to.

Example:

Employee Records

Search key → age

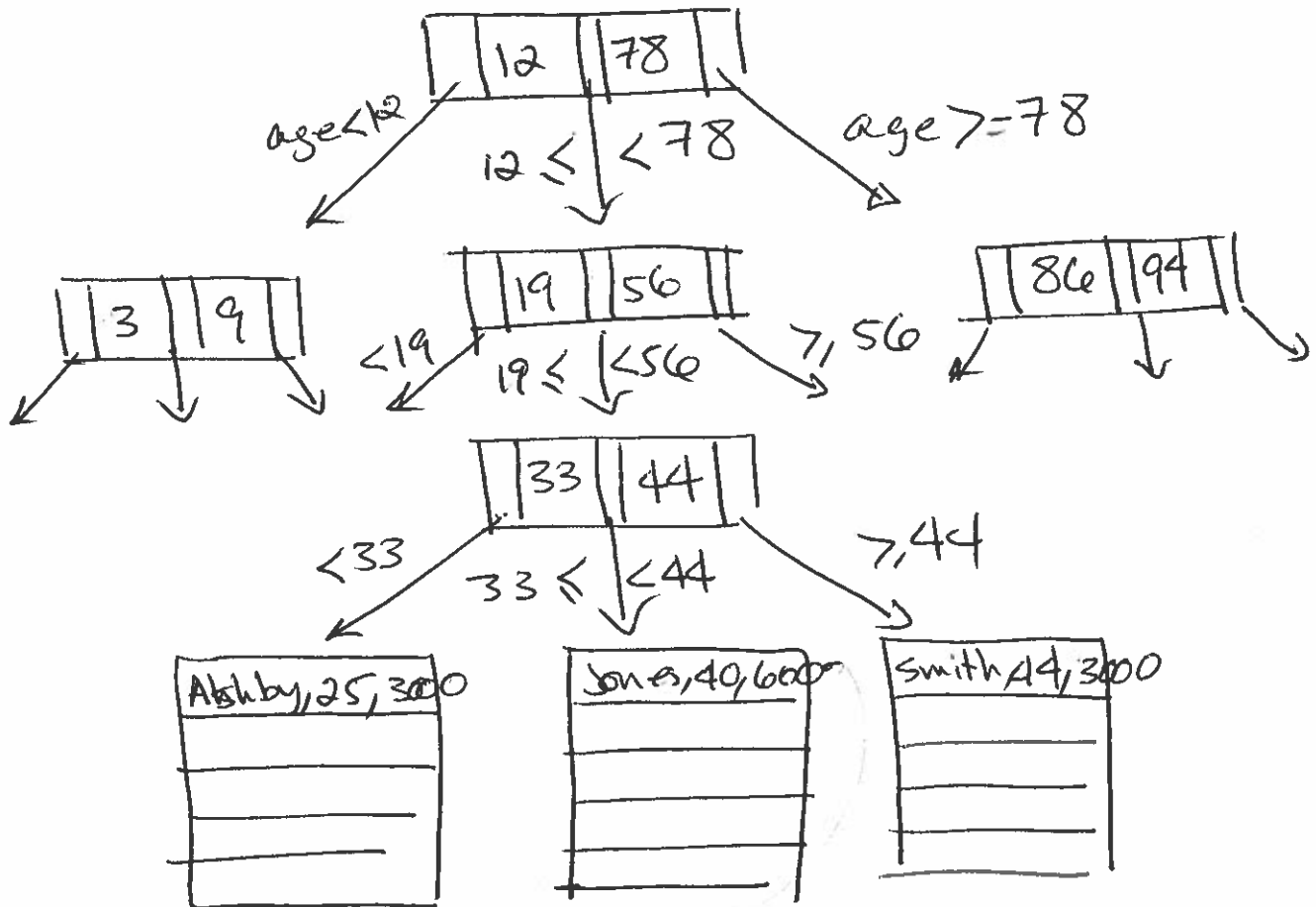


Tree-based Indexing

→ organizes records in a tree like structure.

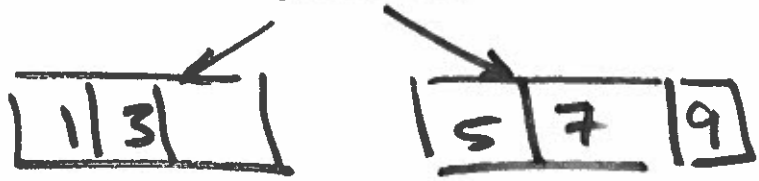
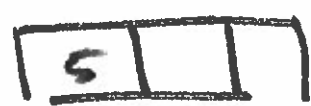
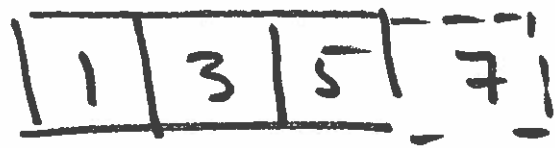
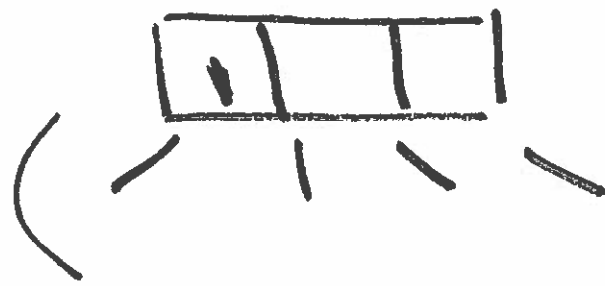
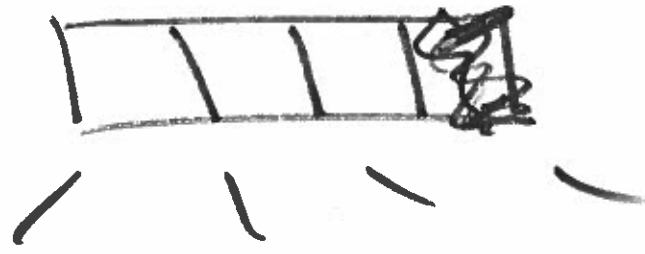
example

age



1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

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→ tree node → 4 pointers
3 keys



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