

Performance Boosts of Using a B-Tree: Takeaways

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Syntax

- Retrieving a row of data from a file:

```
import linecache

row = linecache.getline(file_name, line_number)

print(row)
```

- Creating a simple B-Tree and inserting into a node:

```
class Node:

    def __init__(self, keys=None, children=None):
        self.keys = keys or []
        self.children = children or []

    def is_leaf(self):
        return len(self.children) == 0

    def __repr__(self):
        # Helpful method to keep track of Node keys.
        return "{}.format(self.keys)

class BTree:

    def __init__(self, t):
        self.t = t
        self.root = None

    def insert(self, key):
        self.insert_non_full(self.root, key)
```

- Searching a B-Tree:

```
class BTree(BaseBTree):

    def search(self, node, term):
        if not self.root:
            return False

        index = 0
        for key in node.keys:
            if key == term:
                return True

            if term > key:
                index += 1

        ...
```

```
if node.is_leaf():
```

```
    return False
```

```
    return self.search(node.children[index], term)
```

Concepts

- A B-Tree is a sorted and balanced tree that contains nodes with multiple keys and children.
- An index is a data structure that contains a key and a direct reference to a row of data.
- The degree of a B-Tree is a property of the tree designed to bound the number of keys in a tree.
 - The minimum degree must be greater than or equal to two.
- The maximum number of children we can have per node is t where t is the degree of the tree. We call this property the order of the tree.
- The height of the B-Tree is given by the equation $\lceil \log_{t/2} n \rceil$, where t is order of the tree, n is the number of entries, and h is the height of the tree.
- The time complexity for inserting data into a B-Tree is $O(\log_{t/2} n)$.

Resources

- [B-Tree](#)
- [Degree and order of a tree](#)



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