Database Systems
Lecture11 – Chapter 13: Data Storage Structures

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File Organization

- The database is stored as a collection of *files*. Each file is a sequence of *records.* A record is a sequence of fields.
- One approach
  - Assume record size is fixed
  - Each file has records of one particular type only
  - Different files are used for different relations

  This case is easiest to implement; will consider variable length records later
- We assume that records are smaller than a disk block

  .

Fixed-Length Records

- Simple approach:
  - Store record *i* starting from byte $n * (i - 1)$, where *n* is the size of each record.
  - Record access is simple but records may cross blocks
    - Modification: do not allow records to cross block boundaries

record 0	10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
record 1	12121	Wu	Finance	90000
record 2	15151	Mozart	Music	40000
record 3	22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
record 4	32343	El Said	History	60000
record 5	33456	Gold	Physics	87000
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record 8	76543	Singh	Finance	80000
record 9	76766	Crick	Biology	72000
record 10	83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000
record 11	98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000

Fixed-Length Records

- Deletion of record *i:* alternatives*:*
  - **move records *i* + 1, . . ., *n* to *i, . . . ,* *n* – 1**
  - move record *n* to *i*
  - do not move records, but link all free records on a *free list*

Record 3 deleted

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Record 3 deleted and replaced by record 11

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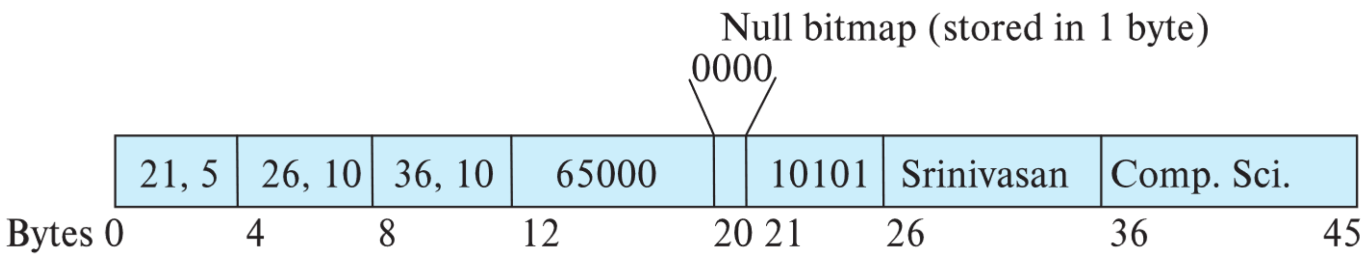
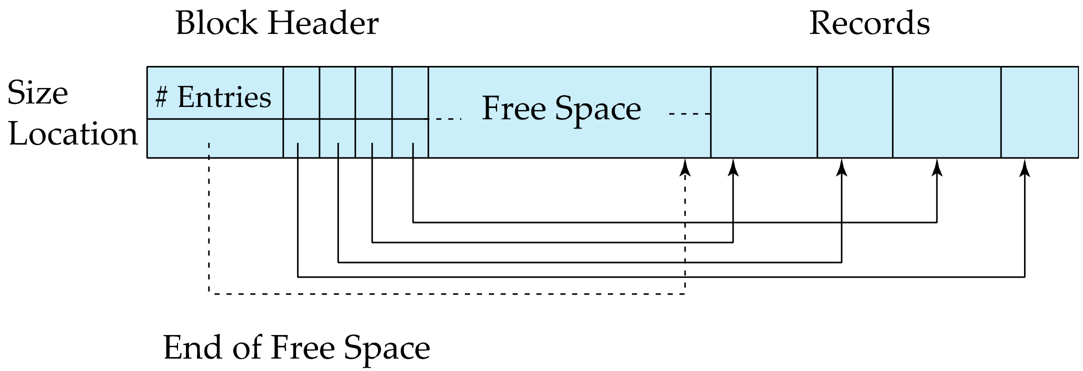
Variable-Length Records

- Variable-length records
  - Multiple record types in a file
  - Column types that allow variable lengths (**varchar**)
  - Record types that allow repeating fields (used in some older data models)
- Attributes are stored in order
- Variable length attributes are pointed by an array of <offset, length> pairs, with actual data stored after all fixed length <offset, length>
- Null values represented by null-value bitmap



Variable-Length Records: Slotted Page Structure



- **Slotted page** header contains:
  - number of record entries
  - end of free space in the block
  - location and size of each record
- Records can be moved around within a page to keep them contiguous with no empty space between them; entry in the header must be updated.
- Pointers should not point directly to record — instead they should point to the entry for the record in header.

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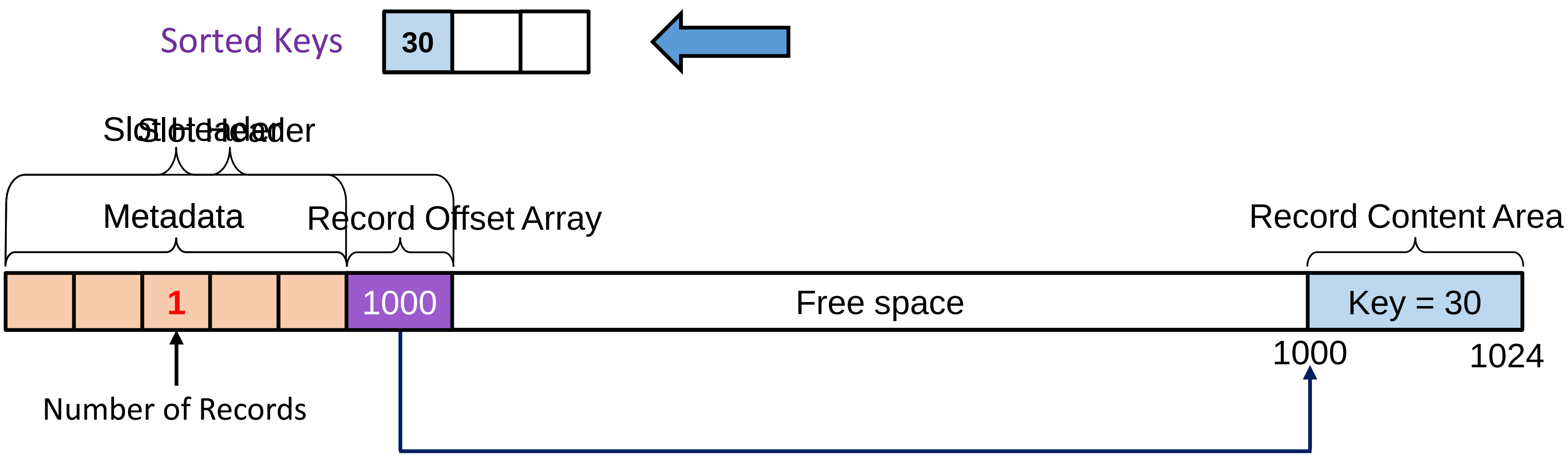

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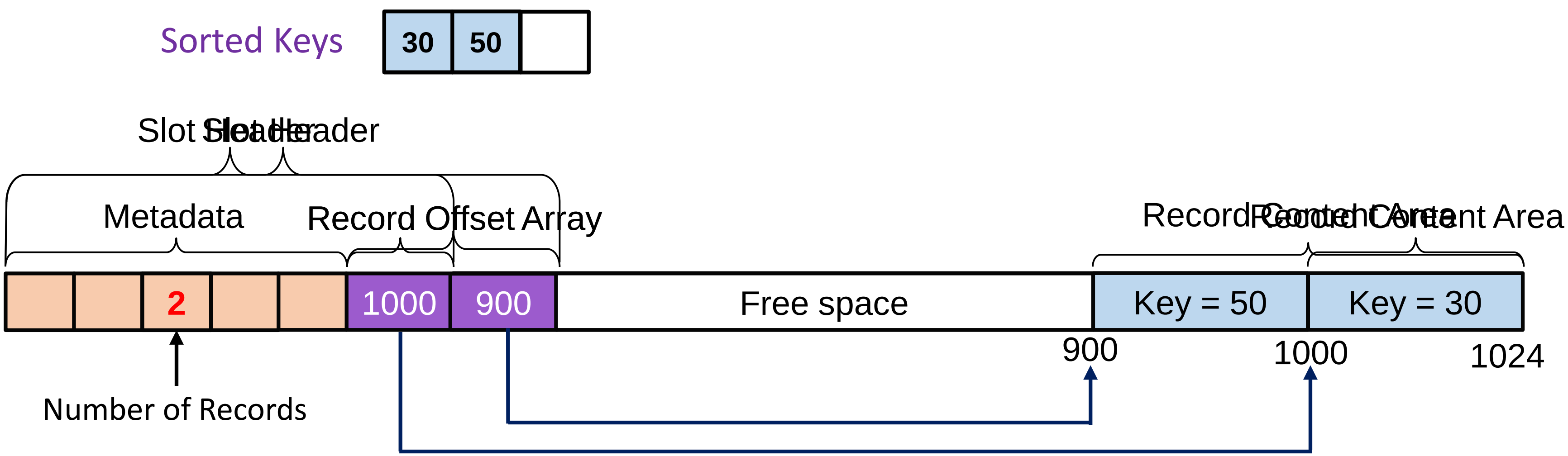

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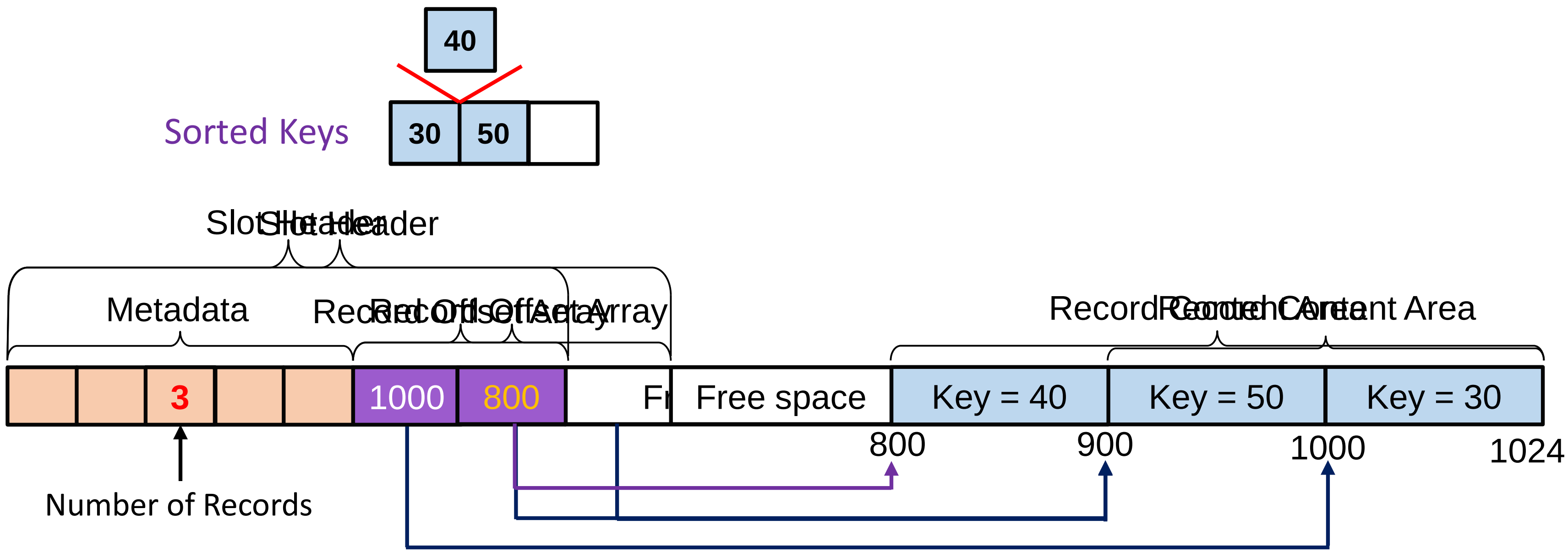


Storing Large Objects

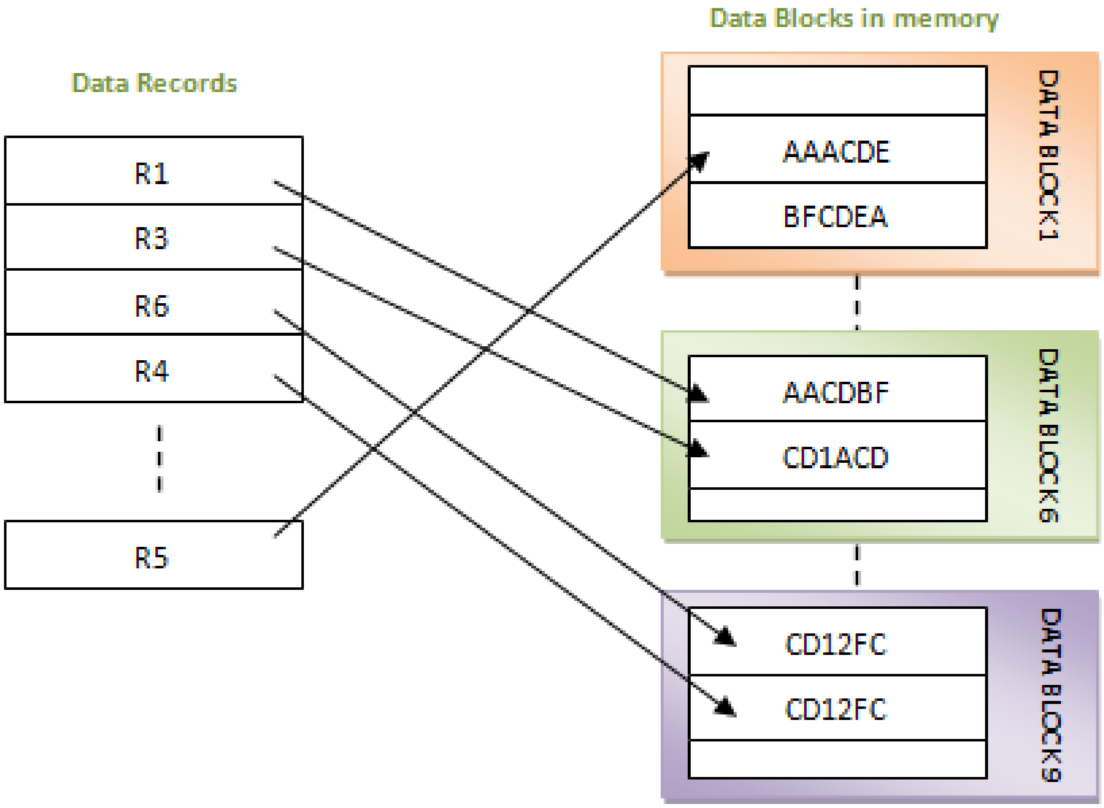
- E.g., blob/clob types
- Records must be smaller than pages
- Alternatives:
  - Store as files in file systems
  - Store as files managed by database
  - Break into pieces and store in multiple tuples in separate relation
    - PostgreSQL TOAST (The Oversized-Attribute Storage Technique)

Organization of Records in Files

- **Heap** – record can be placed anywhere in the file where there is space
- **Sequential** – store records in sequential order, based on the value of the search key of each record
- In a **multitable clustering file organization** records of several different relations can be stored in the same file
  - Motivation: store related records on the same block to minimize I/O
- **B^+-tree file organization**
  - Ordered storage even with inserts/deletes
  - More on this in Chapter 14
- **Hashing** – a hash function computed on search key; the result specifies in which block of the file the record should be placed
  - More on this in Chapter 14

Heap File Organization

- Records can be placed anywhere in the file
- Records usually do not move once allocated



Heap File Organization

- Finding free space within file is important
- **Free-space map**
  - Array with 1 entry per block. Each entry is a few bits to a byte, and records fraction of block that is free
  - In example below, 3 bits per block, value divided by 8 indicates fraction of block that is free

4	2	1	4	7	3	6	5	1	2	0	1	1	0	5	6

  - Can have second-level free-space map
  - In example below, each entry stores maximum from 4 entries of first-level free-space map

4	7	2	6

- Free space map written to disk periodically, OK to have wrong (old) values for some entries (will be detected and fixed)

Sequential File Organization

- Suitable for applications that require sequential processing of the entire file
- The records in the file are ordered by a search-key

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Sequential File Organization (Cont.)

- Deletion – use pointer chains
- Insertion –locate the position where the record is to be inserted
  - if there is free space insert there
  - if no free space, insert the record in an overflow block
  - In either case, pointer chain must be updated
- Need to reorganize the file from time to time to restore sequential order

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32222	Verdi	Music	48000	

Multitable Clustering File Organization

Store several relations in one file using a **multitable clustering** file organization

department

dept_name	*building*	*budget*
Comp. Sci.	Taylor	100000
Physics	Watson	70000

instructor

ID	*name*	*dept_name*	*salary*
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
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multitable clustering of *department* and *instructor*

Comp. Sci.	Taylor	100000	
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Multitable Clustering File Organization (cont.)

- good for queries involving *department* $\bowtie$ *instructor*, and for queries involving one single department and its instructors
- bad for queries involving only *department*
- results in variable size records
- Can add pointer chains to link records of a particular relation

Column-Oriented Storage

- Also known as **columnar representation**
- Store each attribute of a relation separately
- Example

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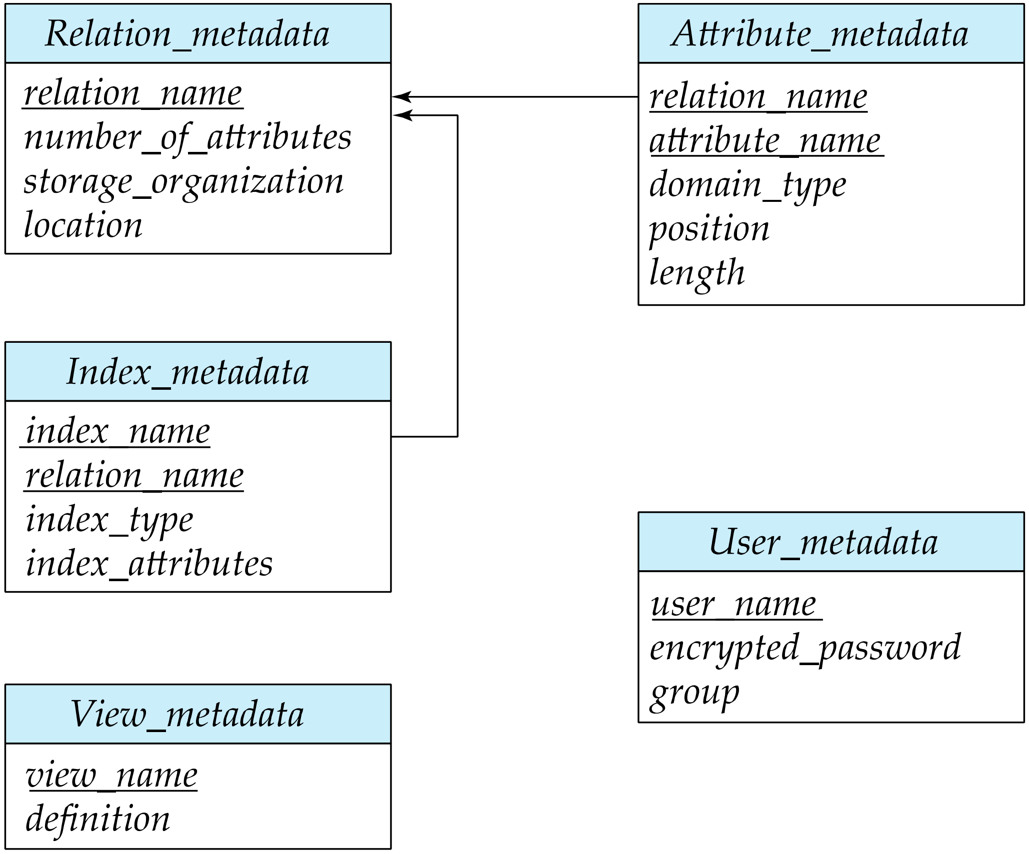
Data Dictionary

- The **Data dictionary** (also called **system catalog**) stores **metadata**; that is, data about data, such as
  - Information about relations
    - names of relations
    - names, types and lengths of attributes of each relation
    - names and definitions of views
    - integrity constraints
  - User and accounting information, including passwords
  - Statistical and descriptive data
    - number of tuples in each relation
  - Physical file organization information
    - How relation is stored (sequential/hash/…)
    - Physical location of relation
  - Information about indices (Chapter 14)

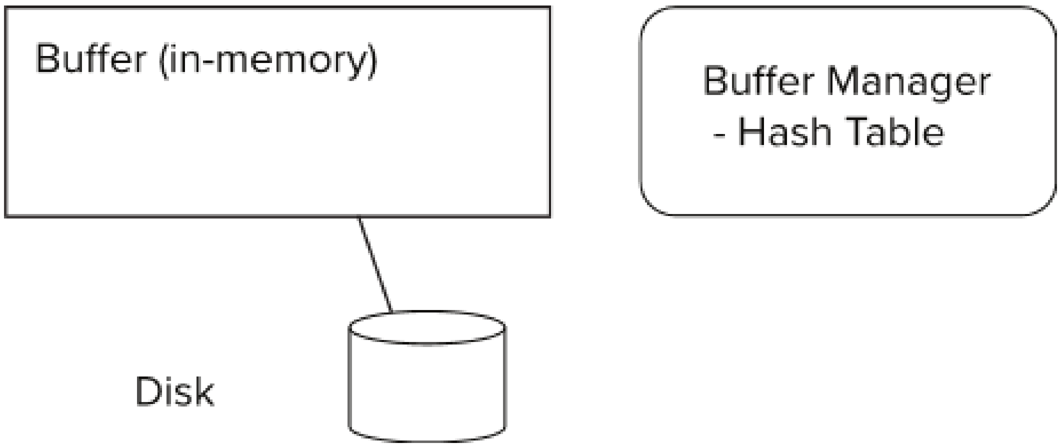
Relational Representation of System Metadata

- Relational representation on disk
- Specialized data structures designed for efficient access, in memory



Storage Access

- Blocks are units of both storage allocation and data transfer.
- Database system minimizes the number of block transfers between the disk and memory.
- We can reduce the number of disk accesses by keeping as many blocks as possible in main memory.
- **Buffer** – portion of main memory available to store copies of disk blocks.
- **Buffer manager** – subsystem responsible for allocating buffer space in main memory.

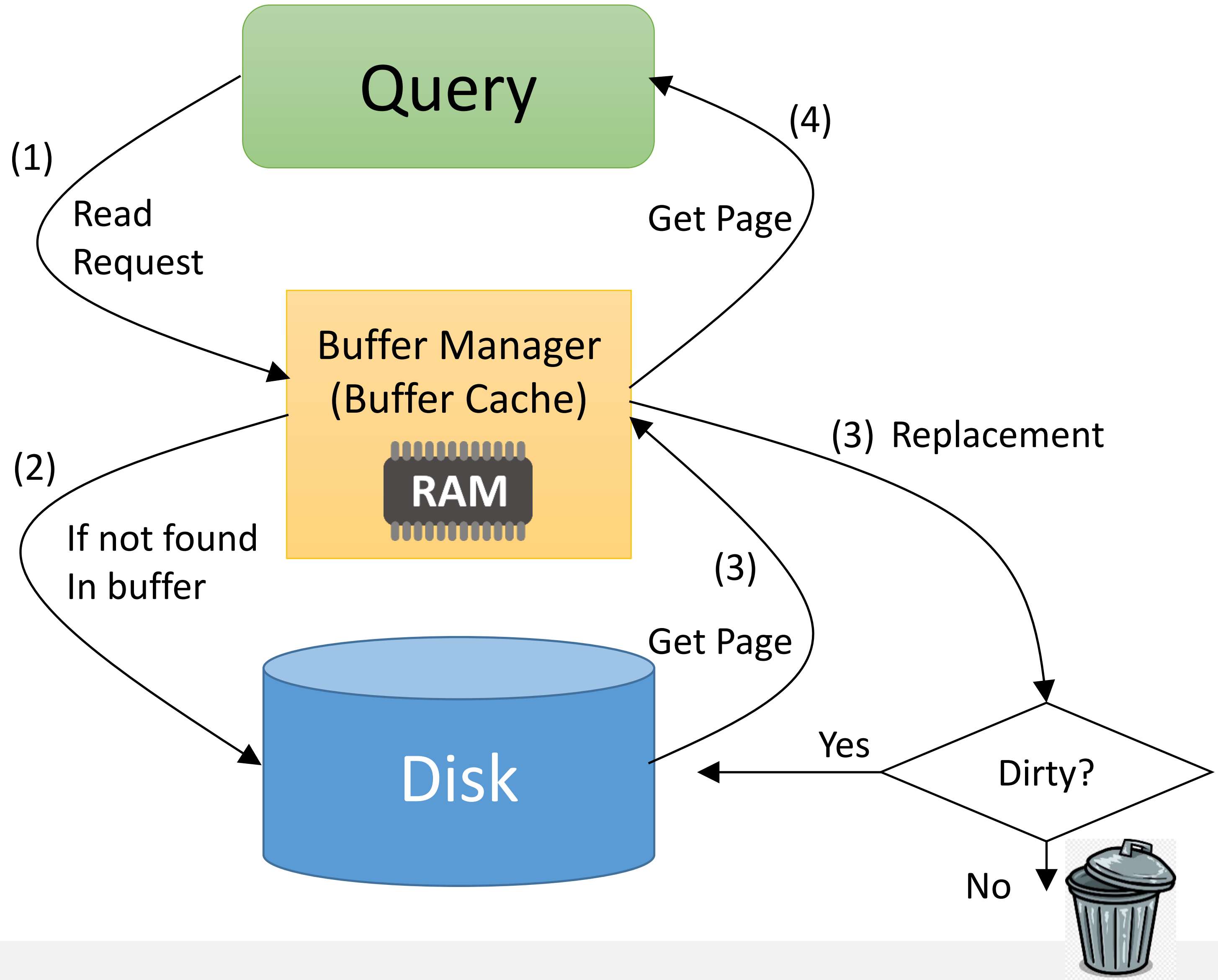


Buffer Manager

- Programs call on the buffer manager when they need a block from disk.
  - If the block is already in the buffer, buffer manager returns the address of the block in main memory
  - If the block is not in the buffer, the buffer manager
    - Allocates space in the buffer for the block
      - Replacing (throwing out) some other block, if required, to make space for the new block.
      - Replaced block written back to disk only if it was modified
    - Reads the block from the disk to the buffer, and returns the address of the block in main memory to requester.

Buffer Manager

- Read



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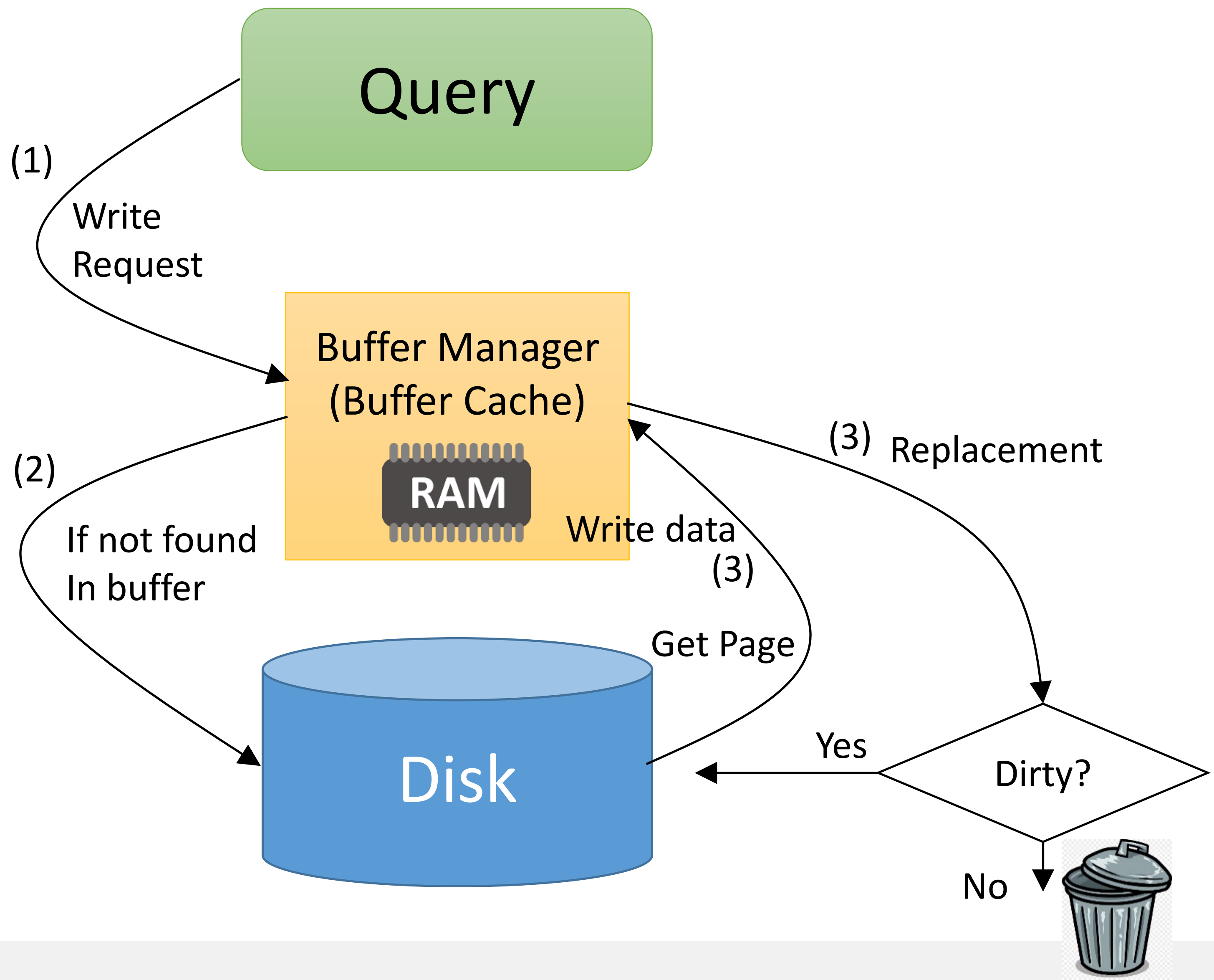
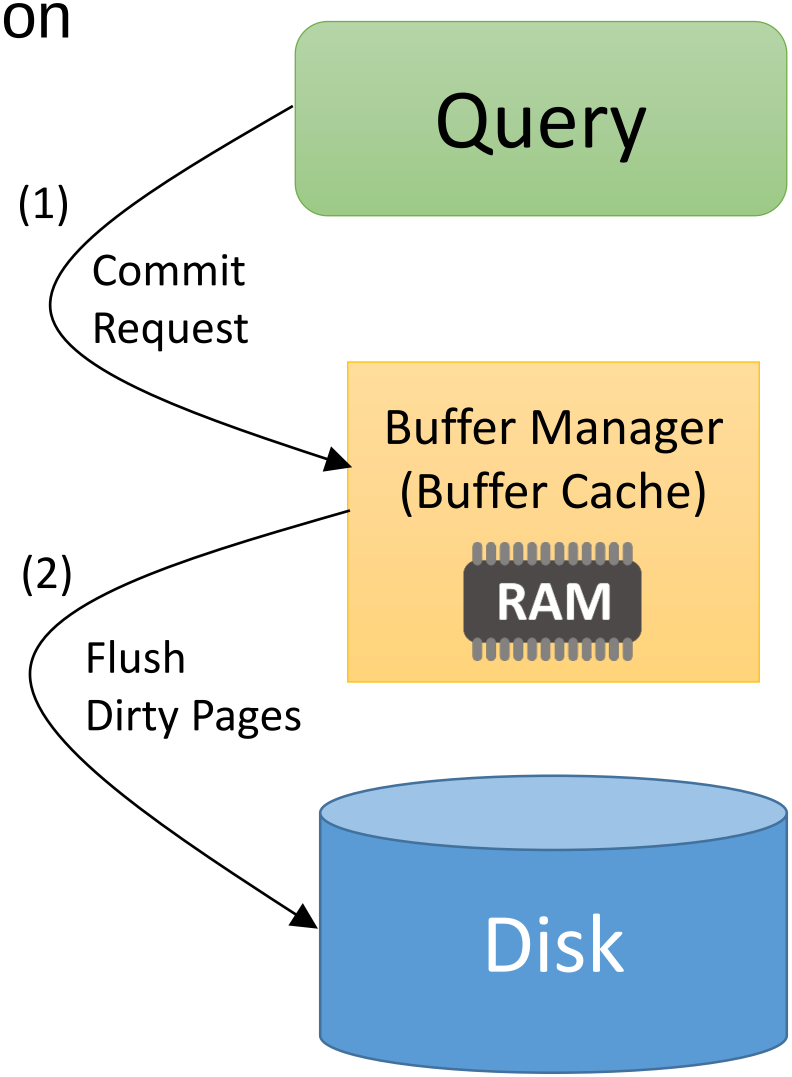
- Write



Buffer Manager

- Transaction Commit



Buffer Manager

- **Buffer replacement strategy**
- **Pinned block:** block that is not allowed to be written to disks
  - **Pin** done before reading/writing data from a block
  - **Unpin** done when read /write is complete
  - Multiple concurrent pin/unpin operations possible
    - Keep a pin count, buffer block can be evicted only if pin count = 0
- **Shared and exclusive locks on buffer**
  - Need to prevent conflicts between concurrent operations
  - Readers get shared lock (read lock)
  - Writers require exclusive lock (write lock)
  - **Locking rules:**
    - Only one process can get exclusive lock at a time
    - Shared lock cannot be concurrently with exclusive lock
    - Multiple processes may be given shared lock concurrently

Buffer-Replacement Policies

- Most OS replace the block **least recently used** (LRU strategy)
  - Idea behind LRU
    - use past block reference patterns to predict future references
  - LRU can be bad for database queries
  - Example: when computing the join

    for each tuple *tr* of *r* do
      for each tuple *ts* of *s* do
        if the tuples *tr* and *ts* match …

- Queries access disks in well-defined patterns (such as sequential scans)

  → DBMS can use the patterns to predict future references
- Various replacement strategies provided by the query optimizer is preferable

Buffer-Replacement Policies (Cont.)

- **Toss-immediate** strategy
  - Evicts a block as soon as that block is processed
- **Most recently used (MRU) strategy**
  - After a block is processed, the block becomes the candidate for replacement, i.e., most recently used block.
- Buffer manager can use statistics - the probability that a request will reference a particular table
  - E.g., the data dictionary is frequently accessed.
  - → Heuristic: keep data-dictionary blocks in buffer
- Filesystem may reorder writes
  - Can lead to corruption of data structures on disk
    - E.g., linked list of blocks with missing block on disk
  - Careful ordering of writes can avoid many such problems