

Data Access Patterns



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Module Overview



Query-specific index usage

Clustered index seek

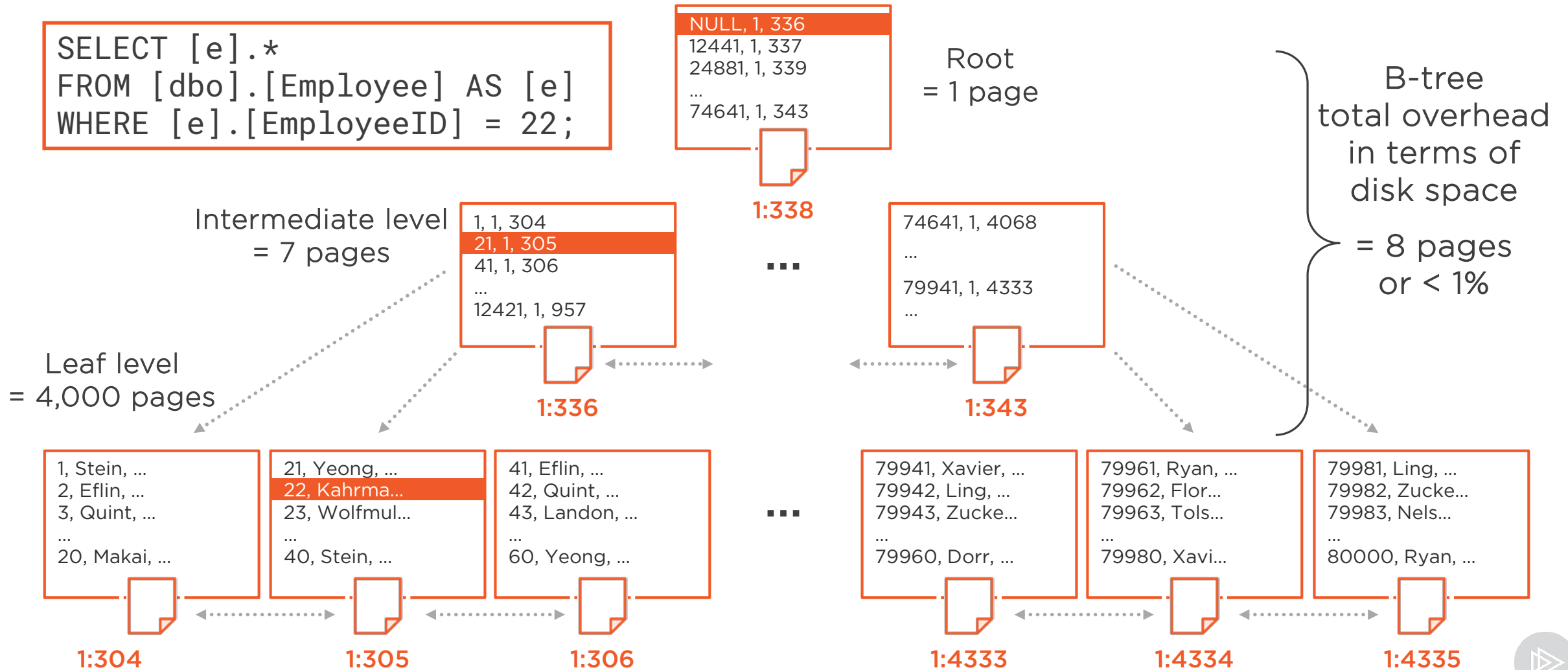
Bookmark lookup: nonclustered seek and
seek in clustered for data

Multiple bookmark lookups



Clustered Index Seek

```
SELECT [e].*
FROM [dbo].[Employee] AS [e]
WHERE [e].[EmployeeID] = 22;
```



Demo



Clustered index seek



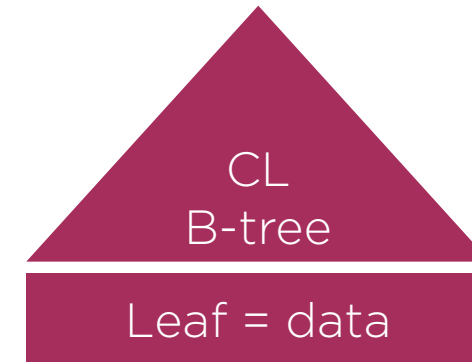
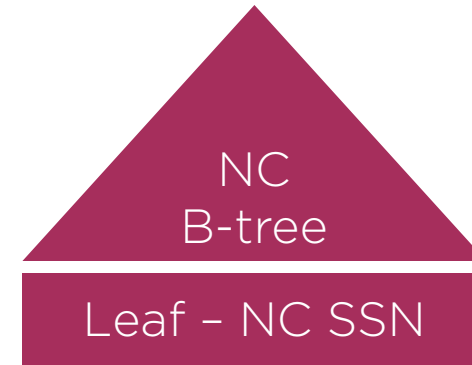
Bookmark Lookup

```
SELECT [e].*  
FROM [dbo].[Employee] AS [e]  
WHERE [e].[SSN] = '749-21-9445';
```

Root, then leaf in NC index on SSN to
yield EmployeeID = 2 logical reads

Root, intermediate, leaf in CL index to
yield * (all columns) = 3 logical reads

Total of 5 logical reads



Bookmark
lookup



Demo



**Nonclustered index seek
with a bookmark lookup**



Multiple Bookmark Lookups

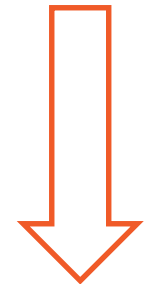
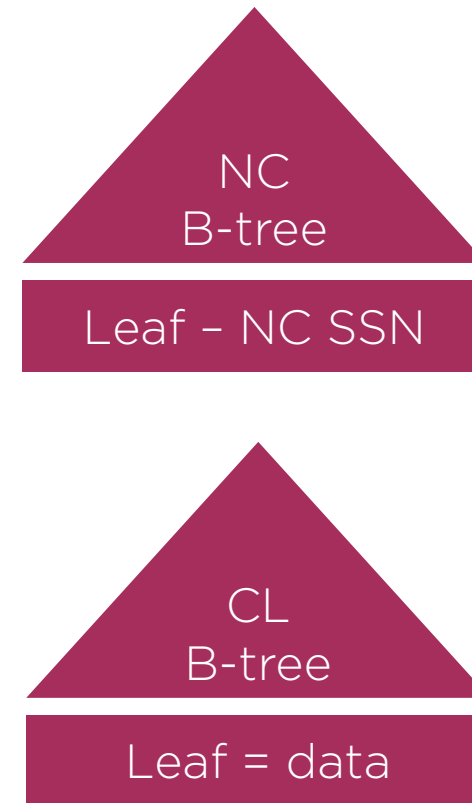
```
SELECT [e].*
FROM [dbo].[Employee] AS [e]
WHERE [e].[SSN] BETWEEN '123-45-6789'
      AND '123-45-6800';
```

Assumption: 12 Rows

Root, then leaf in NC index on SSN to
yield 12 EmployeeIDs = 2 to 3 logical reads

Root, intermediate, leaf for each row to
access * in CL index to yield = 3 x 12 logical reads

Total of 38/39 logical reads



Bookmark
lookup for
each row



Demo



Nonclustered index seek with
multiple bookmark lookups



What We Covered



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