Simplest file structure is an unordered file
(heap file)

Can retrieve records from file using record id.

A index is a data structure that organized records to try to improve access speed

n/2 expected time for n records

Indexes return data that matches a field/attribute index is on (search key).

A data entry is a record in an index file.

What is stored in a data entry?

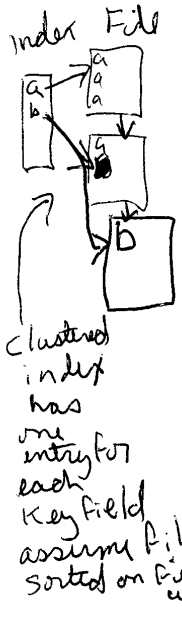
Some possibilities

① actual record → heap is ordered

② <K, rid>

③ <K, rid-list>

Types of indexes



Clustered vs unclustered

sorted by key field — unsorted

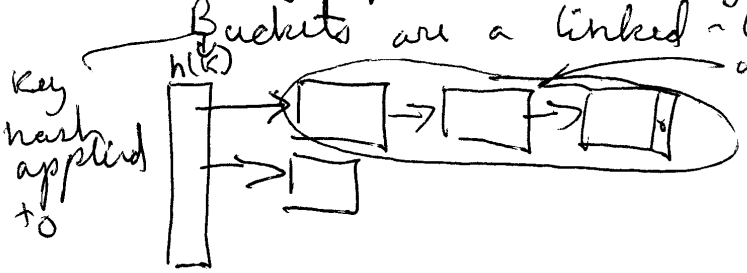
Primary — Secondary

index on a primary key with distinct block for field value — any other

Data Structures Used for Indexing

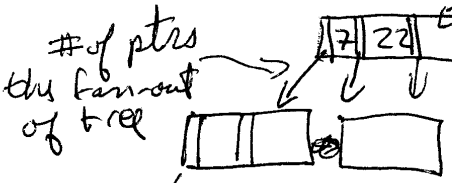
Hash-Based Indexing

Records grouped in buckets by a hash fn.



Tree-Based Indexing used For databases

Like Binary Search trees except # of records / block ... many keys in a node rather just 2 keys



Comparisons of File Organizations

Operations will consider:

- Scan - fetch all records
- Search w/ equality
- Search w/ range selection
- Insert a record
- Delete a record

Variables

- B = # of data pages (blocks) accesses
- D = time to read or write a page
- R = # of records / page
- C = avg time to process a record] — 100 ns at time
- H = time to calculate hash fn]

Assumptions - no network costs book written
no blocked disk accesses

Heap Files

Scan $B(D + RC)$

Search^{Key} $.5B(D + RC)$

Search Range $B(D + RC)$ — record could be anywhere in file

Insert $2D + C$ — just add to end of file

Delete ~~$B(D+RC)$~~ Search + $C + D$ (no attempt to reclaim space ~~record and need to locate record~~).

Sorted Files

Scan $B(D+RC)$

Search^{Key} $D\log_2 B + C\log_2 R$

Search Range $D\log_2 B$ + # matches

Insert Search + $B(D + RC)$ — read and write data after insert

Delete Search + $B(D + RC)$

Clustered Files File size typically 1.5 times usually unclustered

Scan $1.5B(D+RC)$

Search Key $D\log_2 1.5B + C\log_2 R$

Search w/ Range Search Key + # matches

Insert Search + D

Delete Search + D

Similar analysis for other cases