ICS 321 Spring 2011 Overview of Storage & Indexing (i)

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Data Storage

- Main Memory
 - Random access
 - Volatile
- Flash Memory
 - Random access
 - Random writes are expensive
- Disk
 - Random access
 - Sequential access cheaper
- Tapes
 - Only sequential access
 - Archiving





Relational Tables on Disk

- Record -- a tuple or row of a relational table
- RIDs record identifiers that uniquely identify a record across memory and disk
- Page a collection of records that is the unit of transfer between memory and disk
- **Bufferpool** a piece of memory used to cache data and index pages.
- Buffer Manager a component of a DBMS that manages the pages in memory
- Disk Space Manager a component of a DBMS that manages pages on disk



Magnetic Disks

- A disk or platter contains multiple concentric rings called **tracks**.
- Tracks of a fixed diameter of a spindle of disks form a **cylinder**.
- Each track is divided into fixed sized sectors (ie. "arcs").
- Data stored in units of disk blocks (in multiples of sectors)
- An array of **disk heads** moves as a single unit.
- Seek time: time to move disk heads over the required track
- Rotational delay: time for desired sector to rotate under the disk head.
- **Transfer time**: time to actually read/write the data



Accessing Data on Disk

- Seek time: time to move disk heads over the required track
- Rotational delay: time for desired sector to rotate under the disk head.
 - Assume uniform distribution, on average time for half a rotation
- Transfer time: time to actually read/write the data



Example: Barracuda 1TB HDD (ST31000528AS)

- What is the average time to read 2048 bytes of data ?
- = Seek time + rotational latency + transfer time
- = 8.5 msec + 4.16 msec + (2048 / 512) / 63 * (60 000 msec / 7200 rpm)
- = 8.5 + 4.16 + 0.265

cylinders	121601
Bytes/cylinder	16065*512
Blocks/cylinder	8029
Sectors/track	63
Heads	255
Spindle Speed	7200 rpm
Average Latency	4.16 msec
Random read seek time	< 8.5 msec
Random read Write time	< 9.5 msec

File Organizations

How do we organize records in a file ?

- Heap files: records not in any particular order
 Good for scans
- Sorted files: records sorted by particular fields
 - scans in the sorted order or range scans in the sorted order
- Indexes: Data structures to organize records via trees or hashing.
 - Like sorted files, they speed up searches for a subset of records, based on values in certain ("search key") fields
 - Updates are much faster than in sorted files

Comparing File Organizations

Consider an employee table with search key <age,sal>

- Scans : fetch all records in the file
- Point queries: find all employees who are 30 years old (let's assume there's only one such employee)
- Range queries: find all employees aged above 65.
- Insert a record.
- Delete a record given its RID.

Analysis of Algorithms

- Computation model
 - CPU comparison operation
 - General: most expensive operation
- Worst-case
 - How bad can it get ?
- Average-case
 - Assumption about probabilities
- Analysis: count the number of some operation w.r.t. some input size
- Asymptotics: Big "O"
 - Constants don't matter
 - 500n+10000 = O(n)

SELECT * FROM Employees E WHERE E.age=30



Search Algorithms on Sorted Data



Binary Search

```
(lo, hi) = (0, n-1)
mid = lo+(hi-lo)/2
While(hi>lo && E[mid].age!=30)
  if (E[mid].age < 30)
     lo=mid
  else
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- Number tuples searched per iteration = n, n/2, n/4, ... 1
- Hence the number of iterations = O(log n)
- Therefore number of comparisons = O(log n)

Analysis of DBMS Algorithms



Analysis Model

- B : number of data pages
- R : number of records per page
- D : average time to read/write a disk page
 - From previous calculations, if a page is 2K bytes, D is about 13 milliseconds
- C : average time to process a record
 - For the 1 Ghz processors we have today, assuming it takes 100 cyles, C is about 100 nanoseconds

Table Scans on Heap Files

