

Comparison of number of disk block accesses for sequential file and index file

Sequential file without index

Best case: 1 block access (record is found in the first data block)

No. of student records/block = 1024 / 300 = 3 records/block

Total no. of data blocks = 46000 / 3 = 15,334

Worst case: 15,334 blocks access (record is found in the last data block)

Average for an arbitrary record search: 7,667 blocks accessed.

Index file with Single-Level index

Best case: 1 + 1 = 2 block access (record is found in the first index block and the data block access)

Worst case: 542 + 1 = 543 blocks access (record is found in the last index block)

Avg no. blocks accessed: 271 (index blocks) + 1 (data block) = 272 block accesses

Speed up with index file = 7667 / 272 = 28.2 times

In this case, disk access on indexed file will be approximately 28 times faster than sequential file.



Primary index on the ordering key field



A clustering index on the Dept_number ordering nonkey field of an EMPLOYEE file.



Clustering index with a separate block cluster for each group of records that share the same value for the clustering field.

Data file



A secondary index (with record pointers) on a nonkey field implemented using one level of indirection so that index entries are of fixed length and have unique field values.



A two-level primary index resembling ISAM (indexed sequential access method) organization.



B-tree structures. (a) A node in a B-tree with q - 1 search values. (b) A B-tree of order p = 3. The values were inserted in the order 8, 5, 1, 7, 3, 12, 9, 6.



The nodes of a B+-tree. (a) Internal node of a B+-tree with q - 1 search values. (b) Leaf node of a B+-tree with q - 1 search values and q - 1 data pointers.