DATA516/CSED516 Scalable Data Systems and Algorithms

Lecture 7 Column-store DBMSs

Announcements: General

- No reading for next week
- Project Milestones: Friday, November 25th
- HW2 Due: Tuesday, November 28th

Project Milestone

- Hard deadline: Friday night!
- Preliminary draft of your final report
- 2-3 pages.
- Include Title and Author!
- Suggested structure/topics
 - Section 1: Goal and questions you want to ask
 - Section 2: Describe the system(s) and the data
 - Section 3: Briefly report what you have tried
 - Section 4: What do you need to do until 12/8?

Announcements: Project Dates

- Project Presentations:
 - December 5th
 - In person (contact me for exceptions)
 - For groups that've already reached out, please send another email to track
- Final Paper due Friday December 8th

Project Presentation

Project presentations:

- You have 5 minutes (4 + 1 for questions)
- Prepare 4 5 slides in Google Slides. Suggestions:
 - Slide 1: Title slide: project title, your name,
 - Slide 2: Question: What question did you investigate?
 - Slide 3: Method: How did you go about answering it?
 - Slide 4: Results: What did you find?
- I will ask you to place your google slides on a shared drive; details TBD

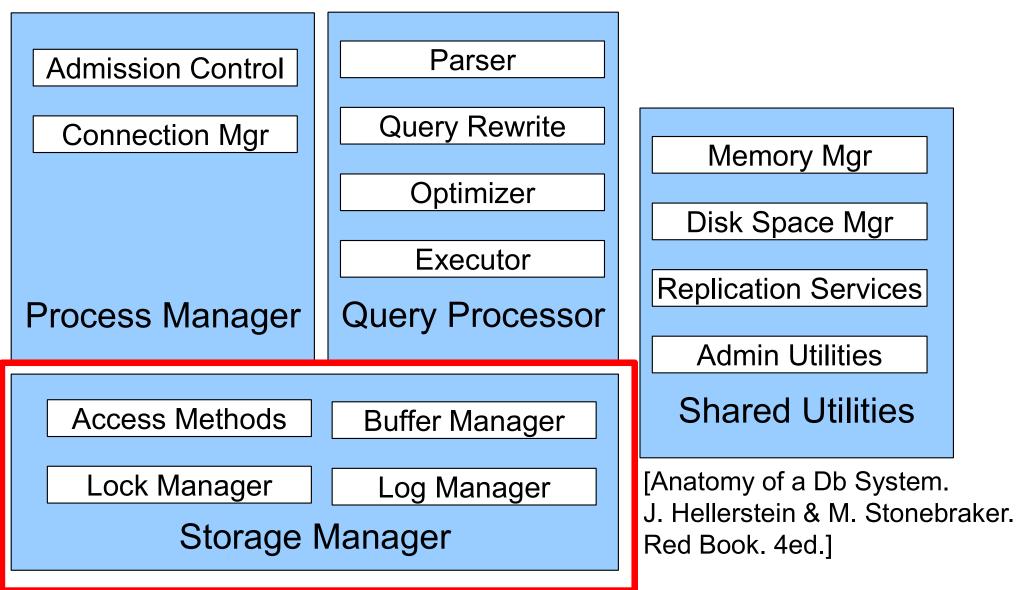
Today's Lecture

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Column-Oriented Storage

- C-store ideas and research since 1970's
- Circa 2000: PAX (will discuss...)
- 2004: C-store research prototype at MIT
 - Started by Mike Stonebraker
 - Lead graduate student Daniel Abadi
 - 2005: Vertica founded by M. Stonebraker & A. Palmer
 - 2011: Vertica acquired by HP
 - 2012: As of VLDB'12 paper, 500 production deployments of Vertica, three over a PB in size
- 2013: All major DB vendors include some column-store implementation
- 2016: PAX adopted by Snowflake

DBMS Architecture



Review: Data Storage in a Row Store

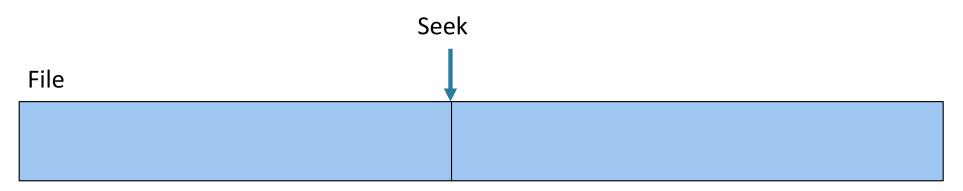
Consider a relation storing tweets:

Tweets(tid, user, time, content)

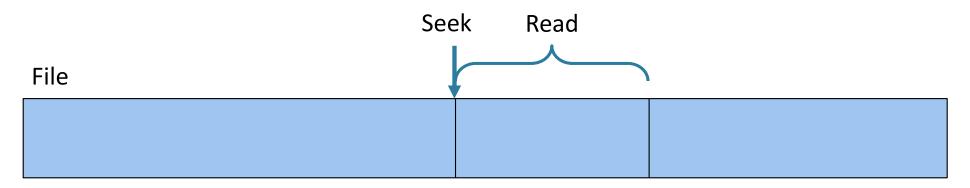
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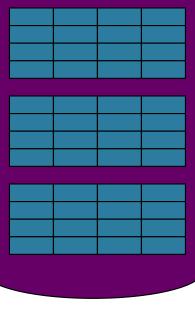


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Working with Pages

- Reading/writing to/from disk
 - Seeking takes a long time!
 - Reading sequentially is fast
 - Read/write entire blocks
- 1 block = typically 4, 8, or 16 KB
- Buffer manager:
 - Caches a set of blocks in main memory
 - Blocks in MM are called pages
 - 1 page = 1 block



Working with Main Memory

- The Central Processing Unit (CPU) reads/writes data from/to main memory
 - Read/write entire bytes (= 8 bits)
 - Typically: 1 or 2 or 4 or 8 bytes
- CPU much faster than MM
- Solution: CPU cache
 - A very fast, associative memory
 - Cache line = aka cache block
 - Typically: 1 cache line = 64 bytes

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Continuing our Design

Key question:

• How should we organize tuples on a page?



- Think how you would store tuples on a page
 - Fixed length tuples
 - Variable length tuples

Requirements

- Insert a new tuple
- Look up a tuple given a RID (= Record ID)
- Remove a tuple given a RID
- Modify a tuple
- Enumerate all tuples

Page Formats

Issues to consider:

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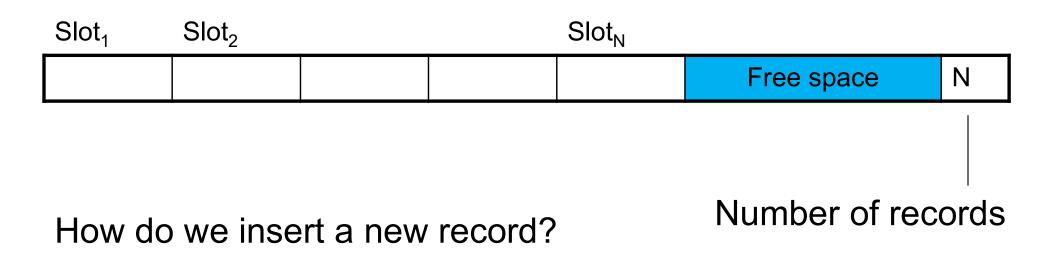
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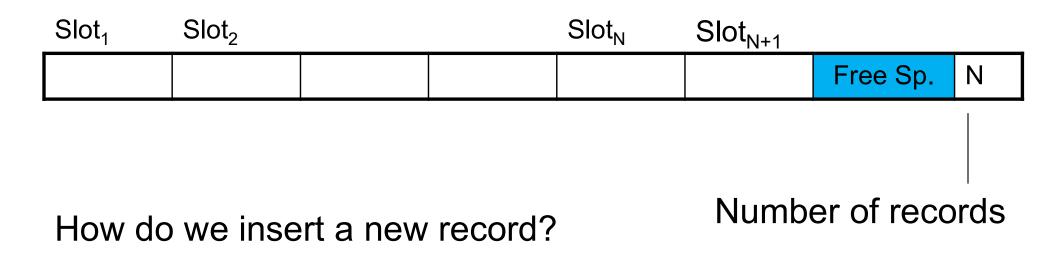
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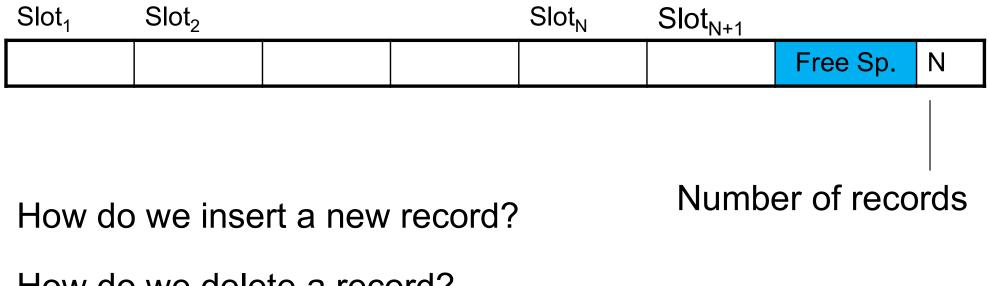
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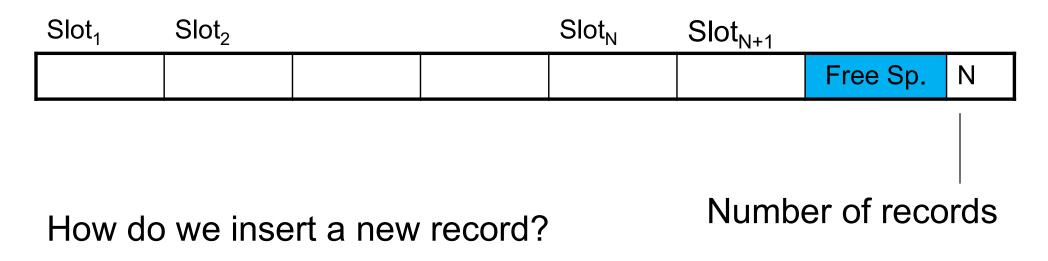


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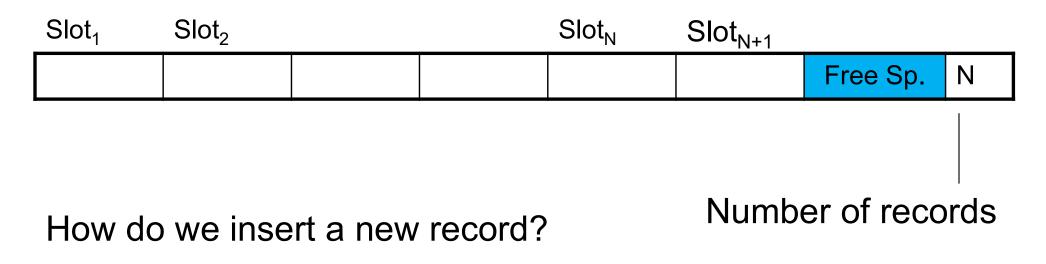
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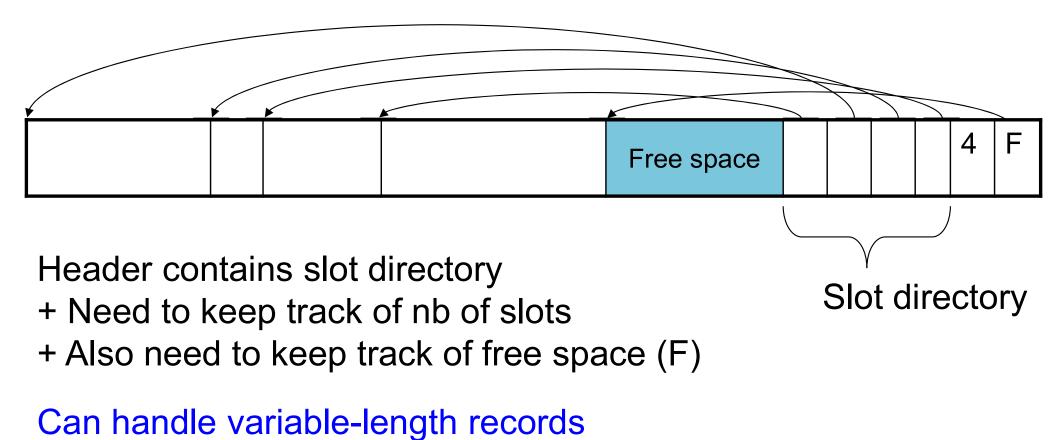
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How do we handle variable-length records?

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Can move tuples inside a page without changing RIDs

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Record Formats

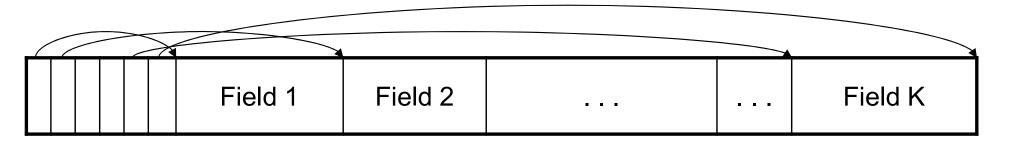
Fixed-length records => Each field has a fixed length (i.e., it has the same length in all the records)

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Information about field lengths and types is in the catalog

Record Formats

Variable length records



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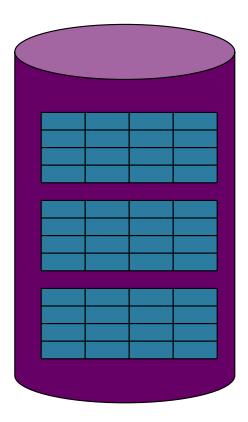
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Summary so far...

- Page format:
 - Page header
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- Record format:
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 - Field
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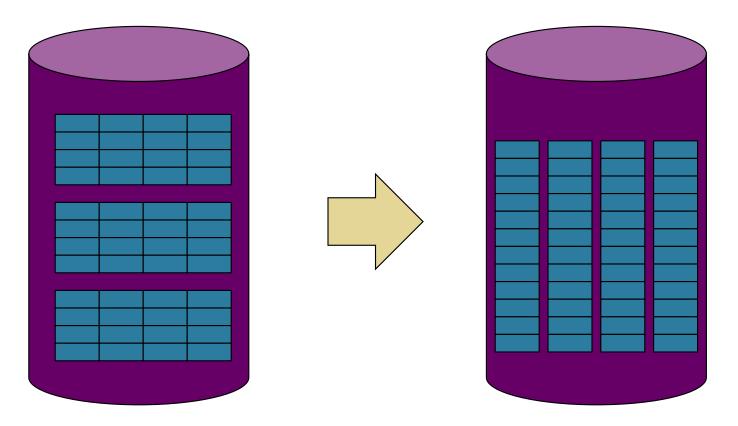
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From Row-Store to Column-Store



Rows stored contiguously on disk (+ tuple headers)

From Row-Store to Column-Store



Rows stored contiguously on disk (+ tuple headers) Columns stored contiguously on disk (no tuple headers needed)

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PAX:

- Split the table into blocks (original PAX) or chunks (Snowflake)
- Inside each chunk, store the attribute column-wise
- Obtain most of the performance gain, with very little update to the query engine

An Intermediate Format: PAX

• PAX = Partition Attributes Across

 Addresses memory access bottleneck (not the disk bottleneck)

From Row to Column Storage (Initial Designs - 1985)

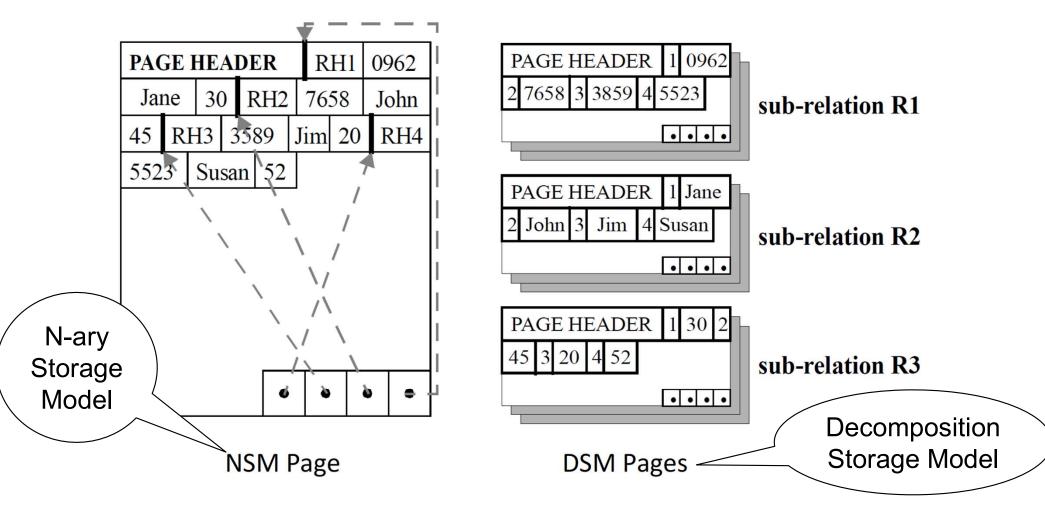


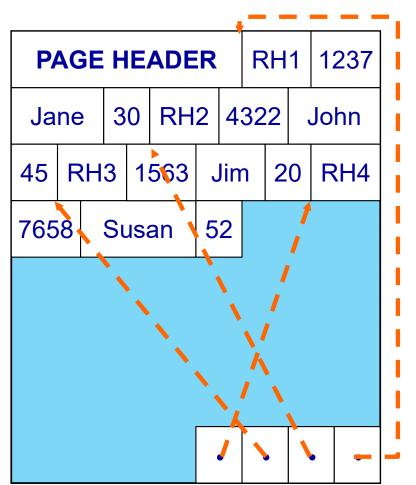
Figure 2.1: Storage models for storing database records inside disk pages: NSM (row-store) and DSM (a predecessor to column-stores). Figure taken from [5].

Current Scheme: Slotted Pages

Formal name: NSM (N-ary Storage Model)

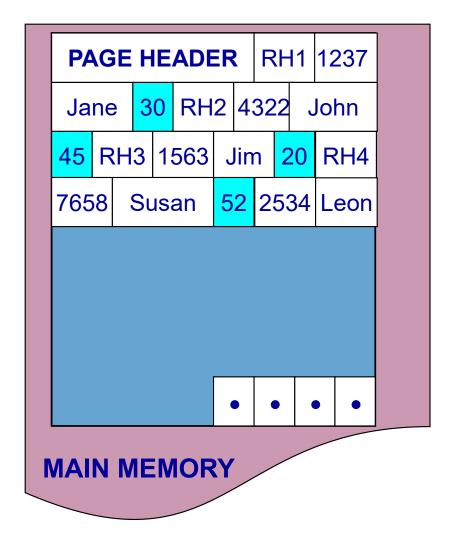
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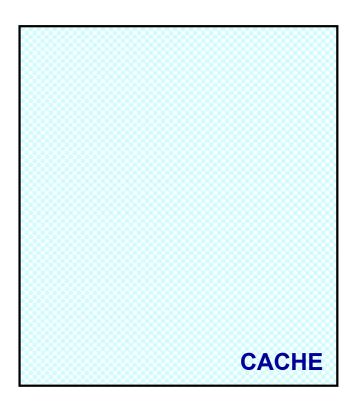
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- Records are stored sequentially
- Offsets to start of each record at end of page

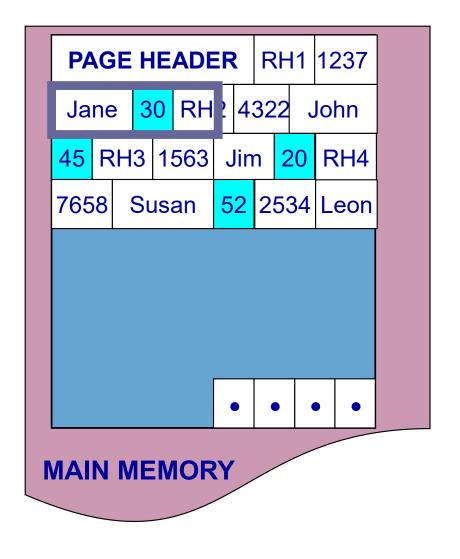
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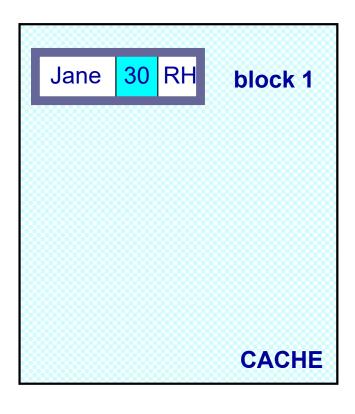




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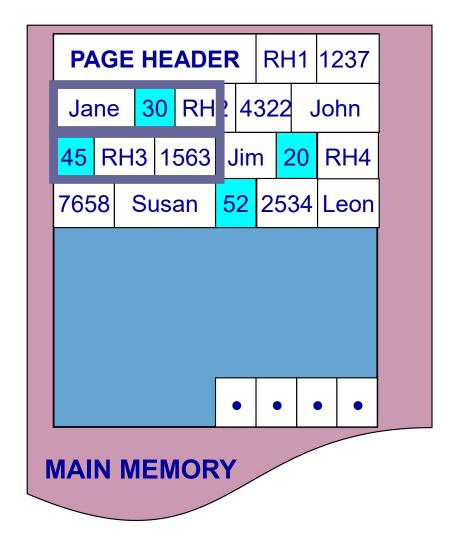
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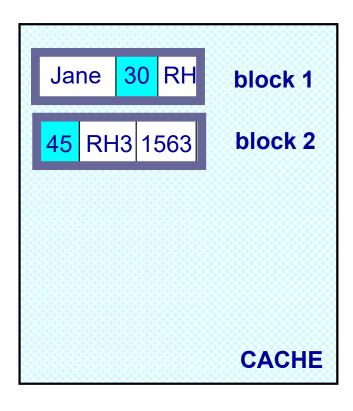




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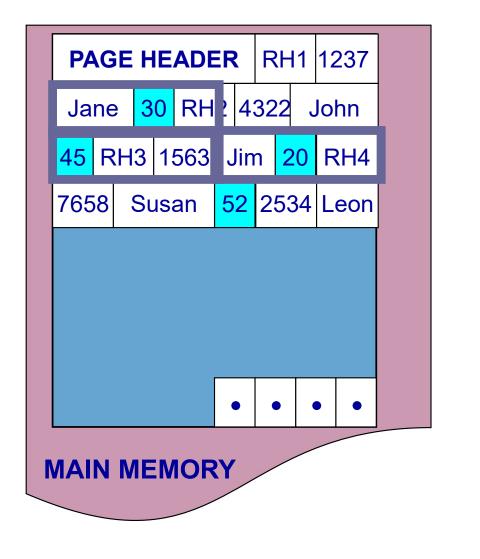
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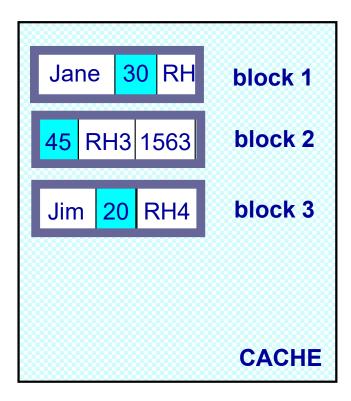




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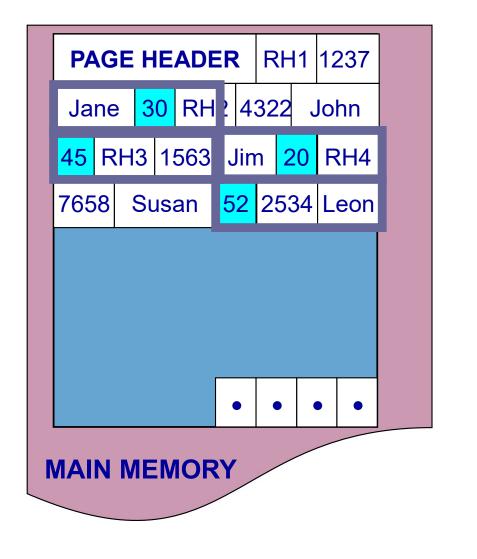
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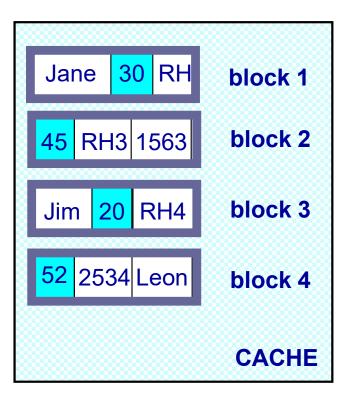




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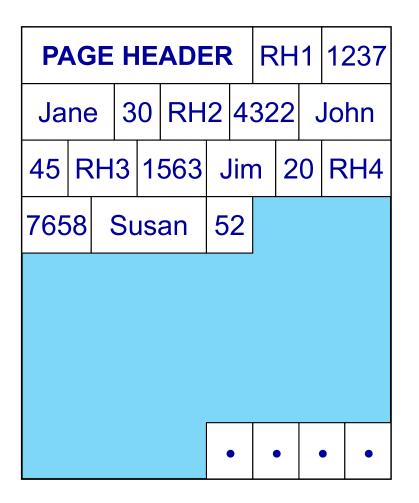
Need New Data Page Layout

- Eliminates unnecessary memory accesses
- Improves inter-record locality
- Keeps a record's fields together
- Does not affect I/O performance

and, most importantly, is...

low-implementation-cost, high-impact

NSM PAGE

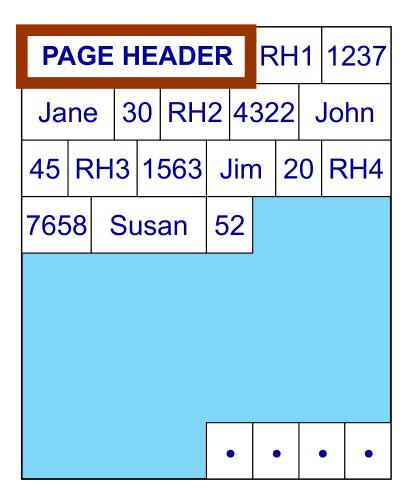


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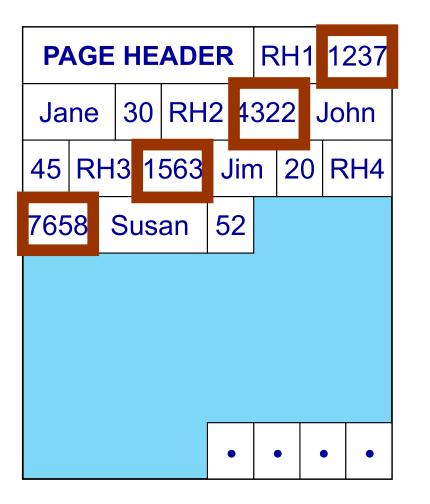


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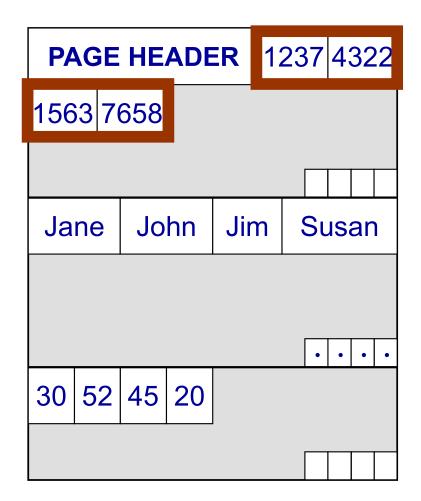
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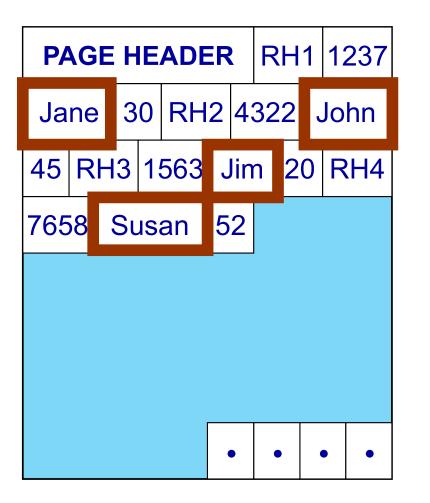


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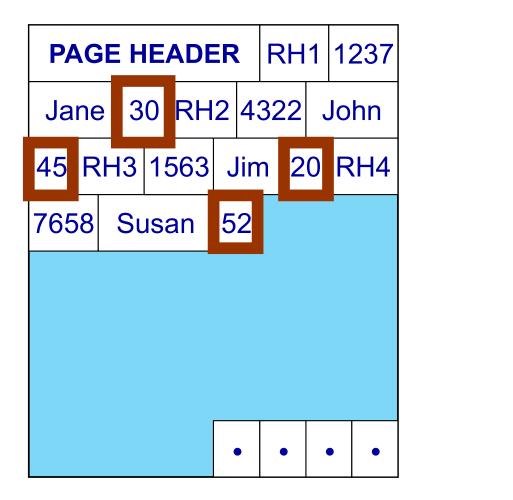


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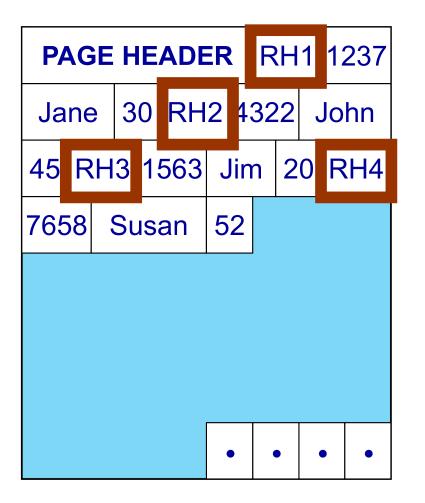


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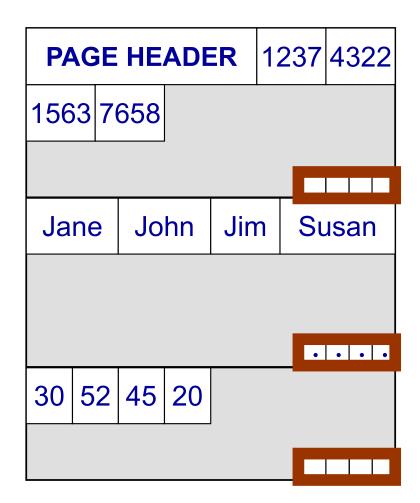
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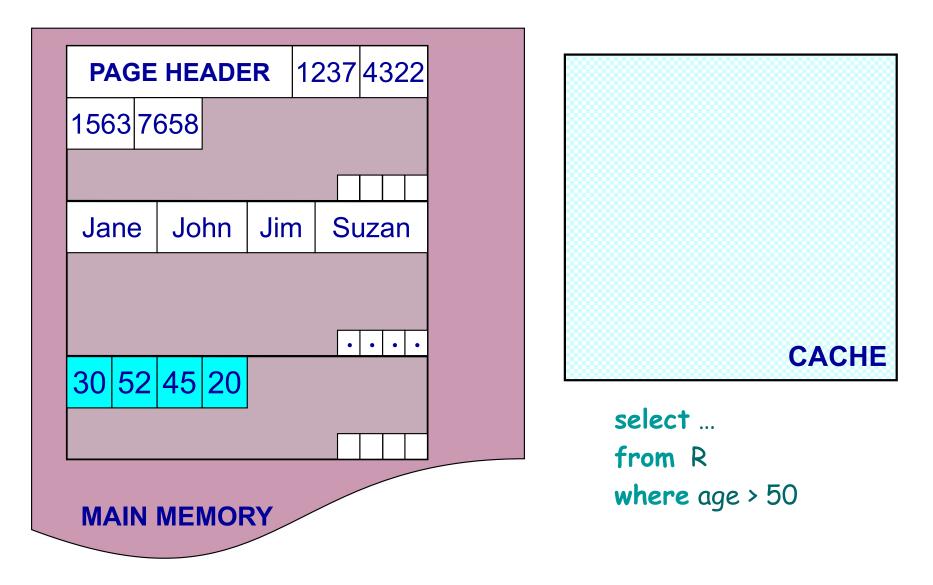


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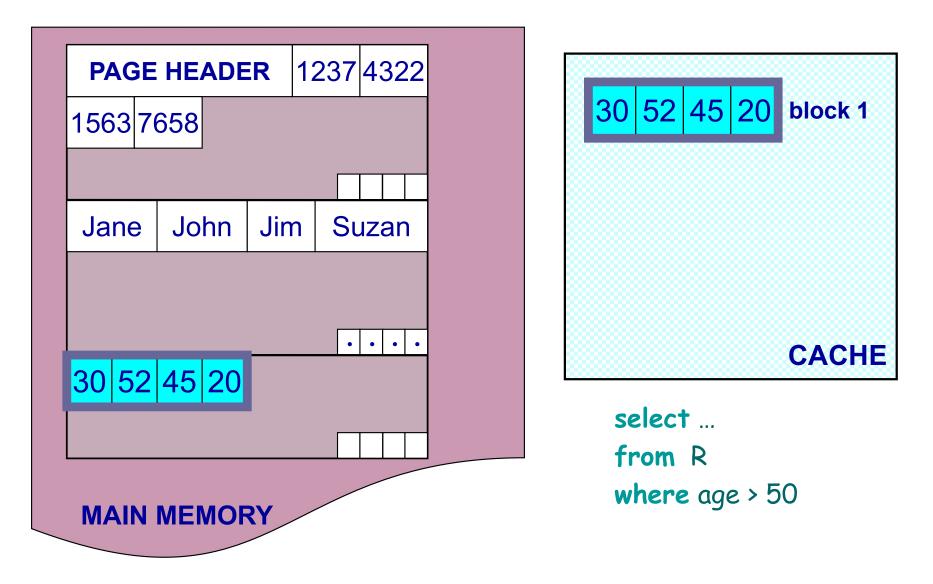
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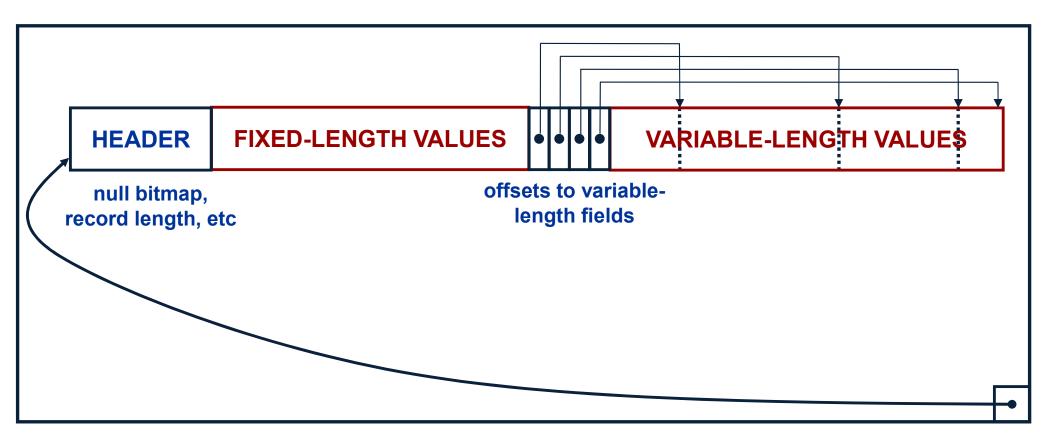
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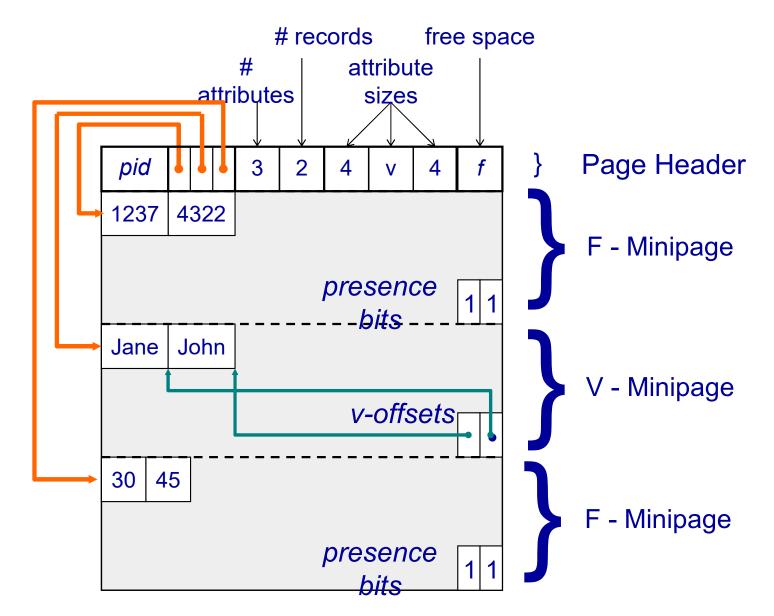
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A Real NSM Record



NSM: All fields of record stored together + slots

PAX: Detailed Design



PAX: Group fields + amortizes record headers

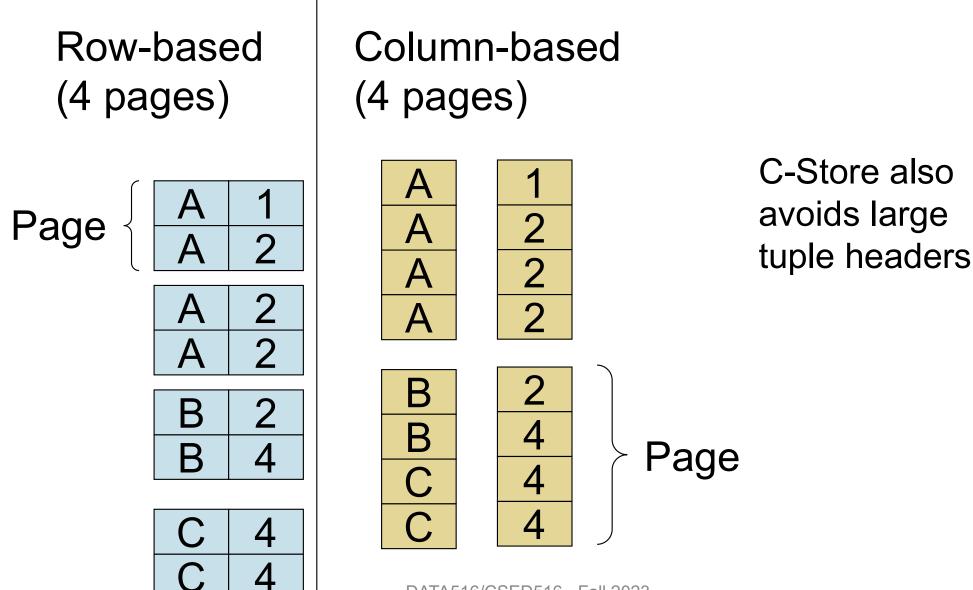
PAX - Summary

- Improves processor cache locality
- Does not affect I/O behavior
 - Same disk accesses for NSM or PAX storage
 - No need to change the buffer manager
- Today:
 - Most (all?) commercial engines use a PAX layout of the disk
 - Beyond disk: Snowflake partitions tables horizontally into files, then uses column-store inside each file (hence, PAX)

Column-Store

- Store an entire attribute in a different file
- While the idea had been around before PAX, getting all the details right in order to extract the extra performance took a long time

C-Store Illustration



Column-Oriented Databases

- Main idea:
 - Physical storage: complete vertical partition; each column stored separately: R.A, R.B, R.A
 - Logical schema: remains the same R(A,B,C)
- Main advantage:

 Improved transfer rate: disk to memory, memory to CPU, better cache locality

Basic Trade-Off

- Row stores
 - Quick to update entire tuple (1 page IO)
 - Quick to access a single tuple
- Column stores
 - Avoid reading unnecessary columns
 - Better compression
- Entire system needs a different design
 - Not only storage manager
 - To achieve high performance

From Row to Column Storage (Modern Designs)

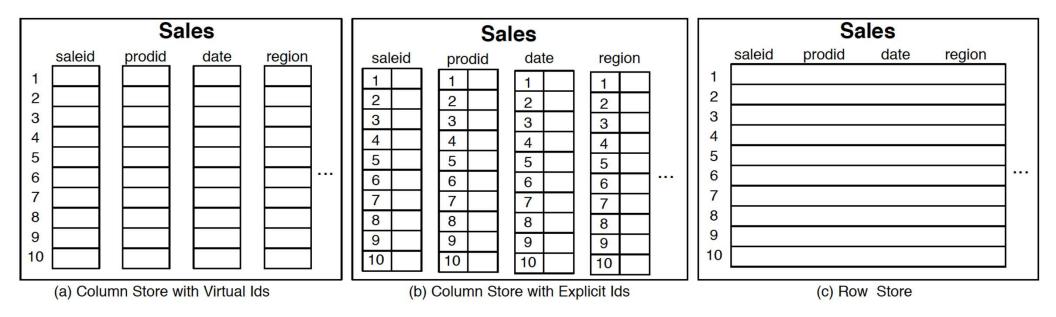


Figure 1.1: Physical layout of column-oriented vs row-oriented databases.

Basic tradeoffs:

- Reading all attributes of one records, v.s.
- Reading some attributes of many records

Fig. 1.2

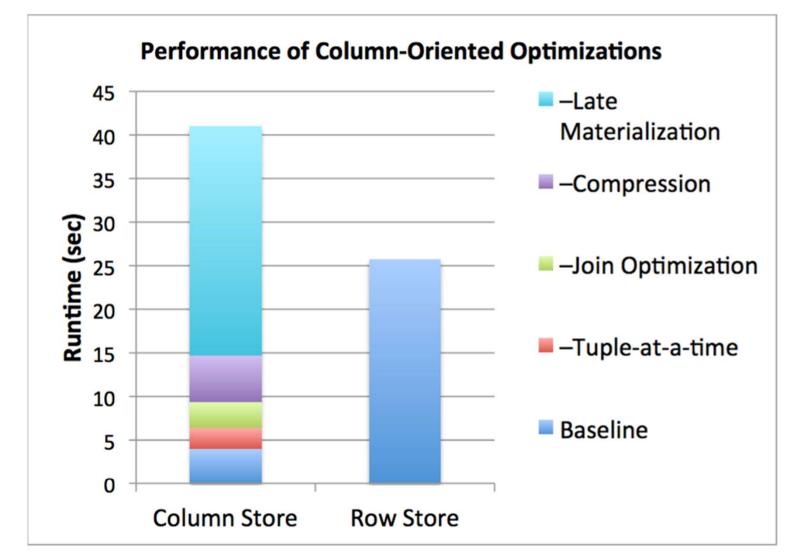


Figure 1.2: Performance of C-Store versus a commercial database system on the SSBM benchmark, with different column-oriented optimizations enabled.

Key Architectural Trends (Sec.1)

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- Block-oriented and vectorized processing
- Late materialization
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Virtual IDs

- Offsets (arrays) instead of keys

- Block-oriented and vectorized processing

 Iterator model: one tuple → one block of tuples
- Late materialization

Postpone tuple reconstruction in query plan

Column-specific compression

- Much better than row-compression (why?)

Vectorized Processing

Review:

- Volcano-style iterator model
 - Next() method
 - Pipelining
- Materialization of all intermediate results
- Discuss in class:

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Vectorized Processing

- Vectorized processing:
 - Next() returns a block of tuples (e.g. N=1000) instead of single tuple
- Pros:
 - No more large intermediate results
 - Tight inner loop for selection and/or avg
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 - Bit-vector (see also bit-map indexes)
 - Dictionary. More generally: Ziv-Lempel

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Column-based **Row-based** Compressed (4 pages) (4 pages) (2 pages) A 1X1 4XA Page 2 A 4X2 2XB 2 2 A 5X4 2XC 2 А 2 A 2 Α 2 B 2 B 4 B Page B 4 4 С 4 С 4

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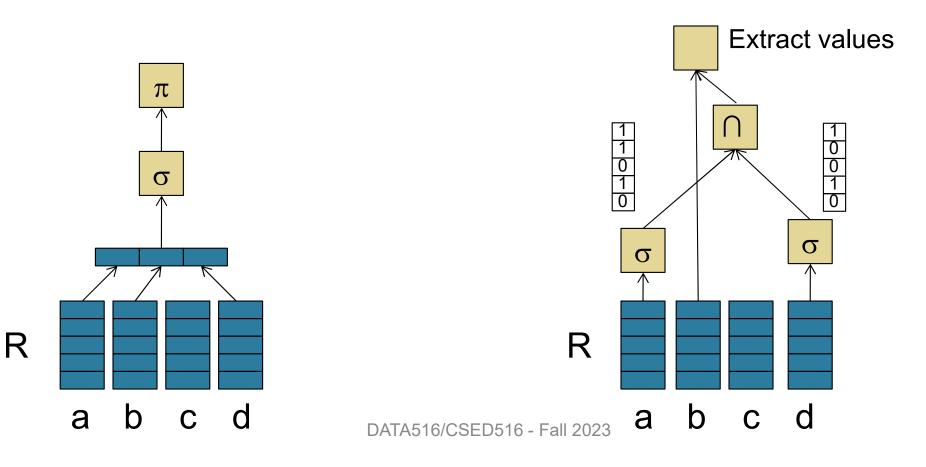
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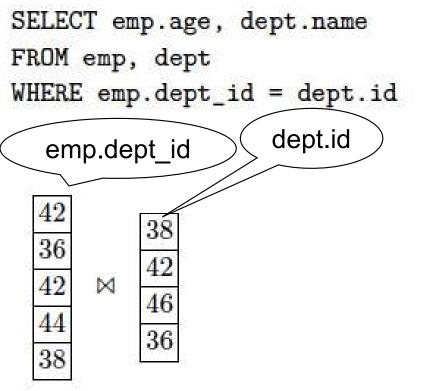
Ex:SELECT R.b from R where R.a=X and R.d=Y

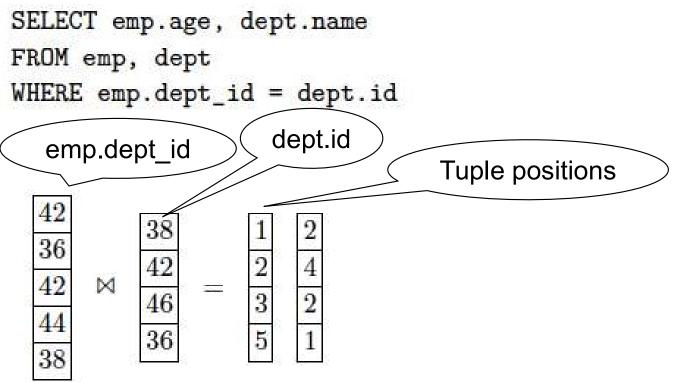
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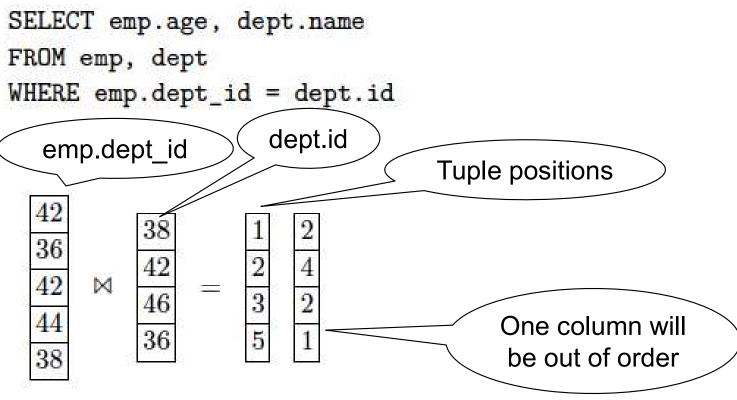
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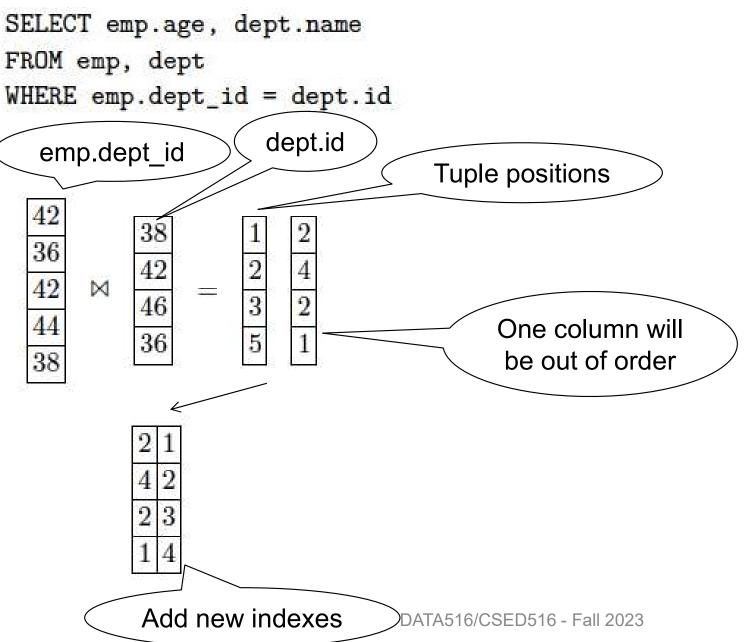
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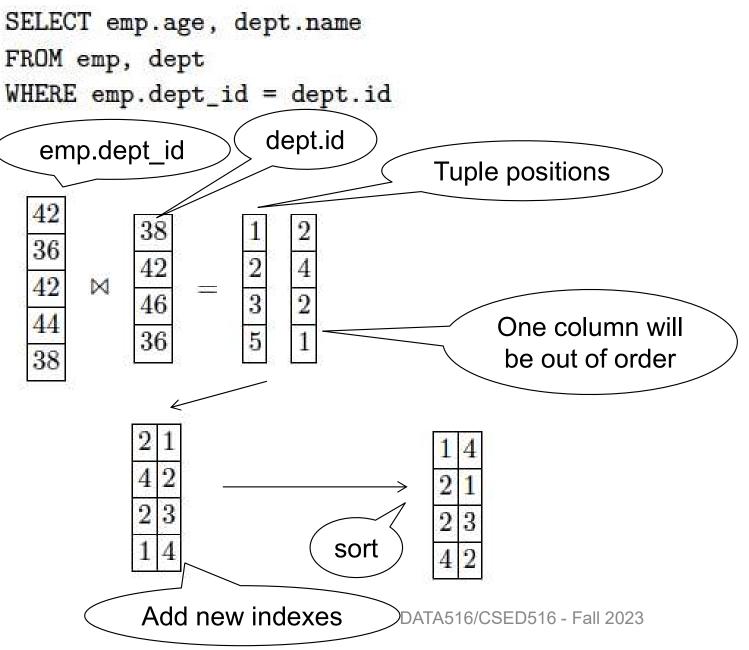


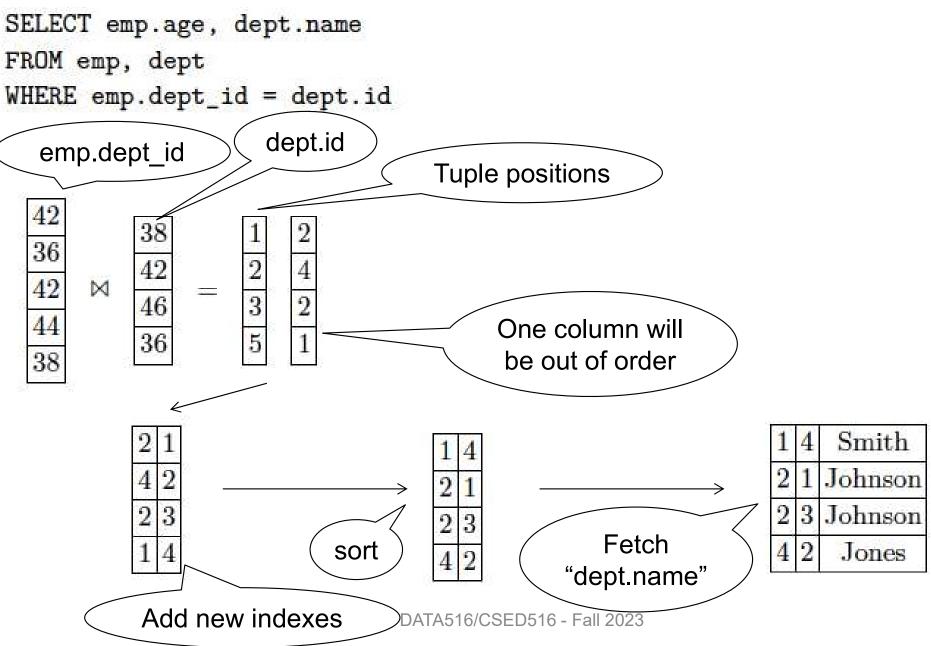


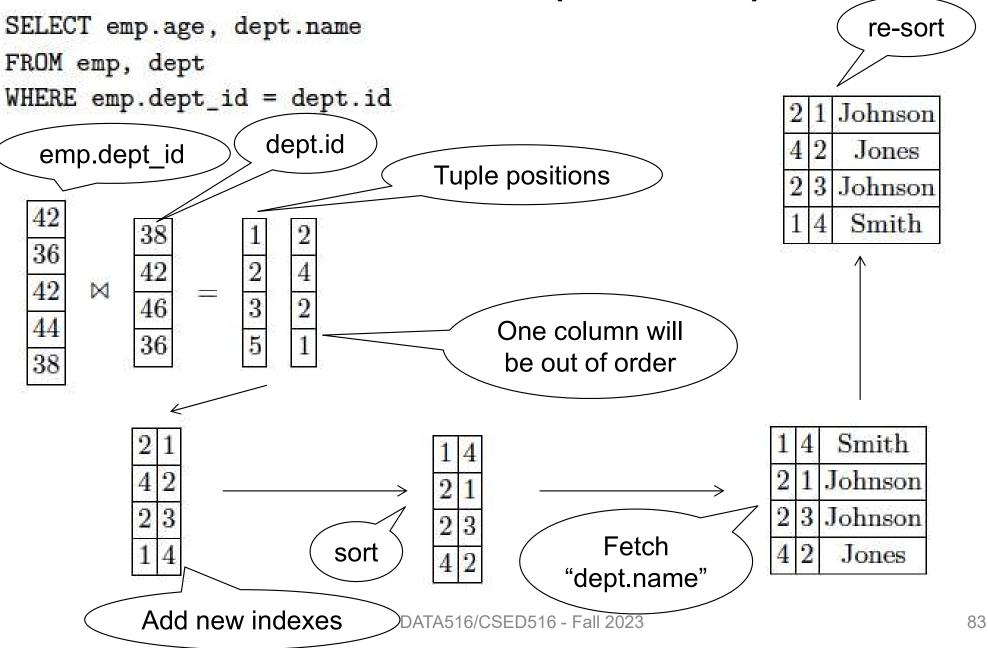


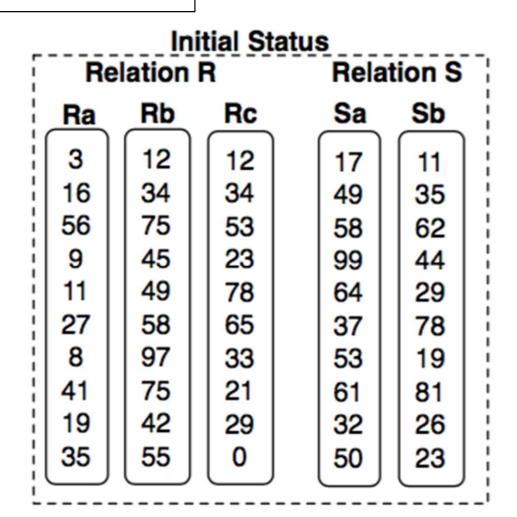


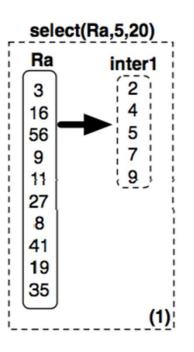


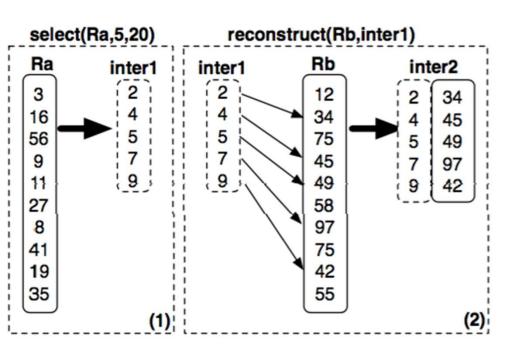






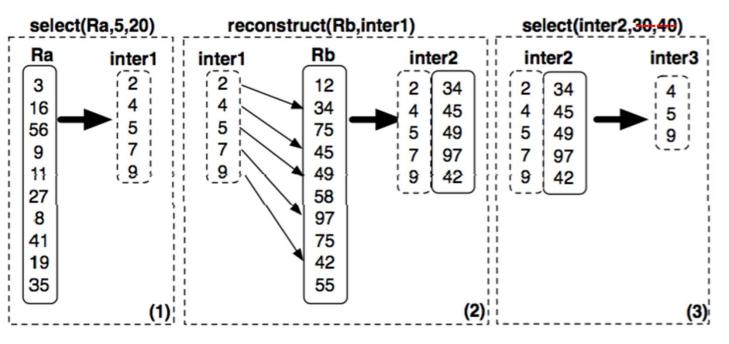




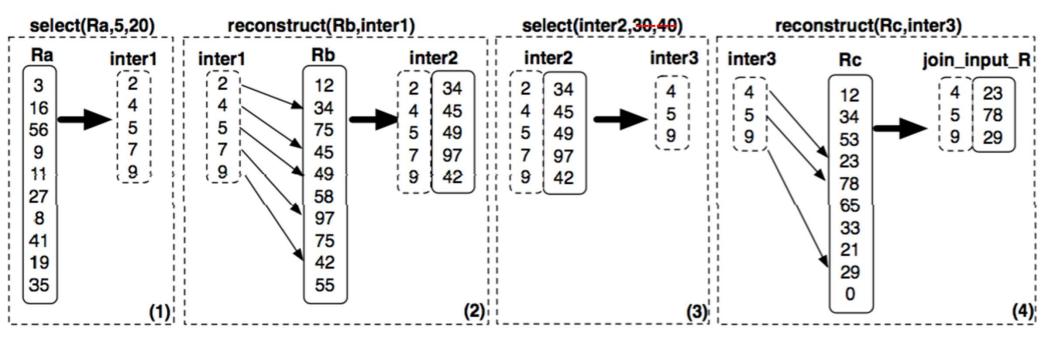


select sum(R.a) from R, S where R.c = S.b and 5<R.a<20 and 40<R.b<50 and 30<S.a<40

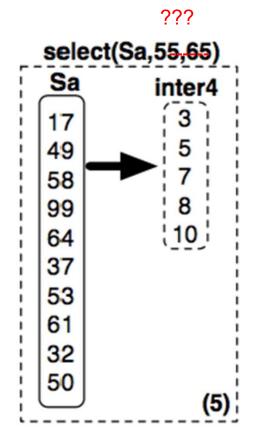
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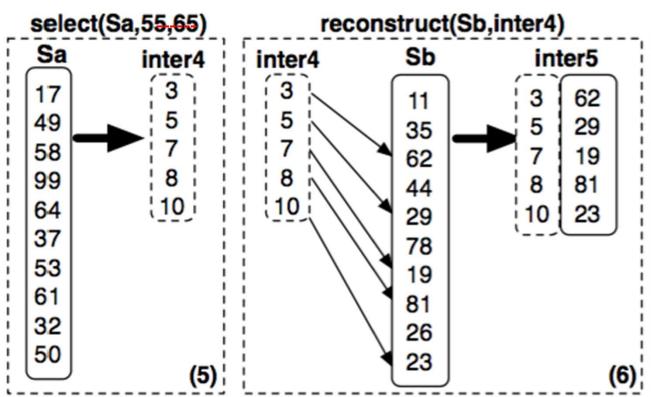
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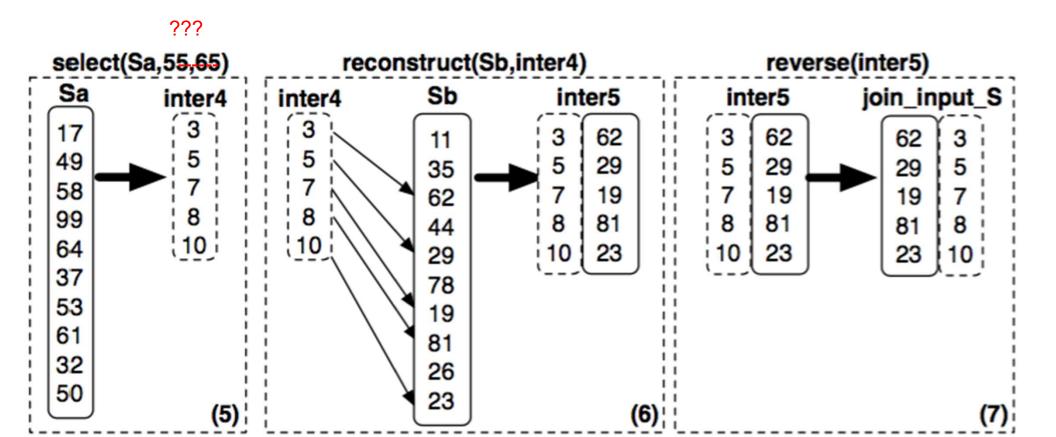


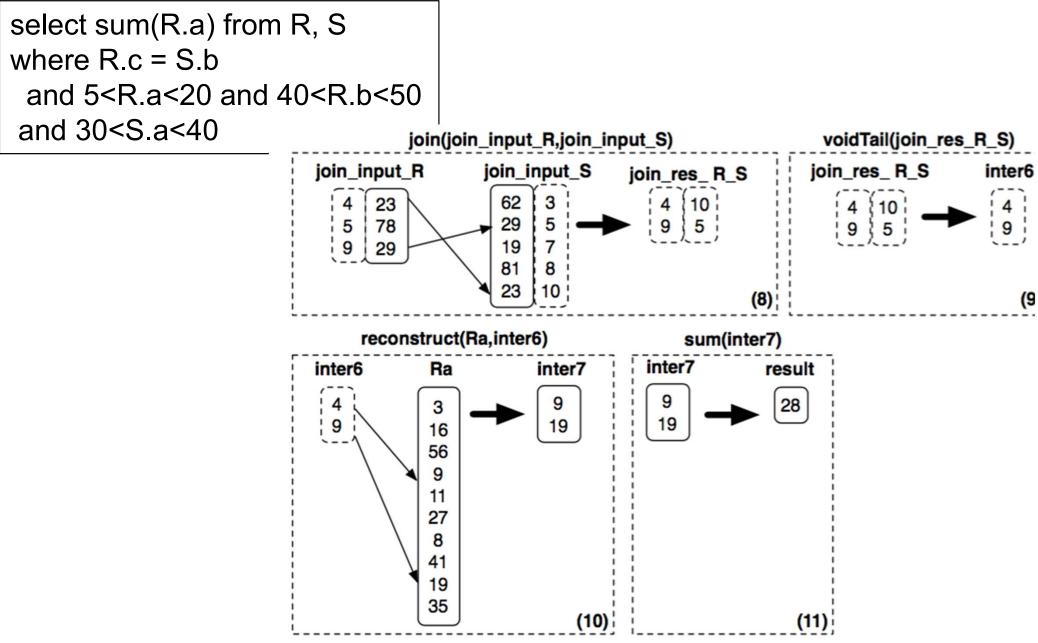
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More Details

- Sort columns according to some criterion
 - Helps with range queries on that column
 - Helps compressing that column
 - But need to sort all the other columns the same way
- Create additional (redundant) "views", called "projections", by sorting on different columns

Final Thoughts

Simulating a Column-Store in a Row-Store DBMS:

- Vertical partitioning
 - Two-column tables: (key, attribute)
- Index-only plans
 - Create a B+ tree index on each attribute
 - Answer queries using indexes only, without reading actual data
- Materialized views
 - Each view contains a subset of columns

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