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03 Database Storage – Part I

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OVERVIEW

We now understand what a database looks like at a logical level and how to write queries to read/write data from it.

We will next learn how to build software that manages a database.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Relational Databases
- Storage
- Execution
- Concurrency Control
- Recovery
- Distributed Databases
- Potpourri

Query Planning

Operator Execution

Access Methods

Buffer Pool Manager

Disk Manager

DISK-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURE

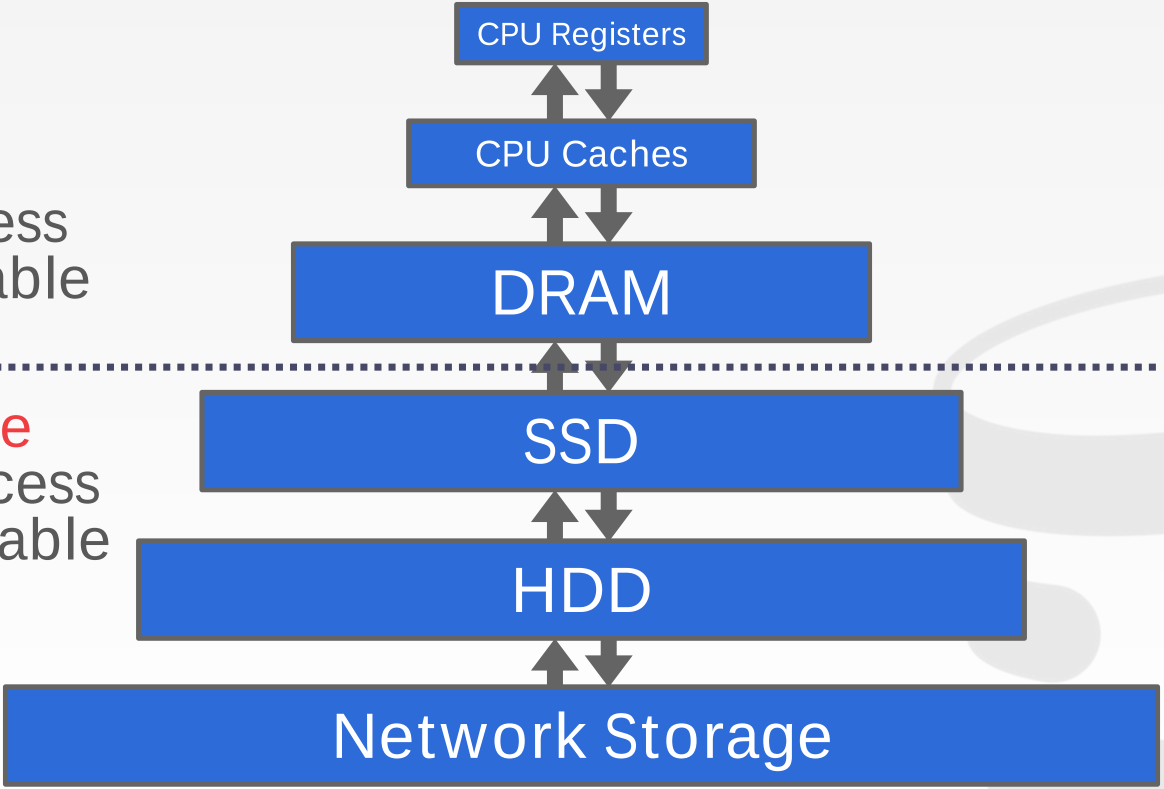
The DBMS assumes that the primary storage location of the database is on non-volatile disk.

The DBMS's components manage the movement of data between non-volatile and volatile storage.

STORAGE HIERARCHY

Faster
Smaller
Expensive

Volatile
Random Access
Byte-Addressable



Non-Volatile
Sequential Access
Block-Addressable

Slower
Larger
Cheaper

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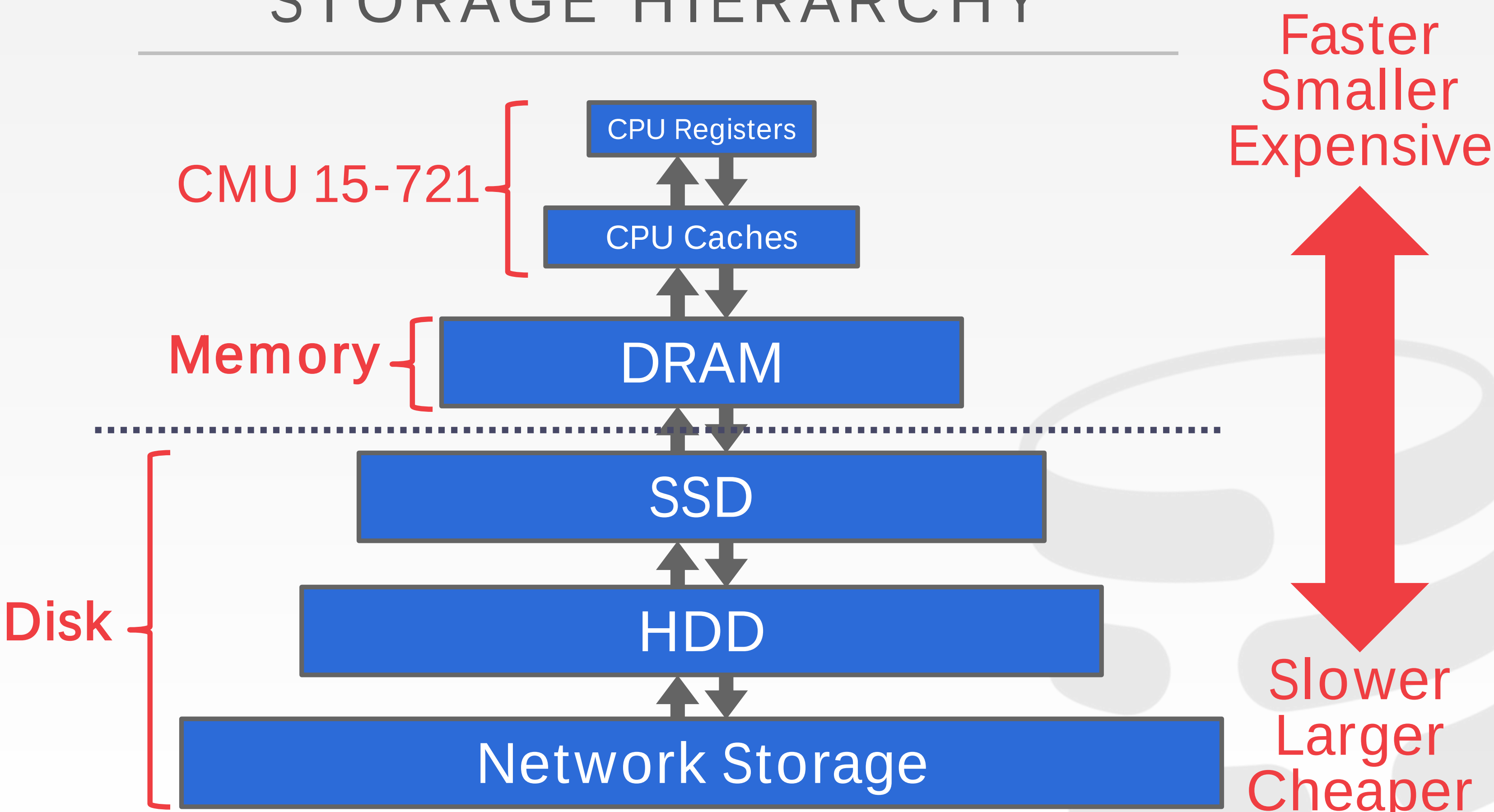

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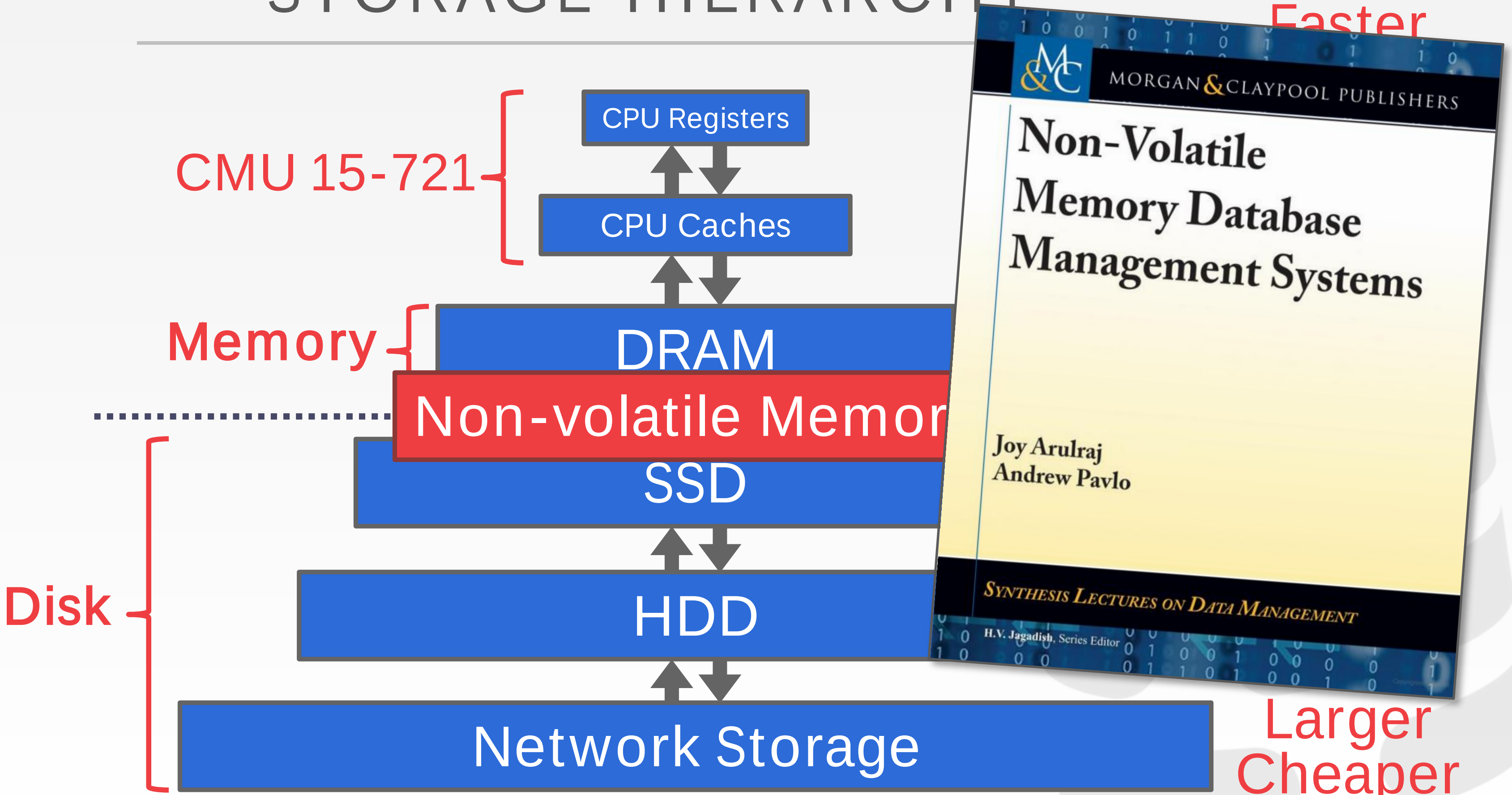

ACCESS TIMES

0.5 ns	L1 Cache Ref	←	0.5 sec
7 ns	L2 Cache Ref	←	7 sec
100 ns	DRAM	←	100 sec
150,000 ns	SSD	←	1.7 days
10,000,000 ns	HDD	←	16.5 weeks
~30,000,000 ns	Network Storage	←	11.4 months
1,000,000,000 ns	Tape Archives	←	31.7 years

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SYSTEM DESIGN GOALS

Allow the DBMS to manage databases that exceed the amount of memory available.

Reading/writing to disk is expensive, so it must be managed carefully to avoid large stalls and performance degradation.

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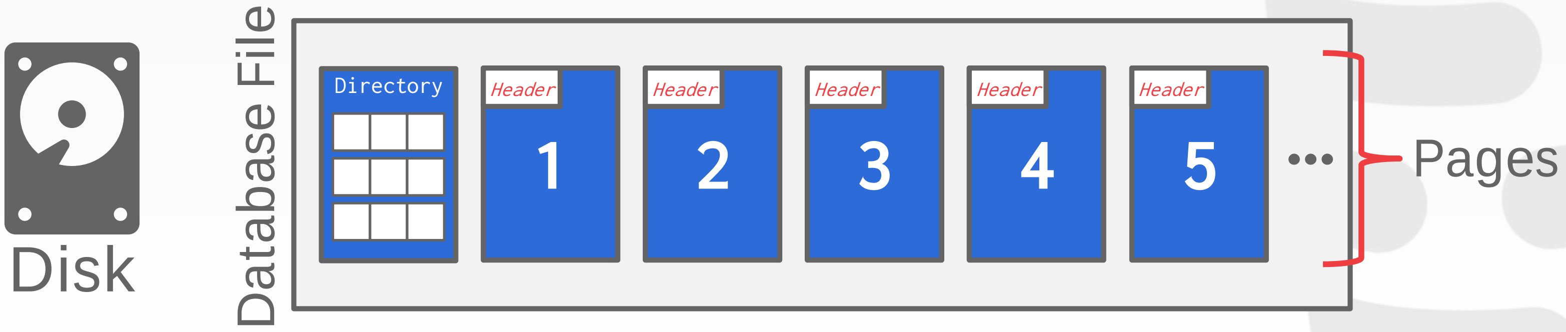

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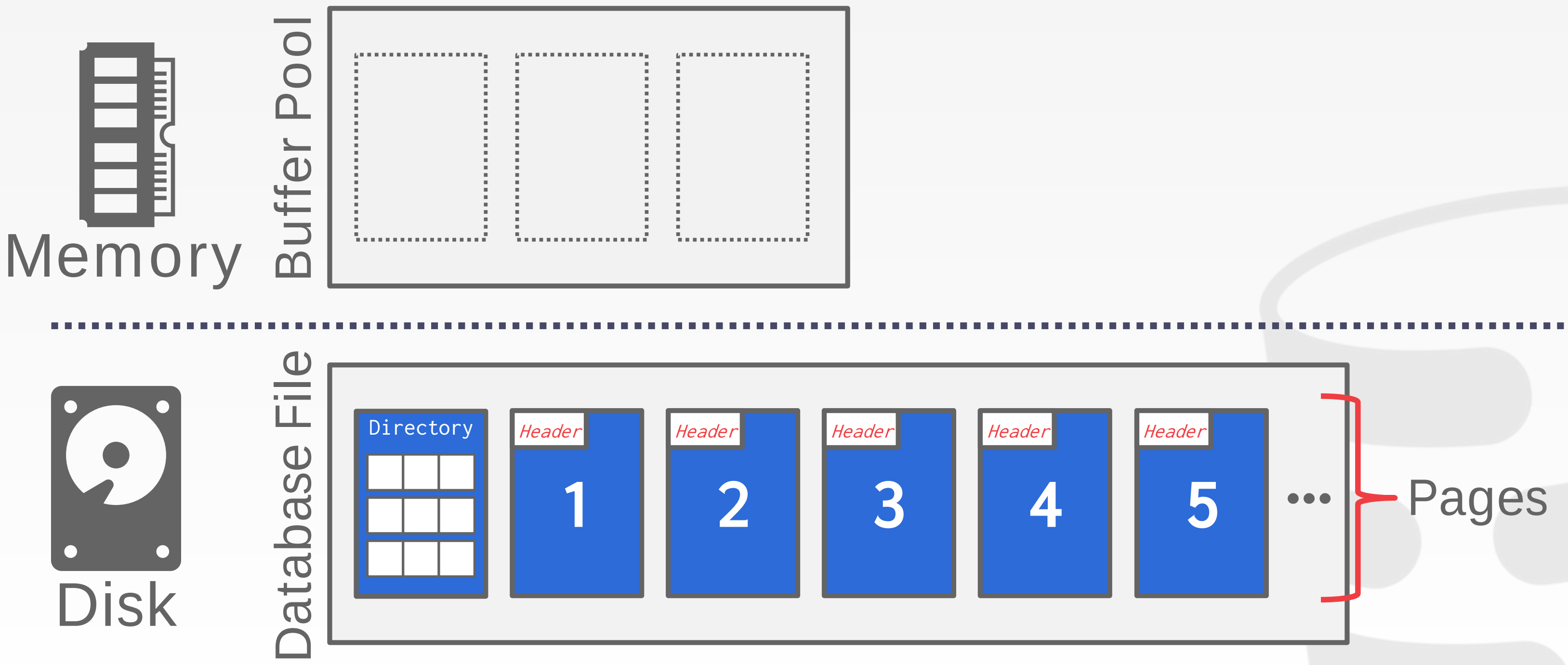

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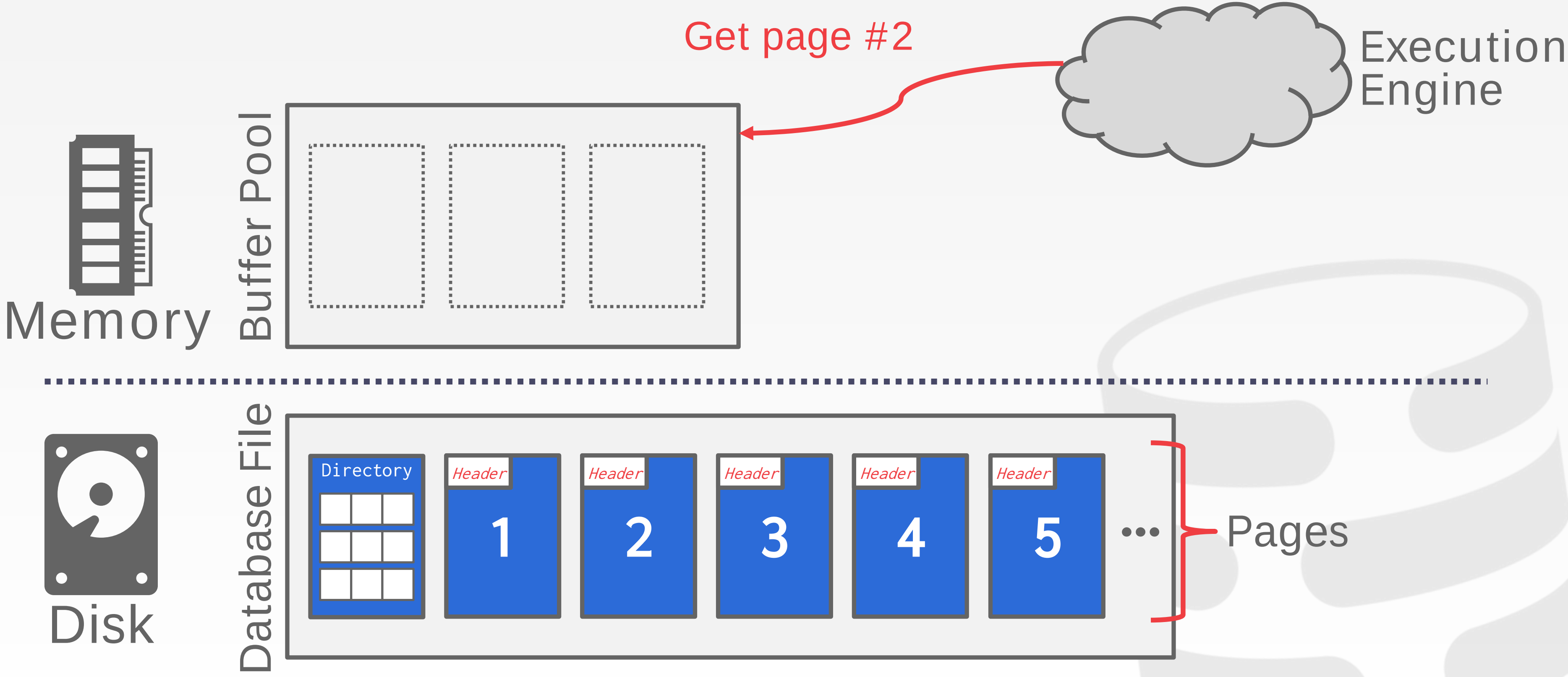

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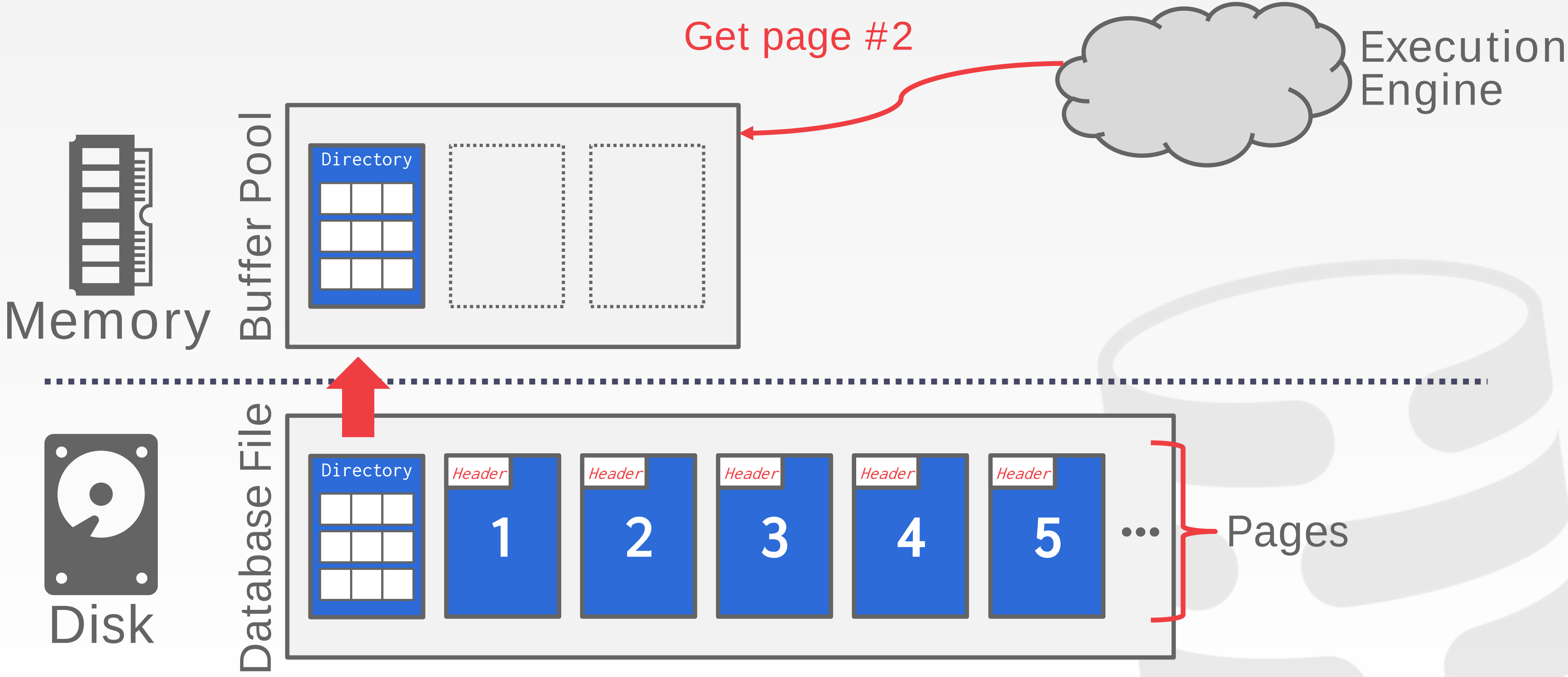

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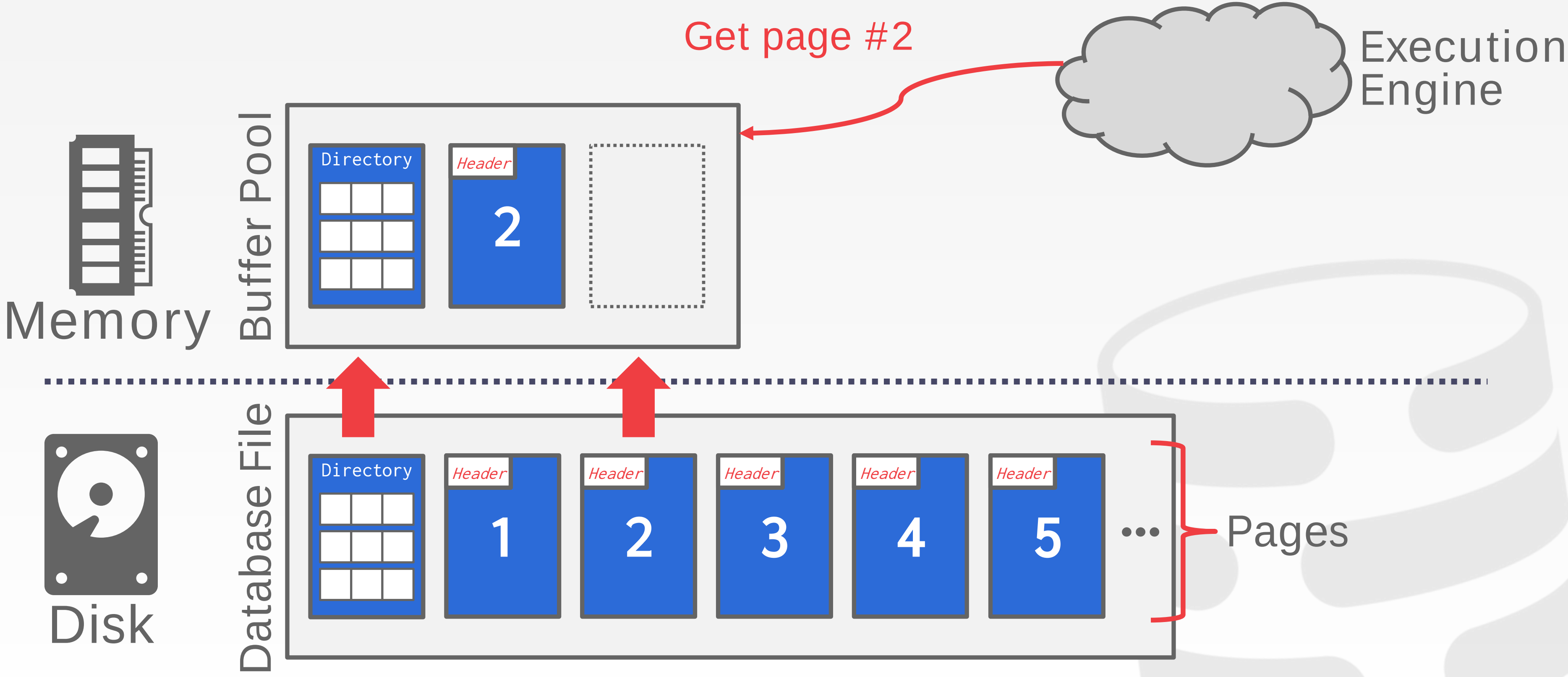

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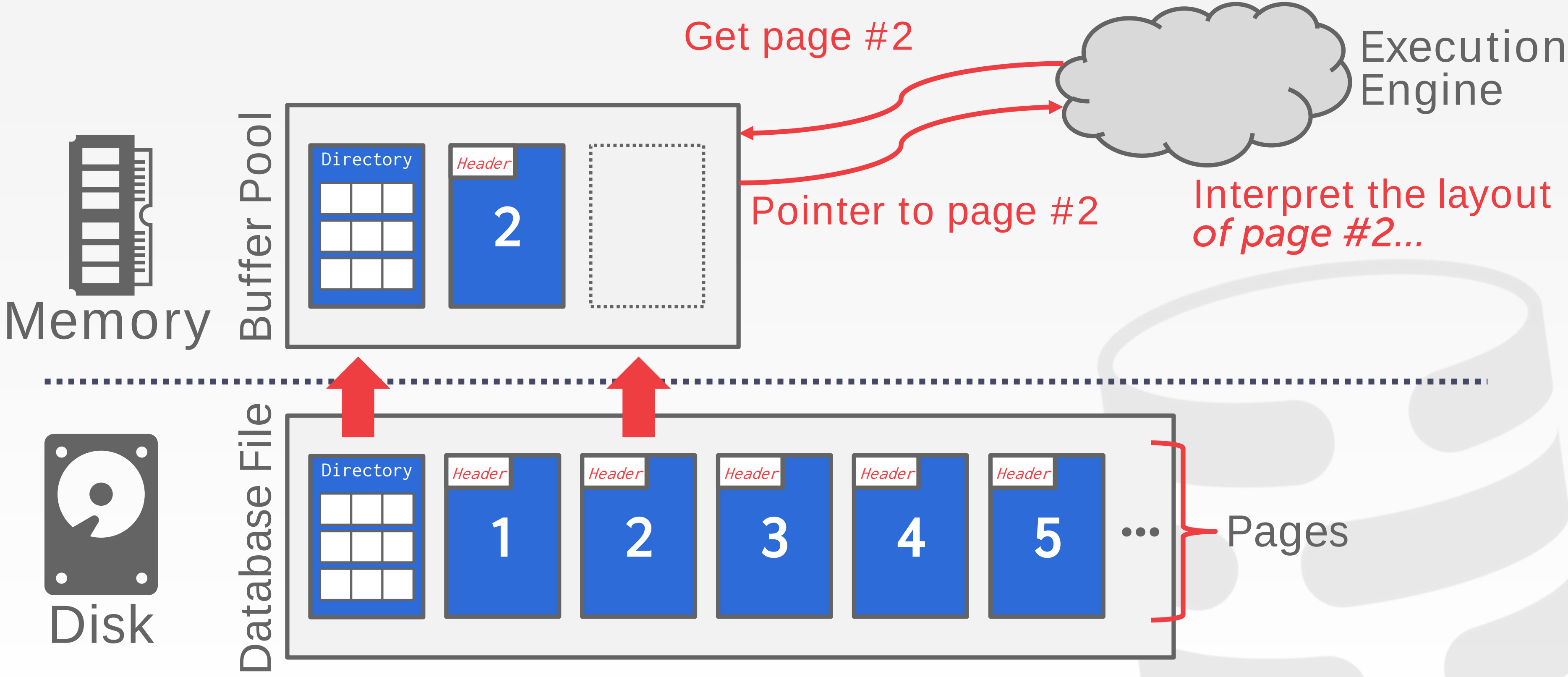

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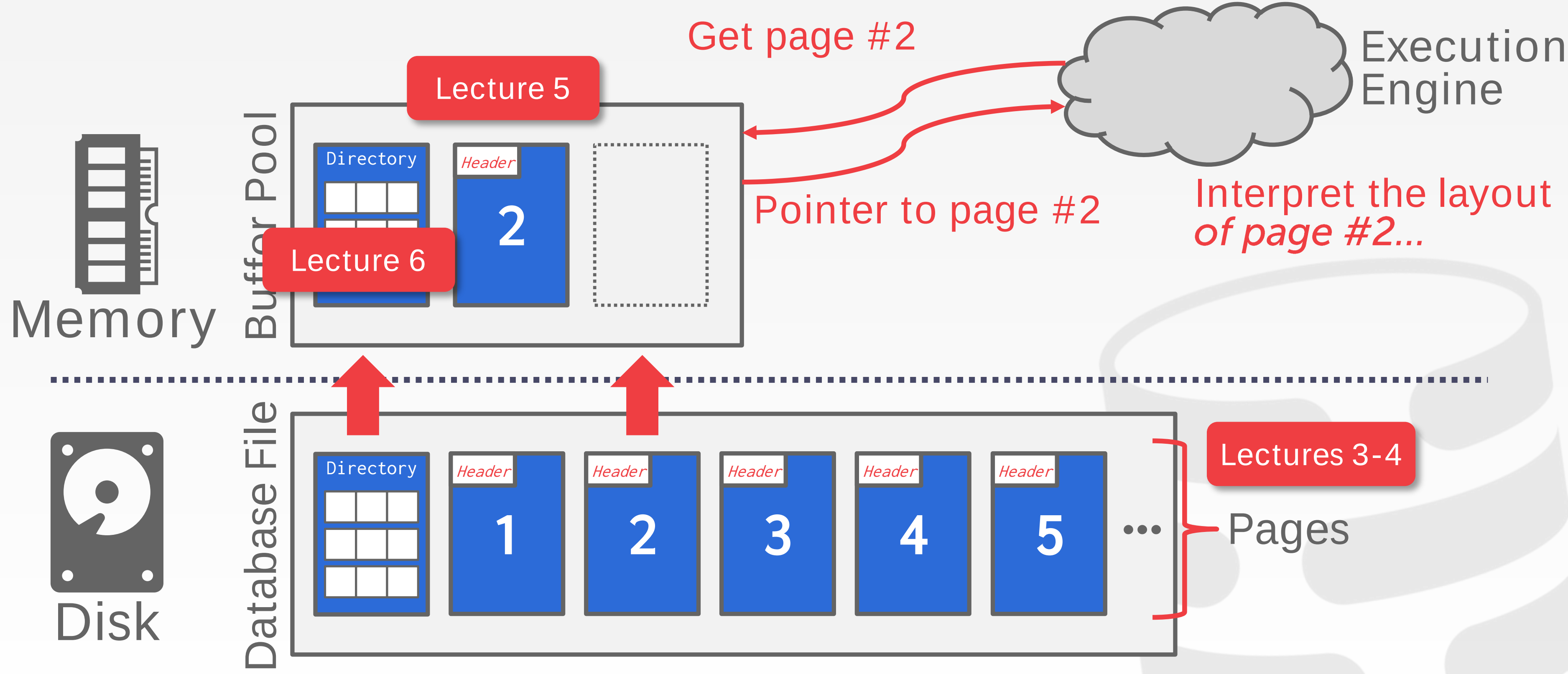

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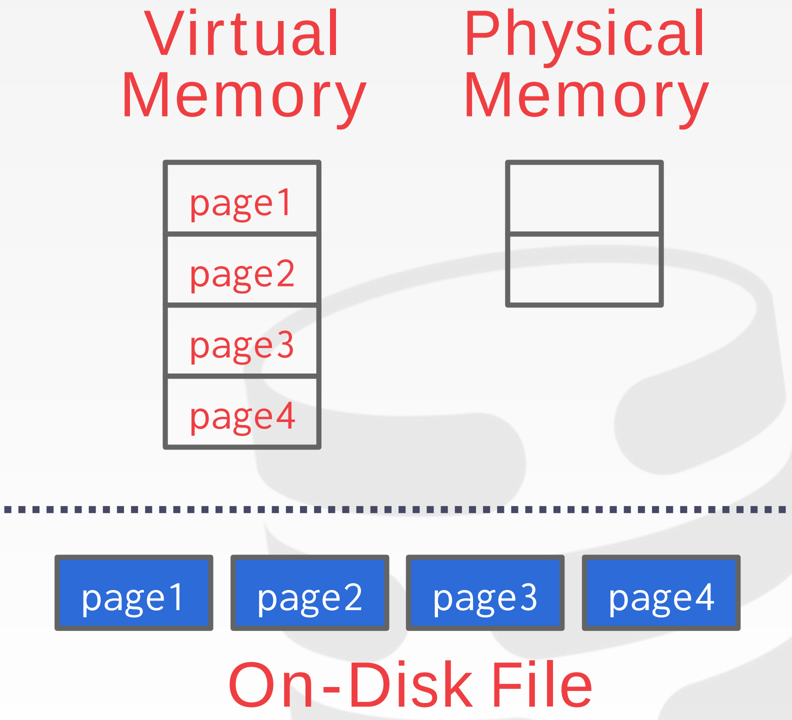

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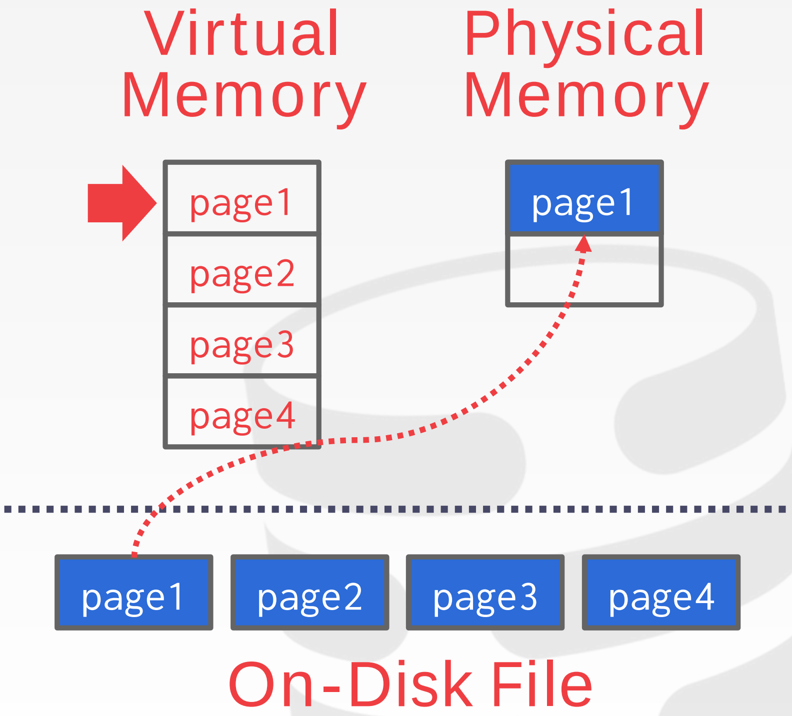

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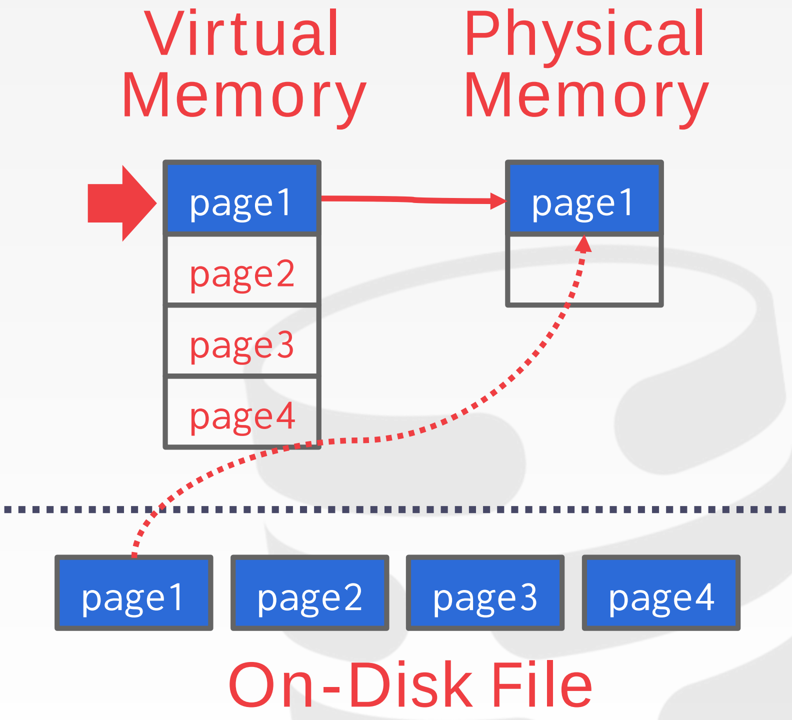

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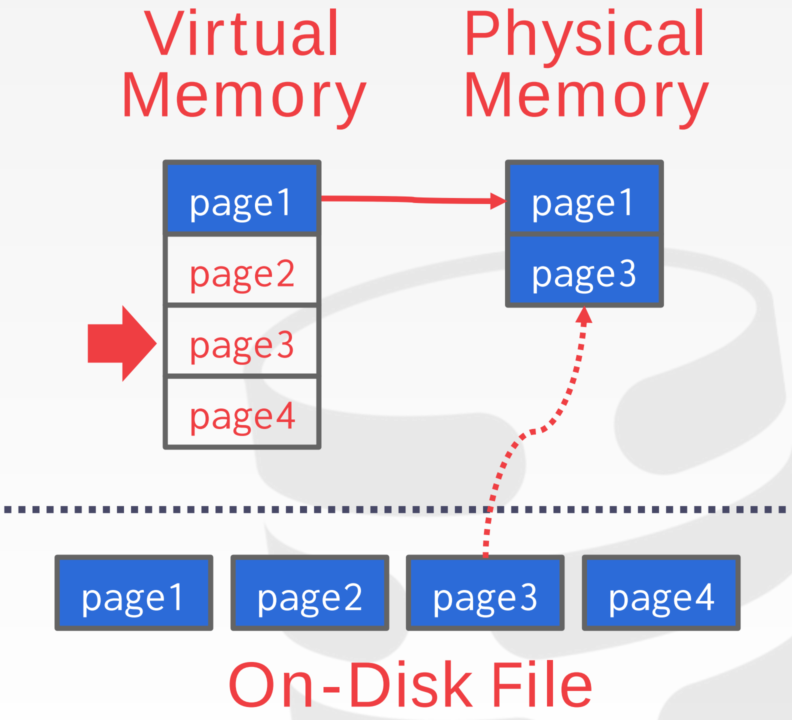

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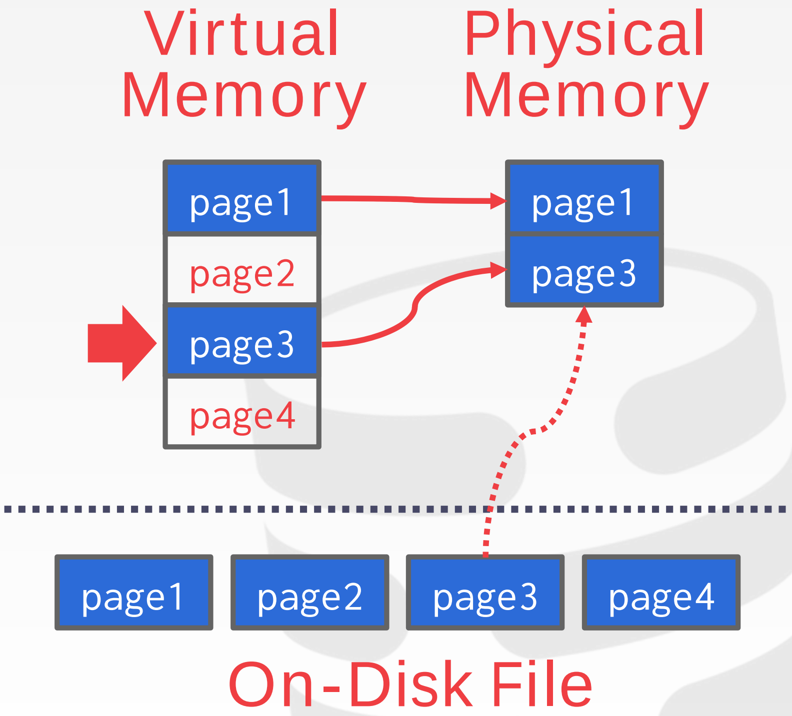

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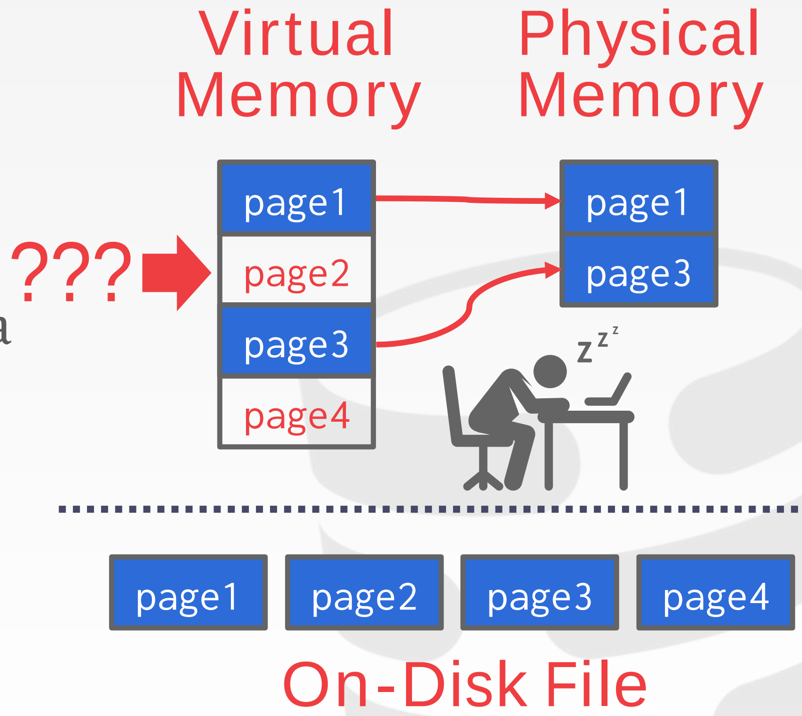

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What if we allow multiple threads to access the `mmap` files to hide page fault stalls?

This works good enough for read-only access.
It is complicated when there are multiple writers…

WHY NOT USE THE OS?

There are some solutions to this problem:

→ **madvise**: Tell the OS how you expect to read certain pages.

→ **mlock**: Tell the OS that memory ranges cannot be paged out.

→ **msync**: Tell the OS to flush memory ranges out to disk.

Full Usage

monetdb
LMDB
RAVENDB
levelDB
elasticsearch

Partial Usage

mongoDB
MEMSQL
SQLite
influxdb

WHY NOT USE THE OS?

DBMS (almost) always wants to control things itself and can do a better job at it.

- → Flushing dirty pages to disk in the correct order.
- → Specialized prefetching.
- → Buffer replacement policy.
- → Thread/process scheduling.

The OS is **not** your friend.

DATABASE STORAGE

Problem #1: How the DBMS represents the database in files on disk.

← Today

Problem #2: How the DBMS manages its memory and move data back-and-forth from disk.

TODAY'S AGENDA

File Storage
Page Layout
Tuple Layout

FILE STORAGE

The DBMS stores a database as one or more files on disk.

→ The OS doesn't know anything about the contents of these files.

Early systems in the 1980s used custom filesystems on raw storage.

→ Some "enterprise" DBMSs still support this.

→ Most newer DBMSs do not do this.

STORAGE MANAGER

The storage manager is responsible for maintaining a database's files.

→ Some do their own scheduling for reads and writes to improve spatial and temporal locality of pages.

It organizes the files as a collection of pages.

→ Tracks data read/written to pages.

→ Tracks the available space.

DATABASE PAGES

A page is a fixed-size block of data.

→ It can contain tuples, meta-data, indexes, log records…

→ Most systems do not mix page types.

→ Some systems require a page to be self-contained.

Each page is given a unique identifier.

→ The DBMS uses an indirection layer to map page ids to physical locations.

DATABASE PAGES

There are three different notions of "pages" in a DBMS:
→ Hardware Page (usually 4KB)
→ OS Page (usually 4KB)
→ Database Page (512B-16KB)

By hardware page, we mean at what level the device can guarantee a "failsafe write".

4KB — SQLite, IBM DB2, ORACLE

8KB — Microsoft SQL Server, PostgreSQL

16KB — MySQL

PAGE STORAGE ARCHITECTURE

Different DBMSs manage pages in files on disk in different ways.

→ Heap File Organization
→ Sequential / Sorted File Organization
→ Hashing File Organization

At this point in the hierarchy we don't need to know anything about what is inside of the pages.

DATABASE HEAP

A heap file is an unordered collection of pages where tuples that are stored in random order.

→ Create / Get / Write / Delete Page
→ Must also support iterating over all pages.

Need meta-data to keep track of what pages exist and which ones have free space.

Two ways to represent a heap file:

→ Linked List
→ Page Directory

HEAP FILE: LINKED LIST

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→ HEAD of the free page list.

→ HEAD of the data page list.

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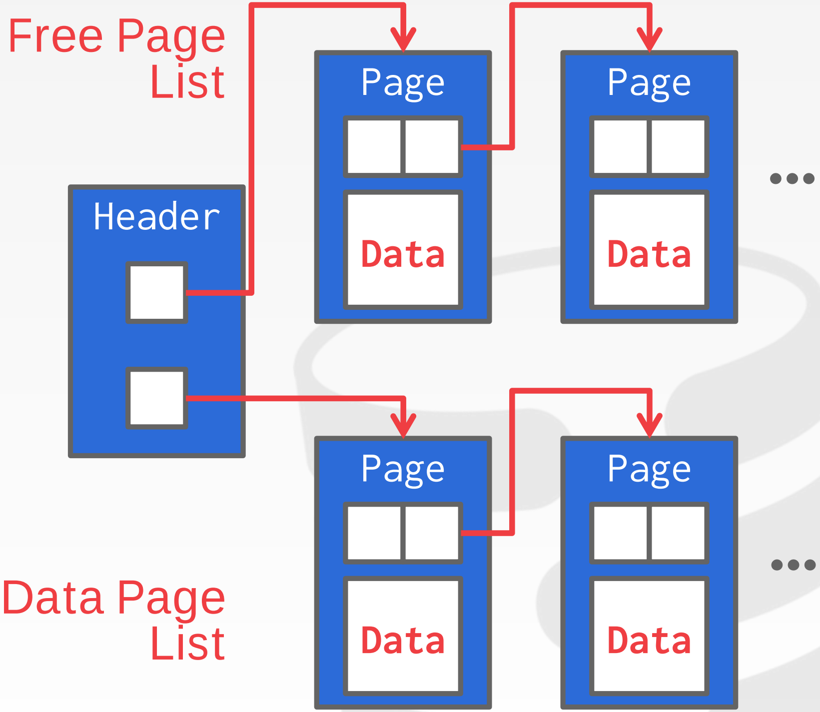

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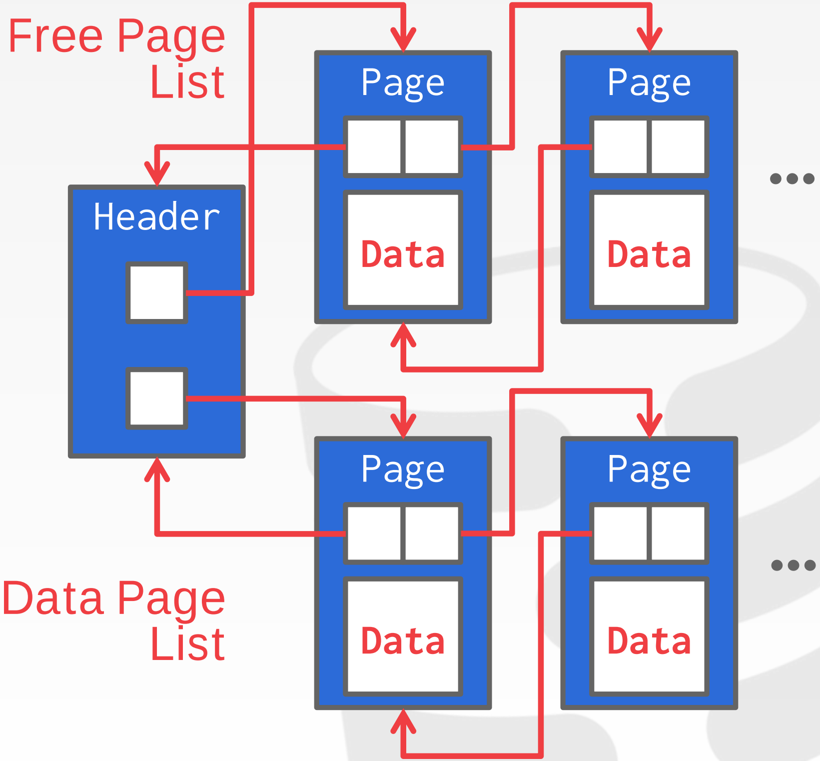
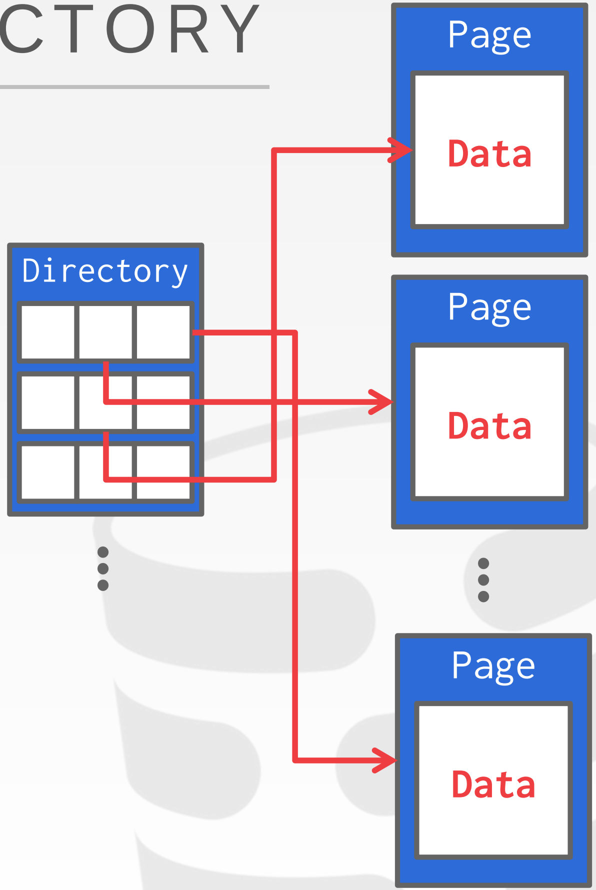


HEAP FILE: PAGE DIRECTORY

The DBMS maintains special pages that tracks the location of data pages in the database files.

The directory also records the number of free slots per page.

The DBMS has to make sure that the directory pages are in sync with the data pages.



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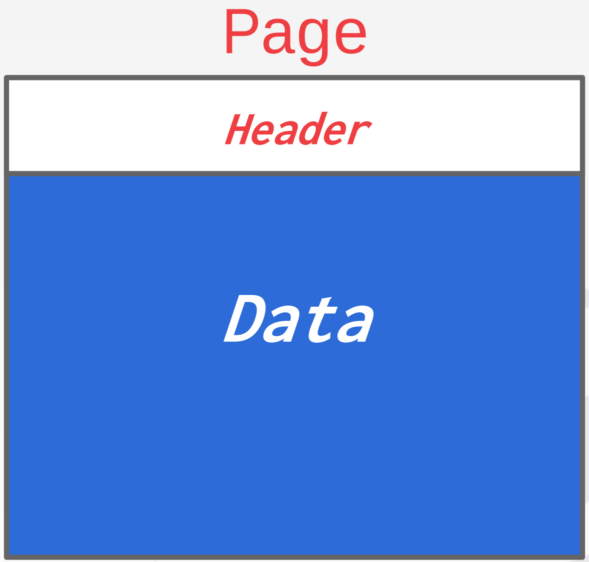
PAGE HEADER

Every page contains a header of meta-data about the page's contents.

- → Page Size
- → Checksum
- → DBMS Version
- → Transaction Visibility
- → Compression Information

Some systems require pages to be self-contained (e.g., Oracle).



PAGE LAYOUT

For any page storage architecture, we now need to understand how to organize the data stored inside of the page.

→ We are still assuming that we are only storing tuples.

Two approaches:

→ Tuple-oriented

→ Log-structured

TUPLE STORAGE

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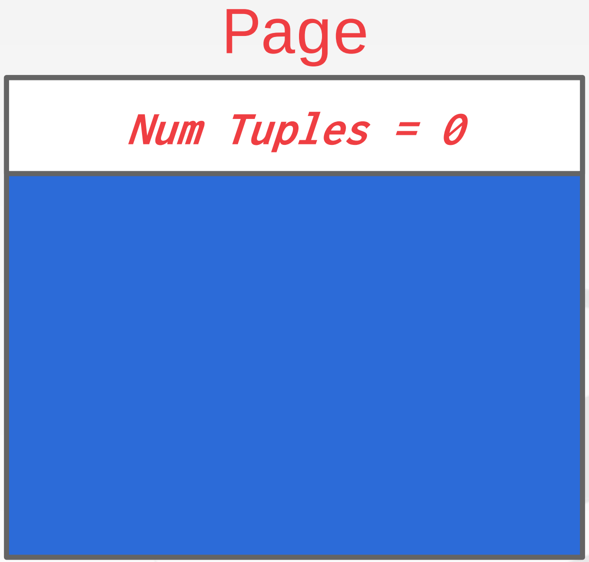

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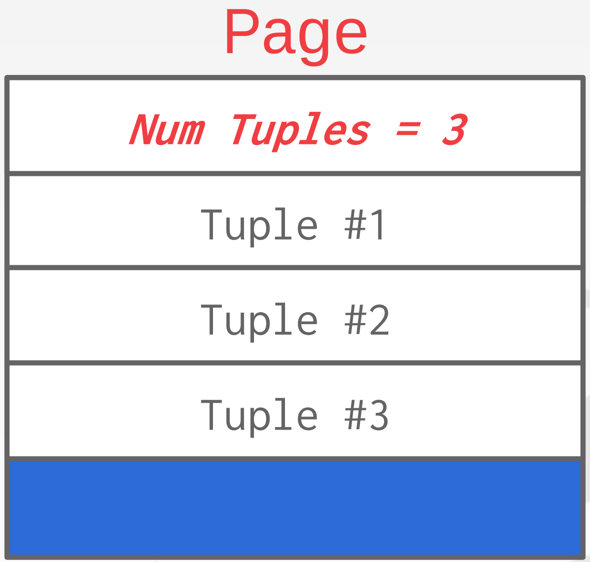

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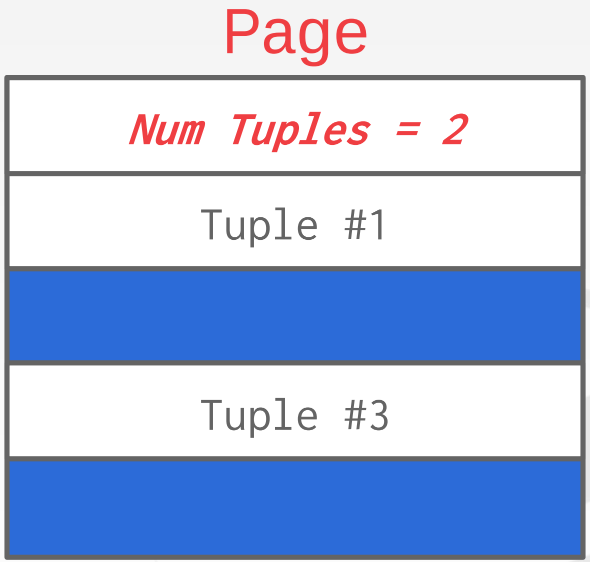

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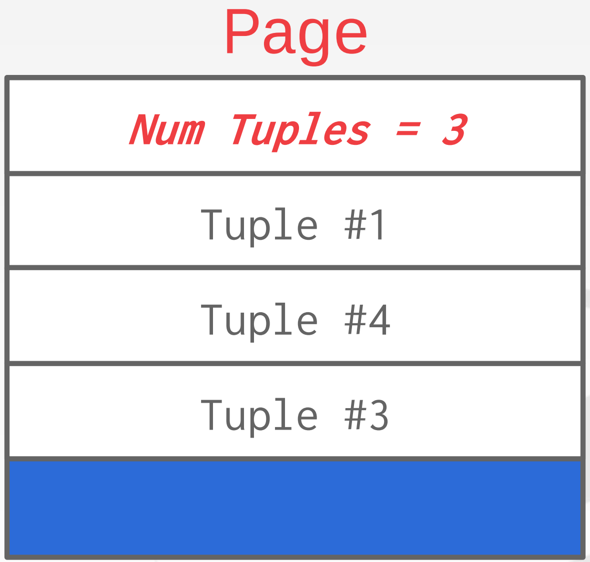

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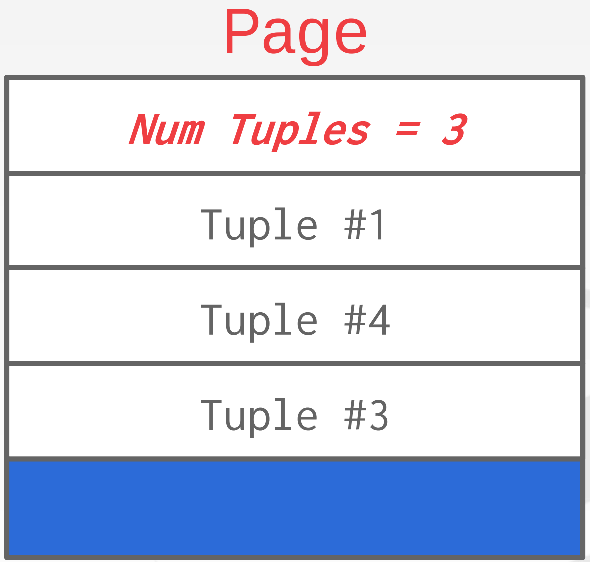

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→ The # of used slots
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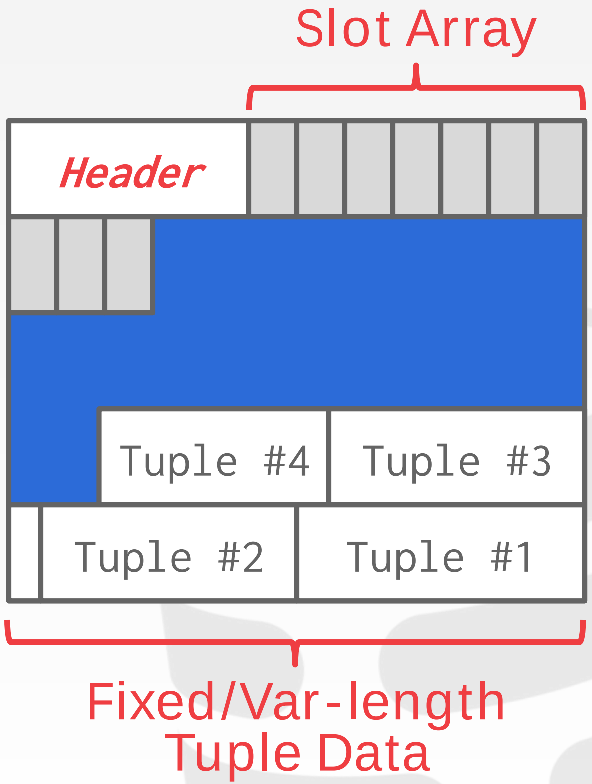

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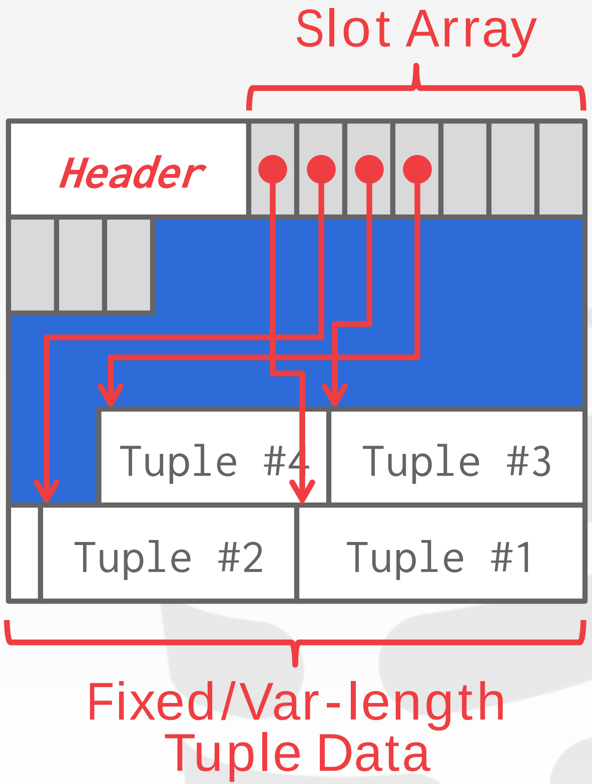

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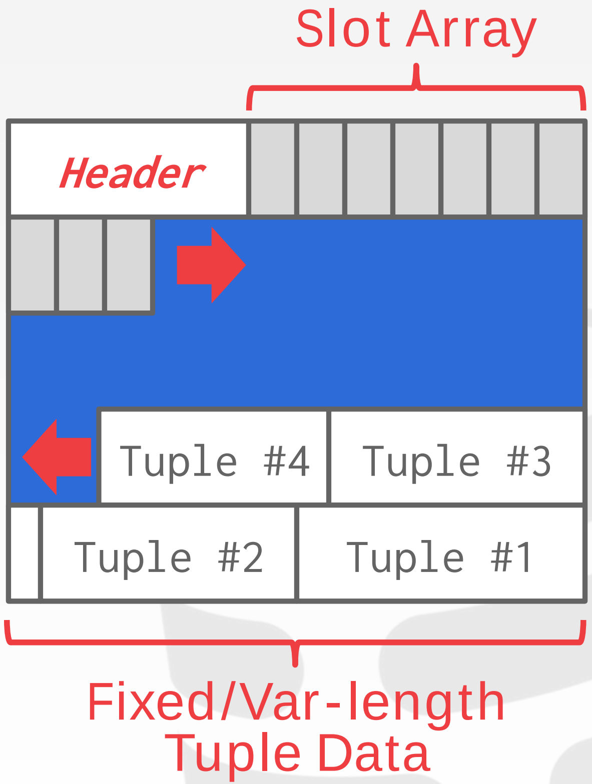
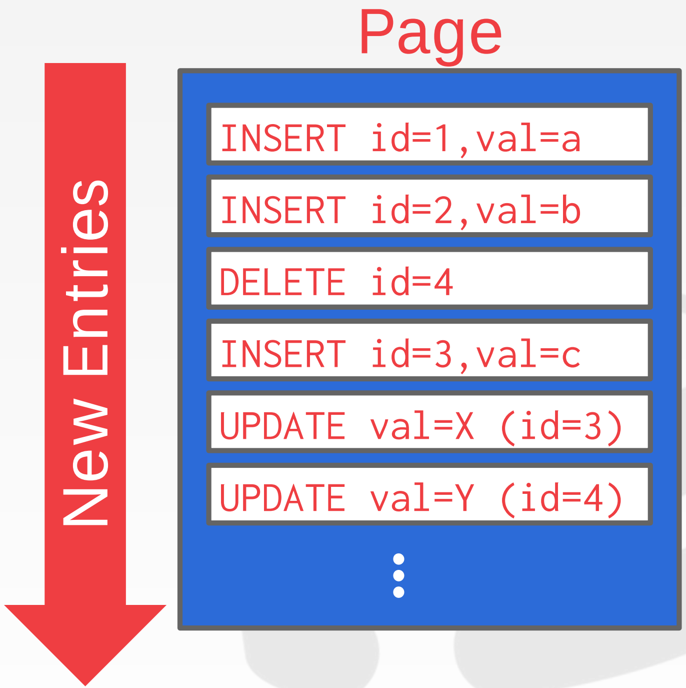


LOG-STRUCTURED FILE ORGANIZATION

Instead of storing tuples in pages, the DBMS only stores log records.

The system appends log records to the file of how the database was modified:

→ Inserts store the entire tuple.
→ Deletes mark the tuple as deleted.
→ Updates contain the delta of just the attributes that were modified.



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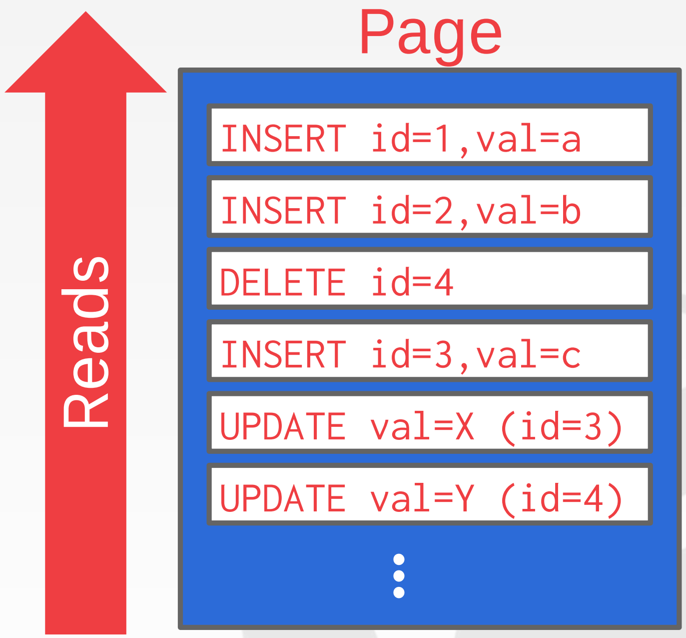

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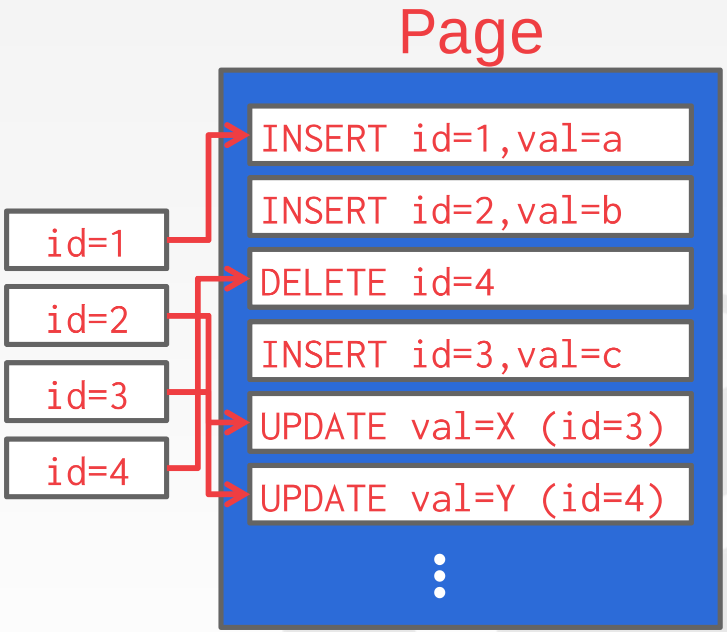

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Periodically compact the log.

Page

```
id=1,val=a
id=2,val=b
id=3,val=X
id=4,val=Y
```

APACHE HBASE cassandra levelDB RocksDB

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TUPLE LAYOUT

A tuple is essentially a sequence of bytes.

It's the job of the DBMS to interpret those bytes into attribute types and values.

TUPLE HEADER

Each tuple is prefixed with a <u>header</u> that contains meta-data about it.

- → Visibility info (concurrency control)
- → Bit Map for **NULL** values.

We do <u>not</u> need to store meta-data about the schema.

TUPLE DATA

Attributes are typically stored in the order that you specify them when you create the table.

This is done for software engineering reasons.

We re-order attributes automatically in CMU's new DBMS…

Tuple

Header	a	b	c	d	e

```
CREATE TABLE foo (
  a INT PRIMARY KEY,
  b INT NOT NULL,
  c INT,
  d DOUBLE,
  e FLOAT
);
```

DENORMALIZED TUPLE DATA

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→ Can make updates more expensive.

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CREATE TABLE bar (
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);
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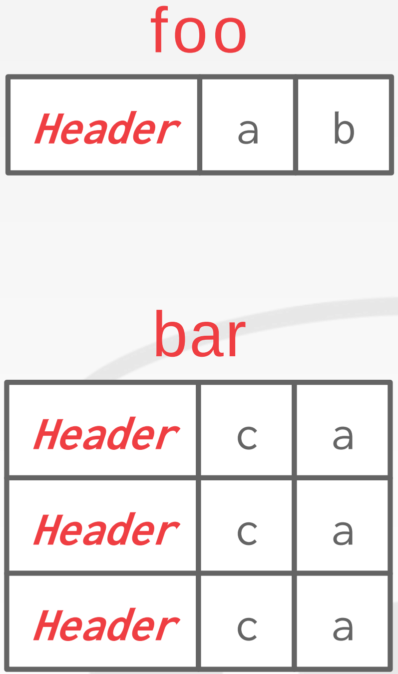

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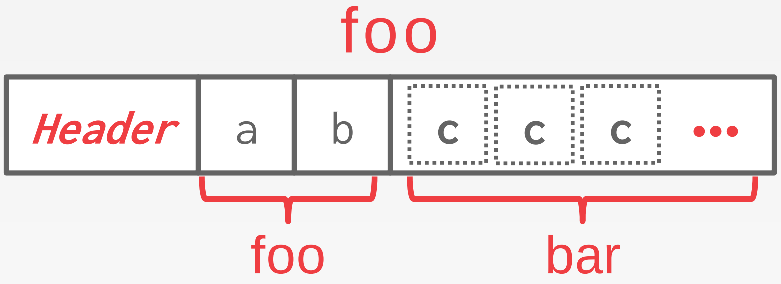

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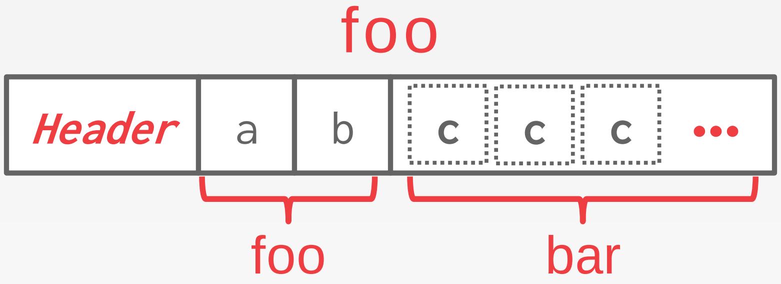

Not a new idea.

→ IBM System R did this in the 1970s.

→ Several NoSQL DBMSs do this without calling it physical denormalization.

RECORD IDS

The DBMS needs a way to keep track of individual tuples.

Each tuple is assigned a unique record identifier.

→ Most common: **page_id** + **offset/slot**
→ Can also contain file location info.

An application cannot rely on these ids to mean anything.

PostgreSQL
CTID (4-bytes)

SQLite
ROWID (8-bytes)

ORACLE
ROWID (10-bytes)

CONCLUSION

Database is organized in pages.

Different ways to track pages.

Different ways to store pages.

Different ways to store tuples.

NEXT CLASS

Value Representation

Storage Models