

Class 5 BigQuery

Elements of Databases

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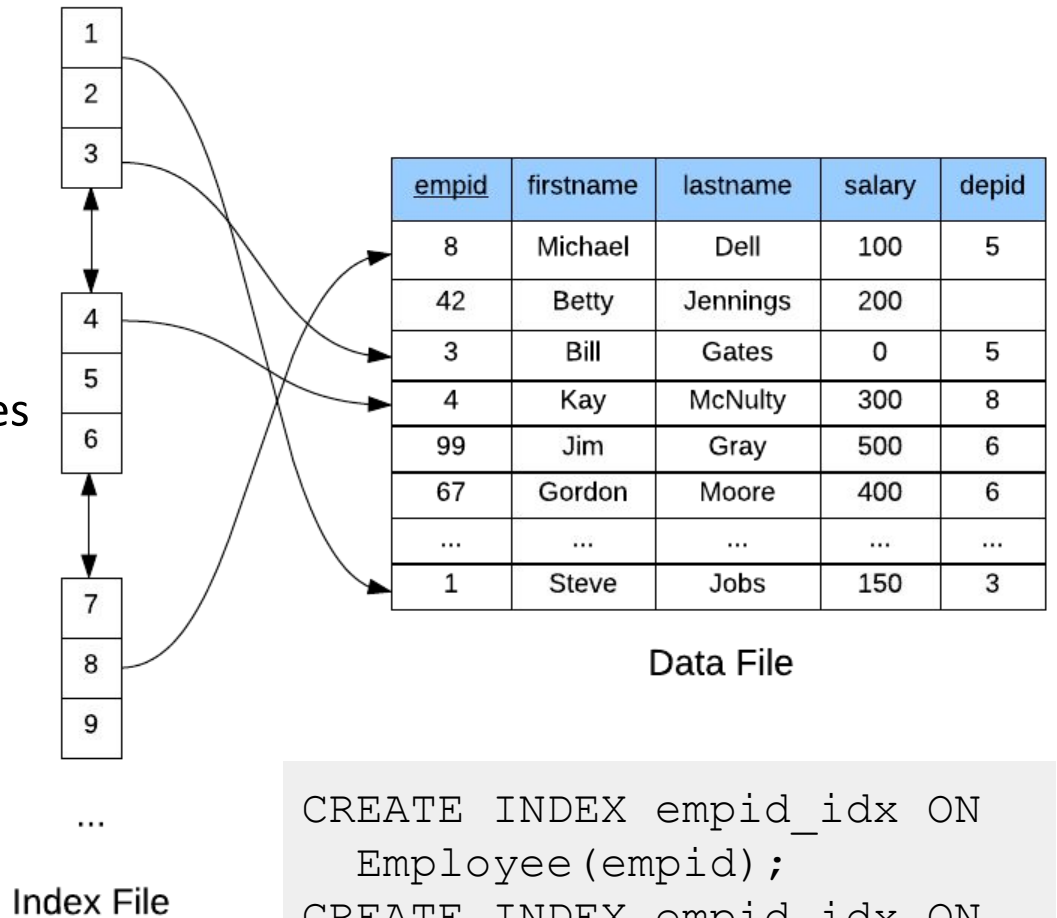
Announcements

Midterm 1:

- Review session: Tues Oct. 3rd at 3pm
- Exam date: Fri Oct 6th at 2pm
- Exam location: WEL 1.316
- Exam will be done on paper. No laptops allowed.
- Closed book and notes. One cheat sheet allowed.

Database Indexes

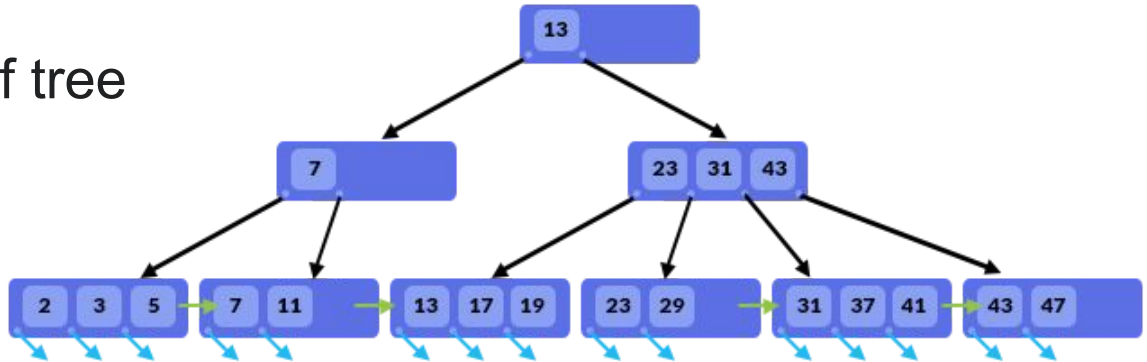
- **Critical** for many databases
- At least one index per table
- DBA analyzes workload and chooses which indexes to create (no easy answers)
- Creating indexes can be an expensive operation
- They work “behind the scenes”
- Query optimizer decides which indexes to use during execution



```
CREATE INDEX empid_idx ON  
Employee(empid);  
CREATE INDEX empid_idx ON  
Employee(empid, salary);
```

B-Trees

- Standard index implementation in most database systems
- Designed to speed up equality and range queries (aka lookups)
- One tree node maps to one disk page (4KB - 8KB)
- A node is packed with index entries (typically 100+)
- Index entry = (key, reference)
- High branching factor = references to child nodes (100+)
- Search speed \approx height of tree
- Height of tree is $O(\log n)$ where n = index keys



Postgres Code Lab, Part 3

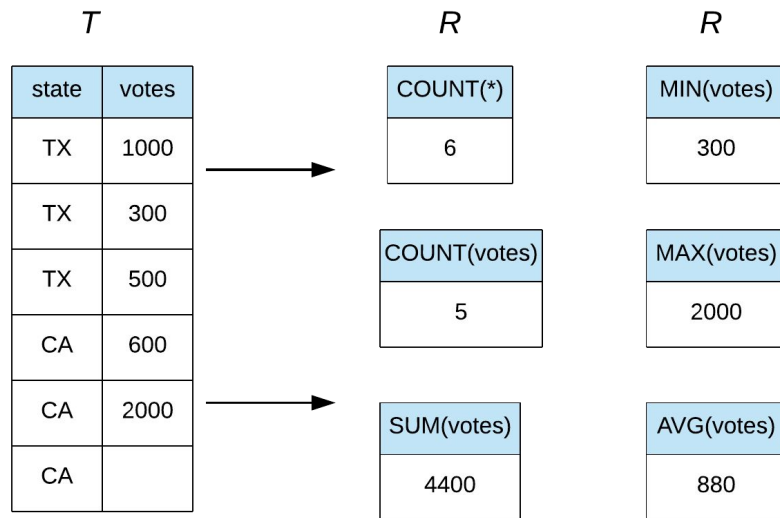
- Clone [snippets](#) repo
- Open [postgres idx notebook](#)
- Generate an explain plan
- Use \timing
- Create an index to speed up a query

Global Aggregate Queries

```
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       [, <aggregate function>]
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[JOIN <single table>
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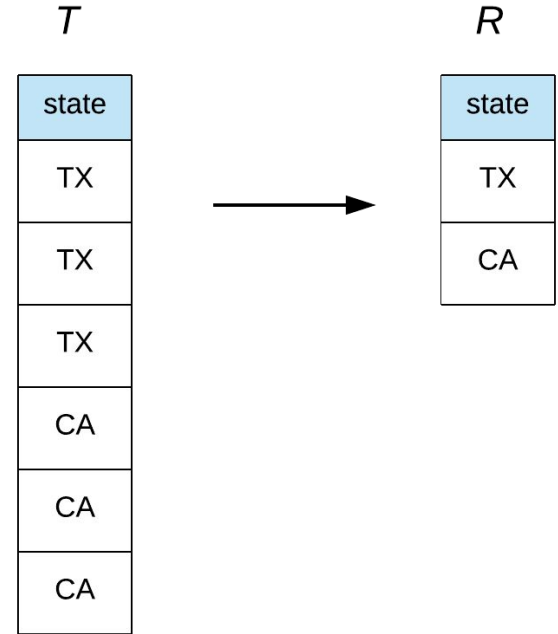
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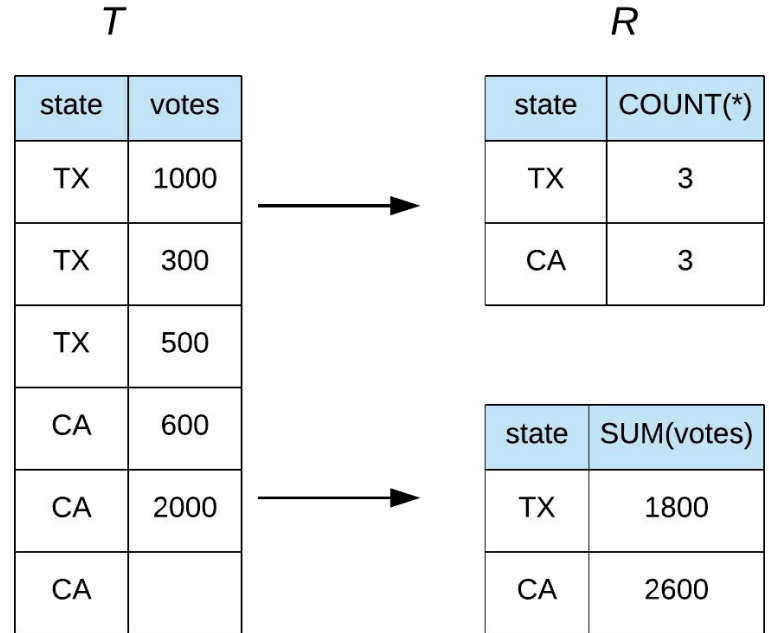


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The semantics of COUNT ()

```
SELECT COUNT (*)  
FROM Employee
```

```
SELECT COUNT (department)  
FROM Employee
```

```
SELECT DISTINCT department  
FROM Employee
```

```
SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT department)  
FROM Employee
```

Employee

row	employee	department
1	Sunil	ENG
2	Morgan	ENG
3	Rama	Product
4	Drew	
5	Jeff	Research
6	Danielle	HR
7	Grace	ENG

BigQuery Overview

- Data warehouse / analytics database service
- Distributed database system
- Optimized for large data (petabyte-scale)
- Data model: tables with optional nesting
- Query language: standard SQL
- Data Types:
 - Primitive: BOOL, BYTES, FLOAT64, INT64, NUMERIC, STRING
 - Temporal: DATE, DATETIME, TIME, TIMESTAMP
 - Geospatial: GEOGRAPHY
 - Complex: ARRAY, STRUCT
- No provisioning needed, easy to use
- Not an operational database, no referential integrity

Nested Columns

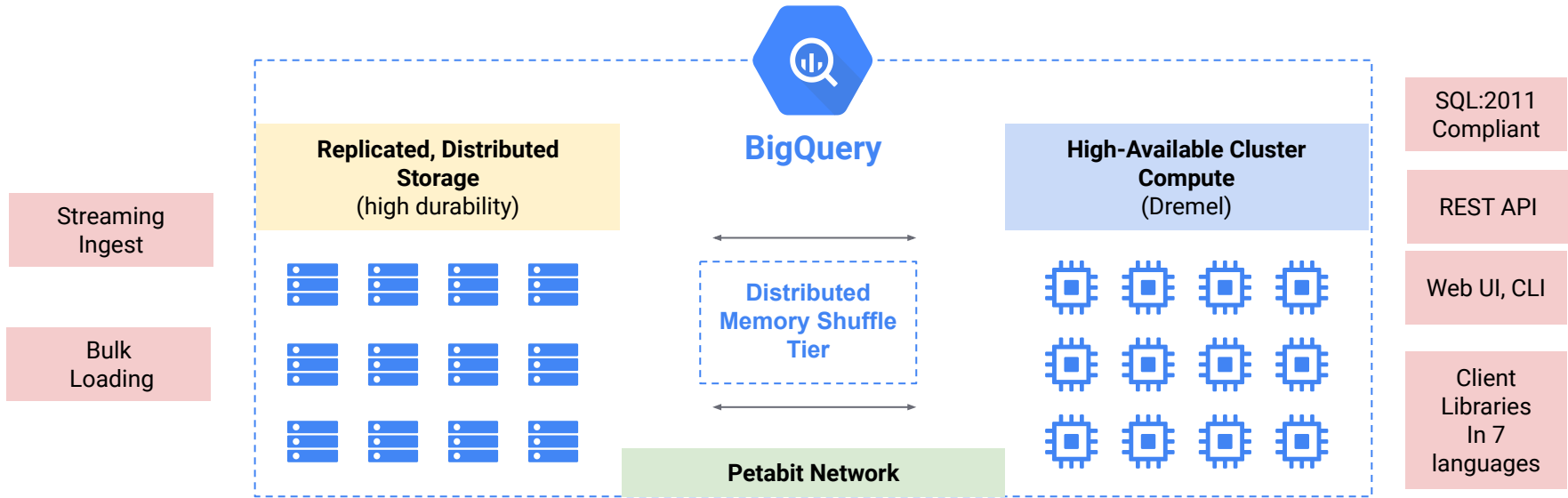
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name
gender
cityLived (nested and repeated)
state
country
phone
email

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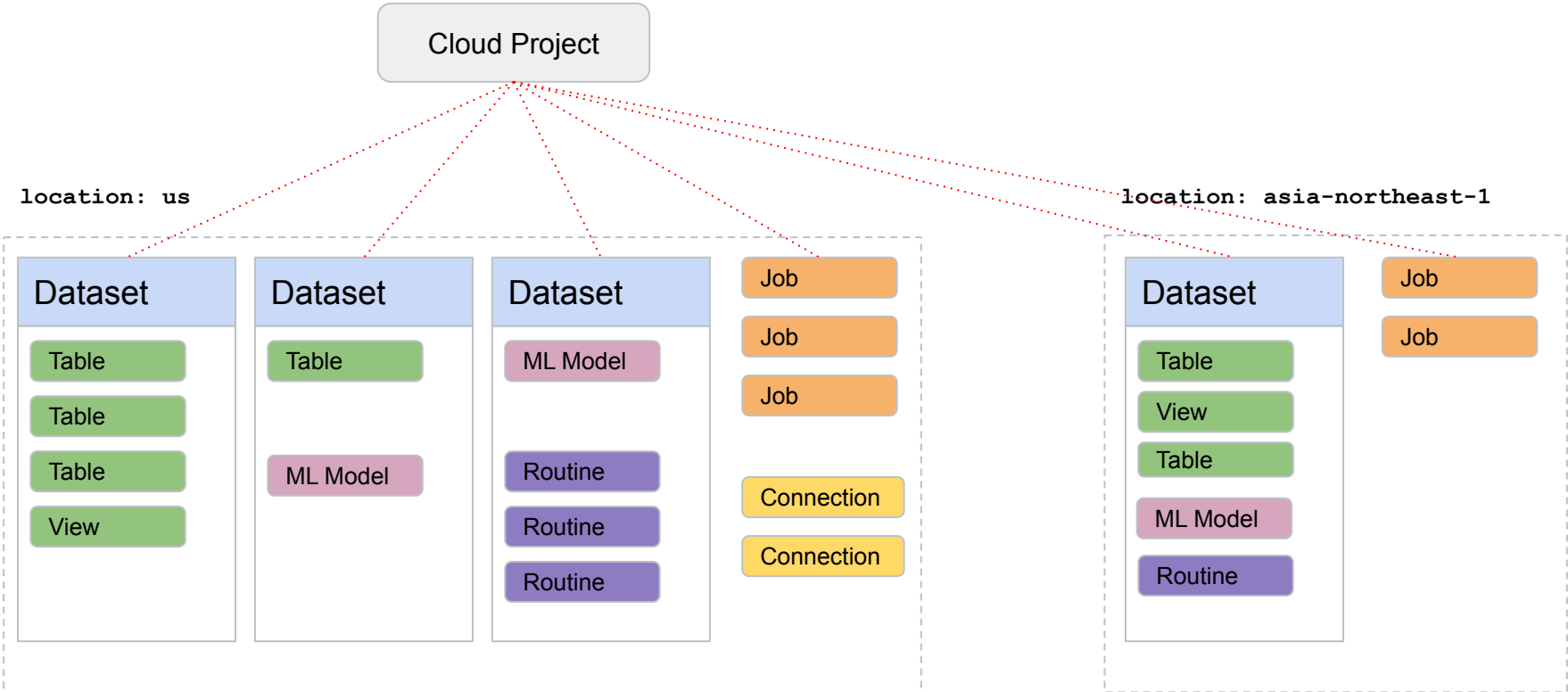
ARRAY + STRUCT type

BQ Architecture*



* Very approximate

Resource Model



BigQuery Code Lab

- Clone [snippets](#) repo
- Open [bigquery notebook](#)
- Create college dataset
- Populate college tables
- Explore the data
- Write aggregate queries

Exercise 1: Group-by queries

For each class in the database, obtain the number of students taking the class.

Return the cno for the class along with its enrollment count.

Sort the results by enrollment in descending order.

Database Schema:

Student(sid, fname, lname, dob, status)

Class(cno, cname, credits)

Instructor(tid, name, dept)

Takes(sid, cno, grade)

Teaches(tid, cno)

Exercise 2: Group-by queries

For each class in the database which has at least two students enrolled, how many students are taking the class?

Return the cno for the class along with its enrollment count.

Sort the results by enrollment in descending order.

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Project 4: explore K-12 enrollment data

[Assignment sheet](#)

- Open [project4 notebook](#)
- Run starter code:
 - Create and populate tables
 - Explore the data
 - Write aggregate query
 - Create database view
 - Created data visualization

