

Building an Efficient Key-Value Store in a Flexible Address Space

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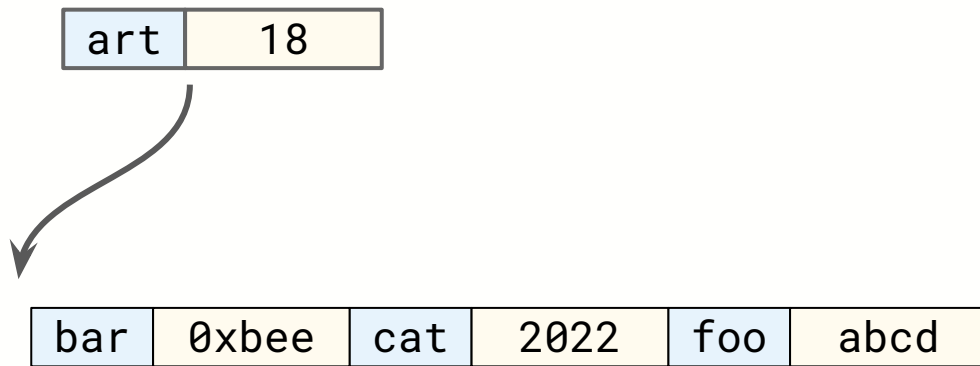
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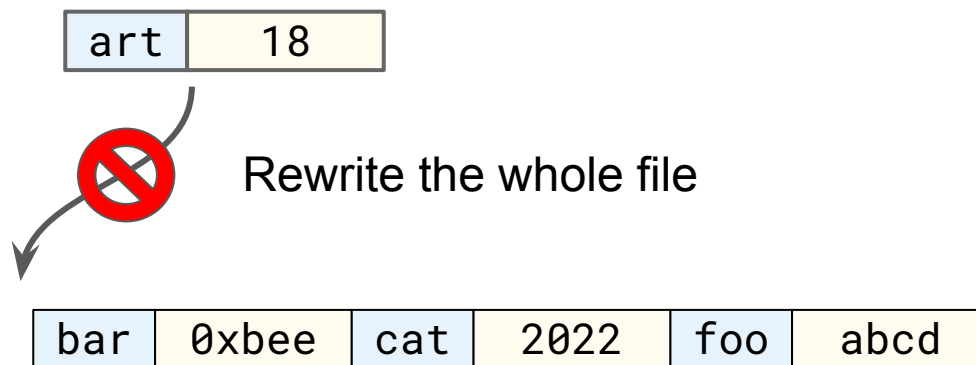
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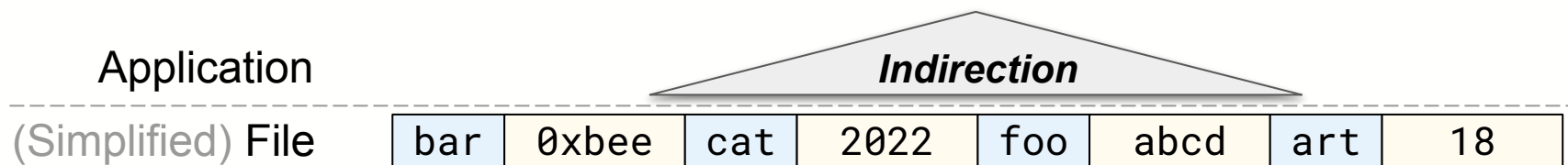
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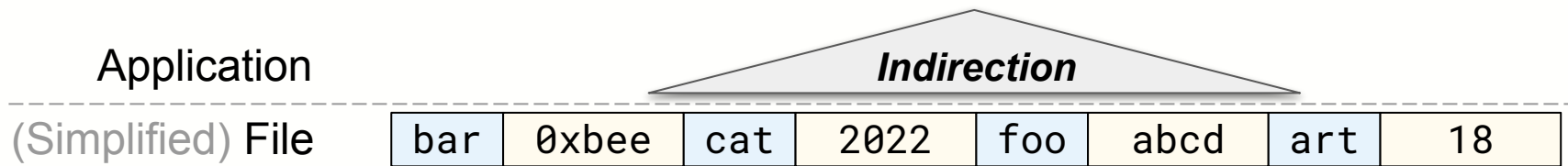
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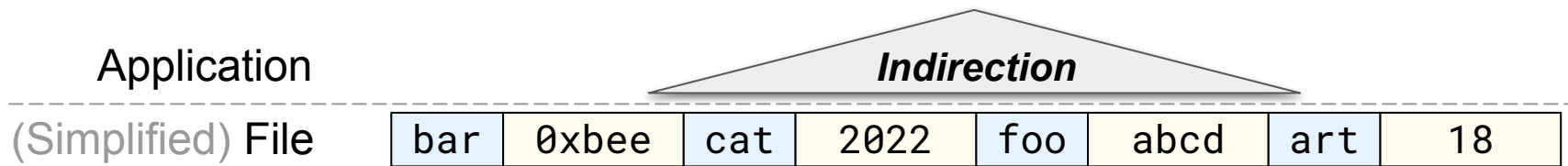
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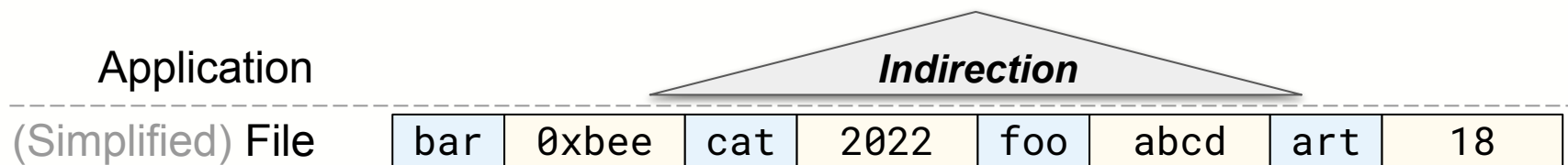
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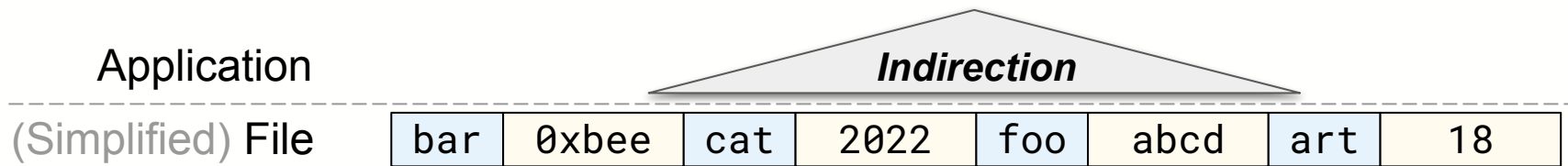
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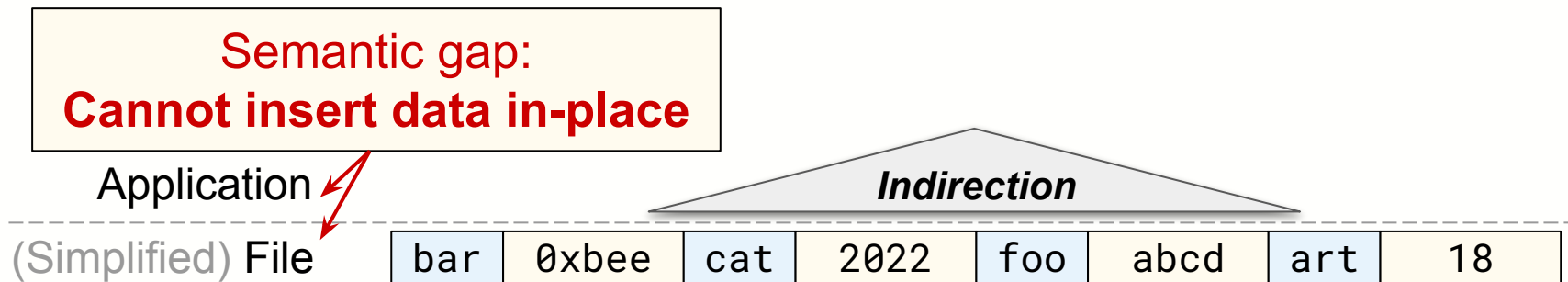
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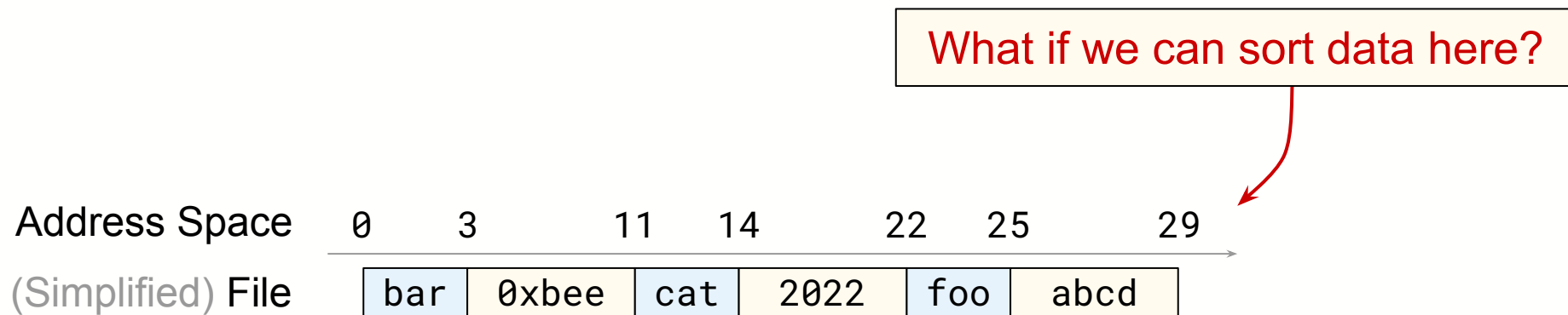
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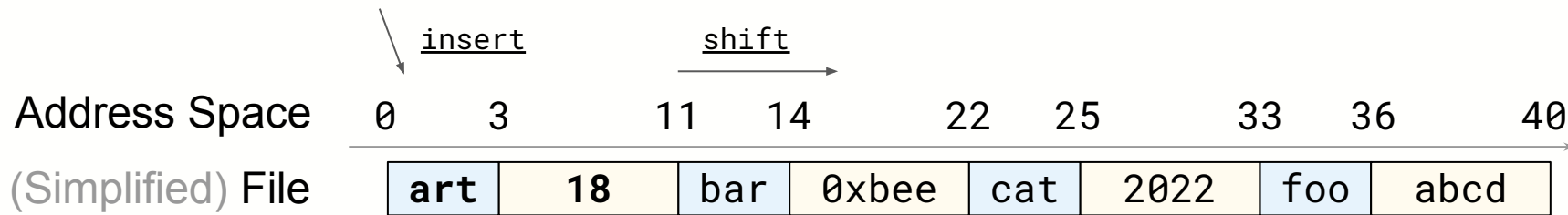
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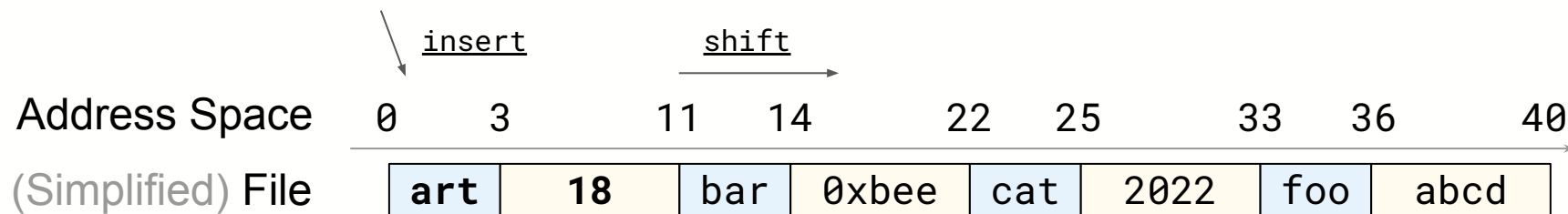
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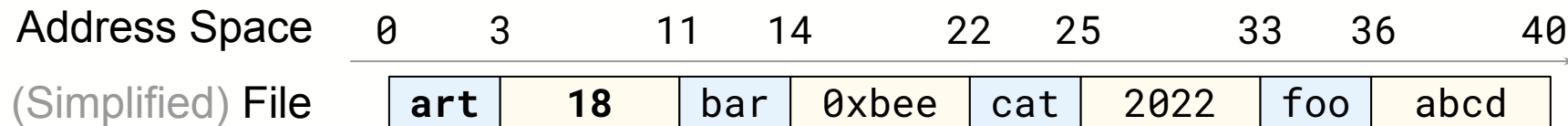
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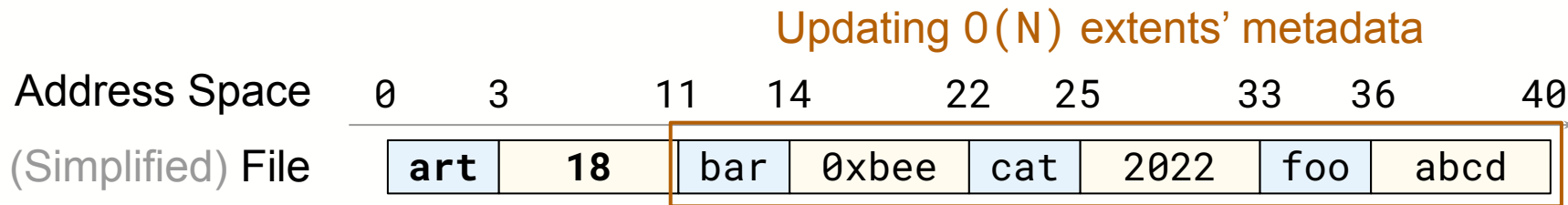
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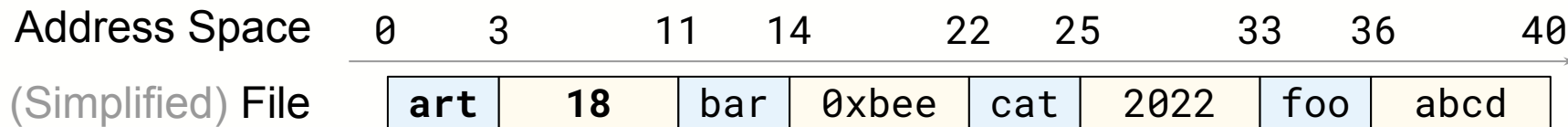
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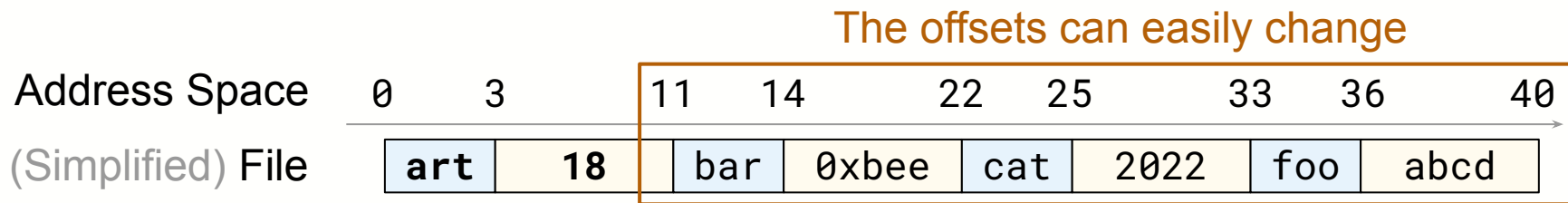
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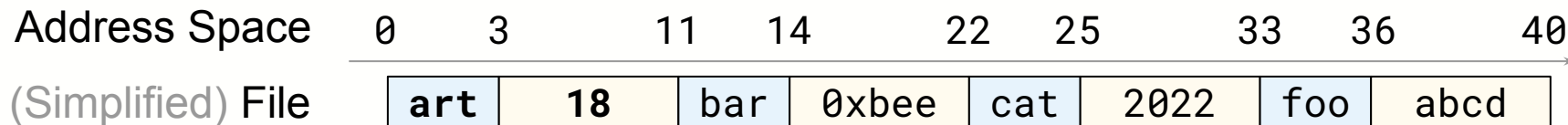
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**A more flexible storage abstraction to
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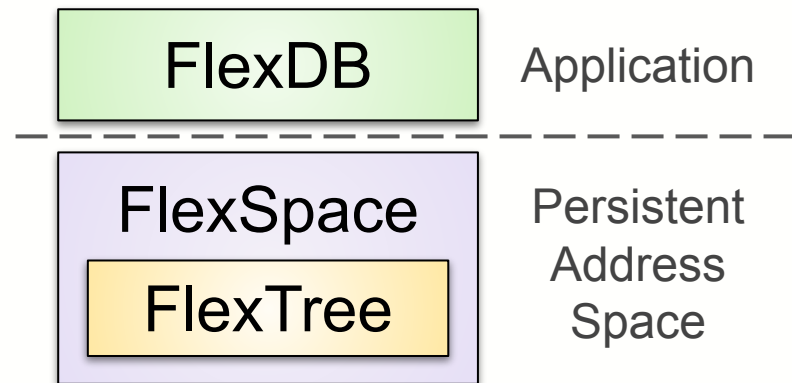
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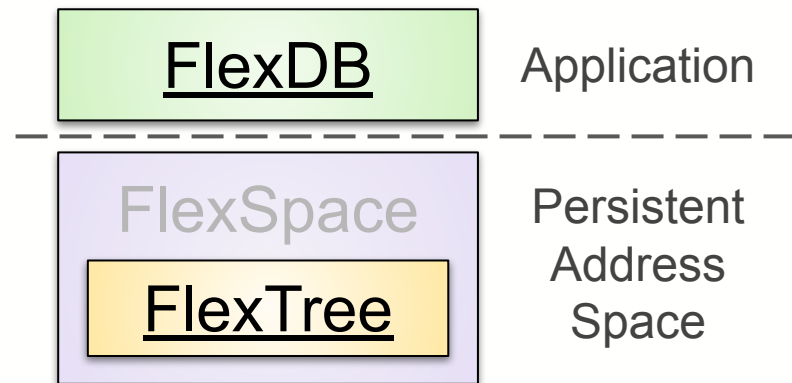
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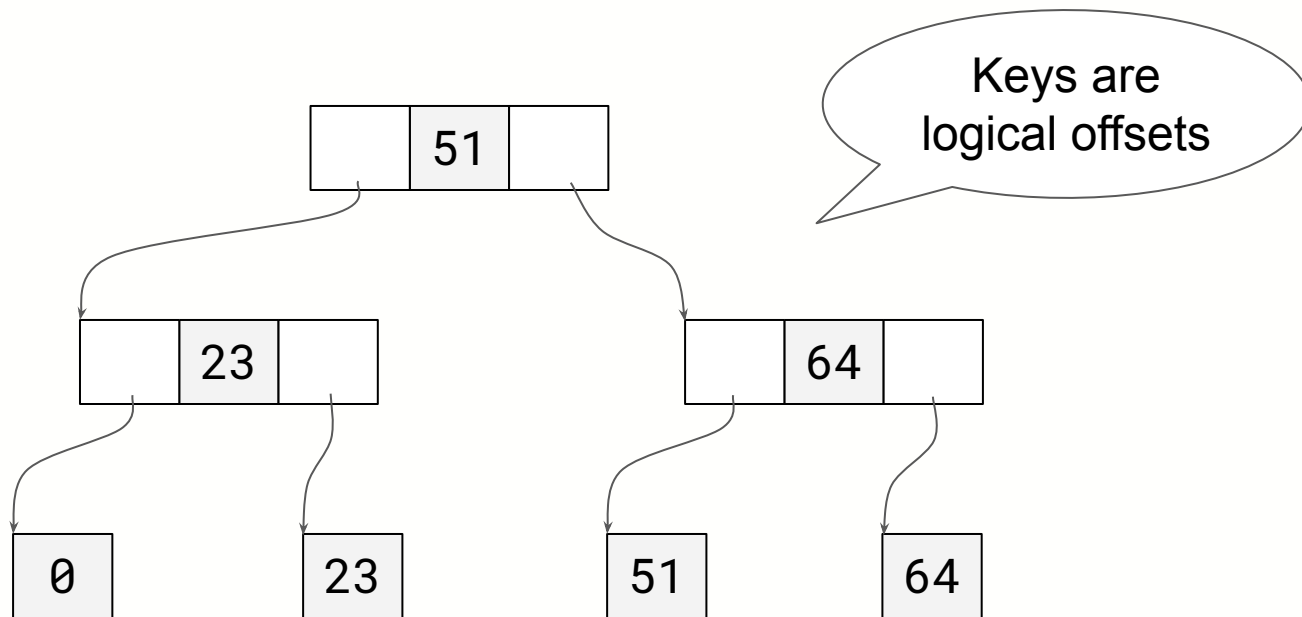
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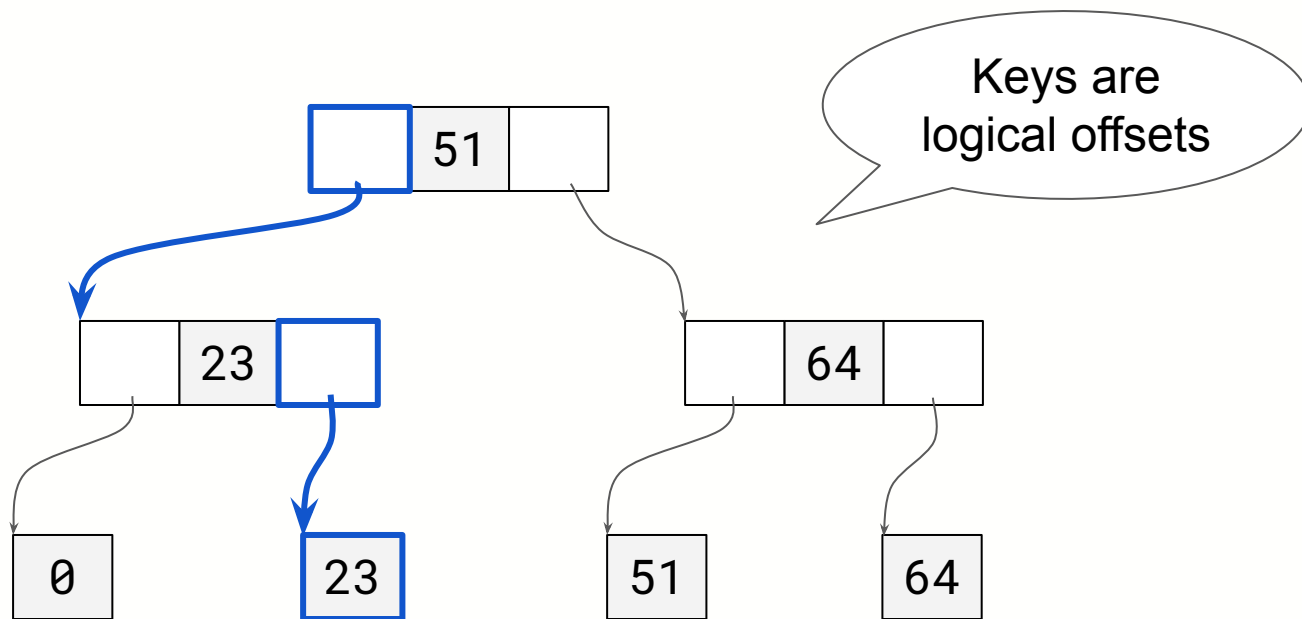
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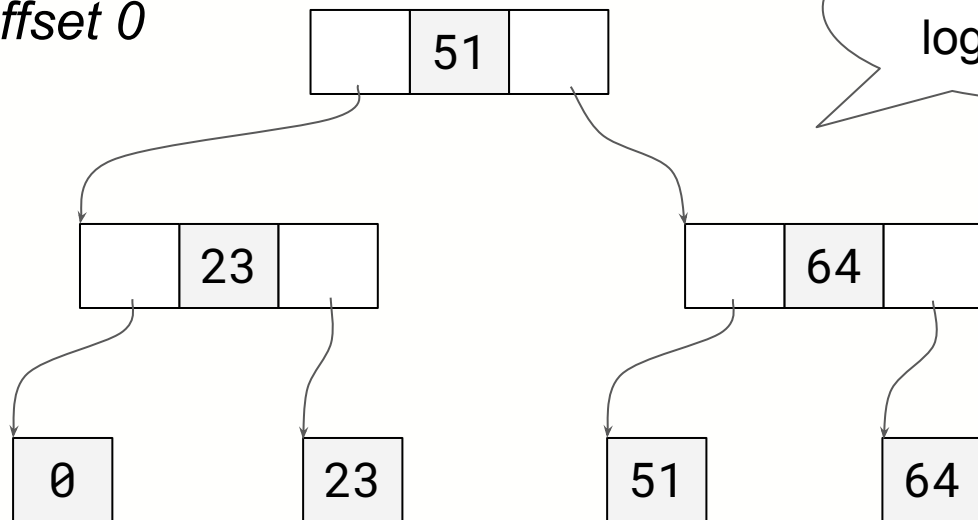
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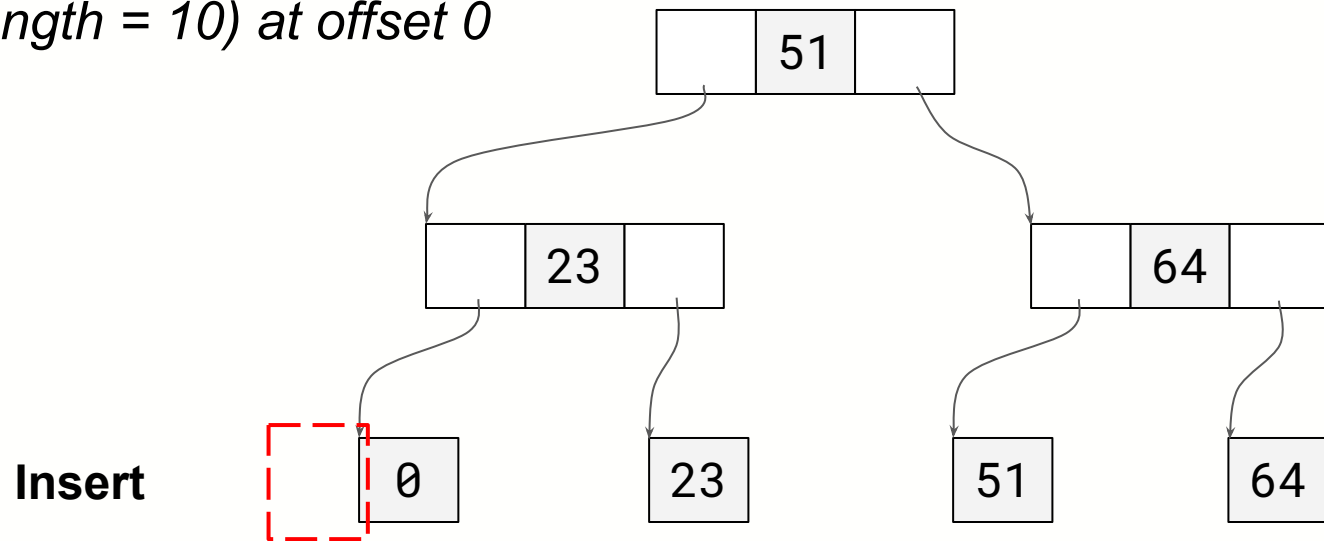
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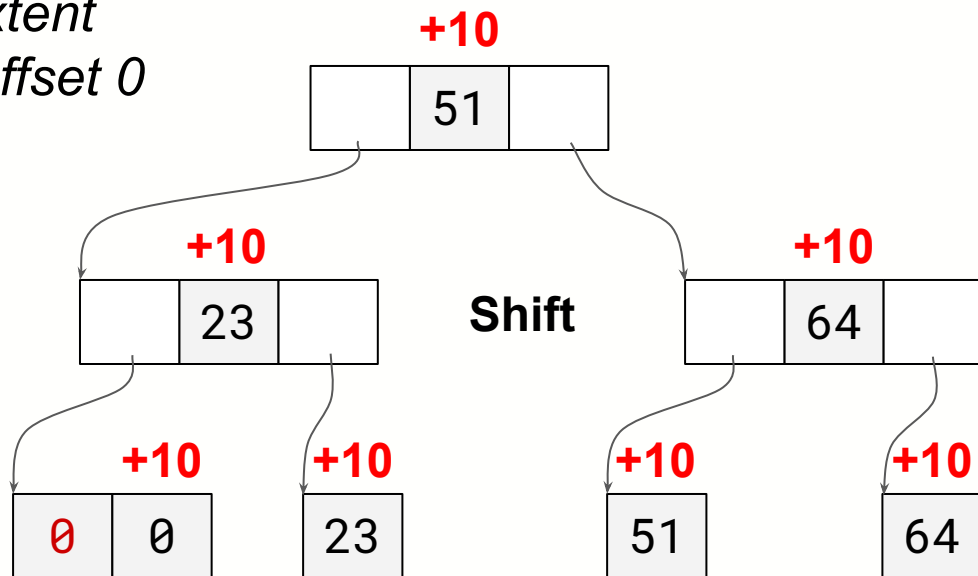
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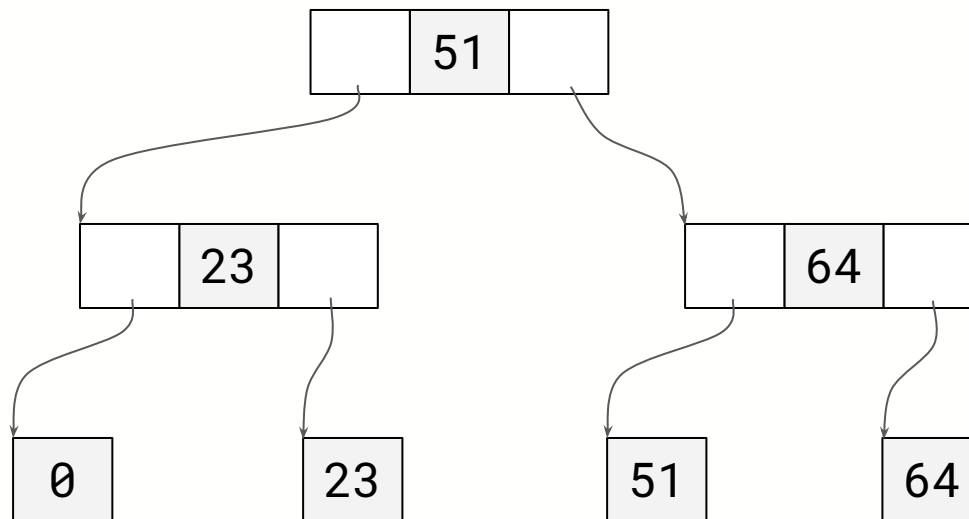
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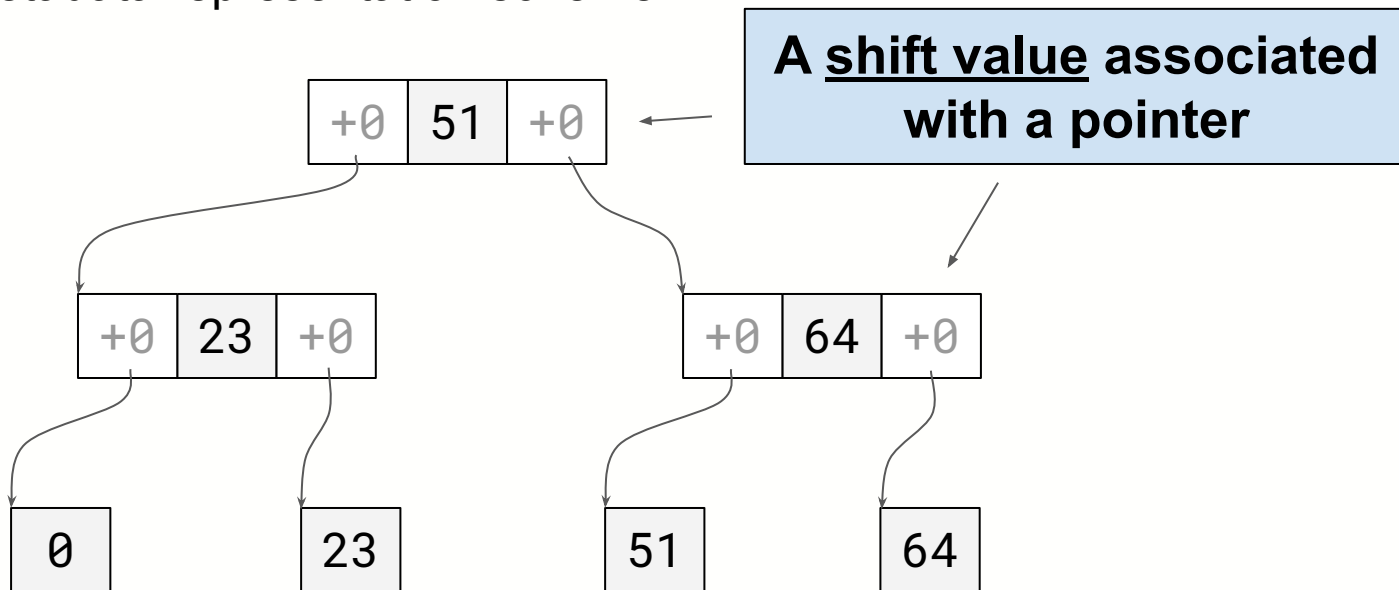
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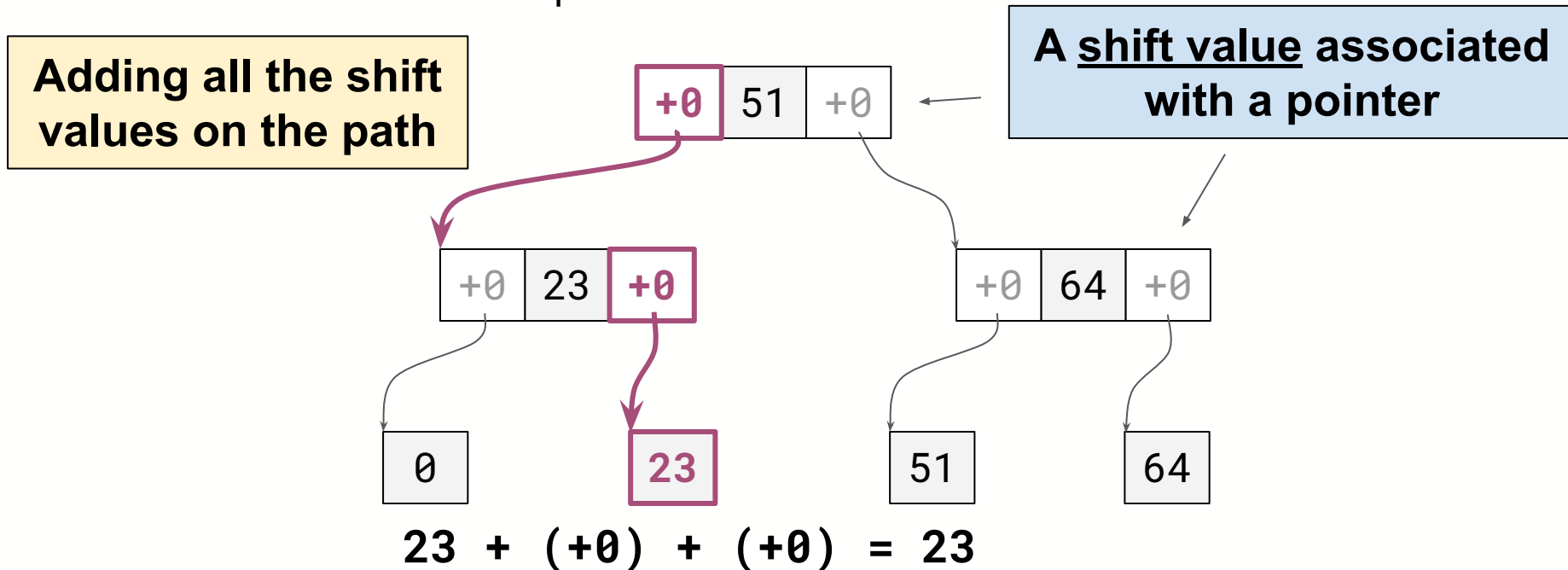
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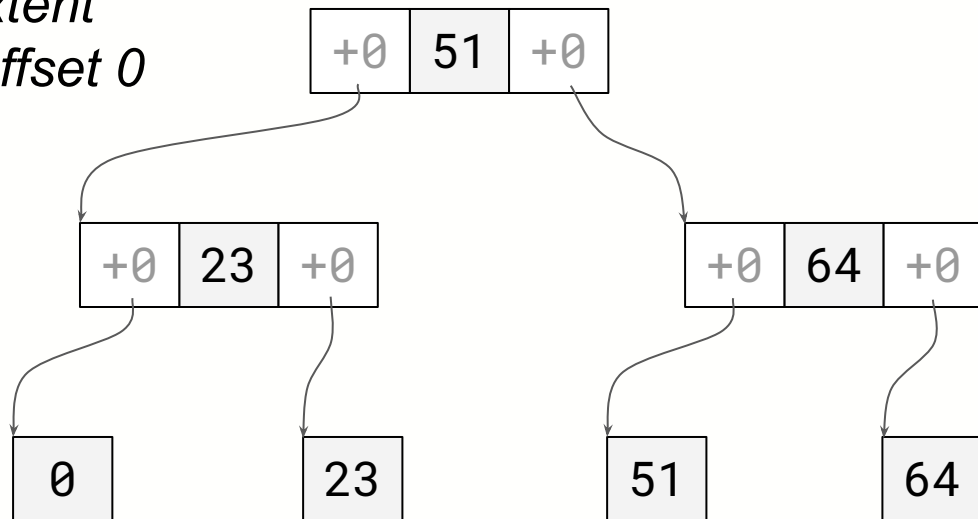
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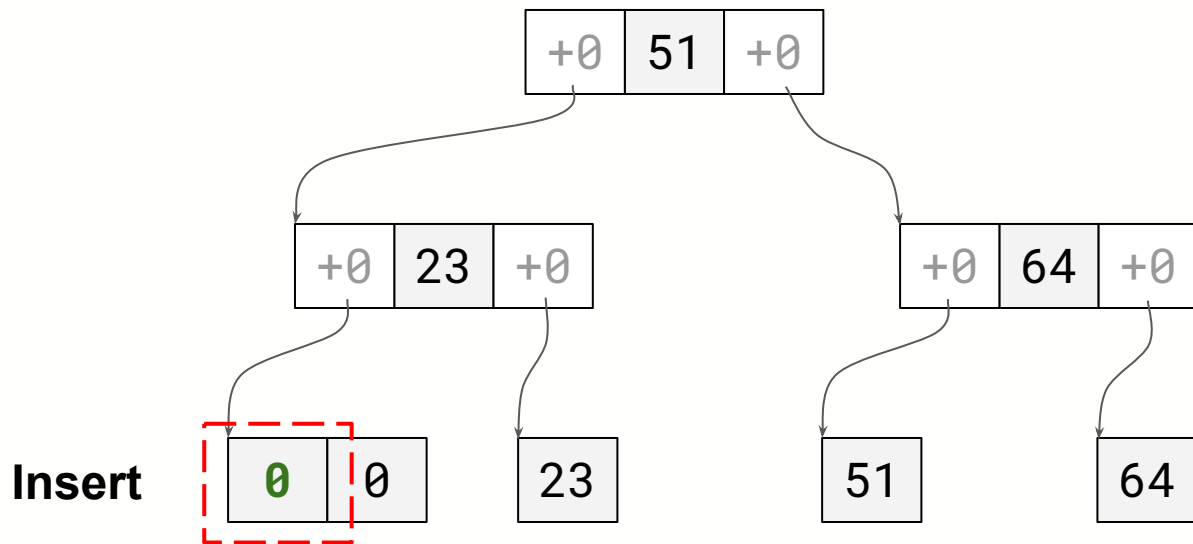
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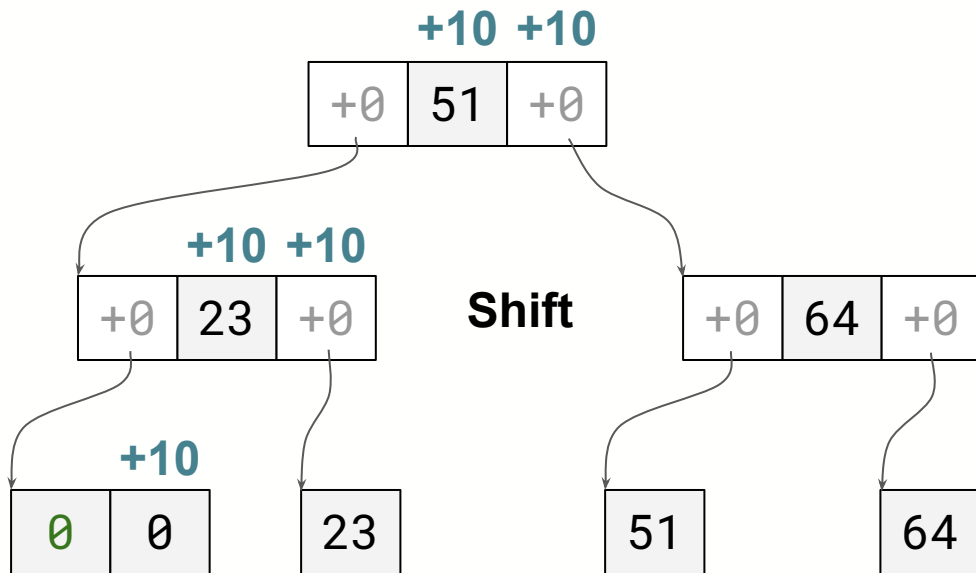
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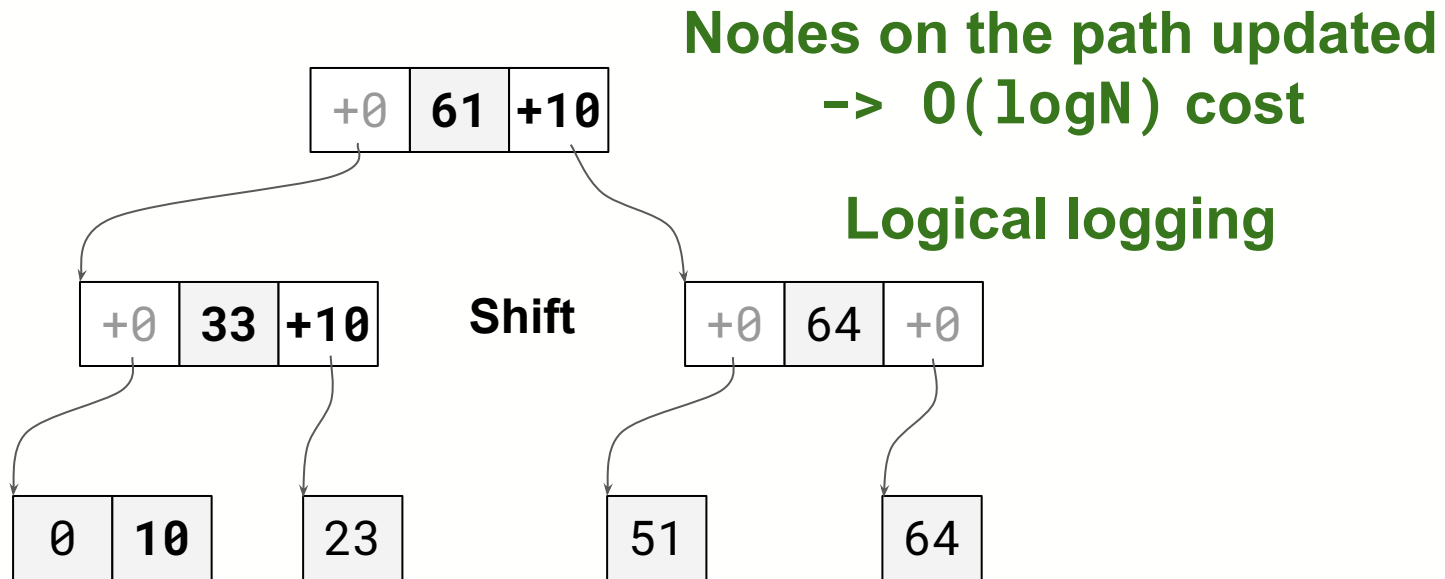
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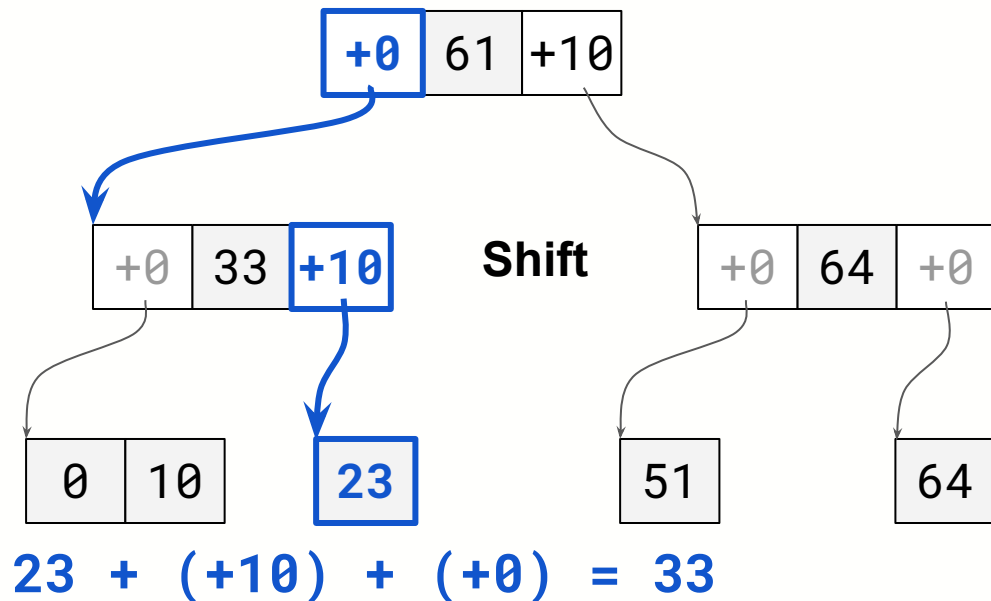
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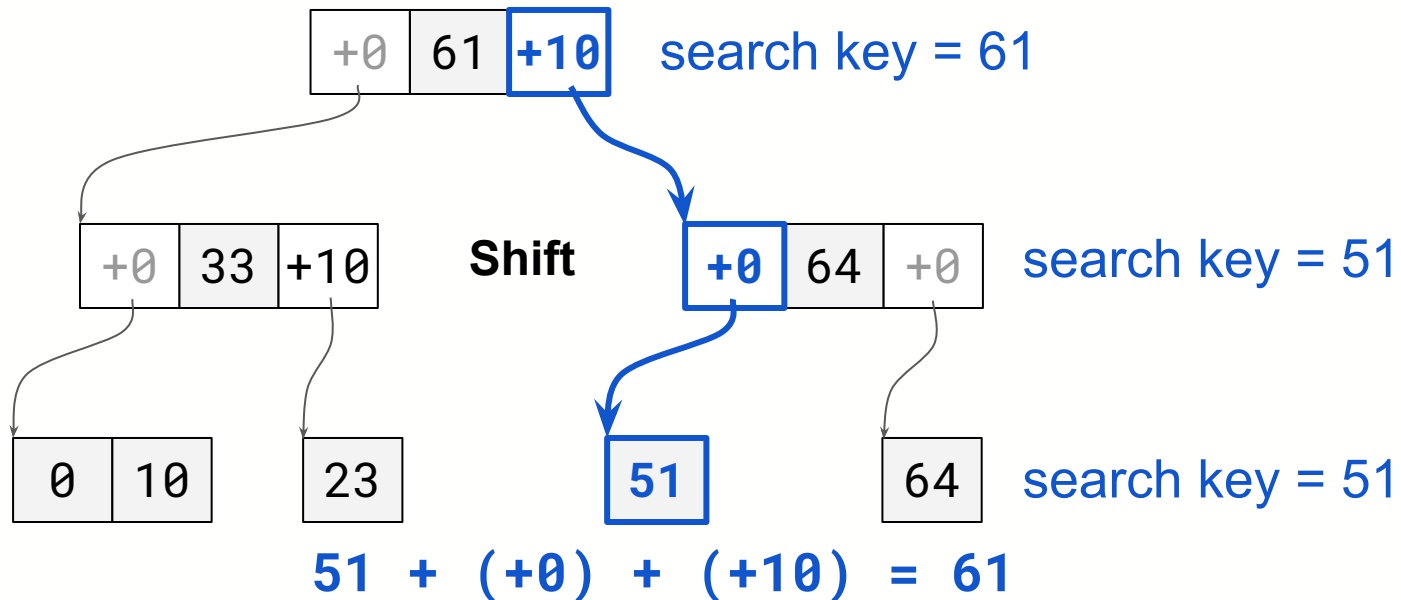
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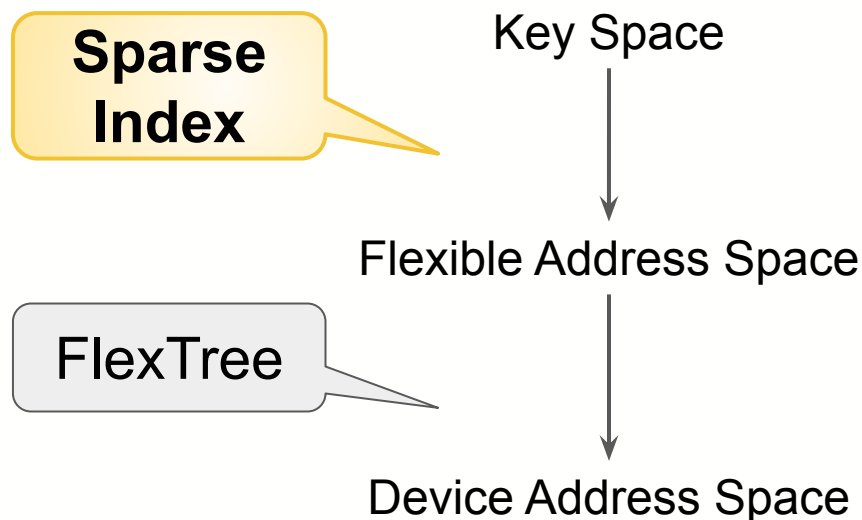


Based on FlexTree

- FlexSpace: Log-structured data storage indexed by FlexTree
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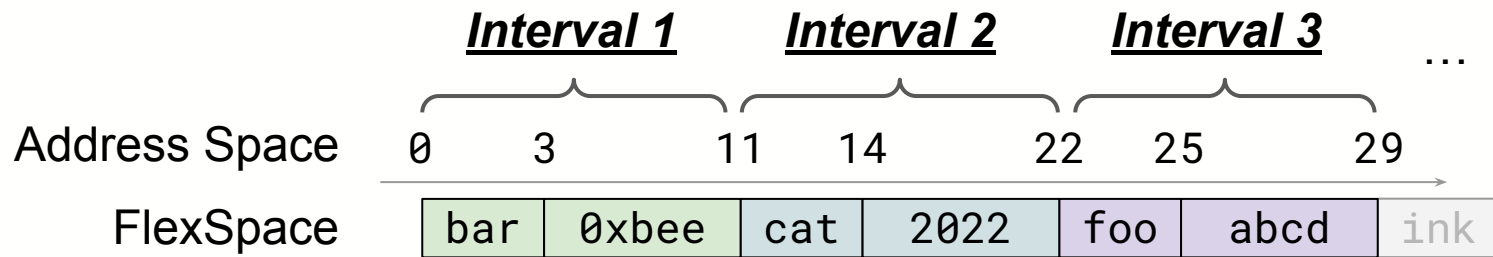
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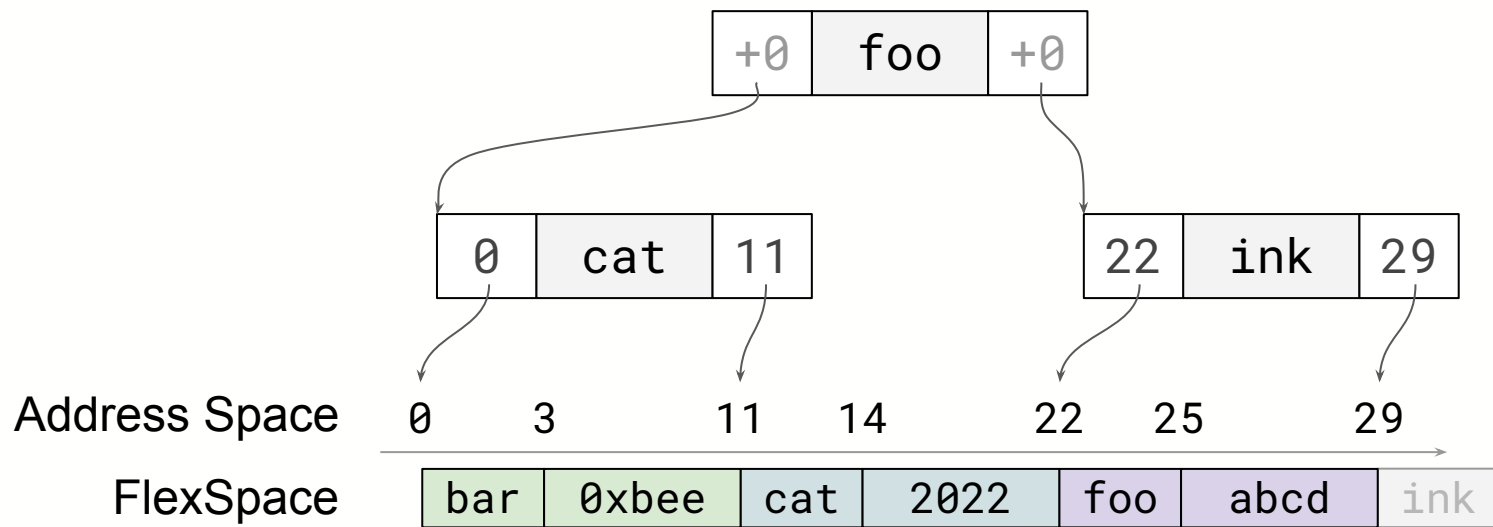
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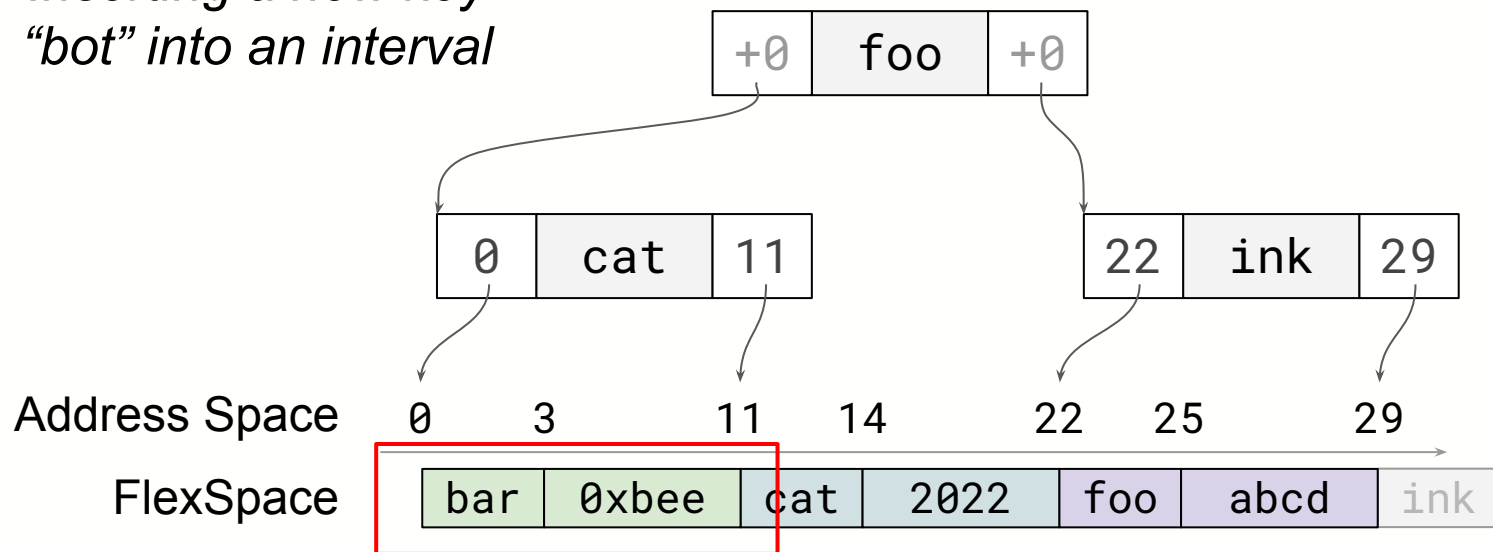
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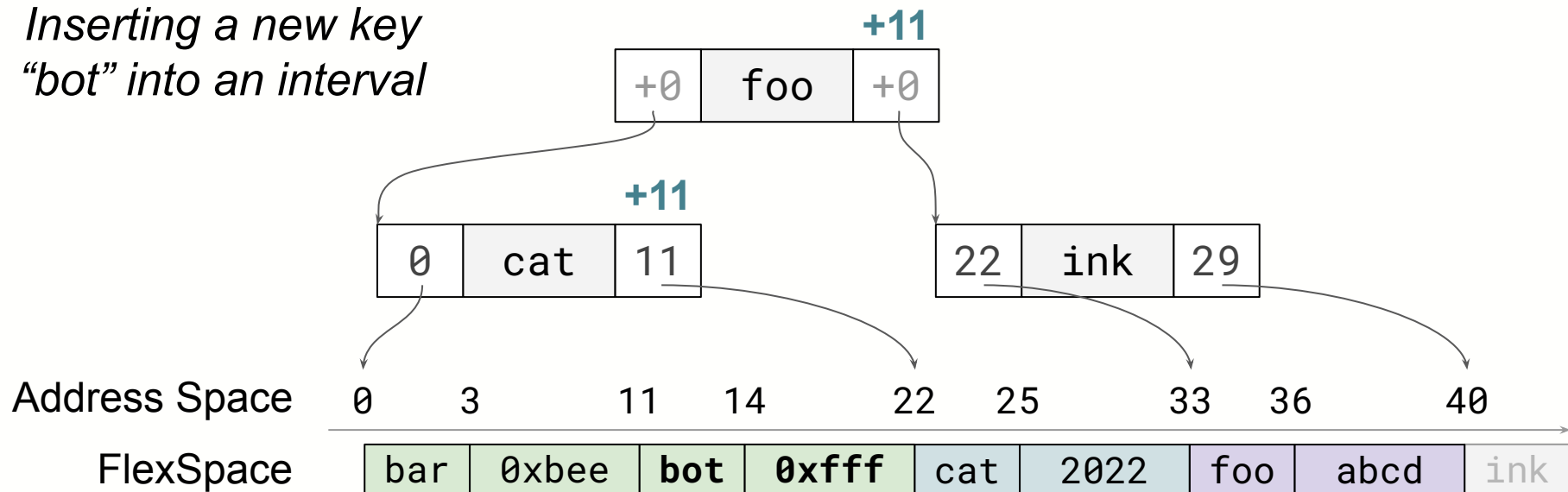
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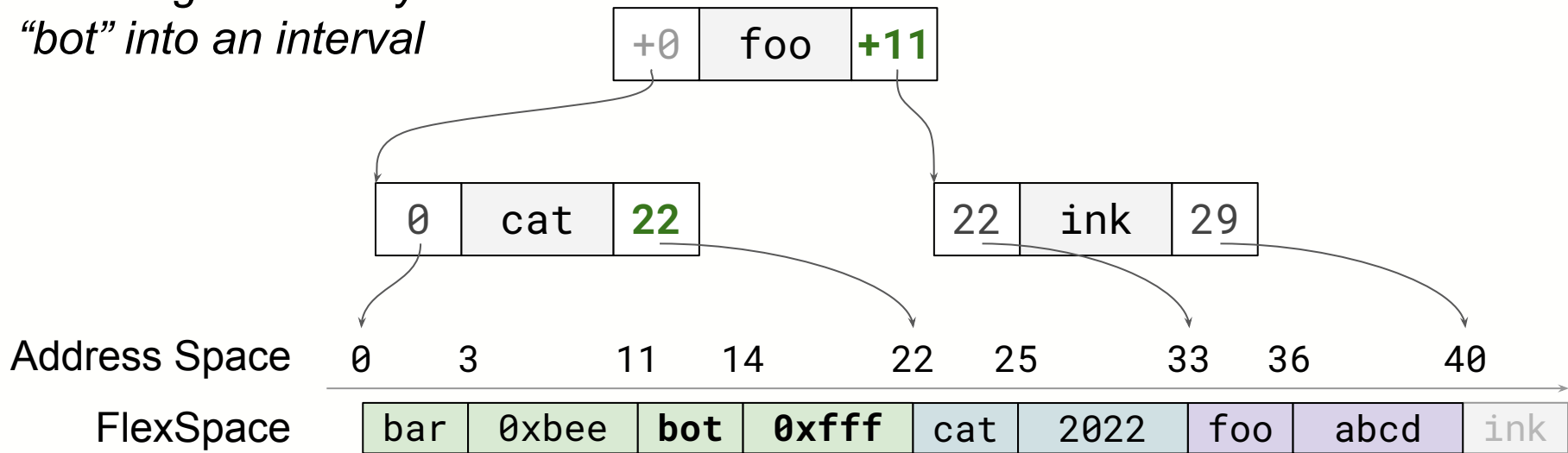
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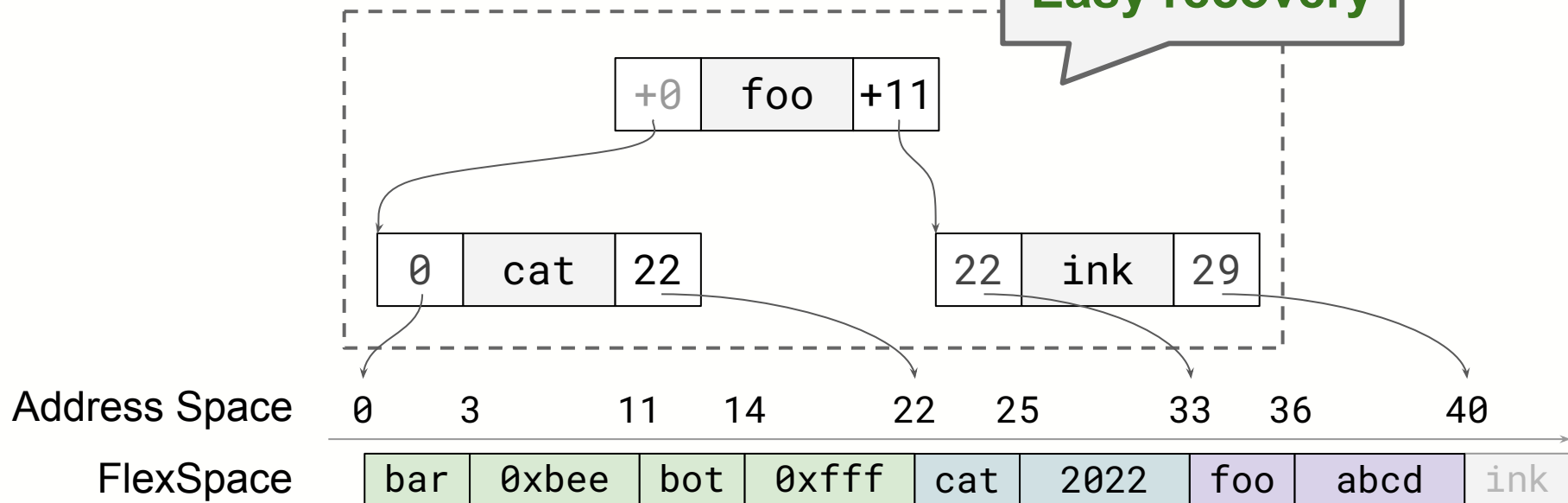
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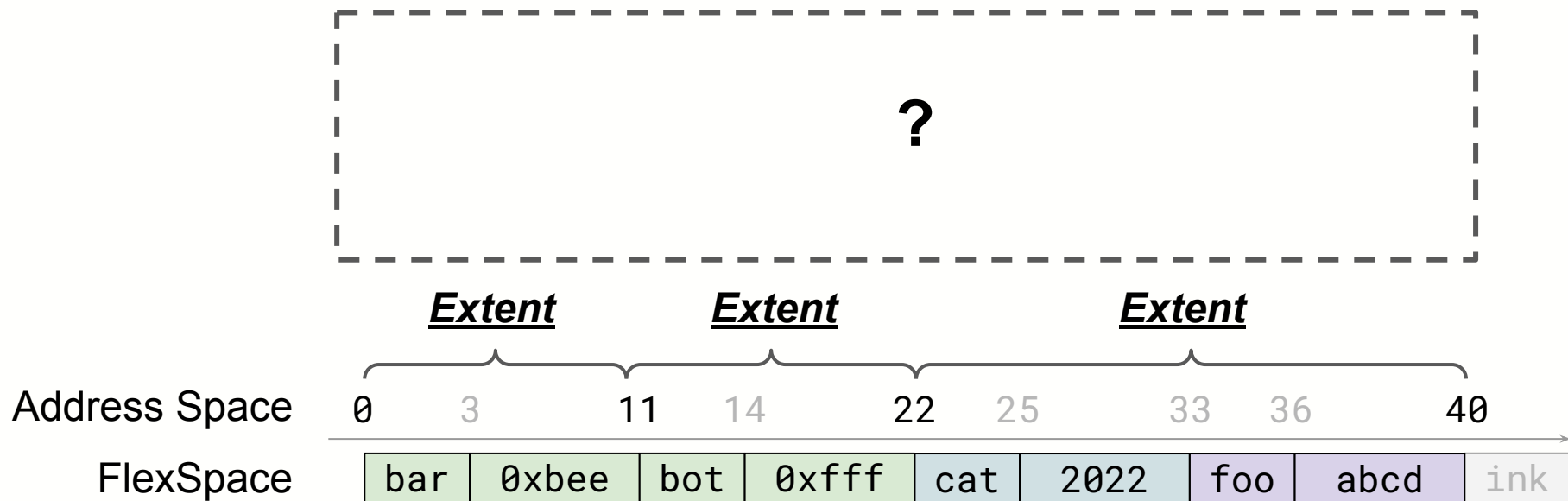
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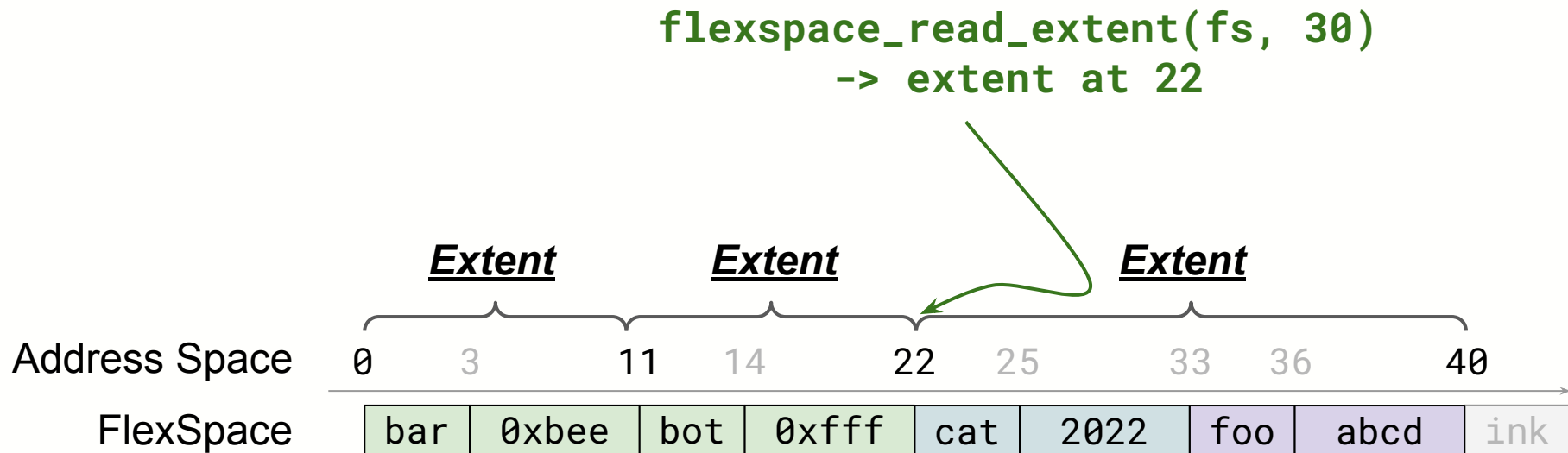
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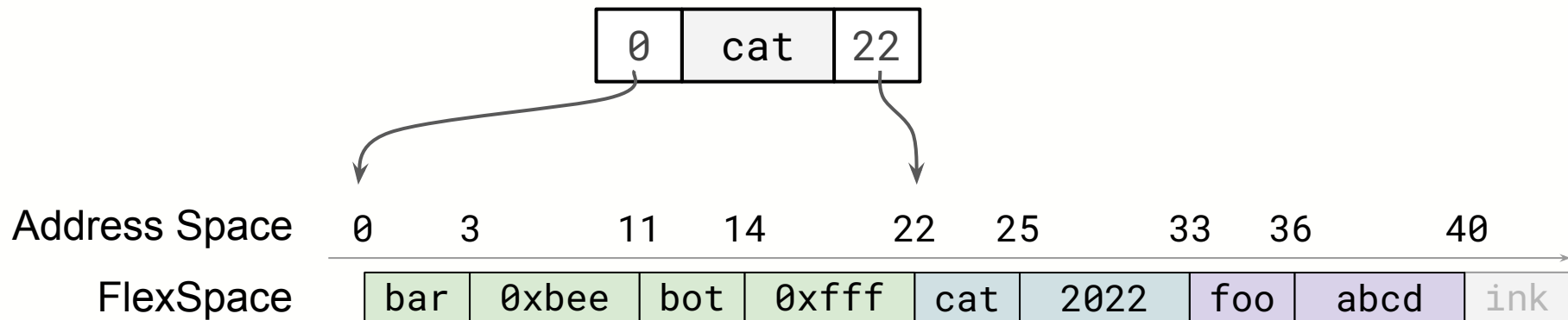
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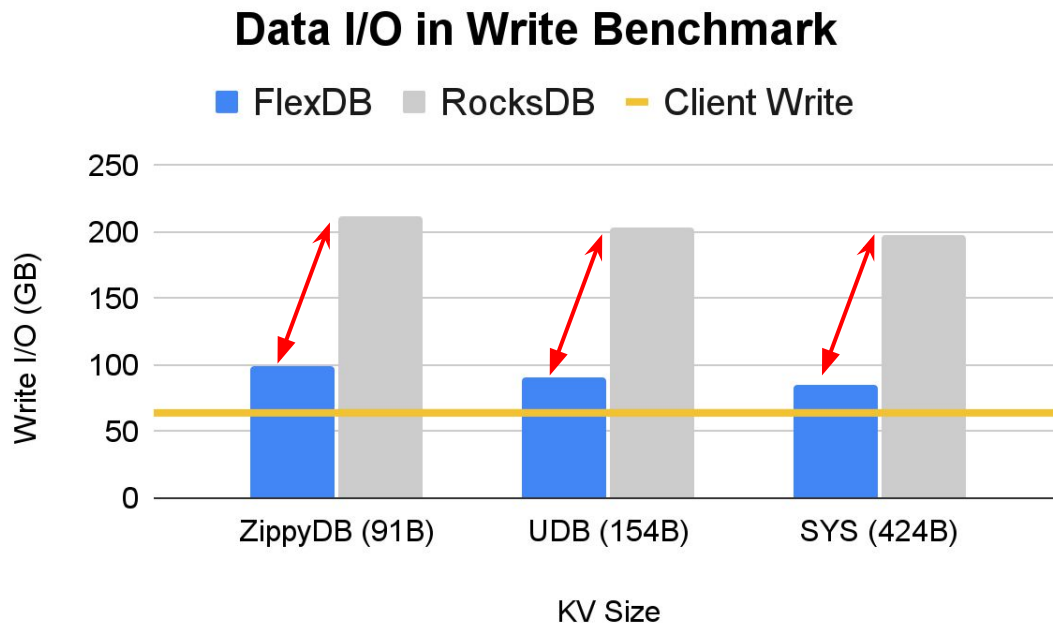
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- 64GB RAM
- Optane 905P SSD
- Key-Value Sizes:
 - ZippyDB: 91 bytes^{*}
 - UDB: 154 bytes^{*}
 - SYS: 424 bytes^{**}
- 4 Client Threads

^{*} Zhichao Cao, Siying Dong, Sagar Vemuri, and David H. C. Du. "Characterizing, Modeling, and Benchmarking RocksDB Key-Value Workloads at Facebook". In: 18th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST'20). 2020, pp. 209–223.

^{**} Berk Atikoglu, Yuehai Xu, Eitan Frachtenberg, Song Jiang, and Mike Paleczny. "Workload Analysis of a Large-Scale Key-Value Store". In: SIGMETRICS Perform. Eval. Rev. 40.1 (2012), pp. 53–64.

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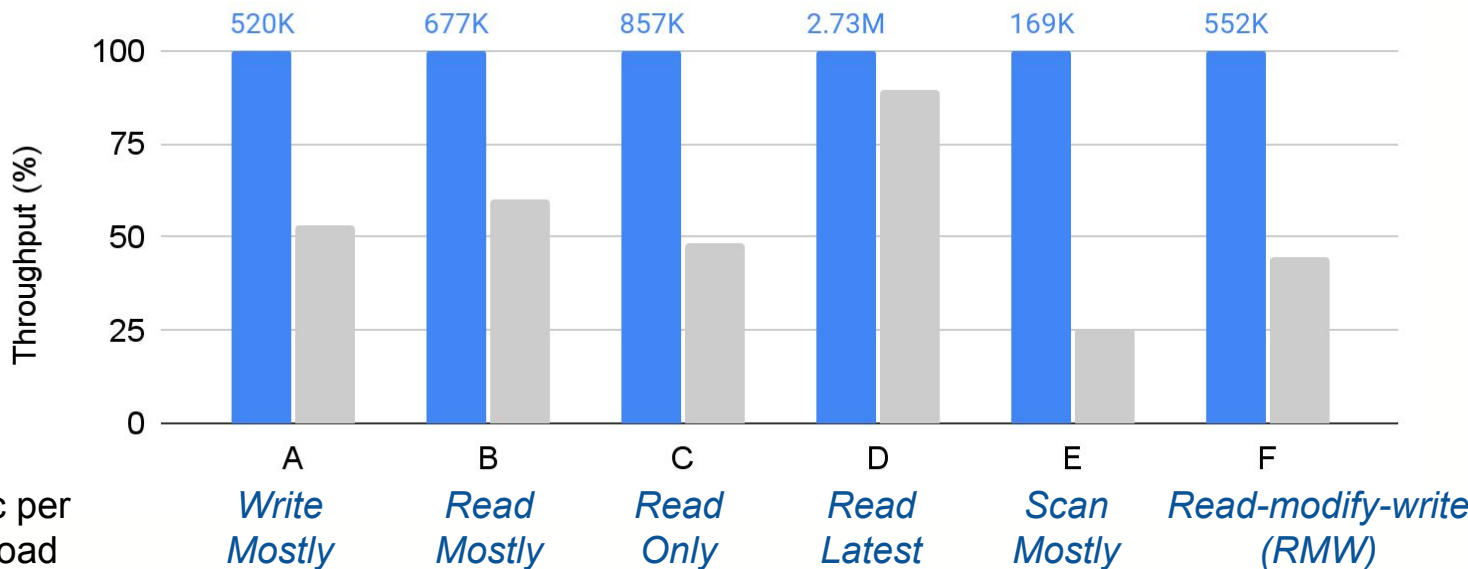


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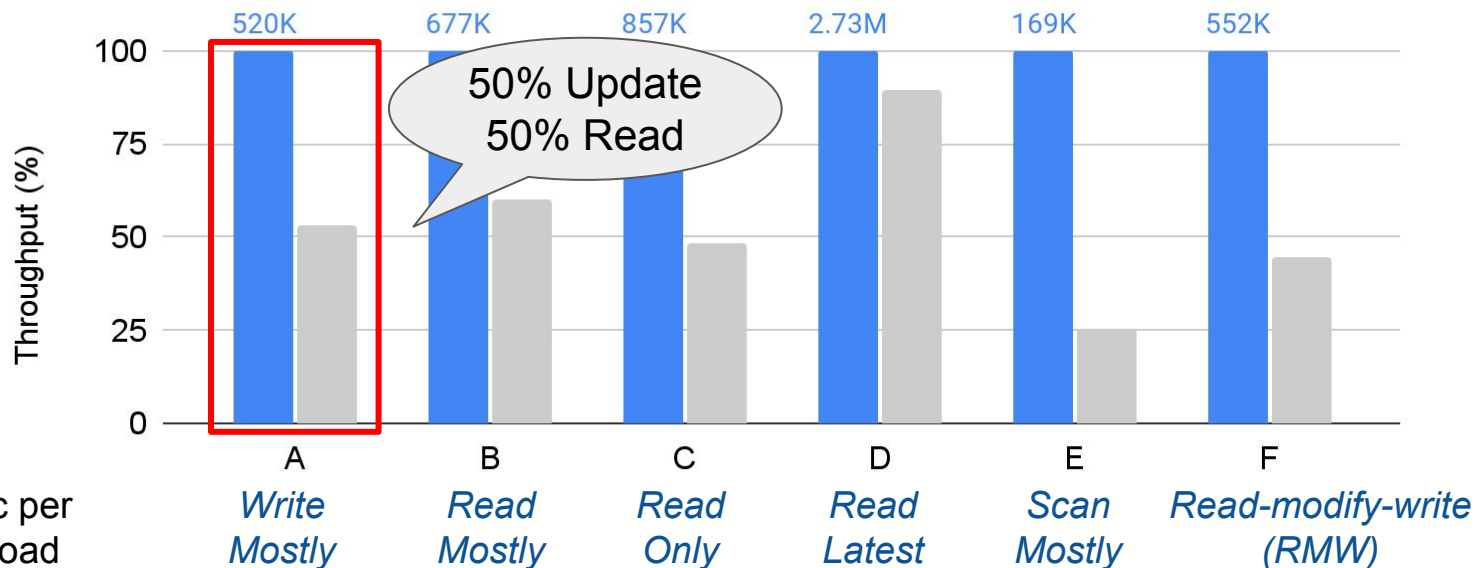
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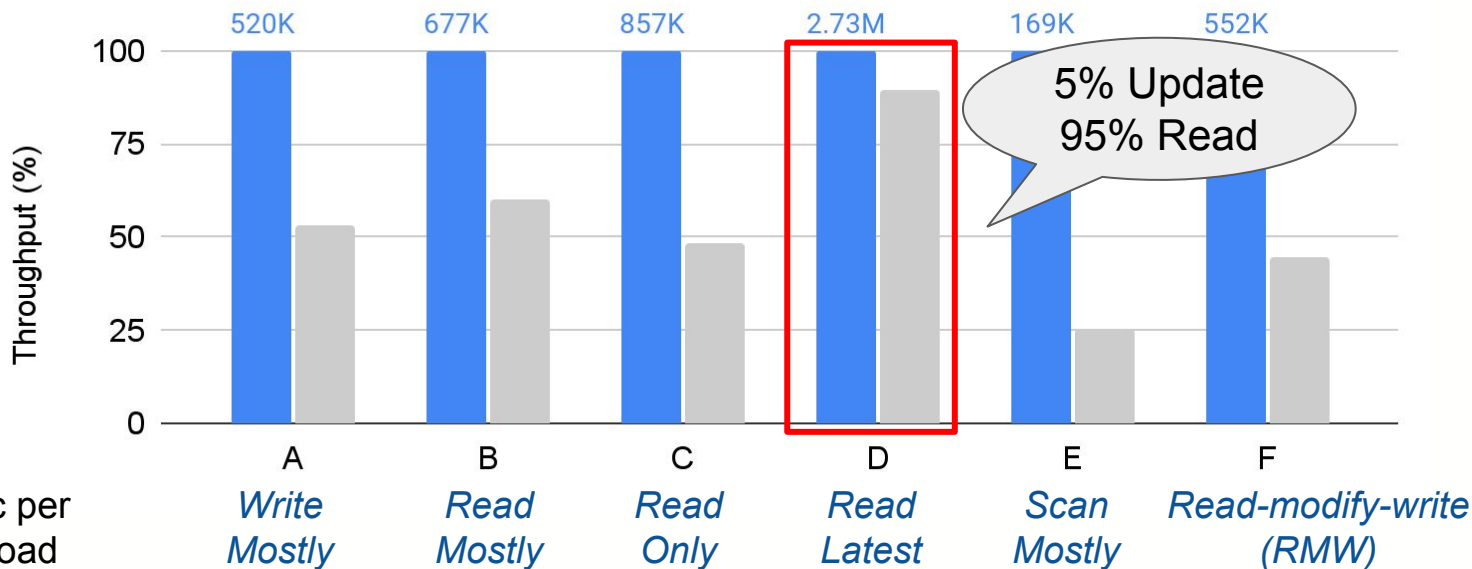


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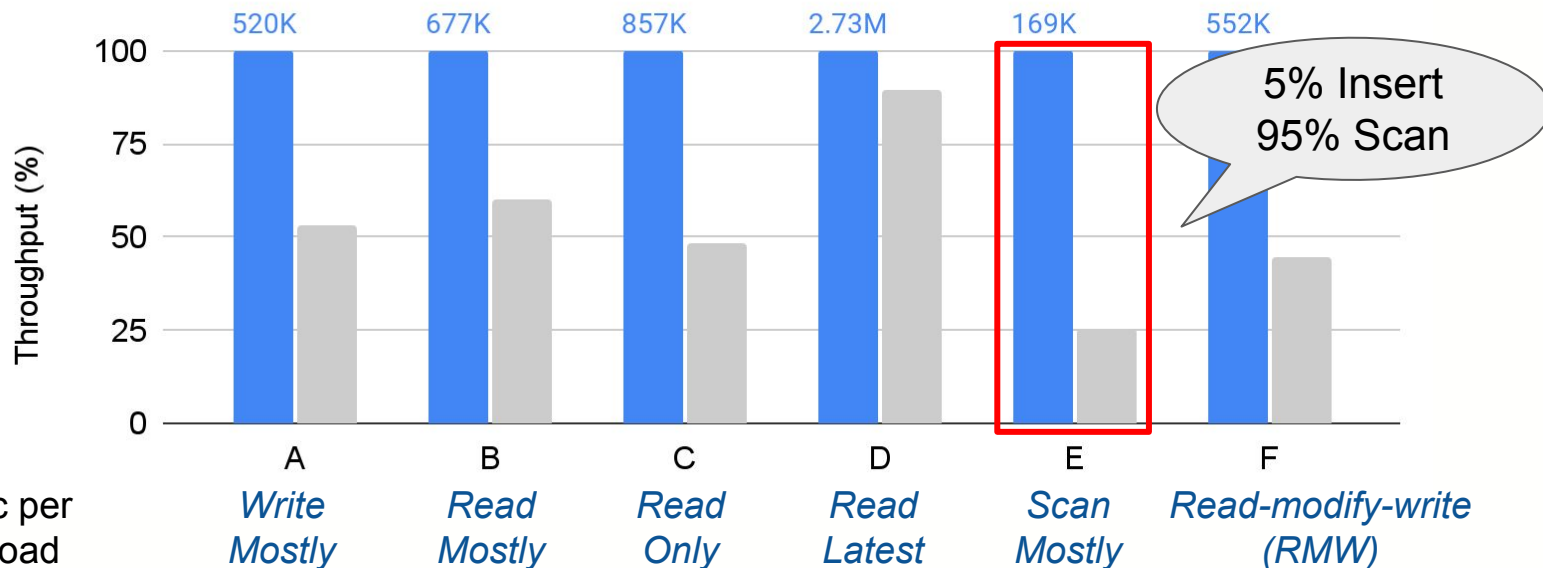


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Summary



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- The code of this project is available at:

<https://github.com/flexible-address-space/flexspace>