

\*\*\* Linguistic Indexes also take up more space than binary indexes

\*\*\* Create a simple table with a few values ...

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE bowies_table (id NUMBER, name VARCHAR2(20));
```

Table created.

```
SQL> INSERT INTO bowies_table VALUES (1, 'Bowie');
```

1 row created.

```
SQL> INSERT INTO bowies_table VALUES (2, 'BOWIE');
```

1 row created.

```
SQL> INSERT INTO bowies_table VALUES (3, 'BoWiE');
```

1 row created.

```
SQL> INSERT INTO bowies_table VALUES (4, 'THIN WHITE DUKE');
```

1 row created.

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SQL> COMMIT;
```

Commit complete.

\*\*\* Create a normal binary index. Note database uses ASCII based WE8MSWIN1252 character set

```
SQL> CREATE INDEX binary_bowie_idx ON bowies_table(name);
```

Index created.

\*\*\* Create a GENERIC\_M\_CI linguistic index

```
SQL> CREATE INDEX ling_bowie_idx ON bowies_table(NLSSORT(name,  
'NLS_SORT=GENERIC_M_CI'));
```

Index created.

\*\*\* Create a BINARY\_CI linguistic index

```
SQL> CREATE INDEX ling_bowie_idx2 ON bowies_table(NLSSORT(name,  
'NLS_SORT=BINARY_CI'));
```

Index created.

\*\*\* Perform a Select to dump the raw decimal representation of the ASCII values and the length of the column

```
SQL> select dump(name) from bowies_table;
```

DUMP (NAME)

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Typ=1 Len=5: 66,111,119,105,101  
Typ=1 Len=5: 66,79,87,73,69  
Typ=1 Len=5: 66,111,87,105,69  
Typ=1 Len=15: 84,72,73,78,32,87,72,73,84,69,32,68,85,75,69

\*\*\* Perform a block dump of the Binary Index

SQL> select file\_id, block\_id from dba\_extents where  
segment\_name='BINARY\_BOWIE\_IDX';

FILE_ID	BLOCK_ID
18	6153

SQL> alter system dump datafile 18 block 6154;

System altered.

\*\*\* Partial dump follows

Leaf block dump

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header address 129901148=0x7be225c  
kdxcolev 0  
KDXCOLEV Flags = - - -  
kdxcolok 0  
kdxcoopc 0x80: opcode=0: iot flags=--- is converted=Y  
kdxconco 2  
kdxcosdc 0  
kdxconro 4  
kdxcofbo 44=0x2c  
kdxcofeo 7966=0x1fle  
kdxcoavs 7922  
kdxlespl 0  
kdxlende 0  
kdxlenxt 0=0x0  
kdxleprv 0=0x0  
kdxledsz 0  
kdxlebksz 8036  
row#0[8021] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=15  
col 0; len 5; (5): 42 4f 57 49 45 <=== 'BOWIE' index  
entry value with a length of 5 as expected  
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 01 <=== 6 byte  
corresponding ROWID  
row#1[8006] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=15  
col 0; len 5; (5): 42 6f 57 69 45 <=== Note this  
'BoWiE' has differing ASCII values to the other 2  
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 02  
row#2[7991] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=15  
col 0; len 5; (5): 42 6f 77 69 65 <=== Note this  
'Bowie' also has differing ASCII values to the other 2  
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 00  
row#3[7966] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=25  
col 0; len 15; (15): 54 48 49 4e 20 57 48 49 54 45 20 44 55 4b 45 <===  
"THIN WHITE DUKE" index entry with a length of 15 as expected

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col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 03
----- end of leaf block dump -----
```

\*\*\* Note the column values are a HEX representation of the ASCII values (eg: 66 decimal = 42 hex)

\*\*\* Note also as expected that the length of the column index values correspond exactly with the length of the column values

\*\*\* Let's now look at the GENERIC\_M\_CI Linguistic Index

```
SQL> select file_id, block_id from dba_extents where
segment_name='LING_BOWIE_IDX';
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   FILE_ID   BLOCK_ID
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          18         6281
```

```
SQL> alter system dump datafile 18 block 6282;
```

System altered.

Leaf block dump

=====

header address 129901148=0x7be225c

kdxcolev 0

KDXCOLEV Flags = - - -

kdxcolok 0

kdxcoopc 0x80: opcode=0: iot flags=--- is converted=Y

kdxconco 2

kdxcosdc 0

kdxconro 4

kdxcofbo 44=0x2c

kdxcofeo 7904=0x1ee0

kdxcoavs 7860

kdxlespl 0

kdxlende 0

kdxlenxt 0=0x0

kdxleprv 0=0x0

kdxledsz 0

kdxlebksz 8036

row#0[8009] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=27

col 0; len 17; (17): 01 ef 02 38 02 64 02 1b 01 fe 00 00 02 02 02 02 02  
<=== "BOWIE" value is now 17 (not 5) bytes in length

col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 00

row#1[7982] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=27

col 0; len 17; (17): 01 ef 02 38 02 64 02 1b 01 fe 00 00 02 02 02 02 02  
<=== Note all Bowie columns have the same values

col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 01

row#2[7955] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=27

col 0; len 17; (17): 01 ef 02 38 02 64 02 1b 01 fe 00 00 02 02 02 02 02  
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 02

row#3[7904] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=51

col 0; len 41; (41):

02 55 02 13 02 1b 02 32 02 64 02 13 02 1b 02 55 01 fe 01 f7 02 5b 02 23 01

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fe 00 00 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02
<=== "THIN WHITE DUKE" value is now 41 (not 15) bytes in length
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 03
----- end of leaf block dump -----
```

\*\*\* Note the column lengths have increased substantially and are basically 3 X binary length of non space characters + 2 bytes

\*\*\* Finally, let's look at the BINARY\_CI Linguistic Index

```
SQL> select file_id, block_id from dba_extents where
segment_name='LING_BOWIE_IDX2';
```

FILE_ID	BLOCK_ID
18	28425

```
SQL> alter system dump datafile 18 block 28426;
```

System altered.

Leaf block dump

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```
header address 170599004=0xa2b225c
kdxcolev 0
KDXCOLEV Flags = - - -
kdxcolok 0
kdxcoopc 0x80: opcode=0: iot flags=--- is converted=Y
kdxconco 2
kdxcosdc 0
kdxconro 4
kdxcofbo 44=0x2c
kdxcofeo 7962=0x1f1a
kdxcoavs 7918
kdxlespl 0
kdxlende 0
kdxlenxt 0=0x0
kdxleprv 0=0x0
kdxledsz 0
kdxlebksz 8036
row#0[8020] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=16
col 0; len 6; (6): 62 6f 77 69 65 00
<=== 'BOWIE' value is now 6 (not 5) bytes
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 00
row#1[8004] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=16
col 0; len 6; (6): 62 6f 77 69 65 00
<=== Not all Bowie columns have the same values
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 01
row#2[7988] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=16
col 0; len 6; (6): 62 6f 77 69 65 00
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 02
row#3[7962] flag: -----, lock: 0, len=26
col 0; len 16; (16): 74 68 69 6e 20 77 68 69 74 65 20 64 75 6b 65 00
<=== 'THIN WHITE DUKE' in now 16 (not 15) bytes
col 1; len 6; (6): 04 80 19 0a 00 03
```

----- end of leaf block dump -----

End dump data blocks tsn: 21 file#: 18 minblk 28426 maxblk 28426

\*\*\* Binary\_CI is basically one extra byte per index column value.