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Joining Data in SQL

Cheat Sheet

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Definitions used throughout this cheat sheet >

Primary key:

A primary key is a field in a table that uniquely identifies each record in the table. In relational databases, primary keys can be used as fields to join tables on.

One-to-one relationship:

Database relationships describe the relationships between records in different tables. When a one-to-one relationship exists between two tables, a given record in one table is uniquely related to exactly one record in the other table.

Foreign key:

A foreign key is a field in a table which references the primary key of another table. In a relational database, one way to join two tables is by connecting the foreign key from one table to the primary key of another.

One-to-many relationship:

In a one-to-many relationship, a record in one table can be related to one or more records in a second table. However, a given record in the second table will only be related to one record in the first table.

Many-to-many relationship:

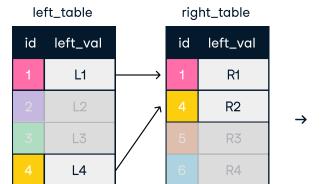
In a many-to-many relationship, records in a given table 'A' can be related to one or more records in another table 'B', and records in table B can also be related to many records in table A.

Sample Data >

Artist Table Album Table				
ist_id	name	album_id	title	artist_id
	AC/DC	1	For those who rock	1
2	Aerosmith	2	Dream on	2
3	Alanis Morissette	3	Restless and wild	2
		4	Let there be rock	1
		5	Rumours	6

INNER JOIN

An inner join between two tables will return only records where a joining field, such as a key, finds a match in both tables.



Result after INNER JOIN:

name

AC/DC AC/DC

Aerosmith

Aerosmith

result after INNER JOIN		
id	left_val	left_val
1	L1	R1
4	L4	R2

artist_id

4

2

3

INNER JOIN join ON one field

SELECT *

FROM artist AS art INNER JOIN album AS alb ON art.artist_id = alb.artist_id;

INNER JOIN with USING

SELECT * FROM artist AS art INNER JOIN album AS alb USING (artist_id);

SELF JOIN

Self-joins are used to compare values in a table to other values of the same table by joining different parts of a table together.

album_id

SELECT
art1.artist_id,
art1.title AS art1_title,
art2.title AS art2_title
FROM artist as art1
INNER JOIN artist as art2
<pre>ON art1.artist_id = art2.album_id;</pre>

Result after Self join:

artist_id	art1_title	art2_title
1	For those who rock	For those who rock
2	Dream on	Dream on
2	Restless and wild	Dream on
1	Let there be rock	For those who rock

LEFT JOIN

A left join keeps all of the original records in the left table and returns missing values for any columns from the right table where the joining field did not find a match.

lef	t_table		rig	ht_table		r
id	left_val		id	left_val		i
1	L1	\longrightarrow	1	R1		-
2	L2	7	4	R2	\rightarrow	2
3	L3		5	R3		3
4	L4	/	6	R4		2

result after LEFT JOIN			
id	left_val	left_val	
1	L1	R1	
2	L2	null	
3	L3	null	
4	L4	R2	

Result after LEFT JOIN:

artist_id	name	album_id	title	name
1	AC/DC	1	For those who rock	1
1	AC/DC	4	Let there be rock	1
2	Aerosmith	2	Dream on	2
2	Aerosmith	3	Restless and wild	2
3	Alanis Morissette	null	null	null

LEFT JOIN on one field SELECT * FROM artist AS art LEFT JOIN album AS alb ON art.artist_id = alb.album_id;

RIGHT JOIN

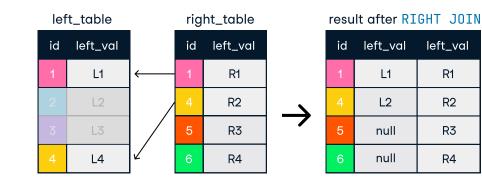
A right join keeps all of the original records in the right table and returns missing values for any columns from the left table where the joining field did not find a match. Right joins are far less common than left joins, because right joins can always be rewritten as left joins.

RIGHT JOIN on one field

SELECT* FROM artist as art RIGHT JOIN album AS alb ON art.artist_id = alb.album_id;

FULL JOIN

A full join combines a left join and right join. A full join will return all records from a table, irrespective of whether there is a match on the joining field in the other table, returning null values accordingly.



Result after RIGHT JOIN:

artist_id	name	album_id	title	name
1	AC/DC	1	For those who rock	1
1	Aerosmith	2	Dream on	2
2	Aerosmith	3	Restless and wild	2
2	AC/DC	4	Let there be rock	1
3	null	5	Rumours	6

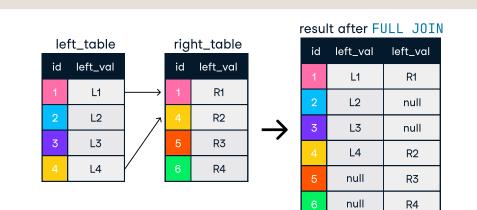
L1

R1

R2

R3

R4



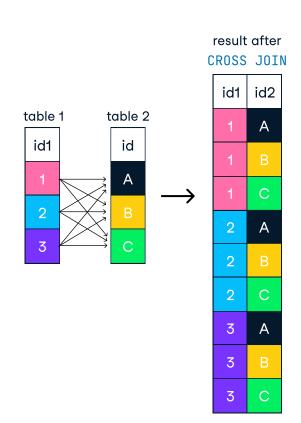
Result after FULL JOIN:

artist_id	name	album_id	title	name
1	AC/DC	1	For those who rock	1
1	AC/DC	4	Let there be rock	1
2	Aerosmith	2	Balls to the wall	2
2	Aerosmith	3	Restless and wild	2
3	Alanis Morissette	null	null	null
null	null	5	Rumours	6

FULL JOIN on one field SELECT * FROM artist as art FULL OUTER JOIN album AS alb ON art.artist_id = alb.album_id;

CROSS JOIN

CROSS JOIN creates all possible combinations of two tables. CROSS JOIN does not require a field to join ON.



SELECT name, title FROM artist CROSS JOIN album;

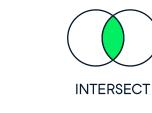
Result after	CROSS JOIN:	

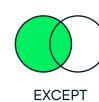
Result after CROSS JOIN:			
name	title		
AC/DC	For those who rock		
AC/DC	Dream on		
AC/DC	Restless and wild		
AC/DC	Let there be rock		
AC/DC	Rumours		
Aerosmith	For those who rock		
Aerosmith	Dream on		
Aerosmith	Restless and wild		
Aerosmith	Let there be rock		
Aerosmith	Rumours		
Alanis Morissette	For those who rock		
Alanis Morissette	Dream on		
Alanis Morissette	Restless and wild		
Alanis Morissette	Let there be rock		
Alanis Morissette	Rumours		

Set Theory Operators in SQL



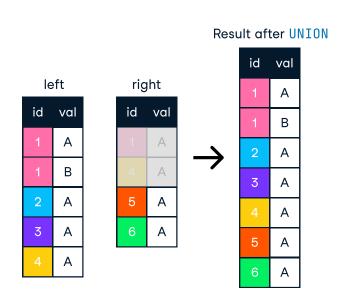
UNION ALL





UNION

The UNION operator is used to vertically combine the results of two SELECT statements. For UNION to work without errors, all SELECT statements must have the same number of columns and corresponding columns must have the same data type. UNION does not return duplicates.



SELECT artist_id FROM artist

Result after UNION.

Result after UNION:
artist_id
1
2
3
1
2
2
1
6

UNION ALL

The UNION ALL operator works just like UNION, but it returns duplicate values. The same restrictions of UNION hold true for UNION ALL

left			right		
	id	val		id	V
	1	А		1	A
	1	В		4	A
	2	А		5	A
	3	А		6	A
	4	А			

6 A					
INTERSECT					
The INTERSECT operator returns only identical rows from two tables.left_tableright_tableidval<	<pre>SELECT artist_id FROM artist INTERSECT SELECT artist_id FROM album; Result after INTERSECT: artist_id 1 2</pre>				
EXCEPT					
The EXCEPT operator returns only those rows from the left table that are not present in the right table. left_table right_table Image: left_table right_table Image: light_table right_table right_table Image: light_table right_table right_table Image: light_table right_table right_table right_table right_table Image: light_table right_table right_	<pre>SELECT artist_id FROM artist EXCEPT SELECT artist_id FROM album; Result after EXCEPT: artist_id 1 2 3</pre>				
SEMI JOIN					
A semi join chooses records in the first table where a condition is met in the second table. A semi join makes use of a WHERE clause to use the second table as a filter for the first.	<pre>SELECT * FROM album WHERE artist_id IN (SELECT artist_id FROM artist); Result after Semi join: <pre></pre></pre>				
ANTI JOIN					
The anti join chooses records in the first table where a condition is NOT met in the second table. It makes use of a WHERE clause to use exclude values from the second table.	<pre>SELECT * FROM album WHERE artist_id NOT IN (SELECT artist_id FROM artist);</pre>				
id col1 col2 id col1	Result after Anti join:				

left_table			
id	val		
1	N1		
1	N1		
3	L3		
4	L4		



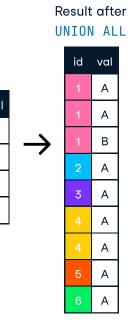
left_table					
id col1					
1	А				
2	В				
3	С				
4	D				

В

С



UNION SELECT artist_id FROM album;



SELECT artist_id
FROM artist
UNION ALL
SELECT artist_id
FROM album;

Result after UNION ALL:

artist_id	
1	
2	
3	
6	

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title

Rumours

album_id

artist_id

6