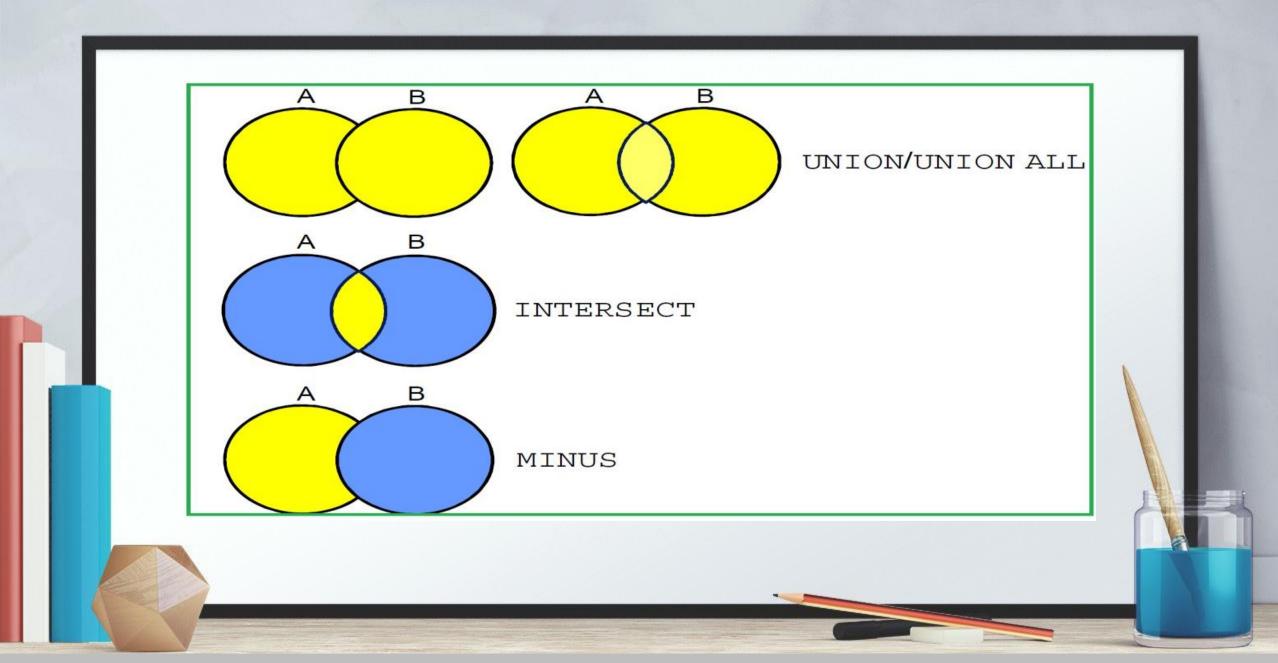


Set operators combine the results of two or more component queries into one result. Queries containing set operators are called *compound queries*.

Operator	Returns	
UNION	Rows from both queries after eliminating duplications	
UNION ALL	Rows from both queries, including all duplications	
INTERSECT	Rows that are common to both queries	
MINUS	Rows in the first query that are not present in the second query	



Union

TABLE A			TABLE A union Table B		
empno	ename		empno	ename	
1	khaled		1	khaled	
2	ali	select empno, ename	2	ali	
3	samer	from A	3	samer	
4	ahmed		4	ahmed	
		select empno, ename	1	khaled	
TAB	LE B	from B	2	ali	UNION eliminate duplicates
empno	ename		3	sara	
1	khaled		4	nabil	
2	ali				

sara

nabil

Union

The UNION operator returns all rows that are selected by either query. Use the UNION operator to return all rows from multiple tables and eliminate any duplicate rows.

Guidelines

- The number of columns being selected must be the same.
- The data types of the columns being selected must be in the same data type group (such as numeric or character).
- The names of the columns need not be identical.
- UNION operates over all of the columns being selected.
- NULL values are not ignored during duplicate checking.
- By default, the output is sorted in ascending order of the columns of the SELECT clause.

Union All

TABLE A			TABLE A union Table B	
empno	ename		empno	ename
1	khaled		1	khaled
2	ali	select empno, ename	2	ali
3	samer	from A	3	samer
4	ahmed	union all	4	ahmed
		select empno, ename	1	khaled
TAB	LE B	from B	2	ali
empno	ename		3	sara
1	khaled		4	nabil
2	ali			

sara

nabil

Union All

Use the UNION ALL operator to return all rows from multiple queries.

Guidelines

The guidelines for UNION and UNION ALL are the same, with the following two exceptions that pertain to UNION ALL: Unlike UNION, duplicate rows are not eliminated and the output is not sorted by default.

Intersect

	TAB	LE A		TABLE
	empno	ename		empno
	1	khaled		1
	2	ali	select empno, ename	2
	3	samer	from A	
	4	ahmed	intersect	
			select empno, ename	
	TAB	LE B	from B	
	empno	ename		
	1	khaled		
	2	ali		
	3	sara		
1	4	nabil		

TABLE A union Table B		
empno	ename	
1	khaled	
2	ali	

Intersect

Use the INTERSECT operator to return all rows that are common to multiple queries.

Guidelines

- The number of columns and the data types of the columns being selected by the SELECT statements in the queries must be identical in all the SELECT statements used in the query. The names of the columns, however, need not be identical.
- Reversing the order of the intersected tables does not alter the result.
- INTERSECT does not ignore NULL values.

Minus

TAB	LE A		
empno	ename		e
1	khaled		3
2	ali	select empno, ename	4
3	samer	from A	
4	ahmed		
		select empno, ename	
TAB	LE B	from B	
empno	ename		
1	khaled		
2	ali		
3	sara		
4	nabil		

TABLE A union Table B			
empno	ename		
3	samer		
4	ahmed		

Minus

Use the MINUS operator to return all distinct rows selected by the first query, but not present in the second query result set (the first SELECT statement MINUS the second SELECT statement).

Note: The number of columns must be the same and the data types of the columns being selected by the SELECT statements in the queries must belong to the same data type group in all the SELECT statements used in the query. The names of the columns, however, need not be identical.

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- Duplicate rows are automatically eliminated except in UNION ALL.
- Column names from the first query appear in the result.
- The output is sorted in ascending order by default except in UNION ALL.

Matching the Select statement

```
SELECT EMPLOYEE ID, JOB ID, email
FROM
EMPLOYEES
UNION
                                                      no email in
                                                      job history
SELECT EMPLOYEE ID, JOB ID, to char(null) email
                                                      so use dummy column
FROM
                                                      with same data type
JOB HISTORY;
SELECT EMPLOYEE ID, JOB ID, salary
FROM
EMPLOYEES
UNION
                                              no salary in table
SELECT EMPLOYEE_ID, JOB_ID, 0 salary
                                              job history, so use
                                              dummy column like
FROM
                                              zero (same data type)
JOB HISTORY;
```

Using the ORDER BY Clause in Set Operations

- The ORDER BY clause can appear only once at the end of the compound query.
- Component queries cannot have individual ORDER BY clauses.
- The ORDER BY clause recognizes only the columns of the first SELECT query.

