

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.

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-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.

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.

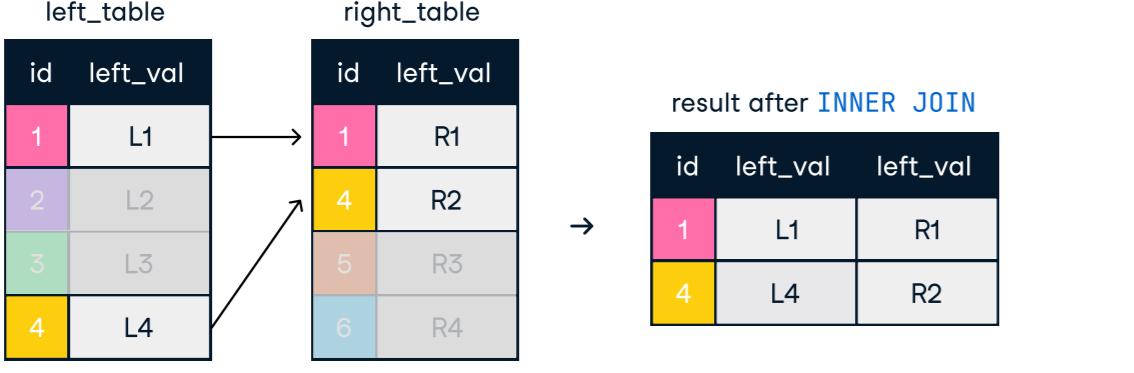
> Sample Data

Artist Table	
artist_id	name
1	AC/DC
2	Aerosmith
3	Alanis Morissette

Album Table		
album_id	title	artist_id
1	For those who rock	1
2	Dream on	2
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.



INNER JOIN join ON one field

```
SELECT *
FROM artist AS art
INNER JOIN album AS alb
ON art.artist_id = alb.artist_id;
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INNER JOIN with USING

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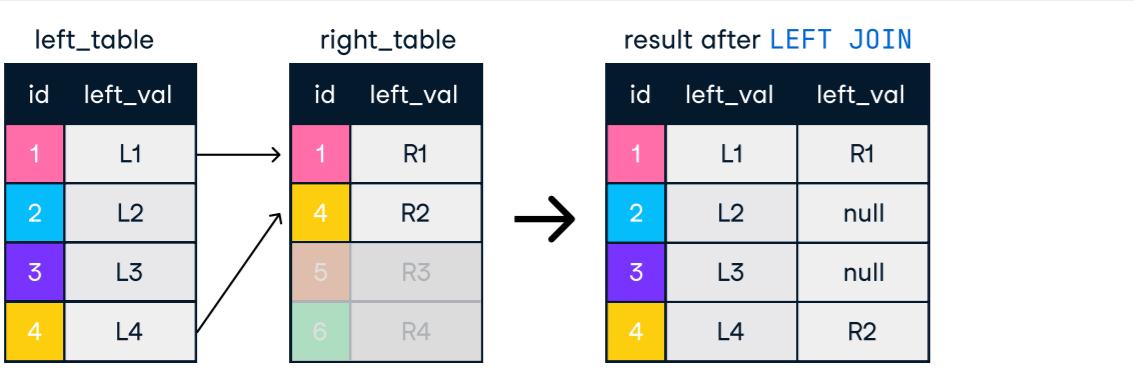
SELF JOIN

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.

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.

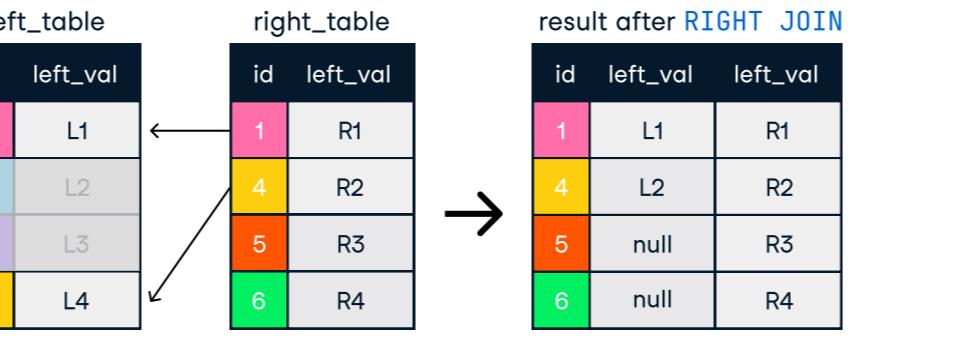


LEFT JOIN on one field

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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 re-written as left joins.

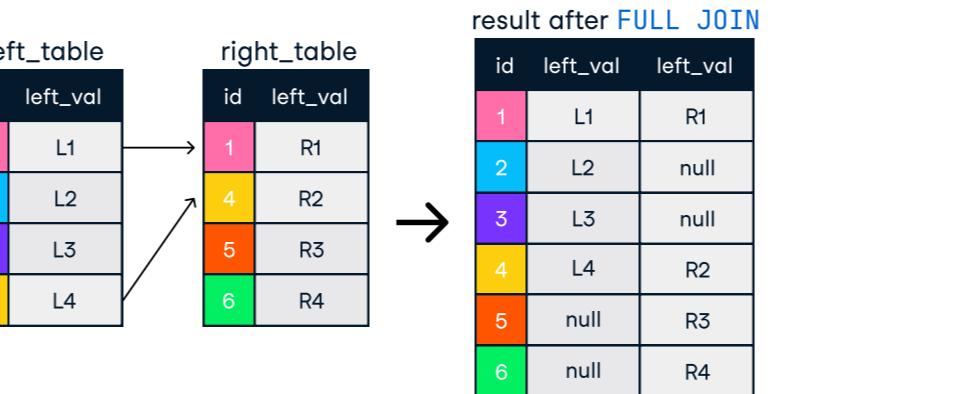


Result after RIGHT JOIN:

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

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.

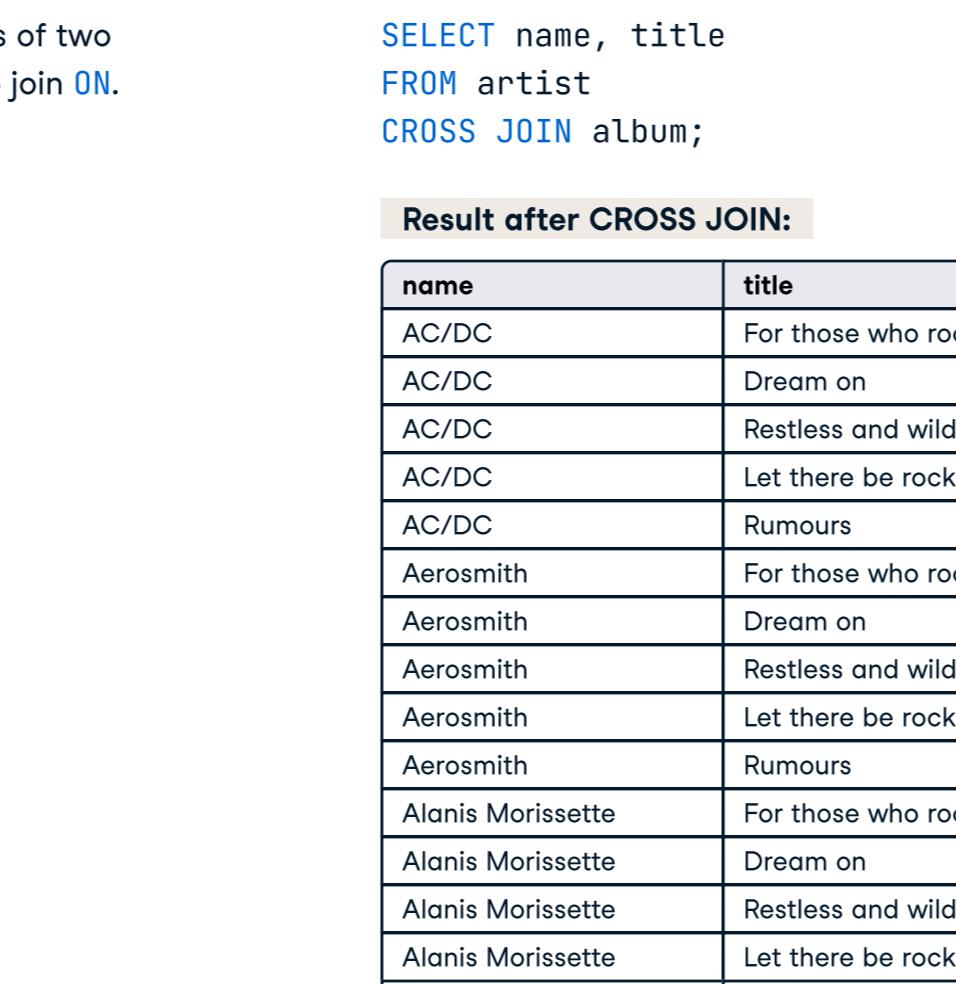


Result after FULL JOIN:

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
		5	Rumours	6

CROSS JOIN

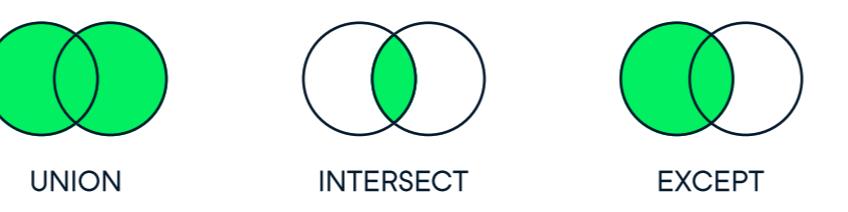
CROSS JOIN creates all possible combinations of two tables. CROSS JOIN does not require a field to join ON.



Result after CROSS JOIN:

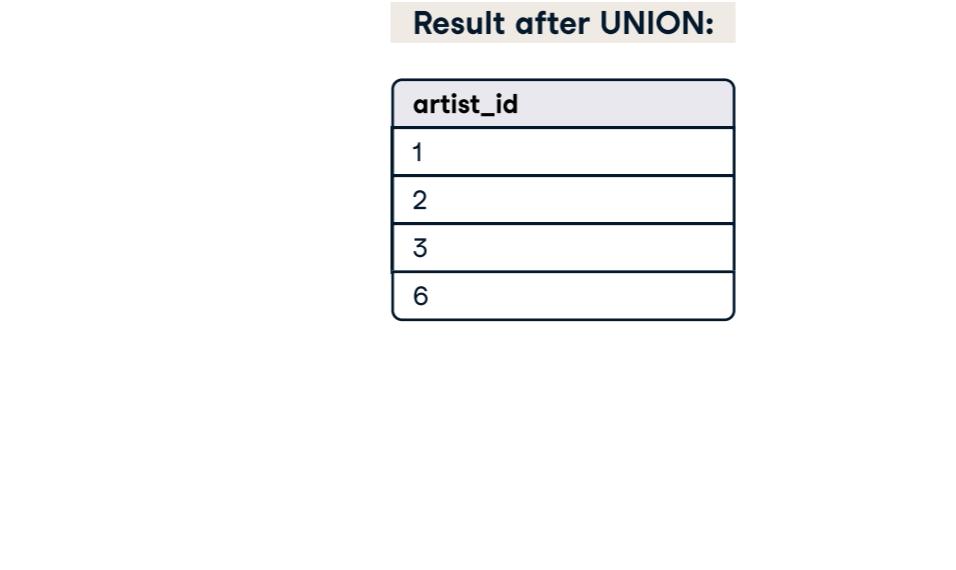
name	title
AC/DC	For those who rock
AC/DC	Dream on
AC/DC	Restless and wild
AC/DC	Let there be rock
AC/DC	Rumours
Aerosmith	For those who rock
Aerosmith	Dream on
Aerosmith	Restless and wild
Aerosmith	Let there be rock
Aerosmith	Rumours
Alanis Morissette	For those who rock
Alanis Morissette	Dream on
Alanis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

Set Theory Operators in SQL



UNION

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.

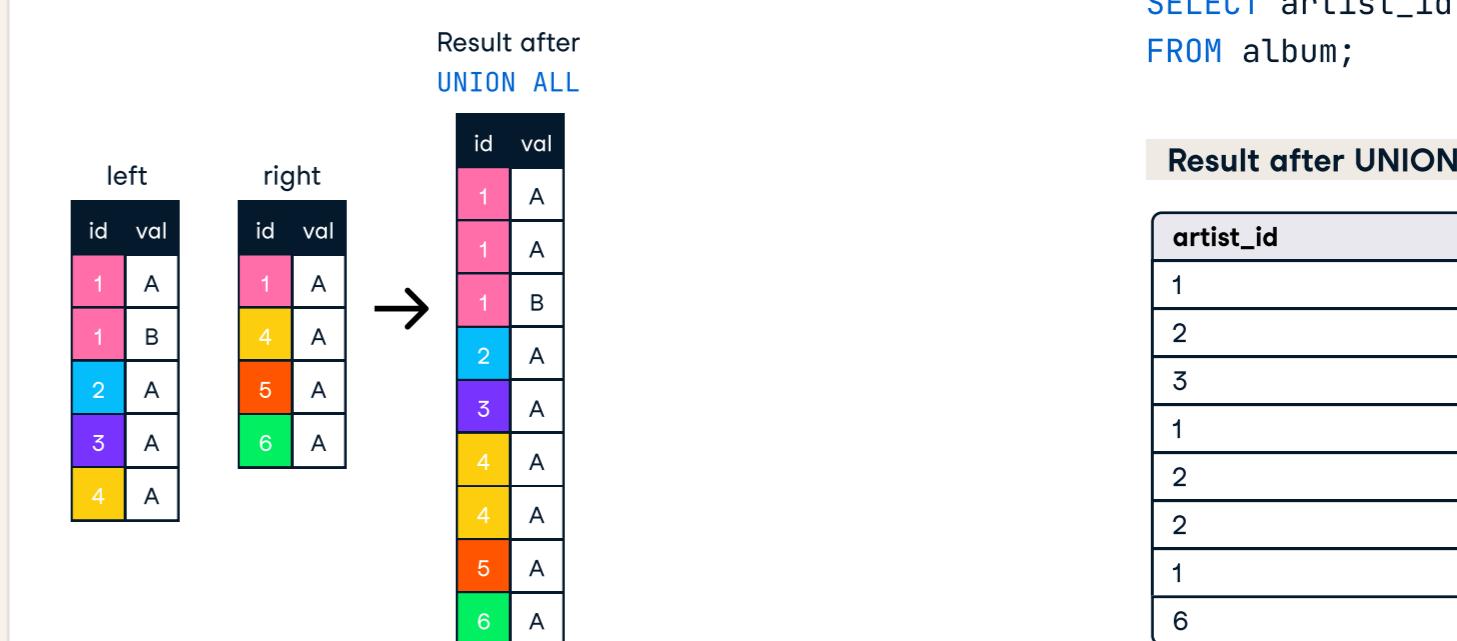


Result after UNION:

artist_id
1
2
3
4
5
6

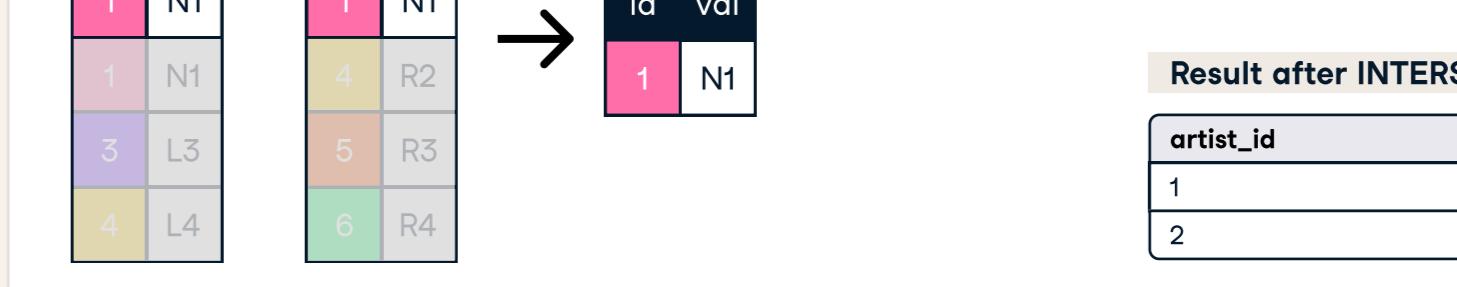
UNION ALL

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



INTERSECT

The INTERSECT operator returns only identical rows from two tables. SELECT artist_id FROM artist INTERSECT SELECT artist_id FROM album;



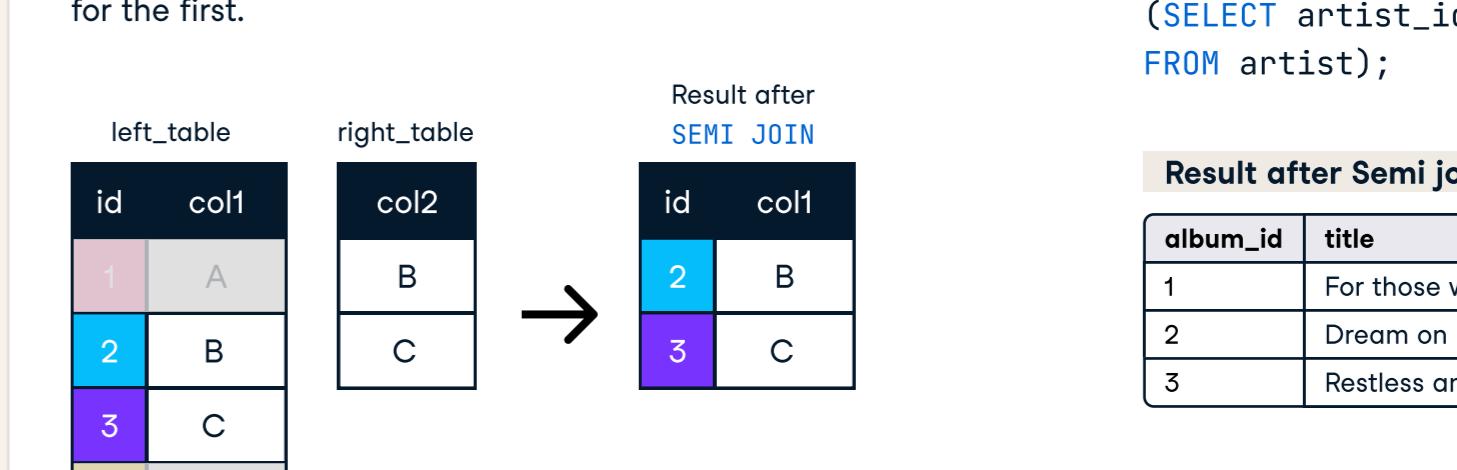
EXCEPT

The EXCEPT operator returns only those rows from the left table that are not present in the right table.



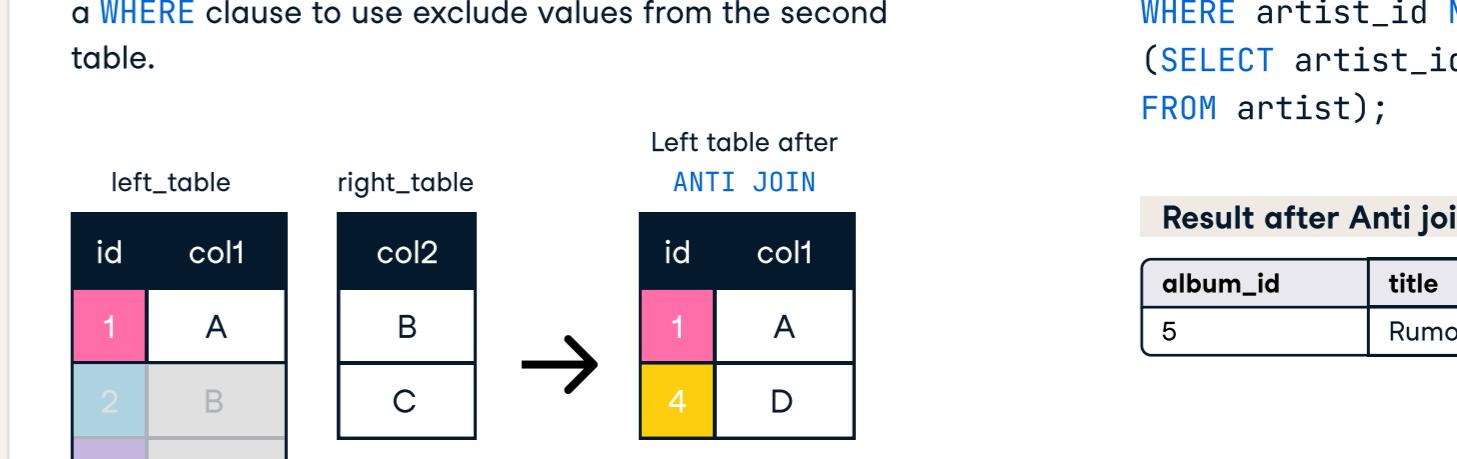
SEMI JOIN

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.



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.



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