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PostgreSQL

# SET Operators With 12 Most Used Queries



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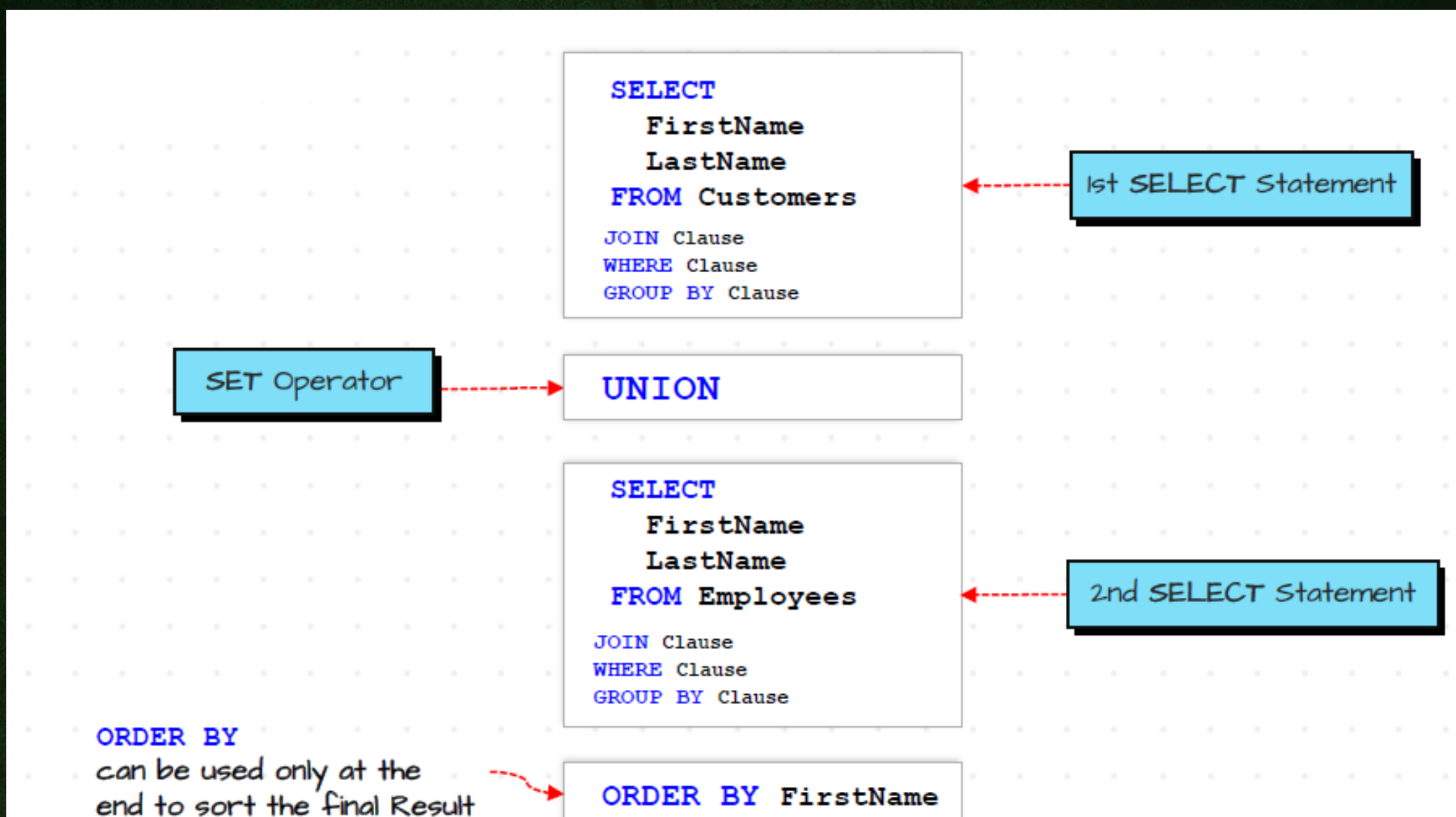
Set operators allow you to **combine the results** of two or more SELECT statements into a single result set — similar to how sets work in mathematics.

## Types Of Set Operators:

Operator	Description
UNION	Combines results and removes duplicates
UNION ALL	Combines results including duplicates
INTERSECT	Returns rows common to both queries
EXCEPT	Returns rows from first query not in second



## Syntax :



## SET RULES

1. SET operators can be used in any clause.
2. ORDER BY is allowed only once—at the end of the query.
3. Each query must have the same number of columns.
4. Column data types must be compatible across queries.
5. The result set takes column names from the first query.



# 01

## UNION for Customer Order Tracking (with source tag)

```
SELECT TOP 10 OrderID, CustomerID, 'Current' AS Source
FROM Orders
UNION
SELECT OrderID, CustomerID, 'Archive' AS Source
FROM OrdersArchive;
```

	OrderID	CustomerID	Source
1	1	2	Current
2	2	3	Current
3	3	1	Current
4	4	1	Current
5	5	2	Current
6	6	3	Current
7	7	1	Current
8	8	4	Current
9	9	2	Current
10	10	3	Current
11	1	2	Archive
12	2	3	Archive
13	3	1	Archive
14	4	1	Archive
15	5	2	Archive
16	6	3	Archive
17	7	3	Archive
18	8	4	Archive
19	9	2	Archive
20	10	1	Archive
21	11	5	Archive
22	12	6	Archive





# 02

## Total number of orders across all time

**SELECT**

**'AllTimeOrders' AS Label,**  
**COUNT(\*) AS TotalOrders**

**FROM (**

**SELECT OrderID FROM Orders**

**UNION ALL**

**SELECT OrderID FROM OrdersArchive**

**) AllOrders;**

Results		Messages
	Label	TotalOrders
1	AllTimeOrders	50

Use by: UNION ALL + Aggregation



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# 03

## Customers who never placed archived orders

**SELECT** Customer\_id **FROM** Customers

**EXCEPT**

**SELECT DISTINCT** CustomerID **FROM**  
OrdersArchive;

	Customer_id
1	10
2	11
3	12
4	13
5	14
6	15





# 04

## Compare recent vs old order volume

```
SELECT  
'2025' AS YearTag,  
COUNT(*) AS Total  
FROM Orders  
WHERE YEAR(OrderDate) = 2025
```

```
UNION ALL
```

```
SELECT  
'2024' AS YearTag,  
COUNT(*)  
FROM OrdersArchive  
WHERE YEAR(OrderDate) = 2024;
```

Results			Messages		
	YearTag	Total			
1	2025	30			
2	2024	20			

Use by: UNION ALL with Filtering



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# 05

## INTERSECT on Employees involved in both current and archived sales

```
SELECT SalesPersonID  
FROM Orders
```

**INTERSECT**

```
SELECT SalesPersonID  
FROM OrdersArchive;
```

Results		Messages	
	SalesPersonID		
1	2		
2	3		
3	4		
4	5		



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# 06

## High-spending customers only in current data

```
SELECT CustomerID FROM (  
  SELECT CustomerID, SUM(Sales)  
  AS TotalSpent  
  FROM Orders  
  GROUP BY CustomerID  
  HAVING SUM(Sales) > 100  
) curr  
EXCEPT  
SELECT CustomerID FROM  
OrdersArchive  
Where CustomerID NOT IN (2,4,6);
```

```
SELECT CustomerID FROM (  
  SELECT CustomerID, SUM(Sales)  
  AS TotalSpent  
  FROM Orders  
  GROUP BY CustomerID  
  HAVING SUM(Sales) > 100  
) curr  
EXCEPT  
SELECT CustomerID FROM  
OrdersArchive  
Where CustomerID IN (2,4,6);
```

Results		Messages	
	CustomerID		
1	2		
2	4		
3	6		

	CustomerID		
1	1		
2	3		
3	5		
4	9		

**Use by:** EXCEPT with Aggregation and IN , NOT IN Operators



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# 07

## Top 3 ordered products from each dataset

```
WITH TopCurr AS (  
  SELECT TOP 3 ProductID, COUNT(*) AS Cnt  
  FROM Orders  
  GROUP BY ProductID  
  ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC  
)  
TopArch AS (  
  SELECT TOP 3 ProductID, COUNT(*) AS Cnt  
  FROM OrdersArchive  
  GROUP BY ProductID  
  ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC  
)  
  
SELECT * FROM TopCurr  
UNION  
SELECT * FROM TopArch;
```

	ProductID	Cnt
1	101	4
2	101	7
3	102	6
4	104	5
5	105	4

Use by: UNION with Multiple CTE



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# 08

## Common product-customer pairs with sales over threshold

```
SELECT ProductID, CustomerID
FROM (
  SELECT ProductID, CustomerID, SUM(Sales) AS Total
  FROM Orders
  GROUP BY ProductID, CustomerID
  HAVING SUM(Sales) > 50
) a
```

INTERSECT

```
SELECT ProductID, CustomerID
FROM (
  SELECT ProductID, CustomerID, SUM(Sales) AS Total
  FROM OrdersArchive
  GROUP BY ProductID, CustomerID
  HAVING SUM(Sales) > 50
) b;
```

	ProductID	CustomerID
1	102	3
2	103	4
3	104	3
4	105	1
5	107	6

Using: INTERSECT with Window



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## Rank order volumes by year

**SELECT**

**OrderID,**

**OrderDate,**

**Sales,**

**YEAR(OrderDate) AS Yr,**

**RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY YEAR(OrderDate) ORDER  
BY Sales DESC) AS RankByYear**

**FROM (**

**SELECT OrderID, OrderDate, Sales FROM Orders**

**UNION ALL**

**SELECT OrderID, OrderDate, Sales FROM OrdersArchive**

**) all\_data;**

	OrderID	OrderDate	Sales	Yr	RankByYear
1	14	2024-07-04	150.00	2024	1
2	15	2024-07-05	66.00	2024	2
3	13	2024-07-03	60.00	2024	3
4	4	2024-04-20	60.00	2024	3
5	4	2024-04-20	60.00	2024	3
6	7	2024-06-15	60.00	2024	3
7	12	2024-07-01	55.00	2024	7
8	6	2024-05-05	50.00	2024	8
9	6	2024-05-05	50.00	2024	8
10	6	2024-05-05	50.00	2024	8
11	8	2024-06-18	45.00	2024	11
12	16	2024-07-06	44.95	2024	12
13	11	2024-06-25	40.00	2024	13
14	10	2024-06-21	35.00	2024	14
15	9	2024-06-20	25.00	2024	15
16	5	2024-05-01	25.00	2024	15
17	3	2024-04-10	20.00	2024	17
18	17	2024-07-07	18.50	2024	18
19	2	2024-04-05	15.00	2024	19
20	1	2024-04-01	10.00	2024	20

Use by: UNION ALL with Partitioned Window



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# 10

## Validate backup data using multiple fields

**SELECT**

**OrderID,**

**CustomerID,**

**ProductID,**

**Quantity**

**FROM Orders**

**INTERSECT**

**SELECT**

**OrderID,**

**CustomerID,**

**ProductID,**

**Quantity**

**FROM OrdersArchive;**

	OrderID	CustomerID	ProductID	Quantity
1	1	2	101	1
2	2	3	102	1
3	3	1	101	2
4	4	1	105	2
5	5	2	104	1
6	6	3	104	2

Use by: INTERSECT on Composite Keys



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# 11

## Employees who were managers and also submitted orders to same customers

```
SELECT e.Employee_id, o.CustomerID
FROM Employees e
JOIN Orders o
ON e.Employee_id = o.SalesPersonID
WHERE EXISTS (
  SELECT 1 FROM Employees e2
  WHERE e2.ManagerID = e.Employee_id
)
```

**INTERSECT**

```
SELECT e.Employee_id, oa.CustomerID
FROM Employees e
JOIN OrdersArchive oa
ON e.Employee_id = oa.SalesPersonID;
```

	Employee_id	CustomerID
1	2	4
2	2	6
3	3	1
4	3	2
5	3	3
6	4	5
7	4	9

Use Case: Mixed-role activity analysis in legacy migration.



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# 12

## Orders with mismatched ShipDate due to timezone conversion issue

```
SELECT  
  OrderID,  
  FORMAT(ShipDate, 'yyyy-MM-dd') AS ShipDate  
FROM Orders
```

EXCEPT

```
SELECT  
  OrderID,  
  FORMAT(ShipDate, 'yyyy-MM-dd') AS ShipDate  
FROM OrdersArchive;
```

	OrderID	Ship Date
1	1	2025-01-05
2	2	2025-01-10
3	3	2025-01-25
4	4	2025-01-25
5	5	2025-02-05
6	6	2025-02-10
7	7	2025-02-27
8	8	2025-02-27
9	9	2025-03-15
10	10	2025-03-20
11	11	2025-07-05
12	12	2025-07-06
13	13	2025-07-07
14	14	2025-07-08
15	15	2025-07-09
16	16	2025-07-10
17	17	2025-07-11
18	18	2025-07-12

Use Case: Catch data loss during date/time format conversions in ETL.



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