

Tables

Announcements

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tt8404614	The Two Popes	2019

ratings

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SELECT * FROM titles JOIN ratings;  **Cross Join:** all combos of a row from A & a row from B

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```
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```

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Match up a row from **titles** with a row from **ratings** only if the **tconst** values match

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```
SELECT title, averageRating FROM titles JOIN ratings ON titles.tconst=ratings.tconst LIMIT 3;
```

title	averageRating
The Kid	8.2
Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror	7.8
The Gold Rush	8.1

```
SELECT title, averageRating FROM titles, ratings WHERE titles.tconst=ratings.tconst LIMIT 3;
```

Can use a ,
instead of **JOIN**

Can put conditions
in **WHERE**

Explicit syntax (**JOIN** and **ON**) is now far more common, but you'll find both forms in old code

Joining Two Tables: Actors and Characters

SELECT [expression] **FROM** [table] **JOIN** [table] **ON** [condition];

principals

tconst	ordering	nconst	category	character
tt0012349	1	nm0000122	actor	A Tramp
tt0012349	2	nm0701012	actor	The Woman

names

nconst	name	birth	death	profession	knownforTitles
nm0000002	Lauren Bacall	1924	2014	actress,miscellaneous,soundtrack	tt0037382,tt0075213,tt0038355,tt0117057
nm0000004	John Belushi	1949	1982	actor,writer,music_department	tt0072562,tt0077975,tt0080455,tt0078723

Select each actor's name and character, for each character they've played

SELECT names.name, principals.character

FROM principals JOIN names

ON principals.nconst=names.nconst

WHERE principals.category = "actor";

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String Expressions

(Demo)

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String values can be combined to form longer strings

```
sqlite> SELECT "hello," || " world";
hello, world
```

Strings can be searched for a partial match

```
sqlite> SELECT title FROM titles WHERE title LIKE "%dog%";
Dog Day Afternoon
Reservoir Dogs
Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai
Dogville
Slumdog Millionaire
Hachi: A Dog's Tale
Isle of Dogs
```

String manipulation is much more difficult in SQL than in Python

(Demo)

String Practice: Highest Rated Comedies

Get the titles and ratings of the 10 highest rated comedies

titles

tconst	title	year	runtime	genres
tt8404614	The Two Popes	2019	125	Biography,Drama
tt0012349	The Kid	1921	68	Comedy,Drama,Family

ratings

tconst	avgRating	numVotes
tt8613070	8.0	123438
tt8404614	7.6	144516

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Concatenate strings

```
title LIKE "%dog%"
```

Contains “dog” (case-insensitive)

```
SELECT title, avgRating  
FROM titles JOIN ratings ON titles.tconst=ratings.tconst  
WHERE genres LIKE "%Comedy%"  
ORDER BY averageRating DESC limit 10;
```

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Aliases and Dot Expressions

Joining a Table with Itself

A table can be joined by itself to compare one row to another row; aliases are required

Create a table of remakes that have the same title

```
SELECT old.title, old.year AS first, new.year AS second
      FROM titles AS old JOIN titles AS new
      ON old.title=new.title AND old.year < new.year;
```

Alias (AS) needed to disambiguate tables

title	first	second
How to Train Your Dragon	2010	2025
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo	2009	2011

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(Demo)

Example: You Choose?

IMDB Tables

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tt8503618	Hamilton	2020	2020	Biography,Drama,History

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SELECT _____

FROM _____

WHERE _____

ORDER BY _____

LIMIT 10;