# Joining tables

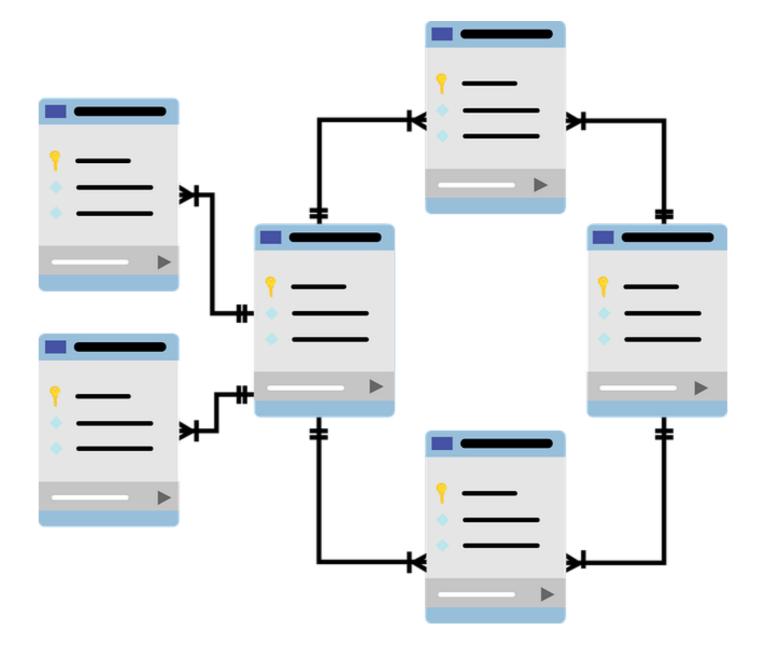
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#### **Relational Databases**



# Primary Keys

• Primary keys: Uniquely identify each row in a table

```
artist_id | name
          AC/DC
          Accept
3
          | Aerosmith
          | Alanis Morissette
          | Alice In Chains
```

Primary key: artist\_id

```
album_id | title
                           | artist_id |
       | For Those About To Rock | 1
       Balls to the Wall 2
   Restless and Wild 2
   Let There Be Rock 1
       | Big Ones
```

- Primary key: album\_id
- What about artist\_id?

## Foreign keys

artist table

album table

artist\_id: Foreign key to artist

## Joining album and artist

• artist table

• AC/DC has artist\_id = 1

album table

Rows 1 and 4 have artist\_id = 1

## Joining album and artist

- Return album details from album table
- Return corresponding artist details from artist table
- Joined using artist\_id column

#### **INNER JOIN**

```
SELECT
  album_id,
  title,
  album.artist_id,
  name AS artist_name
FROM album
INNER JOIN artist ON artist.artist_id = album.artist_id
WHERE album.artist_id = 1;
```

#### **INNER JOIN syntax**

```
SELECT
  table_A.columnX,
  table_A.columnY,
  table_B.columnZ
FROM table_A
INNER JOIN table_B ON table_A.foreign_key = table_B.primary_key;
```

```
SELECT
  album_id,
  title,
  album.artist_id,
  name AS artist_name
FROM album
INNER JOIN artist on artist.artist_id = album.artist_id;
```

• Returns all combinations of all matches between album and artist

#### Multiple INNER JOINS

```
SELECT
  table_A.columnX,
  table_A.columnY,
  table_B.columnZ, table_C columnW
FROM table_A
INNER JOIN table_B ON table_B.foreign_key = table_A.primary_key
INNER JOIN table_C ON table_C.foreign_key = table_B.primary_key;
```

# Let's join some tables!

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# Mix n match - LEFT & RIGHT joins

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## The rationale for LEFT and RIGHT joins

- Why do we need LEFT and RIGHT joins?
- One table may not have an exact match in another:
  - Customer order history for marketing campaign
  - Product list and returns history
  - Patients admitted but not yet discharged

## The rationale for LEFT and RIGHT joins

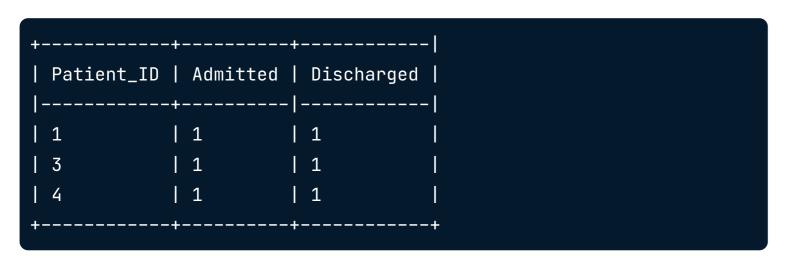
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#### Admissions table

| Patient_ID | Admitted | Ī  |
|------------|----------|----|
|            |          |    |
|            |          | -1 |
| 1   1      | 1        | T  |
| 2   1      | 1        | T  |
| 3   1      | 1        | T  |
| 4   1      | 1        | T  |
| 5   1      | 1        | 1  |
| +          |          | +  |

#### Discharges table

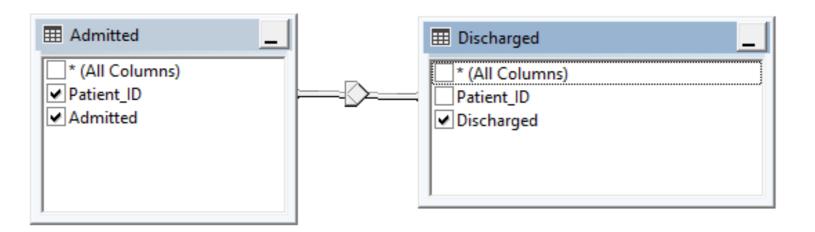
#### **INNER JOIN:**



#### **LEFT JOIN:**

#### **LEFT JOIN SYNTAX**

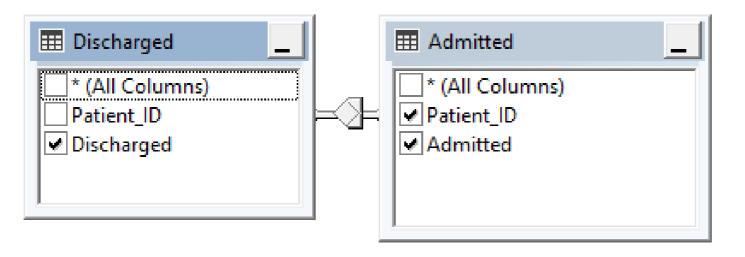
```
SELECT
  Admitted.Patient_ID,
  Admitted,
  Discharged
FROM Admitted
LEFT JOIN Discharged ON Discharged.Patient_ID = Admitted.Patient_ID;
```



```
SELECT
  Admitted.Patient_ID,
  Admitted,
  Discharged
FROM Admitted
LEFT JOIN Discharged ON Discharged.Patient_ID = Admitted.Patient_ID;
```

#### RIGHT JOIN

```
SELECT
   Admitted.Patient_ID,
   Admitted,
   Discharged
FROM Discharged
RIGHT JOIN Admitted ON Admitted.Patient_ID = Discharged.Patient_ID;
```



#### **RIGHT JOIN results**

```
SELECT
  Admitted.Patient_ID,
  Admitted,
  Discharged
FROM Discharged
RIGHT JOIN Admitted ON Admitted.Patient_ID = Discharged.Patient_ID;
```

#### Summary

- INNER JOIN: Only returns matching rows
- LEFT JOIN (or RIGHT JOIN): All rows from the main table plus matches from the joining table
- NULL: Displayed if no match is found
- LEFT JOIN and RIGHT JOIN can be interchangeable

#### INNER JOIN

| LEFT TABLE                              | RIGHT TABLE                                |
|---|--|
| MATCHES RETURNED, NON MATCHES DISCARDED | MATCHES RETURNED, NON MATCHES<br>DISCARDED |

#### LEFT JOIN

| LEFT - MAIN TABLE | RIGHT - JOINING TABLE                     |
|-------------------|---|
| ALL ROWS RETURNED | MATCHES RETURNED, NON MATCHES RETURN NULL |

#### RIGHT JOIN

| LEFT - JOINING TABLE          | RIGHT - MAIN TABLE |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| MATCHES RETURNED, NON MATCHES | ALL ROWS RETURNED  |
| RETURN NULL                   |                    |



# Let's Practice!

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# UNION & UNION ALL

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```
SELECT

album_id,

title,

artist_id

FROM album

WHERE artist_id IN (1, 3)
```

```
SELECT
  album_id,
  title,
  artist_id
FROM album
WHERE artist_id IN (1, 4, 5)
```

## Combining results

```
SELECT
  album_id,
  title,
  artist id
FROM album
WHERE artist_id IN (1, 3)
UNION
SELECT
  album_id,
  title,
  artist_id
FROM album
WHERE artist_id IN (1, 4, 5);
```

Duplicate rows are excluded

#### **UNION ALL**

```
SELECT
  album_id,
 title,
  artist_id
FROM album
WHERE artist_id IN (1, 3)
UNION ALL
SELECT
  album_id,
 title,
  artist_id
FROM album
WHERE artist_id IN (1, 4, 5);
```

Includes duplicate rows

#### Creating new column names for final results

```
SELECT
  album_id AS ALBUM_ID,
 title AS ALBUM_TITLE,
  artist_id AS ARTIST_ID
FROM album
WHERE artist_id IN(1, 3)
UNION ALL
SELECT
  album_id AS ALBUM_ID,
 title AS ALBUM_TITLE,
  artist_id AS ARTIST_ID
FROM album
WHERE artist_id IN(1, 4, 5)
```

#### Summary

• UNION or UNION ALL: Combines queries from the same table or different tables If combining data from different tables:

- Select the same number of columns in the same order
- Columns should have the same data types

If source tables have different column names

Alias the column names

UNION: Discards duplicates (slower to run)

UNION ALL: Includes duplicates (faster to run)

# Let's practice!

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