

Combining data tables

CONNECTING DATA IN TABLEAU



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Combining data

Superstore

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Orders 2020 is made of 3 tables. ⓘ

Orders 2020

Returns

Sales Reps

Sort fields

Data source order

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Show aliases

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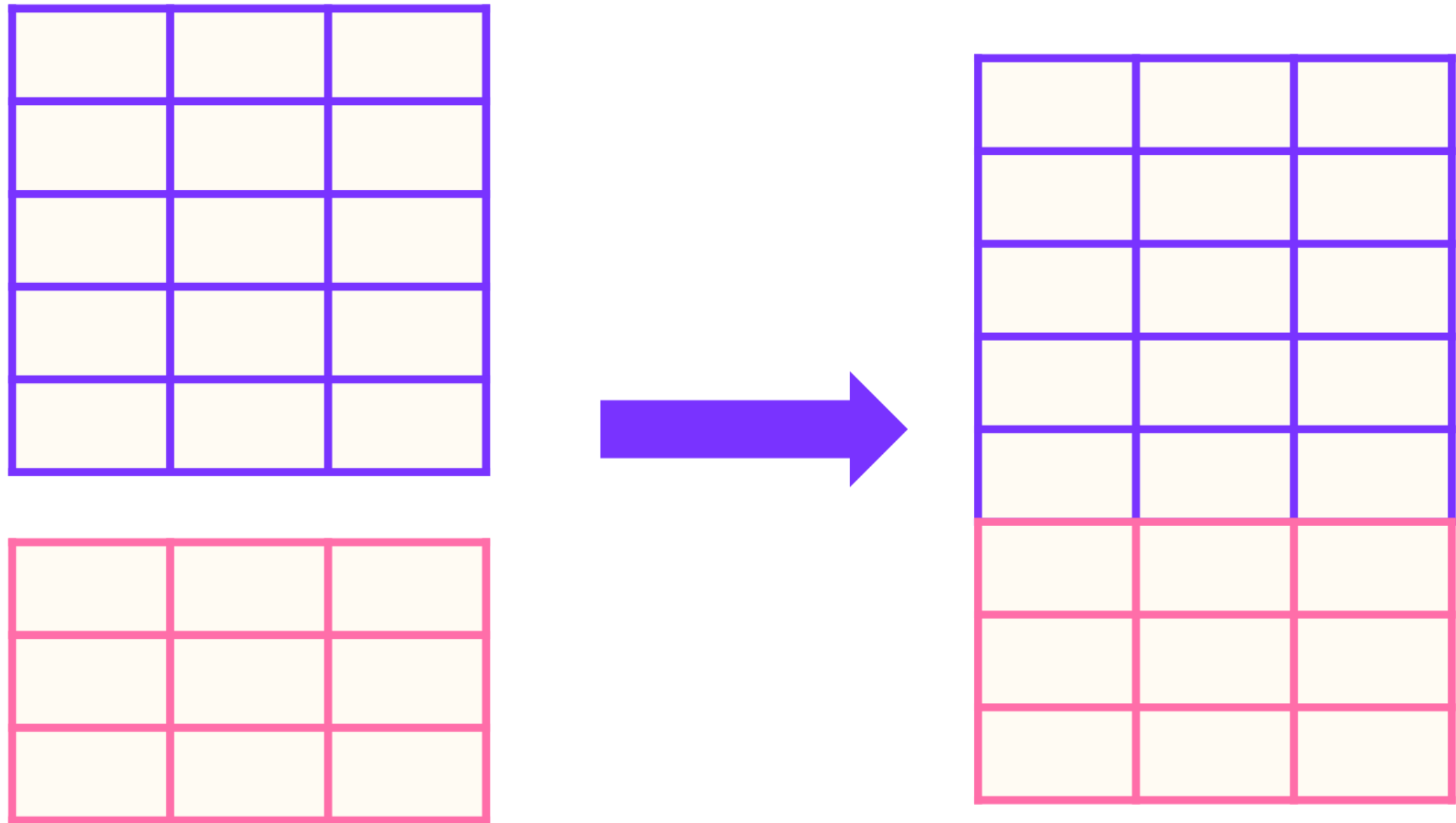
Show hidden fields

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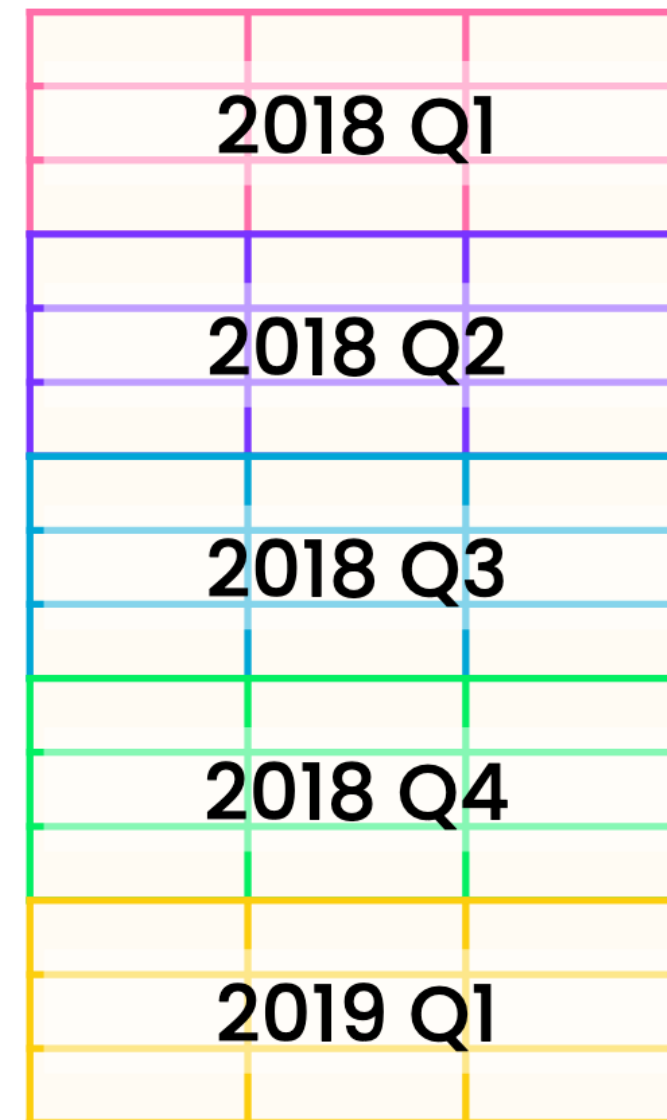
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Unions

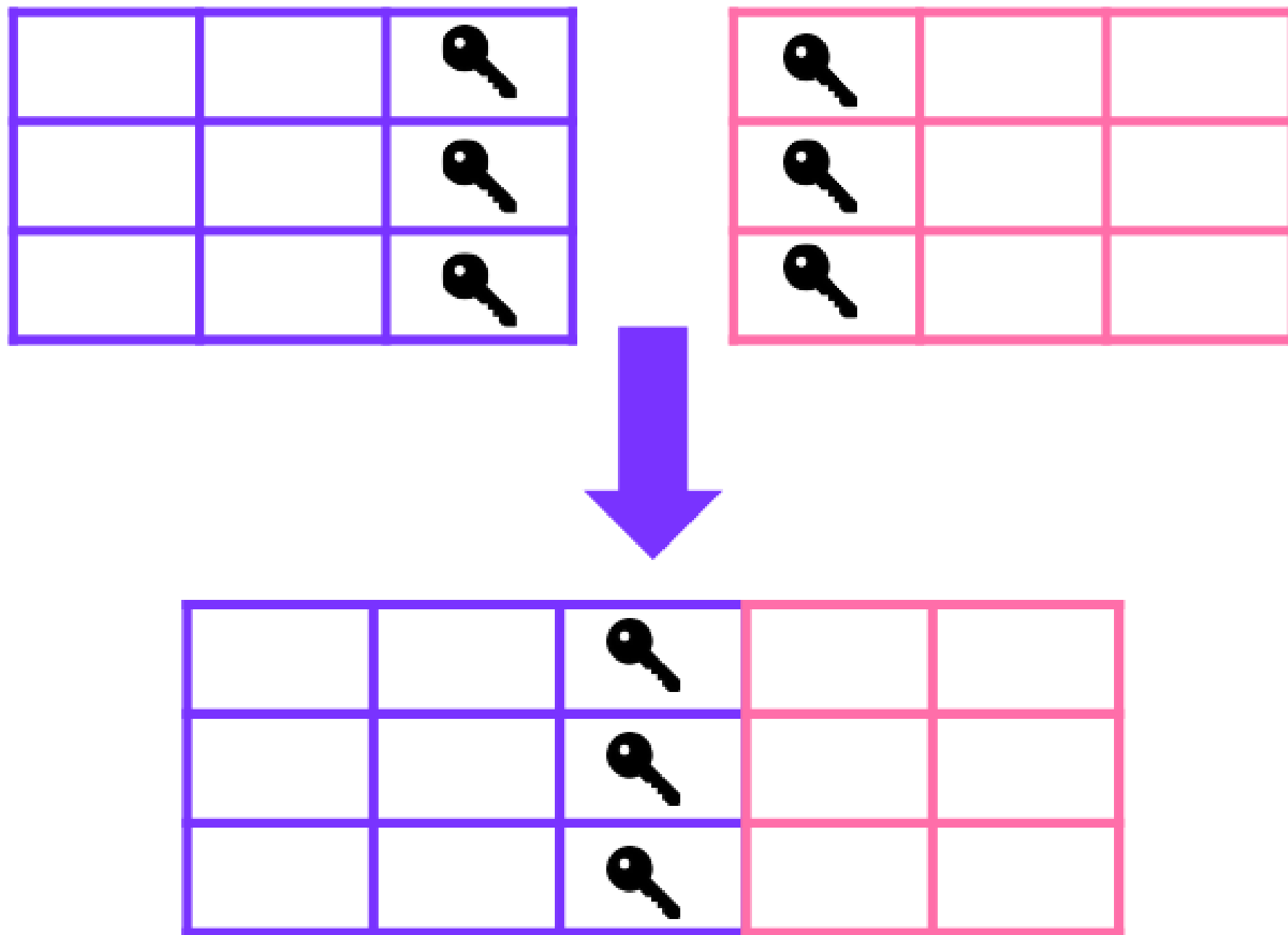


Union example

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 Divvy_Trips_2018_Q4.zip	Jan 24th 2020, 10:08:05 am
 Divvy_Trips_2019_Q1.zip	Jan 24th 2020, 10:08:06 am
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 Divvy_Trips_2019_Q4.zip	Jan 24th 2020, 10:08:07 am
 Divvy_Trips_2020_Q1.zip	May 26th 2020, 07:17:43 pm



Joins



Joins example

Table 1: Employees

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Sarah	Marketing	sarah@company.com	2
Jane	Sales	jane@company.com	2
Marty	Sales	marty@company.com	1
Bob	Product	bob@company.com	remote

Table 2: Offices

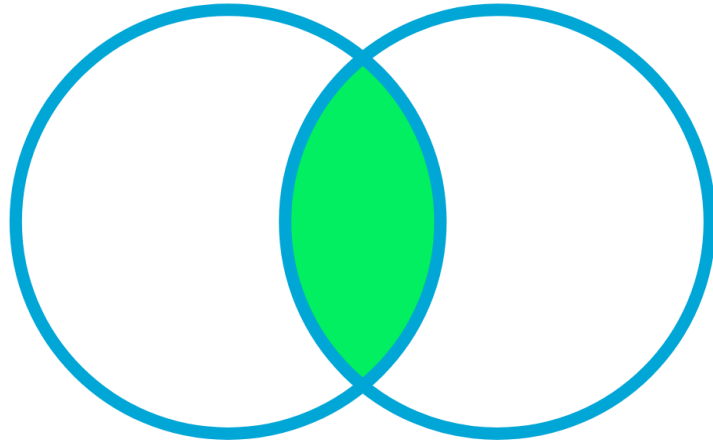
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Joins example

Result after join on Location ID

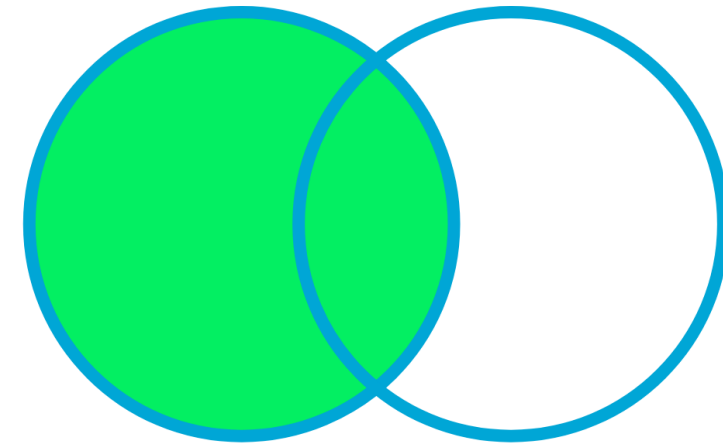
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Inner Join



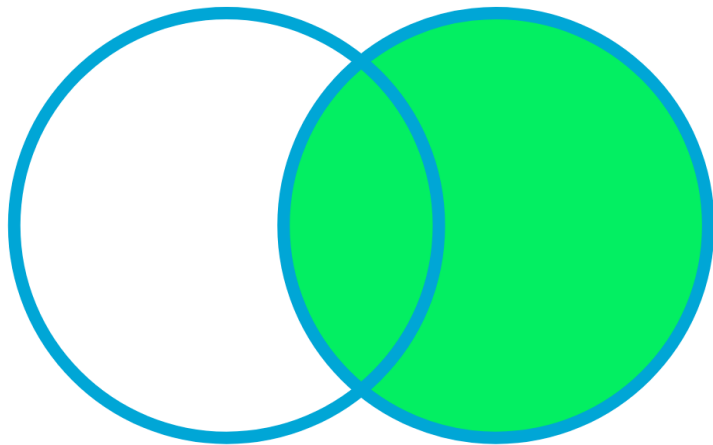
Returns matched rows only

Left Join



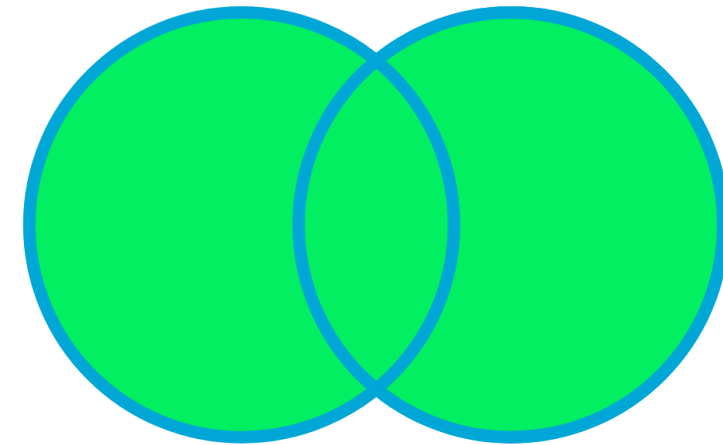
Returns matched rows and left table's rows

Right Join



Returns matched rows and right table's rows

Full Join



Returns matched rows and both tables' rows

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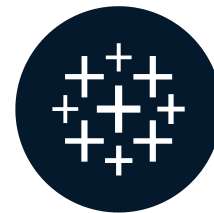
Superstore dataset

- Orders 2016
- Orders 2017
- Orders 2018
- Orders 2019
- Orders 2020
- Returns
- Sales Reps

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Unioning tables

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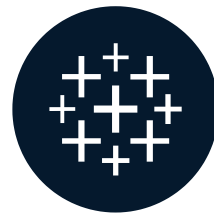
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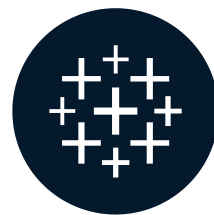
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Relationships

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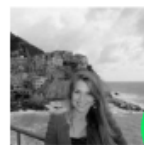


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Relationships, part 1: Introducing new data modeling in Tableau

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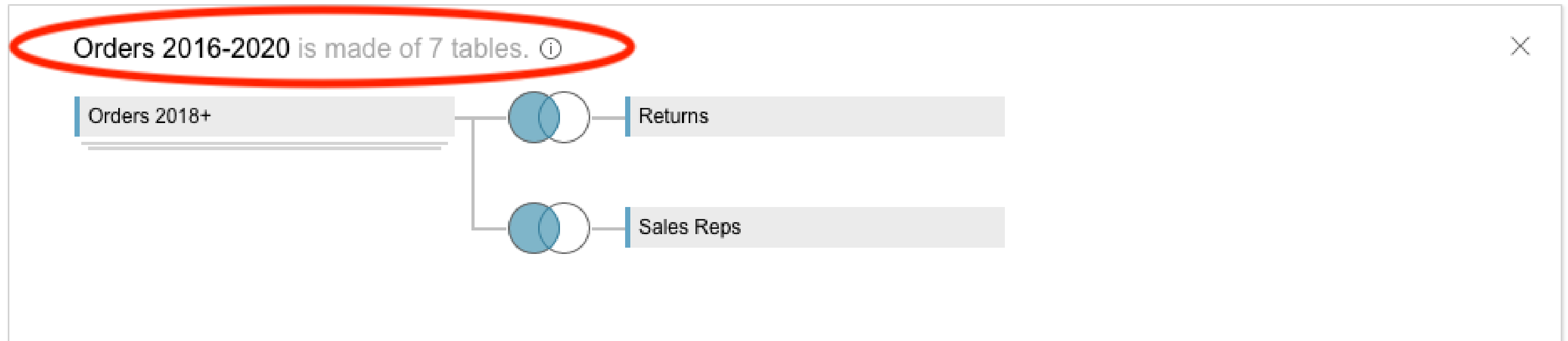
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¹ <https://www.tableau.com/about/blog/2020/5/relationships-part-1-meet-new-tableau-data-model>

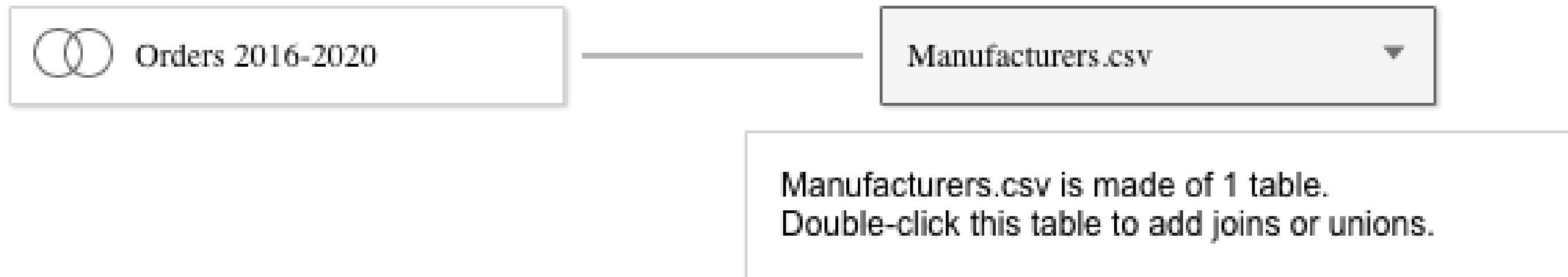
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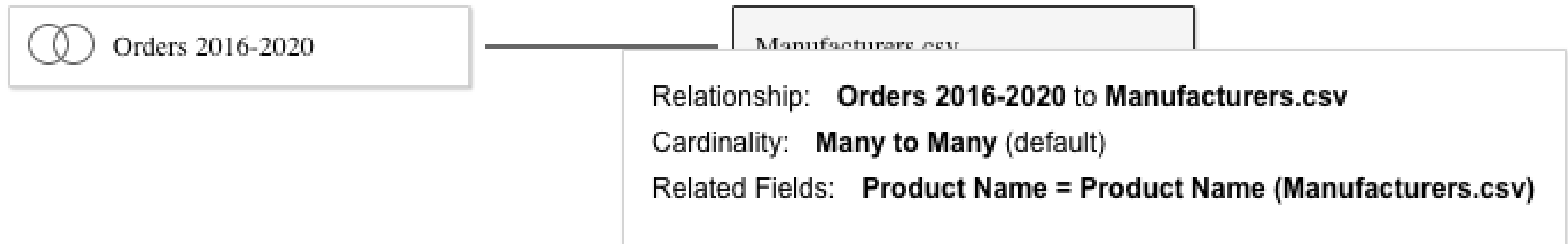
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Relationships vs joins

Relationships

- You only need to select matching field(s), no join type
- Tableau automatically selects the join type based on the context
- Unmatched rows are kept
- Relationships reduce upfront data preparation, such as custom SQL code or database views

Relationships are more flexible and more dynamic.

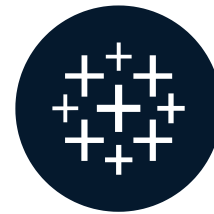
Joins

- Choose a type of join: left, right, inner, full outer
- Certain rows may not be returned depending on the join type
- Changing join type mid-analysis will impact the work you've done

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Establishing a relationship

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Extracts

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Tableau file types

- **Packaged Workbook**, `.twbx` : workbook and supporting files including the data source
- **Workbook**, `.twb` : just the workbook
- **Extract**, `.hyper` or `.tde` : local copy of parts or all of the data
- **Data Source**, `.tds` : connection information and modifications to data

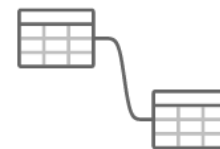
Extracts

A local copy of the entire or a subset of data.

- Performance improvements
 - Supports very large data
 - Faster because leverages the Hyper database engine
- Retain work done to enrich and extend the original data set
- Work offline

Live connections

Superstore (2016-2020)



Need more data?

Drag tables here to relate them. [Learn more](#)

Connection

☐ Live

☒ Extract

Edit

Refresh

Extract includes all data. 12/1/2020 4:46:09 PM

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Data source has a direct connection to underlying data

Comparison

Live connections

- Real-time updates
- Slower because connection to external databases and data files

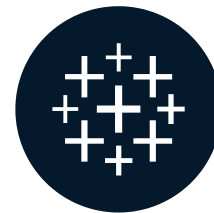
Extracts

- Need to refresh data to get updates
- Generally faster performance with Tableau's Hyper

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Creating extracts

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