# Chapter 8:

Advanced SQL

Processing Multiple Tables–Joins

- **Join**–a relational operation that causes two or more tables with a common domain to be combined into a single table or view

- **Equi-join**–a join in which the joining condition is based on equality between values in the common columns; common columns appear redundantly in the result table

- **Natural join**–an equi-join in which one of the duplicate columns is eliminated in the result table

- **Outer join**–a join in which rows that do not have matching values in common columns are nonetheless included in the result table (as opposed to *inner* join, in which rows must have matching values in order to appear in the result table)

- **Union join**–includes all columns from each table in the join, and an instance for each row of each table
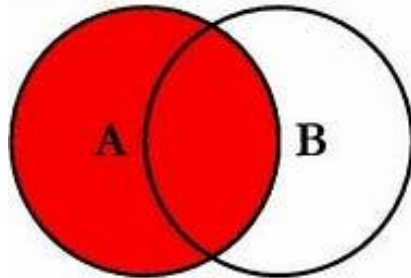
The common columns in joined tables are usually the primary key of the dominant table and the foreign key of the dependent table in 1:M relationships
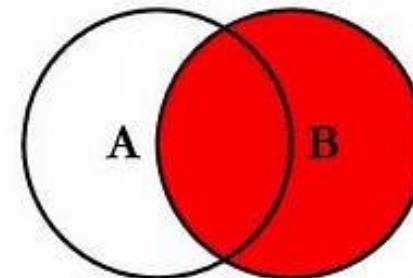
Figure 8-2

Visualization of different join types with results returned in shaded area
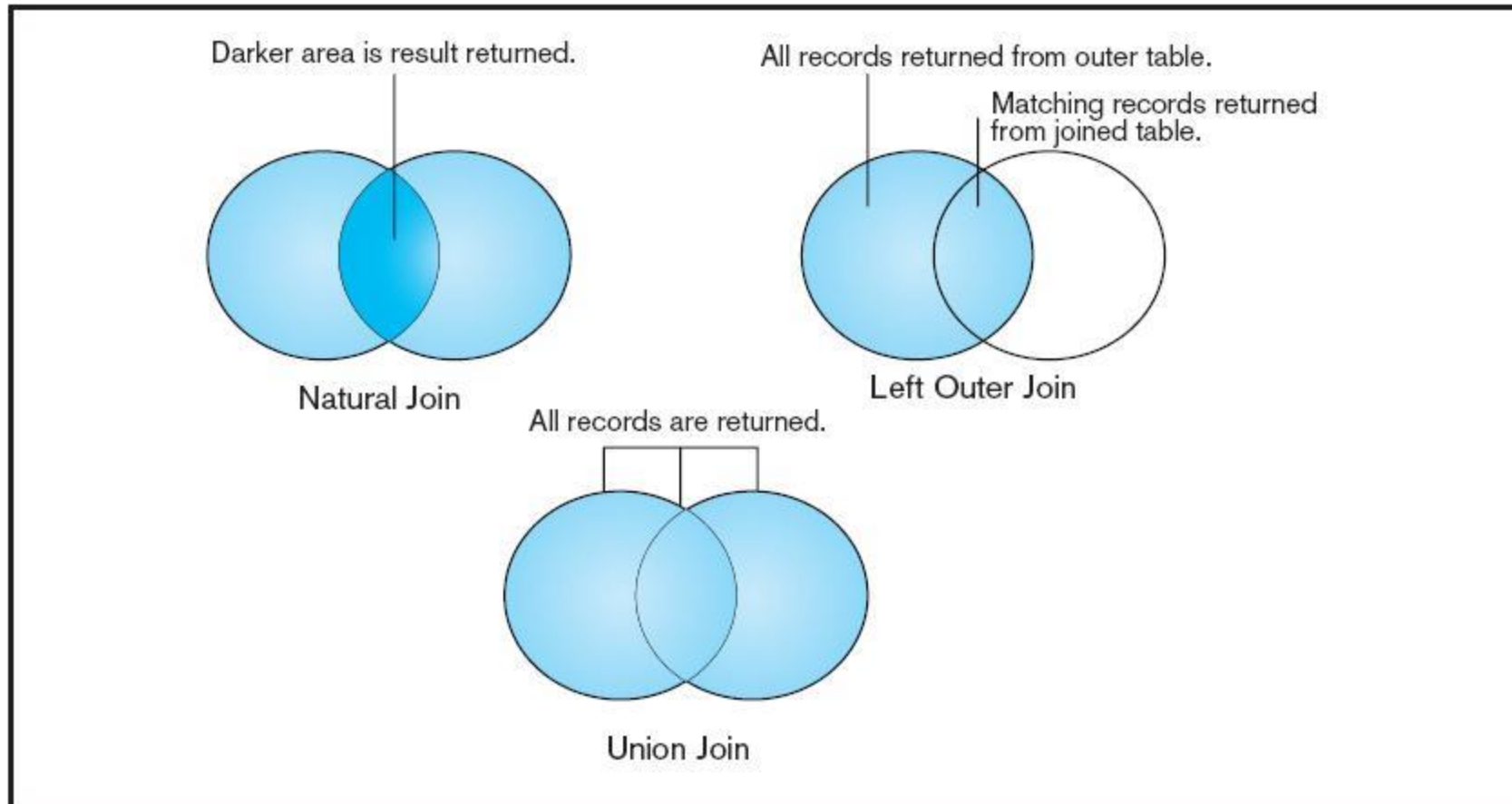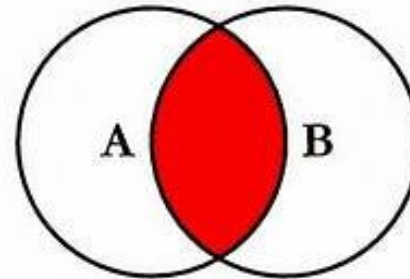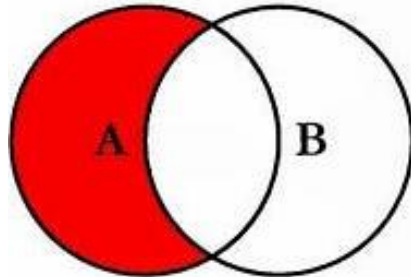
SQL JOINS

SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
LEFT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key

SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
RIGHT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key

SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
INNER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key

SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
LEFT JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
WHERE B.Key IS NULL
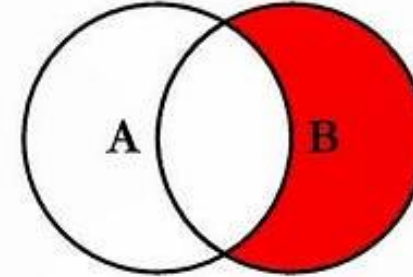
SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
RIGHT JOIN TableB B
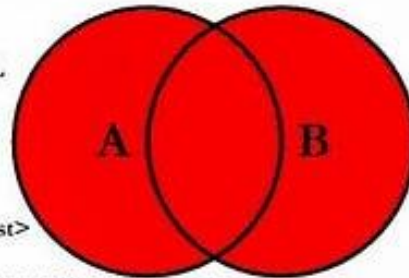ON A.Key = B.Key
WHERE A.Key IS NULL

SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
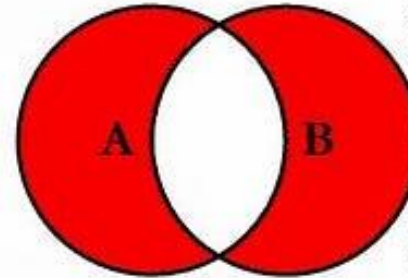
SELECT <select_list>
FROM TableA A
FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B
ON A.Key = B.Key
WHERE A.Key IS NULL
OR B.Key IS NULL

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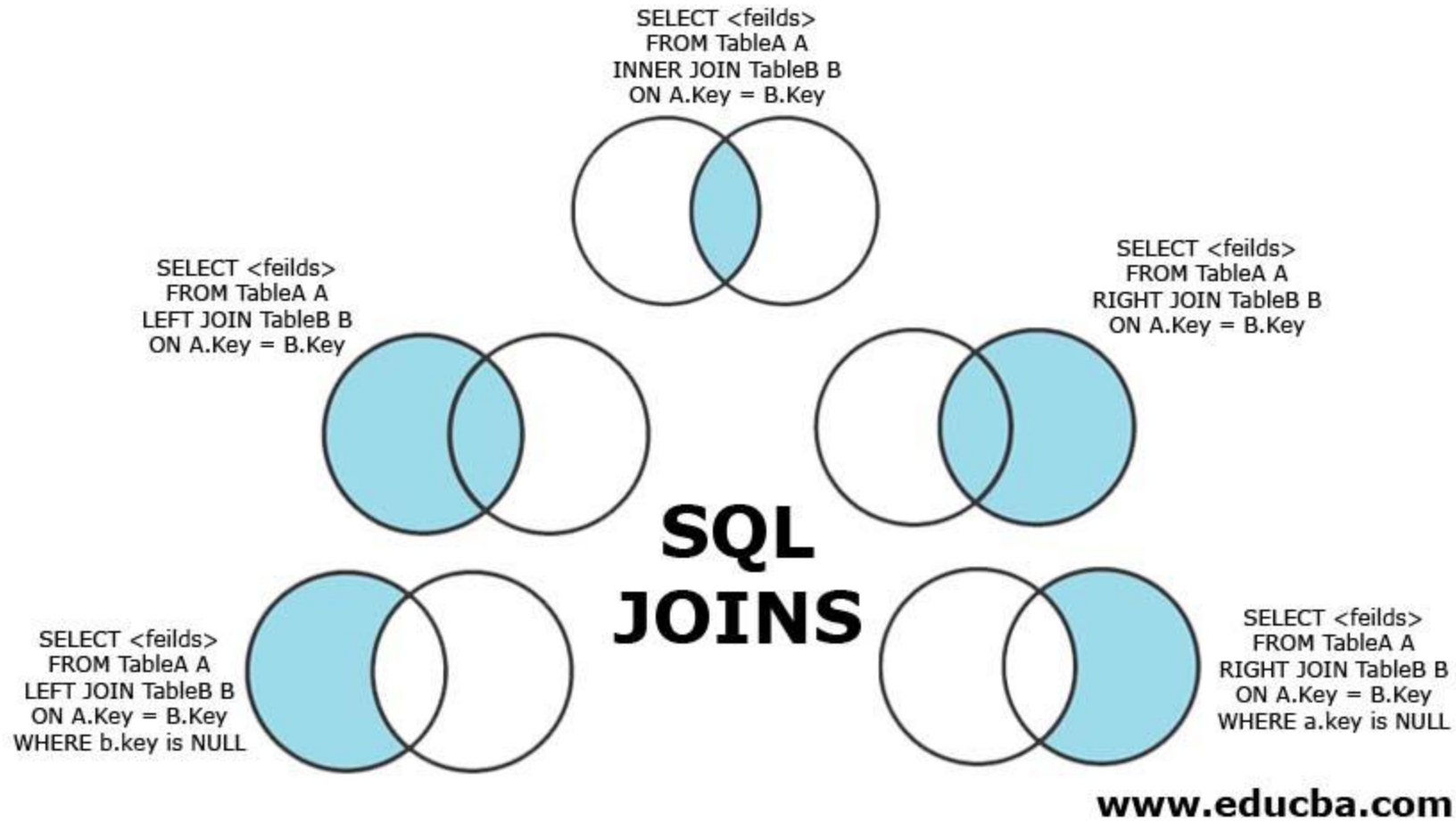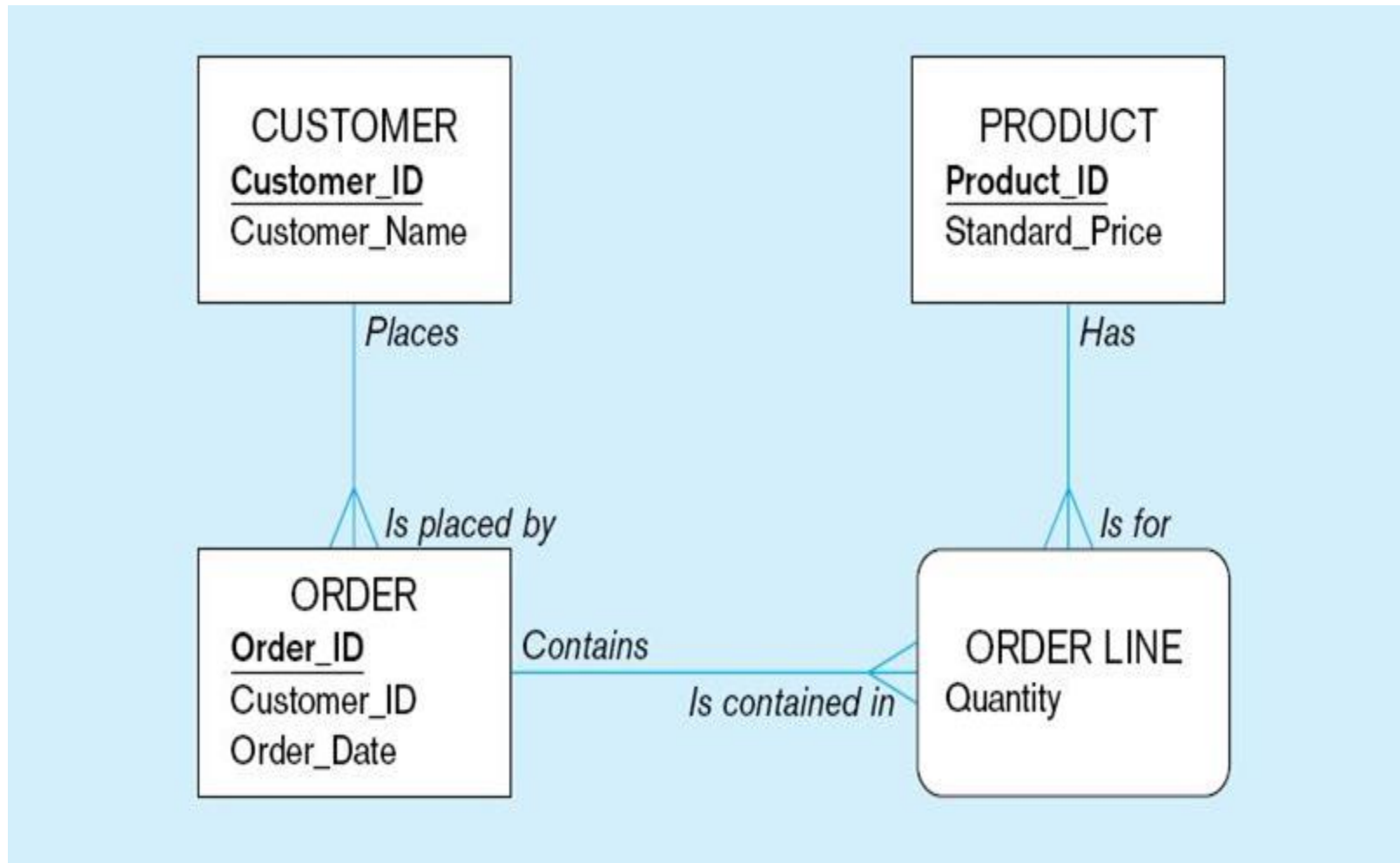
Figure 8-1 Pine Valley Furniture Company Customer and Order tables with pointers from customers to their orders
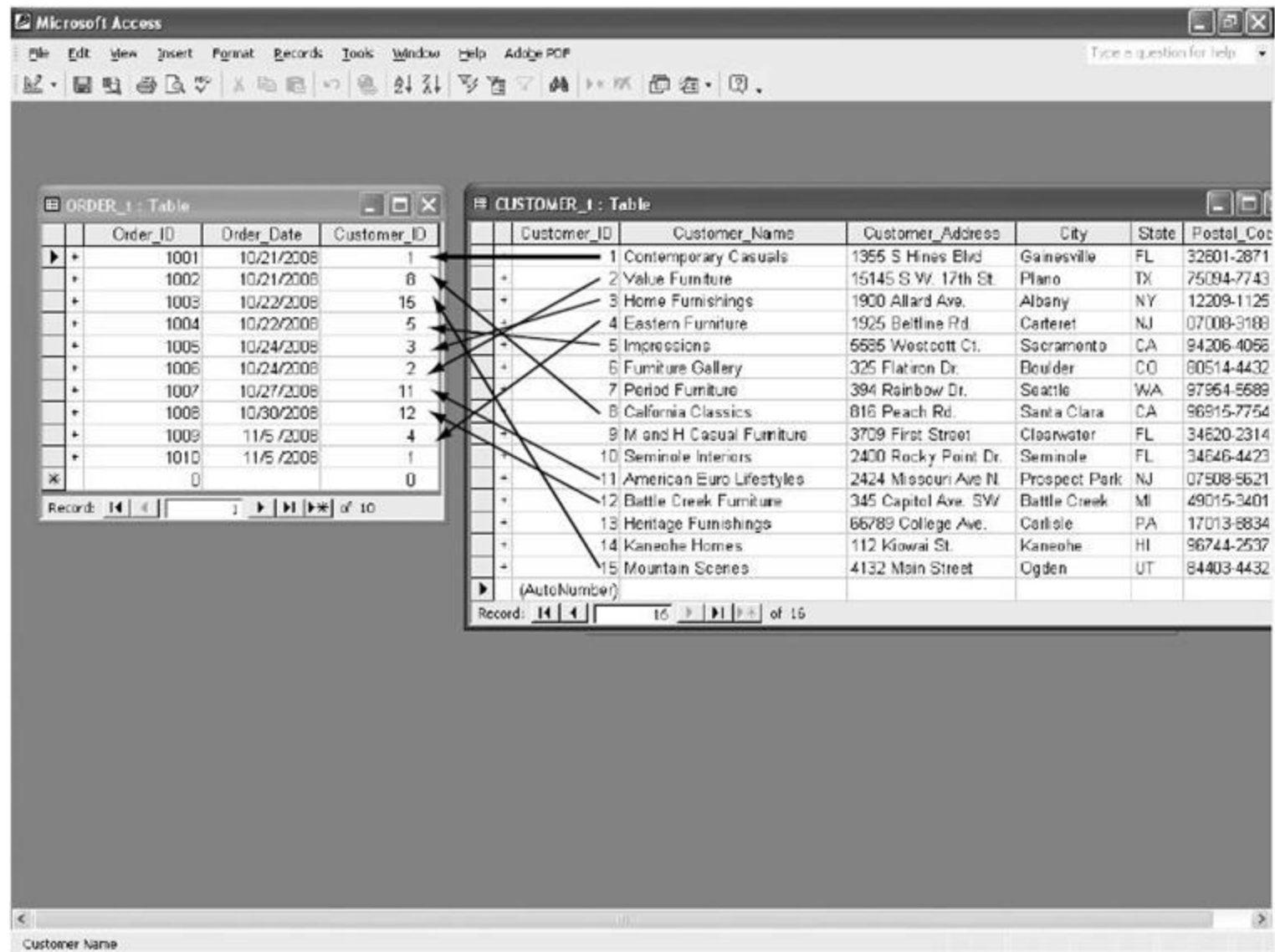
Natural Join Example

- For each customer who placed an order, what is the customer's name and order number?

Join involves multiple tables in FROM clause

SELECT CUSTOMER_T.CUSTOMER_ID,   CUSTOMER_NAME, ORDER_ID
FROM CUSTOMER_T NATURAL JOIN ORDER_T ON

CUSTOMER_T.CUSTOMER_ID = ORDER_T.CUSTOMER_ID;

ON clause performs the equality check for common columns of the two tables

Note: from Fig. 1, you see that only 10 Customers have links with orders

⬧ Only 10 rows will be returned from this INNER join

Outer Join Example (Microsoft Syntax)

- List the customer name, ID number, and order number for all customers. Include customer information even for customers that do have an order

SELECT CUSTOMER_T.CUSTOMER_ID, CUSTOMER_NAME, ORDER_ID
FROM CUSTOMER_T, LEFT OUTER JOIN ORDER_T
ON CUSTOMER_T.CUSTOMER_ID = ORDER_T.CUSTOMER_ID;

LEFT OUTER JOIN syntax with ON causes customer data to appear even if there is no corresponding order data

Unlike INNER join, this will include customer rows with no matching order rows

Results

CUSTOMER_ID	CUSTOMER_NAME	ORDER_ID
1	Contemporary Casuals	1001
1	Contemporary Casuals	1010
2	Value Furniture	1006
3	Home Furnishings	1005
4	Eastern Furniture	1009
5	Impressions	1004
6	Furniture Gallery	
7	Period Furniture	
8	California Classics	1002
9	M & H Casual Furniture	
10	Seminole Interiors	
11	American Euro Lifestyles	1007
12	Battle Creek Furniture	1008
13	Heritage Furnishings	
14	Kaneohe Homes	
15	Mountain Scenes	1003

16 rows selected.

Unlike INNER join, this will include customer rows with no matching order rows

Multiple Table Join Example

- Assemble all information necessary to create an invoice for order number 1006

Four tables involved in this join

SELECT CUSTOMER_T.CUSTOMER_ID, CUSTOMER_NAME,
   CUSTOMER_ADDRESS, CITY, SATE, POSTAL_CODE, ORDER_T.ORDER_ID,
   ORDER_DATE, QUANTITY, PRODUCT_DESCRIPTION, STANDARD_PRICE,
   (QUANTITY * UNIT_PRICE)
FROM CUSTOMER_T, ORDER_T, ORDER_LINE_T, PRODUCT_T

WHERE CUSTOMER_T.CUSTOMER_ID = ORDER_LINE.CUSTOMER_ID AND
   ORDER_T.ORDER_ID = ORDER_LINE_T.ORDER_ID
         AND ORDER_LINE_T.PRODUCT_ID = PRODUCT_PRODUCT_ID
         AND ORDER_T.ORDER_ID = 1006;

Each pair of tables requires an equality-check condition in the WHERE clause, matching primary keys against foreign keys

Figure 8-4 Results from a four-table join

From CUSTOMER_T table

CUSTOMER_ID	CUSTOMER_NAME	CUSTOMER_ADDRESS	CUSTOMER_ CITY	CUSTOMER_ ST	POSTAL_ CODE
2	Value Furniture	15145 S.W. 17th St.	Plano	TX	75094 7743
2	Value Furniture	15145 S.W. 17th St.	Plano	TX	75094 7743
2	Value Furniture	15145 S.W. 17th St.	Plano	TX	75094 7743

ORDER_ID	ORDER_DATE	ORDERED_ QUANTITY
1006	24-OCT-06	1
1006	24-OCT-06	2
1006	24-OCT-06	2

PRODUCT_NAME	STANDARD_PRICE	(QUANTITY* STANDARD_PRICE)
Entertainment Center	650	650
Writer's Desk	325	650
Dining Table	800	1600

From ORDER_T table

From PRODUCT_T table

Processing Multiple Tables Using Subqueries

- Subquery–placing an inner query (SELECT statement) inside an outer query
- Options:
  - In a condition of the WHERE clause
  - As a "table" of the FROM clause
  - Within the HAVING clause
- Subqueries can be:
  - Noncorrelated–executed once for the entire outer query
  - Correlated–executed once for each row returned by the outer query

Subquery Example

- Show all customers who have placed an order

The IN operator will test to see if the CUSTOMER_ID value of a row is included in the list returned from the subquery

SELECT CUSTOMER_NAME   FROM CUSTOMER_T
WHERE CUSTOMER_ID IN
        (SELECT DISTINCT CUSTOMER_ID FROM ORDER_T);

Subquery is embedded in parentheses. In this case it returns a list that will be used in the WHERE clause of the outer query

Result:

CUSTOMER_NAME

Contemporary Casuals
Value Furniture
Home Furnishings
Eastern Furniture
Impressions
California Classics
American Euro Lifestyles
Battle Creek Furniture
Mountain Scenes

9 rows selected.

Another Subquery Example

- Show all products whose standard price is higher than the average price

Subquery forms the derived table used in the FROM clause of the outer query

One column of the subquery is an aggregate function that has an alias name. That alias can then be referred to in the outer query

SELECT PRODUCT_DESCRIPTION, STANDARD_PRICE, AVGPRICE
FROM
(SELECT AVG(STANDARD_PRICE) AVGPRICE FROM PRODUCT_T),
PRODUCT_T
WHERE STANDARD_PRICE > AVG_PRICE;

The WHERE clause normally cannot include aggregate functions, but because the aggregate is performed in the subquery its result can be used in the outer query's WHERE clause

Union Queries

- Combine the output (union of multiple queries) together into a single result table

```
SELECT C1.CUSTOMER_ID,CUSTOMER_NAME,ORDERED_QUANTITY,
QUANTITY AS 'Largest Quantity'
   FROM CUSTOMER_T C1,ORDER_T O1, ORDER_LINE_T Q1
        WHERE C1.CUSTOMER_ID = O1.CUSTOMER_ID
        AND O1.ORDER_ID = Q1.ORDER_ID
        AND ORDERED_QUANTITY =
             (SELECT MAX(ORDERED_QUANTITY)         First query
             FROM ORDER_LINE_T)
UNION
SELECT C1.CUSTOMER_ID,CUSTOMER_NAME,ORDERED_
QUANTITY, QUANTITY AS 'Smallest Quantity'
   FROM CUSTOMER_T C1,ORDER_T O1, ORDER_LINE_T Q1
        WHERE C1.CUSTOMER_ID = O1.CUSTOMER_ID
        AND O1.ORDER_ID = Q1.ORDER_ID
        AND ORDERED_QUANTITY =
             (SELECT MIN(ORDERED_QUANTITY)
             FROM ORDER_LINE_T)                    Second query
ORDER BY ORDERED_QUANTITY;
```

Combine

Figure 8-7 Combining queries using UNION

SELECT C1.CUSTOMER_ID,CUSTOMER_NAME,ORDERED_QUANTITY, QUANTITY AS 'Largest Quantity'
FROM CUSTOMER_T C1,ORDER_T O1, ORDER_LINE_T Q1
WHERE C1.CUSTOMER_ID =O1.CUSTOMER_ID
AND O1.ORDER_ID =Q1.ORDER_ID
AND ORDERED_QUANTITY =
                (SELECT MAX(ORDERED_QUANTITY)
                FROM ORDER_LINE_T)

1. In the above query, the subquery is processed first and an intermediate results table created.
It contains the maximum quantity ordered from ORDER_LINE_T and has a value of 10.
2. Next the main query selects customer information for the customer or customers who ordered 10
of any item. Contemporary Casuals has ordered 10 of some unspecified item.

SELECT C1.CUSTOMER_ID,CUSTOMER_NAME,ORDERED_QUANTITY, QUANTITY AS 'Smallest Quantity'
FROM CUSTOMER_T C1,ORDER_T O1, ORDER_LINE_T Q1
WHERE C1.CUSTOMER_ID =O1.CUSTOMER_ID
AND O1.ORDER_ID =Q1.ORDER_ID
AND ORDERED_QUANTITY =
                (SELECT MIN(ORDERED_QUANTITY)
                FROM ORDER_LINE_T)
ORDER BY ORDERED_QUANTITY;

1. In the second main query, the same process is followed but the result returned is for the minimum order quantity.
2. The results of the two queries are joined together using the UNION command.
3. The results are then ordered according to the value in ORDERED_QUANTITY. The default is ascending value,
    so the orders with the smallest quantity, 1, are listed first.

Conditional Expressions Using Case Syntax

This is available with newer versions of SQL, previously not part of the standard

Figure 8-8

```
{CASE expression
{WHEN expression
THEN {expression  |  NULL}} . . .
| {WHEN predicate
THEN {expression  |  NULL}} . . .
[ELSE {expression  NULL}]
END }
| ( NULLIF (expression, expression) }
| ( COALESCE (expression . . .) }
```

Ensuring Transaction Integrity

- Transaction = A discrete unit of work that must be completely processed or not processed at all
  - May involve multiple updates
  - If any update fails, then all other updates must be cancelled
- SQL commands for transactions
  - BEGIN TRANSACTION/END TRANSACTION
    - Marks boundaries of a transaction
  - COMMIT
    - Makes all updates permanent
  - ROLLBACK
    - Cancels updates since the last COMMIT

Figure 8-9 An SQL Transaction sequence (in pseudocode)

```
BEGIN transaction

    INSERT Order_ID, Order_date, Customer_ID into Order_t;

    INSERT Order_ID, Product_ID, Quantity into Order_line_t;
    INSERT Order_ID, Product_ID, Quantity into Order_line_t;
    INSERT Order_ID, Product_ID, Quantity into Order_line_t;

END transaction
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Valid information inserted.
COMMIT work

All changes to data
are made permanent.

Invalid Product_ID entered.

Transaction will be ABORTED.
ROLLBACK all changes made to Order_t

All changes made to Order_t
and Order_line_t are removed.
Database state is just as it was
before the transaction began.