

Salesforce Developer Soql Joins

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A semi-join is a subquery on another object in an IN clause. An anti-join is a subquery on another object in a NOT IN clause.

```
SELECT Id, Name FROM Account
WHERE Id IN (SELECT AccountId FROM Opportunity WHERE StageName = 'Closed Lost')
```

Notice that the left operand, Id, of the IN clause is an ID field. The subquery returns a single field of the same type as the field to which it is compared.

```
SELECT Id FROM Tasks
WHERE WhoId IN (SELECT Id FROM Contact WHERE MailingCity = 'Twin Falls');
```

```
SELECT Id FROM Account
WHERE Id NOT IN (SELECT AccountId FROM Opportunity WHERE IsClosed = false)
```

```
SELECT Id FROM Opportunity
WHERE AccountId NOT IN (SELECT AccountId FROM Contact WHERE LeadSource = 'Web')
```

```
SELECT Id, Name FROM Account
WHERE Id IN (SELECT AccountId FROM Contact WHERE LastName LIKE '%Apple%')
  AND Id IN (SELECT AccountId FROM Opportunity WHERE isClosed = false);
```

We can use at most two subqueries in a single semi-join or anti-join query. Multiple semi-joins and anti-joins queries are also subjected to existing limits on subqueries per query.

We can create a semi-join or anti-join that evaluates a relationship query in a SELECT clause:

```
SELECT Id, (SELECT Id FROM OpportunityLineItems)
FROM Opportunity
WHERE Id IN (SELECT OpportunityId FROM OpportunityLineItem
  WHERE totalPrice > 10000)
```

Because a great deal of processing work is required for semi-join and anti-join queries, Salesforce impose the following restrictions:

1. We cannot have more than two IN clause or NOT IN clause per WHERE clause.
2. We cannot use the NOT operator as a conjunction with semi-joins and anti-joins. Using it converts a semi-join to an anti-join, and the reverse. Instead of using the NOT operator, write the query in the appropriate semi-join or anti-join form.
3. The left operand must query a single ID (primary key) or reference (foreign key) field. The selected field in a subquery can be a reference field. For example:

```
SELECT Id FROM Idea WHERE (Id IN (
  SELECT ParentId FROM Vote WHERE CreateDate > LAST_WEEK AND
    Parent.Type='Idea'
))
);
```

4. The left operand cannot use relationships. For example, the following semi-join query is not valid due to the Account.Id relationship field:

```
SELECT Id FROM Contact WHERE Account.Id IN (SELECT ... )
```

5. A subquery must query a field referencing the same object types as the main query.
6. There is no limit on the number of records matched in a subquery. Standard SOQL query limits apply to the main query.
7. The selected column in a subquery must be a foreign key field, and cannot traverse relationships. This means that we cannot use dot notation in a selected field of a subquery.
8. We cannot query on the same object in a subquery as in the main query. We can write such self semi-join queries without using semi-joins or anti-joins. For example, the following self semi-join query is not valid:

```
SELECT Id, Name FROM Account WHERE ID IN (
  SELECT ParentId FROM Account WHERE Name = 'myaccount'
)
```

However, it is simple to rewrite the query as:

```
SELECT Id, Name FROM Account WHERE Parent.Name = 'myaccount'
```

9. We cannot nest a semi-join or anti-join statement inside another semi-join or anti-join statement.
10. We can use semi-joins and anti-joins in the main WHERE statement, but not in a subquery WHERE clause. For example, the following query is valid:

```
SELECT Id FROM Idea
WHERE (Idea.Title LIKE 'Vacation%') AND
  (Idea.LastCommentDate > YESTERDAY) AND
  (Id IN (SELECT ParentId FROM Vote WHERE CreatedById = '...'
    AND Parent.Type='Idea'))
```

But the following query is not valid because the nested query is an extra level deep:

```
SELECT Id FROM Idea WHERE
  ((Idea.Title LIKE 'Vacation%') AND
  (CreatedDate > YESTERDAY) AND
  (Id IN (SELECT ParentId FROM Vote WHERE CreatedById = '...'
    AND Parent.Type='Idea')
  ) OR (Idea.Title LIKE 'ExcellentIdea%'))
```

11. We cannot use subqueries with OR
12. COUNT, FOR UPDATE, ORDER BY, and LIMIT are not supported in subqueries.
13. The following objects are currently not supported in subqueries: ActivityHistory, Attachments, Event, EventAttendee, Note, OpenActivity, Tags (AccountTag, ContactTag, and all other tags objects), Tasks