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Laboratory Activity 4:

Laboratory Title: SQL - JOIN Operation

Chapter No. and Topic: Chapter 2 - Structured Query Language (SQL)

Discussions:

This activity introduces students to SQL JOIN operations for combining data from multiple tables.

Activity Description:

Learn how to use INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN, and RIGHT JOIN to combine tables.

Objectives:

- Write SQL JOIN gueries to retrieve data from multiple tables.
- Use INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN, and RIGHT JOIN.

Materials:

• MySQL Workbench or SQL client

Procedure:

1. Retrieve a list of all transactions, including book title and member name:

sql

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SELECT Books.Title, Members.FirstName, Members.LastName

FROM Transactions

INNER JOIN Books ON Transactions. BookID = Books. BookID

INNER JOIN Members ON Transactions. MemberID = Members. MemberID;

1. Retrieve a list of all books with transaction details, even those without transactions (LEFT JOIN):

sql

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SELECT Books.Title, Members.FirstName, Members.LastName

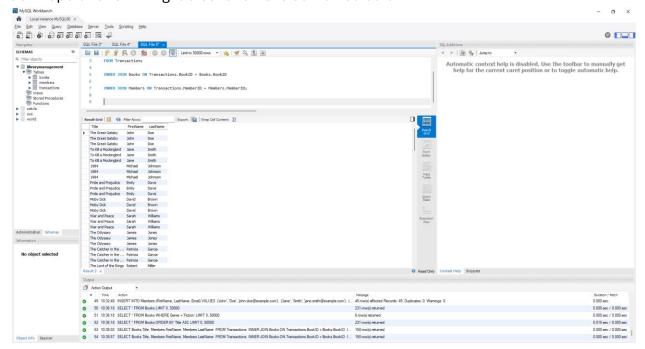
FROM Books

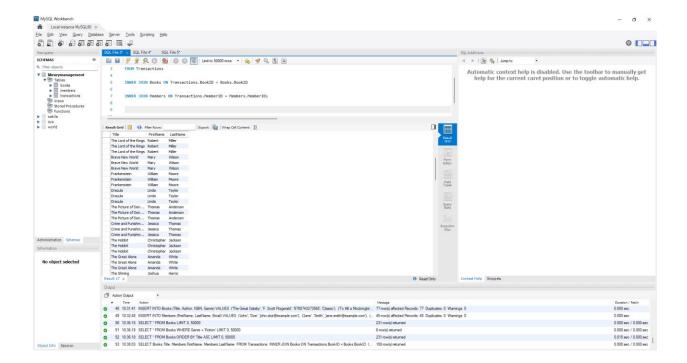
LEFT JOIN Transactions ON Books.BookID = Transactions.BookID

LEFT JOIN Members ON Transactions. MemberID = Members. MemberID;

Result:

JOIN operations linking tables to retrieve combined data.





Additional Questions/Discussions:

How does the LEFT JOIN differ from the INNER JOIN?

Ans: The main difference between an **INNER JOIN** and a **LEFT JOIN** is as follows:

INNER JOIN only returns matched rows.

LEFT JOIN returns all rows from the left table and matched rows from the right table. It also returns NULL values for unmatched rows from the right table

Conclusions:

SQL **joins** are the foundation of **database management systems**, enabling the combination of data from multiple tables based on relationships between columns. Joins allow **efficient data retrieval**, which is essential for generating meaningful observations and solving **complex business queries**.