**Title: Using Set Operations** 

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# **Objectives**

After completing this exercise, students should be able to:

- Describe set operators.
- Use a set operator to combine multiple queries into a single query.
- Control the order of rows returned.

The set operators combine the results of two or more component queries into one result. Queries containing set operators are called compound queries.

#### **Tables Used in This Lesson**

- **EMPLOYEES**: Provides details regarding all current employees.
- **JOB\_HISTORY**: Records the details of the start date and end date of the former job, job identification number, and department when an employee switches jobs.

# **UNION Operator**

#### Guidelines

- The number of columns and the data types of the columns being selected must be identical in all the SELECT statements used in the query. The names of the columns need not be identical.
- UNION operates over all of the columns being selected.
- NULL values are not ignored during duplicate checking.
- The IN operator has a higher precedence than the UNION operator.

Example 1: Display the current and previous job details of all employees. Display each employee only once.

#### **Query:**

```
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM employees
UNION
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM job history;
```

# **Sample Input:**

# • EMPLOYEES Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
101	SA_REP
102	IT_PROG
103	IT_PROG

# • JOB\_HISTORY Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
104	HR_REP
105	ST_CLERK

# **Sample Output:**

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
101	SA_REP
102	IT_PROG
103	IT_PROG
104	HR_REP
105	ST_CLERK

# **UNION ALL Operator**

# **Guidelines**

- The guidelines for UNION and UNION ALL are the same, with the following two exceptions:
  - Unlike UNION, duplicate rows are not eliminated, and the output is not sorted by default.
  - o The DISTINCT keyword cannot be used.

# Example 2: Display the current and previous departments of all employees.

# **Query:**

```
SELECT employee_id, job_id, department_id FROM employees
UNION ALL
SELECT employee_id, job_id, department_id FROM job_history
ORDER BY employee id;
```

# **Sample Input:**

#### • EMPLOYEES Table:

employee_id	job_id	department_id
100	SA_REP	80
101	SA_REP	80
102	IT_PROG	60

#### • JOB\_HISTORY Table:

employee_id	job_id	department_id
100	SA_REP	80
103	IT_PROG	60

# **Sample Output:**

employee_id	job_id	department_id
100	SA_REP	80
100	SA_REP	80
101	SA_REP	80
102	IT_PROG	60
103	IT_PROG	60

# **INTERSECT Operator**

#### Guidelines

- The number of columns and the data types of the columns being selected by the SELECT statements in the queries must be identical in all the SELECT statements used in the query. The names of the columns need not be identical.
- Reversing the order of the intersected tables does not alter the result.
- INTERSECT does not ignore NULL values.

Example 3: Display the employee IDs and job IDs of those employees who currently have a job title that is the same as their job title when they were initially hired.

# **Query:**

SELECT employee\_id, job\_id
FROM employees
INTERSECT
SELECT employee\_id, job\_id
FROM job\_history;

# **Sample Input:**

#### • EMPLOYEES Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
101	SA_REP
102	IT_PROG

#### • JOB\_HISTORY Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
103	HR_REP

# **Sample Output:**

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP

# **MINUS Operator**

#### **Guidelines**

- The number of columns and the data types of the columns being selected by the SELECT statements in the queries must be identical in all the SELECT statements used in the query. The names of the columns need not be identical.
- All of the columns in the WHERE clause must be in the SELECT clause for the MINUS operator to work.

Example 4: Display the employee IDs of those employees who have not changed their jobs even once.

#### **Query:**

```
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM employees
MINUS
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM job history;
```

#### **Sample Input:**

#### • EMPLOYEES Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
101	SA_REP
102	IT_PROG

# • JOB\_HISTORY Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
103	HR_REP

# **Sample Output:**

employee_id	job_id
101	SA_REP
102	IT_PROG

# **Exercises**

1. **HR Department Report:** List department IDs for departments that do not contain the job ID ST\_CLERK. Use set operators to create this report.

# **Solution:**

```
SELECT department_id
FROM departments
MINUS
SELECT department_id
FROM employees
WHERE job_id = 'ST_CLERK';
```

# **Sample Input:**

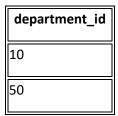
O DEPARTMENTS Table:

department_id	department_name
10	Admin
20	HR
50	Sales

o EMPLOYEES Table:

employee_id	job_id	department_id
100	SA_REP	50
101	ST_CLERK	20

# **Sample Output:**



2. **Countries Without Departments:** List countries that have no departments located in them. Display the country ID and the name of the countries. Use set operators to create this report.

#### **Solution:**

```
SELECT country_id, country_name
FROM countries
MINUS
SELECT country_id, country_name
FROM countries c, departments d
WHERE c.country_id = d.country_id;
```

# **Sample Input:**

COUNTRIES Table:

country_id	country_name
US	United States
UK	United Kingdom
IN	India

**O DEPARTMENTS Table:** 

department_id	department_name	country_id
10	Admin	US
20	HR	IN

# **Sample Output:**

country_id	country_name
UK	United Kingdom

3. **Jobs for Specific Departments:** Produce a list of jobs for departments 10, 50, and 20, in that order. Display job ID and department ID using set operators.

#### **Solution:**

```
SELECT job_id, department_id
FROM employees
WHERE department_id IN (10, 50, 20)
ORDER BY department id;
```

# **Sample Input:**

EMPLOYEES Table:

employee_id	job_id	department_id
100	SA_REP	50
101	ST_CLERK	20
102	IT_PROG	10

# **Sample Output:**

job_id	department_id
IT_PROG	10
ST_CLERK	20
SA_REP	50

4. **Employees with Original Jobs:** Create a report that lists the employee IDs and job IDs of those employees who currently have a job title that is the same as their job title when they were initially hired by the company.

# **Solution:**

```
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM employees
INTERSECT
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM job history;
```

# **Sample Input:**

o EMPLOYEES Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
101	SA_REP
102	IT_PROG

# JOB\_HISTORY Table:

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP
103	HR_REP

# **Sample Output:**

employee_id	job_id
100	SA_REP

- 5. **Comprehensive HR Report:** The HR department needs a report with the following specifications:
  - Last name and department ID of all the employees from the EMPLOYEES table, regardless of whether or not they belong to a department.
  - Department ID and department name of all the departments from the DEPARTMENTS table, regardless of whether or not they have employees working in them.

# **Solution:**

```
SELECT last_name, department_id
FROM employees
UNION
SELECT department_id, department_name
FROM departments;
```

# **Sample Output:**

last_name	department_id
King	90
Kochhar	80
De Haan	60
Executive	90
Sales	80
IT	50