

Joins and Nested Queries

Table Schema

```
mysql> select * from teachers;
```

teacherid	teachername
2	t2
1	t1
3	t3

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from courses;
```

courseid	coursename	teacherid
1	c1	1
2	c2	2
3	c3	4

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

In a traditional normalized database with data like Courses(courseid, coursename, teacherId) and Teachers, Courses might contain a column called TeacherID, which is a foreign key to Teacher. One benefit of this is that information about the teacher (name, address, etc.) is only stored once in the database. The drawback is that many common queries will require expensive joins.

Instead, we can denormalize the database by storing redundant data. For example, if we knew that we would have to repeat this query often, we might store the teacher's name in the Courses table. Denormalization is commonly used to create highly scalable systems.

SQL Syntax and Variations

As you read these queries, don't be surprised by minor variations in syntax. There are a variety of flavors of SQL, and you might have worked with a slightly different one. The examples in this book have been tested against Microsoft SQL Server.

Standard SQL \Rightarrow ANSI SQL.

Developers commonly use both the implicit join and the explicit join in SQL queries.

Both syntaxes are shown below.

```
/* Explicit Join */
```

```
SELECT CourseName, TeacherName
FROM Courses INNER JOIN Teachers
ON Courses.TeacherID = Teachers.TeacherID
```

```
/* Implicit Join */
```

```
SELECT CourseName, TeacherName
```

FROM Courses, Teachers

WHERE Courses.TeacherID = Teachers.TeacherID

The two statements above are equivalent, and it's a matter of personal preference which one you choose.

SQL JOIN

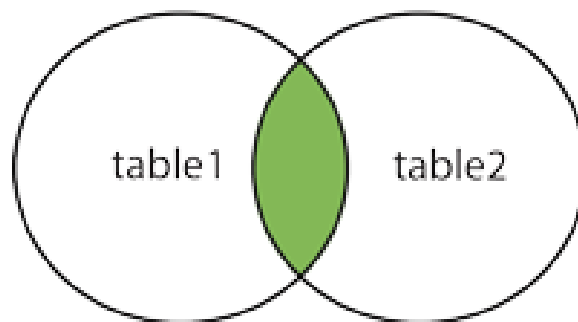
A **JOIN** clause is used to combine rows from two or more tables, based on a related column between them.

Different Types of SQL JOINS

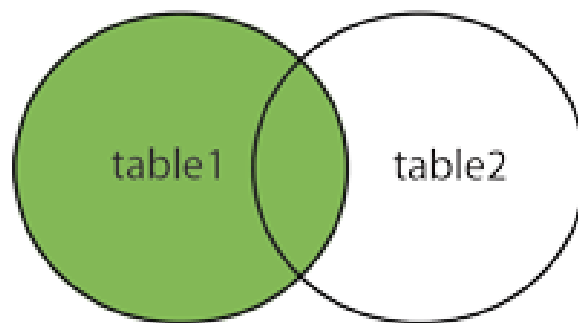
Here are the different types of the JOINS in SQL:

- **(INNER) JOIN** : Returns records that have matching values in both tables
- **LEFT (OUTER) JOIN** : Returns all records from the left table, and the matched records from the right table
- **RIGHT (OUTER) JOIN** : Returns all records from the right table, and the matched records from the left table
- **FULL (OUTER) JOIN** : Returns all records when there is a match in either left or right table

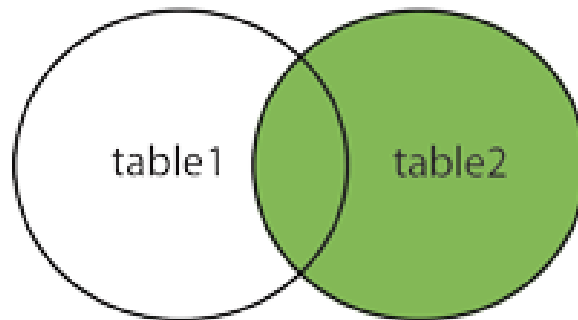
INNER JOIN



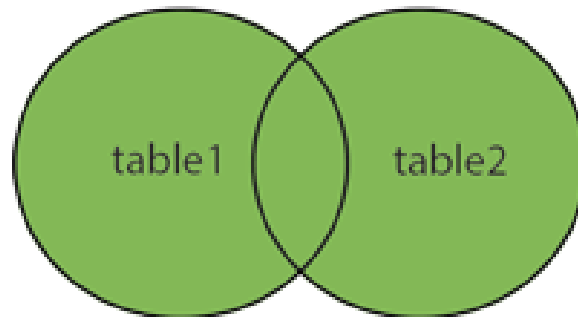
LEFT JOIN



RIGHT JOIN



FULL OUTER JOIN



Examples:

```
mysql> select * from teachers;
```

teacherid	teachername
2	t2
1	t1
3	t3

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from courses;
```

courseid	coursename	teacherid
1	c1	1
2	c2	2
3	c3	4

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from courses inner join teachers on courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
```

courseid	coursename	teacherid	teacherid	teachername
2	c2	2	2	t2
1	c1	1	1	t1

2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

```
mysql> select * from courses left join teachers on courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
```

courseid	coursename	teacherid	teacherid	teachername
1	c1	1	1	t1
2	c2	2	2	t2
3	c3	4	NULL	NULL

3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

```
mysql> select * from courses right join teachers on courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
```

courseid	coursename	teacherid	teacherid	teachername
2	c2	2	2	t2
1	c1	1	1	t1
NULL	NULL	NULL	3	t3

3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

Note: We don't have full outer join support in MySQL.

With two tables t1, t2:

```
SELECT * FROM t1
LEFT JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id
UNION
SELECT * FROM t1
RIGHT JOIN t2 ON t1.id = t2.id
```

```
mysql> select * from courses left join teachers on courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid UNION
select * from courses right join teachers on courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
```

courseid	coursename	teacherid	teacherid	teachername
1	c1	1	1	t1
2	c2	2	2	t2
3	c3	4	NULL	NULL
NULL	NULL	NULL	3	t3

4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

Introduction to the MySQL Subquery

A MySQL subquery is a query nested within another query such as `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE` or `DELETE`. Also, a subquery can be nested within another subquery.

A MySQL subquery is called an inner query while the query that contains the subquery is called an outer query. A subquery can be used anywhere that expression is used and must be closed in parentheses.

I Problem:

Create a table `offices`(`officecode` int, `country` varchar(50)), insert some values in there. Now create a new table `newoffices` with the schema same as the `offices` table, insert some values into it. Now copy all the values from the `offices` table to the `newoffices` table.

```
create table offices (officecode int, country varchar(50));
create table newoffices (officecode int, country varchar(50));
insert into offices values(100, "UK");
insert into newoffices (select * from offices);
```

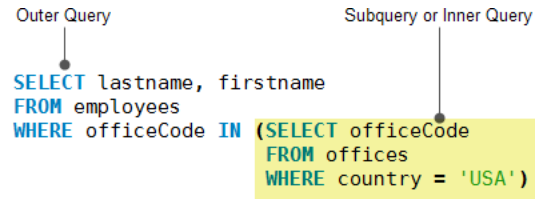
We Problem:

For example, the following query uses a subquery to return the employees who work in the offices located in the USA.

```
SELECT
  lastName, firstName
FROM
  employees
WHERE
  officeCode IN (SELECT
    officeCode
  FROM
    offices
  WHERE
    country = 'USA');
Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)
```

In this example:

- The subquery returns all *office codes* of the offices located in the USA.
- The outer query selects the last name and first name of employees who work in the offices whose office codes are in the result set returned by the subquery.



When executing the query, MySQL evaluates the subquery first and uses the result of the subquery for the outer query.

```
mysql> select * from offices;
```

officecode	country
3	India
4	Thailand
2	USA

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```



```
mysql> select * from employees;
```

firstname	lastname	officecode
f1	l1	1
f3	l3	3
f2	l2	2

```
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```



```
mysql> SELECT
->     lastName, firstName
-> FROM
->     employees
-> WHERE
->     officeCode IN (SELECT
->                     officeCode
->                     FROM
->                     offices
->                     WHERE
->                         country = 'USA');
```

lastName	firstName
l2	f2

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

Live Class MySQL Terminal Queries

```
mysql> create database sb101;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> create table teachers(teacherid int, teachername varchar(20));
ERROR 1050 (42S01): Table 'teachers' already exists
mysql> use sb101;
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
Empty set (0.01 sec)

mysql> create table teachers(teacherid int, teachername varchar(20));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> insert into teachers values(1, "t1");
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into teachers values(2, "t2");
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> insert into teachers values(3, "t3");
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> create table courses(courseid int, coursename varchar(20), teacherid int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
mysql> insert into courses values(1, "c1", 1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> insert into courses values(2, "c2", 2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> insert into courses values(3, "c3", 4);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from teachers; select * from courses;
```

```
+-----+-----+
| teacherid | teachername |
+-----+-----+
|          1 | t1          |
|          2 | t2          |
|          3 | t3          |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| courseid | coursename | teacherid |
+-----+-----+-----+
|          1 | c1          |          1 |
|          2 | c2          |          2 |
|          3 | c3          |          4 |
+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select coursename, teachername
-> from
-> courses INNER JOIN teachers
-> ON
-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
```

```
+-----+-----+
| coursename | teachername |
+-----+-----+
| c1         | t1          |
| c2         | t2          |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select coursename, teachername
-> from courses, teachers
-> where
-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
```

```
+-----+-----+
| coursename | teachername |
+-----+-----+
| c1         | t1          |
| c2         | t2          |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from teachers; select * from courses;
```

```
+-----+-----+
| teacherid | teachername |
+-----+-----+
|          1 | t1          |
|          2 | t2          |
|          3 | t3          |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| courseid | coursename | teacherid |
+-----+-----+-----+
|          1 | c1          |          1 |
|          2 | c2          |          2 |
|          3 | c3          |          4 |
+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select coursename, teachername
-> from
-> courses LEFT JOIN teachers
-> ON
```

```

-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
+-----+-----+
| courseid | teacherid |
+-----+-----+
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select courseid, teacherid
-> from
-> courses RIGHT JOIN teachers
-> ON
-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid;
+-----+-----+
| courseid | teacherid |
+-----+-----+
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select *
-> from
-> courses LEFT JOIN teachers
-> ON
-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid
-> UNION
-> select *
-> from
-> courses RIGHT JOIN teachers
-> ON
-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid ;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| courseid | courseid | teacherid | teacherid | teachername |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | t1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | t2 |
| 3 | 3 | 4 | NULL | NULL |
| NULL | NULL | NULL | 3 | t3 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
mysql> select courseid, teachername
-> from
-> courses LEFT JOIN teachers
-> ON
-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid
-> UNION
-> select courseid, teachername
-> from
-> courses RIGHT JOIN teachers
-> ON
-> courses.teacherid = teachers.teacherid ;
+-----+-----+
| courseid | teachername |
+-----+-----+
| 1 | t1 |
| 2 | t2 |
| 3 | NULL |
| NULL | t3 |
+-----+-----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE table offices (officecode int, country varchar(10));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into offices values(1, "India");
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> CREATE table newoffices (officecode int, country varchar(10));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into newoffices values(2, "USA");

```



```

Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> insert into newoffices values(3, "UK");
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> select * from offices; select * from newoffices;
+-----+-----+
| officecode | country |
+-----+-----+
|          1 | India   |
+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

+-----+-----+
| officecode | country |
+-----+-----+
|          2 | USA     |
|          3 | UK      |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> insert into newoffices (select * from offices);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 1  Duplicates: 0  Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from newoffices;
+-----+-----+
| officecode | country |
+-----+-----+
|          2 | USA     |
|          3 | UK      |
|          1 | India   |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> create table employee (firstname varchar(10), lastname varchar(10), officecode int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into employee values("f1", "l1", 1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> insert into employee values("f2", "l2", 2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into employee values("f10", "l10", 10);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> select * from newoffices; select * from employee;
+-----+-----+
| officecode | country |
+-----+-----+
|          2 | USA     |
|          3 | UK      |
|          1 | India   |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

+-----+-----+-----+
| firstname | lastname | officecode |
+-----+-----+-----+
| f1        | l1       |          1 |
| f2        | l2       |          2 |
| f10       | l10      |         10 |
+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> write a query to display fname and lname of employees sitting in newoffices;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right synt
mysql> select firstname, lastname
-> from
-> employees
-> where officecode
-> IN (1,2,3);
ERROR 1146 (42S02): Table 'sb101.employees' doesn't exist
mysql> select firstname, lastname from employee where officecode IN (1,2,3);
+-----+-----+
| firstname | lastname |
+-----+-----+
| f1        | l1       |
| f2        | l2       |
+-----+-----+

```

```

2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select firstname, lastname from employee where officecode IN (select officecode from newoffices);
+-----+-----+
| firstname | lastname |
+-----+-----+
| f1        | l1        |
| f2        | l2        |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

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ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right synt
mysql> write a query to display fname and lname of employees sitting in USA newoffices
-> ;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right synt
mysql> select firstname, lastname from employee where officecode IN (select officecode from newoffices where
country = 'usa');
+-----+-----+
| firstname | lastname |
+-----+-----+
| f2        | l2        |
+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> create table person (id int, name varchar(10), email varchar(50));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> insert into person values(100, null, "something@gmail.com");
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> insert into person values(101, "fname", "something@yahoo.com");
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> select * from person;
+-----+-----+-----+
| id  | name | email                |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 100 | NULL | something@gmail.com |
| 101 | fname | something@yahoo.com |
+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select ISNULL(10);
+-----+
| ISNULL(10) |
+-----+
| 0          |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select ISNULL(NULL);
+-----+
| ISNULL(NULL) |
+-----+
| 1            |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT ISNULL(name) FROM PERSON;
+-----+
| ISNULL(name) |
+-----+
| 1            |
| 0            |
+-----+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

```

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