

## Key Takeaways

### Functions in SQL

- Aggregate functions like `SUM( )`, `AVG( )`, `COUNT( )`, `MAX( )`, and `MIN( )` are used for summarizing data.
- Scalar functions operate on single values, including string functions (`LEN( )`, `CONCAT( )`), date functions (`NOW( )`, `CURDATE( )`), and mathematical functions (`ROUND( )`, `ABS( )`, `POWER( )`).

### Joins and Relationships

- Relationships in databases are established using primary and foreign keys.
- Types of joins include:
  - **Inner Join:** Matches rows in both tables.
  - **Left Join:** Includes all rows from the left table, with NULLs for unmatched rows in the right table.
  - **Right Join:** Includes all rows from the right table, with NULLs for unmatched rows in the left table.
  - **Full Outer Join:** Combines all rows from both tables, with NULLs for non-matching rows.
  - **Cross Join:** Produces a Cartesian product of rows from both tables.
  - **Self Join:** Compares rows within the same table.