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1 Introduction

Relational databases store their data in multiple tables. The normal thing, in almost any query, is to require data from several tables at the same time. This is possible because the data in the tables is linked by columns that contain secondary or foreign keys that allow the data in that table to be related to data in another table. Sometimes you have to use data from more than one table. A join is used to view information from multiple tables. In this way, you can join different tables and thus see information in them.

Types of Unions:

The joints compatible with the standard are:

- Cross joints.
- Natural unions.
- USING clause.
- Full external joins (or two-sided).
- Arbitrary join conditions for outer joins.



Natural Joins: You can automatically join tables based on columns in the two tables that have corresponding names and data types. Do this using the NATURAL JOIN keywords.

Unions with USING: The USING clause can be used to specify only the columns that should be used for an equal join. Columns referenced in the USING clause must not have a qualifier (table name or alias) anywhere in the SQL statement.

Unions with the ON Clause: Use the ON clause to specify a join condition. This allows you to specify join conditions apart from any search or filter conditions in the WHERE clause.

Non-Equal Unions: An inegal join is one that contains something other than an equality operator. Although conditions such as (<= and >=) can be used, it is advisable to use BETWEEN, since it is the simplest. Remember to specify the lowest value first and the highest value last when using BETWEEN.

External Unions (OUTER JOIN): LEFT is indicated if we want all the data of the table to the left of the JOIN word to appear (remember that for Oracle the instruction has only one line). In the same way, if we want the table on the right to show all the data, RIGHT is indicated. Finally, if we want both to show all the data, FULL is used.

Cross Unions (CROSS JOIN) and Cartesian Products: When a join condition is invalid or is skipped altogether, the result is a Cartesian product, showing all combinations of rows. All rows from the first table are joined to all rows from the second table.

A cartesian product tends to generate a large number of rows, so the result is usually not useful. You should always include a valid join condition unless you have a specific need to join all rows from all tables.

Cartesian products are useful if you need to generate a large number of rows to simulate an acceptable amount of data.



Although to generate one it is only necessary to omit a join condition, there is a CROSS JOIN clause that does the same thing.

2 Practice objective

Use SQL SELECT statements for retrieving data from several tables.

3 Developing

Activity 1: Read all the choices carefully because there might be more than one correct answer. Choose all the correct answers for each question.

Explain the reason for your answer.

WRITE SELECT STATEMENTS TO ACCESS DATA FROM MORE THAN ONE TABLE USING EQUIJOINS AND NONEQUIJOINS.

- 1. The EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables have two identically named columns: DEPARTMENT_ID and MANAGER_ID. Which of these statements joins these tables based only on common DEPARTMENT_ID values? (Choose all that apply.)
- A) SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES NATURAL JOIN DEPARTMENTS;
- B) SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES E NATURAL JOIN DEPARTMENTS D ON E.DEPARTMENT _ID=D.DEPARTMENT_ID;
- ${\bf C)~SELECT~*~FROM~EMPLOYEES~NATURAL~JOIN~DEPARTMENTS~USING~(DEPARTMENT_ID);}\\$
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: D: A, B and C are incorrect. A performs a pure natural join that implicitly joins the two tables on all columns with identical names, which, in this case, are DEPARTMENT_ID and MANAGER_ID.



- 2. The EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables have two identically named columns: DEPARTMENT_ID and MANAGER_ID. Which statements join these tables based on both column values? (Choose all that apply.)
- A) SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES NATURAL JOIN DEPARTMENTS;
- B) SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES JOIN DEPARTMENTS USING (DEPARTMENT _ID,MANAGER_ID);
- C) SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES E JOIN DEPARTMENTS D ON E.DEPARTMENT_ID = D.DEPARTMENT_ID AND E.MANAGER_ID = D.MANAGER_ID;
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: A, B, and C. These clauses demonstrate different techniques for joining the tables on the DEPARTMENT_ID and MANAGER_ID columns; That is, all queries perform the same only in a different way.

- 3. Which join is performed by the following query?

 SELECT E.JOB_ID,J.JOB_ID FROM EMPLOYEES E JOIN JOBS J ON (E.SALARY)

 < J.MAX_SALARY); (Choose the best answer.)
- A) Equijoin.
- B) Nonequijoin.
- C) Cross join.
- D) Outer join.

Explanation: B, The join condition is an expression based on the less than inequality operator. Therefore, this join is a nonequijoin.

- 4. Which of the following statements are syntactically correct? (Choose all that apply.)
- A) SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES E JOIN DEPARTMENTS D USING (DEPARTMENT_ID);
- B) SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES JOIN DEPARTMENTS D USING (D.DEPARTMENT_ID);
- C) SELECT D.DEPARTMENT_ID FROM EMPLOYEES JOIN DEPARTMENTS D USING (DE-



PARTMENT_ID);

D) None of the above.

Explanation: A, This statement is correct as it demonstrates the proper use of the JOIN USING clause. values).

- 5. Which of the following statements are syntactically correct? (Choose all that apply.)
- A) SELECT E.EMPLOYEE_ID, J.JOB_ID PREVIOUS_JOB, E.JOB_ID CURRENT_JOB FROM JOB_HISTORY J CROSS JOIN EMPLOYEES E ON (J.START_DATE = E.HIRE_DATE);
- B) SELECT E.EMPLOYEE_ID, J.JOB_ID PREVIOUS_JOB, E.JOB_ID CURRENT_JOB FROM JOB_HISTORY J JOIN EMPLOYEES E ON (J.START_DATE = E.HIRE_DATE);
- C) SELECT E.EMPLOYEE_ID, J.JOB_ID PREVIOUS_JOB, E.JOB_ID CURRENT_JOB FROM JOB_HISTORY J OUTER JOIN EMPLOYEES E ON (J.START_DATE = E.HIRE_DATE);
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: B, This option demonstrates the correct use of the JOIN ON clause since the limitations of the clause are met.

6. Choose one correct statement regarding the following query:

SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES E JOIN DEPARTMENTS D ON (D.DEPARTMENT_ID) = E.DEPARTMENT_ID) JOIN LOCATIONS L ON (L.LOCATION_ID = D.LOCATION_ID);

- A) Joining three tables is not permitted.
- B) A Cartesian product is generated.
- C) The JOIN...ON clause may be used for joins between multiple tables.
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: C, The JOIN ON clause and the other join clauses can be used for joins between multiple tables. JOIN ON and JOIN USING clauses are more suitable for N-way table joins



JOIN A TABLE TO ITSELF USING A SELF-JOIN.

- 7. How many rows are returned after executing the following statement? SELECT * FROM REGIONS R1 JOIN REGIONS R2 ON (R1.REGION_ID = LENGTH(R2. REGION_NAME)/2); The REGIONS table contains the following row data. (Choose the best answer.)
- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: B, Three rows are returned for the row with a REGION_ID value of 2, REGION_NAME is Asia, and half the length of REGION_NAME is also 2, so returning this row results in rows with values of REGION_ID of three and four and REGION_NAME values of Europe and America that are returned.

VIEW DATA THAT DOES NOT MEET A JOIN CONDITION USING OUTER JOINS.

8. Choose one correct statement regarding the following query.

SELECT C.COUNTRY_ID FROM LOCATIONS L RIGHT OUTER JOIN COUNTRIES C ON (L.COUNTRY_ID = C.COUNTRY_ID) WHERE L.COUNTRY_ID is NULL;

- A) No rows in the LOCATIONS table have the COUNTRY ID values returned
- B) No rows in the COUNTRIES table have the COUNTRY ID values returned.
- C) The rows returned represent the COUNTRY ID values for all the rows in the LOCATIONS table.
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: A, The right outer join fetches the COUNTRIES rows that the inner join between the LOCATIONS and COUNTRIES tables have excluded. The WHERE clause then restricts the



results by eliminating the inner join results. This leaves the rows from the COUNTRIES table with which no records from the LOCATIONS table records are associated.

- 9. Which of the following statements are syntactically correct? (Choose all that apply.)
- A) SELECT JH.JOB_ID FROM JOB_HISTORY JH RIGHT OUTER JOIN JOBS J ON JH.JOB_ID = J.JOB_ID
- B) SELECT JOB_ID FROM JOB_HISTORY JH RIGHT OUTER JOIN JOBS J ON (JH.JOB_ID = J.JOB_ID)
- C) SELECT JOB_HISTORY.JOB_ID FROM JOB_HISTORY OUTER JOIN JOBS ON JOB_HISTORY. $\label{eq:Job_Job_Job_Job_Job_Job_Job_Job} \ JOB_ID = JOBS.JOB_ID$
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: A, This statement demonstrates the correct use of the RIGHT OUTER JOIN ON clause.

GENERATE A CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF TWO OR MORE TABLES.

- 10. If the REGIONS table, which contains 4 rows, is cross joined to the COUNTRIES table, which contains 25 rows, how many rows appear in the final results set? (Choose the best answer.)
- A) 100 rows
- B) 4 rows
- C) 25 rows
- D) None of the above.

Explanation: A, The cross join associates every four rows from the REGIONS table 25 times with the rows from the COUNTRIES table yielding a result set that contains 100 rows.



Activity 2: Propose an answer to the following issues:

- a) You are required to retrieve information from multiple tables, group the results, and apply an aggregate function to them. Can a group function be used against data from multiple table sources?
- \mathbf{R} = If the rest is possible, since when the tables are joined, a table is obtained as a result and a group can be made to said table, therefore if group functions can be applied.
- b) When joining two tables, there is a risk that between them they contain common column names. Does Oracle know which tables to fetch data from if such columns are present in the SELECT list?
- \mathbf{R} = If Oracle knows as long as the union between tables is done with a NATURAL JOIN or with a correct JOIN.
- c) The NATURAL JOIN clause is used to join rows from two tables based on columns with common names sharing identical values. Is it possible to join two tables based on some of the shared columns and not all of them?
- $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{If}$ this is possible since the USING clause or the ON clause could be used.
- d) The data in two tables you wish to join is related but does not share any identically named columns. Is it possible to join tables using columns that do not share the same name?
- $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{If}$ this is possible since the USING clause or the ON clause could be used.
- e) You wish to divide staff into four groups named after the four regions in the REGIONS table. Is it possible to obtain a list of EMPLOYEE_ID, LAST_NAME, and REGION_NAME values for each employee by joining the EMPLOYEE_ID and REGION_ID columns in a round-robin manner?
- **R** = It is not possible since the EMPLOYEES and REGIONS tables do not have any relationship between them, the only thing that could be done is a cross union and this would generate a Cartesian product.

f) You are required to retrieve a list of DEPARTMENT_NAME and LAST_NAME values for all departments, including those that currently have no employees assigned to them. In such cases the string 'No Employees' should be displayed as the LAST_NAME column value. Can this be done

using joins?

R = If this is possible, since a union could be made between the EMPLOYEES table and the

DEPARTMENTS table using the USING clause with the id of the departments and to show the

phrase without employees, the NVL function could be used.

Activity 3: Connect to the OE schema and complete the following tasks.

- You are required to produce a report of customers who purchased products with list prices of

more than \$1000. The report must contain customer first and last names and the product names

and their list prices. Customer information is stored in the CUSTOMERS table, which has the

CUSTOMER_ID column as its primary key. The product name and list price details are stored in

the PRODUCT_INFORMATION table with the PRODUCT_ID column as its primary key. Two

other related tables may assist in generating the required report: the ORDERS table, which stores

the CUSTOMER_ID and ORDER_ID information, and the ORDER_ITEMS table, which stores the

PRODUCT_ID values associated with each ORDER_ID. There are several approaches to solving this

question, see figure 1.

Note: Capture an image for each statement output.

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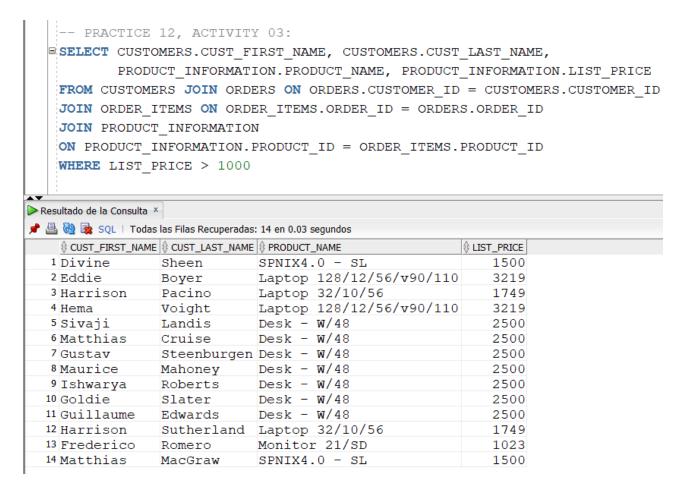


Figure 1: Data query with multiple tables.

Activity 4: This exercise must be performed in the HR schema.

• The JOB_HISTORY table shares three identically named columns with the EMPLOYEES table: EMPLOYEE_ID, JOB_ID, and DEPARTMENT_ID. You are required to describe the tables and fetch the EMPLOYEE_ID, JOB_ID, DEPARTMENT_ID, LAST_NAME, HIRE_DATE, and END_DATE values for all rows retrieved using a pure natural join. Alias the EMPLOYEES table as EMP and the JOB_HISTORY table as JH and use dot notation where possible, see figure 2.



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-- PRACTICE 12, ACTIVITY 04:

SELECT EMPLOYEE_ID,

JOB_ID,

DEPARTMENT_ID,

EMP.LAST_NAME,

EMP.HIRE_DATE,

JH.END_DATE

FROM EMPLOYEES EMP NATURAL JOIN JOB_HISTORY JH;

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DEMPLOYEE_ID DOB_ID DEPARTMENT_ID LAST_NAME HIRE_DATE END_DATE

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Figure 2: Data query with multiple tables.

• Each record in the DEPARTMENTS table has a MANAGER_ID column matching an EM-PLOYEE_ID value in the EMPLOYEES table. You are required to produce a report with one column aliased as Managers. Each row must contain a sentence of the format FIRST_NAME LAST_NAME is manager of the DEPARTMENT_NAME department. Alias the EMPLOYEES table as E and the DEPARTMENTS table as D and use dot notation where possible, see figure 3.

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SELECT E.FIRST NAME || ' ' || E.LAST NAME ||
           ' is manager of the ' || D.DEPARTMENT NAME ||
           ' department.' AS "Managers"
   FROM EMPLOYEES E JOIN DEPARTMENTS D ON D.MANAGER ID = E.EMPLOYEE ID;
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  1 Steven King is manager of the Executive department.
  2 Alexander Hunold is manager of the IT department.
  3 Nancy Greenberg is manager of the Finance department.
  4 Den Raphaely is manager of the Purchasing department.
  5 Adam Fripp is manager of the Shipping department.
  6 John Russell is manager of the Sales department.
  7 Jennifer Whalen is manager of the Administration department.
  8 Michael Hartstein is manager of the Marketing department.
  9 Susan Mavris is manager of the Human Resources department.
  10 Hermann Baer is manager of the Public Relations department.
  11 Shelley Higgins is manager of the Accounting department.
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Figure 3: Data query with multiple tables.



• There is a hierarchical relationship between employees and their managers. For each row in the EMPLOYEES table the MANAGER_ID column stores the EMPLOYEE_ID of every employee's manager. Using a self-join on the EMPLOYEES table, you are required to retrieve the employee's LAST_NAME, EMPLOYEE_ID, manager's LAST_NAME, and employee's DEPARTMENT_ID for the rows with DEPARMENT_ID values of 10, 20, or 30. Alias the EMPLOYEES table as E and the second instance of the EMPLOYEES table as M. Sort the results based on the DEPARTMENT_ID column, see figure 4.

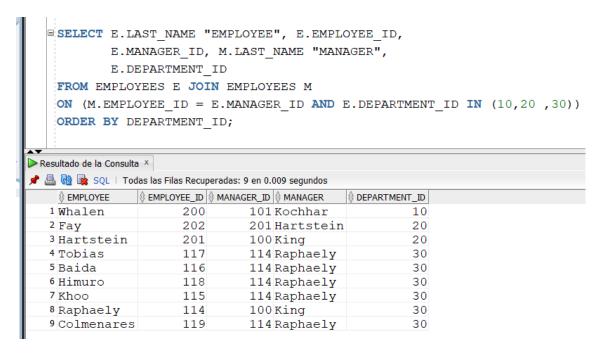


Figure 4: Data query with multiple tables.

• Write a query for the HR department to produce the addresses of all the departments. Use the LOCATIONS and COUNTRIES tables. Show the location ID, street address, city, state or province, and country in the output. Use a NATURAL JOIN to produce the results, **see figure 5**.





Figure 5: Data query with multiple tables.

• The HR department needs a report of all employees. Write a query to display the last name, department number, and department name for all the employees, see figure 6.

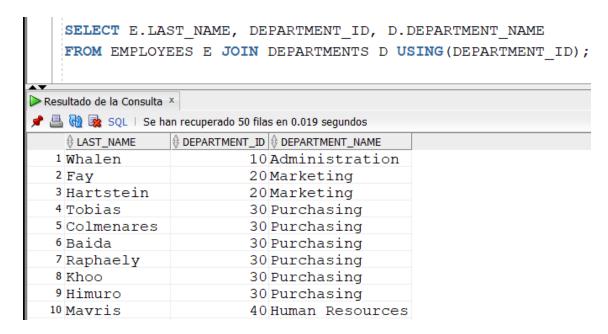


Figure 6: Data query with multiple tables.



• The HR department needs a report to display the last name, job, department number, and department name for all employees who work in a city entered by a user parameter. For instance, city equals 'toronto', see figure 7.

Figure 7: Data query with multiple tables.

• Crete a report to display employees' last names and employee number along with their managers' last names and manager number. Label the columns Employee, Emp, Manager, and Mgr, respectively, see figure 8.



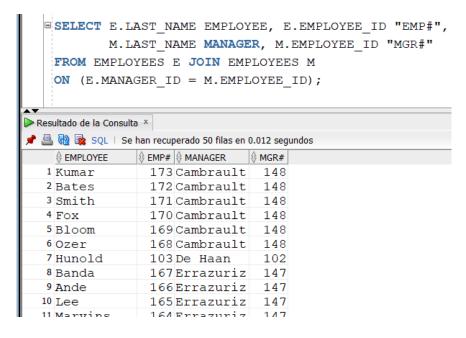


Figure 8: Data query with multiple tables.

• Modify previous sentence to display all employees including those who have no manager. Order the results by the employee number, see figure 9.

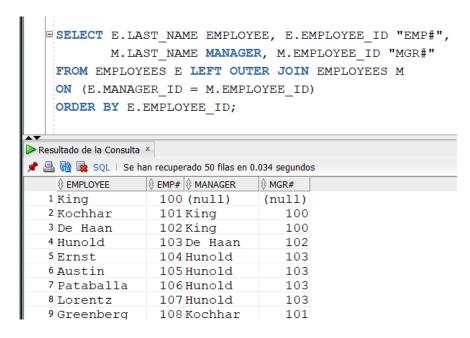


Figure 9: Data query with multiple tables.



• Create a report for the HR department that displays employee last names, department name for all the employees along with their colleagues. Give each column an appropriate label and order the results as you consider appropriate to the study case, see figure 10.

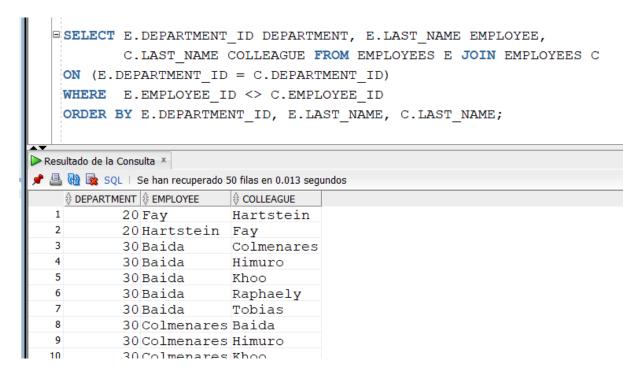


Figure 10: Data query with multiple tables.

• The HR department needs a report on job grades and salaries. To familiarize yourself with the JOB_GRADES table, first show the structure of the JOB_GRADES table. Then create a query that displays the name, job, department name, salary, and grade for all employees, **see figure 11 and 12**.



```
GRADE CHAR(1),
LOWEST_SAL NUMBER(8,2) NOT NULL,
HIGHEST_SAL NUMBER(8,2) NOT NULL
);

ALTER TABLE JOB_GRADES ADD CONSTRAINT
job_grades_grade_pk PRIMARY KEY (GRADE);

INSERT INTO JOB_GRADES VALUES ('A', 1000, 2999);
INSERT INTO JOB_GRADES VALUES ('B', 3000, 5999);
INSERT INTO JOB_GRADES VALUES ('C', 6000, 9999);
INSERT INTO JOB_GRADES VALUES ('D', 10000, 14999);
INSERT INTO JOB_GRADES VALUES ('E', 15000, 24999);
INSERT INTO JOB_GRADES VALUES ('F', 25000, 40000);
COMMIT;
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Figure 11: Creating a new table: HR Schema.



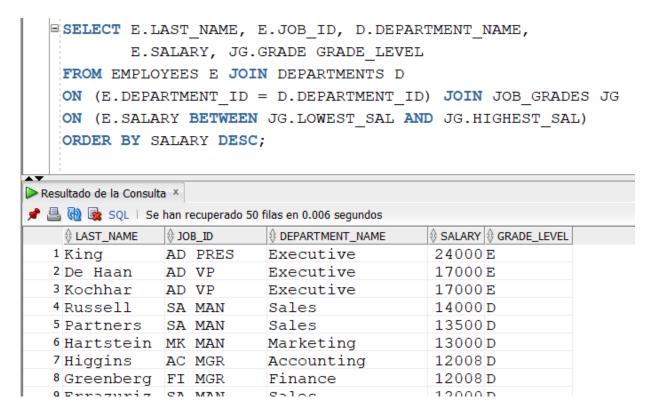


Figure 12: Data query with multiple tables.

• HR department wants to create a query to display the name and hire date of any employee hired after an employee entered by a user parameter. For Instance, after 'Davies', see figure 13.



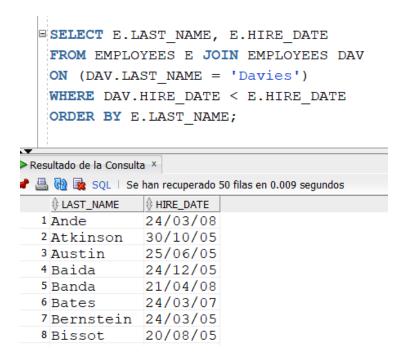


Figure 13: Data query with multiple tables.

• The HR department needs to find the names and hire dates for all employees who were hired before their managers, along with their managers' names and hire dates, see figure 14.

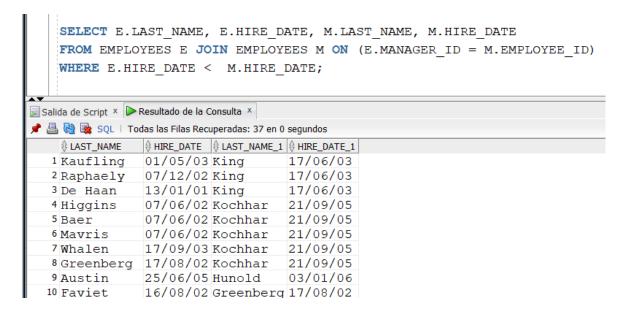


Figure 14: Data query with multiple tables.



• The DEPARTMENTS table contains details of all departments in the organization. You are required to retrieve the DEPARTMENT_NAME and DEPARTMENT_ID values for those departments to which no employees are currently assigned, see figure 15.

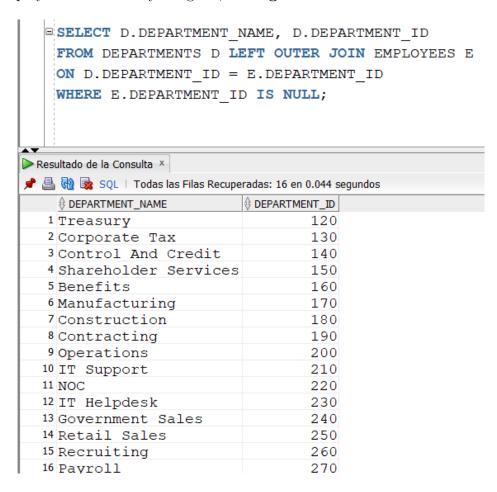


Figure 15: Data query with multiple tables.

• You are required to obtain the number of rows in the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS table as well as the number of records that would be created by a Cartesian product of these two tables. Confirm your results by explicitly counting and multiplying the number of rows present in each of these tables. In **figure 16** we can see that there are 107 employees, in **figure 17** it can be seen that there are 27 departments, therefore when performing a Cartesian product (107 x 27) a total of 2889 output records will be obtained, **see figure 18**.



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SELECT COUNT (*) "NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES" FROM EMPLOYEES;

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NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

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Figure 16: Count Records: Employees.

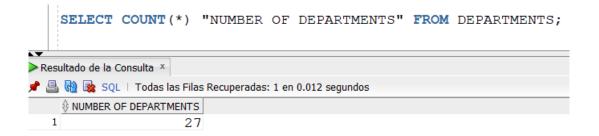


Figure 17: Count Records: Departments.



Figure 18: Cartesian product between employees and departments.



Activity 5: This practice is intended to give you experience in extracting data from more than one table using the SQL:1999–compliant joins.

1. Write a query for the HR department to produce the addresses of all the departments. Use the LOCATIONS and COUNTRIES tables. Show the location_ID, street address, city, state or province, and country in the output. Use a NATURAL JOIN to produce the results, see figure 19.



Figure 19: Data query with multiple tables.

2. The HR department needs a report of all employees. Write a query to display the last name, department number, and department name for all the employees, see figure 20.



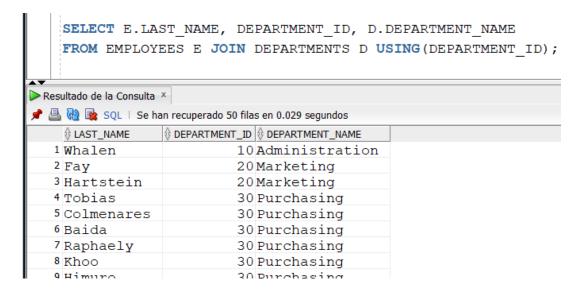


Figure 20: Data query with multiple tables.

3. The HR department needs a report of employees in Toronto. Display the last name, job, department number, and the department name for all employees who work in Toronto, see figure 21.

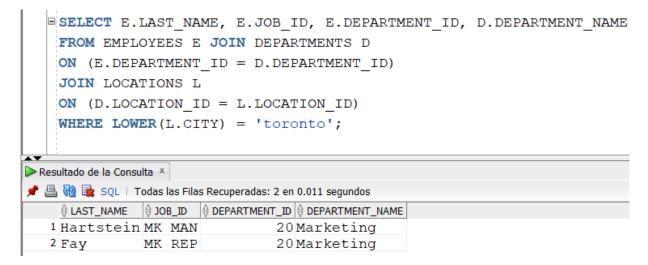


Figure 21: Data query with multiple tables.



4. Create a report to display employees' last name and employee number along with their manager's last name and manager number. Label the columns Employee, Emp#, Manager, and Mgr#, respectively. Save your SQL statement as lab_12_04.sql. Run the query, see figure 22.



Figure 22: Data query with multiple tables.

5. Modify lab_12_04.sql to display all employees including King, who has no manager. Order the results by the employee number. Save your SQL statement as lab_12_05.sql. Run the query in lab_12_05.sql, see figure 23.



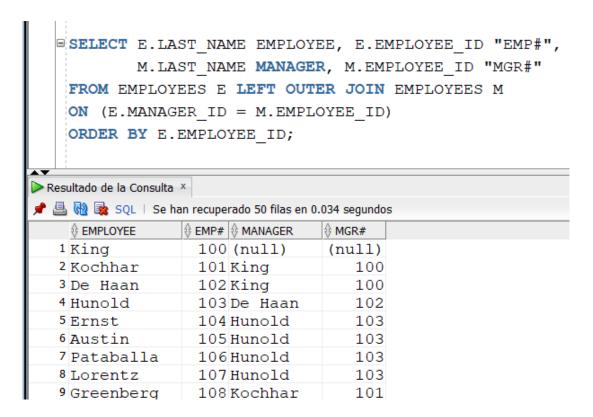


Figure 23: Data query with multiple tables.

6. Create a report for the HR department that displays employee last names, department numbers, and all the employees who work in the same department as a given employee. Give each column an appropriate label. Save the script to a file named lab_12_06.sql, see figure 24.



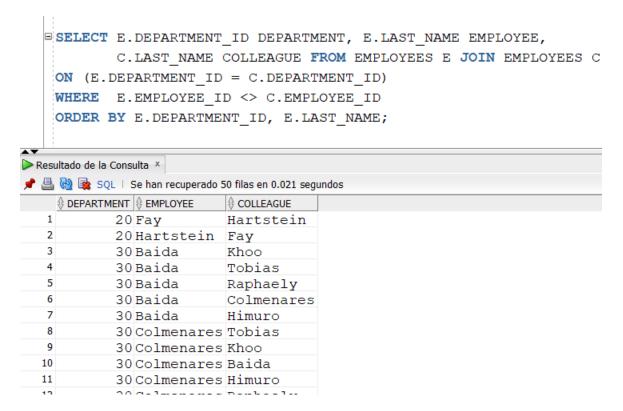


Figure 24: Data query with multiple tables.

7. The HR department needs a report on job grades and salaries. To familiarize yourself with the JOB_GRADES table, first show the structure of the JOB_GRADES table. Then create a query that displays the name, job, department name, salary, and grade for all employees, see figure 25 and 26.

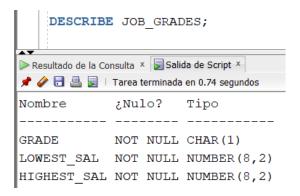


Figure 25: Structure of the JOB_GRADES table.





Figure 26: Data query with multiple tables.

8. The HR department wants to determine the names of all the employees who were hired after Davies. Create a query to display the name and hire date of any employee hired after employee Davies, see figure 27.



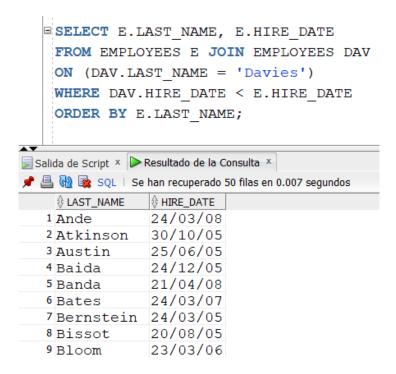


Figure 27: Data query with multiple tables.

9. The HR department needs to find the names and hire dates of all the employees who were hired before their managers, along with their managers' names and hire dates. Save the script to a file named lab_12_09.sql, see figure 28.



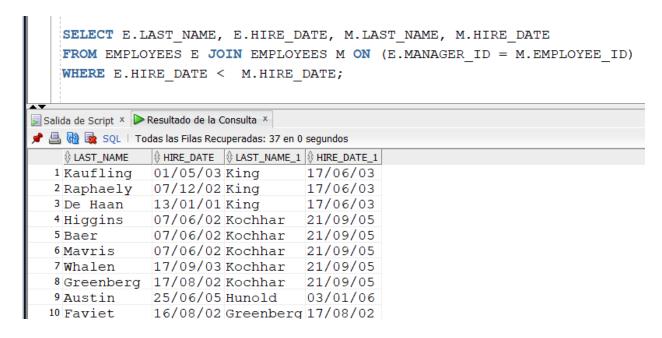


Figure 28: Data query with multiple tables.

4 Pre-assessment

In this section you will find the Pre-assessment.

Criteria to be evaluate	Does it comply?	(%)
COMPLIES WITH THE REQUESTED FUNCTIONALITY	YES	
HAS THE CORRECT INDENTATION	YES	
HAS AN EASY WAY TO ACCESS THE PROVIDED FILES	YES	
HAS A REPORT WITH IDC FORMAT	YES	
REPORT INFORMATION IS FREE OF SPELLING ERRORS	YES	
DELIVERED IN TIME AND FORM	YES	
IS FULLY COMPLETED (SPECIFY THE PERCENTAGE COMPLETED)	YES	100%



5 Conclusion

The projection of the data within a relational database is stored in the table in the form of rows and columns. Projections are the first items identified during query execution. They are the selected columns within a table for which a query has been designed. Projections are mentioned in the first part of the SQL query, that is, the SELECT statement. After identifying the projections within the query frame, the next step would be to identify the rows that are relevant to the query. Filters are mentioned within the WHERE clause of the query and will identify the rows to be included in the results, the latter is called a selection.

This practice number 12 helped me practice the uses of the SELECT statement for data retrieval and projection. Finally, something important to mention is that the SQL language allows the projection and selection of data to meet the reporting needs that a programmer, developer or end user may need.