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Here's a detailed breakdown of each SQL command and its specific use cases in various scenarios:

1. `PRIMARY KEY`

- **Why**: To uniquely identify each record in a table.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to ensure that each row has a unique identifier. It's commonly used for fields like `ID`, `email`, or `username`.

Scenario:
You are creating a `users` table, and you want to ensure that each user has a unique `user_id`.
sql
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```
CREATE TABLE users (
    user_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    username VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
);
```

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2. `FOREIGN KEY`

- **Why**: To create a relationship between two tables and enforce referential integrity.
- **When to Use**: Use when one table needs to reference a record in another table (i.e., relational database design).

Scenario:
You have an `orders` table, and each order must reference a `customer_id` from the `customers` table.
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```
CREATE TABLE orders (
    order_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    customer_id INT,
    FOREIGN KEY (customer_id) REFERENCES customers(customer_id)
);
```

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3. `NOT NULL`

- **Why**: To ensure a column cannot have `NULL` values.
- **When to Use**: Use when a field is required for every record, such as `username`, `email`, or `price`.

Scenario:
You need to ensure that every user must provide a `username` when inserting a record into the `users` table.
sql
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```
CREATE TABLE users (
    user_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    username VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
);
```

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4. `WHERE`

- **Why**: To filter records based on specific conditions.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to retrieve data that matches certain conditions (e.g., retrieve records for employees who are over 30 years old).

Scenario:
Fetch records of employees who are older than 30.
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE age > 30;
```

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5. `ORDER BY`

- **Why**: To sort the result set in ascending or descending order.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want the result set to be sorted by one or more columns (e.g., sorting products by price or users by name).

Scenario:
Sort employees by salary in descending order.
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM employees
ORDER BY salary DESC;
```

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6. `GROUP BY`

- **Why**: To group rows that have the same values into summary rows.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to aggregate data (e.g., sum, average, count) by one or more columns.

Scenario:
Get the total sales for each product.
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```
SELECT product_id, SUM(sales) AS total_sales
FROM sales
GROUP BY product_id;
```

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7. `LIKE`

- **Why**: To search for a specified pattern in a column.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to search for records that match a certain pattern, with wildcards (`%` or `_`).

Scenario:
Find all users whose `username` starts with "J".
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM users
WHERE username LIKE 'J%';
```

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8. `LIMIT`

- **Why**: To restrict the number of rows returned in the result set.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to limit the number of rows returned, such as only getting the top 10 records.

Scenario:
Get only the first 5 employees.
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM employees
LIMIT 5;
```

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9. `CONCAT`

- **Why**: To concatenate two or more strings into one.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to combine columns or text values, such as combining `first_name` and `last_name` into `full_name`.

Scenario:
Combine first and last name into a `full_name` field.
sql
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```
SELECT CONCAT(first_name, ' ', last_name) AS full_name
FROM employees;
```

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10. `SELECT`

- **Why**: To retrieve data from a database.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to query data from one or more tables.

Scenario:
Retrieve all records from the `users` table.
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM users;
```

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11. `INSERT`

- **Why**: To insert new data into a table.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to add new rows to a table.

Scenario:
Insert a new user into the `users` table.
sql
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```
INSERT INTO users (user_id, username)
VALUES (1, 'john_doe');
```

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12. `UPDATE`

- **Why**: To modify existing data in a table.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to change data in existing records.

Scenario:
Update the salary of an employee with `employee_id = 5`.
sql
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```
UPDATE employees
SET salary = 50000
WHERE employee_id = 5;
```

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13. `AND`

- **Why**: To combine multiple conditions in a `WHERE` clause (both conditions must be true).
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to filter rows based on multiple conditions.

Scenario:
Get employees who are older than 30 and have a salary above 50000.
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE age > 30 AND salary > 50000;
```

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14. `OR`

- **Why**: To combine multiple conditions in a `WHERE` clause (at least one condition must be true).
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to filter rows based on any of multiple conditions.

Scenario:
Get employees who are either older than 30 or have a salary above 50000.
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE age > 30 OR salary > 50000;
```

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15. `NOT`

- **Why**: To negate a condition in a `WHERE` clause.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to exclude records that match a certain condition.

Scenario:
Get employees who do not work in the "HR" department.

sql
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```sql
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE department != 'HR';
```

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16. `BETWEEN`

- **Why**: To filter records within a range of values.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to check if a value is within a specified range (inclusive).

Scenario:
Get employees whose salary is between 40000 and 60000.
sql
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```sql
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE salary BETWEEN 40000 AND 60000;
```

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17. `IN`

- **Why**: To filter records based on a list of values.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to match one of multiple values in a column.

Scenario:
Get employees whose `department` is either "HR", "Finance", or "Engineering".
sql
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```sql
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE department IN ('HR', 'Finance', 'Engineering');
```

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18. `MAX`

- **Why**: To find the maximum value in a column.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to find the highest value in a numeric column.

Scenario:
Get the highest salary in the `employees` table.
sql
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```sql
SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees;
```

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19. `MIN`

- **Why**: To find the minimum value in a column.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to find the lowest value in a numeric column.

Scenario:
Get the lowest salary in the `employees` table.
sql
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```
SELECT MIN(salary) FROM employees;
```

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20. `AVG`

- **Why**: To calculate the average value of a numeric column.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to calculate the average of a column, like average salary or age.

Scenario:
Get the average salary in the `employees` table.
sql
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```
SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees;
```

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21. `COUNT`

- **Why**: To count the number of rows in a table or a group of rows.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to count records or the number of entries in a group.

Scenario:
Count the number of employees in the company.
sql
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```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM employees;
```

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22. `REVERSE`

- **Why**: To reverse the characters in a string.
- **When to Use**: Use when you need to reverse a text string.

Scenario:
Reverse the `phone_number` for formatting or display purposes.
sql
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```
SELECT REVERSE(phone_number) FROM users;
```

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23. `Phone Number Format`

- **Why**: To format a phone number into a standard format.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to store phone numbers consistently.

Scenario:
You can use `REGEXP` or `FORMAT` (depending on the DBMS) to format phone numbers.
sql
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```
SELECT FORMAT(phone_number, '(###) ###-####') FROM users;
```

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24. `UNION`

- **Why**: To combine the result sets of two or more `SELECT` queries.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to combine the results of multiple `SELECT` statements into one result set.

Scenario:
Get a list of all employees and customers from two different tables.
sql
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```
SELECT name FROM employees
UNION
SELECT name FROM customers;
```

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25. `DISTINCT`

- **Why**: To return only unique (non-duplicate) rows in a result set.
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to eliminate duplicate entries.

Scenario:
Get a list of unique departments from the `employees` table.
sql
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```
SELECT DISTINCT department FROM employees;
```

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26. `Discontinued (0, 1)`

- **Why**: Typically used to represent a boolean flag indicating whether a product is discontinued (1) or still available (0).
- **When to Use**: Use when you want to track the availability status of products or items.

Scenario:
Get products that are discontinued.
sql
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```
SELECT * FROM products
WHERE discontinued = 1;
```

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This breakdown should help clarify when and why to use these SQL clauses in your database queries. Let me know if you'd like more detailed examples for any of these!

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all joins and syntax and example

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SQL Joins Overview

SQL joins are used to combine rows from two or more tables based on a related column between them. There are several types of joins, each serving a different purpose depending on how you want to handle matching and non-matching rows.

1. `INNER JOIN`

- **Description**: Returns only the rows that have matching values in both tables.

Syntax:
sql
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```
SELECT columns
FROM table1
INNER JOIN table2
ON table1.column = table2.column;
```

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Example: Suppose we have two tables: `employees` and `departments`.

`employees`:

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```
employee_id | employee_name | department_id
-------------------------------------------
1           | John Doe      | 2
2           | Jane Smith    | 3
3           | Alice Brown   | 1
```

`departments`:

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```
department_id | department_name
-------------------------------
1             | HR
2             | Sales
3             | Marketing
```

Query:

sql

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```
SELECT employees.employee_name, departments.department_name
FROM employees
INNER JOIN departments
ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```

Result:

plaintext

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```
employee_name | department_name
-------------------------------
John Doe      | Sales
Jane Smith    | Marketing
Alice Brown   | HR
```

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2. `LEFT JOIN` (or `LEFT OUTER JOIN`)

- **Description**: Returns all rows from the left table, and the matched rows from the right table. If no match, `NULL` values are returned for columns from the right table.

Syntax:

sql

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```
SELECT columns
```

```
FROM table1
LEFT JOIN table2
ON table1.column = table2.column;
```

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Example: Continuing with the same `employees` and `departments` tables:
Query:
sql
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```
SELECT employees.employee_name, departments.department_name
FROM employees
LEFT JOIN departments
ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```
Result:
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```
employee_name | department_name
-------------------------------
John Doe      | Sales
Jane Smith    | Marketing
Alice Brown   | HR
```
If there's an employee with no department:
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```
employee_name | department_name
-------------------------------
John Doe      | Sales
Jane Smith    | Marketing
Alice Brown   | HR
Bob White     | NULL
```

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3. `RIGHT JOIN` (or `RIGHT OUTER JOIN`)

- **Description**: Returns all rows from the right table, and the matched rows from the left table. If no match, `NULL` values are returned for columns from the left table.

Syntax:
sql
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```
SELECT columns
FROM table1
RIGHT JOIN table2
```

```
ON table1.column = table2.column;
```

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Example:
sql
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```
SELECT employees.employee_name, departments.department_name
FROM employees
RIGHT JOIN departments
ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```
Result:
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```
employee_name | department_name
-------------------------------
John Doe      | Sales
Jane Smith    | Marketing
Alice Brown   | HR
NULL           | Engineering
```

- In this case, if there's a department with no employees, it will still appear.

4. `FULL JOIN` (or `FULL OUTER JOIN`)

- **Description**: Returns all rows when there is a match in either left (table1) or right (table2) table. If there is no match, the result is `NULL` on the side that has no match.

Syntax:
sql
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```
SELECT columns
FROM table1
FULL JOIN table2
ON table1.column = table2.column;
```

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Example:
sql
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```
SELECT employees.employee_name, departments.department_name
FROM employees
FULL JOIN departments
ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```

Result:
plaintext
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```
employee_name | department_name
-------------------------------
John Doe      | Sales
Jane Smith    | Marketing
Alice Brown   | HR
NULL           | Engineering
```

- This combines both the `LEFT JOIN` and `RIGHT JOIN` results.

5. `CROSS JOIN`

- **Description**: Returns the Cartesian product of two tables. This means it will combine each row of the first table with every row of the second table.

Syntax:
sql
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```
SELECT columns
FROM table1
CROSS JOIN table2;
```

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Example: Let's say we have the following two small tables:
`colors`:
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```
color_id | color_name
----------------------
1        | Red
2        | Blue
```

`shapes`:
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```
shape_id | shape_name
----------------------
1        | Circle
2        | Square
```

Query:
sql
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```
SELECT colors.color_name, shapes.shape_name
```

```
FROM colors
CROSS JOIN shapes;
```

Result:
plaintext
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```
color_name | shape_name
-----------------------
Red        | Circle
Red        | Square
Blue       | Circle
Blue       | Square
```

- This produces all combinations between `colors` and `shapes`.

6. `SELF JOIN`

- **Description**: A join where a table is joined with itself. It's useful for hierarchical or recursive data.

Syntax:
sql
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```
SELECT a.columns, b.columns
FROM table a
JOIN table b
ON a.column = b.column;
```

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Example: Imagine a `employees` table that has a column for `manager_id` referring to the `employee_id` of the manager:
`employees`:
plaintext
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```
employee_id | employee_name | manager_id
----------------------------------------
1           | John          | NULL
2           | Jane          | 1
3           | Alice         | 1
4           | Bob           | 2
```

Query:
sql
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```
SELECT e1.employee_name AS Employee, e2.employee_name AS Manager
FROM employees e1
```

```
LEFT JOIN employees e2
ON e1.manager_id = e2.employee_id;
```

Result:
plaintext
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```
Employee | Manager
-------------------
John     | NULL
Jane     | John
Alice    | John
Bob      | Jane
```

- Here, each employee is paired with their manager.

Summary of Joins:

Join Type	Description	Returns
`INNER JOIN`	Only matching rows from both tables.	Only rows that have a match in both tables.
`LEFT JOIN`	All rows from the left table, and matching rows from the right.	All rows from the left table, `NULL` for non-matches in right.
`RIGHT JOIN`	All rows from the right table, and matching rows from the left.	All rows from the right table, `NULL` for non-matches in left.
`FULL JOIN`	All rows from both tables.	All rows from both tables, `NULL` where there's no match.
`CROSS JOIN`	Cartesian product of both tables (all combinations).	Every row of the first table is combined with every row of the second.
`SELF JOIN`	A table joined with itself. Useful for hierarchical data.	Pairs rows from the same table with each other.