Database Modeling and Database Systems — Unit 5

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UNIT 5

COMPLEX DATABASE QUERIES ON MULTIPLE TABLES

STUDY GOALS

- Use composite quantities or JOINs to query more than one table.
- Use set operations to gather combine the results of more than one query.
- Use views to reuse the results of complex queries.

EXPLAIN SIMPLY

- 1. What is the main advantage of JOINs?
- 2. Why are there different types of JOINs?
- 3. What is a VIEW?

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Composite Quantities (JOIN)

- ▶ The need for JOINs: combining related data
- Types of JOINs: INNER, LEFT, RIGHT, FULL OUTER
- Example JOIN queries with illustrations

Main Advantage of JOINs

- ► Efficiency in data retrieval
- Reduced redundancy and improved data consistency

DIFFERENT TYPES OF JOINS SELECT < fields> FROM TableA A INNER JOIN TableB B ON A key = B key SELECT <fields> SELECT < fields> FROM TableA A FROM TableA A LEFT JOIN TableB B RIGHT JOIN TableB B ON A key = B key ON A key = B key SELECT <fields> SELECT clields: FROM TableA A FROM TableA A LEFT JOIN TableB B RIGHT JOIN TableB B ON A key = B key ON A.key = B.key WHERE B.key IS NULL WHERE A key IS NULL SELECT < fields> SELECT (fields) FROM TableA A FROM TableA A FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B FULL OUTER JOIN TableB B ON A.key = B.key ON A.key = B.key WHERE A key IS NULL This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported License. Author: http://commons.volsimedia.org/wiki/User-Arbeck OR B key IS NULL

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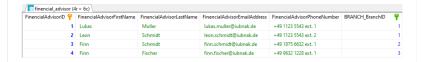
COMPOSITE QUANTITIES (JOIN)



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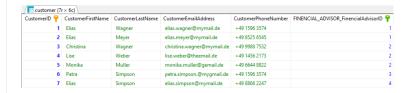
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THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR TABLE



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THE CUSTOMER TABLE



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INNER JOIN

SELECT employees.name, departments.name FROM employees INNER JOIN departments ON employees.department_id = departments.id;

Explanation: This query retrieves records with matching department IDs from both the employees and departments tables.

LEFT (OUTER) JOIN

SELECT employees.name, departments.name FROM employees LEFT JOIN departments ON employees.department_id = departments.id;

Explanation: This query returns all employees and their department names. If an employee does not belong to a department, the department name is returned as NULL.

RIGHT (OUTER) JOIN

SELECT employees.name, departments.name
FROM employees
RIGHT JOIN departments
ON employees.department_id = departments.id;

Explanation: This query returns all departments and the names of employees in those departments. If there are departments without employees, the employee name is returned as NULL.

FULL (OUTER) JOIN

SELECT employees.name, departments.name FROM employees FULL OUTER JOIN departments ON employees.department_id = departments.id;

Explanation: This query returns all employees and all departments. Where there is no match, the result is NULL on either side.

CROSS JOIN

SELECT employees.name, departments.name FROM employees CROSS JOIN departments;

Explanation: This query returns a Cartesian product of employees and departments, combining every employee with every department.

SELF JOIN

```
SELECT A.name AS EmployeeName,
B.name AS ManagerName
FROM employees A
LEFT JOIN employees B
ON A.manager_id = B.employee_id;
```

Explanation: This query performs a self join to return employees along with their managers from the same employees table.

EXAMPLE OF A COMPOUND SET

- -- First and last names of finencial advisors and
- -- first and last names as well as email addresses of
- 3 -- clients of these advisors
- 4 SELECT finencial_advisor.FinencialAdvisorFirstName, finencial_advisor.FinencialAdvisorLastName,
- 5 customer.CustomerFirstName, customer.CustomerLastName, customer.CustomerEmailAddress
- 6 FROM customer INNER JOIN finencial_advisor ON
 7 customer.FINENCIAL ADVISOR FinencialAdvisorID = finencial advisor.FinencialAdvisorID:

Result #1 (7r × 5c)

FinencialAdvisorFirstName	FinencialAdvisorLastName	CustomerFirstName	CustomerLastName	CustomerEmailAddress
Lukas	Muller	Elias	Wagner	elias.wagner@mymail.de
Lukas	Muller	Elias	Meyer	elias.meyer@mymail.de
Leon	Schmidt	Christina	Wagner	christina.wagner@mymail.de
Leon	Schmidt	Lise	Weber	lise.weber@theemail.de
Leon	Schmidt	Monika	Muller	monika.muller@gemail.de
Finn	Schmidt	Patra	Simpson	petra.simpson.@mygmail.de
Finn	Fischer	Elias	Simpson	elias.simpson@mymail.de

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EXAMPLE OF A COMPOUND SET

```
1 -- First and Last names as well as email addresses of
2 -- clients whose advisor is Finn Schmidt
3 SELECT customer.CustomerFirstName, customer.CustomerLastName, customer.CustomerEmailAddress
4 FROM customer INNER JOIN Finencial advisor ON
5 customer.FINENCIAL_ADVISOR_FinencialAdvisorID = finencial_advisor.FinencialAdvisorID
6 WHERE
7 finencial_advisor.FinencialAdvisorFirstName LIKE 'Finn'
8 AND
9 finencial_advisor.FinencialAdvisorLastName LIKE 'Schmidt';
```

customer (1r × 3c)

CustomerFirstName	CustomerLastName	CustomerEmailAddress
Patra	Simpson	petra.simpson.@mygmail.de

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Introduction to Set Operations

Set operations in SQL are used to combine the results of two or more SELECT queries. These operations are analogous to mathematical set operations. The involved SELECT statements must return the same number of columns with compatible data types.

UNION

Example:

- -- List all unique phone numbers from BRANCH and
- -- FINANCIAL_ADVISOR tables

SELECT BranchPhoneNumber AS PhoneNumber

FROM BRANCH

UNION

SELECT FinancialAdvisorPhoneNumber FROM FINANCIAL_ADVISOR;

Explanation: This 'UNION' operation combines phone numbers from both the 'BRANCH' and 'FINANCIAL_ADVISOR' tables, removing any duplicates, to provide a list of unique phone numbers in the organization.

INTERSECT

Example:

-- Assuming a hypothetical scenario where customers can als

-- be financial advisors, find people who are both

 ${\tt SELECT\ CustomerEmailAddress}$

FROM CUSTOMER

INTERSECT

SELECT FinancialAdvisorEmailAddress

FROM FINANCIAL_ADVISOR;

Explanation: The 'INTERSECT' operation retrieves email addresses that are present in both 'CUSTOMER' and 'FINANCIAL_ADVISOR' tables, indicating people who are both customers and financial advisors.

EXCEPT

Example:

-- Find all customers who are not financial advisors
SELECT CustomerEmailAddress
FROM CUSTOMER
EXCEPT
SELECT FinancialAdvisorEmailAddress
FROM FINANCIAL_ADVISOR;

Explanation: This 'EXCEPT' operation finds email addresses that are in the 'CUSTOMER' table but not in the 'FINANCIAL_ADVISOR' table, effectively listing customers who are not financial advisors.

Usage and Considerations

When performing set operations, ensure that the columns' data types are compatible. Set operations are powerful for performing bulk data comparisons or combinations and are useful in data analysis, reporting, and data integration tasks.

The choice between UNION, INTERSECT, and EXCEPT depends on the specific set manipulation you aim to perform, whether combining datasets, finding common elements, or excluding elements.

SET OPERATIONS

```
1. SELECT Statement - SELECT Column FROM Table1

Keyword of the Set Operation - UNION | UNION | ALL | INTERSECT | MINUS

2. SELECT Statement - SELECT Column list FROM Table2

[WHERE] Filter, Group, Sort | GROUP BY]

[GROUP BY]
```

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```
-- first and last names as well as phone numbers of
      -- customers and finencial advisors
      SELECT customerFirstName, customerLastName, customerPhoneNumber
      FROM customer
      UNTON
      SELECT finencialAdvisorFirstName, finencialAdvisorLastName, finencialAdvisorPhoneNumber
      FROM finencial advisor:
customer (11r × 3c)
customerFirstName
                    customerl astName
                                         customerPhoneNumber
Flias
                     Wagner
                                          +49 1596 3574
Elias
                     Meyer
                                          +49 8525 6545
Christina
                     Wagner
                                          +49 9988 7532
Lise
                     Weber
                                          +49 1456 2173
Monika
                     Muller
                                          +49 6644 8822
Patra
                     Simpson
                                          +49 1596 3574
Flias
                     Simpson
                                          +49 8866 2247
Lukas
                     Muller
                                          +49 1123 5543 ext. 1
Leon
                     Schmidt
                                          +49 1123 5543 ext. 2
                     Schmidt
                                          +49 1875 6632 ext. 1
Finn
                     Fischer
                                          +49 9632 1228 ext. 1
Finn
```

Figure: Example of SET Operation

What is a VIEW?

- A VIEW in SQL is a virtual table resulting from a predefined SQL query.
- It is used as a table that does not physically store data, but provides results dynamically.
- Views are useful for abstracting underlying tables, simplifying complex queries, enhancing security, and providing a level of indirection.

Purpose of a VIEW

- Views can hide the complexity of data by encapsulating joins, filters, and aggregations.
- They help with permission management by providing access to specific data in the underlying tables without giving direct table access.
- ➤ Views can present a different representation of the data, such as pivoted, aggregated, or joined from multiple tables.

Creating a VIEW Example

```
CREATE VIEW View_AdvisorDetails AS

SELECT fa.FinancialAdvisorFirstName,
fa.FinancialAdvisorLastName,
b.BranchAddress,
b.BranchPhoneNumber

FROM FINANCIAL_ADVISOR fa

JOIN BRANCH b ON fa.BRANCH_BranchID = b.BranchID;
```

Explanation: This VIEW, 'View_AdvisorDetails', joins the 'FINANCIAL_ADVISOR' and 'BRANCH' tables to provide a combined view of financial advisors and their associated branch details.

Using a VIEW Example

```
SELECT *
FROM View_AdvisorDetails
WHERE FinancialAdvisorLastName = 'Muller':
```

Explanation: This SELECT statement retrieves all financial advisors with the last name 'Muller' from the 'View_AdvisorDetails'. It demonstrates how to use a VIEW just like a regular table in queries.

VIEWS



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Figure: EXAMPLE OF CREATING AND USING A VIEW

Introduction to Common Table Expressions

- ► A Common Table Expression (CTE) is a temporary result set which you can reference within another SQL statement.
- ► CTEs are used to simplify complex queries by breaking them down into simpler blocks.
- ► They are similar to subqueries but are more readable and can be referenced multiple times within the same query.
- ► CTEs can be recursive, allowing them to reference themselves, which is useful for hierarchical data queries.

Example CTE Query

```
WITH AdvisorCustomerCount AS (
    SELECT FINANCIAL_ADVISOR_FinancialAdvisorID,
           COUNT(*) AS NumberOfCustomers
    FROM CUSTOMER.
    GROUP BY FINANCIAL_ADVISOR_FinancialAdvisorID
SELECT fa.FinancialAdvisorFirstName,
       fa.FinancialAdvisorLastName,
       acc.NumberOfCustomers
FROM FINANCIAL_ADVISOR fa
JOIN AdvisorCustomerCount acc
ON fa Financial Advisor ID =
                acc.FINANCIAL ADVISOR Financial AdvisorID:
```

Results of the CTE Query

Advisor First Name	Advisor Last Name	Customer Count
Elias	Wagner	2
Christina	Wagner	3
Patra	Simpson	1

- ► The CTE 'AdvisorCustomerCount' calculates the number of customers for each financial advisor.
- ► The main query then joins this CTE with the 'FINANCIAL_ADVISOR' table to list advisors alongside their customer counts.

Advantages of Using CTEs

- ► CTEs provide better readability and organization for complex queries, which makes understanding and maintenance easier.
- ► They allow for recursive queries, which is not directly possible with standard subqueries or joins.
- ► CTEs can be referenced multiple times within the same query, preventing the need to write the same subquery multiple times.
- They can serve as a building block for larger queries, acting as a named subquery.
- ► CTEs help in breaking down complex calculations and logic, which can improve performance in certain scenarios.

EXPLAIN SIMPLY

- 1. What is the main advantage of JOINs?
- 2. Why are there different types of JOINs?
- 3. What is a VIEW?

What is the main advantage of JOINs?

- ► The main advantage of JOINs in SQL is that they allow you to combine rows from two or more tables based on a related column between them.
- This enables you to create more complex and detailed queries, pulling in diverse data from various parts of the database in a single query.
- ▶ It enhances the efficiency and power of database queries, eliminating the need for multiple separate queries and manual data merging.

Why are there different types of JOINs?

- Different types of JOINs exist because they serve different purposes and provide different views of the data, depending on the relationships between the tables.
- INNER JOIN selects records with matching values in both tables.
- ► LEFT (OUTER) JOIN and RIGHT (OUTER) JOIN include all records from one side, even if there are no matches in the other table.
- FULL (OUTER) JOIN combines LEFT JOIN and RIGHT JOIN, including all records when there is a match in either left or right table.
- These variations give flexibility in how data is combined and presented, allowing for a wide range of queries to be constructed.

What is a VIEW?

- ➤ A VIEW in SQL is a virtual table that is based on the result-set of an SQL statement.
- ► It contains rows and columns, just like a real table, and you can use it as you would use a table.
- ► VIEWS are created with the CREATE VIEW statement and can comprise data from one or more tables.
- The advantage of a VIEW is that it can simplify complex SQL queries, encapsulate the complexity of data, and provide a layer of security by restricting access to the underlying base tables.
- ▶ It can be used to present a subset of data or to simulate a table for users without storing the data separately.

SESSION 4

TRANSFER TASK

Transfer Tasks

Given the same database described previously in this session, create queries that return:

- 1. The ranch address, the first and last names as well as the phone number of the financial advisors working in the branch that has the phone number $+49\ 1123\ 5543$.
- 2. A list of the branch id and first and last names of the financial advisors working in the branch that has the phone number +49 1123 5443 as well as their phone numbers along with their clients.
- 3. The branch ID, the first and last names as well as the phone numbers of financial advisors whose last name is Schmidt along with the first and last names of their clients.
- 4. The branch ID, the advisor's first and last names as well as their phone numbers, the client's first and last names as well as their phone numbers for any person (whether client or advisor) whose last name is Muller.



Transfer Tasks (Continued)

- 5. Using a view, the unique branch numbers of any person (whether an advisor or a client) whose last name is Muller.
- 6. Number of clients in each branch address.
- 7. The branch phone number as well as the number of clients in the branch of which the phone number is $+49\ 1123\ 5543$.