

Slide 1: Aliases and Self Joins

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Slide 2: Learning Objectives

## Learning Objectives

Create aliases for use in our queries

Discuss common naming conventions  
when using aliases

Discuss and establish self-joins within a  
SQL database

## Slide 3: What Is an Alias

## What Is an Alias

SQL aliases give a table or a column a temporary name

Make column names more readable

An alias only exists for the duration of the query

```
SELECT column_name  
FROM table_name AS alias_name
```

## Slide 4: Query Example Using Alias

## Query Example Using Alias

```
SELECT vendor_name  
      ,product_name  
      ,product_price  
FROM Vendors, Products  
WHERE Vendors.vendor_id = Products.vendor_id;
```

### Using Alias

```
SELECT vendor_name  
      ,product_name  
      ,product_price  
FROM Vendors AS v, Products AS p  
WHERE v.vendor_id = p.vendor_id;
```

## Slide 5: Self Joins

## Self Joins

Match customers from the same city

Take the table and treat it like two separate tables

Join the original table to itself

```
SELECT column_name(s)
FROM table1 T1, table1 T2
WHERE condition;
```

## Slide 6: Self Join Example

## Self Join Example

The following SQL statement matches customers that are from the same city:

```
SELECT A.CustomerName AS  
CustomerName1, B.CustomerName AS  
CustomerName2, A.City  
FROM Customers A, Customers B  
WHERE A.CustomerID = B.CustomerID  
AND A.City = B.City  
ORDER BY A.City;
```