



Oracle Join Syntax

Objectives

After completing this appendix, you should be able to do the following:

- Write `SELECT` statements to access data from more than one table using equijoins and nonequijoins
- Join a table to itself by using a self-join
- View data that generally does not meet a join condition by using outer joins
- Generate a Cartesian product of all rows from two or more tables


Obtaining Data from Multiple Tables

EMPLOYEES

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	200	Whalen	10
2	201	Hartstein	20
3	202	Fay	20
...			
18	174	Abel	80
19	176	Taylor	80
20	178	Grant	(null)

DEPARTMENTS

	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	LOCATION_ID
1	10	Administration	1700
2	20	Marketing	1800
3	50	Shipping	1500
4	60	IT	1400
5	80	Sales	2500
6	90	Executive	1700
7	110	Accounting	1700
8	190	Contracting	1700



	EMPLOYEE_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME
1	200	10	Administration
2	201	20	Marketing
3	202	20	Marketing
4	124	50	Shipping
...			
18	205	110	Accounting
19	206	110	Accounting

Cartesian Products

- A Cartesian product is formed when:
 - A join condition is omitted
 - A join condition is invalid
 - All rows in the first table are joined to all rows in the second table
- To avoid a Cartesian product, always include a valid join condition in a `WHERE` clause.

Generating a Cartesian Product

EMPLOYEES (20 rows)

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	200	Whalen	10
2	201	Hartstein	20
3	202	Fay	20
4	205	Higgins	110

...

19	176	Taylor	80
20	178	Grant	(null)

DEPARTMENTS (8 rows)

	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	LOCATION_ID
1	10	Administration	1700
2	20	Marketing	1800
3	50	Shipping	1500
4	60	IT	1400
5	80	Sales	2500
6	90	Executive	1700
7	110	Accounting	1700
8	190	Contracting	1700



**Cartesian product:
20 x 8 = 160 rows**

	EMPLOYEE_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID	LOCATION_ID
1	200	10	1700
2	201	20	1700

...

21	200	10	1800
22	201	20	1800

...

159	176	80	1700
160	178	(null)	1700

Types of Oracle-Proprietary Joins

- Equijoin
- Nonequijoin
- Outer join
- Self-join

Joining Tables Using Oracle Syntax

Use a join to query data from more than one table:

```
SELECT    table1.column, table2.column  
FROM      table1, table2  
WHERE     table1.column1 = table2.column2;
```



- Write the join condition in the WHERE clause.
- Prefix the column name with the table name when the same column name appears in more than one table.

Qualifying Ambiguous Column Names

- Use table prefixes to qualify column names that are in multiple tables.
- Use table prefixes to improve performance.
- Use table aliases, instead of full table name prefixes.
- Table aliases give a table a shorter name.
 - Keeps SQL code smaller, uses less memory
- Use column aliases to distinguish columns that have identical names, but reside in different tables.

Equijoins



EMPLOYEES

	 EMPLOYEE_ID	 DEPARTMENT_ID
1	200	10
2	201	20
3	202	20
4	205	110
5	206	110
6	100	90
7	101	90
8	102	90
9	103	60
10	104	60

...

Foreign key

DEPARTMENTS

	 DEPARTMENT_ID	 DEPARTMENT_NAME
1	10	Administration
2	20	Marketing
3	50	Shipping
4	60	IT
5	80	Sales
6	90	Executive
7	110	Accounting
8	190	Contracting

Primary key

Retrieving Records with Equijoins

```
SELECT e.employee_id, e.last_name, e.department_id,  
       d.department_id, d.location_id  
FROM   employees e, departments d  
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id;
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID_1	LOCATION_ID
1	200	Whalen	10	10	1700
2	201	Hartstein	20	20	1800
3	202	Fay	20	20	1800
4	144	Vargas	50	50	1500
5	143	Matos	50	50	1500
6	142	Davies	50	50	1500
7	141	Rajs	50	50	1500
8	124	Mourgos	50	50	1500
9	103	Hunold	60	60	1400
10	104	Ernst	60	60	1400
11	107	Lorentz	60	60	1400

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Retrieving Records with Equijoins: Example

```
SELECT d.department_id, d.department_name,  
       d.location_id, l.city  
FROM   departments d, locations l  
WHERE  d.location_id = l.location_id;
```

	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	LOCATION_ID	CITY
1	60	IT	1400	Southlake
2	50	Shipping	1500	South San Francisco
3	10	Administration	1700	Seattle
4	90	Executive	1700	Seattle
5	110	Accounting	1700	Seattle
6	190	Contracting	1700	Seattle
7	20	Marketing	1800	Toronto
8	80	Sales	2500	Oxford

Additional Search Conditions Using the AND Operator

```
SELECT  d.department_id, d.department_name, l.city
FROM    departments d, locations l
WHERE   d.location_id = l.location_id
AND d.department_id IN (20, 50);
```

	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	CITY
1	20	Marketing	Toronto
2	50	Shipping	South San Francisco

Joining More than Two Tables

EMPLOYEES

	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	King	90
2	Kochhar	90
3	De Haan	90
4	Hunold	60
5	Ernst	60
6	Lorentz	60
7	Mourgos	50
8	Rajs	50
9	Davies	50
10	Matos	50

DEPARTMENTS

	DEPARTMENT_ID	LOCATION_ID
1	10	1700
2	20	1800
3	50	1500
4	60	1400
5	80	2500
6	90	1700
7	110	1700
8	190	1700

LOCATIONS

	LOCATION_ID	CITY
1	1400	Southlake
2	1500	South San Francisco
3	1700	Seattle
4	1800	Toronto
5	2500	Oxford

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To join n tables together, you need a minimum of $n-1$ join conditions. For example, to join three tables, a minimum of two joins is required.

Nonequijoins

EMPLOYEES

	LAST_NAME		SALARY
1	Whalen		4400
2	Hartstein		13000
3	Fay		6000
4	Higgins		12000
5	Gietz		8300
6	King		24000
7	Kochhar		17000
8	De Haan		17000
9	Hunold		9000
10	Ernst		6000
...			
19	Taylor		8600
20	Grant		7000

JOB_GRADES

	GRADE_LEVEL		LOWEST_SAL		HIGHEST_SAL
1	A		1000		2999
2	B		3000		5999
	C		6000		9999
4	D		10000		14999
5	E		15000		24999
6	F		25000		40000

JOB_GRADES table defines LOWEST_SAL and HIGHEST_SAL range of values for each GRADE_LEVEL. Therefore, the GRADE_LEVEL column can be used to assign grades to each employee.

Retrieving Records with Nonequijoins

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.salary, j.grade_level
FROM   employees e, job_grades j
WHERE  e.salary
       BETWEEN j.lowest_sal AND j.highest_sal;
```

	LAST_NAME	SALARY	GRADE_LEVEL
1	Vargas	2500	A
2	Matos	2600	A
3	Davies	3100	B
4	Rajs	3500	B
5	Lorentz	4200	B
6	Whalen	4400	B
7	Mourgos	5800	B
8	Ernst	6000	C
9	Fay	6000	C
10	Grant	7000	C

...

Returning Records with No Direct Match with Outer Joins

DEPARTMENTS

	DEPARTMENT_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	Administration	10
2	Marketing	20
3	Shipping	50
4	IT	60
5	Sales	80
6	Executive	90
7	Accounting	110
8	Contracting	190

EMPLOYEES

	DEPARTMENT_ID	LAST_NAME
1	10	Whalen
2	20	Hartstein
3	20	Fay
4	110	Higgins
5	110	Gietz
6	90	King
7	90	Kochhar
8	90	De Haan
9	60	Hunold
10	60	Ernst

...

18	80	Abel
19	80	Taylor

There are no employees in department 190.

Outer Joins: Syntax

- You use an outer join to see rows that do not meet the join condition.
- The outer join operator is the plus sign (+).

```
SELECT table1.column, table2.column
FROM   table1, table2
WHERE  table1.column (+) = table2.column;
```

```
SELECT table1.column, table2.column
FROM   table1, table2
WHERE  table1.column = table2.column (+);
```

Using Outer Joins

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM   employees e, departments d
WHERE  e.department_id(+) = d.department_id ;
```

	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME
1	Whalen	10	Administration
2	Hartstein	20	Marketing
3	Fay	20	Marketing
4	Davies	50	Shipping
5	Vargas	50	Shipping
6	Rajs	50	Shipping
7	Mourgos	50	Shipping
8	Matos	50	Shipping
9	Hunold	60	IT
10	Ernst	60	IT

...

19	Gietz	110	Accounting
20	(null)	(null)	Contracting

Outer Join: Another Example

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM   employees e, departments d
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id(+);
```

	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME
1	Whalen	10	Administration
2	Fay	20	Marketing
3	Hartstein	20	Marketing
4	Vargas	50	Shipping
5	Matos	50	Shipping

...

16	Kochhar	90	Executive
17	King	90	Executive
18	Gietz	110	Accounting
19	Higgins	110	Accounting
20	Grant	(null)	(null)

Joining a Table to Itself

EMPLOYEES (WORKER)

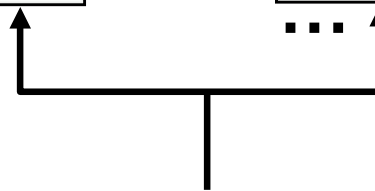
EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	MANAGER_ID
200	Whalen	101
201	Hartstein	100
202	Fay	201
205	Higgins	101
206	Gietz	205
100	King	(null)
101	Kochhar	100
102	De Haan	100
103	Hunold	102
104	Ernst	103

...

EMPLOYEES (MANAGER)

EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME
200	Whalen
201	Hartstein
202	Fay
205	Higgins
206	Gietz
100	King
101	Kochhar
102	De Haan
103	Hunold
104	Ernst

...



**MANAGER_ID in the WORKER table is equal to
EMPLOYEE_ID in the MANAGER table.**

Self-Join: Example

```
SELECT worker.last_name || ' works for '
       || manager.last_name
FROM   employees worker, employees manager
WHERE  worker.manager_id = manager.employee_id ;
```

	WORKER.LAST_NAME 'WORKSFOR' MANAGER.LAST_NAME
1	Hunold works for De Haan
2	Fay works for Hartstein
3	Gietz works for Higgins
4	Lorentz works for Hunold
5	Ernst works for Hunold
6	Zlotkey works for King
7	Mourgos works for King
8	Kochhar works for King
9	Hartstein works for King
10	De Haan works for King

...

Summary

In this appendix, you should have learned how to use joins to display data from multiple tables by using Oracle-proprietary syntax.

Practice F: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Joining tables by using an equijoin
- Performing outer and self-joins
- Adding conditions