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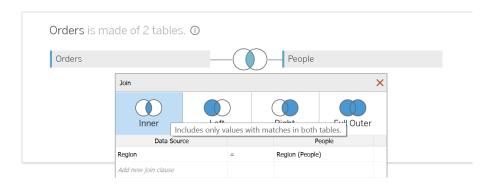


## **EXERCISE 01: Joins in Tableau**

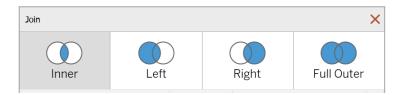
- 1. Load the **Sample Superstore** dataset into your Tableau.
- 2. Drag the **Orders** table first to the **Drag Sheets here** area (The logical layer (the upper-level canvas)). Then double click on it. This opens the physical layer view below (used for joins).
- 3. Drag the **People** table near to **Orders** table into the physical layer area. Tableau will auto-join the two tables using an inner join, as shown in the following figure:



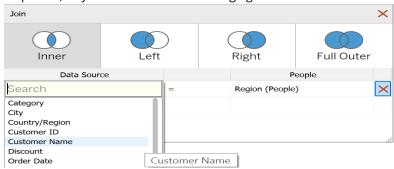
4. Click on the **Join symbol** to open the Join menu:



Note the various ways to join data. By default, Tableau performs an inner join on the common field names:



5. If there are no common names, select the columns manually to enable the join. Since you are joining the Orders and People tables, join on Customer Name from Orders and Person from People. First, deselect Region, which is auto-selected by Tableau. To do this, click on Region and select Customer Name from the dropdown, as you can see in the following figure:

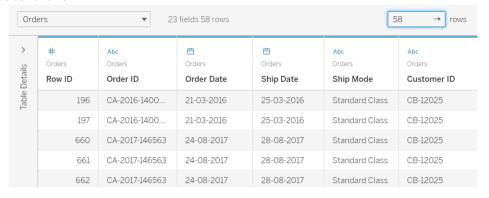




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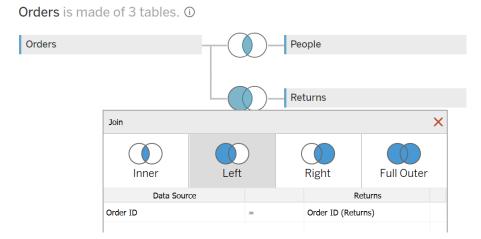


6. Repeat the same for the **People** table and select **Person** as the joining column. Your joined columns should be as follows:



7. Explore other joins and notice number of records and how data affected

In all the preceding exercises, you joined on only two data sources. It is possible to add more than two data sources. You will just need to specify in the join connection how the tables join to each other.



The preceding figure shows an example join on the Orders table with the People and Returns tables. If there were a common field between the Returns and People tables, you could also join these two tables as per your requirements.