

# PostgreSQL: Database Joins

## Retrieving Data from Multiple Tables

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## **In Last Module**

- **Basics of SELECT statement**
- **Updating data into a table**
- **Inserting data into a table**
- **Deleting data from a table**

# In This Module

- **Retrieving data from more multiple tables**
- **Basics of Join**
  - Inner Join
  - Outer Join
    - Left Outer Join
    - Right Outer Join
    - Full Outer Join
  - Cross Join

# Scenario Setup

- Two Database Administrators
- Rahul – Sr. Database Administrator
- Mike – Jr. Database Administrator



# Scenario Setup

- Two Database Administrators and a Teacher
- Rahul – Sr. Database Administrator
- Mike – Jr. Database Administrator
- Troy – School Teacher



# Scenario Setup



- **We have three tables –**
  - Students
  - Classes
  - StudentClass
- **The student can sign up maximum of three classes**
- **In summer student can opt out and can sign up for no classes**

# Scenario 1

## Task:

- Troy wants to retrieve all the students who have signed up for classes in the summer.

## ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Inner Join



# Inner Join

- INNER join returns rows when there is at least one match in both the tables
- Avoid ambiguity by qualifying each column name with table name
- Join tables based on relationships as well ad-hoc
- Operators for Join
  - =
  - >
  - <
  - <=
  - >=



# Inner Join

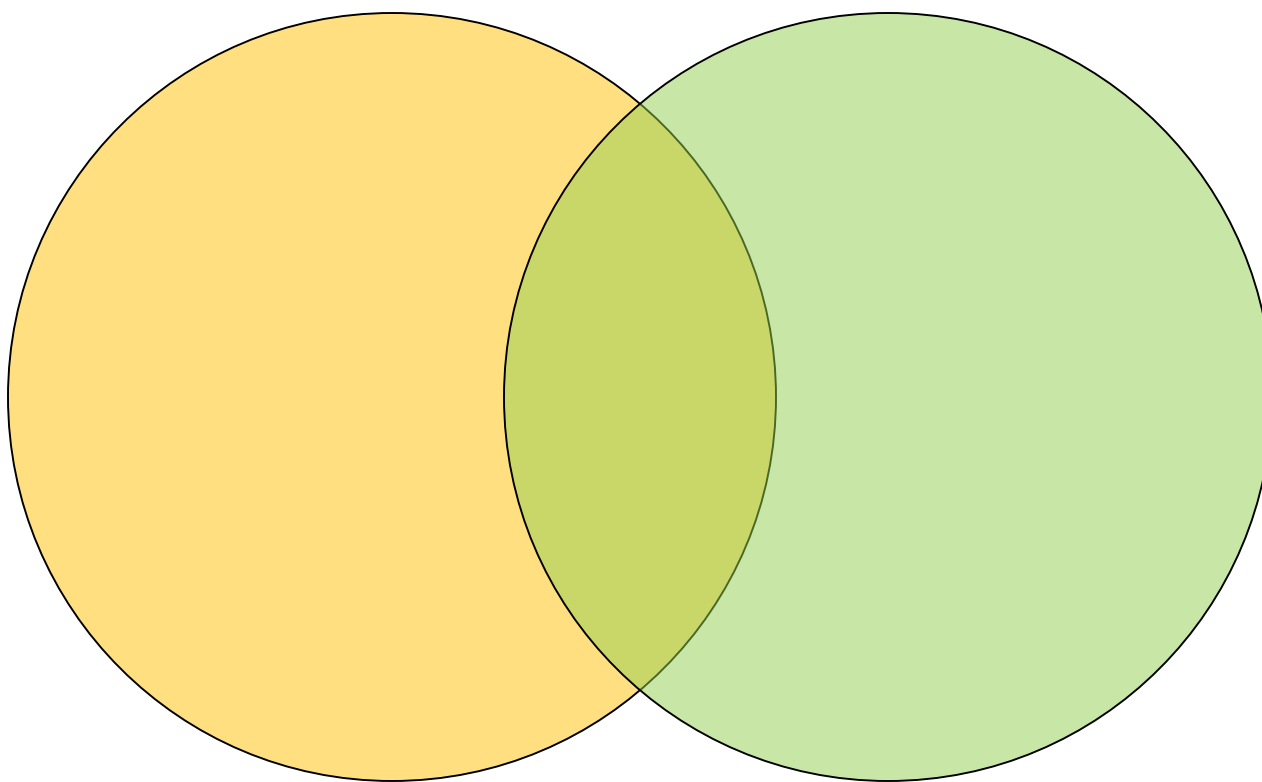


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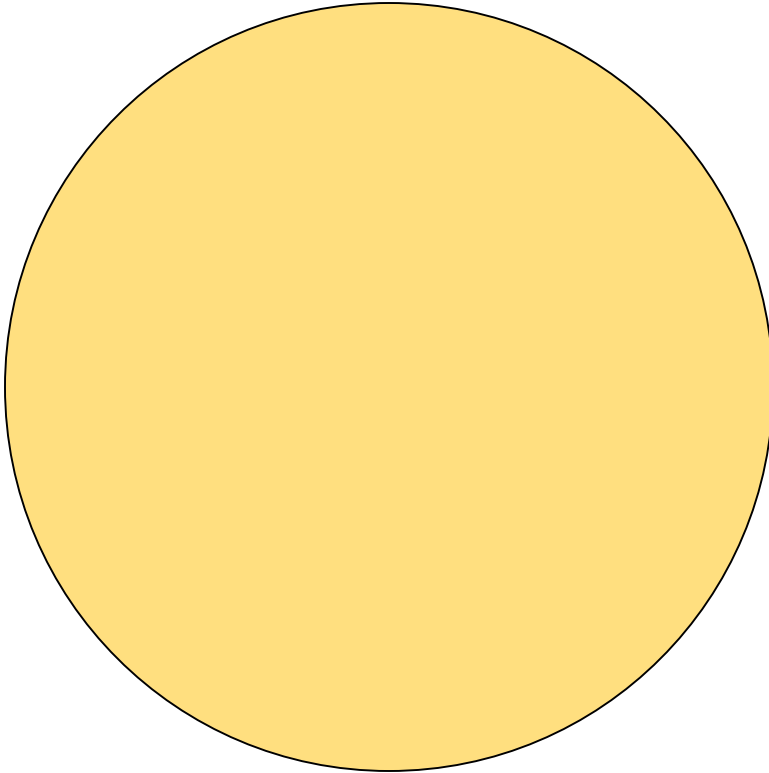


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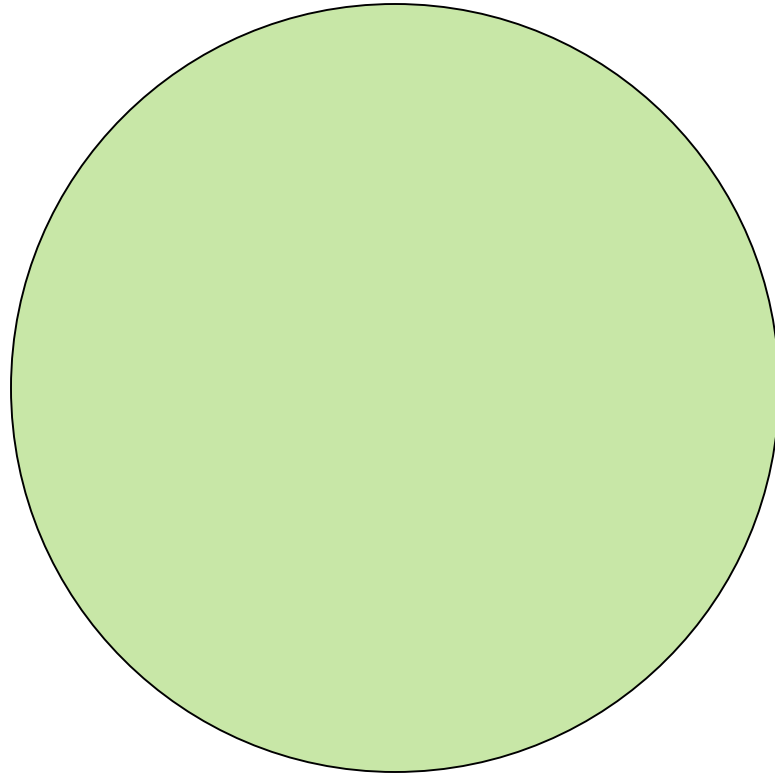


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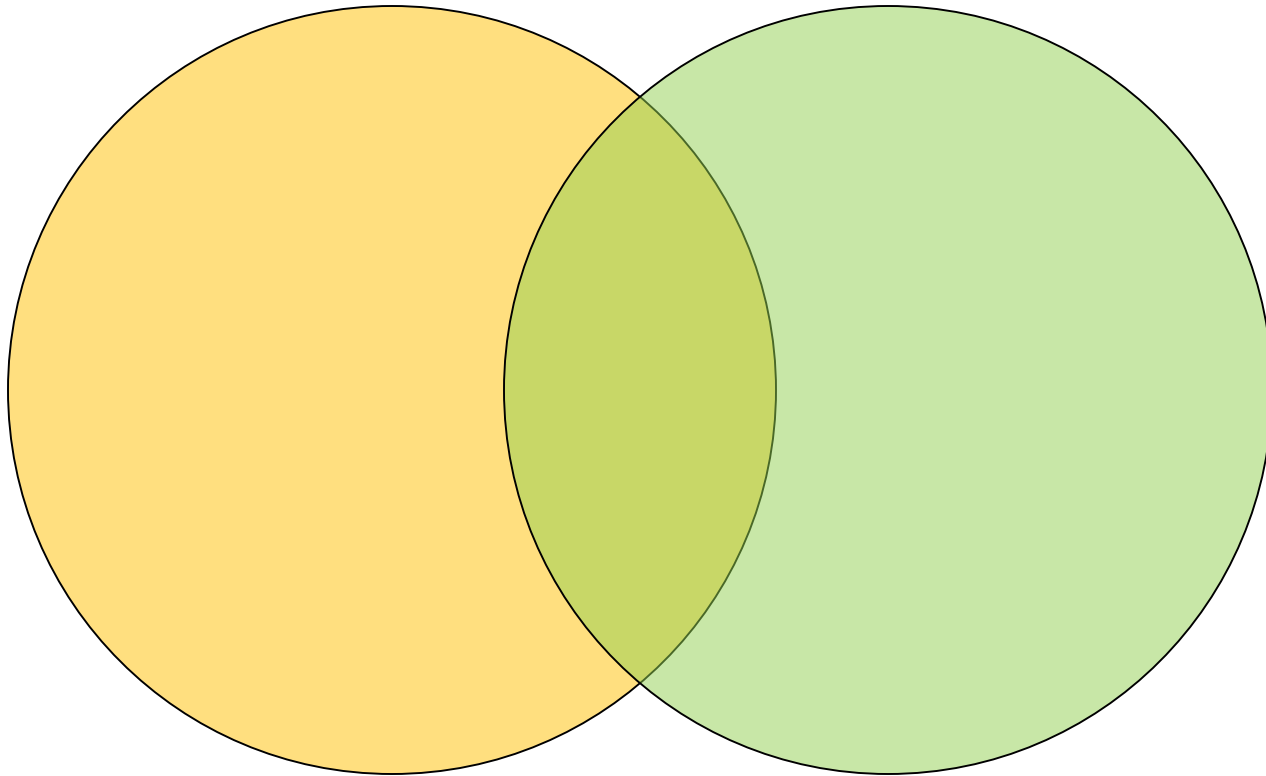


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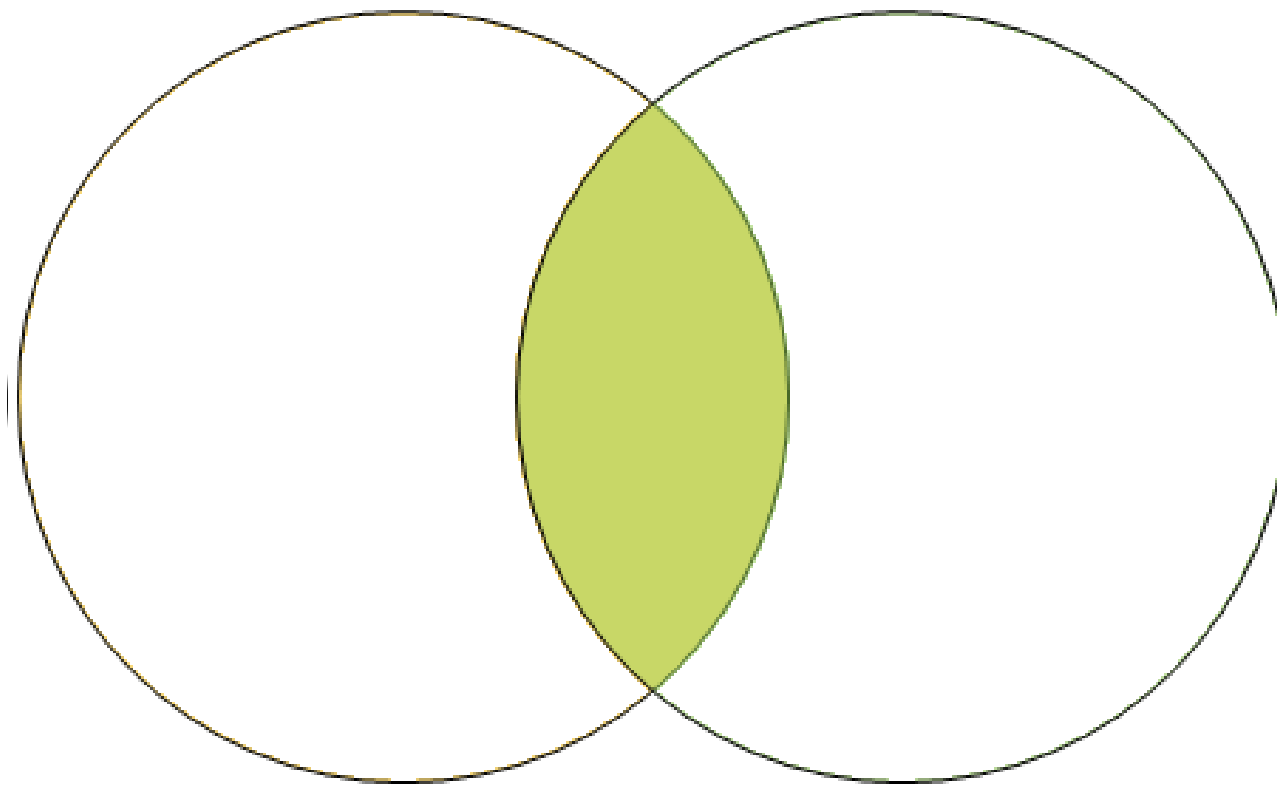


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# Scenario 1

## Task:

- Troy wants to retrieve all the students who have signed up for classes in the summer.

## ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Inner Join

## Scenario 2

### Task:

- Troy wants to retrieve all the students who have signed up for no classes in the summer.
  
- **Rahul's hint to Mike:**
  - Learn Left Outer Join



# **Left Outer Join**

- **LEFT OUTER join returns all the rows from the left table with the matching rows from the right table**
- **If there are no columns matching in the right table, it returns NULL values**

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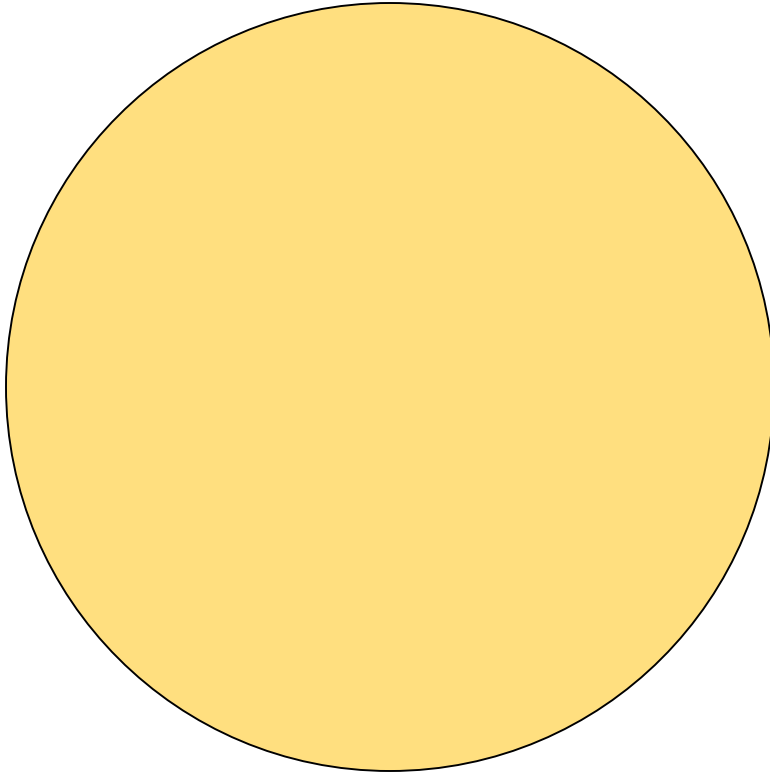


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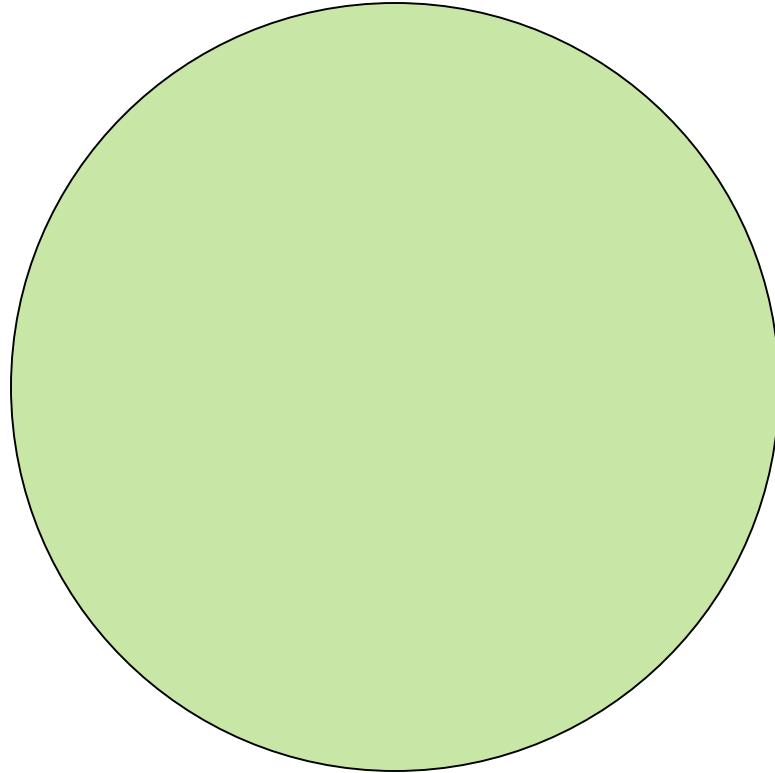


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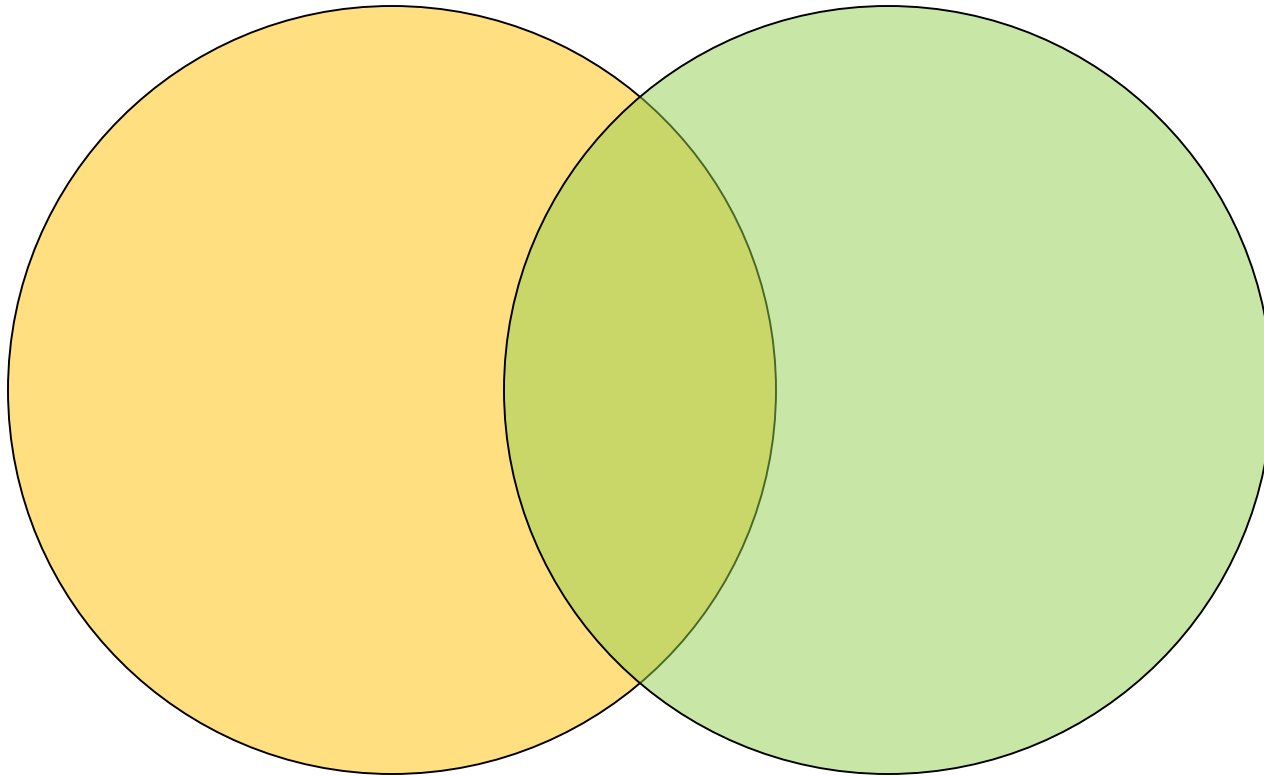


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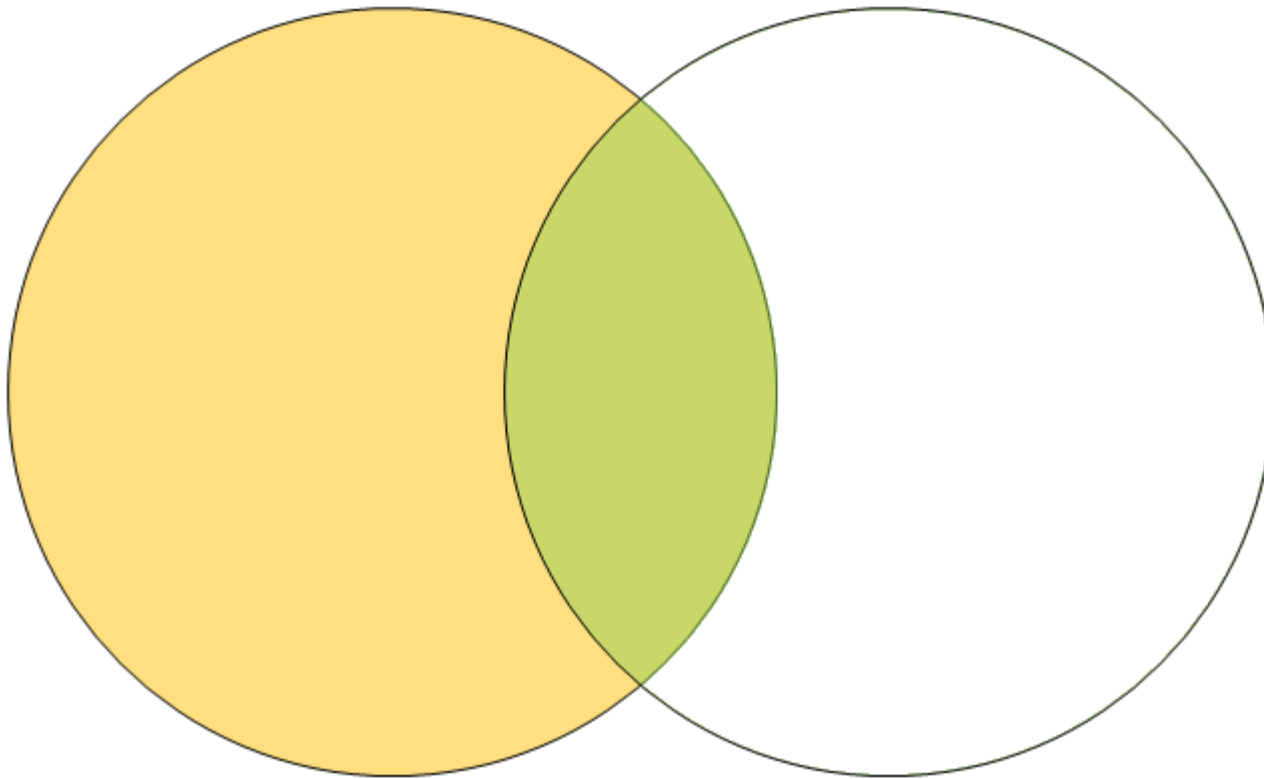


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## Scenario 2

### Task:

- Troy wants to retrieve all the students who have signed up for no classes in the summer.
  
- **Rahul's hint to Mike:**
  - Learn Left Outer Join

## Scenario 3

### Task:

- Troy wants to retrieve all the classes not signed up by any student in the summer.

### ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Right Outer Join



# Right Outer Join

- **RIGHT OUTER join** returns all the rows from the right table with the matching rows from the left table
- If there are no columns matching in the left table, it returns NULL values

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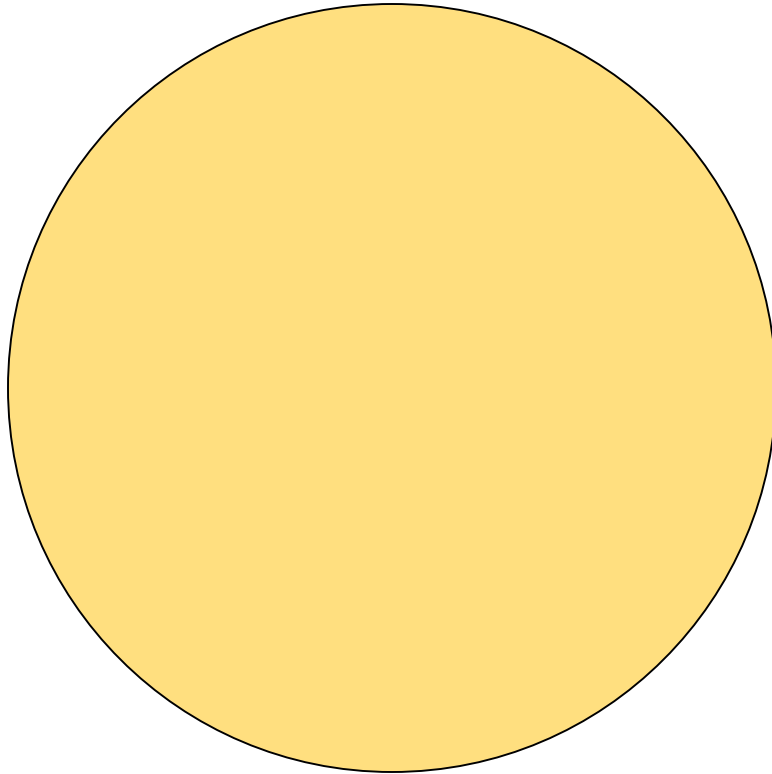


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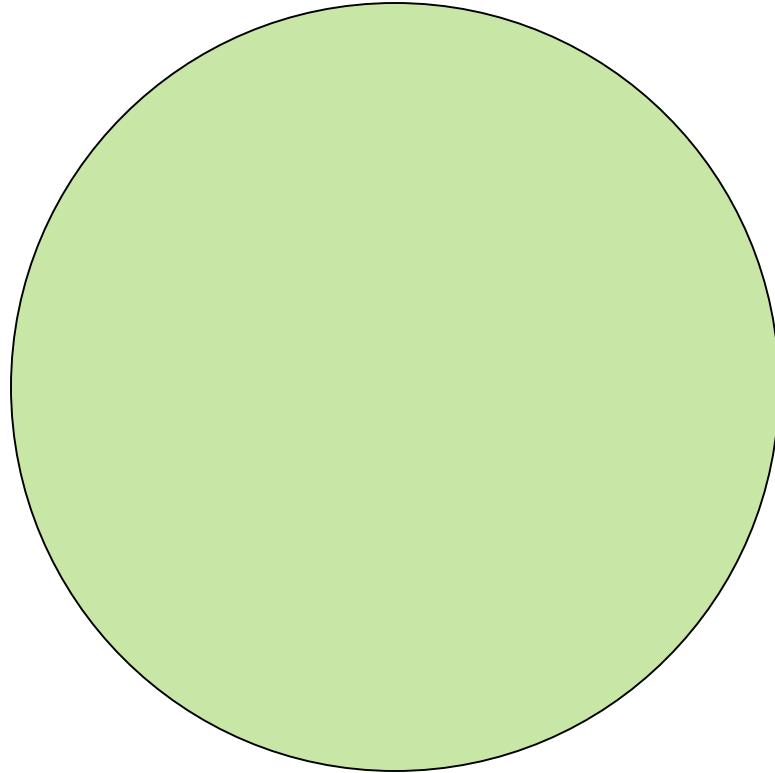


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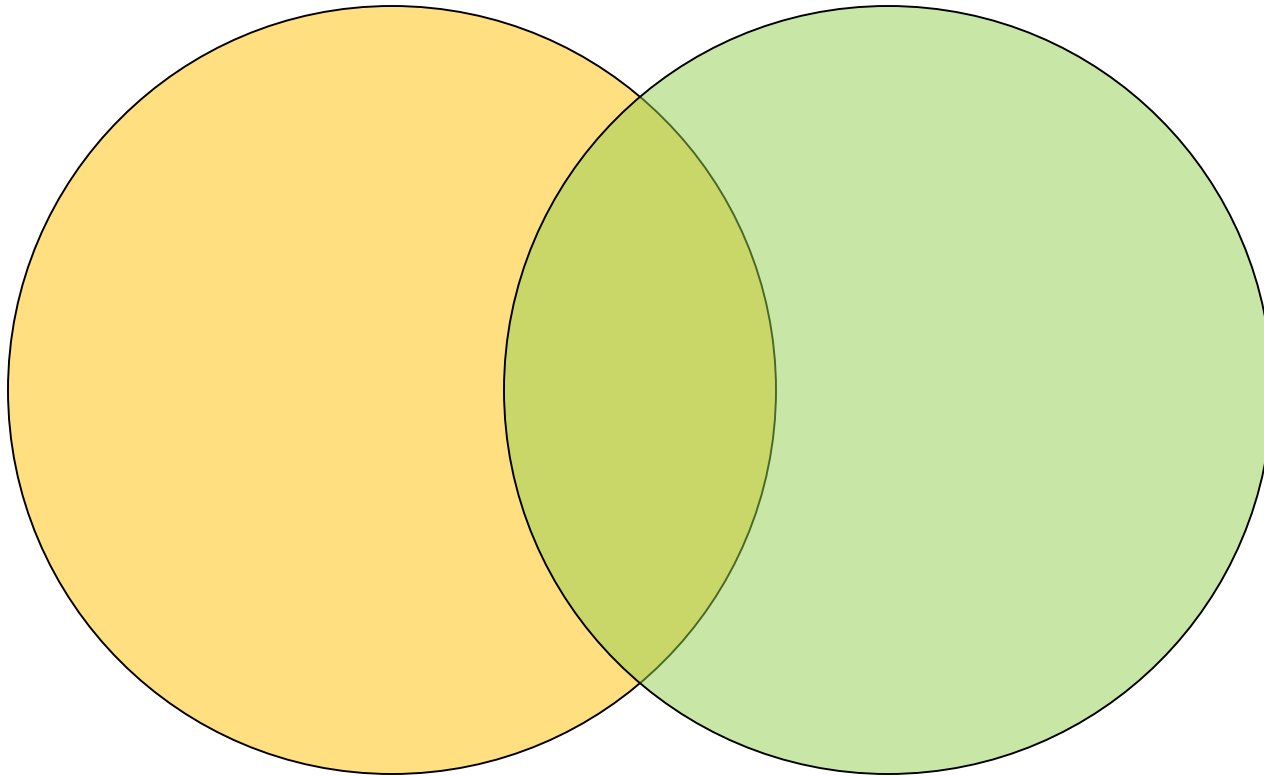


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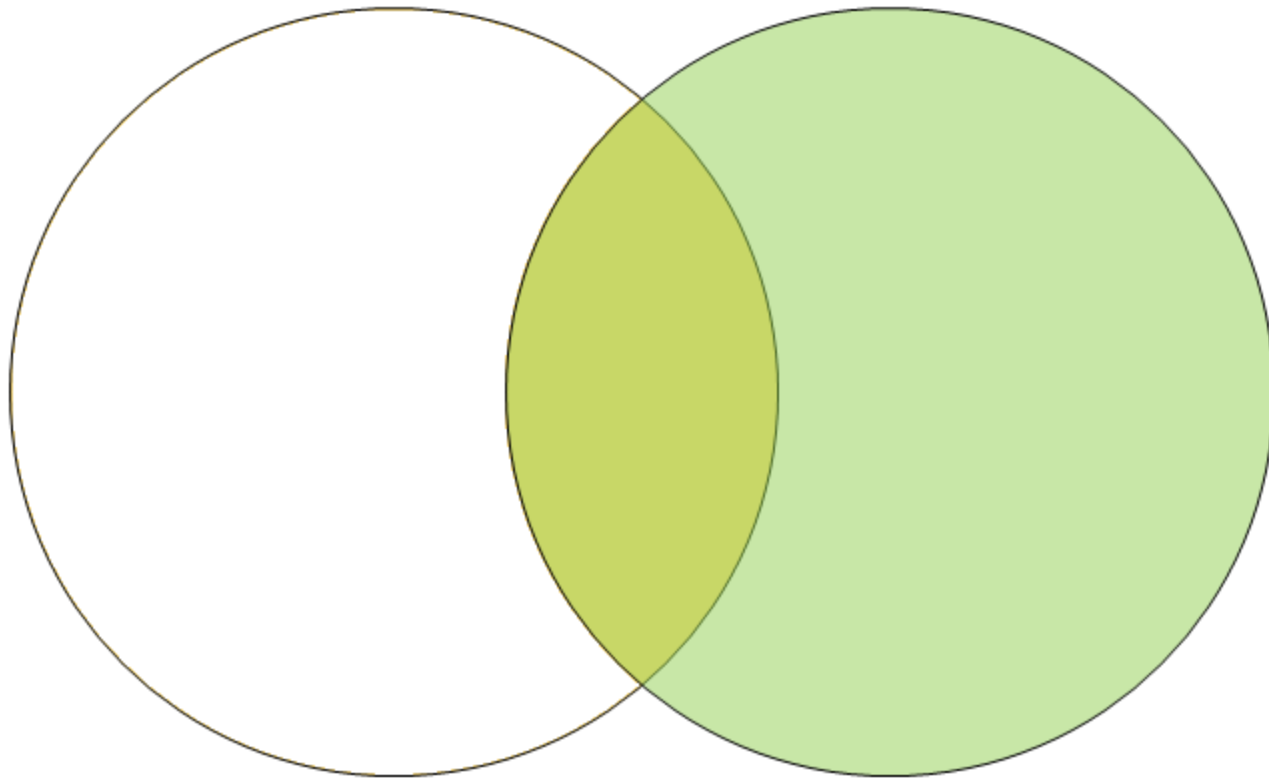


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## Scenario 3

### Task:

- Troy wants to retrieve all the classes not signed up by any student in the summer.

### ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Right Outer Join

## Scenario 4

### Task:

- Troy wants to see how big the class can grow if all the students sign up for all the classes in the summer.

### ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Cross Join



# **Cross Join**

- **CROSS join is a Cartesian join that does not necessitate any condition to join**
- **The result set contains records that are multiples of the record number of both the tables**

# Cross Join

ID	Value
1	First
2	Second
3	Third
4	Fourth
5	Fifth

Table 1

ID	Value
1	First
2	Second
3	Third
6	Sixth
7	Seventh
8	Eighth

Table 2

# Cross Join

ID	Value
1	First
2	Second
3	Third
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Table 2

# Cross Join

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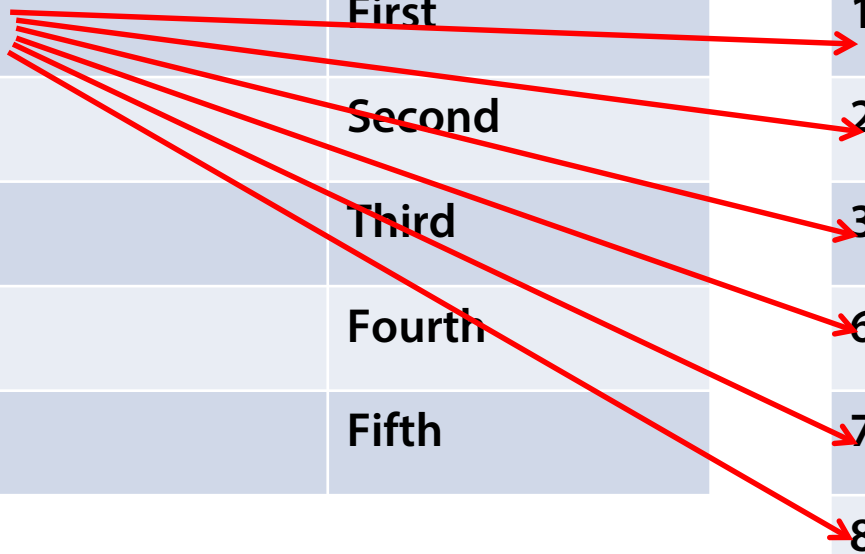
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Table 2

# Cross Join

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Table 2

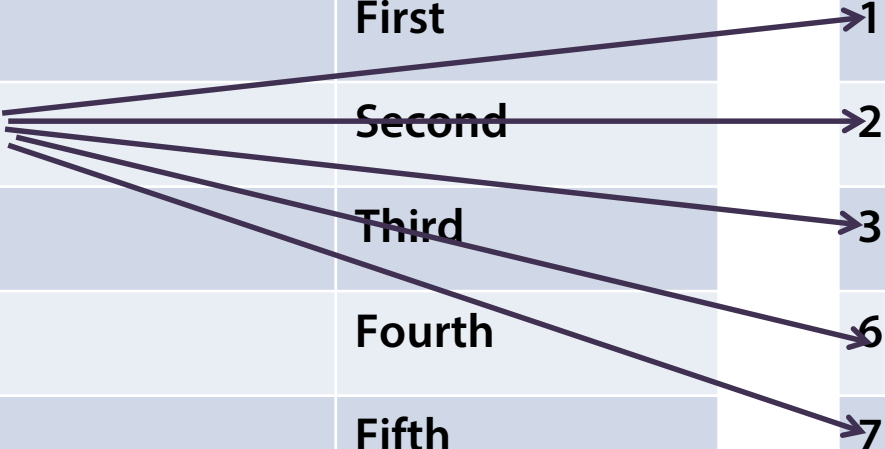
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Table 2



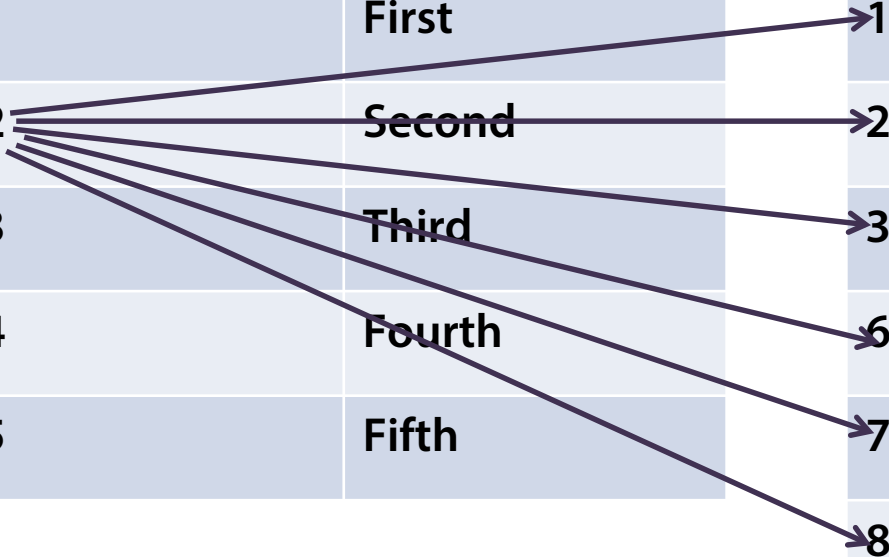
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ID	Value
1	First
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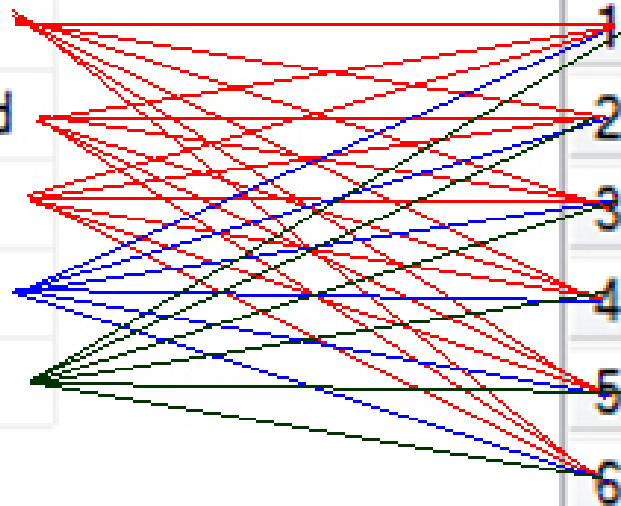
Table 1

ID	Value
1	First
2	Second
3	Third
6	Sixth
7	Seventh
8	Eighth

Table 2



	ID	Value
1	1	First
2	2	Second
3	3	Third
4	4	Fourth
5	5	Fifth



	ID	Value
1	1	First
2	2	Second
3	3	Third
4	6	Sixth
5	7	Seventh
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1	1	First	1	First
2	1	First	2	Second
3	1	First	3	Third
4	1	First	6	Sixth
5	1	First	7	Seventh
6	1	First	8	Eighth
7	2	Second	1	First
8	2	Second	2	Second
9	2	Second	3	Third
10	2	Second	6	Sixth
11	2	Second	7	Seventh
12	2	Second	8	Eighth
13	3	Third	1	First



## Scenario 4

### Task:

- Troy wants to see how big the class can grow if all the students sign up for all the classes in the summer.

### ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Cross Join

## Scenario 5

### Task:

- Troy wants to see a list of enrolled students along with students who did not sign up for any classes as well as a classes not signed up by any students.

### ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Full Outer Join

# **Full Outer Join**

- **FULL OUTER join combines left outer join and right outer join**
- **This join returns rows from either table when the conditions are met and returns a null value when there is no match**

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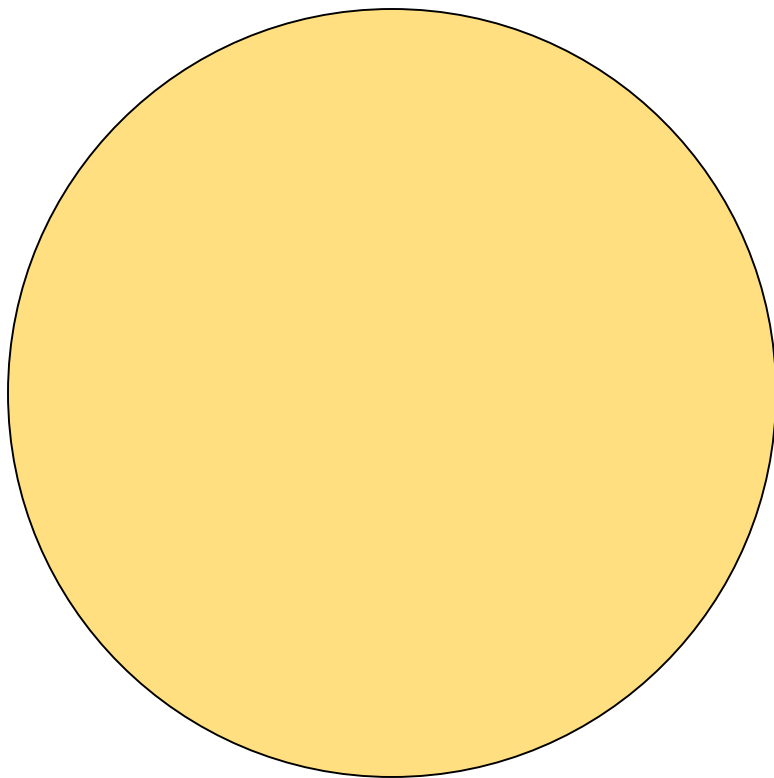


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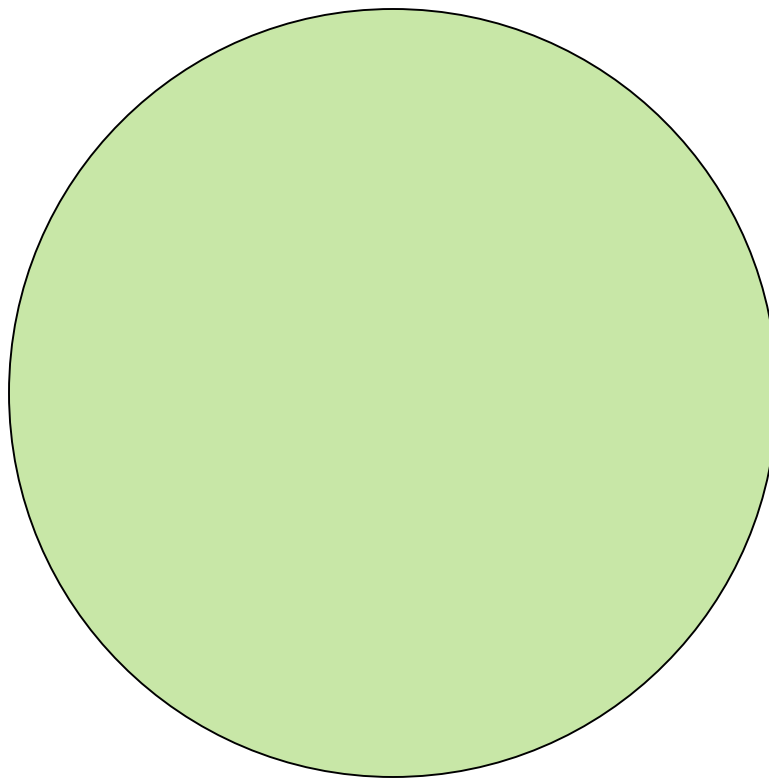


Table 2

# Full Outer Join

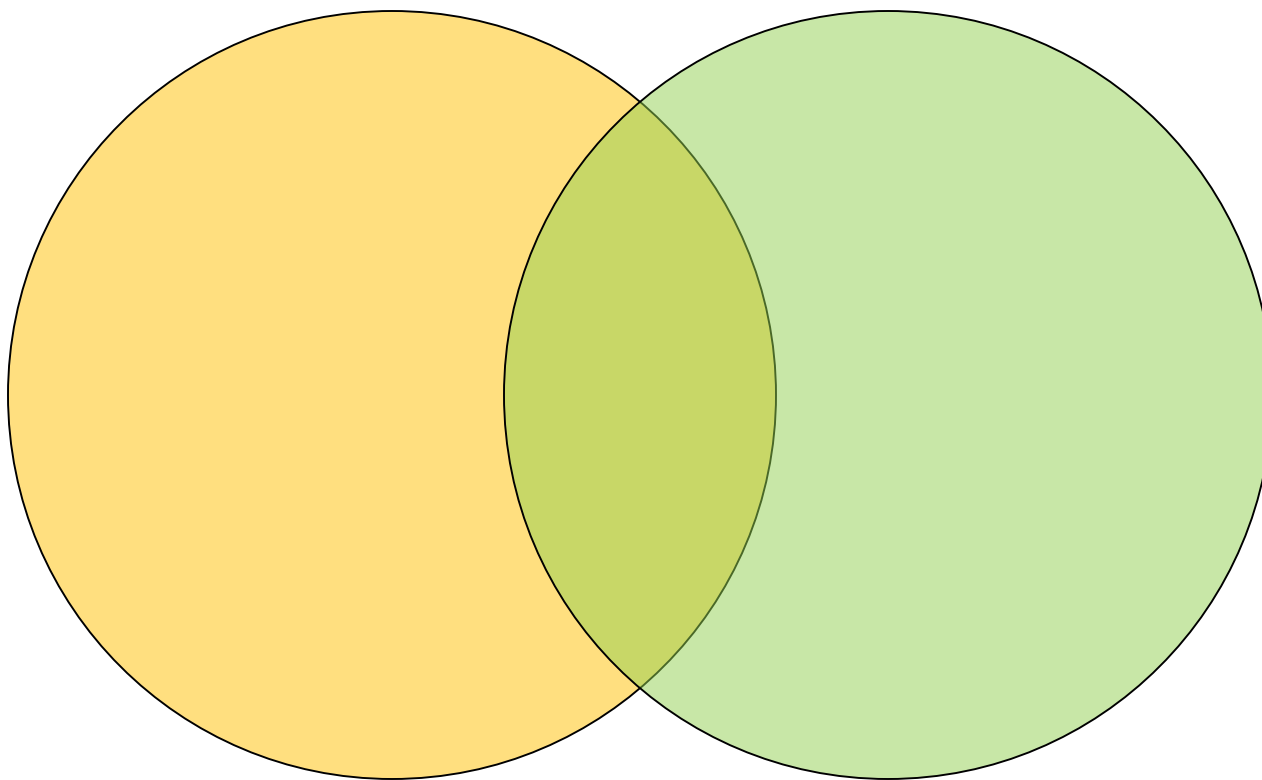


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# Left Outer Join

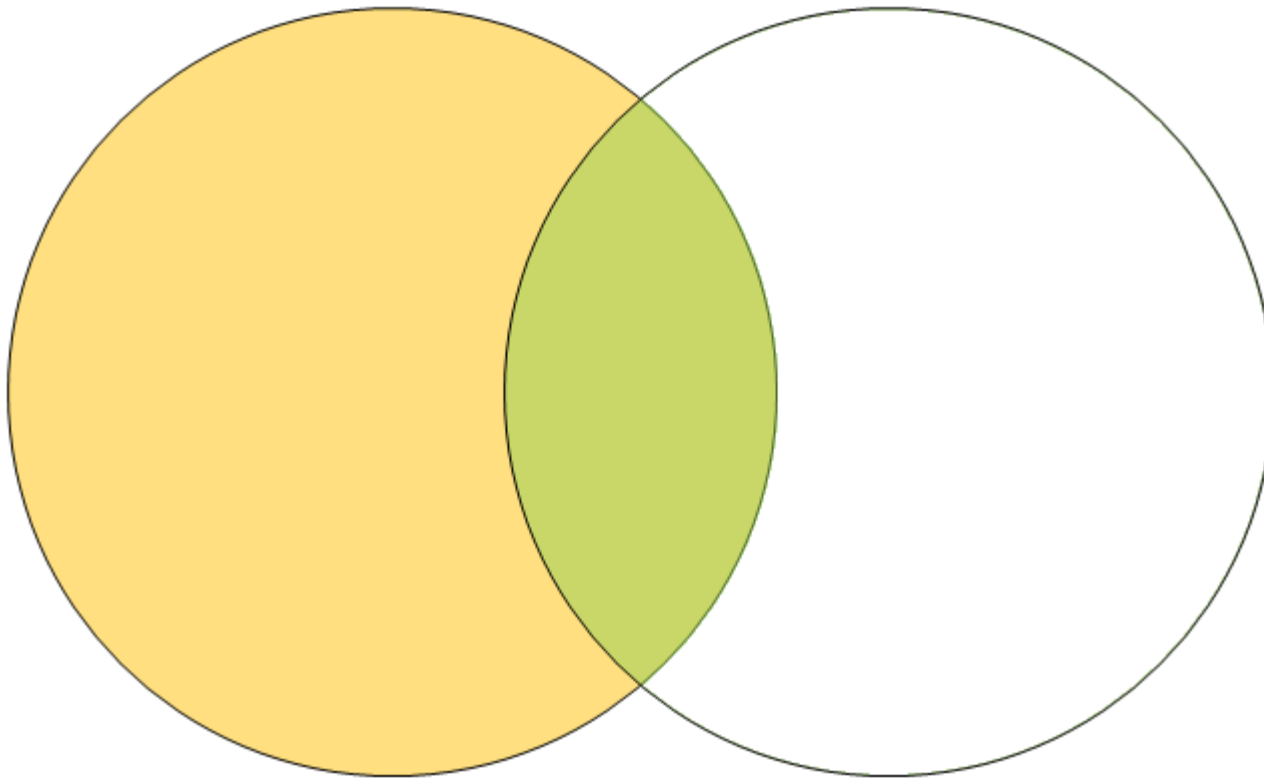


Table 1

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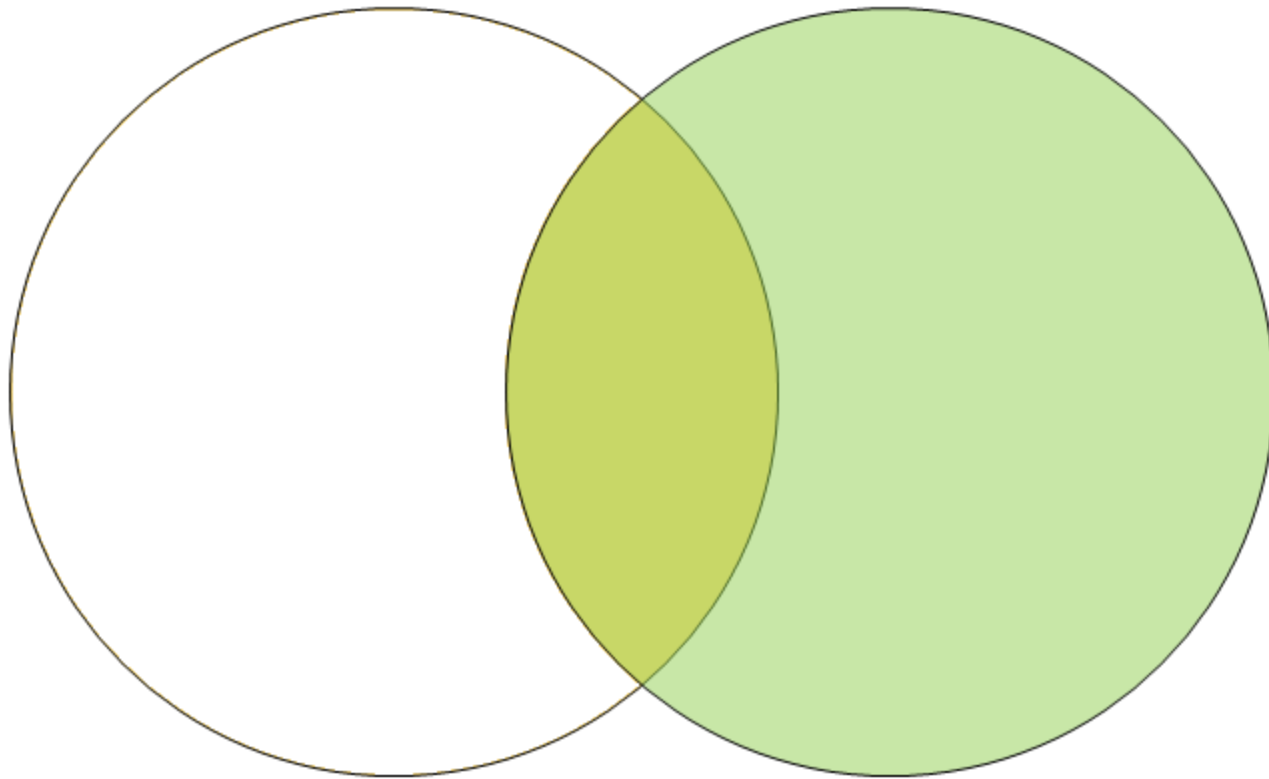


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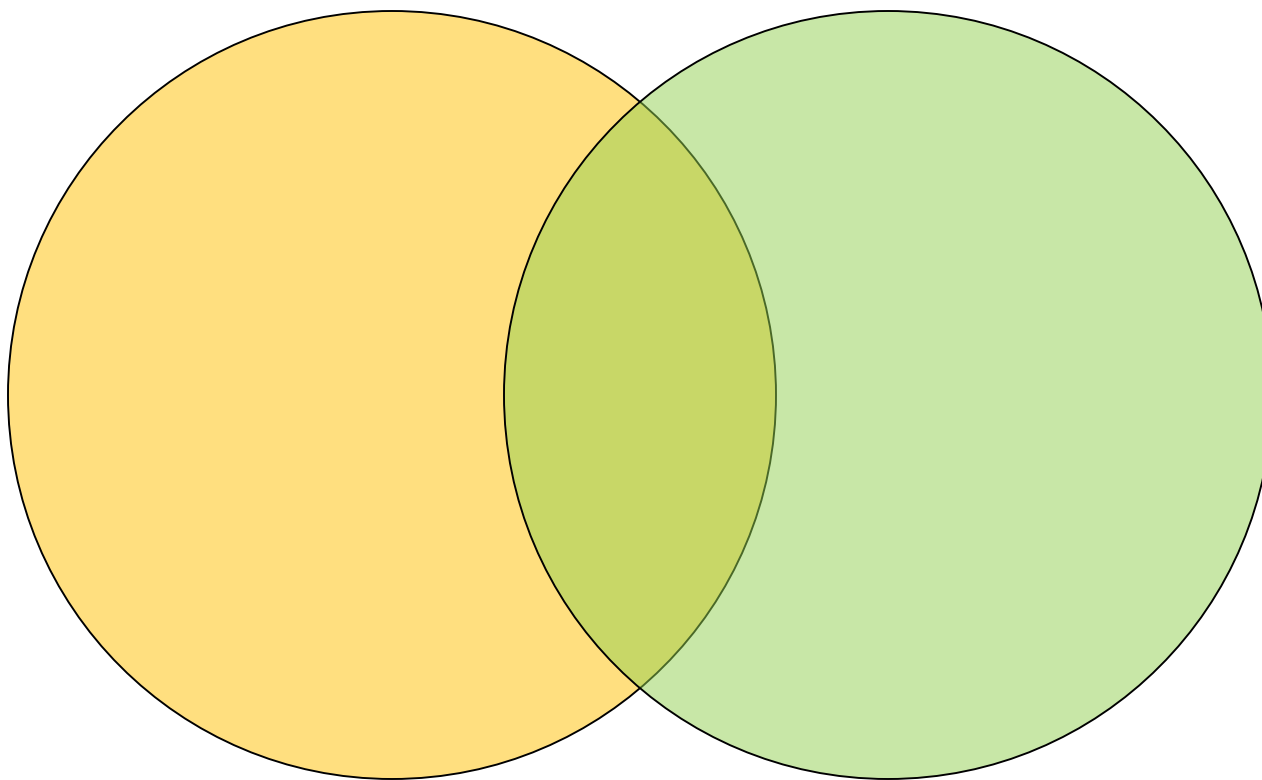


Table 1

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## Scenario 5

### Task:

- Troy wants to see a list of enrolled students along with students who did not sign up for any class as well as a class not signed up by any students.

### ■ Rahul's hint to Mike:

- Learn Full Outer Join

# Summary

- A SQL JOIN combines columns from two or more tables in a single result set
- Basics of Join
  - Inner Join
  - Outer Join
    - Left Outer Join
    - Right Outer Join
    - Full Outer Join
  - Cross Join
- Always alias your column with table to avoid ambiguity in the code



