# Database Systems: Design, Implementation, and Management

UNIT 4
Advanced SQL

# SQL Join Operators

- Join operation merges rows from two tables and returns the rows with one of the following:
  - Inner Join
    - Have common values in common columns
      - Natural join
    - Meet a given join condition
      - Equality or inequality
  - Outer join
    - Have common values in common columns or have no matching value
  - Cross join
    - Returns same result as the Cartesian product of two sets

# **SQL Join Operators**

SQL Join Expression Styles 8.1					
JOIN CLASSIFICATION	JOIN TYPE	SQL SYNTAX EXAMPLE	DESCRIPTION		
CROSS	CROSS JOIN	SELECT * FROM T1, T2	Returns the Cartesian product of T1 and T2 (old style)		
		SELECT * FROM T1 CROSS JOIN T2	Returns the Cartesian product of T1 and T2		
INNER	Old-style JOIN	SELECT * FROM T1, T2 WHERE T1.C1=T2.C1	Returns only the rows that meet the join condition in the WHERE clause (old style); only rows with matching values are selected		
	NATURAL JOIN	SELECT * FROM T1 NATURAL JOIN T2	Returns only the rows with match- ing values in the matching columns; the matching columns must have the same names and similar data types		
	JOIN USING	SELECT * FROM T1 JOIN T2 USING (C1)	Returns only the rows with matching values in the columns indicated in the USING clause		
	JOIN ON	SELECT * FROM T1 JOIN T2 ON T1.C1=T2.C1	Returns only the rows that meet the join condition indicated in the ON clause		
OUTER	LEFT JOIN	SELECT * FROM T1 LEFT OUTER JOIN T2 ON T1.C1=T2.C1	Returns rows with matching values and includes all rows from the left table (T1) with unmatched values		
	RIGHT JOIN	SELECT * FROM T1 RIGHT OUTER JOIN T2 ON T1.C1=T2.C1	Returns rows with matching values and includes all rows from the right table (T2) with unmatched values		
	FULL JOIN	SELECT * FROM T1 FULL OUTER JOIN T2 ON T1.C1=T2.C1	Returns rows with matching values and includes all rows from both tables (T1 and T2) with unmatched values		

#### Cross Join

- Performs relational product of two tables
  - Also called Cartesian product
- Syntax:
  - SELECT column-list FROM table1 CROSS JOIN table2
- Perform a cross join that yields specified attributes SELECT INVOICE.INV\_NUMBER, CUS\_CODE, INV\_DATE, P\_CODE FROM INVOICE CROSS JOIN LINE;

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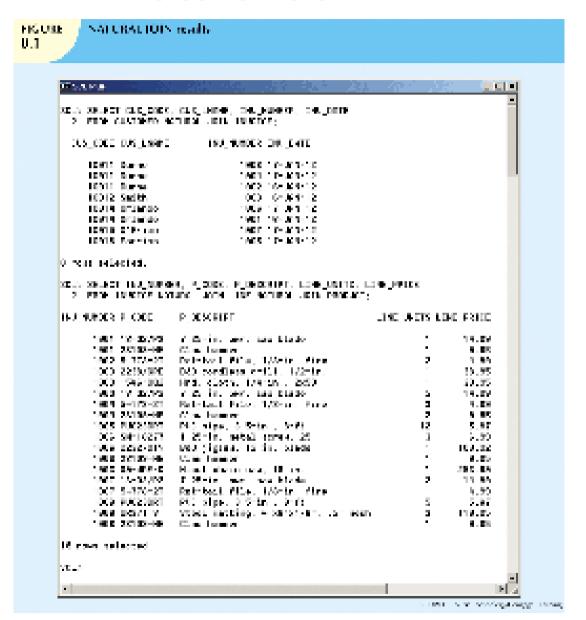
FROM INVOICE, LINE;

## **Natural Join**

- Not available in MS SQL use JOIN ON
- Returns all rows with matching values in the matching columns
  - Determines the common attribute(s) by looking for attributes
     with identical names and compatible data types
  - Select only the rows with common values in the common attribute(s)
  - If there are no common attributes, return the relational product of the two tables
  - Eliminates duplicate columns
- Used when tables share one or more common attributes with common names
- Syntax:

SELECT column-list FROM table 1 NATURAL JOIN table 2

## **Natural Join**



## JOIN USING Clause

- Returns only rows with matching values in the column indicated in the USING clause
  - The column must exist in both tables
- Syntax:
  - SELECT column-list FROM table1 JOIN table2 USING (common-column)
- JOIN USING operand does not require table qualifiers
  - Oracle returns error if table name is specified

## JOIN USING Clause

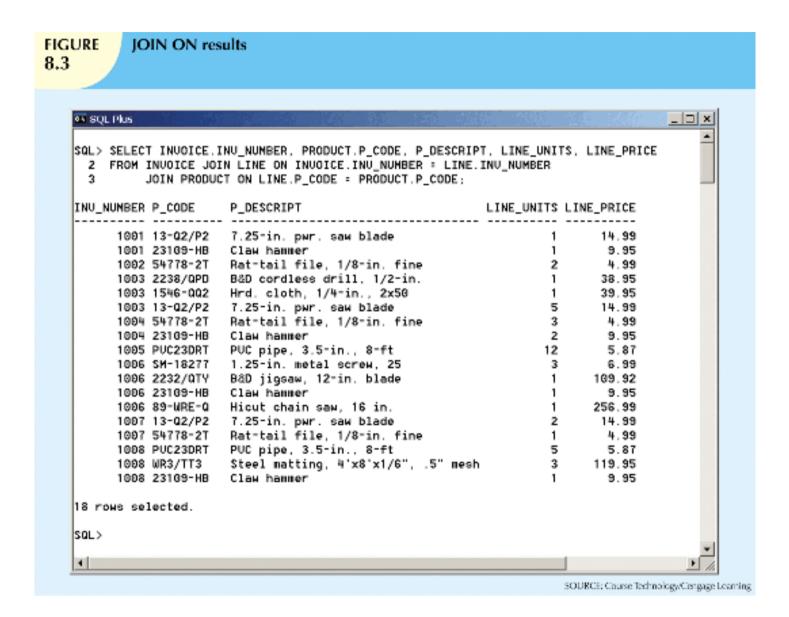
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## JOIN ON Clause

- Used when tables have no common attributes
- Returns only rows that meet the join condition
  - Typically includes equality comparison expression of two columns
  - Column names need not be the same but they must be the same data type
- Syntax:

SELECT column-list FROM table1 JOIN table2 ON joincondition

## JOIN ON Clause



## JOIN ON Clause

 The following query will generate a list of all employees with the managers' names

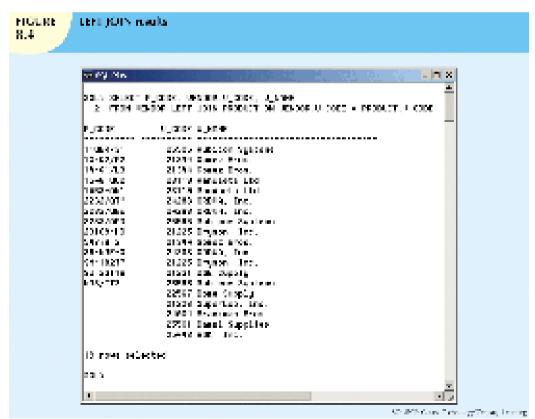
SELECT E.EMP\_MGR, M.EMP\_LNAME, E.EMP\_NUM, E.EMP\_LNAME FROM EMP E JOIN EMP M ON E.EMP\_MGR = M.EMP\_NUM ORDER BY E.EMP\_MGR

## **Outer Joins**

- Returns rows matching the join condition
- Also returns rows with unmatched attribute values for tables to be joined
- Three types
  - Left
  - Right
  - Full
- Left and right designate order in which tables are processed

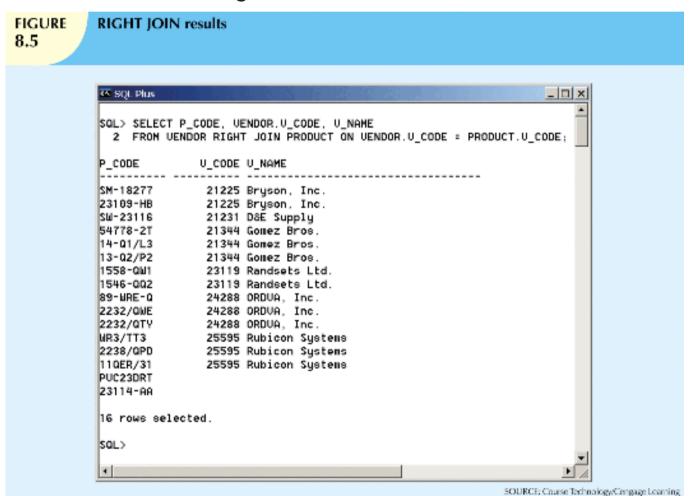
# Outer Joins (cont'd.)

- Left outer join
  - Returns rows matching the join condition
  - Returns rows in left side table with unmatched values
  - Syntax: SELECT column-list FROM table1 LEFT [OUTER] JOIN table2
     ON join-condition



# Outer Joins (cont'd.)

- Right outer join
  - Returns rows matching join condition
  - Returns rows in right side table with unmatched values



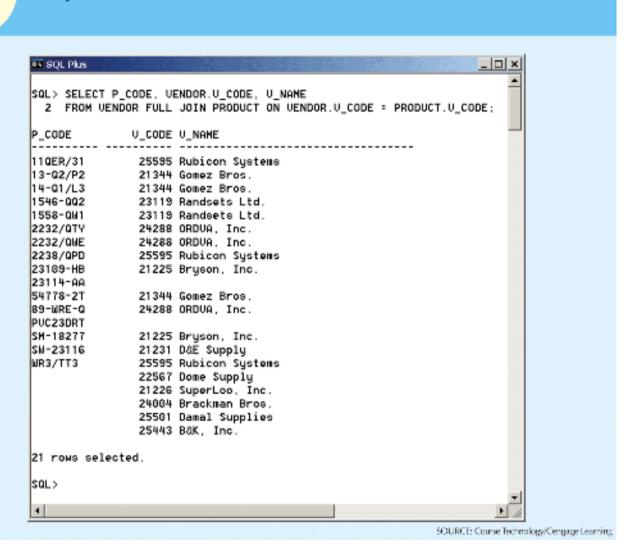
# Outer Joins (cont'd.)

- Full outer join
  - Returns rows matching join condition
  - Returns all rows with unmatched values in either side table
  - Syntax:

SELECT column-list FROM table1 FULL [OUTER] JOIN table2 ON join-condition

#### FIGURE 8.6

#### FULL JOIN results



# Relational Set Operators

- UNION
- INTERSECT
- MINUS
- Work properly if relations are union-compatible
  - Names of relation attributes must be the same and their data types must be identical

#### UNION

- Combines rows from two or more queries without including duplicate rows
  - Example:

```
SELECT CUS_LNAME, CUS_FNAME, CUS_INITIAL, CUS_AREACODE,
```

FROM CUSTOMER

UNION

SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE,

FROM CUSTOMER\_2

Can be used to unite more than two queries

## UNION

FIGURE 8.16

#### **UNION** query results

Database name: CH08\_SaleCo

#### Table name: CUSTOMER

#### CLIS CODE CLIS LINAME CLIS FINAME CLIS INTIVAL CLIS AREACCODE CLIS PHONE CLIS BALANCE 10010 Fames 844-2573 0.00 Albert 815 10011 Dunne Leggia 713 894-1238 0.00 10012 Smith 1/5/ 615 345.88 Kolkey 894-2286 10013 Olovveki Fool 815 536.75 894-2180 10014 Orlando Weedle 615 0.00 222-1672 0.00 10015 O'Exam. Action 713 442-3331 10018 Brown James 0 616 297-1228 221.18 10017 Williams deorge 616 290-2556 766.63 0 10018 Farries Anne 713 382,7196 219.65 10019 Smth 140 Olette 616 297-3909 0.00

#### Table name: CUSTOMER\_2

CUS_CODE	CUS_LNAME	CUS_FNAME	CUS_JAINAL	CUS_AREACODE	CUS_PHONE
345	Terrell	Audine	H	615	322-867D
347	Dinerald	Paul	F	615	084-2100
331	Hernandez	Carlox	J	733	120-7054
352	McDowell	George		733	123-7750
365	Tirpin	Khaleed	G	733	123-9675
366	Lawrin	Verie	J	734	332-1759
359	Dunne	Leone	K	713	594-1235

#### Query name: qryUNION-of-CUSTOMER-and-CUSTOMER\_2

CUS_LNAME	CUB_FMAME	CUB_INITIAL	DUS_AREACODE	CUB_PHONE
Brown	James	9	815	297-1228
Dunne	Leggs	[K]	713	884-T28
Fortiss	Assa	0	713	382-7186
Hamandez:	Codes	J	720	123-7964
Lawis	Maria	J	734	332-1789
MoDowell	George		729	123-7766
O'Brian	Arry	В	713	440.3381
Olowski	Paul	F	815	894-2190
Orlando	Myron		875	222-1873
Flamore	Allige	A	815	844-2573
5 mith	Kirthy	W	815	094-2206
Smith	Oletta	K	815	297-3809
Terroll	Justine	H	515	322-9670
Tryin	Khaleed	6	729	12348878
Williams	George		515	290-2556

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#### UNION ALL

- Produces a relation that retains duplicate rows
  - Example query:

```
SELECT CUS_LNAME, CUS_FNAME,
CUS_INITIAL, CUS_AREACODE, FROM CUSTOMER
UNION ALL
SELECT CUS_LNAME, CUS_FNAME,
CUS_INITIAL, CUS_AREACODE, FROM
CUSTOMER_2;
```

Can be used to unite more than two queries

## **UNION ALL**

**FIGURE** 8.17

#### UNION ALL query results

Database name: CH08\_SaleCo

#### Table name: CUSTOMER

#### Query name: qryUNION-ALL-of-CUSTOMER-and-CUSTOMER\_2

GUS_CODE	CUS_LNAME	CUS_FMAME	CUS_NITIAL	OUS_AREACODE	CUS_PHONE	CUB_BALANCE
10010	Frames:	Alfred	A	615	0444-2573	0.00
10011	Dunne	Leona	K	713	094-1230	0.00
10012	Smith	Kathy	68	615	094-2205	345.00
10013	Olowski	Paul	г	615	894-2160	536.75
10014	Cirlando	Myron		615	222-1672	0.00
10015	Critical	Arry	D	713	442-3301	0.00
10016	Drown	James	G	615	297-1226	221.19
10017	√Milarus	George		615	2500-25556	760.80
10010	Parrice	Anne	G	713	302-7105	216.55
10019	Smäh	Olette	K	615	297-3009	0.00

ITIAL.	OUS_AREACODE	CUS_PHONE	CUB_BALANCE
	615	0HH-2573	0.00
	713	094-1230	0.00
	615	094-2205	345.66
	615	894-2160	536.75
	615	222-1672	0.00
	713	442-3361	0.00
	615	297-1220	224.19
	615	280-2556	760.90
	713	302-7105	246.55
	615	297-3009	0.00

#### Table name: CUSTOMER\_2

CUS_CODE	CUS_UNAME	OUS_PNAME	CUS_NEAL	CUS_AREACCOE	CUS_PHONE
345	Terrel	Justine	H	615	300-9670
347	Oloveski	Paul	Г	615	594-2150
351	Hernandez	Carlos	J	723	123-7554
352	McDoreell	George		723	120-7758
365	Tirpin	Kinsland	G	723	120-9075
390	Lewis	Marie	d.	7.34	333-1759
309	Diunne	Leona	K	710	094-1200

CUS_UNAME	CUS_ENAME	CUS_INTIAL	CUS_AREACODE	GUS_PHONE
Ramas	Alted	A.	816	044-2573
Dunna	Labria	K	713	884-1238
Smith	Eathy	VV	615	ER 4-25/ES
Olowski	Poul	F	615	884-2180
Orbando	Myren		815	223-1822
O'Estan	Array	В	713	442-3381
Brown	James .	G	615	787-1358
Williams	Grenge		616	290-2956
Faction :	Anne	G	713	383-7185
Smith	Olotto	K	616	297-3809
Terrell	Justine	H	615	322-987D
Oloveski	Paul	F	616	684-2100
His mandez	Carlos	1	723	123-7854
Mit Downell	George		723	120-7750
Tirpin	Khalaad	0	729	123-9878
Lewis	Marie	1	7.34	302-1709
Dunna	Labria	K	713	884/1238

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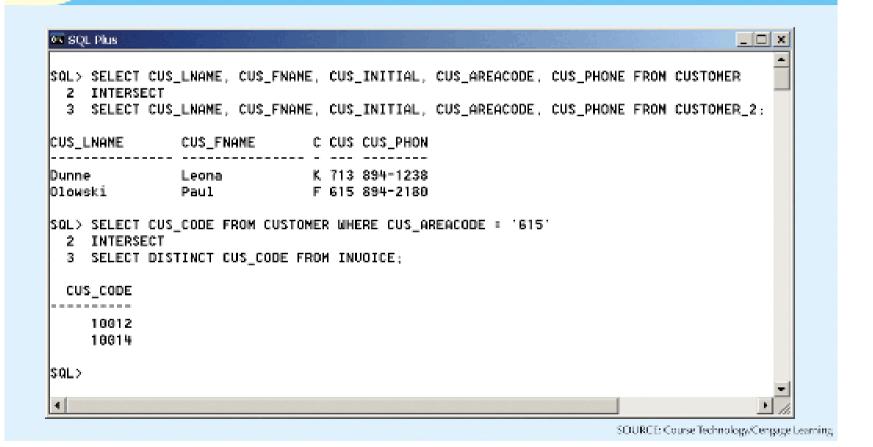
#### INTERSECT

- Combines rows from two queries, returning only the rows that appear in both sets
- Syntax: query INTERSECT query
  - Example query:

SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE, FROM CUSTOMER INTERSECT SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE, FROM CUSTOMER\_2

## FIGURE 8.18

#### INTERSECT query results



#### **MINUS**

- Combines rows from two queries
  - Returns only the rows that appear in the first set but not in the second
- Syntax: query MINUS query (MS SQL uses EXCEPT)
  - Example:

SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE, FROM CUSTOMER

**MINUS** 

SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE, FROM CUSTOMER\_2

## **MINUS**

FIGURE MINUS query results 8.19 SQL Plus \_ [ [ X ] SQL> SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE, CUS\_PHONE FROM CUSTOMER 3 SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE, CUS\_PHONE FROM CUSTOMER\_2; CUS\_LNANE CUS\_FNANE C CUS CUS\_PHON Brown G 615 297-1228 James Farriss Anne G 713 382-7185 0'Brian Amy B 713 442-3381 0rlando 615 222-1672 Muron Ranas Alfred A 615 844-2573 Smith Kathy W 615 894-2285 Smith Olette K 615 297-3809 Williams George 615 290-2556 8 rows selected. SQL> SELECT CUS\_LNAME, CUS\_FNAME, CUS\_INITIAL, CUS\_AREACODE, CUS\_PHONE FROM CUSTOMER\_2. 3 SELECT CUS LNAME, CUS FNAME, CUS INITIAL, CUS AREACODE, CUS PHONE FROM CUSTOMER: CUS\_LNAME CUS\_FNAME C CUS CUS\_PHON Hernandez Carlos J 723 123-7654 Lewis Marie J 734 332-1789 McDowell George 723 123-7768 Terrell Justine H 615 322-9870 Tirpin Khaleed G 723 123-9876 SQL> SELECT CUS\_CODE FROM CUSTOMER WHERE CUS\_AREACODE = '615' 3 SELECT DISTINCT CUS\_CODE FROM INVOICE; CUS\_CODE -----10010 10013 10016 18817 10019 SQL> SOURCE: Course Technology/Cengage Learning

# Syntax Alternatives

 IN and NOT IN subqueries can be used in place of INTERSECT or MINUS

**Example: INTERSECT** 

SELECT CUS\_CODE FROM CUSTOMER

WHERE CUS\_AREACODE = '615' AND

CUS\_CODE IN

(SELECT DISTINCT CUS\_CODE FROM INVOICE);

MINUS would use NOT IN

# Subqueries and Correlated Queries

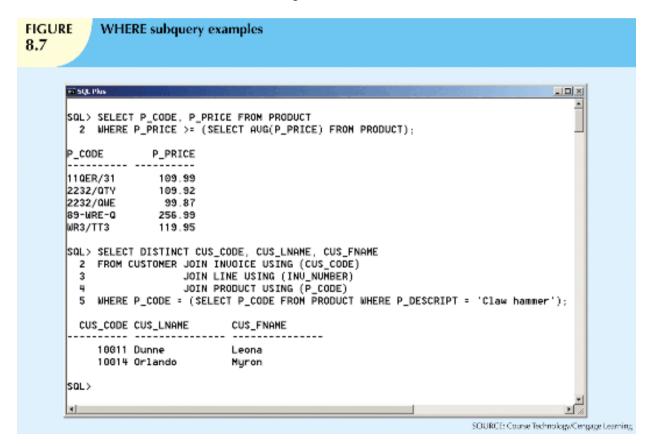
- Often necessary to process data based on other processed data
- Subquery is a query inside a query, normally inside parentheses
- First query is the outer query
  - Inside query is the inner query
- Inner query is executed first
- Output of inner query is used as input for outer query
- Sometimes referred to as a nested query

# Subqueries and Correlated Queries

SELECT Subquery Examples	
SELECT SUBQUERY EXAMPLES	EXPLANATION
INSERT INTO PRODUCT SELECT * FROM P;	Inserts all rows from Table P into the PRODUCT table.  Both tables must have the same attributes. The subquery returns all rows from Table P.
UPDATE PRODUCT  SET P_PRICE = (SELECT AVG(P_PRICE)  FROM PRODUCT)  WHERE V_CODE IN (SELECT V_CODE  FROM VENDOR  WHERE V_AREACODE = '615')	Updates the product price to the average product price, but only for products provided by vendors who have an area code equal to 615. The first subquery returns the average price; the second subquery returns the list of vendors with an area code equal to 615.
DELETE FROM PRODUCT WHERE V_CODE IN (SELECT V_CODE FROM VENDOR WHERE V_AREACODE = '615')	Deletes the PRODUCT table rows provided by vendors with an area code equal to 615. The subquery returns the list of vendor codes with an area code equal to 615.

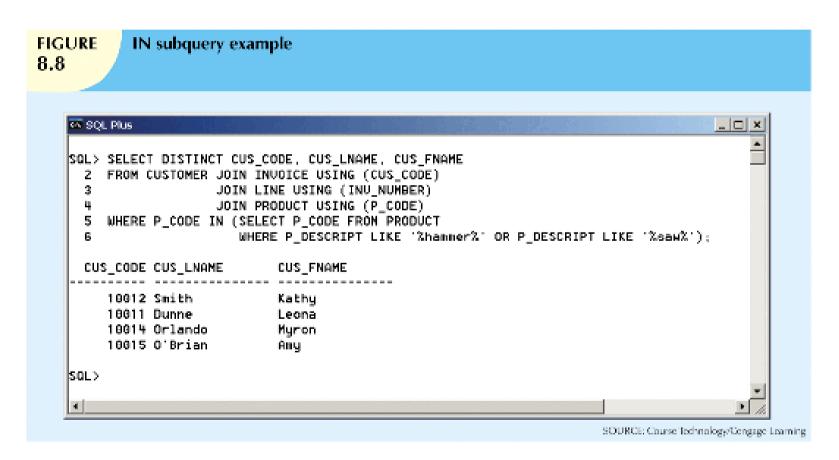
# WHERE Subqueries

- Most common type uses inner SELECT subquery on right side of WHERE comparison
  - Requires a subquery that returns only one single value
- Value generated by subquery must be of comparable data type
- Can be used in combination with joins



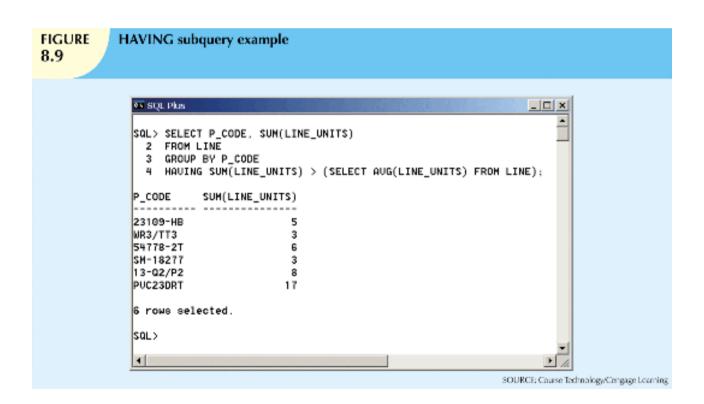
# IN Subqueries

Used when comparing a single attribute to a list of values



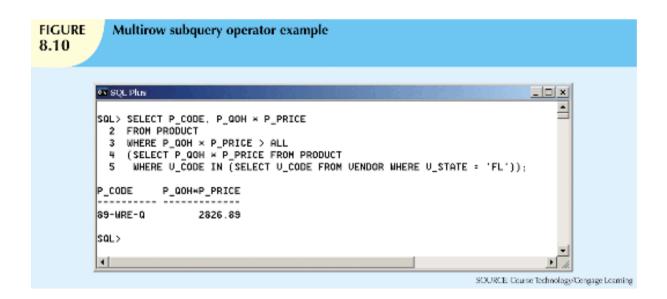
# **HAVING Subqueries**

- HAVING clause restricts the output of a GROUP BY query
  - Applies conditional criterion to the grouped rows



## Multirow Subquery Operators: ANY and ALL

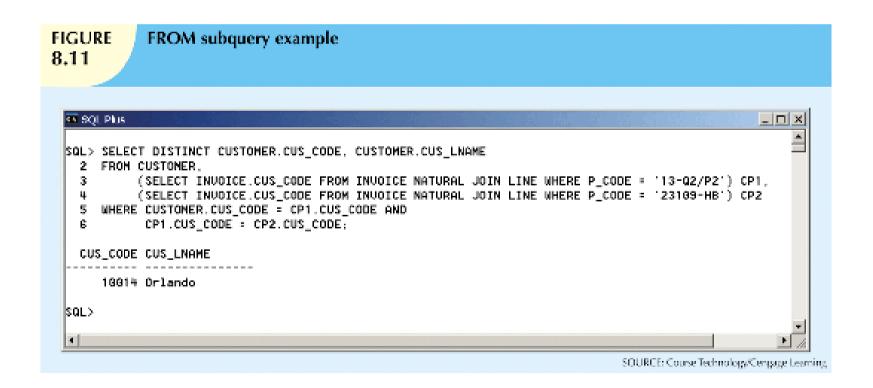
- Allows comparison of single value with a list of values using inequality comparison
  - "Greater than ALL" equivalent to "greater than the highest in list"
  - "Less than ALL" equivalent to "less than lowest"
  - Using equal to ANY operator equivalent to IN operator
  - In the query below we compare a single value (P\_QOH\*P\_PRICE) with a list of values returned by the first subquery
  - For a row to appear in the resultset, it has to meet the criterion
     P\_QOH\*P\_PRICE>ALL of the individual values returned by the first subquery



```
SELECT V_CODE FROM VENDOR WHERE V_STATE='FL';
V CODE
21226
25443
25595
SELECT P_OOH*P_PRICE FROM PRODUCT
WHERE V_CODE IN (SELECT V_CODE FROM VENDOR WHERE V_STATE='FL');
QOH*PRICE
879.92
467.4
2159.1
SELECT P_CODE, P_QOH*P_PRICE, V_STATE
FROM PRODUCT JOIN VENDOR ON PRODUCT.V_CODE=VENDOR.V_CODE
WHERE P_QOH*P_PRICE > ALL
(SELECT P_QOH*P_PRICE FROM PRODUCT
WHERE V_CODE IN (SELECT V_CODE FROM VENDOR WHERE V_STATE='FL'));
P_CODE QOH*PRICE V_STATE
89-WRE-Q2826.89 TN
```

# FROM Subqueries

- Specifies the tables from which the data will be drawn
- Can use SELECT subquery in the FROM clause
  - View name can be used anywhere a table is expected

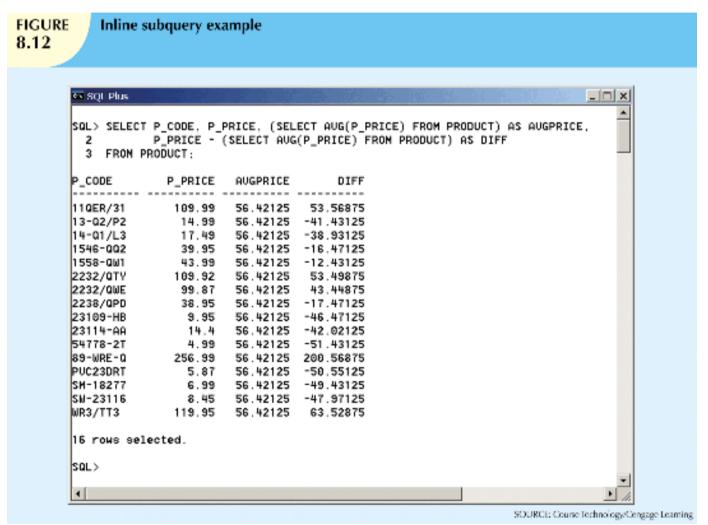


# **Attribute List Subqueries**

- SELECT statement uses attribute list to indicate columns to project resulting set
  - Columns can be attributes of base tables
  - Result of aggregate function
- Attribute list can also include subquery expression: inline subquery
  - Must return one single value

# **Attribute List Subqueries**

- Cannot use an alias in the attribute list
  - You can not write P\_PRICE-AVGPRICE in line 2



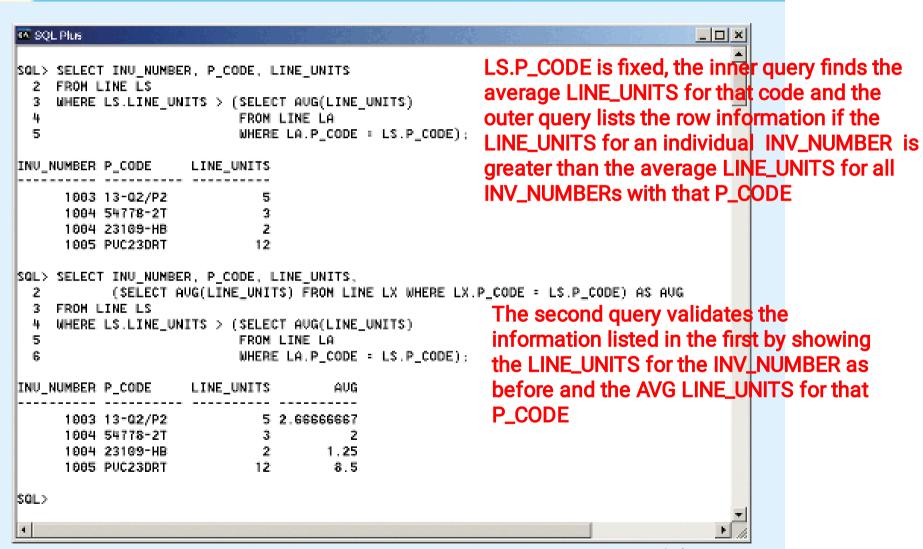
## **Correlated Subqueries**

- Subquery that executes once for each row in the outer query
- Correlated because inner query is related to the outer query
  - Inner query references column of outer subquery
  - Works like a nested loop
     for x=1 to 2
     for y=1 to 3
     print "x=" x "y=" y
     as x holds steady with 1, y loops from 1 to 3
- Can also be used with the EXISTS special operator

## **Correlated Subqueries**

FIGURE 8.14

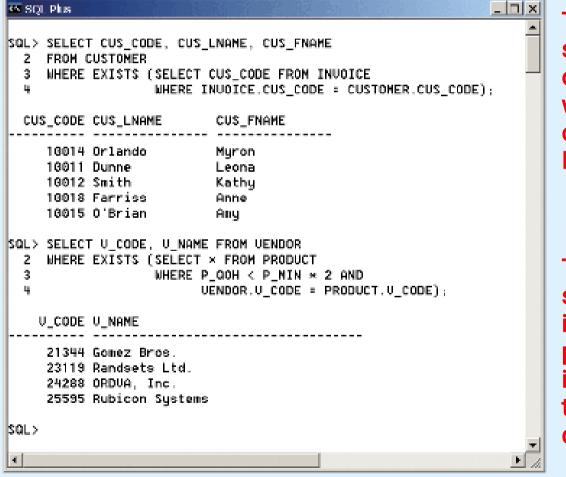
Correlated subquery examples



## **EXISTS Correlated Subquery**

FIGURE 8.15

**EXISTS** correlated subquery examples



The first query shows the names of all customers who have at least one order in the INVOICE table

The second query shows the vendor info for those products who QOH is less than twice the minimum quantity

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### **SQL Functions**

- Generating information from data often requires many data manipulations
- SQL functions are similar to functions in programming languages
- Functions always use numerical, date, or string value
- Value may be part of a command or attribute in a table
- Function may appear anywhere in an SQL statement

### Date and Time Functions

- All SQL-standard DBMSs support date and time functions
- Date functions take one parameter and return a value
- Date/time data types are implemented differently by different DBMS vendors
- ANSI SQL standard defines date data types, but not how data types are stored

#### Selected MS Access and SQL Server Date/Time Functions

FUNCTION	EXAMPLE(S)
YEAR	Lists all employees born in 1966:
Returns a four-digit year	SELECT EMP_LNAME, EMP_FNAME, EMP_DOB,
Syntax:	YEAR(EMP_DOB) AS YEAR
YEAR(date_value)	FROM EMPLOYEE
	WHERE YEAR(EMP_DOB) = 1966;
MONTH	Lists all employees born in November:
Returns a two-digit month code	SELECT EMP_LNAME, EMP_FNAME, EMP_DOB,
Syntax:	MONTH(EMP_DOB) AS MONTH
MONTH(date_value)	FROM EMPLOYEE
	WHERE MONTH(EMP_DOB) = 11;
DAY	Lists all employees born on the 14th day of the month:
Returns the number of the day	SELECT EMP_LNAME, EMP_FNAME, EMP_DOB,
Syntax:	DAY(EMP_DOB) AS DAY
DAY(date_value)	FROM EMPLOYEE
	WHERE DAY(EMP_DOB) = 14;
DATE() MS Access	Lists how many days are left until Christmas:
GETDATE() SQL Server	SELECT #25-Dec-2012# - DATE();
Returns today's date	Note two features:
	<ul> <li>There is no FROM clause, which is acceptable in MS Access.</li> </ul>
	The Christmas date is enclosed in number signs ( # ) because you are
	doing date arithmetic.
	In MS SQL Server:
	Use GETDATE() to get the current system date. To compute the difference
	between dates, use the DATEDIFF function (see below).
DATEADD SQL Server	Adds a number of dateparts to a given date. Dateparts can be minutes,
Adds a number of selected time	hours, days, weeks, months, quarters, or years. For example:
periods to a date	SELECT DATEADD(day,90, P_INDATE) AS DueDate
Syntax:	FROM PRODUCT;
DATEADD(datepart,	The preceding example adds 90 days to P_INDATE.
number, date)	In MS Access, use the following:
	SELECT P_INDATE+90 AS DueDate
	FROM PRODUCT;
DATEDIFF SQL Server	Returns the difference between two dates expressed in a selected datepart.
Subtracts two dates	For example:
Syntax:	SELECT DATEDIFF(day, P_INDATE, GETDATE()) AS DaysAgo
DATEDIFF(datepart, startdate,	FROM PRODUCT;
enddate)	In MS Access, use the following:
	SELECT DATE() - P_INDATE AS DaysAgo
	FROM PRODUCT;

### **Numeric Functions**

- Grouped in different ways
  - Algebraic, trigonometric, logarithmic, etc.
- Do not confuse with aggregate functions
  - Aggregate functions operate over sets
  - Numeric functions operate over single row
- Numeric functions take one numeric parameter and return one value

#### TABLE 8.5

#### Selected Numeric Functions

FUNCTION	EXAMPLE(S)
ABS	In Oracle, use the following:
Returns the absolute value of a number	SELECT 1.95, -1.93, ABS(1.95), ABS(-1.93)
Syntax:	FROM DUAL;
ABS(numeric_value)	In MS Access and SQL Server, use the following:
	SELECT 1.95, -1.93, ABS(1.95), ABS(-1.93);
ROUND	Lists the product prices rounded to one and zero decimal places:
Rounds a value to a specified precision	SELECT P_CODE, P_PRICE,
(number of digits)	ROUND(P_PRICE,1) AS PRICE1,
Syntax:	ROUND(P_PRICE,0) AS PRICE0
ROUND(numeric_value, p)	FROM PRODUCT;
p = precision	
CEIL/CEILING/FLOOR	Lists the product price, the smallest integer greater than or equal to
Returns the smallest integer greater than	the product price, and the largest integer equal to or less than the
or equal to a number or returns the	product price.
largest integer equal to or less than a	In Oracle, use the following:
number, respectively	SELECT P_PRICE, CEIL(P_PRICE), FLOOR(P_PRICE)
Syntax:	FROM PRODUCT;
CEIL(numeric_value) Oracle	In SQL Server, use the following:
CEILING(numeric_value) SQL Server	SELECT P_PRICE, CEILING(P_PRICE), FLOOR(P_PRICE)
FLOOR(numeric_value)	FROM PRODUCT;
	MS Access does not support these functions.

## String Functions

- String manipulations are the most used functions in programming
- String manipulation function examples:
  - Concatenation
  - Printing in uppercase
  - Finding length of an attribute

### **Conversion Functions**

- Take a value of given data type and convert it to the equivalent value in another data type
- Oracle conversion functions:
  - TO\_CHAR: takes a date value, converts to character string
  - TO\_DATE: takes character string representing a date, converts it to actual date in Oracle format

### **SQL Conversion Functions**

- SQL Server uses CAST and CONVERT functions
  - Numeric to Character
    - CAST(numeric as varchar(length))
    - CONVERT(varchar(length), numeric)
  - Date to Character
    - CAST(date as varchar(length))
    - CONVERT(varchar(length), date)
  - String to Number
    - CAST('-123.99' AS NUMERIC(8,2))
  - String to Date
    - CONVERT(DATETIME, '01/JAN/1970')
    - CAST('01-JAN-1970' AS DATETIME)

## Virtual Tables: Creating a View

- View
  - Virtual table based on a SELECT query
- Base tables
- Tables on which the view is based
- CREATE VIEW viewname AS SELECT query

create view v\_empname as select emp\_Iname, emp\_fname, emp\_initial from emp;

## **Aggregate Functions**

**TABLE 7.8** 

# Some Basic SQL Aggregate Functions

FUNCTION	OUTPUT
COUNT	The number of rows containing
	non-null values
MIN	The minimum attribute value
	encountered in a given column
MAX	The maximum attribute value
	encountered in a given column
SUM	The sum of all values for a given
	column
AVG	The arithmetic mean (average) for
	a specified column