# **SQL Joins**



## **Combining Data from Multiple Tables**

SQL uses set operators to combine tables vertically.



This produces results that can be compared to a DATA step concatenation.

## **Types of Joins**

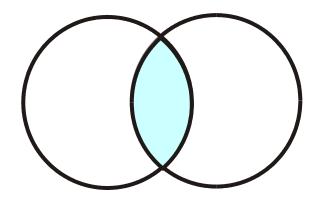
SQL supports two types of joins:

- inner joins
- outer joins

## **Types of Joins**

#### Inner joins

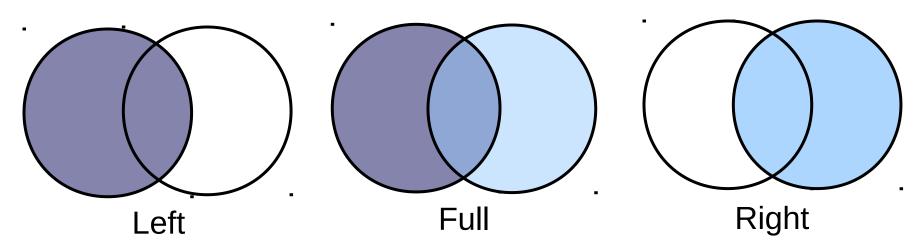
- return only matching rows
- enable a maximum of 256 tables to be joined at the same time.



## **Types of Joins**

#### Outer joins

- return all matching rows, plus nonmatching rows from one or both tables
- can be performed on only two tables or views at a time.



To understand how SQL processes a join, it is important to understand the concept of the Cartesian product.

A query that lists multiple tables in the FROM clause without a WHERE clause produces all possible combinations of rows from all tables. This result is called the *Cartesian product*.

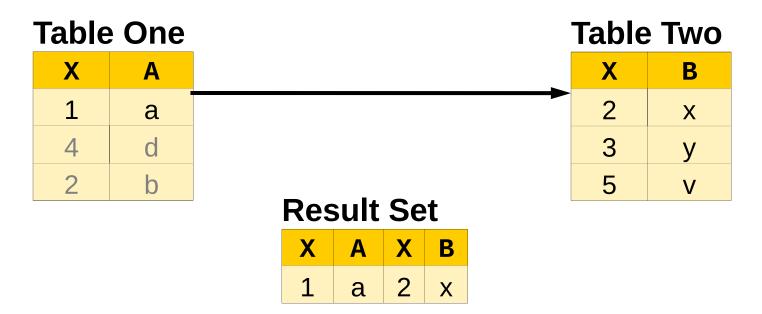
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select *
from one, two;
```

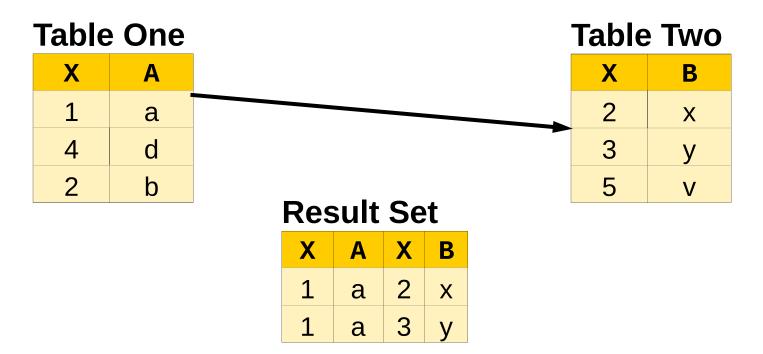
#### **Table One**

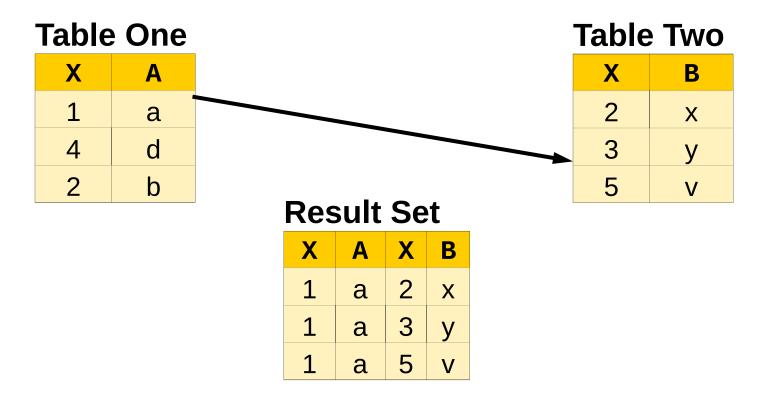
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1	a
4	d
2	b

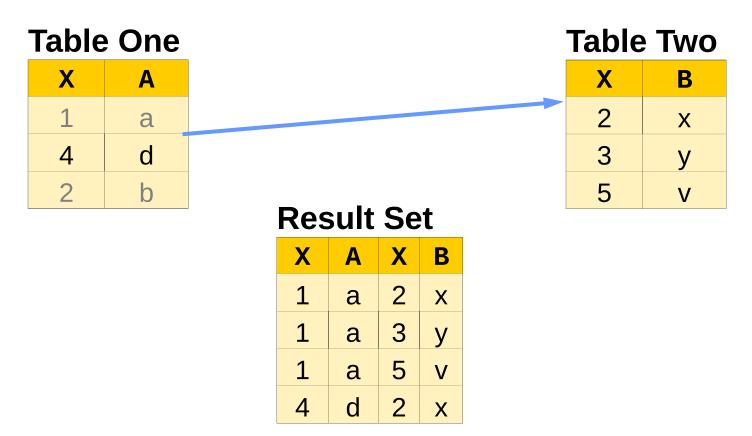
#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	у
5	V











X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	У
5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	у
5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	У
5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V
2	b	2	X

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d .
2	b

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	у
5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V
2	b	2	X
2	b	3	У

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d <b>_</b>
2	b

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	у
5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V
2	b	2	X
2	b	3	У
2	b	5	V

#### **Table One**

X	<b>A</b> .	
1	a	2 40140
4	d	≻3 rows
2	b	<b>ン</b> .

#### **Result Set**

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V
2	b	2	X
2	b	3	У
2	b	5	V

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	у
5	V

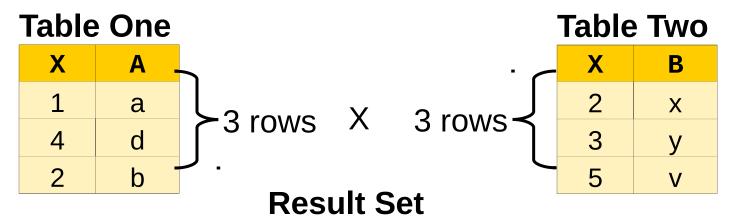
#### **Table One**

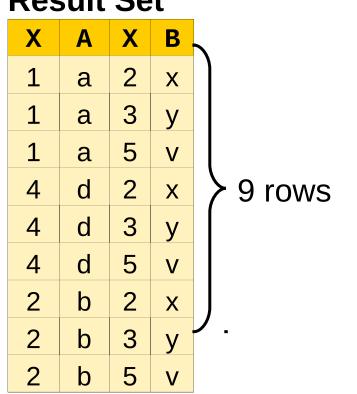
X	Α .	
1	a	2 40140
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2	b ·	ノ .

#### **Table Two**

. –	X	В
3 rows	2	X
	3	У
	5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	Х
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V
2	b	2	X
2	b	3	У
2	b	5	V





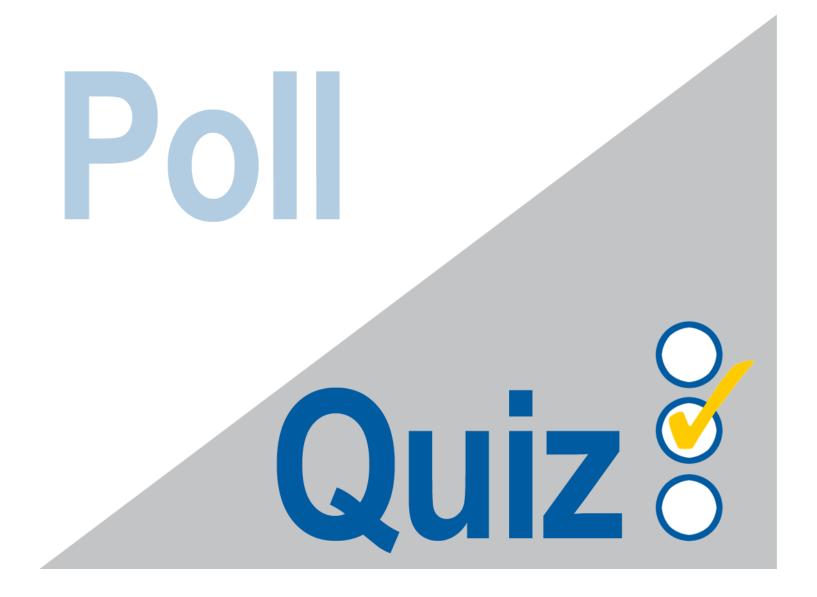
The number of rows in a Cartesian product is the product of the number of rows in the contributing tables.

$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$1,000 \times 1,000 = 1,000,000$$

$$100,000 \times 100,000 = 10,000,000,000$$

A Cartesian product is rarely the **desired** result of a query.



## **5.02 Quiz**

How many rows are returned from this query?

```
select *
from three, four;
```

#### **Table Three**

X	Α
1	a1
1	a2
2	b1
2	b2
4	d

#### **Table Four**

X	В
2	x1
2	x2
3	У
5	V

## **5.02 Quiz – Correct Answer**

How many rows are returned from this query?

The query produces 20 rows.

Table Three Tab			Table	Four
X	Α		X	В
1	a1		2	x1
1	a2		2	x2
2	b1		3	У
2	b2		5	V
4	d			
5*4=20				

#### **Partial Results Set**

X	Α	X	В
1	a1	2	x1
1	a1	2	x2
1	a1	3	у
1	a1	5	V
1	a2	2	x1
1	a2	2	x2
1	a2	3	У
1	a2	5	V
2	h1	2	x1 s2

Inner join syntax resembles Cartesian product syntax, but a WHERE clause restricts which rows are returned. General form of an inner join:

```
SELECT column-1<, ...column-n>
FROM table-1|view-1<, ... table-n|view-n>
WHERE join-condition(s)

<AND other subsetting conditions>
<other clauses>;
```

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WHERE join-condition(s)

<AND other subsetting conditions>
<other clauses>;
```

Significant syntax changes from earlier queries:

- The FROM clause references multiple tables.
- The WHERE clause includes join conditions in addition to other subsetting specifications.

Conceptually, when processing an inner join, PROC SQL does the following:

- 1. builds the Cartesian product of all the tables listed
- 2. applies the WHERE clause to limit the rows returned

## **Inner Joins: Cartesian Product Built**

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

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X	В
2	X
3	У
5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V
2	b	2	X
2	b	3	у
2	b	5	V

## **Inner Joins: WHERE Clause Restricts Rows**

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

select *	
from one,	two
where one.	x=two.x;

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	У
5	V

X	Α	X	В
1	a	2	X
1	a	3	У
1	a	5	V
4	d	2	X
4	d	3	У
4	d	5	V
2	b	2	X
2	b	3	У
2	h	5	\/



## **Inner Joins: Results Are Returned**

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

select *	
from one,	two
where one	x=two.x;

X	Α	X	В
2	b	2	

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	У
5	V

Tables do not have to be sorted before they are joined.

One method of displaying the X column only once is to use a table qualifier in the SELECT list.

**Table One** 

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

**Table Two** 

X	В
2	X
3	у
5	V

```
select <mark>one.</mark>x, a, b
from one, two
where one.x=two.x;
```

X	Α	В
2	b	X

Display all combinations of rows with matching keys, including duplicates.

#### Table Three

X	Α
1	a1
1	a2
2	b1
2	b2
4	d

#### **Table Four**

X	В
2	x1
2	x2
3	У
5	V

select \*
 from three, four
 where three.x=four.x;

Display all combinations of rows with matching keys, including duplicates.

#### Table Three

X	Α	
1	a1	
1	a2	
2	b1	
2	b2	
4	d	

#### **Table Four**

X	В
2	x1
2	x2
3	У
5	V

Χ	Α	X	В
2	b1	2	x1
2	b1	2	x2
2	b2	2	x1
2	b2	2	x2

```
select *
  from three, four
where three.x=four.x;
```

## **Inner Join Alternate Syntax**

An inner join can also be accomplished using an alternate syntax, which limits the join to a maximum of two tables. General form of an inner join:

```
SELECT column-1 <, ...column-n>
FROM table-1
INNER JOIN
table-2
ON join-condition(s)
<other clauses>;
```

This syntax is common in SQL code produced by code generators such as SAS Enterprise Guide. The ON clause specifies the JOIN criteria; a WHERE clause can be added to subset the results.

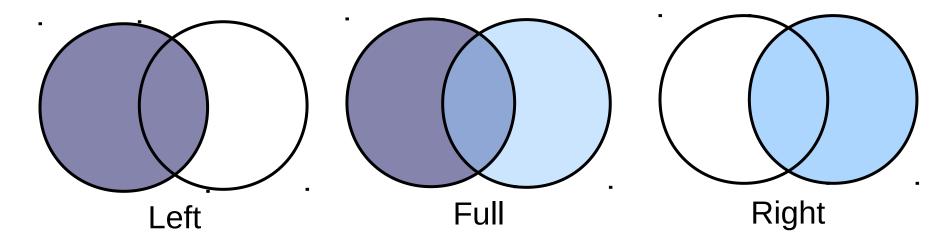
### **Outer Joins**

Inner joins returned only matching rows. When you join tables, you might want to include nonmatching rows as well as matching rows.

### **Outer Joins**

You can retrieve both nonmatching and matching rows using an outer join.

Outer joins include left, full, and right outer joins. Outer joins can process only two tables at a time.



## **Compare Inner Joins And Outer Joins**

The following table is a comparison of inner and outer join syntax and limitations:

<b>Key Point</b>	Inner Join	Outer Join
Table Limit	256	2
Join Behavior	Returns matching rows only	Returns matching and nonmatching rows
Join Options	Matching rows only	LEFT, FULL, RIGHT
Syntax changes	<ul> <li>Multiple tables in the FROM clause</li> <li>WHERE clause that specifies join criteria</li> </ul>	ON clause that specifies join criteria

### **Outer Joins**

Outer join syntax is similar to the inner join alternate syntax.

General form of an outer join:

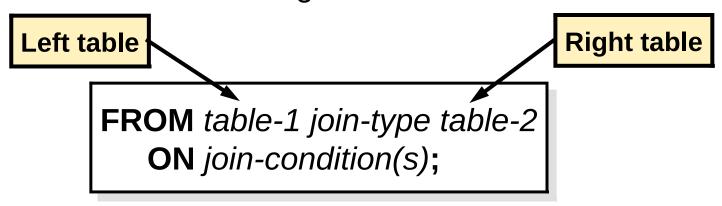
```
SELECT column-1 <, ...column-n>
FROM table-1
LEFT|RIGHT|FULL JOIN
table-2
ON join-condition(s)
<other clauses>;
```

The ON clause specifies the join criteria in outer joins.

# **Determining Left and Right**

Consider the position of the tables in the FROM clause.

- Left joins include all rows from the first (left) table, even if there are no matching rows in the second (right) table.
- Right joins include all rows from the second (right) table, even if there are no matching rows in the first (left) table.
- Full joins include all rows from both tables, even if there are no matching rows in either table.



### **Left Join**

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	y
5	V

```
select *
  from one left join two
  on one.x = two.x;
```

X	Α	X	В
1	a		
2	b	2	X
4	d		

# **Right Join**

**Table Two** 

X	В
2	X
3	y
5	V

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

```
select *
   from two right join one
   on one.x = two.x;
```

X	В	X	Α
		1	a
2	X	2	b
		4	d

### **Full Join**

#### **Table One**

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

#### **Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	y
5	V

```
select *
  from one full join two
  on one.x = two.x;
```

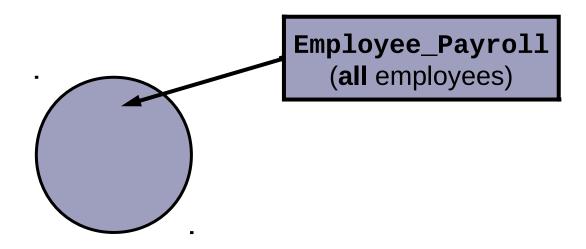
X	Α	X	В
1	a		
2	b	2	X
•		3	у
4	d	•	
		5	V

List the employee ID and gender for all married employees. Include the names of any charities to which the employee donates via the company program.



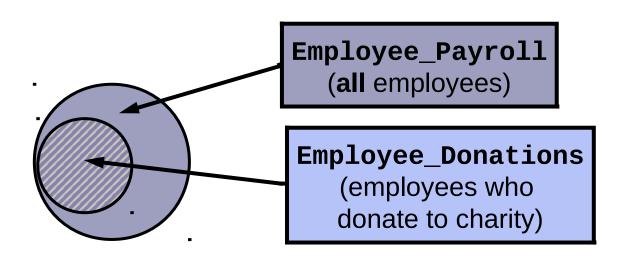
#### **Considerations:**

The table orion. Employee\_Payroll contains gender and marital status information.



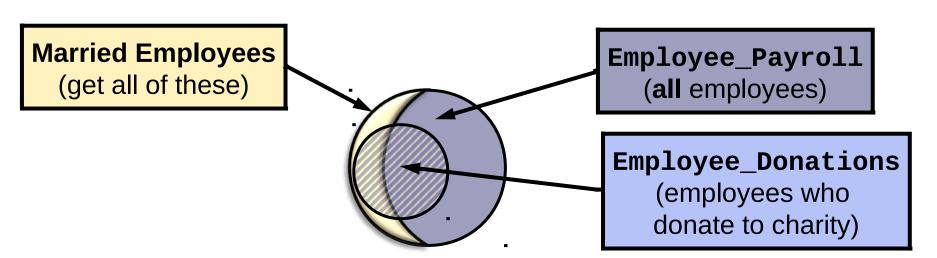
#### Considerations:

- The table orion.Employee\_Payroll contains gender and marital status information.
- The table orion. Employee\_Donations contains records only for those employees who donate to a charity via the company program.



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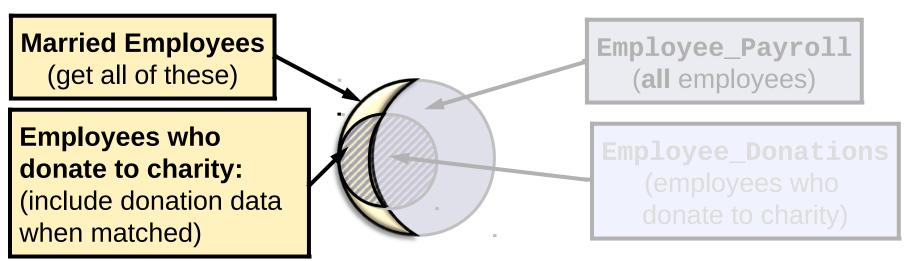
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- The table orion. Employee\_Donations contains records only for those employees who donate to a charity via the company program.
- Less than half of all employees are married.

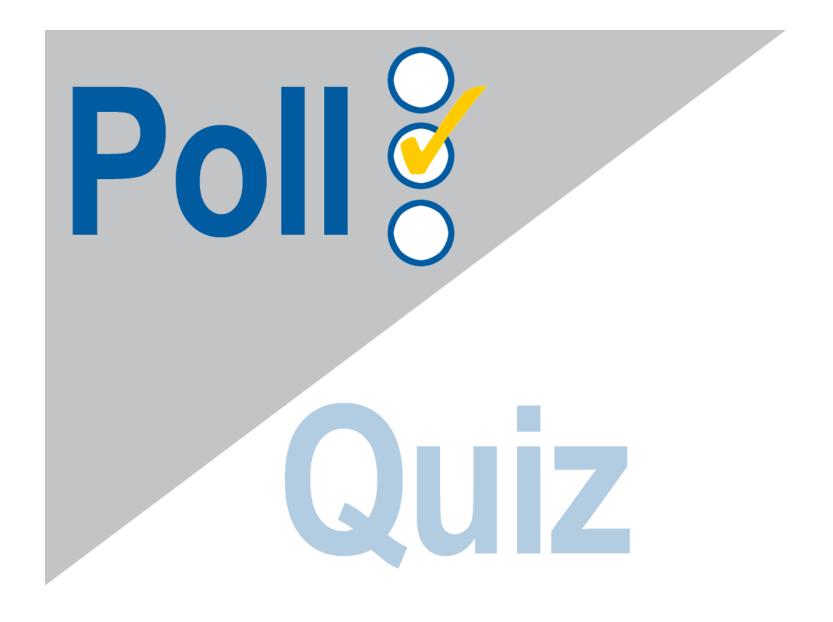


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- The table orion. Employee\_Donations contains records only for those employees who donate to a charity via the company program.
- Less than half of all employees are married.





# **5.05 Multiple Choice Poll**

For the report, you need the data for all married employees from **orion.Employee\_Payroll**. You also want to include the charity names from the **orion.Employee\_Donations** table if **Employee\_ID** matches. What type of join should you use to combine the information from these two tables?

- a. Inner Join
- b. Left Join
- c. Full Join
- d. None of the above

# 5.05 Multiple Choice Poll – Correct Answer

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- b. Left Join
  - c. Full Join
  - d. None of the above

### **Outer Joins**

### **Outer Joins**

Partial PROC SQL Output (Rows 203-215)

	Employee_	
Employee_ID	Gender	Recipients
121128	F	Cancer Cures, Inc.
121131	М	Vox Victimas 40%, Conserve Nature, Inc. 60%
121132	M	EarthSalvors 50%, Vox Victimas 50%
121133	M	Disaster Assist, Inc.
121138	M	Cuidadores Ltd.
121139	F	
121142	M	AquaMissions International 10%, Child Survivors 90%
121143	M	Mitleid International 60%, Save the Baby Animals
40%		
121144	F	
121145	M	Save the Baby Animals
121146	F	
121147	F	Cuidadores Ltd. 50%, Mitleid International 50%
121148	М	

➤ Remember that output order is not guaranteed unless you use an ORDER BY clause.

# **Using a Table Alias**

An *alias* is a table nickname. You can assign an alias to a table by following the table name in the FROM clause with the AS keyword and a nickname for the table. Then use the alias in other clauses of the QUERY statement.

General form of the FROM clause:

# **Using a Table Alias**

# **DATA Step Merge (Review)**

A DATA step with MERGE and BY statements automatically overlays same-name columns.

X	A
1	a
4	d
2	b

#### **Table One Table Two**

X	В
2	X
3	у
5	V

Table One must be sorted or indexed on column X before a merge can be performed.

#### data merged; merge one two;

by x;

run;

proc print data=merged;

run;

#### Output

# **SQL Join versus DATA Step Merge**

SQL joins do not automatically overlay same-named columns.

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

**Table One Table Two** 

X	В
2	X
3	У
5	V

```
proc sql;
  select one.x, a, b
      from one full join two
      on one.x=two.x
quit;
```

#### Output

```
X
```

### The COALESCE Function

The COALESCE function returns the value of the first non-missing argument.

General form of the COALESCE function:

**COALESCE**(argument-1,argument-2<, ...argument-n)

argument can be a constant, expression, or variable name. When all arguments are missing, COALESCE returns a missing value.

All arguments must be of the same type (character or numeric).

# **SQL Join versus DATA Step Merge**

You can use the COALESCE function to overlay columns.

X	Α
1	a
4	d
2	b

#### Table One Table Two

X	В	
2	X	
3	У	
5	V	

```
proc sql;
   select coalesce(one.x, two.x)
          as x,a,b
      from one full join two
      on one.x=two.x;
quit;
```

#### Output

```
В
X
V
```

# **SQL Join versus DATA Step Merge**

Key Points	SQL Join	DATA Step Merge
Explicit sorting of data before join/merge	Not required	Required
Same-named columns in join/merge expressions	Not required	Required
Equality in join or merge expressions	Not required	Required





This exercise reinforces the concepts discussed previously.

# **Chapter 5: SQL Joins**

5.1: Introduction to SQL Joins 5.2: Complex SQL Joins

# **Objectives**

- Create and use in-line views.
- Use in-line views and subqueries to simplify coding a complex query.

In-line views are often useful when you build complex SQL queries.

#### An inline view is

- a temporary "virtual table" that exists only during query execution
- created by placing a query expression in a FROM clause where a table name would normally be used.

An in-line view is a query expression (SELECT statement) that resides in a FROM clause. It acts as a virtual table, used in place of a physical table in a query.

```
proc sql;
    select *
    from
    (in-line view query expression)
quit;
```

List all active Sales employees having annual salaries significantly (more than 5%) lower than the average salary for everyone with the same job title.



### **Considerations**

First, you must calculate the average salaries for active employees in the Sales department, grouped by job title.

Next, you must match each employee to a GROUP-BY job title.

Finally, you must compare the employee's salary to the group's average to determine if it is more than 5% below the group average.

Build a query to produce the aggregate averages.

```
proc sql;
title 'Sales Department Average Salary';
title2 'By Job Title';
   select Job_Title,
          avg(Salary) as Job_Avg
          format=comma7.
      from orion.Employee_payroll as p,
           orion.Employee_organization as o
      where p.Employee_ID=o.Employee_ID
            and not Employee_Term_Date
            and o.Department="Sales"
   group by Job_Title;
quit;
```

### PROC SQL Output

Sales Department by Job	
Job_Title	Job_Avg
Sales Rep. I	26,576
Sales Rep. II	27,348
Sales Rep. III	29,214
Sales Rep. IV	31,589

If you create a table from the results of the query, you can join this table and the **orion.Employee\_payroll** table and subset the appropriate rows to get the answer. This adds unnecessary I/O.

Would it be useful to use only the query itself in place of a table?

In SQL, you can with an in-line view!



Using a query in the FROM clause in place of a table causes the query output to be used as an in-line view.

```
proc sql;
title 'Employees with salaries less than';
title2 '95% of the average for their job';
   select Employee_Name, emp.Job_Title,
          Salary format=comma7., Job_Avg format=comma7.
      from (select Job_Title,)
                   avg(Salary) as Job_Avg format=comma7.
               from orion.Employee_payroll as p,
                    orion.Employee_organization as o
               where p.Employee_ID=o.Employee_ID
                    and not Employee Term Date
                    and o.Department="Sales"
               group by Job_Title) as job,
           orion.Salesstaff as emp
       where emp.Job_Title=job.Job_Title
             and Salary < Job_Avg*.95
       order by Job_Title, Employee_Name;
```

### PROC SQL Output

Employees with salaries less than 95% of the average for their job					
Employee Annual Employee_Name Employee Job Title Salary Job_A					
Ould, Tulsidas Polky, Asishana Tilley, Kimiko Voron, Tachaun	Sales Rep. I Sales Rep. I Sales Rep. I Sales Rep. I	22,710 25,110 25,185 25,125	26,576 26,576 26,576 26,576		



#### **Business Scenario**

In 2003, Top Sports launched a premium line of sleeping bags called Expedition Zero, which was sold through Orion Star.

The CEO of Top Sports wants to send a letter of thanks to the manager of each employee who sold Expedition Zero sleeping bags in 2003, with a \$50 reward certificate (in U.S. dollars) to be presented by the manager to the employee.

#### The Task:

Prepare a list of the managers' names and the cities in which they are located.

## **Planning the Complex Query**

Step 1 Identify the employees who sold Expedition chandise in 2003.

Step 2 Find the employee identifier for the managers of these employees

Obtain the managers' names and city

# **Complex Query: Step 1 Considerations**

Get employee IDs for employees who sold n Zero merchandise in 2003.

Select the employee's identifier (Employee\_ID) from the results of joining the Order\_Fact and Product\_Dim tables on Product\_ID, where Product\_Name contains Expedition Zero. Exclude Internet orders (Employee\_ID NE 99999999).



Write a query to obtain the employee ID of all employees who sold Expedition Zero merchandise in 2003.

```
select distinct Employee_ID
   from orion.Order_Fact as o,
        orion.Product_Dim as p
   where o.Product_ID=p.Product_ID
        and year(Order_Date)=2003
        and Product_Name contains
        'Expedition Zero'
        and Employee_ID ne 99999999;
```

Step 1 PROC SQL Output

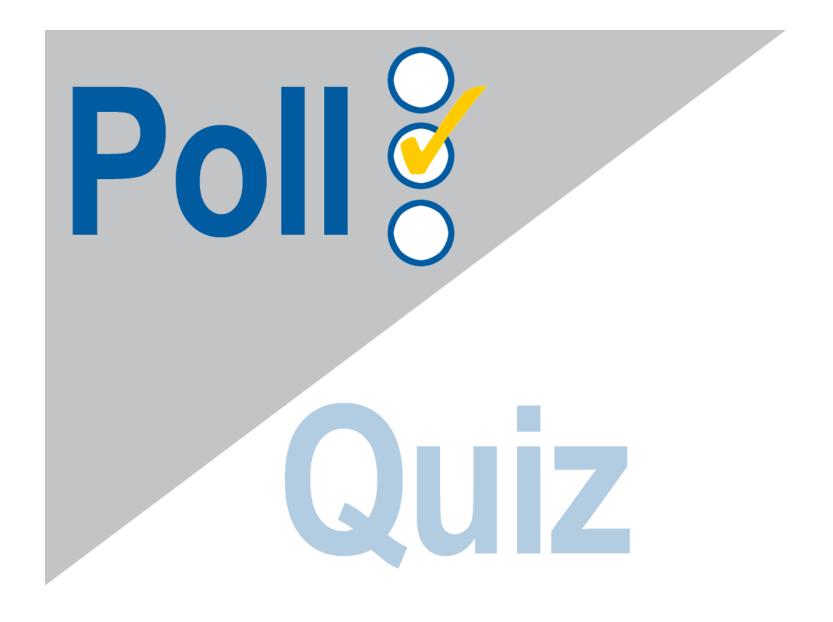
<b>Employee ID</b>	
120145	
120732	

### **Complex Query: Step 2 Considerations**



Step 2 Find the employee identifier for the managers of these employees.

Select the manager's identifier (**Manager\_ID**) from the results of joining the **Employee\_Organization** table with the first query's results on **Employee\_ID**.



### **5.06 Multiple Choice Poll**

To join the **Employee\_Organization** table with the Step 1 query results, you use the query from Step 1 as which of the following?

- a. an in-line view
- b. a subquery

#### 5.06 Multiple Choice Poll – Correct Answer

To join the **Employee\_Organization** table with the Step 1 query results, you use the query from Step 1 as which of the following?

- a. an in-line view
  - b. a subquery

A query used in place of a physical table in a SELECT statement FROM clause is called an in-line view.



Write a query to obtain the manager ID of the employee's manager.

```
select Manager_ID
from orion.Employee_Organization as o,

→(<Step 1 query results>) as ID
where o.Employee_ID=ID.Employee_ID;

Employee_ID

120145
120732
```



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```
t Manager_ID
om orion.Employee_Organization as o,
(select distinct Employee_ID)
     from orion.Order_Fact as o,
             orion.Product_Dim as p
    where o.Product_ID=p.Product_ID
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Step 2 PROC SQL Output

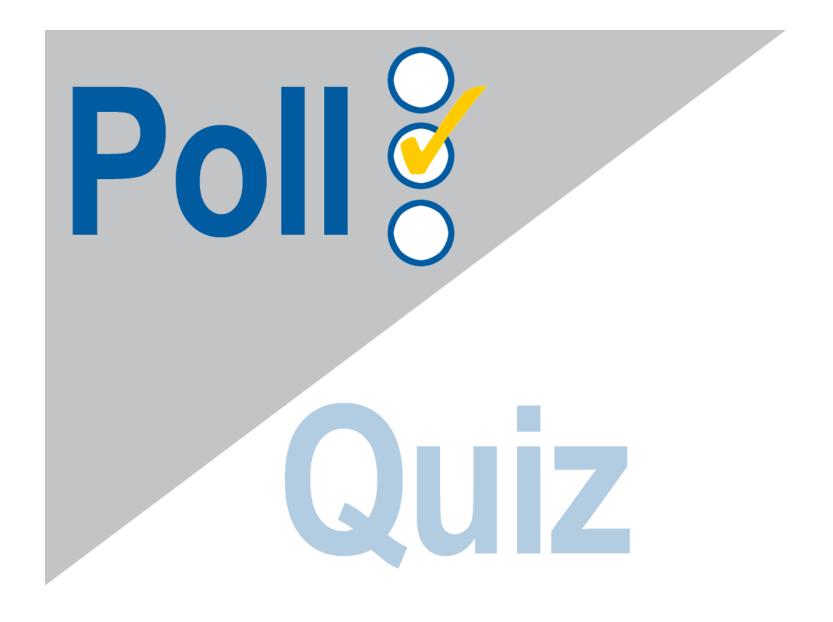
Manager\_ID 120103 120736

### **Complex Query: Step 3 Considerations**

Step 3

Find the managers' names and cities.

Select the employee's name (Employee\_Name) and City from the Employee\_Addresses table, where Employee\_ID matches Manager\_ID in the results of the previous query.



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#### 5.07 Poll – Correct Answer

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A subquery can return values for multiple rows, but must return values for only one column. When submitted on its own, the query in Step 2 returns two rows and only one column, so it can be used as a non-correlated subquery.



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Write a query to obtain the managers' names and city information.

```
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     , City
   from orion.Employee_Addresses
  where Employee_ID in
       (select Manager_ID
           from orion.Employee_Organization as o,
           (select distinct Employee_ID
Step 3
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```

Step 3 PROC SQL Output

Name	City	
Dawes, Wilson	Sydney	
Kiemle, Parie	Miami-Dade	

You can also solve this problem using a multiway join.

```
proc sql;
   select distinct Employee_Name format=$25. as Name, City
      from orion.Order_Fact as of,
           orion.Product_Dim as pd,
           orion.Employee_Organization as eo,
           orion.Employee_Addresses as ea
      where of.Product_ID=pd.Product_ID
            and of.Employee_ID=eo.Employee_ID
            and ea.Employee_ID=eo.Manager_ID
            and Product_Name contains 'Expedition Zero'
            and year(Order_Date)=2003
            and eo.Employee_ID ne 99999999
quit;
```

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This query produces a Cartesian product. Nine rows will be returned.

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- 3. Outer and Inner Joins:
  - a. An **outer join** can operate on a maximum of <u>2</u> tables simultaneously.
  - b. An **inner join** can operate on a maximum of <u>256</u> tables simultaneously.

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#### **False**

An in-line view is a query used in the FROM clause in place of a table. An in-line view can return any number of rows or columns.