

Module 1: Data Preparation Using Tableau Prep

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Demo IV

Unions and Joins in Tableau Prep

Unions and Joins are the two ways through which we can combine data in Tableau Prep. Demonstrate the use of Unions and Joins in Tableau Prep using Employee data.

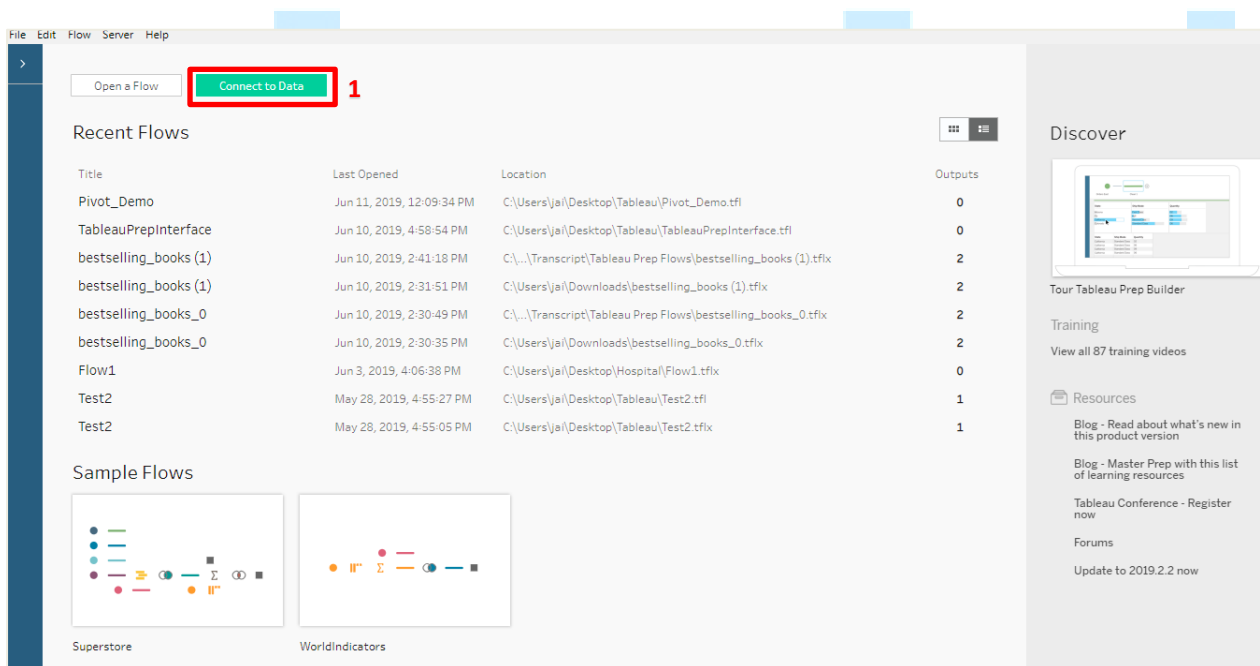
Demo IV – Solution

Step 1: 1 → Connect to the dataset

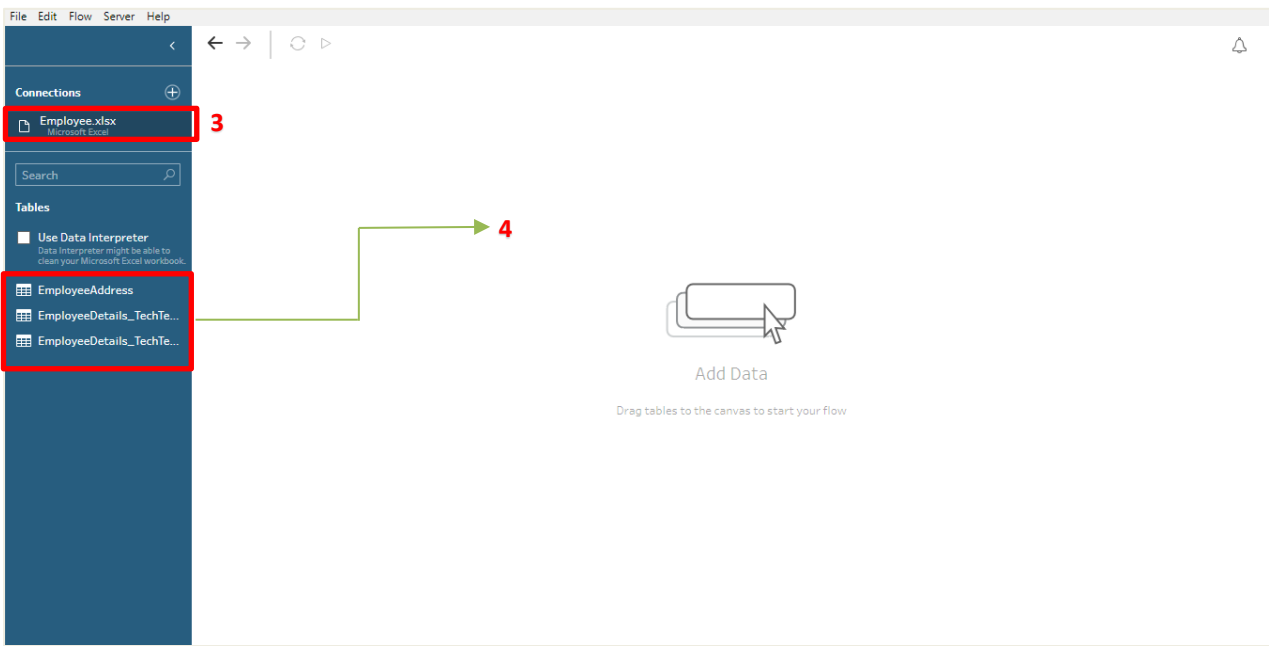
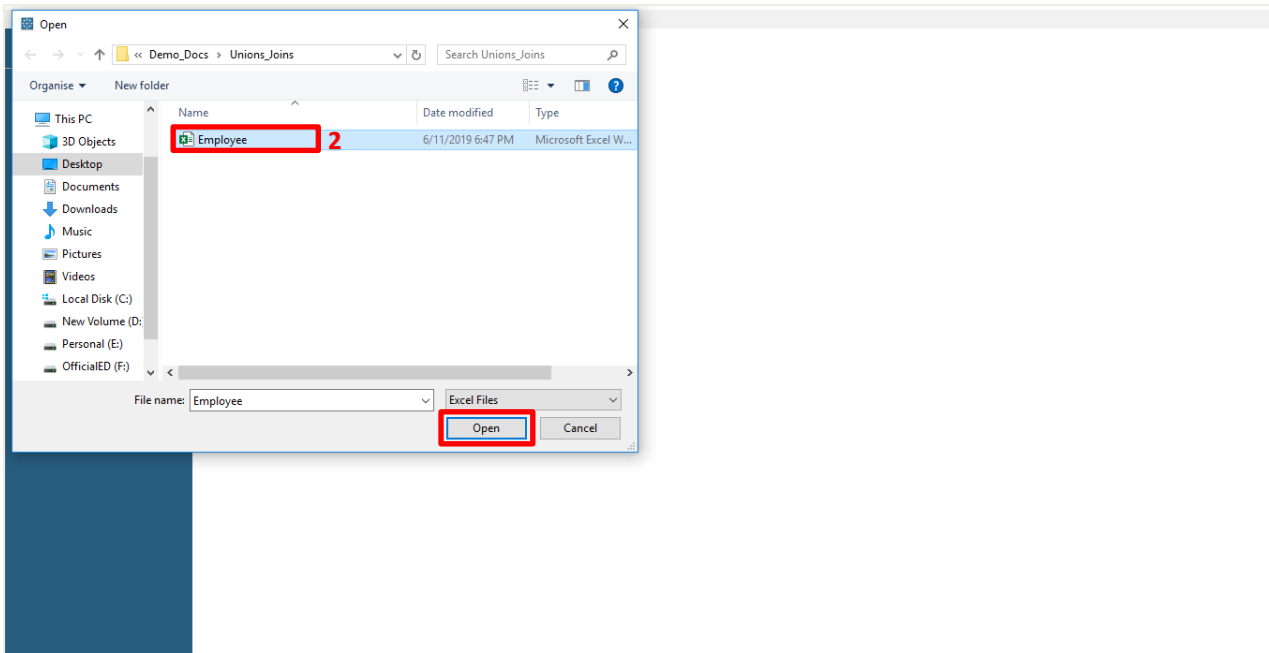
2 → Select “Employee” dataset

3 → Connection Established with file “Employee.xlsx”

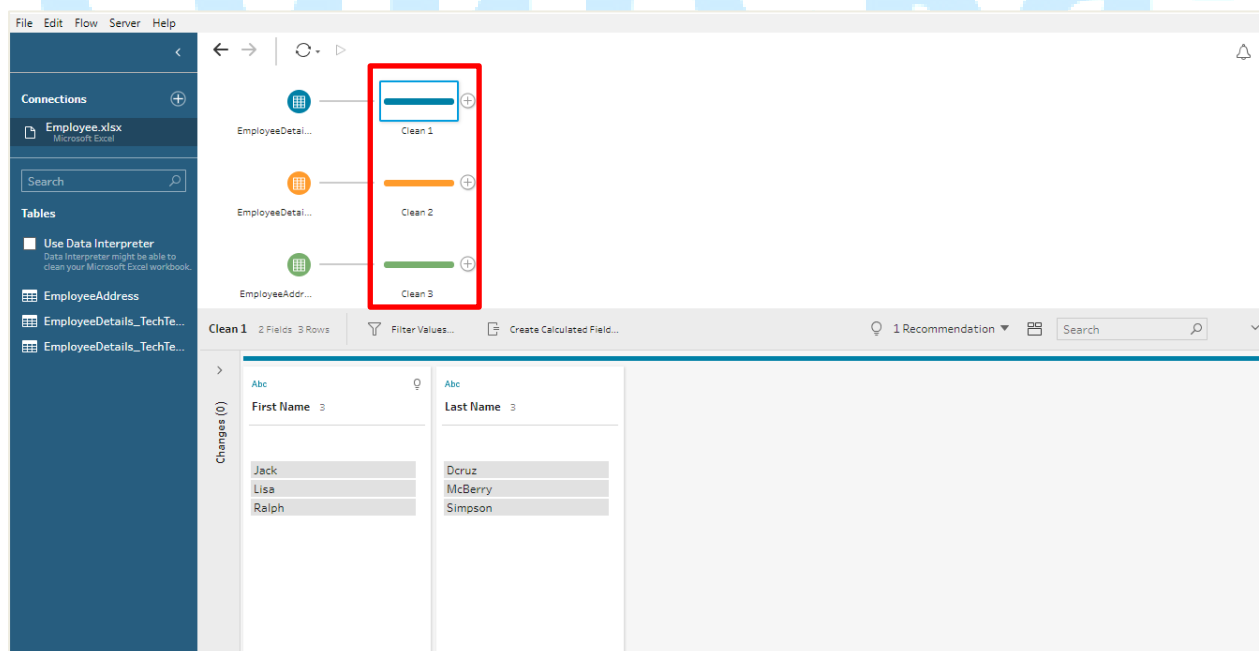
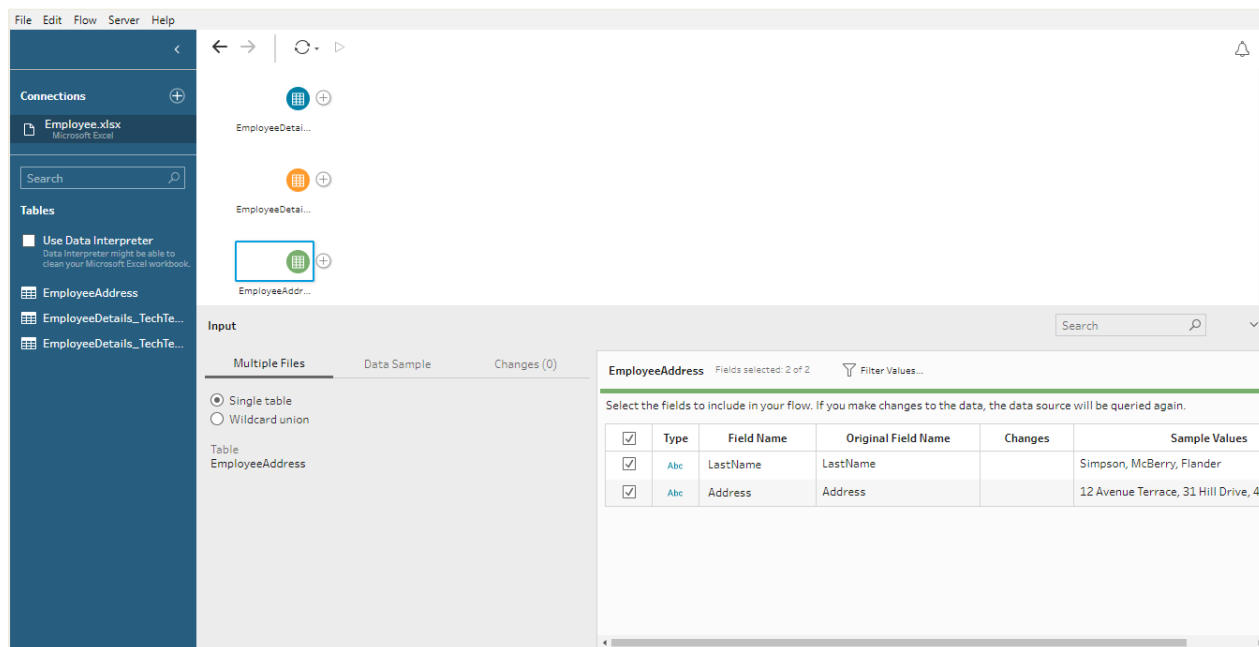
4 → Drag and drop the selected tables here



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Step 2: Add a Cleaning Step for each of the tables.



Step 3: Tech Team 1 and Tech Team 2 employees have similar tables.

1 → Drag and drop the tables to combine and select Union.

2 → Drag and drop the Employee Address table to start a Join.

The system has correctly identified the last name to join, but Ralph Dcruz does not appear in the Employee Address data.

3 → To include Ralph Dcruz in the output, switch from inner join to left outer join.

4 → All the employees are combined and put together here.

The screenshot shows the Tableau Prep interface. On the left, the 'Connections' pane lists 'Employee.xlsx' (Microsoft Excel). Below it, the 'Tables' pane lists 'EmployeeAddress', 'EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1', and 'EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2'. The main workspace shows a flow diagram with three input tables: 'EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1', 'EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2', and 'EmployeeAddress'. A red box highlights the 'Union' node in the flow diagram, labeled with a red '1'. The 'Union Results' pane shows the combined data for 'First Name' and 'Last Name'.

Table Names	First Name	Last Name
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	Allan	Dcruz
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	George	Durain
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	Jack	Flander
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Lisa	Houdson
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	Ralph	McBerry
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Ryan	Simpson
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	Suzy	

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The screenshot shows the Tableau Prep interface with three cleaning steps: Clean 1, Clean 2, and Clean 3. Clean 3 is selected, and its results are displayed in a table below the flow diagram.

Abc	Abc
LastName	Address
Durain	12 Avenue Terrace
Flander	31 Hill Drive
Houdson	31 Evergreen Terrace
McBerry	41 Evergreen Terrace
Simpson	42 Evergreen Terrace

The screenshot shows the Tableau Prep interface with a join operation. A red box highlights the join step, and a red '2' is next to it. The 'Join 1' settings are shown, including the join type and the join clauses.

Join 1 Settings:

- Applied Join Clauses:** Union 1 = Clean 3
- Join Type:** Inner Join
- Join Clauses:** Union 1 (↑ LastName), Clean 3 (↑ LastName)
- Join Results:** Table Names (Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDe..., Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDe...), LastName (Durain, Flander, Houdson, McBerry, Simpson)

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EmployeeDetail... Clean 1 EmployeeAddr... Clean 2 EmployeeDetail... Clean 3 Union 1 Join 1

Join 1 5 Fields 6 Rows Filter Values... Create Calculated Field...

Settings Changes (0)

Applied Join Clauses

Union 1 Clean 3
Last Name = LastName

Join Type: Left Join
Click the graphic to change the join type.

Union 1 Clean 3

Summary of Join Results
Click the bar segments to view the included and excluded values.

Mismatched values

Join Clauses Show only mismatched values

Union 1 Clean 3
↑ LastName

Dcruz
Durain
Flander
Houdson
McBerry
Simpson

Clean 3
↑ LastName

Durain
Flander
Houdson
McBerry
Simpson

Join Results

Table Names	LastName	Address
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Houdson	31 Evergreen Terrace
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Durain	42 Evergreen Terrace
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Simpson	12 Avenue Terrace
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Flander	41 Evergreen Terrace
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	Simpson	12 Avenue Terrace
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	null	null
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	McBerry	31 Hill Drive

File Edit Flow Server Help

EmployeeDetail... Clean 1 EmployeeAddr... Clean 2 EmployeeDetail... Clean 3 Union 1 Join 1 Clean 4

Clean 4 5 Fields 7 Rows Filter Values... Create Calculated Field... 1 Recommendation

Changes (0)

Table Names	LastName	Address	First Name	Last Name
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Houdson	31 Evergreen Terrace	Allan	Houdson
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Durain	42 Evergreen Terrace	George	Durain
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Simpson	12 Avenue Terrace	Suzy	Simpson
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam2	Flander	41 Evergreen Terrace	Ryan	Flander
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	Simpson	12 Avenue Terrace	Lisa	Simpson
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	null	null	Ralph	Dcruz
Employee.xlsx/EmployeeDetails_TechTeam1	McBerry	31 Hill Drive	Jack	McBerry