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SQL FULL OUTER JOIN

In this tutorial, we'll learn about SQL FULL OUTER JOIN with the help of examples.

The SQL FULL OUTER JOIN joins two tables based on a common column, and selects records that have matching values in these columns and remaining rows from both of the tables. Example SELECT Customers.customer_id, Customers.first_name, Orders.amount FROM Customers FULL OUTER JOIN Orders ON Customers.customer_id = Orders.customer;

Here's how this code works:



Here, the SQL command selects **customer_id** and **first_name** columns (from the Customers table) and the amount column (from the Orders table).

And, the result set will contain those rows where there is a match between **customer_id** (of the Customers table) and customer (of the Orders table) along with all the remaining rows from both of the tables.

Syntax of FULL OUTER JOIN

The syntax of FULL OUTER JOIN is:

```
SELECT columns
FROM table1
FULL OUTER JOIN table2
ON table1.column_name = table2.column_name;
```

FULL OUTER JOIN With WHERE Clause

The SQL command can have an optional WHERE clause with the FULL OUTER JOIN statement. For example,

```
SELECT Customers.customer_id, Customers.first_name, Orders.amount
FROM Customers
FULL OUTER JOIN Orders
ON Customers.customer_id = Orders.customer
WHERE Orders.amount >= 500;
```

Here, the SQL command joins two tables and selects rows where the amount is greater than or equal to 500.

SQL FULL OUTER JOIN With AS Alias

We can use AS aliases inside FULL OUTER JOIN to make our snippet short and clean. For example,

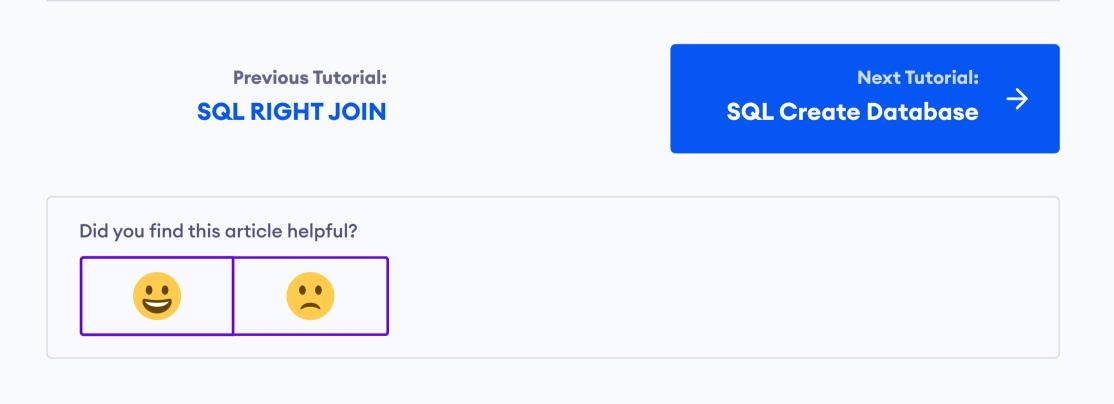
```
SELECT C.cat_name, P.prod_title
FROM Category AS C
FULL OUTER JOIN Products AS P
ON C.cat_id= P.cat_id;
```

Here, the SQL command selects common rows between Category and Products table.

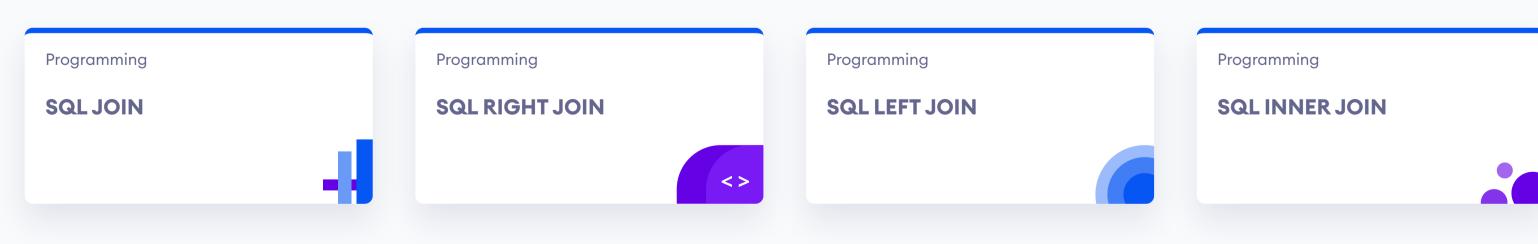
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