



SQL JOINs

Purpose

SQL JOINs is used to combine the records from two or more tables based on some related common columns.

For example - We want to join Order table with product table to find out which order belongs to which product category.

Types of JOINs

Below are different types of JOINS based on the kind of output that we are expecting.

- Inner Join
- Full Outer or Full Join.
- Left Outer or Left Join.
- Right Outer or Right Join.
- Cross Join
- Self join





Inner Join

Purpose

The Inner Join is the most common join in SQL. It gives a new result set of combining columns from both tables based on the join condition. If the condition is met, it will return all the rows present in both the Left table and right table otherwise, it will returns zero records.

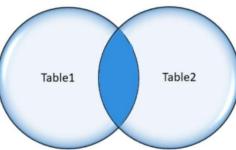
Syntax

SELECT table1.column1, table2.column2...

FROM table1

INNER JOIN table2

ON table1.common_field = table2.common_field;



It will return all the matching rows from Table1 and Table2. All the records which are present in Table1 but not in Table2 or All the records which are present in Table2 but not in Table1 will not be returned in the output.





Inner Join

Example Let's learn inner join using the below two sample tables

FactSales

ProductID	OrderDate	OrderQuantity	Sales
1	01-02-2022	45	3578.27
2	01-05-2022	33	3399.99
4	01-04-2022	41	699.09
5	01-01-2022	47	3578.27
7	01-01-2022	46	3374.99
8	01-02-2022	16	3399.99

DimProduct

ProcductID	ProductName	Size
1	1 Headset Ball Bearings	
2	Adjustable Race	M
3	Down Tube	S
4	4 Chain Stays	
5		
6	LL Grip Tape	S

The below query will return all the products which have names in DimProduct table.

SELECT A.[ProductID], A.[OrderDate], A.[OrderQuantity], A.[Sales], B.[ProdcutName], B.[Size]
FROM [SuperStore].[dbo].[FactSales] A
INNER JOIN [SuperStore].[dbo].[DimProducts] B
ON A.ProductID = B.ProductID

ProductID	OrderDate	OrderQuantity	Sales	ProductName	Size
1	01-02-2022	45	3578.27	Headset Ball Bearings	M
2	01-05-2022	33	3399.99	Adjustable Race	M
4	01-04-2022	41	699.09	Chain Stays	L
5	01-01-2022	47	3578.27	Touring End Caps	M





Left Join

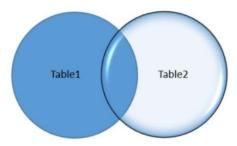
Purpose

The Left Join returns all the records from left table even if there are no matches in the right table.

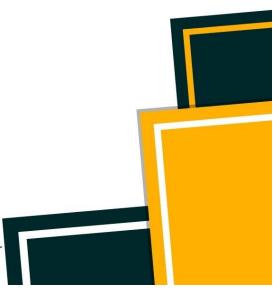
Syntax

SELECT table1.column1, table2.column2...
FROM table1
LEFT JOIN table2

ON table1.common_field = table2.common_field;



It will return all the rows from Table1, plus matching records from both tables or NULL in case of not matching records





Left Join

Example Let's learn left join using the below two sample tables

FactSales

ProductID	OrderDate	OrderQuantity	Sales
1	01-02-2022	45	3578.27
2	01-05-2022	33	3399.99
4	01-04-2022	41	699.09
5	01-01-2022	47	3578.27
7	01-01-2022	46	3374.99
8	01-02-2022	16	3399.99

DimProduct

ProcductID	ProductName	Size
1	1 Headset Ball Bearings	
2	Adjustable Race	M
3	Down Tube	S
4	4 Chain Stays	
5	5 Touring End Caps	
6	LL Grip Tape	5

The below query will return all the products/records from FactSales table even if they are not present in DimProduct table.

SELECT A.[ProductID], A.[OrderDate], A.[OrderQuantity], A.[Sales], B.[ProdcutName], B.[Size]
FROM [SuperStore].[dbo].[FactSales] A

LEFT JOIN [SuperStore].[dbo].[DimProducts] B

ON A.ProductID = B.ProductID

ProductID	OrderDate	OrderQuantity	Sales	ProductName	Size
1	01-02-2022	45	3578.27	Headset Ball Bearings	M
2	01-05-2022	33	3399.99	Adjustable Race	M
4	01-04-2022	41	699.09	Chain Stays	L
5	01-01-2022	47	3578.27	Touring End Caps	M
7	01-01-2022	46	3374.99	NULL	NULL
8	01-02-2022	16	3399.99	NULL	NULL





Right Join

Purpose

The Right Join returns all the records from right table even if there are no matches in the left table.

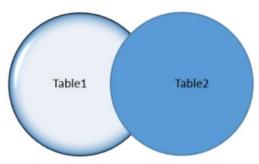
Syntax

SELECT table1.column1, table2.column2...

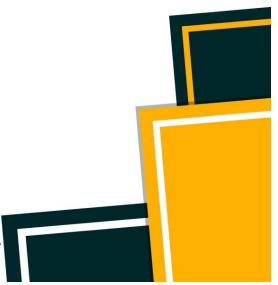
FROM table1

RIGHT JOIN table2

ON table1.common_field = table2.common_field;



It will return all the rows from Table2, plus matching records from both tables or NULL in case of not matching records





Right Join

Example Let's learn right join using the below two sample tables

FactSales

ProductID	OrderDate	OrderQuantity	Sales
1	01-02-2022	45	3578.27
2	01-05-2022	33	3399.99
4	01-04-2022	41	699.09
5	01-01-2022	47	3578.27
7	01-01-2022	46	3374.99
8	01-02-2022	16	3399.99

DimProduct

ProcductID	ProductName	Size
1	1 Headset Ball Bearings	
2	Adjustable Race	M
3	3 Down Tube	
4	4 Chain Stays	
5	5 Touring End Caps	
6	LL Grip Tape	5

The below query will return all the products/records from DimProduct table even if they are not present in FactSales table.

SELECT B.[ProductID],B.[ProdcutName], B.[Size], A.[OrderDate], A.[OrderQuantity], A.[Sales]
FROM [SuperStore].[dbo].[FactSales] A
RIGHT JOIN [SuperStore].[dbo].[DimProducts] B
ON A.ProductID = B.ProductID

ProcductID	ProductName	Size	OrderDate	OrderQuantity	Sales
1	Headset Ball Bearings	M	01-02-2022	45	3578.27
2	Adjustable Race	M	01-05-2022	33	3399.99
3	Down Tube	S	NULL	NULL	NULL
4	Chain Stays	L	01-04-2022	41	699.09
5	Touring End Caps	M	01-01-2022	47	3578.27
6	LL Grip Tape	S	NULL	NULL	NULL





Question

Let's use the below two tables for the question

DimProduct

ProcductID	ProductName	Size
1	Headset Ball Bearings	M
2	Adjustable Race	M
3	Down Tube	S
4	Chain Stays	L

FactSales

ProductID	OrderDate	OrderQuantity	Sales
1	01-02-2022	45	3578.27
2	01-05-2022	33	3399.99
4	01-04-2022	41	699.09
4	01-01-2022	47	3578.27

Since we have studied INNER JOIN, Can you tell me what would be the output of below query?

SELECT A.[ProductID],
B.[Sales]

FROM
[SuperStore].[dbo].[DimProducts] A

INNER JOIN
[SuperStore].[dbo].[FactSales] B

ON A.ProductID = B.ProductID

