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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Write SELECT statements to access data from more than one table using equijoins and nonequijoins
- Use outer joins to view data that generally does not meet a join condition
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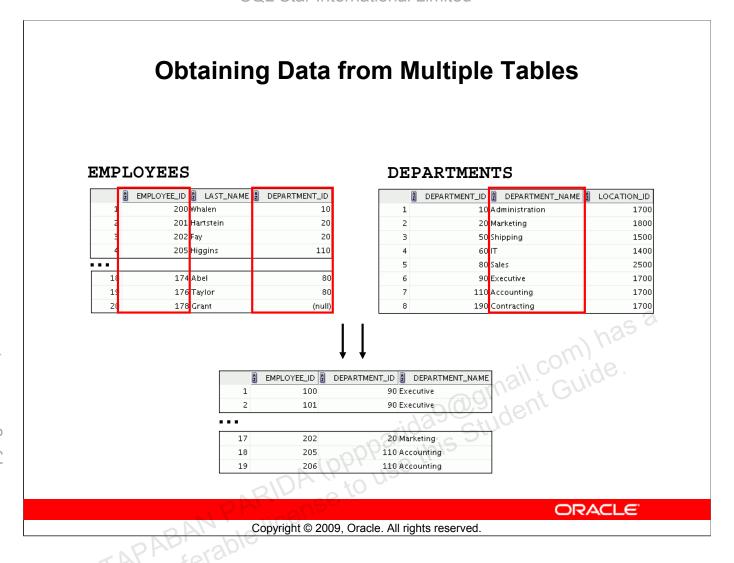
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Objectives

This lesson explains how to obtain data from more than one table. A *join* is used to view information from multiple tables. Therefore, you can join tables together to view information from more than one table.

Note: Information on joins is found in "SQL Queries and Subqueries: Joins" in Oracle SQL Reference.



Data from Multiple Tables

Sometimes you need to use data from more than one table. In the slide example, the report displays data from two separate tables:

- Employee IDs exist in the EMPLOYEES table.
- Department IDs exist in both the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables.
- Department names exist in the DEPARTMENTS table.

To produce the report, you need to link the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables and access data from both of them.

Cartesian Products

- A Cartesian product is formed when:
 - A join condition is omitted
 - A join condition is invalid
 - All rows in the first table are joined to all rows in the second table
- To avoid a Cartesian product, always include a valid join A (pppparida 9@9mail.com) has a student Guide.

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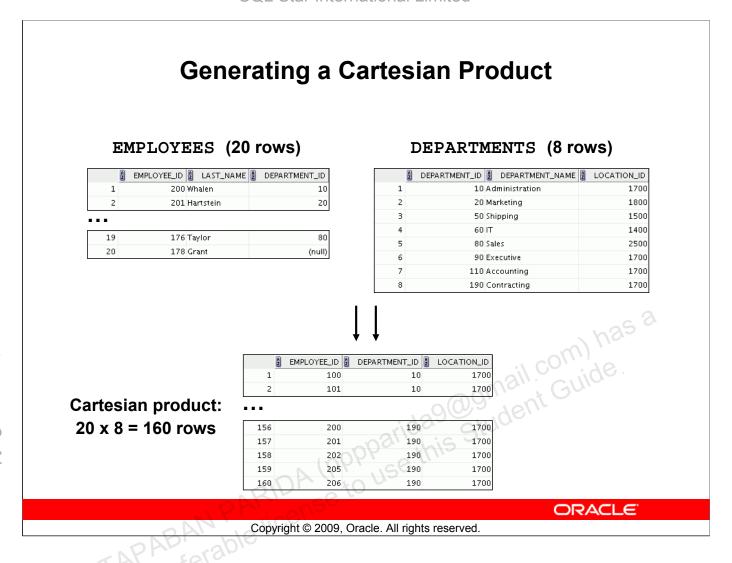
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Cartesian Products

When a join condition is invalid or omitted completely, the result is a *Cartesian product*, in which all combinations of rows are displayed. All rows in the first table are joined to all rows in the second table.

A Cartesian product tends to generate a large number of rows, and the result is rarely useful. You should always include a valid join condition unless you have a specific need to combine all rows from all tables.

Cartesian products are useful for some tests when you need to generate a large number of rows to simulate a reasonable amount of data.



Cartesian Products (continued)

A Cartesian product is generated if a join condition is omitted. The example in the slide displays employee last name and department name from the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables. Because no join condition has been specified, all rows (20 rows) from the EMPLOYEES table are joined with all rows (8 rows) in the DEPARTMENTS table, thereby generating 160 rows in the output.

SELECT last_name, department_name dept_name
FROM employees, departments;



Types of Joins

Oracle-proprietary joins (8*i* and earlier releases)

- Equijoin
- Nonequijoin
- Outer join
- Self-join

SQL:1999-compliant joins

- Cross join
- Natural join
- Using clause
- Full (or two-sided) outer join
- Arbitrary join condition for outer join

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Types of Joins

Before the release of Oracle9*i* Database, the join syntax was proprietary.

Note: The SQL:1999–compliant join syntax does not offer any performance benefits over the Oracle-proprietary join syntax that existed in prior releases. For detailed information about the SQL:1999–compliant join syntax, see Lesson 5.

Joining Tables Using Oracle Syntax

Use a join to guery data from more than one table:

SELECT table1.column, table2.column table1, table2 FROM table1.column1 = table2.column2; WHERE

- Write the join condition in the WHERE clause.
- in the one table. Prefix the column name with the table name when the same column name appears in more than one table.

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Defining Joins

When data from more than one table in the database is required, a join condition is used. Rows in one table can be joined to rows in another table according to common values that exist in corresponding columns (that is, usually primary and foreign key columns).

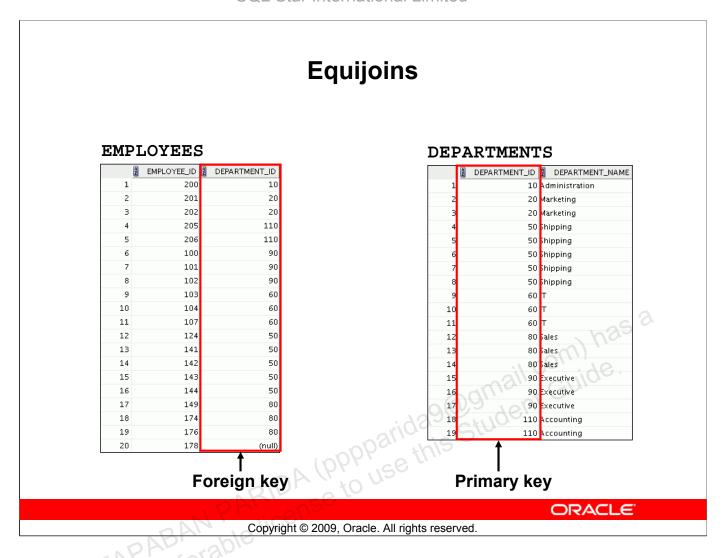
To display data from two or more related tables, write a simple join condition in the WHERE clause.

In the syntax:

table1.column denotes the table and column from which data is retrieved table1.column1 = is the condition that joins (or relates) the tables together table2.column2

Guidelines

- When writing a SELECT statement that joins tables, precede the column name with the table name for clarity and to enhance database access.
- If the same column name appears in more than one table, the column name must be prefixed with the table name.
- To join n tables together, you need a minimum of n-1 join conditions. For example, to join four tables, a minimum of three joins is required. This rule may not apply if your table has a concatenated primary key, in which case more than one column is required to uniquely identify each row.



Equijoins

To determine an employee's department name, you compare the value in the DEPARTMENT_ID column in the EMPLOYEES table with the DEPARTMENT_ID values in the DEPARTMENTS table. The relationship between the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables is an *equijoin*—that is, values in the DEPARTMENT_ID column in both tables must be equal. Frequently, this type of join involves primary and foreign key complements.

Note: Equijoins are also called *simple joins* or *inner joins*.

Retrieving Records with Equijoins

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID_1	LOCATION_ID	
1	200	Whalen	10	10	1700	
2	201	Hartstein	20	20	1800	
3	202	Fay	20	20	1800	
4	205	Higgins	110	110	1700	
•••					:/ CO/,	
18	174	Abel	80	80	2500	
19	176	Taylor	80	08/0	2500	
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Retrieving Records with Equijoins

In the slide example:

- The SELECT clause specifies the column names to retrieve:
 - Employee last name, employee number, and department number, which are columns in the EMPLOYEES table
 - Department number, department name, and location ID, which are columns in the DEPARTMENTS table
- The FROM clause specifies the two tables that the database must access:
 - EMPLOYEES table
 - DEPARTMENTS table
- The WHERE clause specifies how the tables are to be joined:

EMPLOYEES.DEPARTMENT ID = DEPARTMENTS.DEPARTMENT ID

Because the DEPARTMENT_ID column is common to both tables, it must be prefixed by the table name to avoid ambiguity.

Additional Search Conditions Using the AND Operator

EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENTS

	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID			DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	
1	Whalen	10		1	10	Administration	
2	Hartstein	20		2	20	Marketing	
3	Fay	20		3	20	Marketing	
4	Vargas	50		4	50	Shipping	
5	Matos	50		5	50	Shipping	
6	Davies	50		6	50	Shipping	
7	Rajs	50		7	50	Shipping	
8	Mourgos	50		8	50	Shipping	
9	Hunold	60		9	60	п	
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Additional Search Conditions

In addition to the join, you may have criteria for your WHERE clause to restrict the rows under consideration for one or more tables in the join. For example, to display employee Matos's department number and department name, you need an additional condition in the WHERE clause.

```
SELECT last name, employees.department id,
       department name
FROM
       employees, departments
       employees.department id = departments.department id
WHERE
       last name = 'Matos';
AND
```



Qualifying Ambiguous Column Names

- Use table prefixes to qualify column names that are in multiple tables.
- Use table prefixes to improve performance.
- Use column aliases to distinguish columns that have identical names but reside in different tables.

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Qualifying Ambiguous Column Names

You need to qualify the names of the columns in the WHERE clause with the table name to avoid ambiguity. Without the table prefixes, the DEPARTMENT ID column could be from either the DEPARTMENTS table or the EMPLOYEES table. It is necessary to add the table prefix to execute your query.

If there are no common column names between the two tables, there is no need to qualify the columns. However, using the table prefix improves performance, because you tell the Oracle server exactly where to find the columns.

The requirement to qualify ambiguous column names is also applicable to columns that may be ambiguous in other clauses, such as the SELECT clause or the ORDER BY clause.

Using Table Aliases

- Use table aliases to simplify queries.
- Use table prefixes to improve performance.

```
SELECT e employee id, e last name, e department id,
                                                                                d.department id, d.location id
                                                                                    employees e , departments d
 FROM
                                                                                                                                                                                                                     A (pppparidae)@gmail.com) in a com) 
                                                                                  e.department id = d.department id;
 WHERE
```

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Using Table Aliases

Qualifying column names with table names can be very time consuming, particularly if table names are lengthy. You can use table aliases instead of table names. Just as a column alias gives a column another name, a table alias gives a table another name. Table aliases help to keep SQL code smaller, therefore using less memory.

Notice how table aliases are identified in the FROM clause in the example. The table name is specified in full, followed by a space and then the table alias. The EMPLOYEES table has been given an alias of e, and the DEPARTMENTS table has an alias of d.

Guidelines

- Table aliases can be up to 30 characters in length, but shorter aliases are better than longer ones.
- If a table alias is used for a particular table name in the FROM clause, then that table alias must be substituted for the table name throughout the SELECT statement.
- Table aliases should be meaningful.
- The table alias is valid for only the current SELECT statement.

Joining More Than Two Tables

EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENTS

LOCATIONS

	LAST_NAME	2 DEPARTMENT_ID	£	DEPARTMENT_ID	2 LOCATION_ID
1	Whalen	10	1	10	1700
2	Hartstein	20	2	20	1800
3	Fay	20	3	50	1500
4	Higgins	110	4	60	1400
5	Gietz	110	5	80	2500
6	King	90	6	90	1700
7	Kochhar	90	7	110	1700
8	De Haan	90	8	190	1700
9	Hunold	60			
10	Ernst	60			

LOCATION_ID CITY

1 1400 Southlake
2 1500 South San Francisco
3 1700 Seattle
4 1800 Toronto
5 2500 Oxford

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To join *n* tables together, you need a minimum of n–1 join conditions. For example, to join three tables, a minimum of two joins is required.

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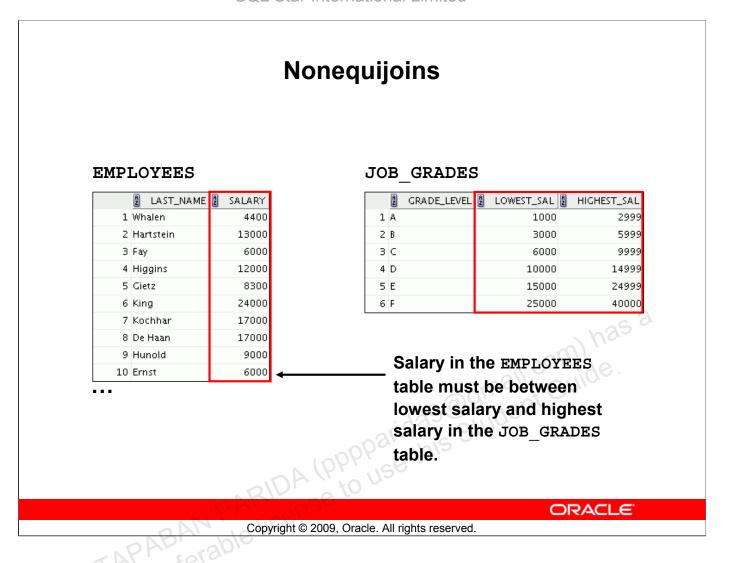
Additional Search Conditions

Sometimes you may need to join more than two tables. For example, to display the last name, the department name, and the city for each employee, you have to join the EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENTS, and LOCATIONS tables.

SELECT e.last_name, d.department_name, l.city
FROM employees e, departments d, locations l
WHERE e.department_id = d.department_id
AND d.location id = l.location id;

	LAST_NAME	2 DEPARTMENT_NAME	2 CITY
1	Whalen	Administration	Seattle
2	Hartstein	Marketing	Toronto
3	Fay	Marketing	Toronto
4	Higgins	Accounting	Seattle
5	Gietz	Accounting	Seattle
6	King	Executive	Seattle
7	Kochhar	Executive	Seattle

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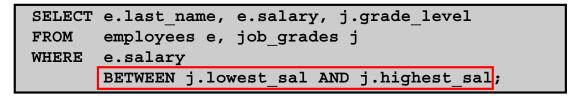


Nonequijoins

A nonequijoin is a join condition containing something other than an equality operator.

The relationship between the EMPLOYEES table and the JOB_GRADES table is an example of a nonequijoin. A relationship between the two tables is that the SALARY column in the EMPLOYEES table must be between the values in the LOWEST_SALARY and HIGHEST_SALARY columns of the JOB_GRADES table. The relationship is obtained using an operator other than equality (=).

Retrieving Records with Nonequijoins



	LAST_NAME	🖁 SALARY	GRADE_LEVEL
1	Vargas	2500	А
2	Matos	2600	A
3	Davies	3100	В
4	Rajs	3500	В
5	Lorentz	4200	В
6	Whalen	4400	B
7	Mourgos	5800	B O (0) 9
8	Ernst	6000	DIS CYLLO
		2011	100

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Nonequijoins (continued)

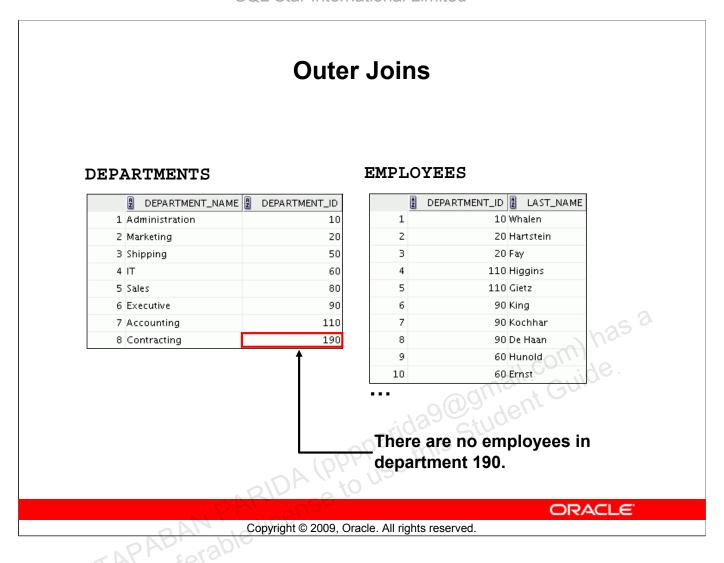
The slide example creates a nonequijoin to evaluate an employee's salary grade. The salary must be *between* any pair of the low and high salary ranges.

It is important to note that all employees appear exactly once when this query is executed. No employee is repeated in the list. There are two reasons for this:

- None of the rows in the job grade table contain grades that overlap. That is, the salary value for an employee can lie only between the low salary and high salary values of one of the rows in the salary grade table.
- All of the employees' salaries lie within the limits that are provided by the job grade table. That is, no employee earns less than the lowest value contained in the LOWEST_SAL column or more than the highest value contained in the HIGHEST_SAL column.

Note: Other conditions (such as <= and >=) can be used, but BETWEEN is the simplest. Remember to specify the low value first and the high value last when using BETWEEN.

Table aliases have been specified in the slide example for performance reasons, not because of possible ambiguity.



Returning Records with No Direct Match with Outer Joins

If a row does not satisfy a join condition, the row does not appear in the query result. For example, in the equijoin condition of the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables, employee Grant does not appear because there is no department ID recorded for her in the EMPLOYEES table. Instead of seeing 20 employees in the result set, you see 19 records.

SELECT e.last_name, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM employees e, departments d
WHERE e.department id = d.department id;

	LAST_NAM	E	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	
1	Whalen		10	Administration	
2	Hartstein		20	Marketing	
3	Fay		20	Marketing	
4	Higgins		110	Accounting	
19	Taylor		80	Sales	

Outer Joins Syntax

- You use an outer join to see rows that do not meet the join condition.
- The outer join operator is the plus sign (+).

```
SELECT table1.column, table2.column

FROM table1, table2

WHERE table1.column(+) = table2.column;
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```
SELECT table1.column, table2.column

FROM table1, table2

WHERE table1.column = table2.column(+);
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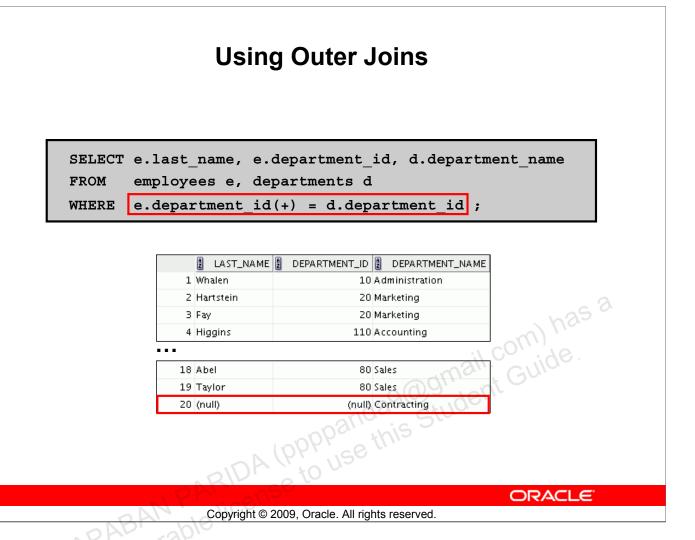
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Using Outer Joins to Return Records with No Direct Match

The missing rows can be returned if an *outer join* operator is used in the join condition. The operator is a plus sign enclosed in parentheses (+), and it is placed on the "side" of the join that is deficient in information. This operator has the effect of creating one or more null rows, to which one or more rows from the nondeficient table can be joined.

In the syntax:

table1.column = is the condition that joins (or relates) the tables together
table2.column (+) is the outer join symbol, which can be placed on either side of the
WHERE clause condition, but not on both sides. (Place the outer join symbol following the name of
the column in the table without the matching rows.)



Using Outer Joins to Return Records with No Direct Match (continued)

The slide example displays employee last names, department IDs, and department names. The Contracting department does not have any employees. The empty value is shown in the output.

Outer Join Restrictions

- The outer join operator can appear on only *one* side of the expression the side that has information missing. It returns those rows from one table that have no direct match in the other table.
- A condition involving an outer join cannot use the IN operator or be linked to another condition by the OR operator.

Self-Joins EMPLOYEES (WORKER) **EMPLOYEES** (MANAGER) EMPLOYEE_ID LAST_NAME EMPLOYEE_ID LAST_NAME MANAGER_ID 1 100 King (null) 1 100 King 2 101 Kochhar 100 2 101 Kochhar 3 102 De Haan 100 3 102 De Haan 4 103 Hunold 102 4 103 Hunold 104 Ernst 5 5 103 104 Ernst 6 107 Lorentz 103 6 107 Lorentz 7 7 100 124 Mourgos 124 Mourgos 8 141 Rajs 124 8 141 Rajs 9 124 9 142 Davies 142 Davies 10 143 Matos 124 10 143 Matos MANAGER ID in the WORKER table is equal to EMPLOYEE ID in the MANAGER table. **ORACLE** Copyright © 2009, Oracle. All rights reserved.

Joining a Table to Itself

Sometimes you need to join a table to itself. To find the name of each employee's manager, you need to join the EMPLOYEES table to itself; this type of join is called a *self-join*.

For example, to find the name of Lorentz's manager, you need to do the following:

- Find Lorentz in the EMPLOYEES table by looking at the LAST NAME column.
- Find the manager number for Lorentz by looking at the MANAGER_ID column. Lorentz's manager number is 103.
- Find the name of the manager who has EMPLOYEE_ID 103 by looking at the LAST_NAME column. Hunold's employee number is 103, so Hunold is Lorentz's manager.

In this process, you look in the table twice. The first time you look in the table to find Lorentz in the LAST_NAME column and the MANAGER_ID value of 103. The second time you look in the EMPLOYEE ID column to find 103 and the LAST NAME column to find Hunold.

Joining a Table to Itself SELECT worker.last name ' works for ' manager.last name employees worker, employees manager FROM worker.manager id = manager.employee id ; WHERE WORKER.LAST_NAME[]'WORKSFOR'][MANAGER.LAST_NAME 1 Fay works for Hartstein 2 Gietz works for Higgins 3 Zlotkey works for King 4 Mourgos works for King A (pppparida9@gm 5 De Haan works for King 6 Kochhar works for King **ORACLE** Copyright © 2009, Oracle. All rights reserved.

Joining a Table to Itself (continued)

The slide example joins the EMPLOYEES table to itself. To simulate two tables in the FROM clause, there are two aliases, namely w and m, for the same table, EMPLOYEES.

In this example, the WHERE clause contains the join that means "where a worker's manager number matches the employee number for the manager."

Summary

In this appendix, you should have learned how to use joins to display data from multiple tables by using Oracle-proprietary syntax for versions 8i and earlier.

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Summary

There are multiple ways to join tables.

Types of Joins

- Cartesian products
- Equijoins
- Nonequijoins
- Outer joins
- Self-joins

Cartesian Products

A Cartesian product results in a display of all combinations of rows. This is done by omitting the WHERE clause.

Table Aliases

- Table aliases speed up database access.
- Table aliases can help to keep SQL code smaller by conserving memory.

Practice C: Overview

This practice covers writing queries to join tables using Oracle syntax.

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Practice C: Overview

This practice is designed to give you a variety of exercises that join tables using the Oracle syntax that was covered in this appendix.

Practice C

1. Write a query for the HR department to produce the addresses of all the departments. Use the LOCATIONS and COUNTRIES tables. Show the location ID, street address, city, state or province, and country in the output.



2. The HR department needs a report of all employees. Write a query to display the last name, department number, and department name for all employees.



3. The HR department needs a report of employees in Toronto. Display the last name, job, department number, and department name for all employees who work in Toronto.



4. Create a report to display the employee last name and employee number along with the employee's manager's last name and manager number. Label the columns Employee, Emp#, Manager, and Mgr#, respectively. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab c 04.sql.

	Employee	₽ EMP#	🖁 Manager	∄ Mgr#
1	Fay	202	Hartstein	201
2	Gietz	206	Higgins	201 205 100 100 100 100
3	Zlotkey	149	King	100
4	Mourgos	124	King	100
5	De Haan	102	King	100
6	Kochhar	101	King	100
7	Hartstein	201	King	00100
8	Higgins	205	Kochhar	101
9	Whalen	200	Kochhar	101
10	Hunold	103	De Haan	102
11	Lorentz	107	Hunold	103
12	Ernst	104	Hunold	103
13	Vargas	144	Mourgos	124
14	Matos	143	Mourgos	124
15	Davies	142	Mourgos	124
16	Rajs	141	Mourgos	124
17	Grant	178	Zlotkey	149
18	Taylor	176	Zlotkey	149
19	Abel	174	Zlotkey	149

5. Modify lab_c_04.sql to display all employees including King, who has no manager. Order the results by the employee number. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab c 05.sql. Run the query in lab c 05.sql.

	2 Employee	EMP#	Manager	2 Mgr#
1	Fay	202	Hartstein	201
2	Gietz	206	Higgins	205
3	Zlotkey	149	King	100
4	Mourgos	124	King	100
5	De Haan	102	King	100
6	Kochhar	101	King	100

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19 Abel	174 Zlotkey	149
20 King	100 (null)	(null)

6. Create a report for the HR department that displays employee last names, department numbers, and all the employees who work in the same department as a given employee. Give each column an appropriate label. Save the script to a file named lab c 06.sql.

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	A	DEPARTMENT	A	EMPLOYEE	EN	COLLEAGUE
1		20	Fay	DAG	Har	tstein
2		20	Har	tstein S	Fay	
3		BAN 50	Dav	ies	Mat	os
4	P	50/350	Dav	ies	Мо	urgos
5		305 50	Dav	ies	Raj:	5

41	110 Gietz	Higgins
42	110 Higgins	Gietz

7. The HR department needs a report on job grades and salaries. To familiarize yourself with the JOB_GRADES table, first show the structure of the JOB_GRADES table. Second, create a query that displays the last name, job, department name, salary, and grade for all employees.

Name	Null	Туре
GRADE_LEVEL LOWEST_SAL HIGHEST_SAL		VARCHAR2(3) NUMBER NUMBER

	LAST_NAME	2 JOB_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	2 SALARY	grade_level
1	Vargas	ST_CLERK	Shipping	2500	A
2	Matos	ST_CLERK	Shipping	2600	A
3	Davies	ST_CLERK	Shipping	3100	B has
4	Rajs	ST_CLERK	Shipping	3500	В
5	Lorentz	IT_PROG	IT	4200	B/00.
6	Whalen	AD_ASST	Administration 09	4400	В
7	Mourgos	ST_MAN	Shipping St	5800	В
8	Ernst	IT_PROG	Phbs. fhis	6000	С
9	Fay	MK_REP	Marketing	6000	С
10	Gietz	AC_ACCOUNT	Accounting	8300	С
11	Taylor	SA_REP	Sales	8600	С
12	Hunold	IT_PROG	IT	9000	С
13	Zlotkey	SA_MAN	Sales	10500	D
14	Abel	SA_REP	Sales	11000	D
15	Higgins	AC_MGR	Accounting	12000	D
16	Hartstein	MK_MAN	Marketing	13000	D
17	De Haan	AD_VP	Executive	17000	E
18	Kochhar	AD_VP	Executive	17000	E
19	King	AD_PRES	Executive	24000	E

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

8. The HR department wants to determine the names of all employees hired after Davies. Create a query to display the name and hire date of any employee hired after employee Davies.



9. The HR department needs to find the name and hire date for all employees who were hired before their managers, along with their manager's name and hire date. Label the columns Employee, Emp Hired, Manager, and Mgr Hired, respectively. Save the script to a file named lab_c_09.sql.

	LAST_NAME	HIRE_DATE	LAST_NAME_1	HIRE_DATE_1
1	Whalen	17-SEP-87	Kochhar	21-SEP-89
2	Hunold	03-JAN-90	De Haan	13-JAN-93
3	Vargas	09-JUL-98	Mourgos	16-NOV-99
4	Matos S	15-MAR-98	Mourgos	16-NOV-99
5	Davies	29-JAN-97	Mourgos	16-NOV-99
6	Rajs	17-OCT-95	Mourgos	16-NOV-99
7	Grant	24-MAY-99	Zlotkey	29-JAN-00
8	Taylor	24-MAR-98	Zlotkey	29-JAN-00
9	Abel	11-MAY-96	Zlotkey	29-JAN-00

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