SQL - INNER JOINS

The most frequently used and important of the joins is the **INNER JOIN**. They are also referred to as an EQUIJOIN.

The INNER JOIN creates a new result table by combining column values of two tables (table1 and table2) based upon the join-predicate. The query compares each row of table1 with each row of table2 to find all pairs of rows which satisfy the join-predicate. When the join-predicate is satisfied, column values for each matched pair of rows of A and B are combined into a result row.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of **INNER JOIN** is as follows:

```
SELECT table1.column1, table2.column2...
FROM table1
INNER JOIN table2
ON table1.common_filed = table2.common_field;
```

Example:

Consider following two tables, (a) CUSTOMERS table is as follows:

```
+----+----------+-----+-----------+----------+
| ID | NAME     | AGE | ADDRESS   | SALARY   |
+----+----------+-----+-----------+----------+
|  1 | Ramesh   |  32 | Ahmedabad |  2000.00 |
|  2 | Khilan   |  25 | Delhi     |  1500.00 |
|  3 | kaushik  |  23 | Kota      |  2000.00 |
|  4 | Chaitali |  25 | Mumbai    |  6500.00 |
|  5 | Hardik   |  27 | Bhopal    |  8500.00 |
|  6 | Komal    |  22 | MP        |  4500.00 |
|  7 | Muffy    |  24 | Indore    | 10000.00 |
+----+----------+-----+-----------+----------+
```

(b) Another table is ORDERS as follows:

```
+-----+---------------------+------------+--------+
| OID | DATE                |         ID | AMOUNT |
+-----+---------------------+------------+--------+
| 102 | 2009-10-08 00:00:00 |          3 |   3000 |
| 100 | 2009-10-08 00:00:00 |          3 |   1500 |
| 101 | 2009-11-20 00:00:00 |          2 |   1560 |
| 103 | 2008-05-20 00:00:00 |          4 |   2060 |
+-----+---------------------+------------+--------+
```

Now let us join these two tables using INNER JOIN as follows:

```
SQL> SELECT  ID, NAME, AMOUNT, DATE
     FROM CUSTOMERS
     INNER JOIN ORDERS
     ON CUSTOMERS.ID = ORDERS.CUSTOMER_ID;
```

This would produce following result:

```
+----+----------+--------+---------------------+
| ID | NAME     | AMOUNT | DATE                |
+----+----------+--------+---------------------+
|  3 | kaushik  |   3000 | 2009-10-08 00:00:00 |
```

```
|  3 | kaushik  |   1500 | 2009-10-08 00:00:00 |
|  2 | Khilan   |   1560 | 2009-11-20 00:00:00 |
|  4 | Chaitali |   2060 | 2008-05-20 00:00:00 |
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```