

SQL - INNER JOINS

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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_field = 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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