Relational Databases

Joining Tables

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Quick Recap: Basic SQL Query

Key Concepts:

- Entity and Referential Integrity ensure data consistency in business through Primary Keys for uniqueness within tables and Foreign Keys for accurate cross-table references.
- For-Each Semantics offers a conceptual perspective of SQL queries, envisioning them as row-by-row evaluations, aiding in query formulation and understanding their logical processing within the database.

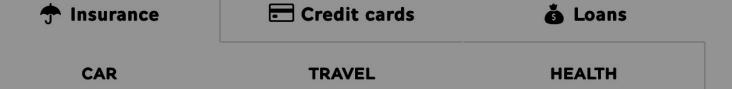
SQL Query Example

```
SELECT Title, Author
FROM Books
WHERE Genre = 'Education';
```

For-Each Semantics

```
for each row in Books:
   if (row.Genre == 'Eduction'):
      output row.Title
```

- Purpose: Retrieves titles from the 'Books' table where the genre is 'Education'.
- Output Table:





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WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR.

MORE THAN 40 MILLION USERS HAVE FOUND

Q: Which are our profitable travel insurance products?

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asiest

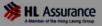
A: To know this, we will need to create an end-to-end platform data, i.e. digital marketing, conversion (or click) and revenues.











START OVER

Joins

Key to Linking Data Across Tables

• Primary Role: Joins in SQL are essential for merging data from different tables, enabling a comprehensive analysis of relational data.

Relationship with Foreign Keys

- Foreign Keys: Serve to define and enforce relationships between tables. While not mandatory for joins, they are commonly used to establish direct links, ensuring data integrity.
- Without Foreign Keys: Joins can still be performed on related columns, allowing flexibility in querying across tables even without strict foreign key constraints.

Enhancing Data Insights

- Data Combination: By joining tables, SQL queries can extract and combine relevant information from multiple sources, providing more in-depth insights.
- **Example:** Linking customer profiles with their transaction records to understand purchasing behaviors.

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Books Table

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	Journey Through SQL The History of Databases Adventures in Coding	A. Coder D. Base P. Programmer 	

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- How does the SQL engine process this JOIN?
- We compare every possible combination and filter the results that match.

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Inner Joins: Implicit vs Explicit

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Explicit Join Syntax:

```
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```

- Output Table:
 - Both queries yield the same result.

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```

Implicit Join Syntax

```
SELECT b.Title, br.ReturnDate
FROM Books b, Borrow br
WHERE b.BookID = br.BookID;
```

Implicit vs. Explicit

 Both perform inner joins with different syntax: implicit uses a WHERE clause, while explicit uses JOIN ... ON.

Inclusive Data Retrieval with Outer Joins

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SQL Query:

```
SELECT b.Title
FROM Books b
LEFT JOIN Borrow br ON b.BookID = br.BookID;
```

- Purpose: Retrieves all books, regardless of whether they have been borrowed.
- Output Table:

- LEFT [OUTER] JOIN Concept:
 - For books that have been borrowed, it shows their return date.
 - For books that have not been borrowed, the return date will be NULL.

ANTI LEFT JOIN

Identifying Records with No Match in Another Table

Books Table:

BookID	Title	-	Author	
101 102 103 	Journey Through SQL The History of Databases Adventures in Coding 	ij	A. Coder D. Base P. Programmer	

SQL Query:

```
SELECT b.Title
FROM Books b
LEFT JOIN Borrow br ON b.BookID = br.BookID
WHERE br.BookID IS NULL;
```

- Purpose: Identifying Unborrowed Books.
- Output Table:

```
| Title
|-----|
| The History of Databases |
```

```
| BookID | MemberID | BorrowDate | ReturnDate |
|-----|-----|------|-----|
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- Critical for Data Analysis:
 - Essential for identifying unlinked records, it offers insights into less popular or demanded items, completing the data picture.

Self Joins

Find all authors who published in both Eduction and Technology genres.

Source Table: 'Books'

```
| Title
                                                                           PublishedYear
BookID
                                             Author
                                                              Genre
         Journey Through SQL
101
                                             A. Coder
                                                                           2015
                                                              Technology
102
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                                                                           2019
                                             D. Base
                                                              Technology
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```

SQL Query:

```
SELECT Author
FROM Books
WHERE Genre = 'Technology'
AND Genre = 'Science';
```

Output Table:

```
| Author |
| -----|
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SQL Query:

```
SELECT Author
FROM Books
WHERE Genre IN ('Education', 'Technology');
```

Output Table:

```
| Author |
|-----|
| A. Coder |
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```

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SQL Query:

```
SELECT b1.Author
FROM Books b1
INNER JOIN Books b2 ON b1.Author = b2.Author
WHERE b1.Genre = 'Education'
AND b2.Genre = 'Technology';
```

Output Table:

```
| Author |
| ----- |
| D. Base |
```

- When a relation occurs twice in the FROM clause, we call it a self-join.
- A self-join is used to compare rows within the same table. It's particularly useful for analysing complex relationships within a single table.

Hand-On SQL Demonstration

- Focus: Understanding and applying SQL joins in a library database scenario.
- Goal: Showcase how SQL joins can combine data from different tables for comprehensive insights.

Example Query

- Find Borrowed Book Titles and Return Dates:
 - SQL Query:

```
SELECT b.Title, br.ReturnDate
FROM Books b INNER JOIN Borrow br
ON b.BookID = br.BookID;
```

Purpose: Demonstrates how INNER JOIN combines book titles with their borrowing details.

Try It Yourself

- 1. Find Books Borrowed During a Specific Year:
 - Task: Write a query to list titles of books that were borrowed in the year 2022.
- 2. List Books and Borrowers:
 - Task: Create a query to display the names of members alongside the titles of books they have borrowed.

Recap and Key Takeaways

- JOIN operations are crucial for merging and analyzing data across tables, enabling comprehensive insights and informed decision-making in relational databases.
- The JOIN condition can be equality based on a pair of columns from the 2 tables or other more complicated logic based on multiple columns, or even a self-join that compares columns within the same table.

Example SQL Recap:

```
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• **Purpose:** This query retrieves the titles of borrowed books along with their respective return dates, linking book information with borrowing records.

Preparing for Aggregates and Grouping:

- Next Lecture Preview:
 - Explore further into SQL Aggregation Functions.
 - Examine Relational Algebra equivalencies.

Why is maintaining data integrity crucial in a database, and how do primary and foreign keys contribute to this process?