

# CMSC 508 Database Theory

## Introduction to SQL (III)

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- DATE type

- Stores point-in-time values (dates and times) including the year, the month, the day, the hours, the minutes, and the seconds

**select** *SYSDATE* **from** *dual*;

**select** *last\_name*, (*SYSDATE*-*hire\_date*)/7 **as** *weeks* **from** *employees*;

- TO\_CHAR(date, format) and TO\_DATE(date, format)

**select** *TO\_CHAR*(*SYSDATE*, 'DD MONTH YYYY') **as** *Today* **from** *dual*;

**select** *TO\_DATE*('2003/07/09', 'yyyy/mm/dd') **from** *dual*;

**insert into** *foo* (*bname*, *bday*) **values** ('ANDY',*TO\_DATE*('13-AUG-66 12:56 A.M.', 'DD-MON-YY HH:MI A.M.'));

- DATE type

Format	Description
YYYY	4-digit year
MM	Month (01-12; JAN = 01)
MONTH	Name of month, padded with blanks to length of 9 characters
DAY	Name of day
DD	Day of month (1-31)

- Date functions:

***select hire\_date, ADD\_MONTHS(hire\_date,1) from employees;***

***select NEXT\_DAY(sysdate,'TUESDAY') as "NEXT TUESDAY" from dual;***

***select MONTHS\_BETWEEN(TO\_DATE('02-02-1995','MM-DD-YYYY'),  
TO\_DATE('01-01-1995','MM-DD-YYYY')) as "Elapsed" from dual;***

- FROM clause
  - Lists the relations involved in the query, corresponds to the Cartesian product operation of the relational algebra

**select \* from** *employees, departments;*

**Remember!** Cartesian product multiplies the number of rows in every table involved! Then, 107 employees x 27 departments = 2889 rows!

- Cartesian product is very useful when combined with where-clause predicates

**select \* from** *employees, departments*  
**where** *employees.department\_id = departments.department\_id;*

Provides useful information about 106 employees and their dept inf

\* There is one employee omitted because his department\_id is null

- FROM clause

```
select last_name, department_id, department_name  
from employees, departments  
where employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```

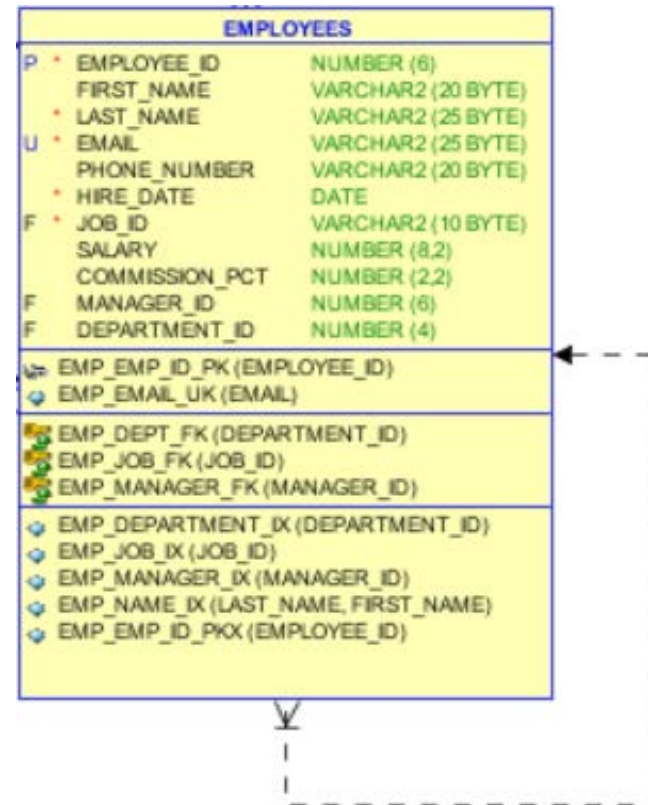
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```
select e.last_name, d.department_id, d.department_name  
from employees e, departments d  
where e.department_id = d.department_id;
```

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```
select e.last_name as Employee, m.last_name as Manager  
from employees e, employees m  
where e.manager_id = m.employee_id;
```



**NOT BAD**

106 rows returned.

King is not returned because it has no manager.

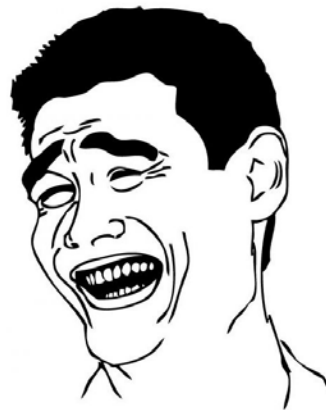
Edit the query to include King.

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```
select e.last_name as Employee, m.last_name as Manager  
from employees e, employees m  
where e.manager_id = m.employee_id  
or e.manager_id is null;
```

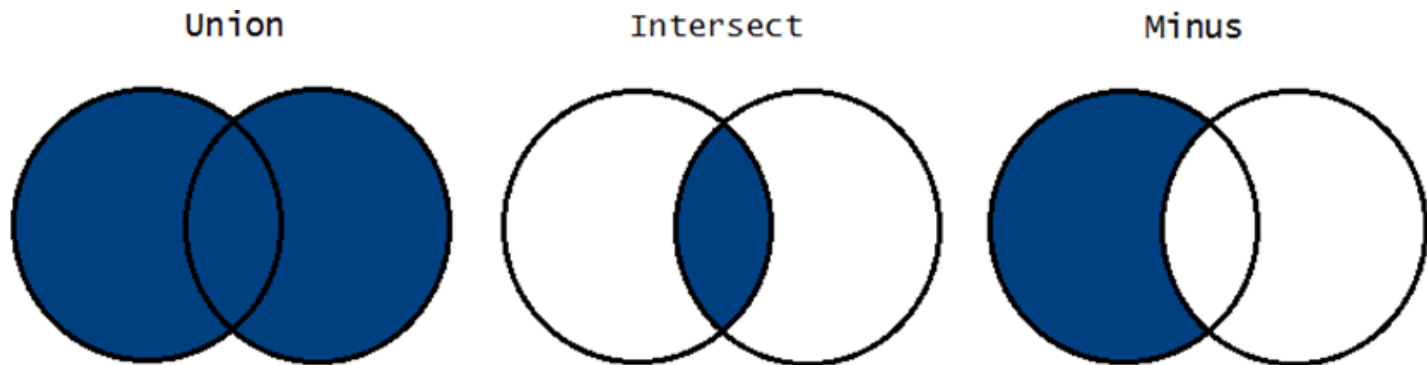
**213** rows returned.

Why?





- Set operators
  - Set operations **union**, **intersect**, and **minus**
  - Each of the above operations automatically eliminates duplicates
  - To retain all duplicates use **union all**



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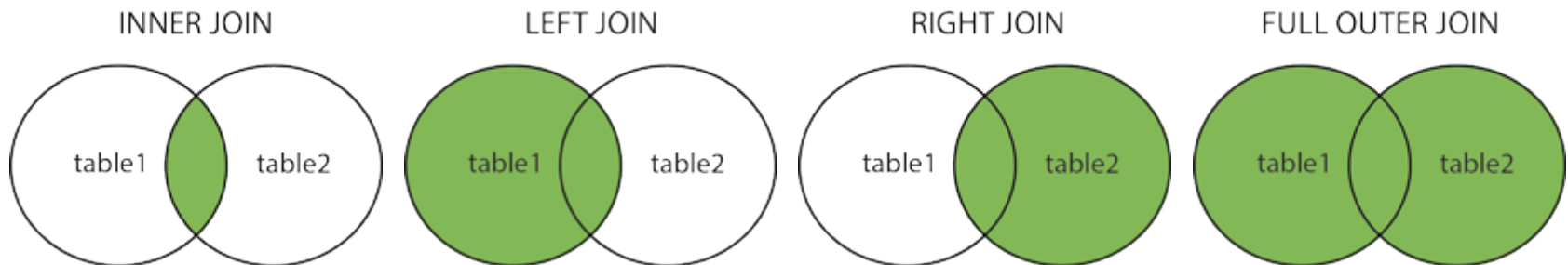
select e.last_name as Employee, m.last_name as Manager
from employees e, employees m
where e.manager_id = m.employee_id
union
select e.last_name as Employee, null as Manager
from employees e
where e.manager_id is null;

```

**107** rows returned.



- Join operators
  - Join takes two relations and returns as a result another relation
  - A join operation is a Cartesian product which requires that tuples in the two relations match under some condition
  - Typically used as subquery expressions in the from clause
  - **(inner) join, left (outer) join, right (outer) join, full (outer) join**



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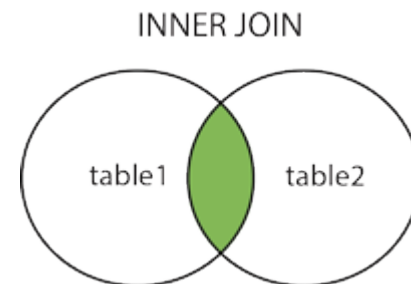
```
select *
from employees inner join departments
on employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```

equivalent to

```
select *
from employees, departments
where employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```

**not equivalent to** (because there are two columns for matching the natural join)

```
select *
from employees natural inner join departments;
```

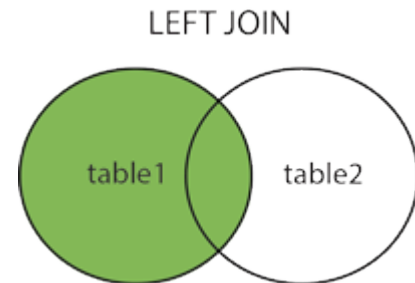


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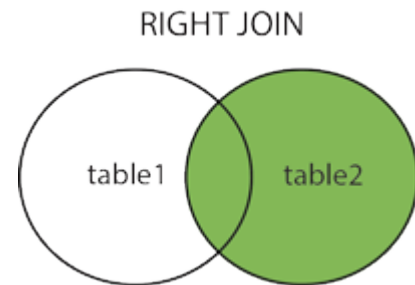
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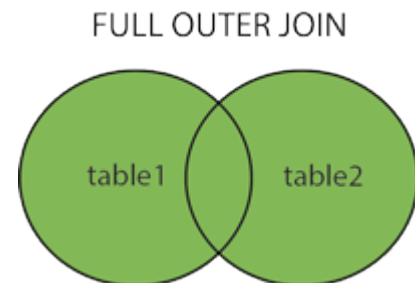
```
select *  
from employees left join departments  
on employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```



```
select *  
from employees right join departments  
on employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```



```
select *  
from employees full join departments  
on employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
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