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## 7.4.2.Left and Right Outer Joins

Outer joins can be split into two types:

- 1. Left outer joins
- Right outer joins

To understand the difference between left and right outer joins, consider the following syntax:

SELECT .. FROM table1, table2

Assume the tables are to be joined on table1.column1 and table2.column2.

Assume table1 contains a row with a null value in column1.

To perform a left outer join, the WHERE clause is

WHERE table1.column1 = table2.column2 (+);

In a left outer join, the outer join operator is actually on the right of the equality operator.

Next, assume table2 contains a row with a null value in column2.

To perform a right outer join, you switch the position of the outer join operator to the left of the equali and the WHERE clause becomes WHERE table1.column1 (+) = table2.column2;

Depending on whether table1 and table2 both contain rows with null values, you get different results depending on whether you use a left or right outer join.

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