

19. UNION

The SQL **UNION** clause/operator is used to combine the results of two or more SELECT Statements without returning any duplicate rows.

To use UNION, each SELECT must have the same number of columns selected, the same number of column expressions, the same data type, and have them in the same order but they do not have to be the same length.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of **UNION** is as follows:

```
SELECT column1 [,  
column2 ] FROM table1  
[, table2 ] [WHERE  
condition]
```

UNION

```
SELECT column1 [,  
column2 ] FROM table1  
[, table2 ] [WHERE  
condition]
```

Here given condition could be any given expression based on your requirement.

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           | CUSTOMER_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 in our SELECT statement as follows:

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

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	AMOUNT	DATE
1	Ramesh	NULL	NULL
2	Khilan	1560	2009-11-20 00:00:00
3	kaushik	3000	2009-10-08 00:00:00
3	kaushik	1500	2009-10-08 00:00:00
4	Chaitali	2060	2008-05-20 00:00:00
5	Hardik	NULL	NULL
6	Komal	NULL	NULL
7	Muffy	NULL	NULL

20. NULL

The SQL **NULL** is the term used to represent a missing value. A NULL value in a table is a value in a field that appears to be blank.

A field with a NULL value is a field with no value. It is very important to understand that a NULL Value is different than a zero value or a field that contains spaces.

Here **NOT NULL** signifies that column should always accept an explicit value of the given data type. There are two columns where we did not use NOT NULL which means these column could be NULL.

A field with a NULL value is one that has been left blank during record creation.

Example:

The NULL value can cause problems when selecting data, however, because when comparing an unknown value to any other value, the result is always unknown and not included in the final results.

You must use the **IS NULL** or **IS NOT NULL** operators in order to check for a NULL value. Consider following table, CUSTOMERS having following records:

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	
7	Muffy	24	Indore	

Now following is the usage of **IS NOT NULL** operator:

```
SQL> SELECT ID, NAME, AGE,
ADDRESS, SALARY FROM
CUSTOMERS

WHERE SALARY IS NOT
NULL;
```

This would produce following result:

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

21. ALIAS

You can rename a table or a column temporarily by giving another name known as alias.

The use of table aliases means to rename a table in a particular SQL statement. The renaming is a temporary change and the actual table name does not change in the database.

The column aliases are used to rename a table's columns for the purpose of a particular SQL query.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of **table** alias is as follows:

```
SELECT column1,  
column2.... FROM  
table_name AS alias_name  
WHERE [condition];
```

The basic syntax of **column** alias is as follows:

```
SELECT column_name AS alias_name  
FROM table_name  
WHERE [condition];
```

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	CUSTOMER_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 following is the usage of **table alias**:

```
SQL> SELECT C.ID, C.NAME, C.AGE,  
        O.AMOUNT FROM CUSTOMERS AS  
        C, ORDERS AS O WHERE C.ID =  
        O.CUSTOMER_ID;
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	AGE	AMOUNT
3	kaushik	23	3000
3	kaushik	23	1500
2	Khilan	25	1560
4	Chaitali	25	2060

Following is the usage of **column alias**:

```
SQL> SELECT ID AS CUSTOMER_ID, NAME AS  
        CUSTOMER_NAME FROM CUSTOMERS  
        WHERE SALARY IS NOT  
        NULL;
```

This would produce following result:

CUSTOMER_ID	CUSTOMER_NAME
1	Ramesh
2	Khilan
3	kaushik
4	Chaitali
5	Hardik
6	Komal
7	Muffy

22. ALTER TABLE

The SQL **ALTER TABLE** command is used to add, delete, or modify columns in an existing table. You would also use ALTER TABLE command to add and drop various constraints on a table.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of **ALTER TABLE** to add a new column in an existing table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name ADD column_name datatype;
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to **DROP COLUMN** in an existing table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name DROP COLUMN column_name;
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to change the **DATA TYPE** of a column in a table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name MODIFY COLUMN column_name datatype;
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to add a **NOT NULL** constraint to a column in a table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name MODIFY column_name datatype NOT NULL;
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to **ADD UNIQUE CONSTRAINT** to a table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
ADD CONSTRAINT MyUniqueConstraint UNIQUE (column1, column2...);
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to **ADD CHECK CONSTRAINT** to a table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
ADD CONSTRAINT MyUniqueConstraint CHECK (CONDITION);
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to **ADD PRIMARY KEY** constraint to a table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
ADD CONSTRAINT MyPrimaryKey PRIMARY KEY (column1, column2...);
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to **DROP CONSTRAINT** from a table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
DROP CONSTRAINT MyUniqueConstraint;
```

If you're using MySQL, the code is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
DROP INDEX MyUniqueConstraint;
```

The basic syntax of ALTER TABLE to **DROP PRIMARY KEY** constraint from a table is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
DROP CONSTRAINT MyPrimaryKey;
```

If you're using MySQL, the code is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
DROP PRIMARY KEY;
```

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

```
+---+-----+---+-----+-----+  
| 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 |  
+---+-----+---+-----+-----+
```

Following is the example to ADD a new column in an existing table:

```
ALTER TABLE CUSTOMERS ADD SEX char(1);
```

Now CUSTOMERS table is changed and following would be output from SELECT statement:

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

Following is the example to DROP sex column from existing table:

```
ALTER TABLE CUSTOMERS DROP SEX;
```

Now CUSTOMERS table is changed and following would be output from SELECT statement:

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

23. TRUNCATE TABLE

The SQL **TRUNCATE TABLE** command is used to delete complete data from an existing table. You can also use DROP TABLE command to delete complete table but it would remove complete table structure from the database and you would need to re-create this table once again if you wish you store some data.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of **TRUNCATE TABLE** is as follows:

```
TRUNCATE TABLE table_name;
```


Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

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

Following is the example to truncate:

```
SQL > TRUNCATE TABLE CUSTOMERS;
```

Now CUSTOMERS table is truncated and following would be output from SELECT statement:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM  
CUSTOMERS; Empty set (0.00  
sec)
```

The HAVING clause enables you to specify conditions that filter which group results appear in the final results.

The WHERE clause places conditions on the selected columns, whereas the HAVING clause places conditions on groups created by the GROUP BY clause.

Syntax:

The following is the position of the HAVING clause in a query:

```
SELECT  
FROM  
WHERE  
GROUP BY  
HAVING  
ORDER BY
```

The HAVING clause must follow the GROUP BY clause in a query and must also precede the ORDER BY clause if used. The following is the syntax of the SELECT statement, including the HAVING clause:

```
SELECT column1, column2
FROM table1, table2
WHERE [ conditions ]
GROUP BY column1, column2
HAVING [ conditions ]
ORDER BY column1, column2
```

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

```
+---+-----+---+-----+-----+
| 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 |
+---+-----+---+-----+-----+
```

Following is the example which would display record for which similar age count would be more than or equal to 2:

```
SQL > SELECT *
FROM
CUSTOMERS
GROUP BY age
HAVING COUNT(age) >= 2;
```

This would produce following result:

```
+---+-----+---+-----+-----+
| ID | NAME   | AGE | ADDRESS | SALARY |
+---+-----+---+-----+-----+
| 2 | Khilan | 25 | Delhi    | 1500.00 |
+---+-----+---+-----+-----+
```

24. DATE FUNCTIONS

Following is the list of all important Date and Time related functions available through SQL. There are various other functions supported by your RDBMS. Given list is based on MySQL RDBMS.

Name	Description
ADDDATE()	Add dates
ADDTIME()	Add time
CONVERT_TZ()	Convert from one timezone to another
CURDATE()	Return the current date
CURRENT_DATE(), CURRENT_DATE	Synonyms for CURDATE()
CURRENT_TIME(), CURRENT_TIME	Synonyms for CURTIME()
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(), CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Synonyms for NOW()
CURTIME ()	Return the current time
DATE_ADD()	Add two dates
DATE_FORMAT()	Format date as specified
DATE_SUB()	Subtract two dates
DATE()	Extract the date part of a date or datetime expression
DATEDIFF ()	Subtract two dates
DAY ()	Synonym for
DAYOFMONTH()	
DAYNAME()	Return the name of the weekday
DAYOFMONTH()	Return the day of the month (1-31)
DAYOFWEEK()	Return the weekday index of the argument
DAYOFYEAR()	Return the day of the year (1-366)
EXTRACT	Extract part of a date
FROM_DAYS()	Convert a day number to a date
FROM_UNIXTIME()	Format date as a UNIX timestamp
HOUR()	Extract the hour
LAST_DAY	Return the last day of the month for the argument

LOCALTIME(), LOCALTIME
NOW() LOCALTIMESTAMP,

LOCALTIMESTAMP()

MAKEDATE()

MAKETIME

MICROSECOND()

MINUTE()

MONTH()

MONTHNAME()

NOW()

PERIOD_ADD()

PERIOD_DIFF()

QUARTER()

SEC_TO_TIME()

SECOND()

STR_TO_DATE()

SUBDATE()

DATE_SUB()

SUBTIME()

SYSDATE()

TIME_FORMAT()

TIME_TO_SEC()

TIME()

TIMEDIFF()

TIMESTAMP()

TIMESTAMPADD()

TIMESTAMPDIFF()

TO_DAYS()

UNIX_TIMESTAMP()

UTC_DATE()

UTC_TIME()

UTC_TIMESTAMP()

WEEK()

WEEKDAY()

WEEKOFYEAR()

YEAR()

YEARWEEK()

Synonym for

Synonym for NOW()

Create a date from the year and day of year

MAKETIME()

Return the microseconds from argument

Return the minute from the argument

Return the month from the date passed

Return the name of the month

Return the current date and time

Add a period to a year-month

Return the number of months between periods

Return the quarter from a date argument

Converts seconds to 'HH:MM:SS' format

Return the second (0-59)

Convert a string to a date

When invoked with three arguments a synonym for

Subtract times

Return the time at which the function executes

Format as time

Return the argument converted to seconds

Extract the time portion of the expression passed

Subtract time

With a single argument, this function returns the date
or date time expression . With two arguments, the sum of
the arguments

Add an interval to a datetime expression

Subtract an interval from a datetime expression

Return the date argument converted to days

Return a UNIX timestamp

Return the current UTC date

Return the current UTC time

Return the current UTC date and time

Return the week number

Return the weekday index

Return the calendar week of the date (1-53)

Return the year

Return the year and week

Examples of SQL Commands in Different Tables:

ITEMS table

This table stores information about all the items that are offered by company. The structure of the table is as follows:

Column	Datatype	Meaning
Itemno	Number(5)	A unique number assigned to each item.
ItemName	Varchar2(20)	Name of the item.
Rate	Number(8,2)	Rate of the item.
taxrate	Number(4,2)	Sales tax rate for this item.

The following are the constraints related to ITEMS table:

ITEMNO is primary key
RATE and TAXRATE must be ≥ 0
Default value for TAXRATE is 0

create table

```
ITEMS (  
  itemno  number(5)  constraint items_pk primary  
  key, itemname varchar2(20),  
  rate    number(8,2) constraint items_rate_chk check( rate  $\geq$  0),  
  taxrate number(4,2) default 0 constraint items_rate_chk check( rate  $\geq$  0)  
);
```

```
insert into items values(1,'Samsung 14"  
monitor',7000,10.5); insert into items values(2,'TVS Gold  
Keyboard',1000,10); insert into items values(3,'Segate  
HDD 20GB',6500,12.5); insert into items values(4,'PIII  
processor',8000,8);  
insert into items values(5,'Logitech Mouse',500,5);  
insert into items values(6,'Creative MMK',4500,11.5);
```

CUSTOMERS Table

This table contains information about customers who have placed one or more orders. The following is the structure of the table.

Column	Datatype	Meaning
Custno	Number(5)	A unique number assigned to each customer.
CustName	Varchar2(20)	Complete name of the customer.
Address1	varchar2(50)	First line of address.
Address2	varchar2(50)	Second line of address.
City	varchar2(30)	Name of the city where customer lives.
state	varchar2(30)	Name of the state where customer lives.
PinCode	varchar2(10)	Pincode of the city.
Phone	varchar2(30)	One or more phone numbers separated using comma(,).

The following are the constraint related to CUSTOMERS table.

CUSTNO is primary key

CUSTNAME is not null column

create table

CUSTOMERS (

custno number(5) constraint customers_pk primary key,

custname varchar2(20) constraint customers_custname_nn not
null, address1 varchar2(50),

address2

varchar2(50), city

varchar2(30), state

varchar2(30), pin

varchar2(10), phone

varchar2(30)

);

```

insert into customers values(101,'Raul','12-22-29','Dwarakanagar',
    'Vizag','AP','530016','453343,634333');
insert into customers values(102,'Denilson','43-22-22','CBM Compound',
    'Vizag','AP','530012','744545');
insert into customers values(103,'Mendiator','45-45-52','Abid Nagar',
    'Vizag','AP','530016','567434');
insert into customers values(104,'Figo','33-34-56','Muralinagar',
    'Vizag','AP','530021','875655,876563,872222');
insert into customers values(105,'Zidane','23-22-56','LB Colony',
    'Vizag','AP','530013','765533');

```

ORDERS Table

Contains information about all orders placed by customers. Contains one row for each order. The details of items ordered in an order will be found in LINEITEMS table. The following is the structure of the table.

Column	Datatype	Meaning
OrdNo	Number(5)	A unique number assigned to each order.
OrdDate	Date	Date on which order is placed.
ShipDate	Date	Date on which goods are to be shipped to customer.
Address1	varchar2(50)	First line of shipping address.
Address2	varchar2(50)	Second line of shipping address.
City	varchar2(30)	City name in shipping address.
state	varchar2(30)	State name in shipping address.
PinCode	varchar2(10)	Pincode of the city in shipping address.
Phone	varchar2(30)	One or more phone numbers separated using comma(,) of shipping place.

The following are the constraint related to ORDERS table.

ORDNO is primary key
 CUSTNO is foreign key referencing CUSTNO of
 CUSTOMERS table. SHIPDATE must be >=
 ORDDATE.

```
create table
ORDERS (
  ordno    number(5) constraint orders_pk primary
  key, orddate  date,
  shipdate  date,
  custno    number(5) constraint orders_custno_pk references
  customers, address1  varchar2(50),
  address2
  varchar2(50), city
  varchar2(30), state
  varchar2(30), pin
  varchar2(10),phone
  varchar2(30),
  constraint order_dates_chk  check( orddate <= shipdate)
);
```

```
insert into orders values(1001,'15-May-2001','10-jun-2001',102,
  '43-22-22','CBM Compound','Vizag','AP','530012','744545');
insert into orders values(1002,'15-May-2001','5-jun-2001',101,
  '12-22-29','Dwarakanagar','Vizag','AP','530016','453343,634333');
```

```
insert into orders values(1003,'17-May-2001','7-jun-2001',101,
  '12-22-29','Dwarakanagar','Vizag','AP','530016','453343,634333');
```

```
insert into orders values(1004,'18-May-2001','17-jun-2001',103,
  '45-45-52','Abid Nagar',
  'Vizag','AP','530016','567434');
```

```
insert into orders values(1005,'20-May-2001','3-jun-2001',104,
  '33-34-56','Muralinagar','Vizag','AP','530021','875655,876563,872222');
```

```
insert into orders values(1006,'23-May-2001','11-jun-2001',104,
  '54-22-12','MVP Colony','Vizag','AP','530024',null);
```


LINEITEMS Table

Contains details of items ordered in each order. For each item in each order this table contains one row. The following is the structure of the table.

Column	Datatype	Meaning
OrdNo	Number(5)	Refers to the order number of the order.
Itemno	Number(5)	Refers to the item number of the item.
qty	number(3)	Howmany units of this item arerequired in this order.
price	Number(8,2)	Selling price of the item for this order.
DisRate	Number(4,2)	Discount Rate for this item in this order.

The following are the constraint related to ORDERS table.

Primary key is ORDNO and ITEMNO.

ORDNO is a foreign key referencing ORDNO of ORDERS table. ITEMNO is a foreign key referencing ITEMNO of ITEMS table.

Default DISRATE is 0

QTY must be ≥ 1

DISRATE must be ≥ 0

create table

LINEITEMS (

ordno number(5) constraint LINEITEMS_ORDNO_FK references ORDERS,

itemno number(5) constraint LINEITEMS_itemno_FK references ITEMS,

qty number(3) constraint LINEITEMS_qty_CHK CHECK(qty ≥ 1),

price number(8,2),

disrate number(4,2) default 0

constraint LINEITEMS_DISRATE_CHK CHECK(disrate ≥ 0),

constraint lineitems_pk primary key (ordno,itemno)

)

;

```
insert into lineitems values(1001,2,3,1000,10.0);
insert into lineitems values(1001,1,3,7000,15.0);
insert into lineitems values(1001,4,2,8000,10.0);
insert into lineitems values(1001,6,1,4500,10.0);
```

```
insert into lineitems values(1002,6,4,4500,20.0);
insert into lineitems values(1002,4,2,8000,15.0);
insert into lineitems values(1002,5,2,600,10.0);
```

```
insert into lineitems values(1003,5,10,500,0.0);
insert into lineitems values(1003,6,2,4750,5.0);
```

```
insert into lineitems values(1004,1,1,7000,10.0);
insert into lineitems values(1004,3,2,6500,10.0);
insert into lineitems values(1004,4,1,8000,20.0);
```

```
insert into lineitems values(1005,6,1,4600,10.0);
insert into lineitems values(1005,2,2,900,10.0);
```

```
insert into lineitems values(1006,2,10,950,20.0);
insert into lineitems values(1006,4,5,7800,10.0);
insert into lineitems values(1006,3,5,6600,15.0);
```