

Join types explanation

Perfect — let's go **straight to the point**.

We'll use two sample tables:

 **Table 1: Customers**

customer_id	customer_name
1	Alice
2	Bob
3	Charlie
4	David

 **Table 2: Orders**

order_id	customer_id	product
101	1	Laptop
102	1	Phone
103	2	Tablet
104	5	Keyboard

Notice:

- **customer_id = 5** in **Orders** has **no matching customer**.
- **customer_id = 3** and **4** in **Customers** have **no orders**.

◆ 1. INNER JOIN

 Returns **only the records that have matching values in both tables**.

sql

```
SELECT Customers.customer_name, Orders.product
FROM Customers
INNER JOIN Orders
ON Customers.customer_id = Orders.customer_id;
```

 **Result:**

customer_name	product
Alice	Laptop
Alice	Phone
Bob	Tablet

Explanation:

- Only customers who have at least one order appear.

- **Charlie** and **David** are excluded (no order).
 - **order_id 104** (Keyboard) is excluded (customer_id 5 doesn't exist in Customers).
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◆ 2. LEFT JOIN (a.k.a LEFT OUTER JOIN)

👉 Returns **all customers** (left table) and the **matching orders**, if any.
If no matching order exists, it returns **NULL**.

sql

```
SELECT Customers.customer_name, Orders.product
FROM Customers
LEFT JOIN Orders
ON Customers.customer_id = Orders.customer_id;
```

✓ Result:

customer_name	product
Alice	Laptop
Alice	Phone
Bob	Tablet
Charlie	NULL
David	NULL

Explanation:

- All customers are shown.
 - Customers without orders (Charlie, David) get **NULL** for **product**.
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◆ 3. RIGHT JOIN (a.k.a RIGHT OUTER JOIN)

👉 Returns **all orders** (right table) and the **matching customers**, if any.
If no matching customer exists, returns **NULL**.

sql

```
SELECT Customers.customer_name, Orders.product
FROM Customers
RIGHT JOIN Orders
ON Customers.customer_id = Orders.customer_id;
```

✓ Result:

customer_name	product
Alice	Laptop
Alice	Phone
Bob	Tablet
NULL	Keyboard

Explanation:

- All orders are shown.
- The order with `customer_id = 5` (Keyboard) has no matching customer, so `customer_name = NULL`.

◆ 4. FULL JOIN (a.k.a FULL OUTER JOIN)

👉 Returns **all records** from both tables.
If there's no match, the missing side will have **NULL**.

sql

```
SELECT Customers.customer_name, Orders.product
FROM Customers
FULL OUTER JOIN Orders
ON Customers.customer_id = Orders.customer_id;
```

✓ Result:

<code>customer_name</code>	<code>product</code>
Alice	Laptop
Alice	Phone
Bob	Tablet
Charlie	NULL
David	NULL
NULL	Keyboard

Explanation:

- Combines results of LEFT and RIGHT JOIN.
- Shows all customers and all orders, even if they don't match.

🧠 Quick Summary Table

Join Type	Includes Unmatched Left?	Includes Unmatched Right?	Example
INNER JOIN	✗	✗	Only customers with orders
LEFT JOIN	✓	✗	All customers, with or without orders
RIGHT JOIN	✗	✓	All orders, even if customer missing
FULL JOIN	✓	✓	All customers + all orders

Would you like me to visualize this with a **Venn diagram style explanation** next (so you can see overlaps clearly)?

Alright — let's make **GROUP BY** and **HAVING** crystal clear.

We'll again use the same two tables 

Customers

customer_id	customer_name
1	Alice
2	Bob
3	Charlie

Orders

order_id	customer_id	product	amount
101	1	Laptop	80000
102	1	Phone	30000
103	2	Tablet	20000
104	2	Mouse	5000
105	2	Keyboard	7000
106	3	Charger	1000

◆ 1. GROUP BY — basic concept

GROUP BY is used to **group rows that have the same values** in specific columns and perform **aggregate functions** like **SUM()**, **COUNT()**, **AVG()**, **MAX()**, etc.

Example 1: Total amount spent by each customer

sql

```
SELECT customer_id, SUM(amount) AS total_spent
FROM Orders
GROUP BY customer_id;
```

Result:

customer_id	total_spent
1	110000
2	32000
3	1000

Explanation:

- All orders for each `customer_id` are grouped together.
- SUM gives the total purchase per customer.

Example 2: Number of orders per customer

sql

```
SELECT customer_id, COUNT(order_id) AS total_orders
FROM Orders
GROUP BY customer_id;
```

Result:

customer_id	total_orders
1	2
2	3
3	1

Example 3: Maximum order amount per customer

sql

```
SELECT customer_id, MAX(amount) AS max_order
FROM Orders
GROUP BY customer_id;
```

Result:

customer_id	max_order
1	80000
2	20000
3	1000

♦ 2. HAVING — filtering after grouping

- WHERE filters rows before grouping.
- HAVING filters groups after aggregation.

Example 4: Customers who spent more than 20000 total

sql

```
SELECT customer_id, SUM(amount) AS total_spent
FROM Orders
GROUP BY customer_id
HAVING SUM(amount) > 20000;
```

Result:

customer_id	total_spent
1	110000

customer_id	total_spent
2	32000

Explanation:

- Charlie (customer_id 3) is excluded because his total = 1000.

 **Example 5: Customers with at least 2 orders**

sql

```
SELECT customer_id, COUNT(order_id) AS total_orders
FROM Orders
GROUP BY customer_id
HAVING COUNT(order_id) >= 2;
```

 **Result:**

customer_id	total_orders
1	2
2	3

 **Example 6: Combine WHERE and HAVING**

👉 Suppose we only want customers who bought items **above ₹5000 each**, and their **total spending** is **greater than ₹30000**.

sql

```
SELECT customer_id, SUM(amount) AS total_spent
FROM Orders
WHERE amount > 5000          -- filter before grouping
GROUP BY customer_id
HAVING SUM(amount) > 30000;  -- filter after grouping
```

 **Result:**

customer_id	total_spent
1	110000

Explanation:

- **WHERE amount > 5000** removes small orders first.
- **HAVING** then checks total_spent after grouping.

 **Summary Table**

Clause	Works On	Used For	Example
WHERE	Rows	Filtering before grouping	WHERE amount > 5000
GROUP BY	Groups	Grouping rows by a column	GROUP BY customer_id

Clause	Works On	Used For	Example
HAVING	Groups	Filtering after grouping	HAVING SUM(amount) > 20000

💡 Tip:

Always remember the **SQL execution order**:

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

That's why **HAVING** comes **after GROUP BY** — because it works on the grouped results.

Would you like me to combine **JOIN + GROUP BY + HAVING** next (so you can see how they all work together in one query)?