

SQL language: basics

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The UNION operator

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The UNION operator

- ▷ Set union operator

A UNION B

- ▷ It performs the union of the two relational expressions A and B
 - relational expressions A and B may be generated by SELECT statements
 - it requires schema compatibility between A and B
 - removal of duplicates
 - UNION removes duplicates
 - UNION ALL does not remove duplicates

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UNION: example

▷ Find the codes of products that are either red or supplied by supplier S2 (or both)

P				
PId	PName	Color	Size	Store
P1	Jumper	Red	40	London
P2	Jeans	Green	48	Paris
P3	Blouse	Blue	48	Rome
P4	Blouse	Red	44	London
P5	Skirt	Blue	40	Paris
P6	Shorts	Red	42	London

SP		
SId	PId	Qty
S1	P1	300
S1	P2	200
S1	P3	400
S1	P4	200
S1	P5	100
S1	P6	100
S2	P1	300
S2	P2	400
S3	P2	200
S4	P3	200
S4	P4	300
S4	P5	400

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UNION: example

▷ Find *the codes of products that are* either red or supplied by supplier S2 (or both)

```
SELECT PId
FROM P
WHERE Color='Red'
```

P				
PId	PName	Color	Size	Store
P1	Jumper	Red	40	London
P2	Jeans	Green	48	Paris
P3	Blouse	Blue	48	Rome
P4	Blouse	Red	44	London
P5	Skirt	Blue	40	Paris
P6	Shorts	Red	42	London

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PId
P1
P6

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UNION: example

Find the *codes of the products that are* either red or *supplied by supplier S2* (or both)

SP		
SId	PId	Qty
S1	P1	300
S1	P2	200
S1	P3	400
S1	P4	200
S1	P5	100
S1	P6	100
S2	P1	300
S2	P2	400
S3	P2	200
S4	P3	200
S4	P4	300
S4	P5	400

```
SELECT PId
FROM SP
WHERE SId='S2'
```

PId
P1
P2

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UNION: example

Find the codes of products that are either red or supplied by supplier S2 (or both)

```
SELECT PId
FROM P
WHERE Color='Red'
UNION
SELECT PId
FROM SP
WHERE SId='S2';
```

PId
P1
P6

PId
P1
P2

R	
PId	
P1	
P2	
P6	

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UNION: example

Find the codes of products that are either red or supplied by supplier S2 (or both)

```
SELECT PId
FROM P
WHERE Color='Red'
UNION
SELECT PId
FROM SP
WHERE SId='S2';
```

R	
PId	
P1	
P2	
P6	

Duplicate removal

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UNION: example

Find the codes of products that are either red or supplied by supplier S2 (or both)

```
SELECT PId
FROM P
WHERE Color='Red'
UNION
SELECT PId
FROM SP
WHERE SId='S2';
```

Schema compatibility

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UNION ALL: example

Find the codes of products that are either red or supplied by supplier S2 (or both)

```
SELECT PId
FROM P
WHERE Color='Red'
UNION ALL
SELECT PId
FROM SP
WHERE SId='S2';
```

PId
P1
P6

PId
P1
P2

R	
PId	
P1	
P1	
P2	
P6	

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The INTERSECT operator

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The INTERSECT operator

▷ Set intersection operator

A INTERSECT B

▷ It performs the intersection of the two relational expressions A and B

- relational expressions A and B may be generated by SELECT statements
- it requires schema compatibility between A and B



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INTERSECT: example


▷ Find the cities where both one or more suppliers and one or more stores are based

P

PId	PName	Color	Size	Store
P1	Jumper	Red	40	London
P2	Jeans	Green	48	Paris
P3	Blouse	Blue	48	Rome
P4	Blouse	Red	44	London
P5	Skirt	Blue	40	Paris
P6	Shorts	Red	42	London

S

SId	SName	#Employees	City
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens



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INTERSECT: example

▷ Find *the cities where* both *one or more suppliers* and one or more stores *are based*


```
SELECT City
FROM S
```

S

SId	SName	#Employees	City
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens

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City
London
Paris
Paris
London
Athens



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INTERSECT: example

▷ Find *the cities where* both one or more suppliers and *one or more stores are based*


```
SELECT Store
FROM P
```

P

PId	PName	Color	Size	Store
P1	Jumper	Red	40	London
P2	Jeans	Green	48	Paris
P3	Blouse	Blue	48	Rome
P4	Blouse	Red	44	London
P5	Skirt	Blue	40	Paris
P6	Shorts	Red	42	London

→

Store
London
Paris
Rome
London
Paris
London



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INTERSECT: example

▷ Find the cities where both one or more suppliers and one or more stores are based

```
SELECT City
FROM S
INTERSECT
SELECT Store
FROM P;
```

City

London
Paris
Paris
London
Athens


Store

London
Paris
Rome
London
Paris
London

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R

London
Paris




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Equivalence with other operators

▷ The intersection operation may also be performed by means of

- a join
- the IN operator



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Equivalence with join

- ▷ The **FROM** clause contains the relations involved in the intersection
- ▷ The **WHERE** clause contains join conditions between the attributes listed in the **SELECT** clauses of relational expressions A and B



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Equivalence with join: example

- ▷ Find the cities where both one or more suppliers and one or more stores are based

```
SELECT City
FROM S, P
WHERE S.City=P.Store;
```



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Equivalence with the IN operator

- ▷ One of the two relational expressions is turned into a nested query using operator **IN**
- ▷ The attributes in the outer **SELECT** clause, together by a tuple constructor, make up the left-hand side of the **IN** operator



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Equivalence with IN: example

- ▷ Find the cities where both one or more suppliers and one or more stores are based

```
SELECT Store
FROM P
WHERE Store IN (SELECT City
                FROM S);
```



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The EXCEPT operator

- ▷ Set difference operator

A EXCEPT B

- ▷ It subtracts relational expression B from relational expression A
 - it requires schema compatibility between A and B



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EXCEPT: example

▷ Find the cities where one or more suppliers, but no stores are based

P

PId	PName	Color	Size	Store
P1	Jumper	Red	40	London
P2	Jeans	Green	48	Paris
P3	Blouse	Blue	48	Rome
P4	Blouse	Red	44	London
P5	Skirt	Blue	40	Paris
P6	Shorts	Red	42	London

S

SId	SName	#Employees	City
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens

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EXCEPT: example

▷ Find *the cities where one or more suppliers, but no stores are based*

SELECT City
FROM S

S

SId	SName	#Employees	City
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens

→

City
London
Paris
London
Athens

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EXCEPT: example

▷ Find *the cities where one or more suppliers, but no stores are based*

SELECT Store
FROM P

P

PId	PName	Color	Size	Store
P1	Jumper	Red	40	London
P2	Jeans	Green	48	Paris
P3	Blouse	Blue	48	Rome
P4	Blouse	Red	44	London
P5	Skirt	Blue	40	Paris
P6	Shorts	Red	42	London

→

Store
London
Paris
Rome
London
Paris
London

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EXCEPT: example

▷ Find the cities where one or more suppliers, but no stores are based

SELECT City
FROM S
EXCEPT
SELECT Store
FROM P;

City
London
Paris
Paris
London
Athens

→

Store
London
Paris
Rome
London
Paris
London

→

R
Athens

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Equivalence with the NOT IN operator

▷ The EXCEPT operation may also be performed by means of the NOT IN operator

- relational expression B is nested within the NOT IN operator
- the attributes in the SELECT clause of relational expression A, together by a tuple constructor, make up the left-hand side of the NOT IN operator

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Equivalence with the NOT IN operator: example

▷ Find the cities where one or more suppliers, but no stores are based

SELECT City
FROM S
WHERE City NOT IN (SELECT Store
FROM P);

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