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Series

Role Based eLearning

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TableauPresents

The Art of Data Massage

Joins, Blends, Unions, Relationships

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Leading the Way: A Guided eLearning Journey

During this series, you'll have the opportunity to:

EXPERIENCE a practical approach to eLearning with real world examples

ADVANCE your Tableau skills and ability to answer critical business questions with data

CONNECT with your industry community and learn how to apply new skills in your field

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Recommended Role Based Learning



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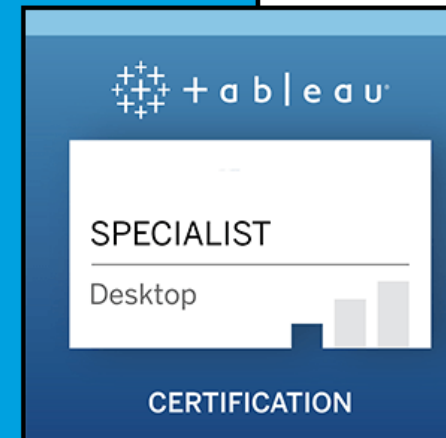
Recommended Course Based Learning

DESKTOP I: FUNDAMENTALS

- > Connecting to Data
- > Customizing a Data Source

DESKTOP II: INTERMEDIATE

- > Joining Tables
- > Joining Tables Using Calculations
- > Blending Multiple Data Sources
- > Blending Data without a Common Field
- > Using Unions to Combine Data



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TABLEAU **TERMINOLOGY**

DATASOURCE:

Underlying data

DATA PANE:

Shows the list of data connectors available

WORKBOOK:

Collection of one or more worksheets and dashboards

CANVAS:

Blank area to set up data source

DATA GRID

Previews first 1,000 rows of data

DATA CONNECTION PAGE:

Make changes after initial connection

MARKS:

Visual representation of one or more rows in a data source

NUMBER OF RECORDS:

Automatically generated field representing each record

PACKAGED WORKBOOK (.TWBX):

Workbook + copy of the data source

PILL:

AKA: Field = Piece of Data

STATUS BAR:

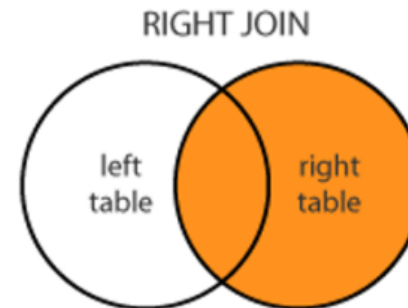
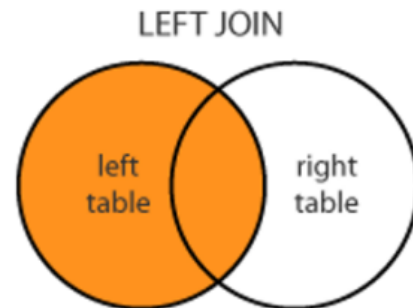
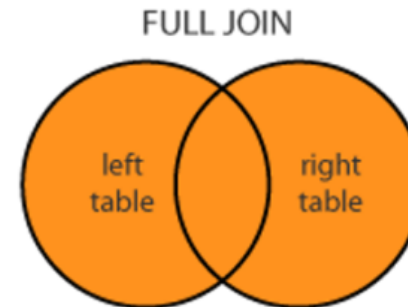
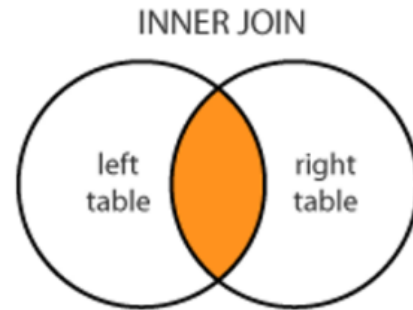
Shows information about current view

SHELVES:

Areas to place fields

Let's Talk About Joins

- | Method for combining data on based on common fields
- | Joins extend horizontally by adding columns of data
- | There are four types of joins you can use in Tableau



Let's Talk About Cross-Database Joins

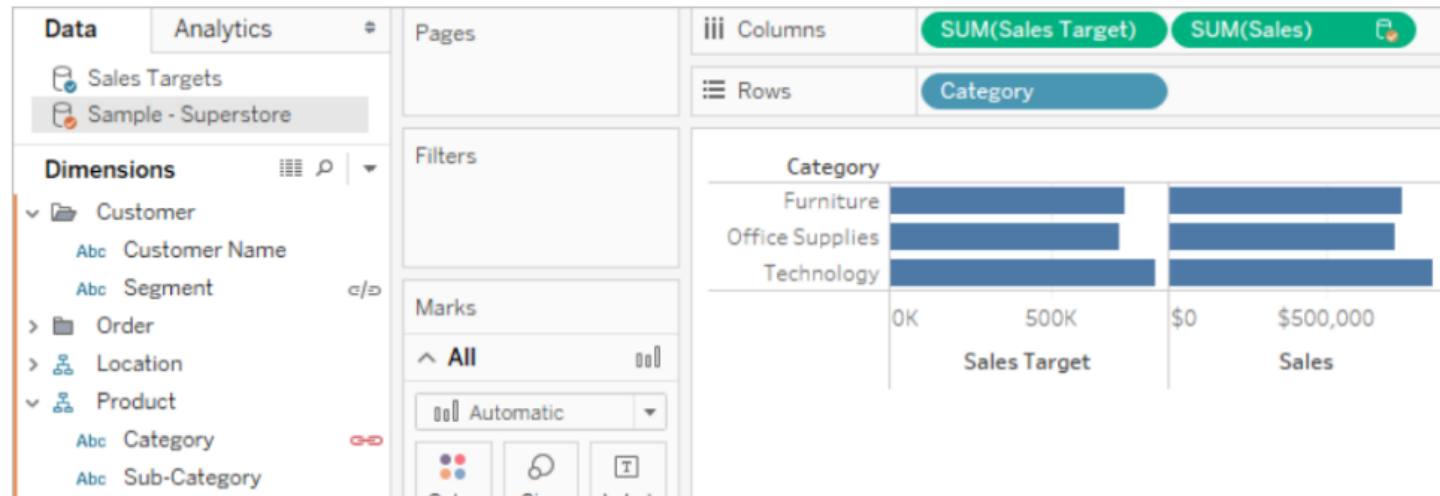
- Combine tables from different databases
- Creates a "multi-connection" data source in Tableau
- Connector is grayed out = Cross-Database Joins are not supported for that combination

The screenshot shows the Tableau interface for a cross-database join. On the left, the 'Connections' pane lists 'Sample - Superstore' (Excel) and 'mssql' (Microsoft SQL Server). The 'Database' dropdown is set to 'TestV1'. The 'Table' pane shows 'Election'. The main view displays a join between 'Orders' and 'Staples' tables, indicated by a blue circle with a plus sign. The 'Orders' table is selected, and the 'Staples' table is added to the join. The 'Connection' type is set to 'Live'. Below the join diagram, the 'Sort fields' dropdown is set to 'Data source order'. The table view shows the following data:

#	#	#	#	#	Abc
Orders Sales	Orders Quantity	Orders Discount	Orders Profit	Staples Item Count	Staples Ship Priority
\$69	5	80%	-\$124	1	0
\$3	3	80%	-\$4	1	0

Let's Talk About Blends

- | Use data from multiple data sources together in the same view
- | One data source will be the "primary" and the other the "secondary"
- | Query each data source independently
- | Data blending is Tableau worksheet specific



Let's Talk About Unions

- | Combine two or more tables by appending values (rows) from one table to another
- | Tables must be from the same data connection
- | Two ways to create a union - Manual or Wildcard

May2016

DAY	CUSTOMER	PURCHASES	TYPE
4	Lane	5	Credit
10	Chris	6	Credit
28	Juan	1	Credit

June2016

DAY	CUSTOMER	PURCHASES	TYPE
1	Lisa	3	Credit
28	Isaac	4	Cash
28	Sam	2	Credit

July2016

DAY	CUSTOMER	PURCHASES	TYPE
2	Mario	2	Credit
15	Wei	1	Cash
21	Jim	7	Cash

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Let's Talk About Relationships

- | New data modeling in Tableau = Relationships
- | More flexible way to combine data from multiple tables
- | New default starting in Tableau 2020.2
- | Physical + Logical Layers

▢ Orders+ (Sample - Superstore)

[Connecting to data in 2020.2 for the first time]

Orders

Returns

▢ Beer Check-Ins (Multiple Connections)

[Opening older data sources in 2020.2]

Migrated Data

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Let's Summarize...

RELATIONSHIPS

- | Combine data from multiple tables
- | Describes how two logical tables related to each other but remain separate
- | Lower barrier to entry - no need to learn advanced database concepts
- | More efficient - queries only the data you need
- | Automatic level of detail - helps avoid data duplication without LODs

BLENDS

- | Combine two different datasources in one view
- | Blends can be defined on a worksheet level
- | Useful when data is at different levels of granularity
- | Data blending is best for quick ad-hoc questions
- | Only option when combining data from published data sources

JOINS

- | Row-level combination of the data
- | Adding Columns to the table
- | Join occurs in the database
- | Data can be from multiple sources (Cross-Database)
- | Best for data at the same level of detail

UNIONS

- | Multiple tables in the same datasource/multiple flat files
- | Adding rows to the table
- | Unioned tables can be used in a join
- | Tables must have the same column structure
- | Not all connectors are supported

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NEXT WEEK'S SESSION

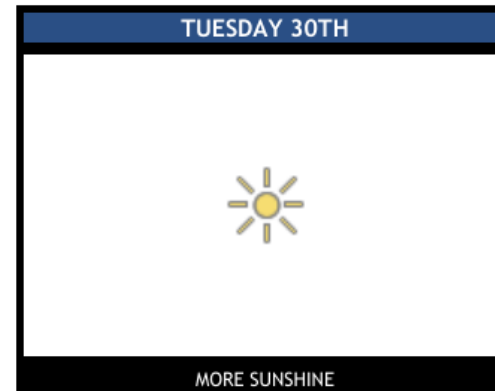
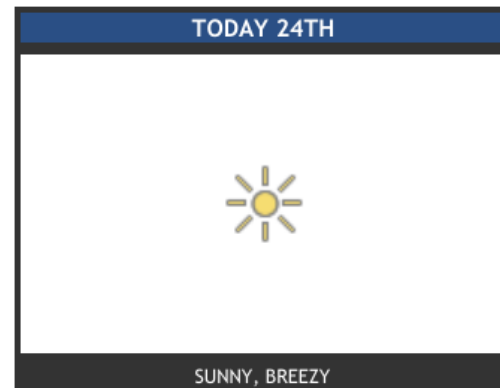
Data Delivery

How to leverage filtering and best practices to tell a story with your data

Tuesday, June 30

10:00 AM PT

Francis Dejonckheere & Lindsey Carlsen



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Ways to Learn More...

General

New Features: <https://www.tableau.com/products/new-features>

Release Notes: <https://www.tableau.com/support/releases>

Tableau Public: <https://public.tableau.com/en-us/s/>

Data Integration

Joins: https://help.tableau.com/current/pro/desktop/en-us/joining_tables.htm

Blends: https://help.tableau.com/current/pro/desktop/en-us/multiple_connections.htm

Unions: <https://help.tableau.com/current/pro/desktop/en-us/union.htm>

Relationships

Relationships Video: <https://www.tableau.com/learn/tutorials/on-demand/relationships>

FAQ: https://help.tableau.com/current/pro/desktop/en-us/datasource_datamodel_faq.htm

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