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CONFIGURABLE JOINS: BASES, JOINS AND SUBQUERIES

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Let's go on a journey through joins—starting at the base

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Fundamentals

Slate is a relational database.

- ▶ There are 200+ tables in Slate!
- ▶ Available Resources
 - Configurable Joins Base Explorer
 - Knowledge Base:
 - Search “Queries”
 - Commonly Used Person(Application)-Scoped Exports and Filters Suitcase
- ▶ RHB Academy Clean Slate
 - Pro Tip: Check out Slate Scholar! 
- ▶ RHB Webinars:
 - Search “Configurable Join Fundamentals” on Rhb.com

WHAT YOU SEE

The screenshot displays a software interface for configuring a query. It is divided into several sections:

- Quick Query**: A floating window with dropdown menus for Type (Configurable Joins), Category (Records), and Base (Application).
- Exports**: A list of fields (Person Reference ID, Person First, Person Preferred, Person Last) with an 'Export' button.
- Filters**: A section with a 'Check Logic' button and 'Matching Rows: 3'. A filter is applied: 'Round IN 2021 Undergrad'.
- Sorts**: A list of fields (Person Name) with a 'Sort' button set to 'asc'.
- Joins**: A list of tables (Person) with a 'Join' button.

On the right side of the interface, there are additional buttons for 'Export', 'Literal', 'Custom SQL', 'Rename Exports', 'Filter', 'Custom SQL', 'OR', 'NOT', '(', and ')'. A vertical bar on the left side of the interface is color-coded to match the SQL keywords on the right: blue for FROM, green for SELECT, red for WHERE, yellow for ORDER BY, and purple for JOIN.

WHAT SLATE SEES

SELECT
exports

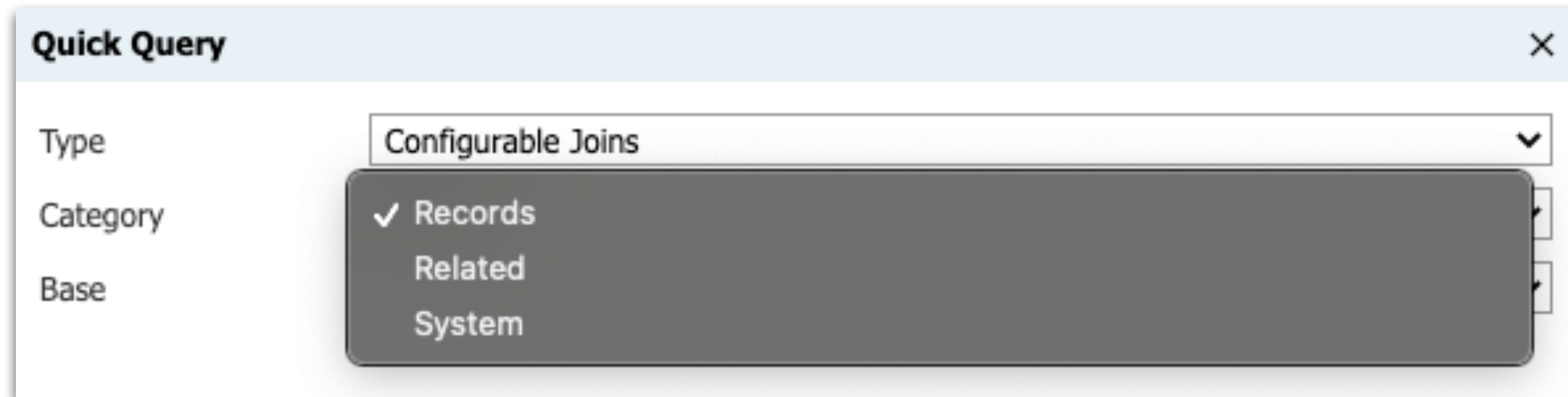
FROM
table base

JOIN
other tables

WHERE
filters

ORDER BY
sorts

Base Categories



- ▶ **Records** Bases for parent records
Applications, Persons, Dataset Records
- ▶ **Related** Bases that relate to parent records
Schools, Tests, Addresses, Devices, Jobs
- ▶ **System** Bases for system tables
Bins, Periods, Rounds, Decisions

Join Types

ONE-TO-ONE

Each Application can only have one Person.



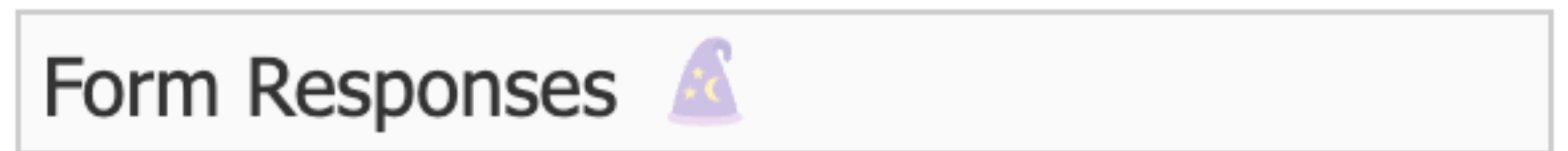
ONE-TO-MANY

Each Application can have many Materials - it gets the **Multiple** symbol.



ONE-TO-MULTIPLE OPTIONS

Each Application can have many Form Responses across many Forms. This is a magic join with **multiple options** inside it - it gets a magic hat symbol.



Important Concepts

- ▶ Table Ranking
- ▶ In / Not In
- ▶ Exists / Not Exists
- ▶ Confirmed / Released / Received

Configurable Joins Base Explorer

Category

- Records = primary identities that represent key business segments (e.g., persons, applications, and companies)
- Related = secondary objects that are often used in the context of Records (e.g., schools, test scores, and gifts)
- System = tertiary data points that are configurations of your Slate instance (e.g., fields, prompts, and materials)

Join Type

- Multiple = joins for one-to-many relationships between two bases where rankings are not predefined.
 - In subquery filters and exports, these joins provide aggregate data about the many.
 - In subquery joins on the query itself, these joins require a sort to indicate which related row is needed.

Category

Base

Table Results

Diagram

Join Name	Joins To	Join Type
Address by Rank Overall	Address	
Address by Type, Rank	Address	
Addresses	Address	multiple
Application by Rank	Application	
Application by Rank Submitted	Application	
Applications	Application	multiple
Course by School Level of Study, Course Rank	Course	
Courses	Course	multiple
Device by Type, Rank	Device	
Devices	Device	multiple
Duplicate Person Records (Duplicate Record)	Duplicate Records (Persons)	multiple
Duplicate Person Records (Main Record)	Duplicate Records (Persons)	multiple

Learning the database

Practice Queries

- ▶ Approaches
 - Build, Test, Review, Edit
 - Try different Bases
 - Try different exports

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Custom Database Lookups

- ▶ Key config areas: activate CJ lookups;
revisit user permissions to control
access to bases

Edit Early Access Features


Early Access Features


- Configurable Joins Record Lookup
- Default to Configurable Joins
- Hide Local/STL Bases
- PayPal/Venmo
- Research




<input type="checkbox"/> Reader	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader Classify	
<input type="checkbox"/> Record Lookup	Expand Permissions
<input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Outreach Volunteers	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application	Granted
<input type="checkbox"/> Companies and Foundations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Funds	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization Contacts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person	Granted
<input type="checkbox"/> Reference Impersonate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Relationship Lookup	


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Example Permission User 


Search... 


New Record 

Person
[Application](#)




Domenick Rozzi 

Search... 

New Record 

Person
[Application](#)
[Alumni Outreach Volunteers](#)
[Companies and Foundations](#)
[Funds](#)
[Organization Contacts](#)
[Organizations](#)



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Benefits

- ▶ Only and Exactly what every user needs to search on
- ▶ Full customization of what is seen about any record
- ▶ Ability to leverage views (shared and personal) to further customize what is seen

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Shared / Personal Views

- ▶ **Key config areas: User Permissions: Edit Shared Views**
- ▶ **Appear in 80+ locations across Slate**
- ▶ **Benefits**
 - ▶ **Enhanced visibility into data**
 - ▶ **Ability to create standard 'views', while allowing individuals to establish custom views that suit needs best**



Search...



RHB Academy Model Database

New Record



Person

[Application](#)

[Alumni Outreach Volunteers](#)

[Companies and Foundations](#)

[Funds](#)

[Organization Contacts](#)

[Organizations](#)

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Database

Type	
Access Request	Project Task Notes: Task Pane
API	Project Tasks
API Endpoint	Projects
Concierge	Prompt Keys
Content Block Keys	Prompts
Content Blocks	Queries: Queries
Decision Letters	Queries: Dashboards
Deliver Mailings	Queries: Query Libraries
Entities	Release Decisions: Confirm
Fields	Release Decisions: Assign Letters
Files	Release Decisions: Release
Flow	Release Decisions: Queued for Release
Flow Logs	Release Decisions: Recently Released
Form/Event/Scheduler: Form	Reports
Form/Event/Scheduler: Event	Retention Policy Group
Form/Event/Scheduler: Event Template	Rules
Form/Event/Scheduler: Scheduler	Rules: Form Submission
Form/Event/Scheduler: Scheduler Template	Rules: Workflow
Integration Center	Security: Custom Permissions
Payment History	Security: Custom Roles
Portal	Security: Realms
Portal: Express	Security: Users: Active Users
Project Task Notes	Security: Users: Inactive Users
	Security: Users: Dormant Users
	Sources
	Translation Codes
	Translation Keys
	Voyager

Lookup

Type
Alumni Outreach Volunteers
Application
Companies and Foundations
Funds
Organization Contacts
Organizations
Person
Programs
Recruitment Territory
Tour Guides

Record

Type
Address
Contact
Courses: Courses
Giving: Gifts
Giving: Pledges
Giving: Planned Giving
Giving: Matching Gifts
Interests: Interests
Jobs
Matching Gift Policies
Materials: Current Record
Materials: Related Record
Opportunities: Current Record
Opportunities: Related Record
Relationships
Research Sources
Schools
Scores
Sports

Care for Self

Query Libraries

- ▶ **Key config areas:** none, but Libraries must be shared
- ▶ **Benefits**
 - ▶ Consistent Query / Report results
 - ▶ Ability to provide newer and less-tech-oriented users with commonly used data points
 - ▶ Create a wealth of drag-and-drop Exports / Filters that contain complex logic
 - ▶ Ease transition from legacy bases to modern CJ bases

Care for Self

Query Libraries

- ▶ Start with Suitcases from Technolutions via Knowledge Base
- ▶ Build office-centric 'most used items' Library
 - Entity Joins, Related Dates Record Joins
 - Items that require multiple Joins, such as Lookup Period or Source Format

Guided Activity

Let's build a shared Organization Lookup view.

- ▶ Go to Record Lookup
- ▶ Click on the Views Icon > Create View
 - Add desired Exports to use as a default view
 - Mark the view as the default view
- ▶ Enjoy your new default view

Independent Activity

Stretch your skills

- ▶ Revise the shared Person or Application Lookup view

Transition to CJs

- ▶ Transition
- ▶ Dependent
 - Workflows
 - Entities
- ▶ Independent
 - Rules
 - Application logic

Report Group Exports

Folder and User

Marketing - Alex

No Folder - Ken

No Folder - RHBexternal

RHB Academy - Erin

RHB Academy - Joshua

Summit 2022 - Erin

Summit 2022 - Megan

Summit 2023 - Erin

System - Abigail

System - Megan

Templates - Alisa

Test - Brian

Group By

Exports

Export Join

My Custom Export

Output

Concatenate

Row Separator

\n = New Line; \t = Tab; \\ = Escaped Backslash

Row Offset

Row Limit

Export Separator

Exports

Export

Message Mailing Folder

User First Name









Filters

Filter NOT (OR)

Join [Message Mailing](#)

Join [Message Mailing / User](#)

Report Groups “Sorts”

Month Sent	Group By
01 - January	Exports  Export    Join
02 - February	Delivered Date 
03 - March	
04 - April	Output <input type="text" value="Concatenate"/>
05 - May	Row Separator <input type="text" value=""/> \n = New Line; \t = Tab; \\ = Escaped Backslash
06 - June	Row Offset <input type="text" value="1"/> Row Limit <input type="text" value=""/>
07 - July	Export Separator <input type="text" value="-"/>
08 - August	
09 - September	Exports  Export  
10 - October	Message Delivered Date - Format MM
11 - November	Message Delivered Date - Format MMMM
12 - December	

Rule Filters

Application Status - Awaiting Materials (Reference - 1)

Application Status - Awaiting Materials (Reference - 2)

Application Status - Awaiting Materials (Reference - 3)

Filters

Matching Rows **6,734**

Filters Filter NOT (OR)

Has Not Received Required Count

Action

No Action Rule Do nothing and skip processing of other lower-p

Status **Awaiting Materials**

Save

Edit Part ✕

Status **Active** ▼

Name **Has Not Received Required Count**

Source **Subquery Filter**

Type **Dependent subquery** ▼

Aggregate **Comparison** ▼

Field 1 **Received** ▼

Operator **<** ▼

Field 2 **Required** ▼

Exports Export Filter Text

Received Filter

Required Filter

Action



No Action Rule

Do nothing and skip processing of

Action

Replace Values from Formula

Exports

 Export 

roundkey

ug_type

Formula

@roundkey + '_' + @ug_type

The image shows a software interface with two main panels. On the left is the 'Action' configuration panel, and on the right is the 'Edit Part' dialog box.

Action Panel:

- Action:** Replace Values
- Exports:** Export
- Formula:** @header
- Buttons:** Do nothing, Export, header
- Save:** Save

Edit Part Dialog:

- Status:** Active
- Name:** header
- Source:** Subquery Export
- Type:** Dependent subquery
- Output:** Concatenate
- Row Separator:** (empty) \n = New Line; \t = Tab; \\ = Escaped Backslash
- Row Offset:** 1
- Row Limit:** (empty)
- Export Separator:** -
- Exports:** Export, header, T
- Lookup Round Key:** Application UG Student Type (App)

Action

No Action Rule Do nothing and skip pro

Field

Action

Exports

Join [Address by Rank Ov](#)

Formula

Filters NOT (OR)

Sorts

Groups

Aggregate

Export Value Key:

Format Type

Null Value

Filters

Matching Rows 342

Filters

 Filter NOT (OR) 

[Material Count by Type \(with dates\)](#) Number = 1; Material Type IN Recommendation Letter; Start Date (optional) = ; End Date (optional) =

Action

No Action Rule Do nothing and skip processing of other lower-priority rules in this Exclusivity Group when filter criteria are met.

Field

Action

Value

Insert Record in Application Logic



Status

Folder

Type

Section

Name

Warning

Group

Base

Filters

Matching Rows

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Filters

Filter NOT (OR) Join

Exists: Another Application - Same Program, Same Term

Edit Record in Application Logic

Status: Active
Folder:
Type: Submission Requirement
Section:
Name: Two academic references required
Warning: Hard Fail
Group:
Base: Configurable Joins - Application

Filters

Matching Rows: 70

Filters: Filter NOT (OR) Join

Count < 2 academic, non-excluded references

Aggregate

Count

Value

< 2

Filters

Filter NOT (OR) Join

Join Application References

Application References / Excluded = No

Application References / Type Type IN Academic

Different counts for different programs? Translate it!

Key Takeaways

- ▶ We now understand when and where to Join.
- ▶ We now have ‘database caring’ tools for creating customized user experiences.
- ▶ We now have ‘database boosting’ tools that extend Join functionality beyond queries.

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