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Data Automation

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• A process used to collect data from various sources, transform the data depending on business rules, and load the data into a destination database. Source: http://www.sql-tutorial.net/ETL.asp

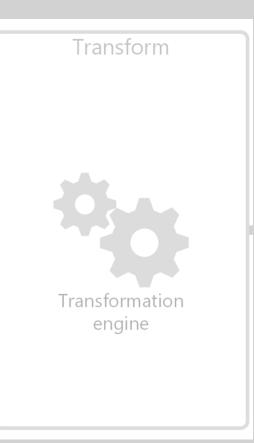
Transform Extract Load Data source 1 Transformation engine Data source 2

Image source: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/architecture/data-guide/relational-data/etl

Transform

The data transformation may include:

- filtering
- sorting
- aggregating
- joining data
- cleaning data
- changing data characteristics
- generating calculated data based on existing values
- validating data
- etc.



ETL: Extract, transform, and load

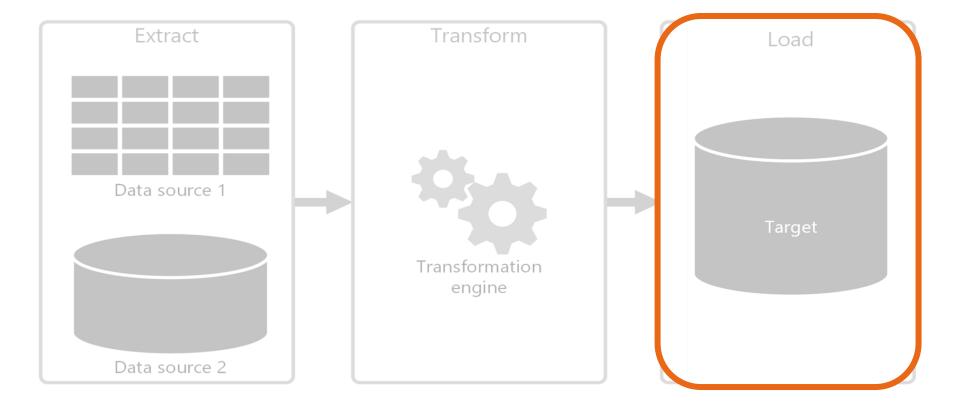


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What is data automation?

Automates data transformation, i.e., the ETL process



Why Alteryx?

Users can manipulate data using repeatable drag and drop workflows without having advanced programming skills (such as SQL, Python, R) How automation works

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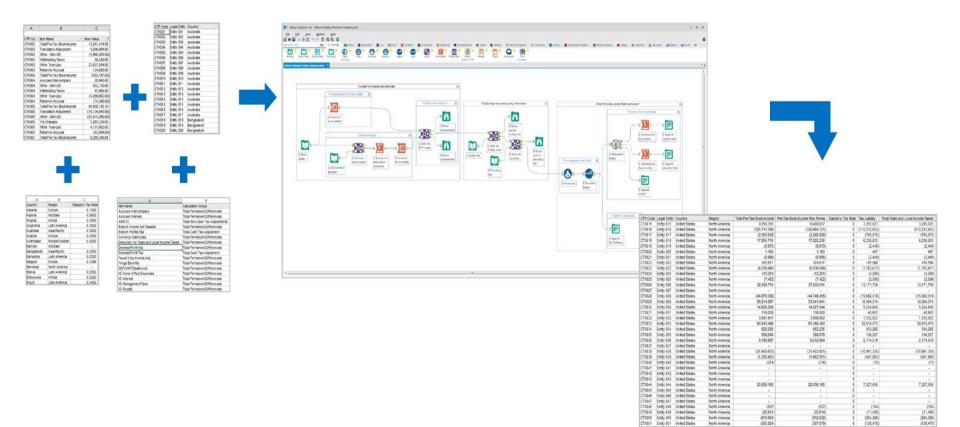
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Outputs

Inputs



Workflow

A.1.

Visibly determine how many unique customers are included in both tables.

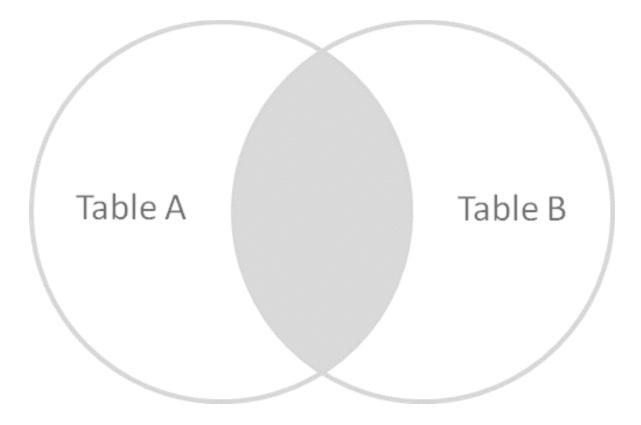
tblAge	
Name	Age
Karen	60
Juan	42
Jay	39
Xiao	27
Connie	71

tblOccupation

Name	Occupation
Rhiana	Accountant
Juan	Nurse
Jay	Carpenter
Jing	Teacher
Connie	Technologist



Inner join





INNER JOIN

How many records would be in the output?

tblAge

Name	Age
Karen	60
Juan	42
Jay	39
Xiao	27
Connie	71

tblOccupation

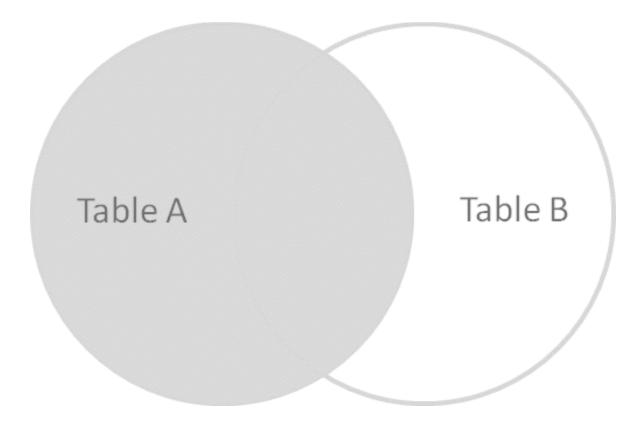
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Rhiana	Accountant
Juan	Nurse
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Connie	Technologist

INNER JOIN OUTPUT (FLAT FILE)

Name	Age	Occupation
Juan	42	Nurse
Jay	39	Carpenter
Connie	71	Technologist



Left outer join



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LEFT OUTER JOIN

How many records would be in the output?

tblAge

Name	Age
Karen	60
Juan	42
Jay	39
Xiao	27
Connie	71

tblOccupation

Name	Occupation
Rhiana	Accountant
Juan	Nurse
Јау	Carpenter
Jing	Teacher
Connie	Technologist



LEFT OUTER JOIN OUTPUT (FLAT FILE)

Name	Age	Occupation
Karen	60	
Juan	42	Nurse
Jay	39	Carpenter
Xiao	27	
Connie	71	Technologist

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RIGHT OUTER JOIN

How many records would be in the output?

tblAge

Name	Age
Karen	60
Juan	42
Jay	39
Xiao	27
Connie	71

tblOccupation

Name	Occupation
Rhiana	Accountant
Juan	Nurse
Јау	Carpenter
Jing	Teacher
Connie	Technologist



RIGHT OUTER JOIN OUTPUT (FLAT FILE)

Name	Age	Occupation
Rhiana		Accountant
Juan	42	Nurse
Jay	39	Carpenter
Jing		Teacher
Connie	71	Technologist

There are seven unique customers. We want seven records in our output file.

tblAge

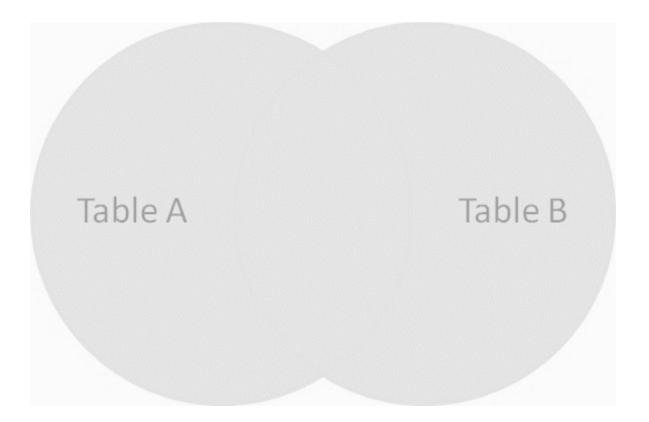
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tblOccupation

Name	Occupation
Rhiana	Accountant
Juan	Nurse
Jay	Carpenter
Jing	Teacher
Connie	Technologist



Full outer join





FULL OUTER JOIN OUTPUT (FLAT FILE)

Name	Age	Occupation
Karen	60	
Juan	42	Nurse
Jay	39	Carpenter
Xiao	27	
Connie	71	Technologist
Rhiana		Accountant
Jing		Teacher

A.2.

Visibly determine how many unique salespeople had sales in either January or February.

tblSales-January				
Name	Sales			
Masauda	149			
Heather	172			
Terry	110			

tblSales-February

Name	Sales
Masauda	126
Lynn	138
Heather	141

A.3.

You want to generate a list of sales by salesclerk by month to compute commissions due.

tblSales-January			
Name	Sales		
Masauda	149		
Heather	172		
Terry	110		

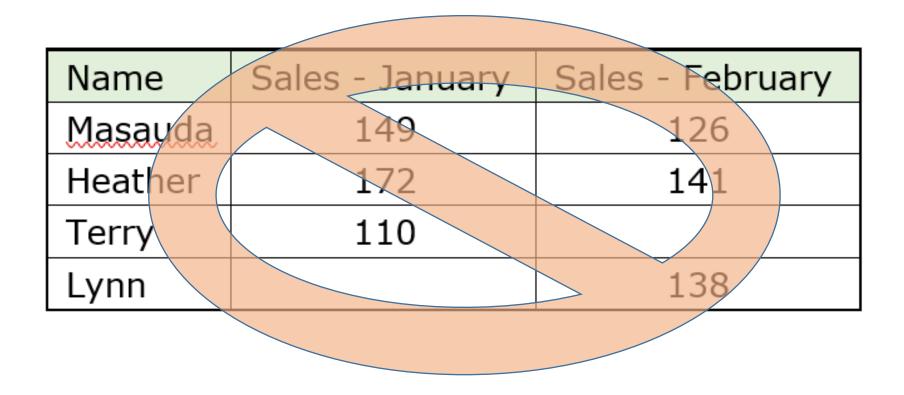
tblSales-February

Name	Sales
Masauda	126
Lynn	138
Heather	141

Is an outer join appropriate?

Exercise: Understanding Joins and Unions

FULL OUTER JOIN OUTPUT (FLAT FILE)

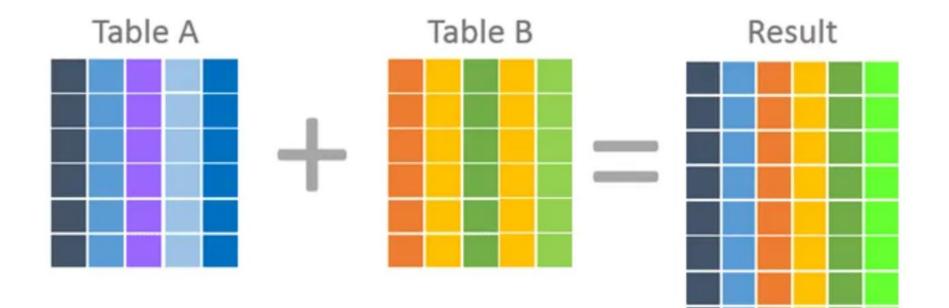


UNION (FLAT FILE)

Name	Sales	Source
Masauda	149	tblJanuary
Heather	172	tblJanuary
Terry	110	tblJanuary
Masauda	126	tblFebruary
Lynn	138	tblFebruary
Heather	141	tblFebruary

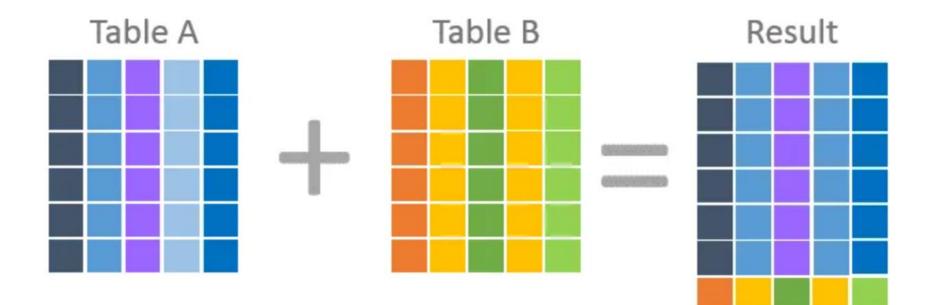


Joins add columns





Unions add rows



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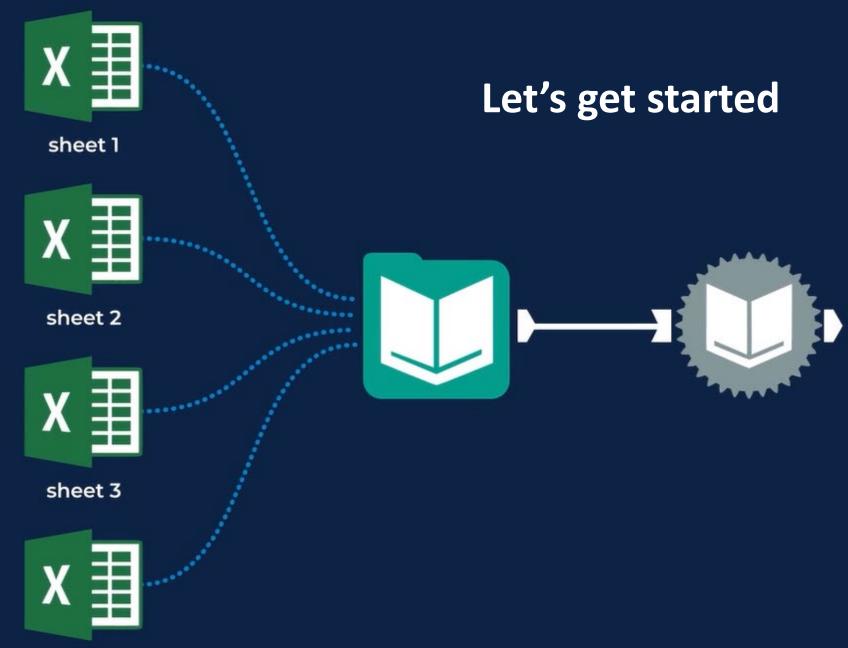
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Alteryx primary component

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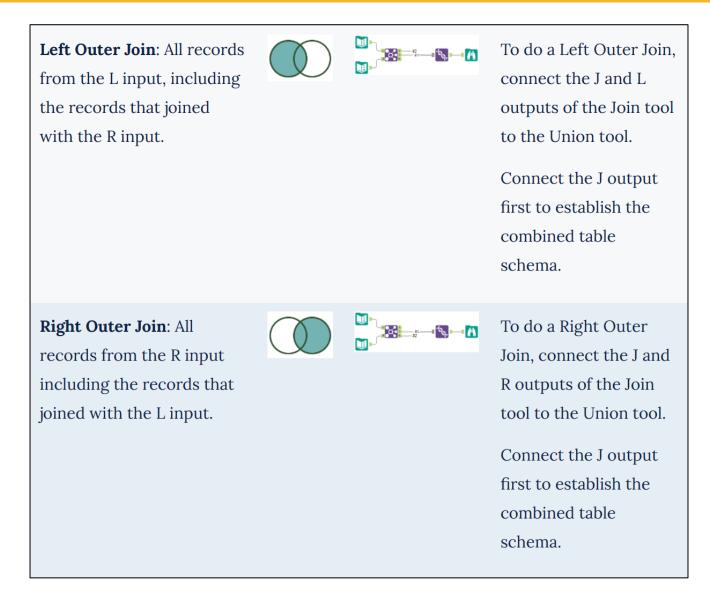




Hands-on Exercise Joins and Unions.yxmd

Opening this file will initiate the Alteryx application with the tblAge, tblOccupation, tblSales-January, and tblSales-February data.

How to create outer joins in Alteryx





Workflows (.yxmd)

- Workflows without a copy of the data
- > File > Save

Packaged Workflows (.yxzp)

- Same as .yxmd <u>plus</u> a copy of the data
- First save your workflow (.yxmd)
- > Option > Export Workflow

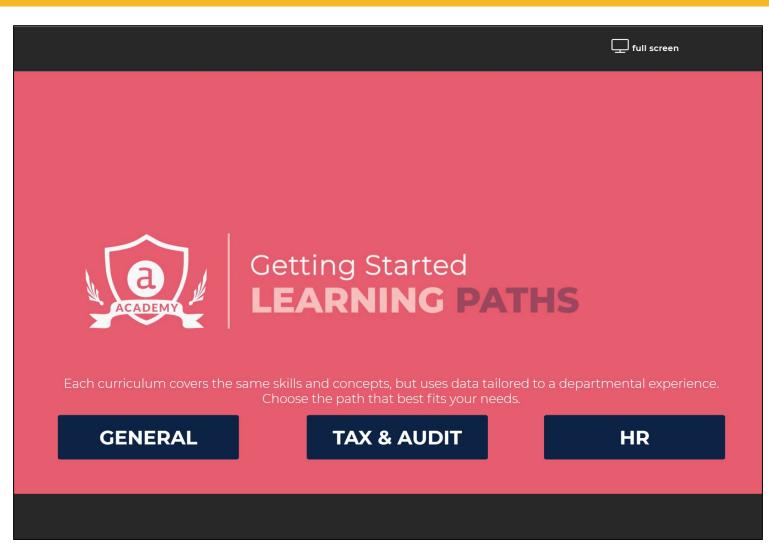
Alteryx tutorials – various paths

In Alteryx: Help tab > Tutorials

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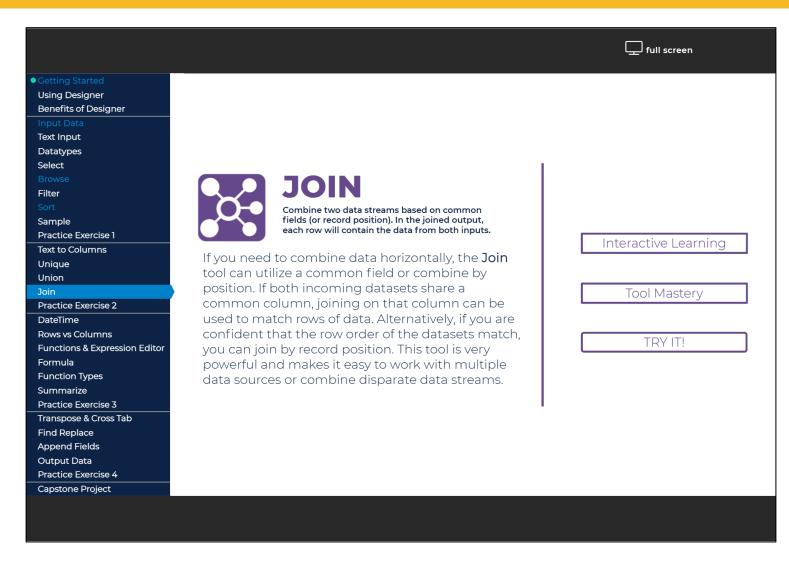
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Learning Paths - Alteryx Community

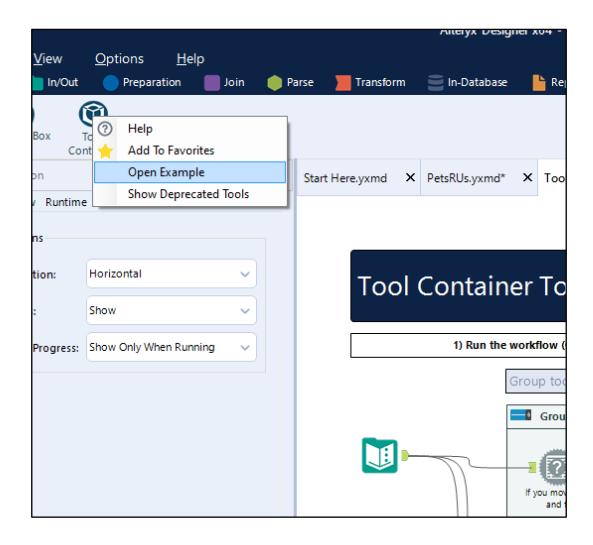
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Right click on any tool; select "Open Example"





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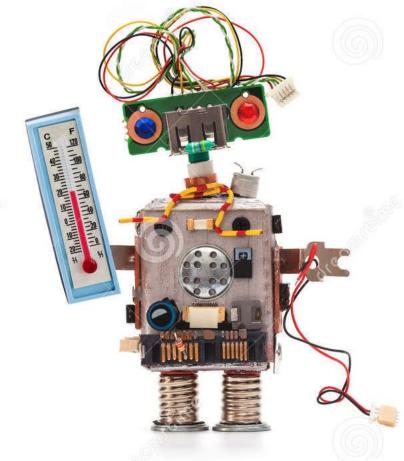


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