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Nah – no practical limit (the maximum tables per SELECT statement in SQL Server 8.0 is 256). If you look at the grammar for the FROM clause in BOL you'll see it's a recursive grammar.

If you were to join a couple hundred tables in your FROM clause you'd probably hit some limits when you started running out of memory in the procedure cache for your query plan and the CPU ground to a halt trying to process the mother of all queries but if you stay under 200 joins in a single query you should be OK. ;-)

Happy joining!

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Peter wrote:
>I am going to create a query with more than 1 LEFT JOIN.
>I would like to know is there any limit (Like only 1 can
>be used) in SQL Server 2000 ?
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>Thanks
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