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Subject: Re: How can I achieve retrieving data from different tables and marking them as printed?

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It is not possible to select a record from the database, then update it to say that it has been processed, if it does not have a primary key.

If you build a database table which does not have a primary key then you are asking for trouble.

If you are trying to merge data from several tables and treat them as if they come from a single table then this is only possible if those tables have identical structures. This is one of the limitations of a UNION in SQL. If they do not have identical structures then you must use alias names in the select list to force the list of column names to be identical.

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