

# Data Load in Product Table.

## Problem

While loading the data from staging table into product table, I encountered an error. There were many repeated product\_id in the CSV file, which makes sense because same ID could have multiple transactions from multiple locations. However, in RDBMS product\_id being the P.K. we cannot have duplicates.

## Solution.

I'm gonna use CTE & window function to group distinct product\_id & rank each group respectively. Then insert into the product table casting appropriate datatypes.

Let's look at the code to understand clearly.

WITH ranked\_products AS (

SELECT

product\_id,  
product\_name,  
category,

ROW\_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY product\_id ORDER BY product\_name) AS rn

FROM staging\_data\_raw

WHERE product\_id IS NOT NULL  
)

INSERT INTO product (product\_id, product\_name, category)

SELECT

CAST (product\_id AS INT),

CAST (product\_name AS VARCHAR(50))

CAST (category AS VARCHAR(50))

FROM ranked\_products

WHERE rn = 1

Common Table Expression [CTE] - Usually starts "WITH" to call CTE

Think of it like creating a temporary view or table that you can use right after.

SELECT - Choosing the columns

ROW\_NUMBER() OVER(...) AS rn - This generates a row number for each row within the same product\_id group.

PARTITION BY product\_id - This tells SQL to re-start the row numbering for each product\_id group.

ORDER BY product\_name decides the order in which the row numbers are assigned.

AS rn - This gives a name to the generated row number column

FROM staging\_data\_row - This is the source table - where all row CSV data was loaded.

WHERE product\_id IS NOT NULL - This skips rows that are missing a product ID, since they can't be inserted into table that requires it.

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INSERT INTO product
SELECT CAST( . . . . )
FROM ranked_products
WHERE rn=1
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