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## Chapter 7: \$merge Aggregation Stage

### \$merge Syntax

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Correct Answer:

```
{
  $merge: {
    into: "employee_data",
    whenNotMatched: "insert",
    whenMatched: "fail"
  }
}
```

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If we are **not** expecting to find any matching documents in the **employee\_data** collection, then finding a matching document should raise a red flag. One way to deal with this is to throw an error, which is denoted by **whenMatched: "fail"**.

Additionally, it would not make sense to **replace** or **merge** the documents in **employee\_data** with the output documents, because we weren't expecting to find any matches.

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