Data Modification & Security Fundamentals

<Practice with DML and security fundamentals>

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Data Modification

<Let's explore common data modifications commands>

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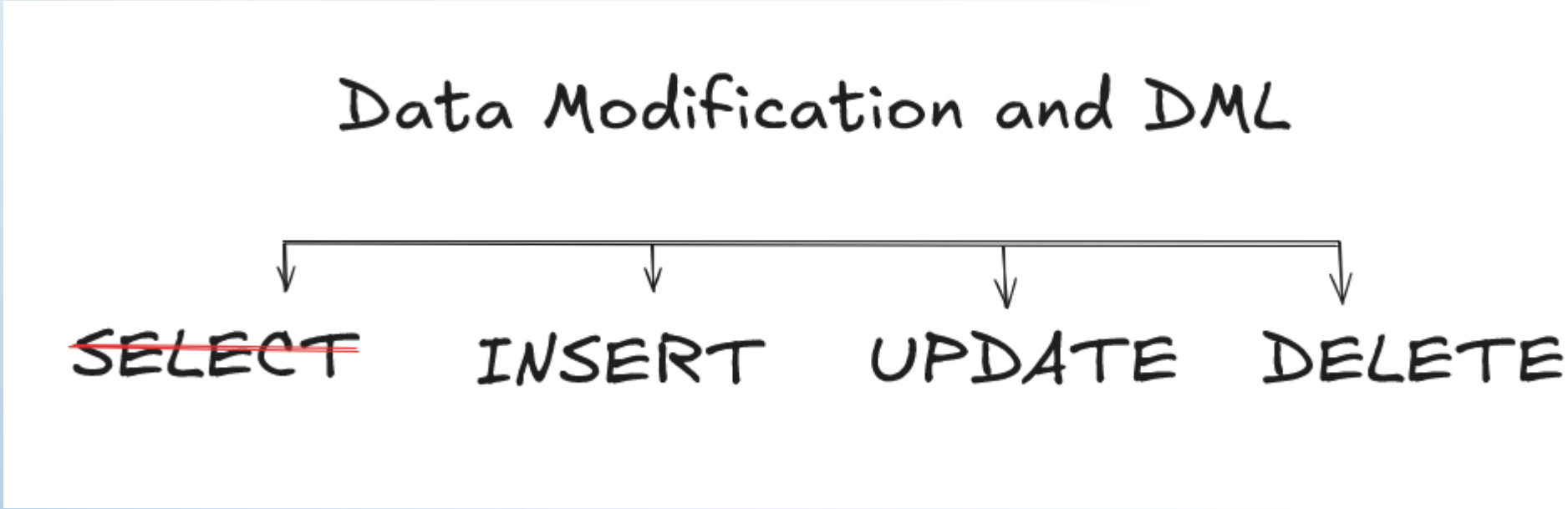

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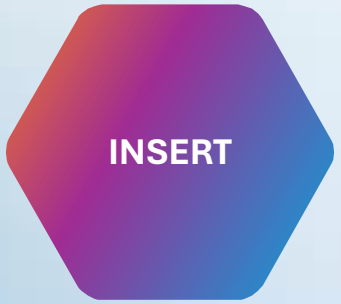

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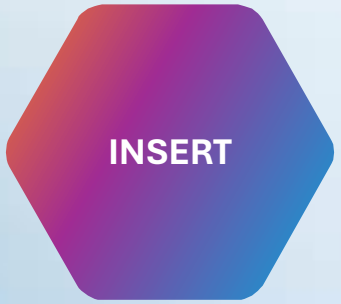

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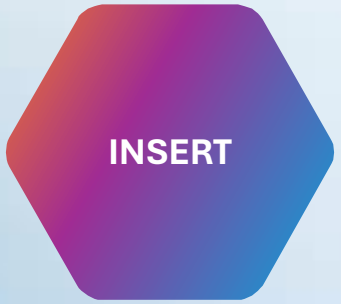

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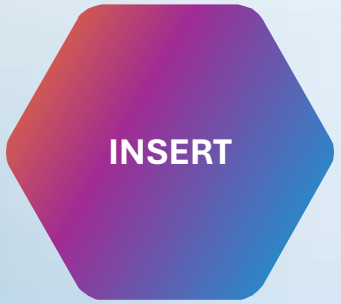

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[23502] ERROR: null value in column "email" of relation "customers" violates not-null constraint
Detail: Failing row contains (1, Yevhen, Yermolenko, null, null, null, 2025-03-23 16:13:05.15775)
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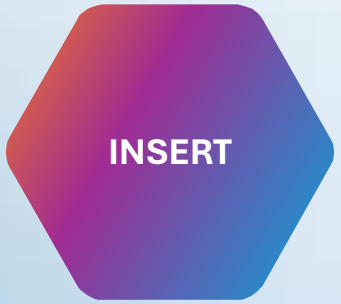

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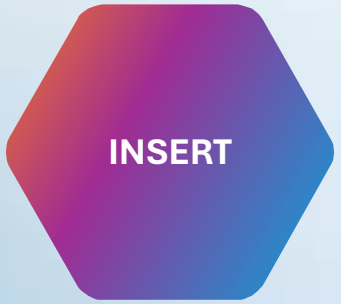

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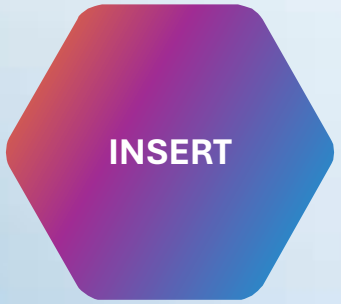
The data types smallserial, serial and bigserial are not true types, but merely a notational convenience for creating unique identifier columns (similar to the AUTO_INCREMENT).



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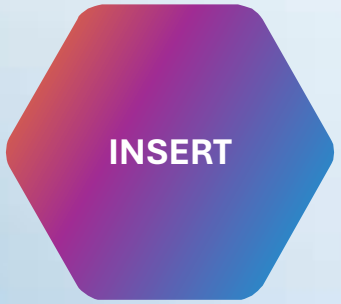

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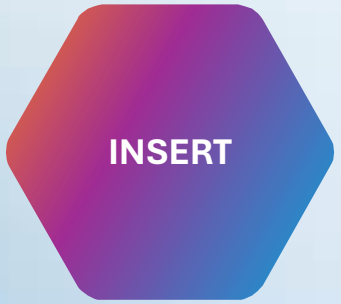

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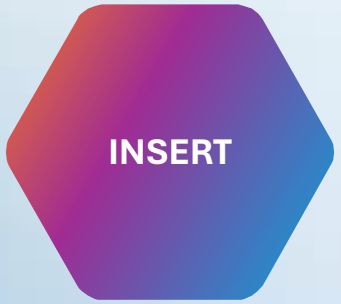

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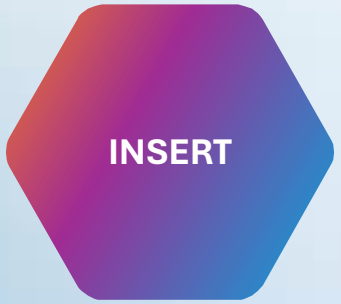

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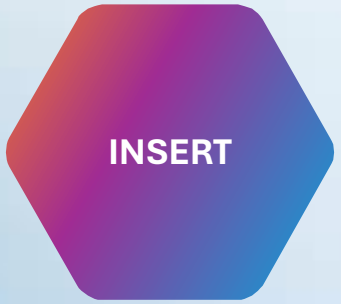

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Enterprise insertion script example

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DO $$
  DECLARE customer_exists INT;
  BEGIN
    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO customer_exists FROM customers WHERE id = 1;

    IF customer_exists > 0 THEN
      RAISE NOTICE 'Conflict detected: Employee ID already exists. Rolling back transaction.';
    ELSE
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      RAISE NOTICE 'Insert successful. Committing transaction.';
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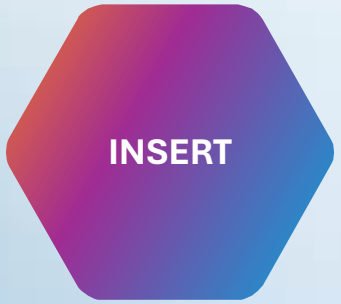

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- Use DEFAULT values for missing columns
- Validate data types before inserting
- Handle duplicate keys with ON CONFLICT
- Use Transactions for bulk inserts to ensure atomicity

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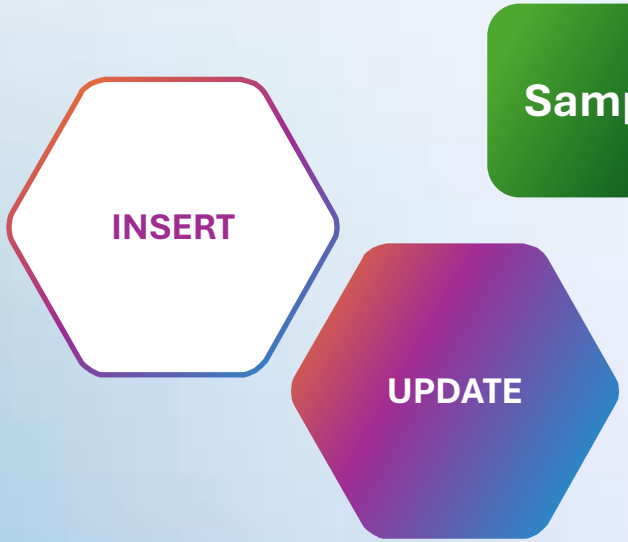

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SET first_name = ‘YEVHEN’,
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WHERE *id = 1;*

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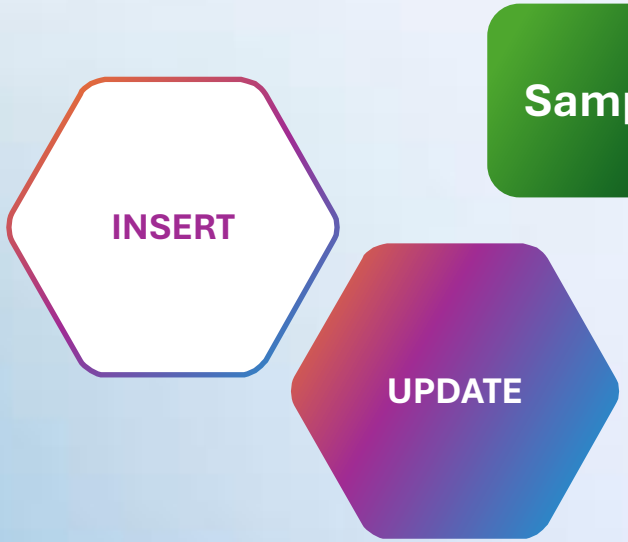


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   id                                SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
   customer_id                       INT    NOT NULL,
   balance                           DECIMAL(15, 2) NOT NULL DEFAULT 0.00,
   FOREIGN KEY (customer_id)
   REFERENCES customers (id) ON DELETE CASCADE
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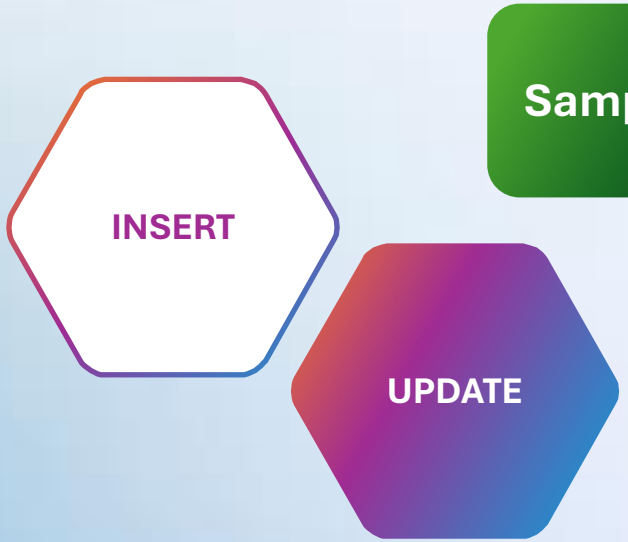

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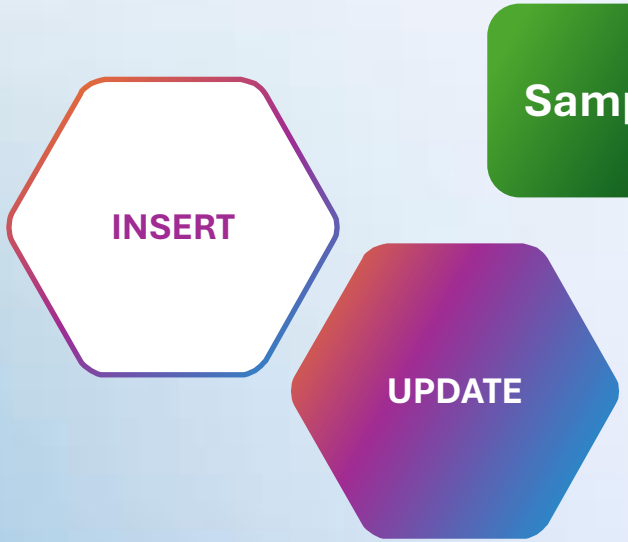

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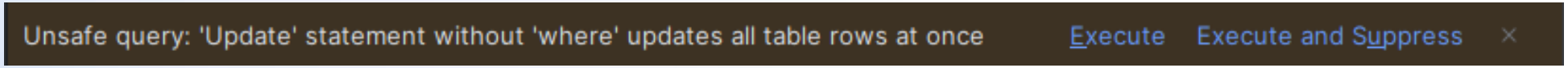

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- Use update inside transaction;
- First run SELECT with the same WHERE condition to verify affected rows.

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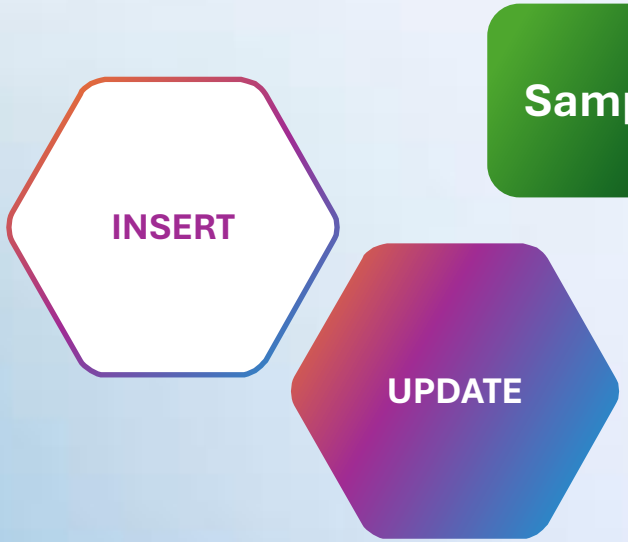

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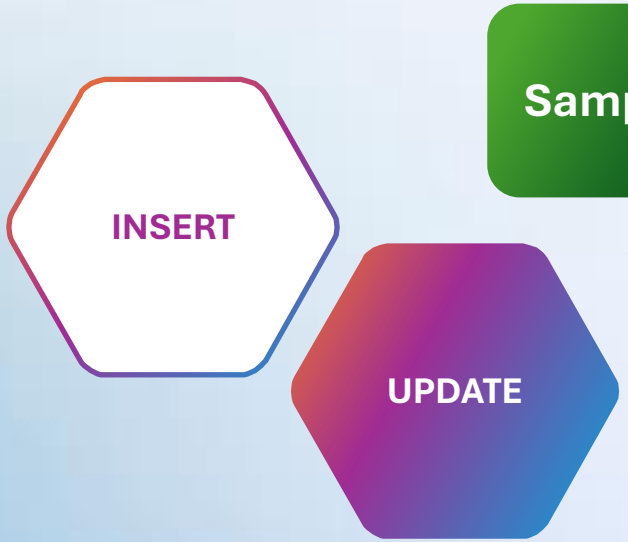

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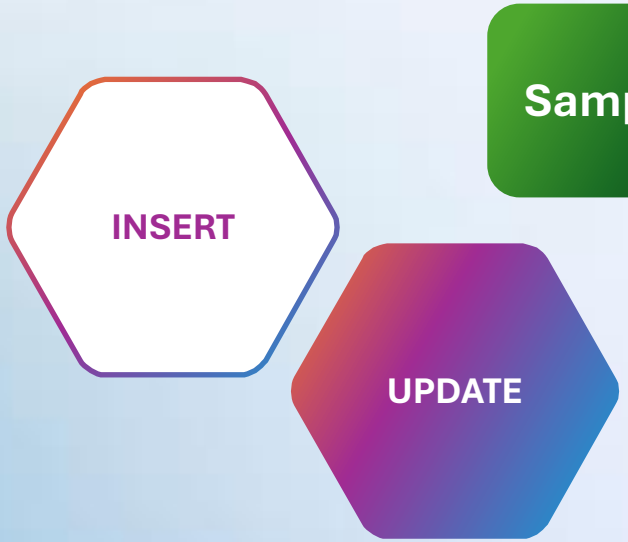

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SUMMARY

- Always use WHERE with UPDATE
- Do UPDATE inside transactions
- Do updates in batches for large amount of data
- Use SELECT to check condition before executing UPDATE
- Use proper updates for complex data structures:
  … SET data = jsonb_set(data, ‘{balance}’, ‘100’) …

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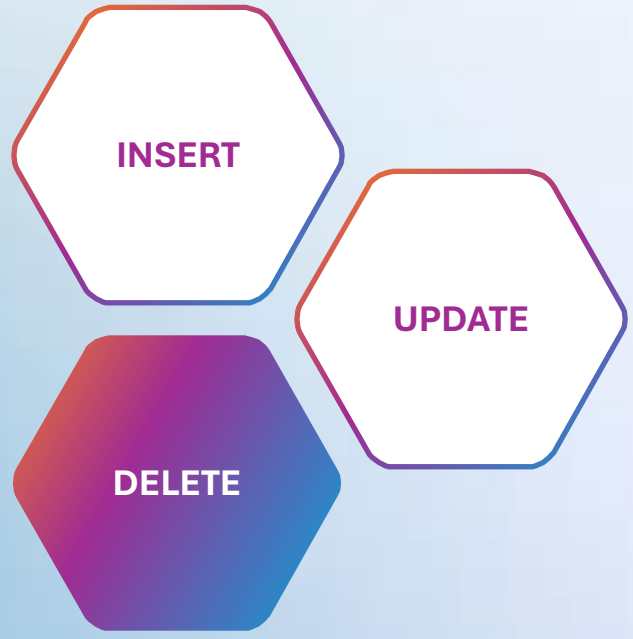

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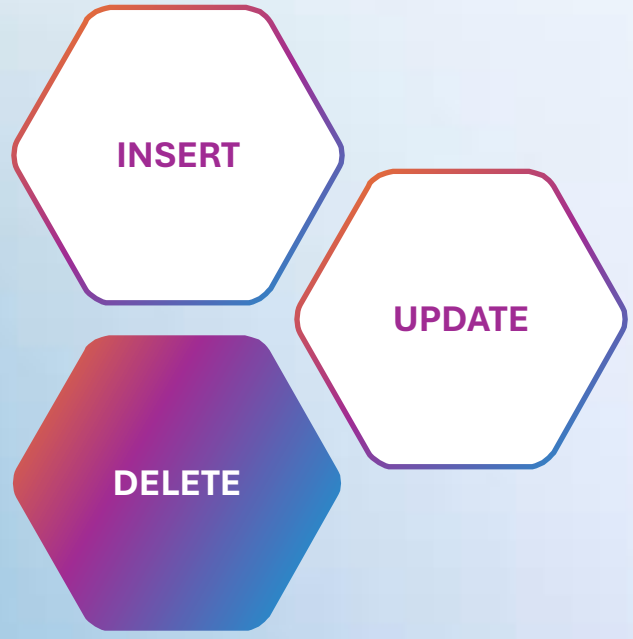

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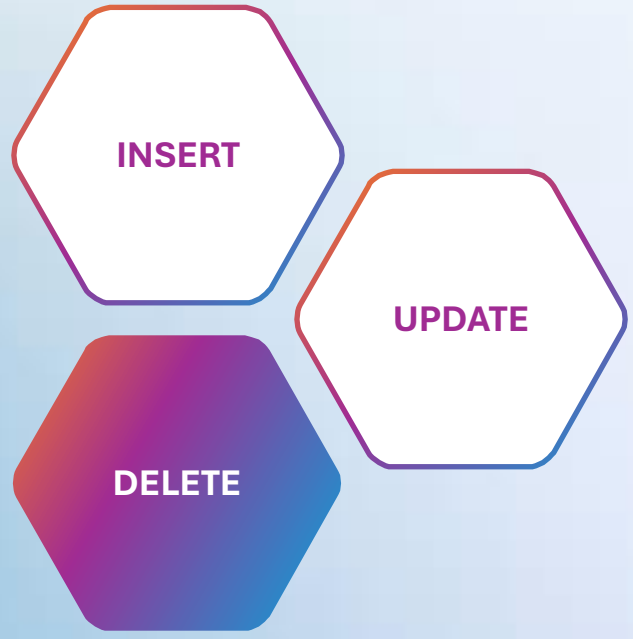

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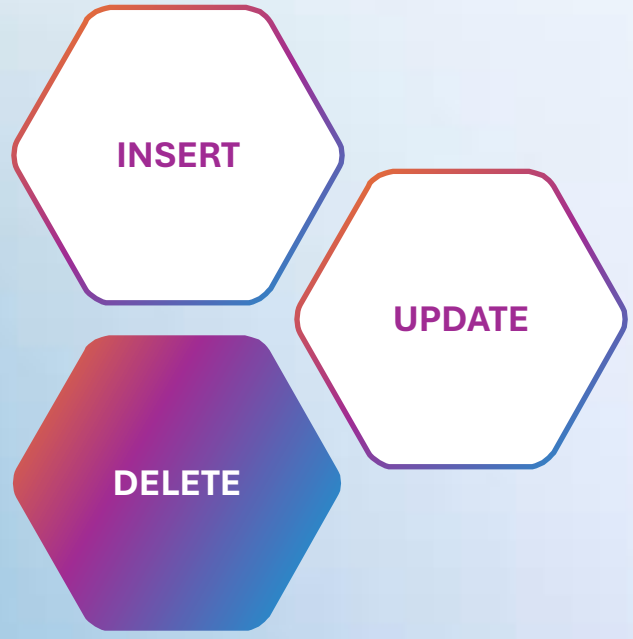

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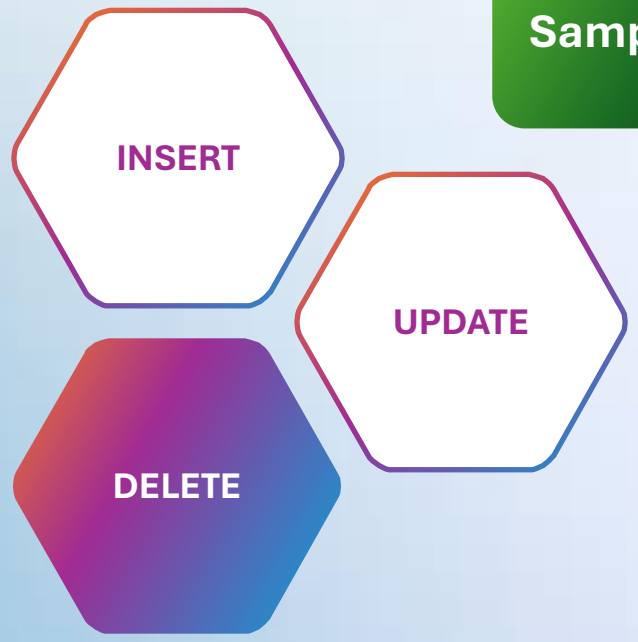

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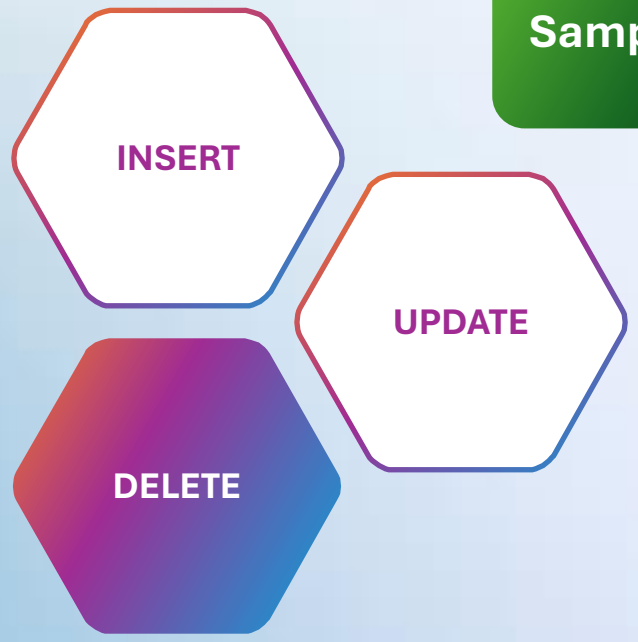

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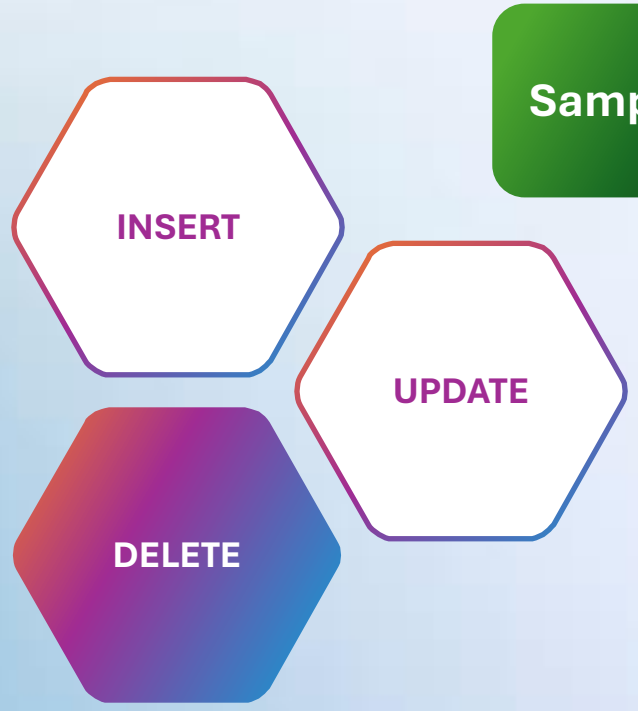

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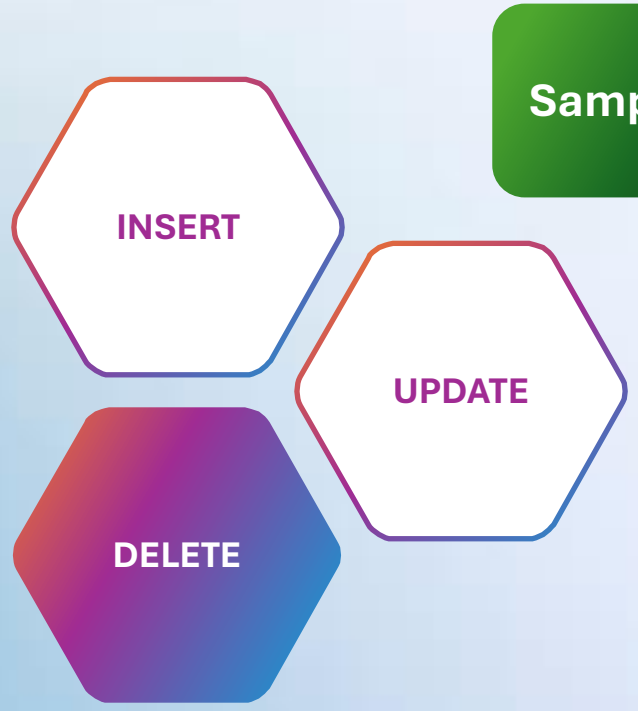

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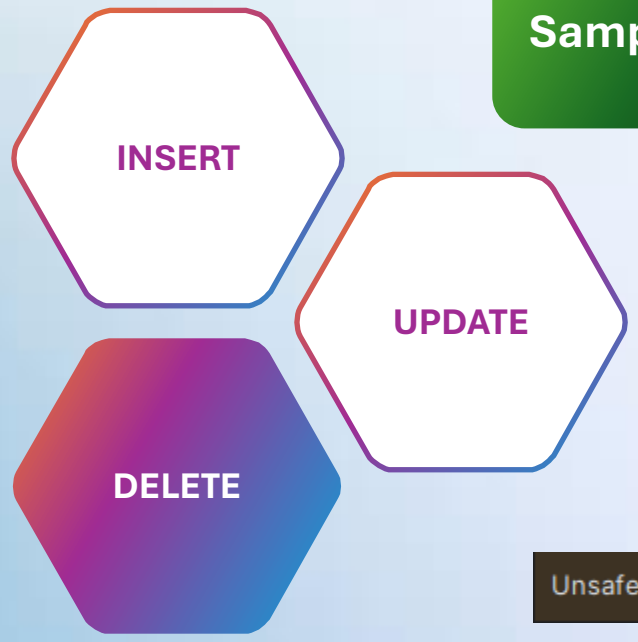

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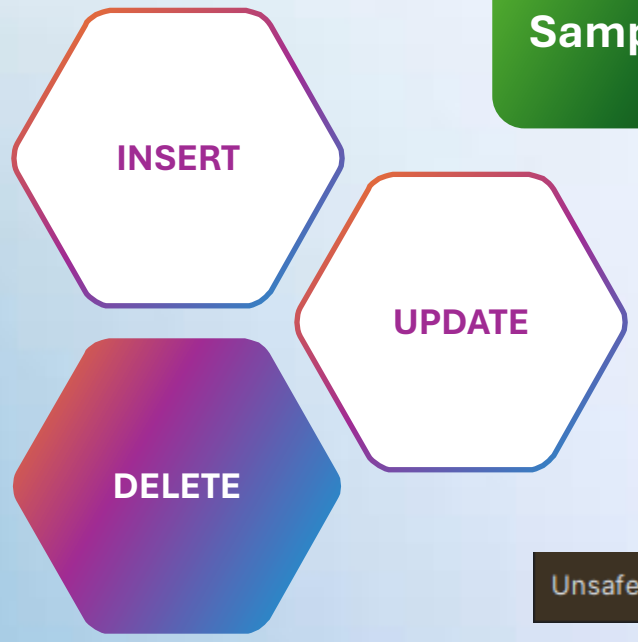

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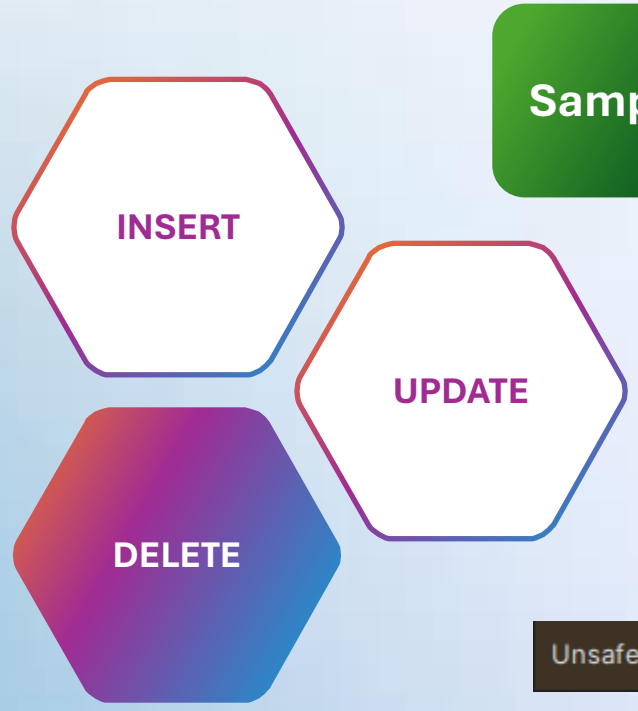

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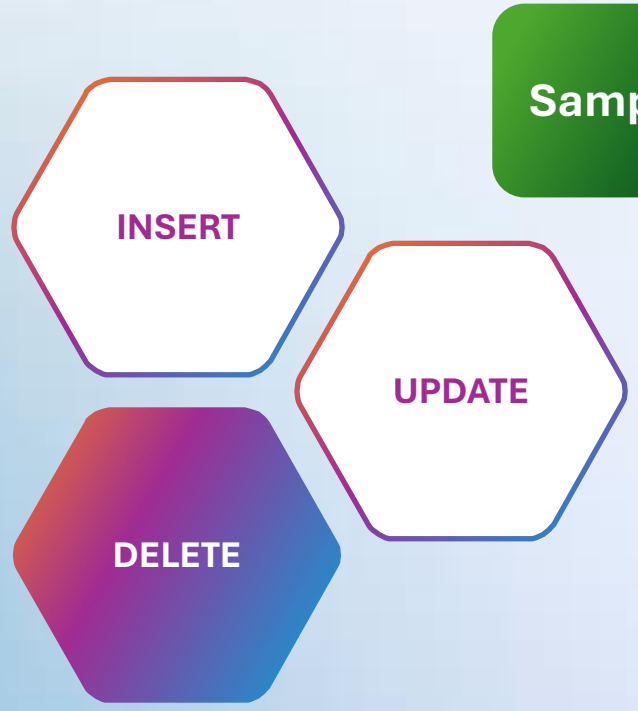

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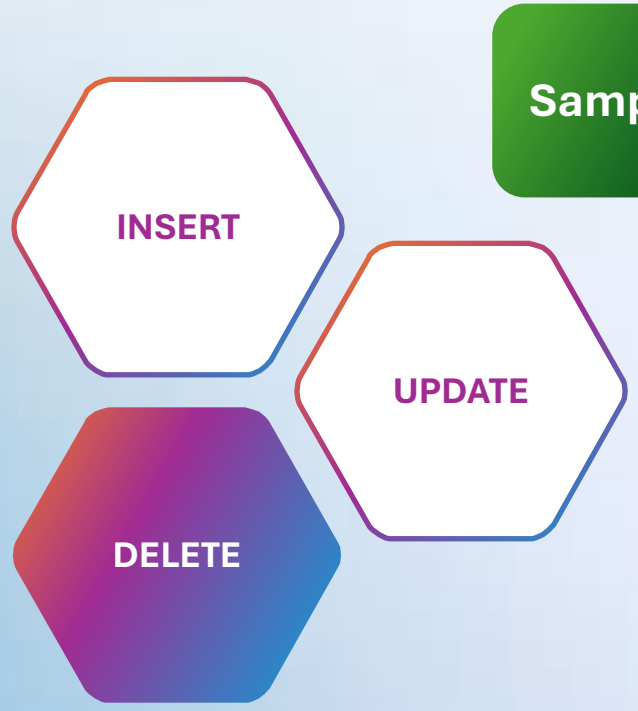

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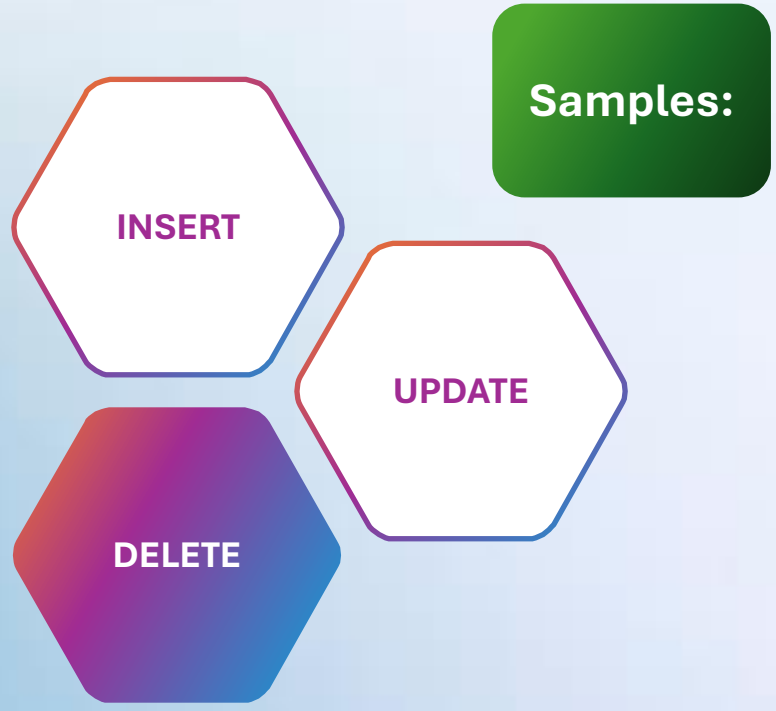

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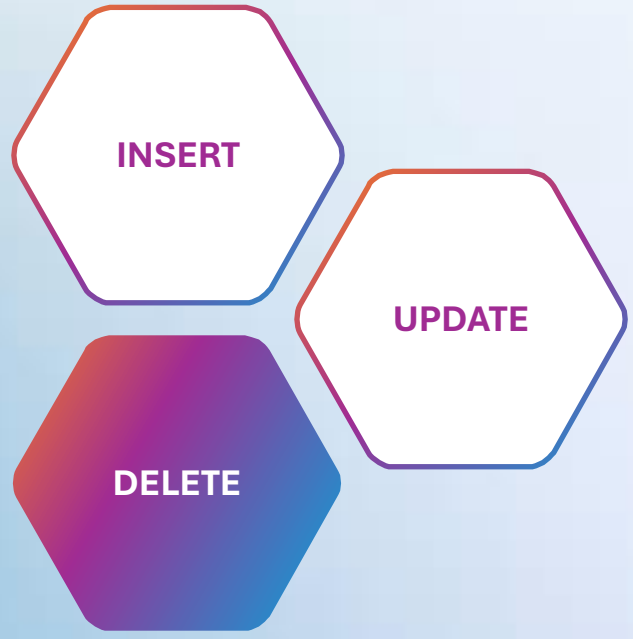

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`DELETE`	Removes specific rows based on a `WHERE` condition.	Slower (logs individual row deletions).	✅ Supports rollback (when inside a transaction).	❌ No effect on schema.	✅ Checks foreign key constraints.
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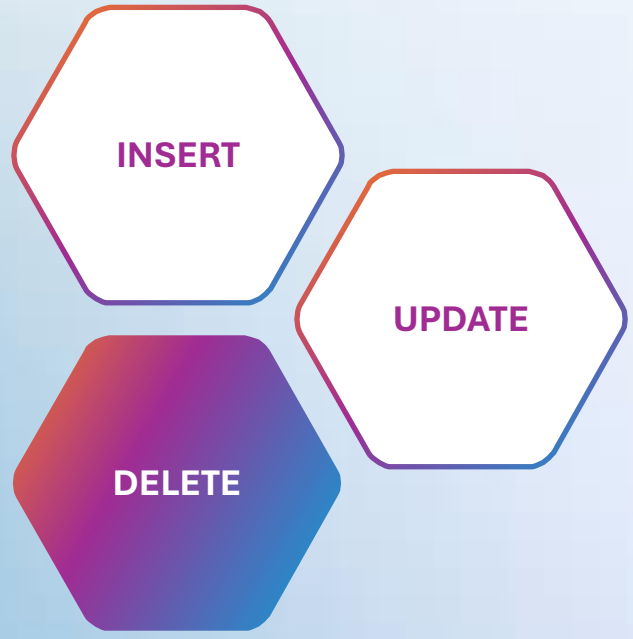

SUMMARY

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- Do DELETE inside transactions
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- Use SELECT to check condition before executing DELETE
- Handle concurrency issues by locking rows before deletion
- Use SOFT DELETE instead of physical deletion

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- Error messages and warnings

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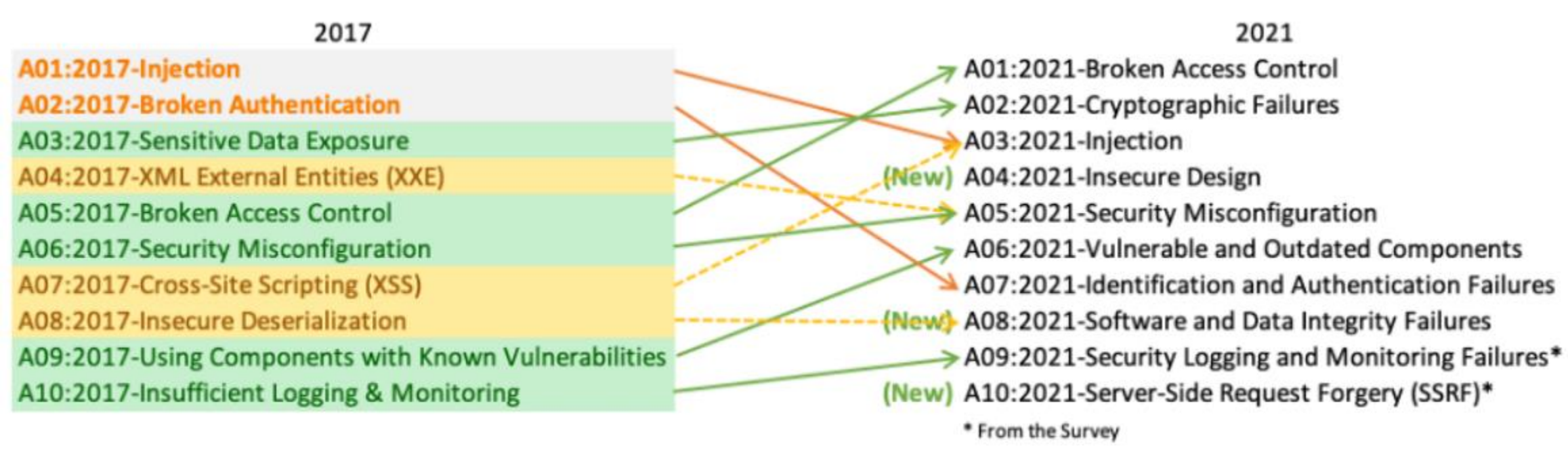

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