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1 What are Window Functions?

Window functions perform calculations across a set of rows related to the current row, without collapsing rows like GROUP BY.

👉 You still see **all rows**, but with **extra calculated columns**.

2 OVER() clause (Heart of Window Functions)

```
function_name() OVER (  
  PARTITION BY column  
  ORDER BY column  
)
```

- **PARTITION BY** → divides data into groups (like GROUP BY, but keeps rows)
 - **ORDER BY** → defines order inside each group
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3 ROW_NUMBER()

Assigns a **unique number** to each row.

```
ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY dept ORDER BY salary DESC)
```

- Always unique
- Used for **deduplication**, **top N records**

👉 If salaries are same → still different row numbers.

4 RANK()

Assigns rank with **gaps**.

```
RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY dept ORDER BY salary DESC)
```

- Same values → same rank
- Next rank is skipped

Example: 1, 1, 3

5 DENSE_RANK()

Assigns rank **without gaps**.

```
DENSE_RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY dept ORDER BY salary DESC)
```

Example: 1, 1, 2

👉 Used when **continuous ranking** is needed.

6 COALESCE()

Not a window function, but **commonly used with them**.

```
COALESCE(column, 0)
```

- Returns first **non-NULL** value
 - Used to handle NULLs in calculations
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7 NTILE(n)

Divides data into **n equal buckets**.

NTILE(4) OVER (ORDER BY salary)

- Used for **quartiles, percentiles**
 - Common in analytics & reporting
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8 LAG()

Gets value from **previous row**.

LAG(salary, 1) OVER (ORDER BY date)

Used for:

- Comparing current vs previous
 - Growth analysis
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9 LEAD()

Gets value from **next row**.

LEAD(salary, 1) OVER (ORDER BY date)

Used for:

- Future comparison
 - Trend analysis
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10 RUNNING TOTAL

Cumulative sum over rows.

SUM(amount) OVER (ORDER BY date)

- Adds current + previous values
 - Common in **financial reports**
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◆ CTE (Common Table Expression)

1 What is a CTE?

A **temporary named result set** used inside a query.

```
WITH cte_name AS (
```

```
  SELECT ...
```

```
)
```

```
SELECT * FROM cte_name;
```

🔗 Improves **readability** and **reusability**.

2 Simple CTE

Used to break complex logic.

```
WITH sales_cte AS (
```

```
  SELECT emp_id, SUM(amount) total_sales
```

```
  FROM sales
```

```
  GROUP BY emp_id
```

```
)
```

```
SELECT * FROM sales_cte;
```

3 Using CTE Multiple Times

Same CTE can be reused in one query.

```
WITH data AS (...)
```

```
SELECT ...
```

```
FROM data d1
```

```
JOIN data d2 ...
```

🔗 Avoids repeating subqueries.

4 Window Functions + CTE Combo

CTE prepares data → Window function analyzes it.

```
WITH ranked_sales AS (
```

```
  SELECT emp_id, salary,
```

```
         RANK() OVER (ORDER BY salary DESC) rnk
```

```
  FROM employees
```

```
)
```

```
SELECT * FROM ranked_sales WHERE rnk <= 3;
```

5 Recursive CTE

Used for **hierarchical data** (manager → employee).

```
WITH RECURSIVE emp_hierarchy AS (
```

```
  SELECT emp_id, manager_id
```

```
  FROM employees
```

```
  WHERE manager_id IS NULL
```

```
  UNION ALL
```

```
  SELECT e.emp_id, e.manager_id
```

```
  FROM employees e
```

```
  JOIN emp_hierarchy h
```

```
  ON e.manager_id = h.emp_id
```

```
)
```

```
SELECT * FROM emp_hierarchy;
```

🔗 Used for:

- Org charts
 - Tree structures
 - Parent-child relationships
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✓ Summary

- **Window functions** → calculations without collapsing rows
- **OVER()** → defines window
- **ROW_NUMBER / RANK / DENSE_RANK** → ranking logic
- **LAG / LEAD** → row comparison
- **NTILE** → bucket distribution
- **Running total** → cumulative analytics
- **CTE** → readable, reusable queries
- **Recursive CTE** → hierarchical data