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- Filtering with WHERE
- JOINS (INNER JOIN)
- Aggregation (SUM + GROUP BY)
- Window functions: DENSE_RANK(), ROW_NUMBER()
- Subqueries for filtering top-N per group
- Debugging SQL errors: window function rules & alias issues

Functions:

- Concepts:

- [REDACTED]**

- Linked Service = connection definition
- Managed Identity = best practice authentication
- Integration Runtime = compute engine
- Schedule Trigger = run every X hours
- Retry logic = configured at activity level

Key Debugging Clues:

- You learned to read:

- Activity output JSON

- Error messages
- Dependency failures
- IR-level failures



5. ADF BEST PRACTICES (FULL PROFESSIONAL VERSION) ✓

PIPELINE DESIGN

- Keep pipelines modular: raw → processed → curated
- One pipeline = one purpose
- Use parameters, avoid hardcoding
- Reuse datasets

DATASET & LINKED SERVICE

- Linked Services hold credentials
- Datasets should be generic + parameterized
- Use parameters: container, folder, file_pattern, file_name

DYNAMIC EXPRESSIONS

- Use concat(), pipeline().parameters, item(), dataset().parameters
- Always format dates explicitly

LOGGING & MONITORING

- filesRead for wildcard debugging
- Log rowsCopied, dataRead, dataWritten
- Use Azure Monitor for alerts

RETRY, DEPENDENCY & ERROR HANDLING

- Configure retry on activities, not pipelines
- Use Succeeded / Failed dependencies
- Validate → IfSuccess → Notebook
→ IfFail → AlertEmail

METADATA-DRIVEN PIPELINES

- Lookup → ForEach → Copy
- Use @item().folder and @item().file_pattern
- Dynamic curated paths with concat()

PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION

- Prefer Parquet over CSV
- Avoid too many small files
- Allocate IR properly
- Narrow wildcard patterns



6. REVIEWED EXERCISES ✓

Q1–Q9: All correct (one improved)

You demonstrated:

- Clear understanding of ADF architecture
- Strong debugging reasoning
- Correct SQL & Pandas practices
- Enterprise-level pipeline thinking



END OF DAY 6 ■