

# [Snowflake] - Query in source does not work

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## Issue

When customer try to read data from snowflake with query, he may meet error like:

1. SQL compilation error: error line 1 at position 7 invalid identifier 'xxx'
2. SQL compilation error: Object 'xxx' does not exist or not authorized.

## Root Cause

Customer error with wrong configuration.

## Resolution

For snowflake, it applies the following rules for storing identifiers (at creation/definition time) and resolving them (in queries and other SQL statements):

When an identifier (table name, schema name, column name...) is unquoted, it is stored and resolved in uppercase by default, it is case-in-sensitive.

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- Because it is case-in-sensitive, so the customer can feel free to use following query to read snowflake data w
- o Select MovieID, title from Public.TestQuotedTable2
  - o Select movieId, title from Public.TESTQUOTEDTABLE2
  - o Select movieID, TITLE from PUBLIC.TESTQUOTEDTABLE2
  - o ...

When an identifier (table name, schema name, column name...) is double-quoted, it is stored and resolved exactly as entered, including case, it is case sensitive. For details, please reference public doc:

<https://docs.snowflake.com/en/sql-reference/identifiers-syntax.html#identifier-requirements> .

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Because it is case-sensitive of identifier (table name, schema name, column name...) which has lowercase character, so the customer must quote the identifier during data read with query, for example:

○ select **"movieId"**, **"title"** from Public.**"testQuotedTable2"**

If customer meets up error with snowflake query, please ask him to check whether some identifier (table name, schema name, column name...) is case sensitive with following steps:

1. Login snowflake server (<https://{accountName}.azure.snowflakecomputing.com/>) to check the identifier (table name, schema name, column name...)
2. Create worksheets to test and validate the query

- Use database {databaseName}
- Run query with table, for example: select "movieId", "title" from Public."testQuotedTable2"

3. After the SQL query of snowflake is tested and validated, you can use it in dataflow snowflake source directly.

## Additional Information:

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