# [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.

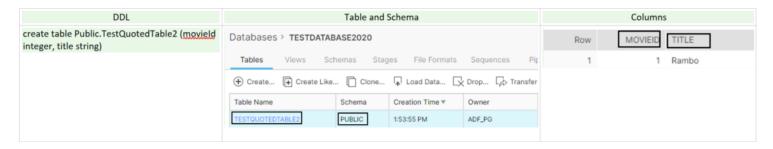
#### **Root Cause**

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.



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



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:

O select "movield", "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

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