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What is up with this? key

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
name	varchar(5)	Yes		NULL	
age	int(11)	Yes		NULL	

I can insert multiple data which is a problem being identical.

problem on identical data

We want all our data to be unique

How can we create unique identifier

Name	Breed	Age	CATID
Monty	Tabby	10	1
Monty	Tabby	10	2
Monty	Tabby	10	3

• Primary Key - refers to something that is a unique id on a row.

Ex: CREATE TABLE unique\_cats ( cat\_id INT NOT NULL  
, name VARCHAR(100)  
, age INT  
, PRIMARY KEY(cat\_id));

Disp:

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
cat_id	int(11)	NO	PRI	NULL	
name	varchar(100)	Yes		NULL	
age	int(11)	Yes		NULL	

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- Create primary keys without specifying Cat\_id will increment.

Adding in AUTO\_INCREMENT:

Ex:

```
CREATE TABLE unique_cats2 (
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```
  Cat_id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
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  name VARCHAR(100),
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  age INT,
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```
  PRIMARY KEY (Cat_id)
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);
```

```
INSERT INTO unique_cats2(name, age) VALUES('scurpy', 4);
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```
... // More
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Disp: 

```
SELECT * FROM unique_cats2;
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Cat_id	name	age
1	scurpy	4
2	Jiff	3
3	Jiff	3
4	Jiff	3
5	Suppy	4