Table manipulation functions

INTERMEDIATE DAX IN POWER BI



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Table manipulation functions overview

Previously seen functions

```
DISTINCT( | )
```

Removes duplicate rows from a table or values from a column

```
SELECTCOLUMNS(, <name>, <expression>)
```

Returns the selected columns from another table as a new table

New functions

```
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```

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SUMMARIZE() best practices

 Created columns of SUMMARIZE() can give unexpected results based on context

```
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          Amounts[Year],
          Amounts[Category]),
          "Total Amount",
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Best practice is to wrap ADDCOLUMNS()
 around SUMMARIZE() when creating new
 columns

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)
```

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Table manipulations using DAX

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