

BINARY_CHECKSUM() function in SQL Server

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BINARY_CHECKSUM is a nifty SQL Server function that allows for a hash of the provided columns. This can come in handy when trying to look for differences in table column values. The function can receive a variable number of columns (or * for all columns) of a table. A great use of this would be in detecting change between values over time for the Dimensions in a Data Warehouse data model.

example usages:

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select BINARY_CHECKSUM(*) from table
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select BINARY_CHECKSUM(column1, column2) from table
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