

## Re: Which syntax would be better for performance?

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I would go with "mycolumn = COALESCE(@myparm, mycolumn)" since it is easier to read and write and the COALESCE() can be extended to several values:

```
mycolumn = COALESCE(@myparm_1, @myparm_2, @myparm_3, mycolumn)"
```

This lets you write a lot of logical controls in a function notation and avoid IF-THEN-ELSE control flow or CASE expressions.

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