

SQL COALESCE

The COALESCE() function returns the first non null value in a list

```
SELECT COALESCE(NULL, NULL, 1, 'this text')
```

would return 1

You can use it also instead of a case statement.

```
SELECT  
(CASE  
  WHEN city IS NULL THEN country  
  ELSE city  
END) AS place  
FROM addresses
```

```
SELECT  
COALESCE(city, country) AS place  
FROM addresses
```