

The background image is a photograph of a modern office interior, specifically a conference room. It features a long, dark wooden conference table surrounded by several black office chairs. The room has large floor-to-ceiling windows that offer a view of a cityscape. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The title text is centered in the middle of the image.

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SELECT function_name(input_value);
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