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Question:

What value will be returned if one of the string expressions contains a NULL value in the CONCAT function?

Answer:

What value will be returned depends a setting which syntax is

```
SET CONCAT NULL RETURN { NULL | STRING }
```

This option is used for string concatenation with null for the CONCAT built-in function or concatenate operator (||).

The default setting for this option is NULL. If this option is set to NULL, then any string concatenated with a null value will return null.

If the option is set to STRING, then any string concatenated with a null value will return the string, because the null value will be treated as an empty string.

For example:

```
dmSQL> select concat ('aaa', null);
```

```
CONCAT ('AAA', NULL)
```

```
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```

```
NULL
```

```
1 rows selected
```

```
dmSQL> set concat null return string;
```

```
dmSQL> select concat ('aaa', null);
```

```
CONCAT ('AAA', NULL)
```

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```

```
aaa
```

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1 rows selected