

first

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Returns the first (or several first) items in a list.

Function

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result = first([count], input)
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Arguments

Argument	Data Type
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count	integer
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input	list
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result	list or single value of the input list's item type
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Comments

The default value for *count* is 1. Returns the first *count* records of the *input* list as a list of values if *count* is greater than 1; if *count* is equal to 1 then the return type is a single value of the same type as the *input* list's values.

This function is usually used with ordering to return a meaningful output. An example of this is shown below.

Examples

```
result = first([Direct Reports])
result = first(2, [Direct Reports])
result = first([Direct Reports] order by [Name])
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