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PHP MySQL Order by Keyword

The **ORDER BY** keyword is used to sort the data in a recordset. It is possible to order by more than one column. When ordering by more than one column, the second column is only used if the values in the first column are identical. The following example creates and populates a Products table using the following SQL commands:

```
CREATE TABLE Products (
  ID int AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  name varchar( 16 ) NOT NULL );
INSERT INTO Products ( name ) VALUES ( '$name' );
```

and selects products using the **ORDER BY** operator:

```
SELECT * FROM Products ORDER BY ID, name;
```

```
<html><body>
<?php
$host = "mysqldev.aero.und.edu";
$conn = mysql_connect( $host, "wenchen", "passwd" );
mysql_select_db( "wenchen", $conn );
$table = ☐ Drop ☒ Create ☐ Insert (name = "")

         ☐ Select ( order by ☐ ID ☒ ASC ☐ DESC, ☒ name ☒ ASC ☐ DESC )
if ( $action == "Drop" ) {
  // Drop table Products.
  mysql_query( "DROP TABLE Products", $conn );
  echo "Table Products dropped";
}
elseif ( $action == "Create" ) {
  // Create table Products.
  $sql = "CREATE TABLE Products (
        ID int AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
        name varchar( 16 ) NOT NULL )";
  mysql_query( $sql, $conn );
  echo "Table Products created";
}
```

```
elseif ( $action == "Insert" ) {
    // Insert product.
    $sql = "INSERT INTO Products ( name ) VALUES ( '$name1' )";
    mysql_query( $sql, $conn );
    echo " Product $name1 entered"
}
elseif ( $action == "Select" ) {
    // Select products.
    if ( isset( $ID ) && isset( $name2 ) )
        $columns = $ID . " " . $order1 . ", " . $name2 . " " . $order2;
    elseif ( isset( $ID ) )
        $columns = $ID . " " . $order1 ;
    elseif ( isset( $name2 ) )
        $columns = $name2 . " " . $order2 ;

    $sql = "SELECT * FROM Products ORDER BY $columns";
    $result = mysql_query( $sql, $conn );
    while ( $row = mysql_fetch_array( $result ) )
        echo $row['ID'] . ", " . $row['name'];
}
mysql_close( $conn );
?>
</body></html>
```

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