

MySQL SQL

- * in DBMS, data is stored in a file
- * within a file, the rows are stored sequentially
- * in RDBMS, table is not a file; every row is a file
- * in RDBMS, the rows of a table are not stored sequentially; the rows of a table are scattered (fragmented)
 - all over the DB server HD when you INSERT a row into a table, wherever it finds the free space in the DB server HD, it will store the row there
- * the reason why RDBMS does this is to speed up the INSERT statement (considering multi-user environment)
- * in a multi-user environment, if multiple users are inserting rows simultaneously into the same table,
 - if the rows were to be stored sequentially, it would be very slow
- * when you SELECT from a table, the order of rows in the output depends on the row address; it will always be in ascending order of row address
- * when you UPDATE a row, if the row length is increasing then the row address may change (only in case of Varchar length may increase and change)

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Order by clause