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CGS 2545

Database Concepts

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ORDER BY Clause

- The SQL **ORDER BY** clause is used to sort the data in ascending or descending order, based on one or more columns.
- Some databases sort the query results in an ascending order by default.

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 - The basic syntax of the ORDER BY clause is as follows

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 - Can use more than one column in the ORDER BY clause.
 - Make sure whatever column you are using to sort that column should be in the column-list

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- Example
 - Consider the CUSTOMERS table having the following records

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

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- Example
 - The following code block has an example, which would sort the result in an ascending order by the NAME and the SALARY

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS  
ORDER BY NAME, SALARY;
```

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00

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- Example
 - The following code block has an example, which would sort the result in the descending order by NAME

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS  
ORDER BY NAME DESC;
```

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
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