

## sort

### *Return a structure ordered*

Ascending is indicated by ASC and Descending by DESC in the examples, and sorting on keys is indicated by KEYS while by value is VALUE

```
$result = sort($source[, ASC | DESC [, VALUE | KEY]])
```

Examples:

```
$result = sort($source); // default same as sort($source, 'ASC', 'VALUE');  
$result = sort($source, 'DESC'); // same as sort($source, 'DESC', 'VALUE');
```

Sorting examples:

Example 1 - default value sorting:

```
$p.. = "orange";  
$p.. = "apple";  
$p.. = "banana";  
$p = sort($p);  
console("Defaults:"); dump($p);  
Example 1 - results:  
Defaults:  
.[1] apple  
.[2] banana  
.[0] orange
```

Example 2 - default descending:

```
$p = sort($p, 'DESC');  
console("DESC:"); dump($p);  
Example 2 - results:  
DESC:  
.[0] orange  
.[1] banana  
.[2] apple
```

Example 3 - key descending:

```
$p.orange = "10 available";  
$p.apple = "20 available";  
$p.banana = "30 available";  
$p = sort($p, 'DESC', 'KEY');  
console("KEY DESC:"); dump($p);  
Example 3 - results:  
KEY DESC:  
.[orange] 10 available  
.[banana] 30 available  
.[apple] 20 available
```

Example 4 - file order, where date is in filename:

Might not be an issue as get\_file\_paths seems to return files in a name order.

```
$dir = lookup_dictionary("MI_WMI");  
$dir = $dir.directory;  
$dir = "{$dir}\History1";  
$files = get_file_paths($dir);  
console("Original processing order would have been:");  
for all $file_index in $files begin  
    console($files.$file_index);  
    end  
// Extract a date or order from file name  
for all $file_index in $files begin  
    $matches = preg_match("/region[\d]{1,1}[\d]{2,2}(?P[\d]{8,8}).*/i", $files.$file_index);  
    if $matches is not false begin  
        $key = $matches.sort_on;  
        $sorted_files.$key = $files.$file_index;
```

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        end
    end
    $sorted_files = sort($sorted_files, 'ASC', 'KEY');
    console("Sorted order would be:");
    for all $date_order in $sorted_files begin
        console("{ $date_order}: { $sorted_files.$date_order}");
    end

```

#### Example 4 - results:

Original processing order would have been:

```

c:\MI_WMI\History1\region202201203091024.zip
c:\MI_WMI\History1\region206201203051252.zip
c:\MI_WMI\History1\region211201203061257.zip
c:\MI_WMI\History1\region21720120308125.zip
c:\MI_WMI\History1\region239201203071220.zip
c:\MI_WMI\History1\region271201203021216.zip

```

Sorted order would be:

```

20120302: c:\MI_WMI\History1\region271201203021216.zip
20120305: c:\MI_WMI\History1\region206201203051252.zip
20120306: c:\MI_WMI\History1\region211201203061257.zip
20120307: c:\MI_WMI\History1\region239201203071220.zip
20120308: c:\MI_WMI\History1\region21720120308125.zip
20120309: c:\MI_WMI\History1\region202201203091024.zip

```