



# NumPy Sorting Arrays

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## Sorting Arrays

Sorting means putting elements in an *ordered sequence*.

*Ordered sequence* is any sequence that has an order corresponding to elements, like numeric or alphabetical, ascending or descending.

The NumPy ndarray object has a function called `sort()`, that will sort a specified array.

## Example

Sort the array:

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([3, 2, 0, 1])

print(np.sort(arr))
```

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**Note:** This method returns a copy of the array, leaving the original array unchanged.

You can also sort arrays of strings, or any other data type:

## Example

Sort the array alphabetically:

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array(['banana', 'cherry', 'apple'])

print(np.sort(arr))
```

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## Example

Sort a boolean array:

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([True, False, True])

print(np.sort(arr))
```

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# Sorting a 2-D Array

If you use the `sort()` method on a 2-D array, both arrays will be sorted:

## Example

Sort a 2-D array:

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([[3, 2, 4], [5, 0, 1]])

print(np.sort(arr))
```

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### Exercise:

Use the correct NumPy method to return a **sorted** array.

```
arr = np.array([3, 2, 0, 1])
```

```
x = np.      (arr)
```

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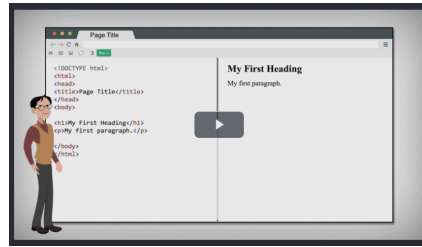
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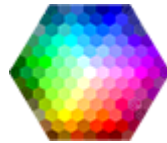
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