

Java

Java's [Collections.sort\(\)](#) and [Arrays.sort\(\)](#) methods are guaranteed stable.

The following sample demonstrates Java's sort stability:

```
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Comparator;

public class RJSortStability {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String[] cityList = { "UK London", "US New York", "US Birmingham", "UK Birmingham", };

        String[] cn = cityList.clone();
        System.out.println("\nBefore sort:");
        for (String city : cn) {
            System.out.println(city);
        }

        // sort by city
        Arrays.sort(cn, new Comparator<String>() {
            public int compare(String lft, String rgt) {
                return lft.substring(4).compareTo(rgt.substring(4));
            }
        });

        System.out.println("\nAfter sort on city:");
        for (String city : cn) {
            System.out.println(city);
        }

        cn = cityList.clone();
        System.out.println("\nBefore sort:");
        for (String city : cn) {
            System.out.println(city);
        }

        // sort by country
        Arrays.sort(cn, new Comparator<String>() {
            public int compare(String lft, String rgt) {
                return lft.substring(0, 2).compareTo(rgt.substring(0, 2));
            }
        });

        System.out.println("\nAfter sort on country:");
        for (String city : cn) {
            System.out.println(city);
        }

        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

Output

Before sort:

UK London
US New York
US Birmingham
UK Birmingham

After sort on city:

US Birmingham
UK Birmingham
UK London
US New York

Before sort:

UK London
US New York
US Birmingham
UK Birmingham

After sort on country:

UK London
UK Birmingham
US New York
US Birmingham