

# Sorting Rows with the ORDER BY Clause

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# ORDER BY Clause

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- Follows the **FROM** clause
- Last clause of the SQL statement
- Sort Sequence:
  - **Ascending** sequence is the default and is optional
  - **DESC** keyword is specified following the column name that is to be sorted in **descending** sequence

## ORDER BY Clause – Character Values

- Character values are sorted in alphabetical order

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date, salary  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY last_name;
```

LAST_NAME	HIRE_DATE	SALARY
Abel	1996-05-11	11000.00
Davies	1997-01-29	3100.00
De Haan	1993-01-13	17000.00
Ernst	1991-05-21	6000.00
Fay	1997-08-17	6000.00
Gietz	1994-06-07	8300.00
Grant	1999-05-24	7000.00
Hartstein	1996-02-17	13000.00
Higgins	1994-06-07	12000.00
Hunold	1990-01-03	9000.00
King	1987-06-17	24000.00
Kochhar	1989-09-21	17000.00
Lorentz	1999-02-07	4200.00
Matos	1998-03-15	2600.00

## ORDER BY Clause – Numeric Values

- Numeric values are sorted lowest to highest

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date, salary
FROM employees
ORDER BY salary;
```

LAST_NAME	HIRE_DATE	SALARY
Vargas	1998-07-09	2500.00
Matos	1998-03-15	2600.00
Davies	1997-01-29	3100.00
Rajs	1995-10-17	3500.00
Lorentz	1999-02-07	4200.00
Whalen	1987-09-17	4400.00
Mourgos	1999-11-16	5800.00
Ernst	1991-05-21	6000.00
Fay	1997-08-17	6000.00
Grant	1999-05-24	7000.00
Gietz	1994-06-07	8300.00

## ORDER BY Clause – Date Values

- Date values are displayed with the earliest value first

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date, salary  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY hire_date;
```

LAST_NAME	HIRE_DATE	SALARY
King	1987-06-17	24000.00
Whalen	1987-09-17	4400.00
Kochhar	1989-09-21	17000.00
Hunold	1990-01-03	9000.00
Ernst	1991-05-21	6000.00
De Haan	1993-01-13	17000.00
Higgins	1994-06-07	12000.00
Gietz	1994-06-07	8300.00
Rajs	1995-10-17	3500.00
Hartstein	1996-02-17	13000.00

# ORDER BY Clause – Descending Sequence

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```
SELECT last_name  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY last_name;
```

LAST_NAME
Abel
Davies
De Haan
Ernst
Fay
Gietz
Grant
Hartstein

```
SELECT last_name  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY last_name DESC;
```

LAST_NAME
Zlotkey
Whalen
Vargas
Taylor
Rajs
Mourgos
Matos
Lorentz
Kochhar

# Sorting on Multiple Columns

**Example 9-27**

Return city, credit limit, and company name for companies with a credit limit greater than 140000. Sort the result set credit limit within city.

**Data Set ds9\_27**

ID	CUSTOMER_NAME	CITY	CREDIT_LIMIT
101	Bargains Galore	Detroit	125000
102	RedHot Discount	San Diego	185500
103	NewTown Deals	Dallas	132500
104	Ajax Sales	Detroit	150000
105	BigBox Direct	Chicago	145000
106	Mainstreet Inc	Dallas	200000
107	Riverside Mfg	Chicago	164000
108	Cube Industries	Dallas	185000
109	LowCost Shops	San Diego	155000
110	Sterling Mfg	Chicago	180000

**SQL Statement**

```
SELECT city, credit_limit, customer_name
FROM   ds9_27
WHERE  credit_limit > 140000
ORDER BY city, credit_limit;
```

**Result Set**

CITY	CREDIT_LIMIT	CUSTOMER_NAME
Chicago	145000	BigBox Direct
Chicago	164000	Riverside Mfg
Chicago	180000	Sterling Mfg
Dallas	185000	Cube Industries
Dallas	200000	Mainstreet Inc
Detroit	150000	Ajax Sales
San Diego	155000	LowCost Shops
San Diego	185500	RedHot Discount



# Sorting with Multiple Columns

```
SELECT first_name, last_name, manager_id, department_id
FROM employees
ORDER BY manager_id, department_id, last_name;
```

- Minor to Major sorts
  1. Sort last\_name (alphabetical order A to Z)
  2. Sort department\_id (lowest to highest)
  3. Sort manager\_id (lowest to highest)

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	MANAGER_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID
Michael	Hartstein	100	20
Kevin	Mourgos	100	50
Eleni	Zlotkey	100	80
Lex	De Haan	100	90
Neena	Kochhar	100	90
Jennifer	Whalen	101	10
Shelley	Higgins	101	110
Alexander	Hunold	102	60
Bruce	Ernst	103	60
Diana	Lorentz	103	60
More than 10 rows available. Increase rows selector to view more rows.			

# Sorting with Multiple Columns

## Another Way to Say It

```
SELECT first_name, last_name, manager_id, department_id
FROM employees
ORDER BY manager_id, department_id, last_name;
```

- Minor to Major sorts
  1. Sort last\_name (alphabetical order A to Z)
  2. Within department\_id (lowest to highest)
  3. Within manager\_id (lowest to highest)

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	MANAGER_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID
Michael	Hartstein	100	20
Kevin	Mourgos	100	50
Eleni	Zlotkey	100	80
Lex	De Haan	100	90
Neena	Kochhar	100	90
Jennifer	Whalen	101	10
Shelley	Higgins	101	110
Alexander	Hunold	102	60
Bruce	Ernst	103	60
Diana	Lorentz	103	60
More than 10 rows available. Increase rows selector to view more rows.			

# Sorting DESC on Multiple Columns

**Example 9-28**

Return city, credit limit, and company name for companies with a credit limit greater than 140000. Sort the result set credit limit (descending) within city (descending)

**Data Set ds9\_28**

ID	CUSTOMER_NAME	CITY	CREDIT_LIMIT
101	Bargains Galore	Detroit	125000
102	RedHot Discount	San Diego	185500
103	NewTown Deals	Dallas	132500
104	Ajax Sales	Detroit	150000
105	BigBox Direct	Chicago	145000
106	Mainstreet Inc	Dallas	200000
107	Riverside Mfg	Chicago	164000
108	Cube Industries	Dallas	185000
109	LowCost Shops	San Diego	155000
110	Sterling Mfg	Chicago	180000

**SQL Statement**

```
SELECT city, credit_limit, customer_name
FROM   ds9_28
WHERE  credit_limit > 140000
ORDER BY city, credit_limit DESC;
```

**Result Set**

CITY	CREDIT_LIMIT	CUSTOMER_NAME
Chicago	180000	Sterling Mfg
Chicago	164000	Riverside Mfg
Chicago	145000	BigBox Direct
Dallas	200000	Mainstreet Inc
Dallas	185000	Cube Industries
Detroit	150000	Ajax Sales
San Diego	185500	RedHot Discount
San Diego	155000	LowCost Shops

# Sorting DESC with Multiple Columns

- Reverse the sort order of a column by adding DESC after its name

```
SELECT department_id, last_name
FROM employees
WHERE department_id <= 50
ORDER BY department_id DESC, last_name;
```

DEPARTMENT_ID	LAST_NAME
50	Davies
50	Matos
50	Mourgos
50	Rajs
50	Vargas
20	Fay
20	Hartstein
10	Whalen

Using a Relative Column Number

**Example 9-29**

Using the ORDER BY clause with a relative column number

**Data Set ds9\_29**

ID	CUSTOMER_NAME	CITY	CREDIT_LIMIT
101	Bargains Galore	Detroit	125000
102	RedHot Discount	San Diego	185500
103	NewTown Deals	Dallas	132500
104	Ajax Sales	Detroit	150000
105	BigBox Direct	Chicago	145000
106	Mainstreet Inc	Dallas	200000
107	Riverside Mfg	Chicago	164000
108	Cube Industries	Dallas	185000
109	LowCost Shops	San Diego	155000
110	Sterling Mfg	Chicago	180000

**SQL Statement**

```
SELECT city, credit_limit, customer_name
FROM   ds9_29
WHERE  credit_limit > 140000
ORDER BY city, 2 DESC;
```

**Result Set**

CITY	CREDIT_LIMIT	CUSTOMER_NAME
Chicago	180000	Sterling Mfg
Chicago	164000	Riverside Mfg
Chicago	145000	BigBox Direct
Dallas	200000	Mainstreet Inc
Dallas	185000	Cube Industries
Detroit	150000	Ajax Sales
San Diego	185500	RedHot Discount
San Diego	155000	LowCost Shops

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## Using Column Alias on ORDER BY Clause



### Example 9-31

Using an alias name on the ORDER BY clause for a calculated column

#### Data Set ds9\_31

ID	CUSTOMER_NAME	CITY	CREDIT_LIMIT	BALANCE
101	Bargains Galore	Detroit	125000	110083.00
102	RedHot Discount	San Diego	185500	120387.00
103	NewTown Deals	Dallas	132500	109635.00
104	Ajax Sales	Detroit	150000	118630.00
105	BigBox Direct	Chicago	145000	123122.00
106	Mainstreet Inc	Dallas	200000	116588.00
107	Riverside Mfg	Chicago	164000	110230.00
108	Cube Industries	Dallas	185000	119525.00
109	LowCost Shops	San Diego	155000	106687.00
110	Sterling Mfg	Chicago	180000	122429.00

#### SQL Statement

```
SELECT city AS "City",
       customer_name AS "Customer",
       credit_limit - balance AS "Available Credit"
FROM   ds9_31
WHERE  credit_limit - balance > 50000
ORDER BY city, "Available Credit" DESC;
```

#### Result Set

City	Customer	Available Credit
Chicago	Sterling Mfg	57571.00
Chicago	Riverside Mfg	53770.00
Dallas	Mainstreet Inc	83412.00
Dallas	Cube Industries	65475.00
San Diego	RedHot Discount	65113.00

## Sorting on Other Columns

- Order output by a column that is not listed in the SELECT clause

```
SELECT employee_id, first_name
FROM employees
WHERE employee_id < 105
ORDER BY last_name;
```

EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME
102	Lex
104	Bruce
103	Alexander
100	Steven
101	Neena

## ORDER BY Clause – NULL Values

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- NULL values are displayed last in ascending order and first in descending order

# ORDER BY Clause – NULL Values

```
SELECT last_name, bonus
FROM employees
ORDER BY bonus;
```

LAST_NAME	BONUS
Taylor	1250
Zlotkey	1500
Abel	1700
King	NULL
Kochhar	NULL
De Haan	NULL
Whalen	NULL
Higgins	NULL
Gietz	NULL
Grant	NULL
Mourgos	NULL
Rajs	NULL
Davies	NULL
Matos	NULL
Vargas	NULL
Hunold	NULL
Ernst	NULL
Lorentz	NULL
Hartstein	NULL
Fay	NULL

```
SELECT last_name, bonus
FROM employees
ORDER BY bonus DESC;
```

LAST_NAME	BONUS
King	NULL
Kochhar	NULL
De Haan	NULL
Whalen	NULL
Higgins	NULL
Gietz	NULL
Grant	NULL
Mourgos	NULL
Rajs	NULL
Davies	NULL
Matos	NULL
Vargas	NULL
Hunold	NULL
Ernst	NULL
Lorentz	NULL
Hartstein	NULL
Fay	NULL
Abel	1700
Zlotkey	1500
Taylor	1250

# Order of Execution – Example 1

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- Basic SELECT

```
3. SELECT last_name, hire_date, salary  
1. FROM employees  
2. WHERE salary > 10000  
4. ORDER BY salary DESC;
```

## Order of Execution Example 2

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- Give employees a 2.5% raise
- Set employees with a new salary > 10000
  - Use alias on WHERE and ORDER BY Clauses
  - What happens?

```
SELECT first_name, last_name, salary * 1.025 AS new_salary  
FROM employees  
WHERE new_salary > 10000  
ORDER BY new_salary DESC;
```

## Order of Execution – Example 3

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- Alias can be used on ORDER BY clause, but not WHERE clause
  - Why?
- Use the expression on the WHERE clause

```
SELECT first_name, last_name, salary * 1.025 AS new_salary
FROM employees
WHERE salary * 1.025 > 10000
ORDER BY new_salary DESC;
```

# SQL Statement Order of Execution

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Order	Clause	Function
1	FROM	Connects to the database table
2	WHERE	Filters or restricts rows from the result set based on the criteria specified
3	SELECT	Filters or restricts columns from the result set based on the column-list
4	ORDER BY	Sorts the final result set



