

How to sort a dataframe by column(s)?

I want to sort a `data.frame` by multiple columns in R. For example, with the `data.frame` below I would like to sort by column `z` (descending) then by column `b` (ascending):

```
dd <- data.frame(b = factor(c("Hi", "Med", "Hi", "Low"),
  levels = c("Low", "Med", "Hi"), ordered = TRUE),
  x = c("A", "D", "A", "C"), y = c(8, 3, 9, 9),
  z = c(1, 1, 1, 2))
```

```
dd
  b x y z
1 Hi A 8 1
2 Med D 3 1
3 Hi A 9 1
4 Low C 9 2
```

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