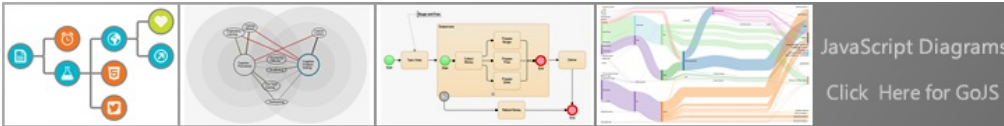


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I have a bunch of items with property "updated" which tells when the item was updated. But bunch of timestamps are null. So when I do: `MATCH (item) return item ORDER BY item.updated DESC`, all those w/ null values are returned at the top.

I also tried `COALESCE`, which seems to work in v2.2 but not in v2.1.6:

★ `MATCH (item) return item ORDER BY COALESCE(product.updated?, "0") DESC`

In v2.1.6, I get:

This syntax is no longer supported (missing properties are now returned as null). Please use `(not(has(updated)))` OR `.updated=` if you really need the old behavior.

Is there any alternative solution that will work irrespective of the neo4j version?

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
▲ Have you tried the CASE statement?

2 `MATCH (item:Item)
RETURN CASE WHEN HAS(item.updated) THEN item.updated ELSE 0 END AS updated
ORDER BY updated DESC`

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