



2: Sorting and filtering query results



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Agenda

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Sorting results

Use ORDER BY to sort results by one or more columns

- Aliases created in SELECT clause are visible to ORDER BY
- You can order by columns in the source that are not included in the SELECT clause
- You can specify ASC or DESC (ASC is the default)

```
SELECT ProductCategoryID AS Category, ProductName  
FROM Production.Product  
ORDER BY Category ASC, Price DESC;
```

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Limiting sorted results

Use TOP to limit the number or percentage of rows returned by a query

- Works with ORDER BY clause to limit rows by sort order
- Added to SELECT clause:

```
SELECT TOP N [Percent] [WITH TIES]
```

```
SELECT TOP 10 Name, ListPrice  
FROM Production.Product  
ORDER BY ListPrice DESC;
```

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Paging through results

OFFSET-FETCH is an extension to the ORDER BY clause:

- Allows returning a requested range of rows
- Provides a mechanism for paging through results
- Specify number of rows to skip, number of rows to retrieve

```
SELECT ProductID, ProductName, ListPrice  
FROM Production.Product  
ORDER BY ListPrice DESC  
    OFFSET 0 ROWS -- Skip zero rows  
    FETCH NEXT 10 ROWS ONLY; -- Get the next 10
```

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Removing duplicates

SELECT ALL

Default behavior includes duplicates

```
SELECT City, CountryRegion  
FROM Production.Supplier  
ORDER BY CountryRegion, City;
```

| City | CountryRegion |
|----------|---------------|
| Aurora | Canada |
| Barrie | Canada |
| Brampton | Canada |
| Brossard | Canada |
| Brossard | Canada |
| Burnaby | Canada |
| Burnaby | Canada |
| Burnaby | Canada |
| Calgary | Canada |
| Calgary | Canada |

SELECT DISTINCT

Removes duplicates

```
SELECT DISTINCT City, CountryRegion  
FROM Production.Supplier  
ORDER BY CountryRegion, City;
```

| City | CountryRegion |
|----------|---------------|
| Aurora | Canada |
| Barrie | Canada |
| Brampton | Canada |
| Brossard | Canada |
| Burnaby | Canada |
| Calgary | Canada |

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Filtering and using predicates

```
SELECT ProductCategoryID AS Category, ProductName  
FROM Production.Product  
WHERE ProductCategoryID = 2  
    AND ListPrice < 10.00  
ORDER BY Category, Price DESC;
```

| Predicates and Operators | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| = < > | Compares values for equality/non-equality |
| IN | Determines whether a specified value matches any value in a subquery or a list |
| BETWEEN | Specifies an inclusive range to test |
| LIKE | Determines whether a specific character string matches a specified pattern, which can include wildcards |
| AND | Combines two Boolean expressions and returns TRUE only when both are TRUE |
| OR | Combines two Boolean expressions and returns TRUE if either is TRUE |
| NOT | Reverses the result of a search condition |

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Lab: Sort and filter query results



- Sort results using the ORDER BY clause
- Restrict results using TOP
- Retrieve pages of results with OFFSET and FETCH
- Use the ALL and DISTINCT options
- Filter results with the WHERE clause

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Review



- 1** You write a Transact-SQL query to list the available sizes for products. Each individual size should be listed only once. Which query should you use?

SELECT Size FROM Production.Product;
 SELECT DISTINCT Size FROM Production.Product;
 SELECT ALL Size FROM Production.Product;

- 2** You must return the InvoiceNo and TotalDue columns from the Sales.Invoice table in decreasing order of TotalDue value. Which query should you use?

SELECT * FROM Sales.Invoice ORDER BY TotalDue, InvoiceNo;
 SELECT InvoiceNo, TotalDue FROM Sales.Invoice ORDER BY TotalDue DESC;
 SELECT TotalDue AS DESC, InvoiceNo FROM Sales.Invoice;

- 3** Complete this query to return only products that have a Category value of 2 or 4:
SELECT Name, Price FROM Production.Product

ORDER BY Category;
 WHERE Category BETWEEN 2 AND 4;
 WHERE Category IN (2, 4);

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Use the slide animation to reveal the correct answers.



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