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The ORDER BY keyword is used to sort the result.

Sort the Rows

The ORDER BY clause is used to sort the rows.

Orders:

Company	OrderNumber
Sega	3412
ABC Shop	5678
W3Schools	2312
W3Schools	6798

Example

To display the companies in alphabetical order:

SELECT Company, OrderNumber FROM Orders ORDER BY Company

Result:

Company	OrderNumber
ABC Shop	5678
Sega	3412
W3Schools	6798
W3Schools	2312

Example

To display the companies in alphabetical order AND the ordernumbers in numerical order:

SELECT Company, OrderNumber FROM Orders ORDER BY Company, OrderNumber

Result:

Company	OrderNumber
ABC Shop	5678
Sega	3412
W3Schools	2312
W3Schools	6798

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Example

To display the companies in reverse alphabetical order:

SELECT Company, OrderNumber FROM Orders ORDER BY Company DESC

Result:

Company	OrderNumber
W3Schools	6798
W3Schools	2312
Sega	3412
ABC Shop	5678

Example

To display the companies in reverse alphabetical order AND the ordernumbers in numerical order:

SELECT Company, OrderNumber FROM Orders ORDER BY Company DESC, OrderNumber ASC

Result:

Company	OrderNumber
W3Schools	2312
W3Schools	6798
Sega	3412
ABC Shop	5678

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