

# Re: sort in report

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Fred,

When I looked at the problem with fresh eyes this morning, I realized the problem. Your instructions were fine and I followed them correctly. The problem was that the building names on some of the records had been typed in by hand (not using the drop down box) and they had spaces missing between some of the words in the building name. So, they were appearing first on the report, before the rest of the records with the correct building names.

Thank you very much for all of your help.

"fredg" wrote:

On Mon, 15 Oct 2007 12:54:00 -0700, cc wrote:

Fred,

I cannot get your instructions to work. There are only 4 building names, so I'm trying to use your first suggestion. But, it is not sorting properly. Could you review your directions to me and maybe make further clarification.

P.S. When I try to sort on the [SortThis] field, it makes me choose ascending or descending and it is also showing an [Expression] field that I don't know where it came from.

I appreciate your help.

"fredg" wrote:

On Thu, 11 Oct 2007 12:27:01 -0700, cc wrote:

My database has a field that is a drop down

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box with four building names. I want to sort the report by building, but I don't want the buildings in alphabetical order. How do I sort/group that field so that the buildings appear in the specific order that I want?

In the query that is used as the report's record source, add a new column.  
SortThis:Switch([FieldName] = "BuildingC",1, [FieldName] = "BuildingZ",2,[FieldName] = "BuildingA",3)

Then use this column in the Report's Sorting and Grouping dialog to order the records by.

In the above the report will be ordered by  
BuildingC  
BuildingZ  
BuildingA

Alternatively, if you have quite a few more buildings, I would suggest a separate Building Table with a BuildingID, Building Name, and a SortThis field. Then establish a relationship between this table and the main table. Then include the SortThis field in the query. The SortThis number will be included in the query.

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Gee, if you don't know where that Expression Field came from, with the information you have given, neither do I. Does it have a name?

Here's what I need.  
Post the SQL of the query that is used as the report's record source.

Also, enter the BuildingNames in the order you wish to see them in the report. Don't forget to tell me the name of the Field that contains these building names.

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In addition, tell me what the actual Report's Sorting and Grouping is  
(you'll have to manually type it, i.e, something like this:

SortThis Ascending  
[LastName] Ascending  
etc....

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