

## Re: Sorting Date Problem

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**From:** Sparky (*anonymous\_at\_discussions.microsoft.com*)

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Frank, I messed up my last reply as I didn't include my Senders Name so I'll try again. My message appears blank as it went into the "anonymous" bit bucket.

For Peo and Rag, for some unknown reason, I can't open your replies in this forum.

And for Frank,

Thanks Frank. Will do shortly.

>-----Original Message-----

>Hi

>now i'm a little bit confused about your spreadsheet layout. If you

>like email me your file

>email: frank[dot]kabel[at]freenet[dot]de

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>--

>Regards

>Frank Kabel

>Frankfurt, Germany

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>Sparky wrote:

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>> using autofill. The (a1) changed as each new cell location

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>> highlighted the list, starting with A4, the first row of

>> data, and the last cell of the last column. I selected

>> Sort, Column A and Column C. The results are two groups of

>> months, Jan-Dec and Jan-Dec again.

>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> Hi

>>> you have to choose column 'A' as first sort criteria in this dialog

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>>> *Regards*  
>>> *Frank Kabel*  
>>> *Frankfurt, Germany*  
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>>> *Sparky wrote:*  
>>>> *For some reason, I'm still getting two groups. Here's what*  
>>>> *I've done with my database, which has header data on three*  
>>>> *lines.*  
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>>>> *2. Inserted the [ =MONTH(A1) ] in the first cell of*  
>>>> *the "A" column.*  
>>>> *3. Copied (autofill) A1 cell all the way down to the*  
>>>> *end*  
>>>> *of the listing.*  
>>>> *4. While the first column is highlighted after*  
>>>> *copying the*  
>>>> *formula, I Shift/clicked on the last column of the*  
>>>> *database to highlight all columns of data without the*  
>>>> *3*  
>>>> *lines of headers.*  
>>>> *5. Selected DATA/SORT and choose column "C" which is*  
>>>> *my*  
>>>> *date column and got two groups of dates. I also tried*  
>>>> *to*  
>>>> *sort on the "A" column but still got two group of*  
>>>> *dates*  
>>>> *sorted.*  
>>>>> *-----Original Message-----*  
>>>>> *Hi*  
>>>>> *you must sort with this formula column*  
>>>>>  
>>>>> *--*  
>>>>> *Regards*  
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>>>>> *Sparky wrote:*  
>>>>>> *I added a column preceding my first text column and*  
>>>>>> *then*  
>>>>>> *copied the cell formula =month(c6) [c6 is my date*  
>>>>>> *column*  
>>>>>> *to be sorted]down to the end and when I sorted the*  
>>>>>> *data, I*  
>>>>>> *still get two groups of Jan to Dec and the numbers*  
>>>>>> *in*  
>>>>>> *the 'formula' column also run from 1 to 12 in two*  
>>>>>> *groups.*

>>>>>> *Sparky*  
>>>>>> -----*Original Message*-----  
>>>>>> *Hi*  
>>>>>> *Excel sorts your values according to the date*  
*values. That is*  
>>>>>> *1-Jan-2004 come after 3-Feb-2003*  
>>>>>> *If you want to sort by month you may add a helper*  
*column with a*  
>>>>>> *formula like*  
>>>>>> *=MONTH(A1)*  
>>>>>> *copy this down for all rows and sort again*  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> --  
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>>>>>> *Sparky wrote:*  
>>>>>>> *I've got a spreadsheet that has a column with a*  
*custom*  
>>>>>>> *date format of mmm-dd[eg: Feb-11] and when I sort*  
*the*  
>>>>>>> *spreadsheet, I get a group of Jan to Dec and then*  
*another*  
>>>>>>> *group of Jan to Dec. Why don't I get*  
*a 'complete' sort*  
>>>>>>> *with all the same months together?*  
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