

## RE: How to determine second (and then third) highest value in a list

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The process of finding the biggest, the second biggest, the third biggest, the fourth biggest,... is called sorting.

You can sort by either columns or rows. Either ascending or descending.

Pull-down Data > Sort...

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"Scott M. Lyon" wrote:

- > I've got an excel spreadsheet full of data, and I wanted to create a column
- > that would tell me what the second highest value was, given a list of cells.
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- > For example, I've got 8 columns (columns K through R), with headers "Team 1"
- > through "Team 8".
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- > Below that, on the following MANY rows, are numbers, associated with scores
- > for the team in that column.
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- > I'd like to have a column that tells me what score was 1st place, which was
- > 2nd place, and which was 3rd place.
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- > Finding the 1st place one is easy, using the =MAX(K4:R4).
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- > But I'm at a loss to determine the 2nd place, and then the 3rd place one.
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- > Then, once I determine that, can I use that value to do a lookup (for a new
- > column) and return the header?
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- > For example, let's say we have the following row:
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