

## Re: Using OPENROWSET and fileds order...

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In a relational database, there is logically no order in the columns in a table, and you shouldn't rely on the order of the columns in your code. You can just explicitly define the column list in your select statement, if you need the columns to be returned in a particular order.

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Jacco Schalkwijk
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"Dave" <Dave@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:D7548AE4-DE65-4A77-825A-24BAB456B477@microsoft.com...
> Hello,
>
> I'm trying executing this command on the SQL query analyzer:
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> SELECT * FROM OPENROWSET
> ('Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0','..path..';'Admin';'',MyTable)
>
> It returns the right set of rows from the mdb source, however the order of
> the fileds of MyTable has changed, and has been sorted alphabetically.
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> I need the original field (columns) order, not changed.
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> Is there something I'm missing?
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> TIA.
> Dave
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