
Subject: Aw: Re: Sort a HASH

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You appear to be asking why a HASH is not ordered. Having been familiar with HASH's from other languages, I did not expect them to be ordered. What is peculiar here, is that, without converting hashes into a more primitive data type, there is no way to order them yourselves (or rearrange them in any way, other than a loop)! That is in stark contrast to other languages. For example, a common idiom in Perl is:

```
foreach key (sort keys %hash) {  
    % do something  
}
```

Is there really no equivalent in IDL?
