


Displaying Months in Chronological Order in Pivots and Charts

Months displayed in Pivots and Charts will typically appear in alphabetical order (see Figure 1.) The months are normally shown in ascending order, starting with Apr and ending with Sep.

Figure 1. - Pivot with months shown in alphabetical order.

	Unit Sales
Apr	113,348
Aug	136,381
Dec	418,669
Feb	159,619
Jan	559,674
Jul	163,274
Jun	202,211
Mar	82,515
May	150,453
Nov	342,465
Oct	71,505
Sep	193,120



The screenshot shows a software window titled "Outliner". It has two main sections: "Side Labels:" on the left and "Top Labels: Drag columns here to" on the right. Under "Side Labels:", the text "Month Name" is visible. Under "Top Labels:", the text "Facts: Unit Sales" is visible. There are also some small icons and arrows in the window.

Typically, you will want to see the Pivot in chronological order, i.e. Jan, Feb, Mar, etc. (see Figure 2.) A simple way of moving the month values around may be accomplished by selecting the label, holding down the left mouse button and moving the label to the desired location. This method works well with Pivot Sections, but not with Chart Sections. You can't move the labels around in a Chart.

If you have reordered a Pivot (the months show up in chronological order instead of alphabetical order) and you want to create a new Chart, use the feature "Chart this Pivot". The command is found in standard toolbar under **Insert > Chart This Pivot**. The new Chart will be created from the re-ordered Pivot (see Figure 3). Remember, once the

Chart is created, it is NOT linked to the original Pivot. Now the Chart will be in Chronological order.

Figure 2. Manually ordered Pivot.

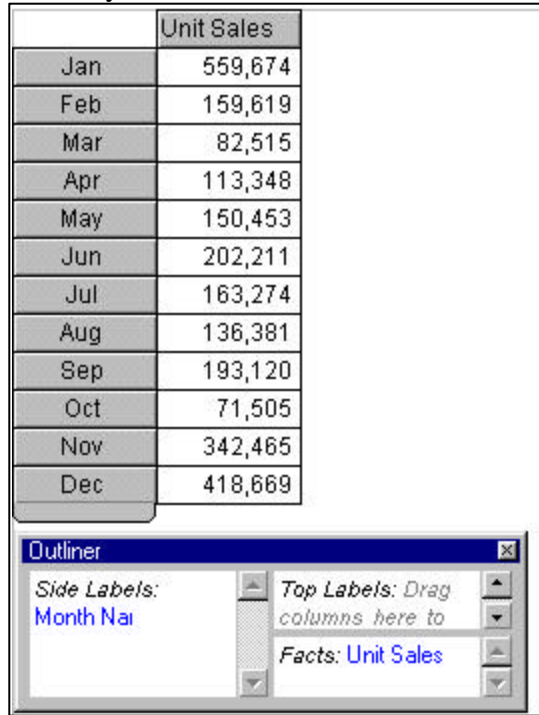
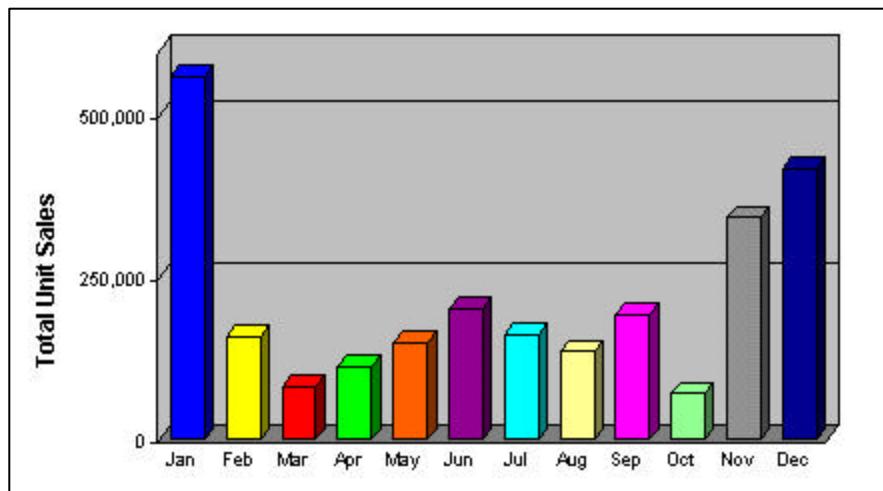


Figure 3. Chart created from a reordered Pivot.



NOTE: This was tested on Brio R6.2.0.75

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