

Aardsma Technology Services  
Sort Control Module for ClickCartPro

User Documentation

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# Chapter 1

## User Documentation

The Sort Control Module is sold on the ATS website at <http://www.aatechservices.com>.

### 1.1 How the Module Works

The sort control mod gives you complete control over the sort order of the products and categories on your ClickCartPro site. You can make your categories sort alphabetically, or feature a new product at the top of the list, or sort any other way you want. The mod works by adding a new field to the product and category tables. That new field is used only for sorting, your visitors never see it. You can enter any values you want in that field on each product and category to control the sorting.

- Enter the name of the item in the sorting field and they'll appear sorted alphabetically by name.
- Enter an 'A' on items you want to feature, and 'B' on everything else and the featured items will rise to the top.
- Enter dates, numbers, or any other value you want to sort on.
- Works with any database supported by ClickCartPro including CSV and MySQL databases.
- The sort order is not disturbed when you convert tables, add, delete, or update items.

Use the ATS Sort Control for ClickCartPro to organize your site and put the marketing emphasis where you want it.

### 1.2 How to Use the Module

Once ATS has installed the Sort Control module on your site, login to the ClickCartPro admin area and click on Main Menu - Store Catalog - Manage Categories or Manage Products. Click "update" next to any item and scroll to the bottom of the update screen. You'll see a new field named "Sort On". The sort control mod works on a simple rule, any listing of products or categories is always sorted alphabetically on that "Sort On" field. This gives you complete control over the order of the listings.

### 1.2.1 Sorting Notes

“A” sorts before “B” which sorts before “Basketball”.

“1” sorts before “2” which sorts *after* “10”.

“01” sorts before “02” which sorts before “10”.

“12/25/2005“ sorts before “12/26/2005” *and* before “12/26/2004”.

“2005/12/25“ sorts before “2005/12/26” and after “2004/12/26”.

### 1.2.2 Suggested Uses

Copy the name of every item into the “Sort On” field to sort alphabetically by name (use a database tool or Microsoft Excel to do this, don’t update every item manually unless you have a lot of spare time). The EasyAdmin DataPort module (coming soon from ATS) will make this type of thing a lot easier.

Assign products to perhaps three groups “A” for most prominent, “B” for middle of the list, and “C” for less important, out of stock, or infrequently ordered items.

Many other uses are possible depending on the nature of your products and the habits of your customers.

## Chapter 2

# Technical Support and Feedback

ATS provides full technical support for our modules. Contact us at [support@aatechservices.com](mailto:support@aatechservices.com) or 815-686-2705 if you need assistance.

Sincerely,  
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