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Posted by [Andy2222](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 19:10:10 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 06:54:21 GMT

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Well, it can be global, but IMO the main problem is that you cannot Sort Index (that is that missing Swap).

If you really need to sort Index, convert it to Vector, sort and convert back.

(Use PickKeys to convert to Vector and constructor variant for conversion back).

Mirek

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Posted by [Andy2222](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 13:48:20 GMT

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No.

Quote:

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In most cases, GetSortOrder for Index / ArrayMap / VectorMap is the best aproach (also generally faster than the cost of maintaining nodebased tree structure like std::map).

Mirek

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