



# Prodigy's Useful ACL Tips #10 - Break Option

**AGE command** can help the user to create an aging report easily by grouping the records into various aging period. However, there is time when the user needs to compare the aging result from customer to customer.

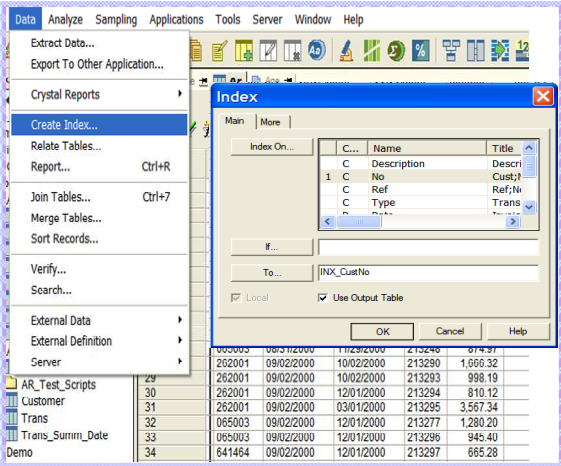
Cross-tabulate lets you analyse character fields by setting them in rows and columns. You can produce various summaries, explore areas of interest, and subtotal numeric fields.

To achieve this, simply utilise the **Break Option** available in **AGE command**.

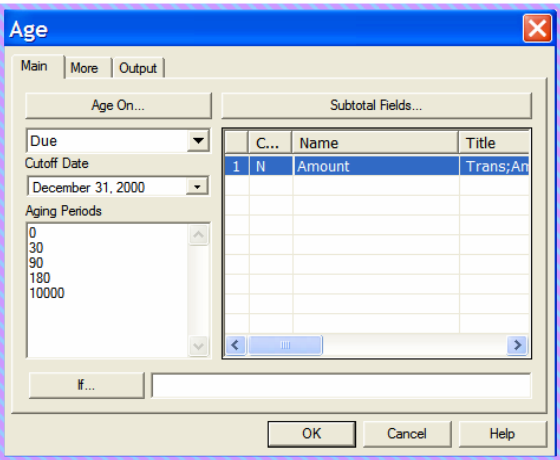
Firstly, examine whether the records are sorted by the **Break field (i.e. Customer Number)**. If it is not, use **SORT** or **INDEX** command to reorder them.

	Cust Number	Invoice Date	Due Date	Ref No	Trans Amount
2	795401	10/15/2000	11/14/2000	206300	225.87
3	795401	02/04/2000	03/06/2000	207137	180.92
4	516372	02/17/2000	03/18/2000	211206	1,610.87
7	784647	05/21/2000	06/20/2000	212297	737.36
9	501657	06/30/2000	07/30/2000	212824	1,524.32
11	230575	07/28/2000	08/27/2000	213052	8.85
21	836004	08/17/2000	09/16/2000	213194	2,151.72
22	836004	08/17/2000	09/16/2000	213184	1,469.77
23	812465	08/21/2000	11/29/2000	213227	3,582.98
24	836004	08/27/2000	09/26/2000	213240	475.99
25	478604	08/28/2000	09/27/2000	213256	251.81
26	065003	08/31/2000	11/29/2000	213248	874.97
28	262001	09/02/2000	10/02/2000	213290	1,666.32
29	262001	09/02/2000	10/02/2000	213293	998.19
30	262001	09/02/2000	12/01/2000	213294	810.12
31	262001	09/02/2000	03/01/2000	213295	3,567.34
32	065003	09/02/2000	12/01/2000	213277	1,280.20
33	065003	09/02/2000	12/01/2000	213296	945.40
34	641464	09/02/2000	12/01/2000	213297	665.28
35	262001	09/02/2000	10/02/2000	213264	892.80

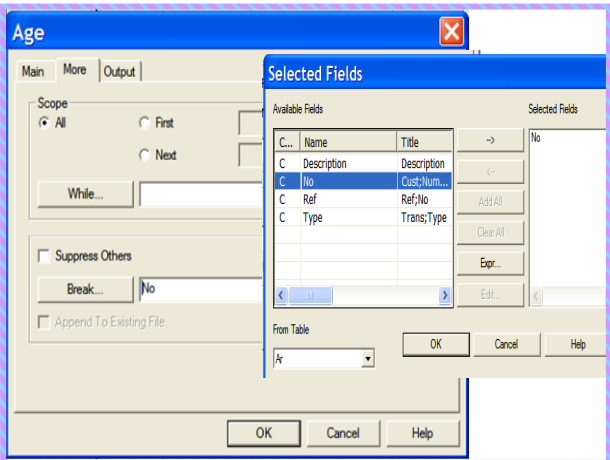
Graph 1: Records are not sorted by Customer Number



Graph 2: Create an index to reorder the records by Customer Number



Graph 3: Input parameters for Age command



Graph 4: Break Option is under More tab

**The Final Result:**

Welcome				
Ar				
Age				
180 - 10,000	1	100%	100%	1,189.11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,189.11</b>
<b>No: 056016</b>				
Days	Count	Percent of Count	Percent of Field	Trans Amount
0 - 29	1	50%	40.76%	736.74
30 - 89	1	50%	59.24%	1,070.92
90 - 179	0	0%	0%	0.00
180 - 10,000	0	0%	0%	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,807.66</b>
<b>No: 065003</b>				
Days	Count	Percent of Count	Percent of Field	Trans Amount
0 - 29	36	41.38%	42.83%	44,978.54
30 - 89	11	12.64%	10.32%	10,838.18
90 - 179	0	0%	0%	0.00
180 - 10,000	40	45.98%	46.85%	49,203.85
<b>Totals</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>105,020.57</b>
<b>No: 081559</b>				
Days	Count	Percent of Count	Percent of Field	Trans Amount
0 - 29	1	100%	100%	1,779.07
30 - 89	0	0%	0%	0.00
90 - 179	0	0%	0%	0.00
180 - 10,000	0	0%	0%	0.00