"There's nothing in your head the sorting hat can't see. So try me on and I will tell you where you ought to be."

- The Sorting Hat, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
Searching

- Given an array of ints find the index of the first occurrence of a target int

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- Given the above array and a target of 27 the method returns 2
- What if not present?
- What if more than one occurrence?
Given an array with 1,000,000 distinct elements in random order, how many elements do you expect to look at (on average) when searching if:

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linear or sequential search
**INEFFECTIVE SORTS**

**Define HalfheartedMergeSort(List):**
- IF LENGTH(List) < 2:
  - RETURN LIST
- PIVOT = INT(LENGTH(List) / 2)
- A = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(List[:PIVOT])
- B = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(List[PIVOT:])
- RETURN [A, B] // HERE. SORRY.

**Define FastBogoSort(List):**
- AN OPTIMIZED BOGOSORT
- // RUNS IN O(NLOGN)
- FOR N FROM 1 TO LOG(LENGTH(List)):
  - SHUFFLE(List)
  - IF ISSORTED(List):
    - RETURN LIST
- RETURN "KERNEL PAGE FAULT (ERROR CODE: 2)"

**Define JobInterviewQuickSort(List):**
- OK SO YOU CHOOSE A PIVOT
- THEN DIVIDE THE LIST IN HALF
- FOR EACH HALF:
  - CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S SORTED
    - NO WAIT, IT DOESN'T MATTER
  - COMPARE EACH ELEMENT TO THE PIVOT
    - THE BIGGER ONES GO IN A NEW LIST
    - THE EQUAL ONES GO INTO, UH
      - THE SECOND LIST FROM BEFORE
  - HANG ON, LET ME NAME THE LISTS
    - THIS IS LIST A
    - THE NEW ONE IS LIST B
  - PUT THE BIG ONES INTO LIST B
  - NOW TAKE THE SECOND LIST
  - CALL IT LIST, UH, A2
  - WHICH ONE WAS THE PIVOT IN?
  - SCRATCH ALL THAT
  - IT JUST RECURSIVELY CALLS ITSELF
  - UNTIL BOTH LISTS ARE EMPTY
  - RIGHT?
  - NOT EMPTY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN
  - AM I ALLOWED TO USE THE STANDARD LIBRARIES?
  - IF I SORRY LIST:
  - RETURN LIST
  - FOR N FROM 1 TO 10000:
    - PIVOT = RANDOM(0, LENGTH(List))
    - LIST = LIST[:PIVOT] + LIST[PIVOT:]
    - IF ISSORTED(List):
      - RETURN LIST
    - IF ISSORTED(List):
      - // THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
      - RETURN LIST
    - IF ISSORTED(List):
      - // COME ON COME ON
      - RETURN LIST
    - // OH JEEZ
    - // I'M GONNA BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE
    - LIST = []
  - SYSTEM("SHUTDOWN -H +5")
  - SYSTEM("RM -RF /")
  - SYSTEM("RM -RF ~/*")
  - SYSTEM("RM -RF /")
  - SYSTEM("RD /S Q:\C:\*") // PORTABILITY
  - RETURN [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
Sorting

- A fundamental application for computers
- Done to make finding data (searching) faster
- Many different algorithms for sorting
- One of the difficulties with sorting is working with a fixed size storage container (array)
  - if resize, that is expensive (slow)
  - Trying to apply a human technique of sorting can be difficult
  - try sorting a pile of papers and clearly write out the algorithm you follow
Selection Sort

- To sort a list into ascending order:
  - Find the smallest item in an array, the minimum
  - Put that value in the first element of the array
    • Where to put the value that was in the first location?
  - And now…?
Selection Sort in Practice

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http://tinyurl.com/d7kxxxf
animation of selection sort algorithm
Implementation of Selection Sort

- Include println commands to trace the sort
Determine how long it takes to sort an array with 100,000 elements in random order using selection sort. When the number of elements is increased to 200,000 how long will it take to sort the array?

A. About the same
B. 1.5 times as long
C. 2 times as long
D. 4 times as long
E. 16 times as long
Insertion Sort

- Another of the Simple sort
- The first item is sorted
- Compare the second item to the first
  - if smaller swap
- Third item, compare to item next to it
  - need to swap
  - after swap compare again
- And so forth…
Insertion Sort in Practice

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http://tinyurl.com/d8spm2l
animation of insertion sort algorithm
Binary Search

**My client couldn’t have killed anyone with this arrow, and I can prove it!**

**I’d like to examine your proof, Zeno. You may approach the bench.**

**But never reach it!**
Searching in a Sorted List

- If items are sorted then we can *divide and conquer*
- dividing your work in half with each step
  – generally a good thing
- The Binary Search on List in Ascending order
  – Start at middle of list
  – is that the item?
  – If not is it less than or greater than the item?
  – less than, move to second half of list
  – greater than, move to first half of list
  – repeat until found or sub list size = 0
Binary Search

Is middle item what we are looking for? If not is it more or less than the target item? (Assume lower)

and so forth…
Implement Binary Search

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Trace When Key == 3
Trace When Key == 30
Variables of Interest?
Given an array with 1,000,000 elements in sorted order, how many elements do you expect to look at when searching (with binary search) for a value if:

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