

# Demo QuickSort

## Issue Description (Data Races on Array Elements, TPL)

- The quicksort implementation is broken.
- The boundaries on concurrent quicksort recursion calls are overlapping.
- Thus, data races can be provoked on certain array elements.
- The algorithm may also suffer from an endless loop

```
private static void Sort(int[] array, int left, int right)
{
    var pivot = array[(left + right) / 2];
    var lower = left;
    var upper = right;
    do
    {
        while (array[lower] < pivot) lower++; // VARIOUS DATA RACE WARNINGS
        while (array[upper] > pivot) upper--;
        if (lower <= upper)
        {
            var temp = array[lower];
            array[lower] = array[upper];
            array[upper] = temp;
            lower++;
            upper--;
        }
    } while (lower <= upper);
    var leftTask = Task.Run(() =>
    {
        if (left < upper) Sort(array, left, lower); // MUST BE upper INSTEAD OF lower
    });
    var rightTask = Task.Run(() =>
    {
        if (lower < right) Sort(array, upper, right); //MUST BE lower INSTEAD OF upper
    });
    rightTask.Wait();
    leftTask.Wait();
}
```

## Checker Output (Various Issues and Locations)

```
Issue: #0 Data race on array
caused by write at "array[lower] = array[upper]" in QuickSort.cs line 24
caused by call Sort at "Sort(array, upper, right)" in QuickSort.cs line 36
caused by thread or task at "() => { if (lower < right) Sort(array..." in QuickSort.cs line 34
caused by call Sort at "Sort(array, 0, array.Length - 1)" in QuickSort.cs line 9
caused by call Sort at "QuickSort.Sort(array)" in Program.cs line 10
caused by call QuickSort.Program.Main()
caused by initial thread at "Main" in Program.cs line 7
caused by read at "array[upper]" in QuickSort.cs line 20
caused by call Sort at "Sort(array, left, lower)" in QuickSort.cs line 32
caused by thread or task at "() => { if (left < upper) Sort(array..." in QuickSort.cs line 30
caused by call Sort at "Sort(array, 0, array.Length - 1)" in QuickSort.cs line 9
caused by call Sort at "QuickSort.Sort(array)" in Program.cs line 10
caused by call QuickSort.Program.Main()
caused by initial thread at "Main" in Program.cs line 7
... (various more issues, e.g. 8 more)
```

## Problem Fixing

Correct the algorithm by using the following two bounds (highlighted locations).

```
var leftTask = Task.Run(() =>
{
    if (left < upper) Sort(array, left, upper);
});
var rightTask = Task.Run(() =>
{
    if (lower < right) Sort(array, lower, right);
});
```