Functionality Investigation Shee7

Feature: Global search bar

Feature #2

Problem: To be able to filter recipes using the "global search bar" using

Option 1: Linear search

In this option, the linear search algorithm is used to search for the keyword in the array of keywords of each recipe.

Linear Search: Search an array starting from the leftmost element and one by one comparing the searched

value with each element of the array. If a match is found return a Boolean true, If no match is found with any element, return a Boolean false.

Benefits

- No specific array pre-treatment
- Relatively efficient on small arrays

Disadvantages

- The bigger the array, the slower the search
- Access data sequentially

Equality comparison Time complexity: -

O(n)

Option 2: Binary search

In this option, the binary search algorithm is used to search for the keyword in the sorted array of keywords of each recipe.

Binary Search: Search a sorted array by repeatedly dividing the search interval in half. Begin with an interval covering the whole array. If the value of the search key is less than the item in the middle of the interval, narrow the interval to the lower half. Otherwise narrow it to the upper half. Repeatedly check until the

value is found or the interval is empty.

Benefits

Efficient on big array

Disadvantages

- Array needs to be sorted
- Access data randomly

Ordering comparison
Time complexity: -O(log

n)

Option 3: Interpolation search

In this option, the interpolation search algorithm is used to search for the keyword in the sorted array of keywords of each recipe.

Interpolation Search: it is an improvement over Binary Search for instances, where the values in a sorted array are uniformly distributed. Binary Search always goes to the middle element to check. On the other hand, interpolation search may go to different locations according to the value of the key being searched. For example, if the value of the key is closer to the last element, interpolation search is likely to start search toward the end side.

Benefits

Very efficient on uniform big array

Disadvantages

- Array needs to be sorted
- Better on uniformly distributed array
- Not made for string search

Ordering comparison

Time complexity: -log(log n) up to O(n) (depends on the uniformity of the distribution)

Solution retention:

As said in the disadvantages of the 3rd option, the interpolation search is not made for a string search, to be able to still use it, it is necessary to add a function to convert the strings in numerical value (with many different possible implementation, more or less complex, and more or less working) therefor adding quite some processing time.

Regarding the comparison between option 1 & 2:

Theory wise:

On the case of the option 1, if the array is not sorted, then the processing time cannot be guessed, if it is sorted, then the 'lower' the searched value, the faster the search will be. In any case, at best, the searched word is found instantly, in worst case, the searched is found on the very last iteration. On the case of the option 2: each iteration of the algorithm, divides by 2 the amount of word in the array. Therefore, at best, the searched word is found on the first iteration, and at worst on the $\log_2(N)$, N = 50 in our case, so on the \sim_0^{6t} iteration.

Annexes

Start User enters a search word word >= 3cha all recipes 'search relevance' = true Array of Keyword list Enter in the for each recipe searchAlgorithm Recipe array index = 0 recipe array index recipe array length Show relevant recipes in the gallery keyword array At least one recipe is search relevant Increment this recipe keyword array index keyword array length recipe array 'search relevance' index = false No Show "no march" Yes message Yes this recipe earched word Increment 'search relevance' matches this keyword array keyword index End

Figure 2: Workflow Diagram Linear Search Algorithm

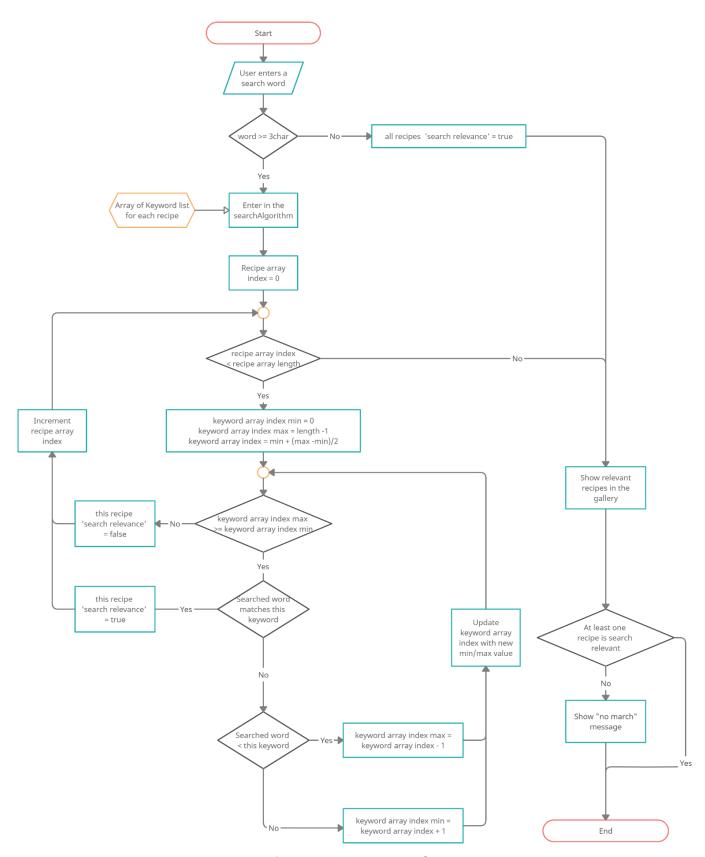


Figure 3: Workflow Diagram Binary Search Algorithm

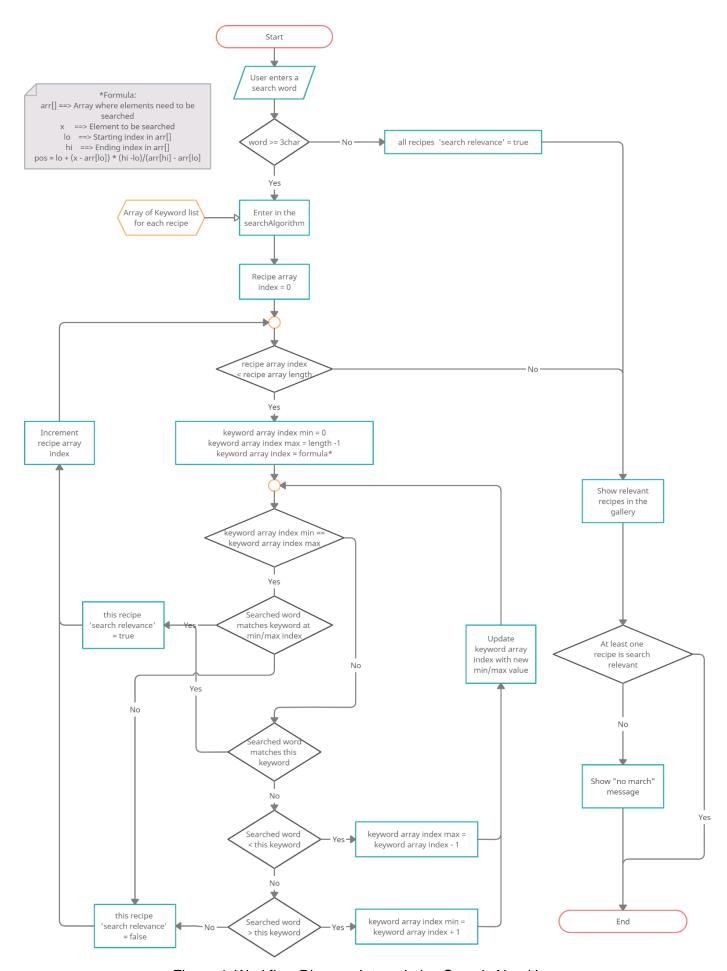
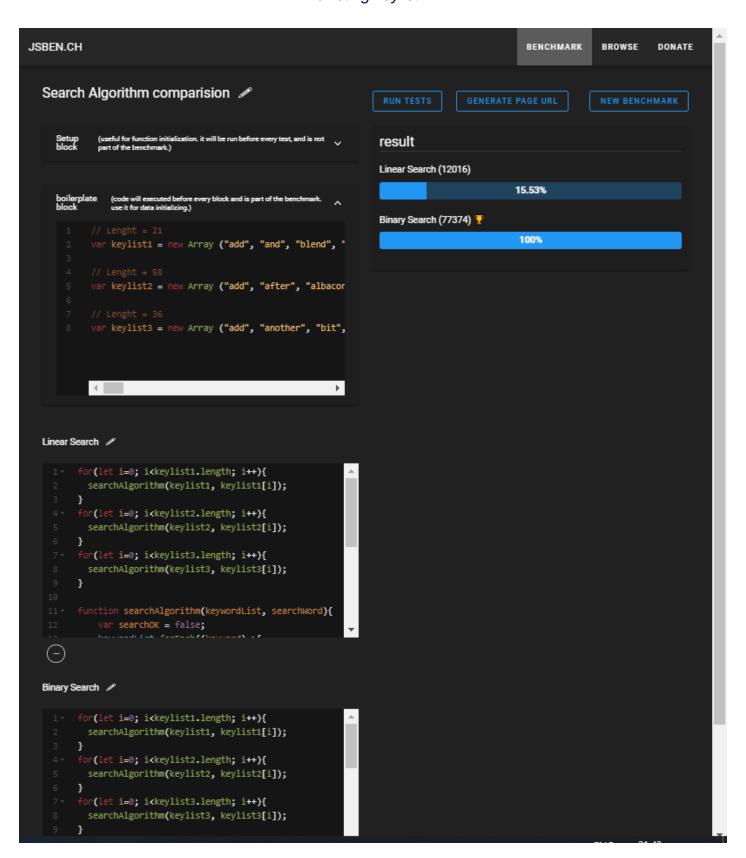


Figure 4: Workflow Diagram Interpolation Search Algorithm

Figure 7 : Result JSBench.ch – testing full march on a sample of 3 existing keylist



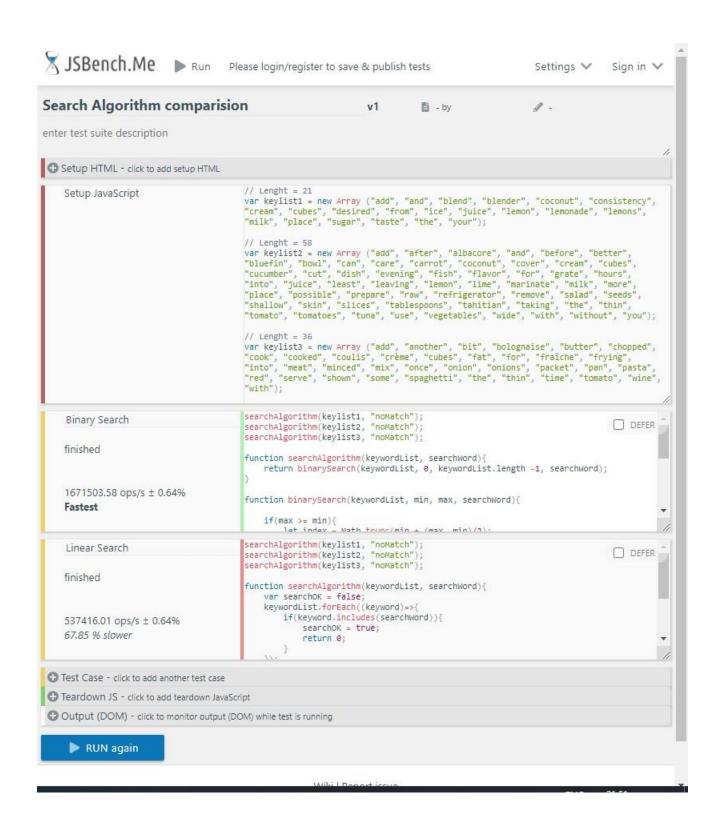


Figure 8 : Result JSBench.me – testing no march on a sample of 3 existing keylist

