JavaScript Quick Sort Array Proto Type Method

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Introduction

This is a proto type method for arrays in JavaScript. It utilizes an iterative version of the Quick Sort algorithm. More information about the quick sort algorithm can be found here.

Background

I adapted an iterative version of Quick Sort made in C located here. I tested this iterative version and a recursive version and found that the iterative version usually preforms about twice as fast. I also included some additional features that are not included in the vanilla version of JavaScript sort.

JavaScript Quick Sort Library

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(function()
{
    var
    defaultCompare,
    defaultSwap,
    partition,
    quickSort;

    Array.prototype.quickSort = function(compare, swap)
    {
        if (typeof compare !== "function")
        {
            compare = defaultCompare;
        }
        if (typeof swap !== "function")
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        {
            swap = defaultSwap;
        }
        quickSort(this, 0, this.length - 1, compare, swap);
    };
    defaultCompare = function(value1, value2)
    {
        return value1 < value2;
    };
    defaultSwap = function(array, index1, index2)
    {
        var temp = array[index1];
        array[index1] = array[index2];
        array[index2] = temp;
    };
    partition = function(array, start, stop, compare, swap)
    {
        var pivot = array[stop], storeIndex = start - 1;

        while (start < stop)
        {
            if (compare(array[start], pivot))
            {
                storeIndex++;
                swap(array, storeIndex, start);
            }
            start++;
        }
        swap(array, storeIndex + 1, stop);
        return storeIndex + 1;
    };
    quickSort = function(array, startIndex, stopIndex, compare, swap)
    {
        var pivot, stack, start, top;

        stack = new Array(stopIndex - startIndex + 1);
        top = -1;

        stack[++top] = startIndex;
        stack[++top] = stopIndex;

        while (top > -1)
        {
            stopIndex = stack[top--];
            startIndex = stack[top--];

            pivot = partition(array, startIndex, stopIndex, compare, swap);

            if (pivot - 1 > startIndex)
            {
                stack[++top] = startIndex;
                stack[++top] = pivot - 1;
            }

            if (pivot + 1 < stopIndex)
            {
                stack[++top] = pivot + 1;
                stack[++top] = stopIndex;
            }
        }
    };
}());
```

Using the libary

These examples explain how to use this code.

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```
//
//Plain Sort
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//
var plainSort = [4, 7, 6, 5, 7, 0, 1, 5, 10, 10, 8];
plainSort.quickSort();
console.log(JSON.stringify(plainSort));
//Prints: [0,1,4,5,5,6,7,7,8,10,10]

//
//Sort With Custom Compare Function
//
var descendingOrder = [4, 7, 6, 5, 7, 0, 1, 5, 10, 10, 8];
descendingOrder.quickSort(function(a, b)
{
    //Descending order compare
    return a > b;
});
console.log(JSON.stringify(descendingOrder));
//Prints: [10,10,8,7,7,6,5,5,4,1,0]

//
//Sort multiple arrays with a custom compare
//
var table =
{
    "employeeName": ["Jane", "John", "Tom", "Alex", "Mary"],
    "id": [10, 5, 7, 3, 0]
};
table.employeeName.quickSort(function(a, b)
{
    //Strings have to be compared using the localeCompare function
    return (a || "").localeCompare(b) < 0;
},
function(array, index1, index2)
{
    //Sorts both arrays in the 'table' object
    var temp = array[index1];
    array[index1] = array[index2];
    array[index2] = temp;

    temp = table.id[index1];
    table.id[index1] = table.id[index2];
    table.id[index2] = temp;
});
console.log(JSON.stringify(table));
//Prints:{"employeeName":["Alex","Jane","John","Mary","Tom"],"id":[3,10,5,0,7]}
```

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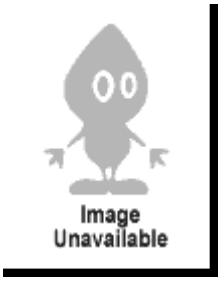

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