

NAME

fileSort.c

DESCRIPTION

fileSort reads comma-separated alphanumeric data from a file and sorts it through insertion or quicksort methods. The sorted list is printed back to the user.

ARGUMENTS

fileSort takes in two arguments to run:

1. A sortFlag to indicate which sorting algorithm the program will run. '-i' indicates insertion sort, and '-q' indicates quicksort. Inputting any other argument will cause a fatal error.
2. The name of the file to be read. The file path should be local (relative to the location of the program). If the file does not exist, then a fatal error will be triggered.

FILE FORMAT

- The file should contain data consisting of numbers OR strings of lowercase letters
- Each piece of data should be separated by a comma ','
- Any and all whitespace characters will be ignored (spaces,tabs,newlines).
- Any empty tokens will be sorted to the beginning of the list. Unless the empty token is the last token; then it will be ignored.

RETURN VALUE

- 1 is returned on a successful sort
- -1 is returned if an error has terminated the program.

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