

PreLab #11

Spring 2025

Requirements

To get ready for this week's lab, you need to become familiar with function pointers. To do this, write a version of Bubble Sort that takes 2 function pointers that allow this sorting algorithm to work with an array of any data types.

Here are some definitions that will help:

```
typedef int (*COMPAREFUNCTION)(void *,void *);
typedef void (*SWAPFUNCTION)(void *,void*);

void BubbleSort(void * array, int n, int elementsize, COMPAREFUNCTION compare, SWAPFUNCTION swap)
```

This means that you should be able to call `compare` in your `BubbleSort()` implementation to compare two elements of your array (very similar to the way `strcmp` compares two strings). Your compare function should return 0 if the elements are equal, >0 if the first element is larger than the second element, and <0 if the first element is smaller than the second element.

Example

I wrote a main to test my implementation. It looks like this:

```
int main(void)
{
    Person persons[] =
    {
        {"Jim", "Ries", 1234},
        {"Jim", "Jones", 1111},
        {"Laura", "Ries", 2222},
        {"Abbie", "Ries", 3333},
        {"Charlotte", "Ries", 4444},
    };
    printf("Before:\n");
    PrintPersons(persons, sizeof(persons)/sizeof(persons[0]));

    BubbleSort(persons, sizeof(persons)/sizeof(persons[0]), sizeof(persons[0]), ComparePerson, SwapPerson);
    printf("\nAfter:\n");
    PrintPersons(persons, sizeof(persons)/sizeof(persons[0]));

    int a[] = {99, 7, 15, 12, 1, 207, 14};
    printf("Before:\n");
    PrintInts(a, sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]));

    BubbleSort(a, sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]), sizeof(a[0]), CompareInt, SwapInt);
    printf("\nAfter:\n");
    PrintInts(a, sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]));
}
```

Here is an example of running my implementation and test code:

```
jimr@CENGR-BMVNN34:/home/jimr/CS2050/SP2025/labs/lab11>compile prelab11.c
jimr@CENGR-BMVNN34:/home/jimr/CS2050/SP2025/labs/lab11>./a.out
Before:
Jim Ries (1234)
Jim Jones (1111)
Laura Ries (2222)
Abbie Ries (3333)
Charlotte Ries (4444)

After:
Jim Jones (1111)
Abbie Ries (3333)
Charlotte Ries (4444)
Jim Ries (1234)
Laura Ries (2222)
Before:
99
7
15
12
1
207
14

After:
1
7
12
14
15
99
207
```

If you can do this, the lab should be no problem. To get started, I would suggest you try to make your `BubbleSort()` work with integers. Write `compare` and `swap` for integers and make the whole thing work. Once you do that, you can basically copy the code you used for integers to make `compare` and `swap` functions for another type (like strings or some new structure type).