

Hello Class!

If you aren't familiar with **selection sort** or would like a quick refresher, please watch the following video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-PGLbMth\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-PGLbMth_g)


The screenshot shows the YouTube interface. On the left is the sidebar with the YouTube logo and navigation links: Startseite, Shorts, Abos, and a 'Mein YouTube' section containing Mein Kanal, Verlauf, and Playlists. The top navigation bar includes a search bar with 'selection sort' entered, a microphone icon, and user avatars for a plus icon, a notification bell with '9+', and a user profile 'M'. The video player area displays the title 'Selection sort in 3 minutes', the channel name 'Michael Sambol', and a description: 'Step by step instructions showing how to run selection sort.' Below the description is a 'Untertitel' button. The video thumbnail features the text 'Selection Sort in 3' in a large, stylized font. A red progress bar is visible at the bottom of the video frame, with a '2:43' duration label.

## Tips for the MST

- Do **all past tests** (if you can find some) — they repeat patterns!
- Do the **sample test** (this year's) **twice**
- practice coding on paper (without using the lecture notes, Ed, code editors, LLMs, ...)



Common coding mistakes:

- **Integer division:** `5/2` will return 2, **not** 2.5!  
Use `5.0/2.0`, or cast: `(double) 5/2`
- **Loop variable not declared**
  - `for (int i=0; i<n; i++)`  don't forget `int`
- **For non-void functions:**
  - Make sure you **return something** in **every possible path!**

## Arrays

	<table><tr><td>A[0]</td><td>A[1]</td><td>A[2]</td><td>A[3]</td></tr></table>				A[0]	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]
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Array:	[	5	7	3	4	]		
Memory:		0xFF120	0xFF124	0xFF128	0xFF132			

- an array is a collection of same-type variables
- in C, an array is a sequential block of memory → you must define the size at creation and can't change it later on
- **you cannot use negative indices!  
it will not give you the result you expect**


## Initialising arrays

type of the array

shape of the array

access the  $i$ -th  
entry of the array

```
2  /* Initialise directly */
3
4  int A[3] = {1, 2, 3};
5
6  int A[5] = {1, 2}; // A[2] ... A[4] automatically set to 0
7
8  int A[2][3] = {      // 2d array
9      {1, 2, 3},
10     {4, 5, 6}
11 }
12
13
14 /* Fill up with a loop */
15
16 int A[3];
17
18 for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
19     A[i] = i + 1;
20 }
21
22 /* THIS DOES NOT WORK */
23
24 int A[3];
25 A = {1, 2, 3};
```



## Arrays are **passed as pointers**

```
4 void print_array(int A[], int n) {  
5     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
6         printf("%d ", A[i]);  
7     }  
8 }
```

- When you pass an array to a function like this, you're passing a **pointer to the first element**
- Changes to `A[i]` inside the function **affect** the original array

There is **no built-in .shape or .length** property like in Python.

BE CAREFUL WITH THE **sizeof()** FUNCTION!

- If the array is defined **inside a function** e.g. as `int A[5]`, then **sizeof(A)** does return `5 * sizeof(int)`
- If you want the number of elements in an array, you can use

```
int count = sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0])
```



divide by the size of int

- This works **only** if the array is in scope as a full array (i.e. was defined inside the function), otherwise it will return the size of the pointer

## Workshop Exercises (Ed)

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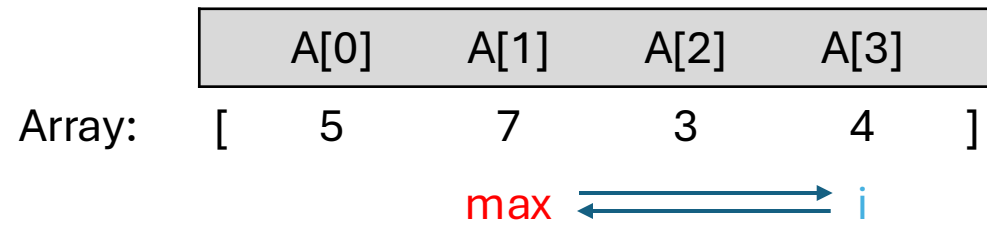
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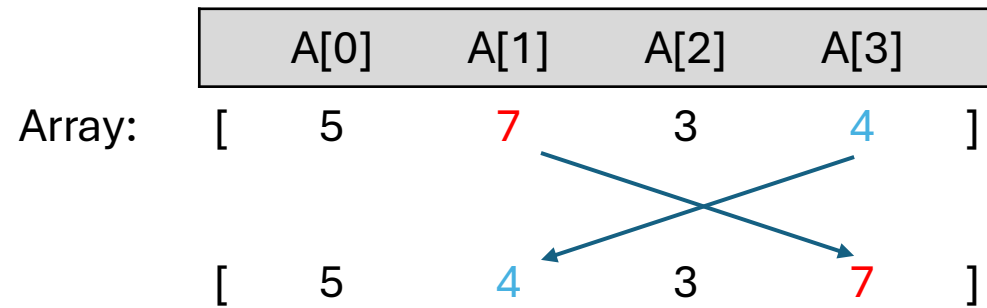
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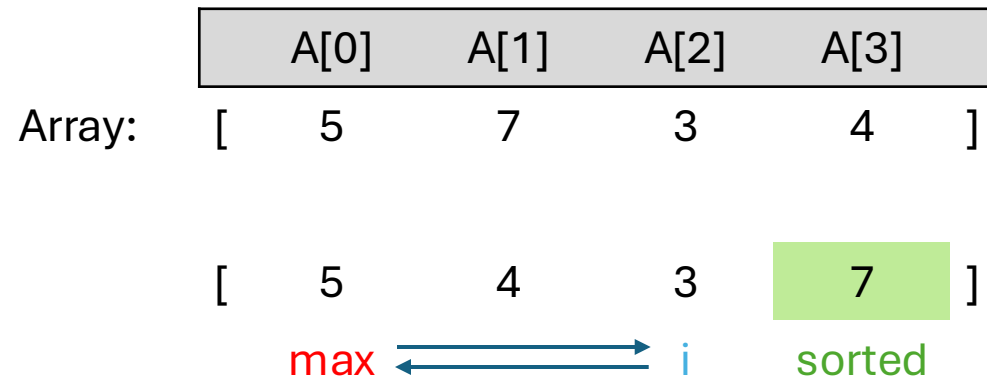
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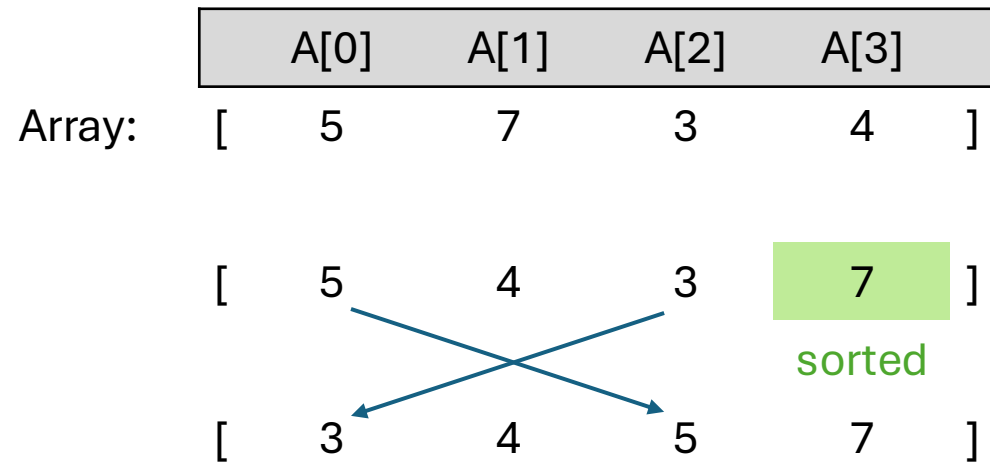
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