



SORTING TYPES SPEED TEST

BUBBLE SORT VS. SELECTION SORT VS. INSERTION SORT

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BUBBLE SORT ALGORITHM

First Pass

(5 1 4 2 8) → (1 5 4 2 8) **Compares first two elements, swaps 1 and 5**
(1 5 4 2 8) → (1 4 5 2 8) **Swap since 5 > 4**
(1 4 5 2 8) → (1 4 2 5 8) **Swap since 5 > 2**
(1 4 2 5 8) → (1 4 2 5 8) **Since 5 is less than 8, they don't need to be swapped**

Second Pass

(1 4 2 5 8) → (1 4 2 5 8)
(1 4 2 5 8) → (1 2 4 5 8) **Swap since 4 is greater than 2**
(1 2 4 5 8) → (1 2 4 5 8)
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Now that the array is sorted, the bubble sort needs to confirm that it's completed with one whole pass

Third Pass

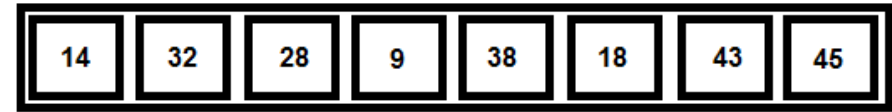
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Source: <http://cppbetterexplained.com/the-bubble-sort-algorithm/>

BUBBLE SORT CODE

```
public void bubbleSort () {  
    int out, in;  
  
    for (out=0; out<nElems; out++) {  
        for (in = 0; in<nElems-1; in++) {  
            if (N[in] > N[in+1]) {  
                swap (in, in+1);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

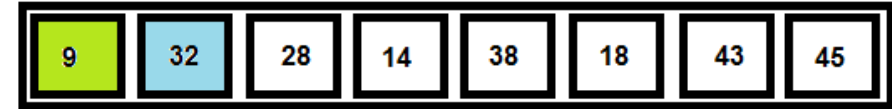
SELECTION SORT ALGORITHM



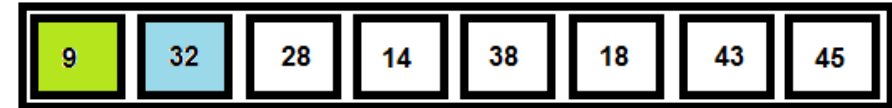
The first position where 14 is stored currently
We search the whole list and find 9 is the lowest value



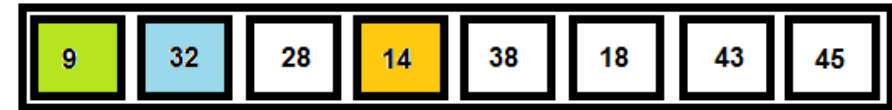
We replace 14 with 9. After one iteration 9, happens to be the minimum value in the list, appears in the first position of the list



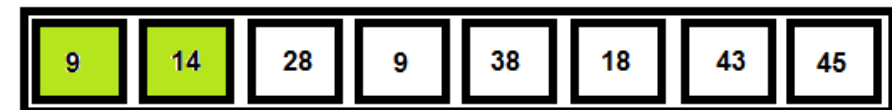
For the second position, where 32 is placed, we start searching the list of the list left to right



14 is found to be the second lowest value in the list and it should appear at the second slot. We swap these values



After two iterations, two values are positioned at the beginning in the sorted way



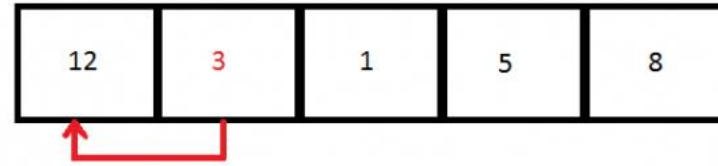
The same process is applied on the rest of the items in the list

SELECTION SORT CODE

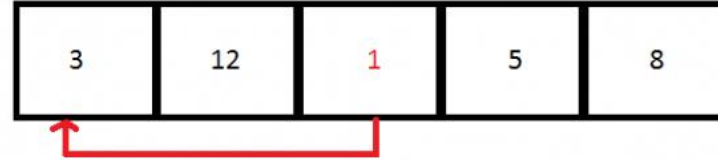
```
public void selectionSort() {  
    int out, in, min;  
  
    for (out = 0; out < nElems - 1; out++) {  
        min = out;  
        for (in = out + 1; in < nElems; in++) {  
            if (N[in] < N[min]) {  
                min = in;  
            }  
        }  
        swap(out, min);  
    }  
}
```

INSERTION SORT ALGORITHM

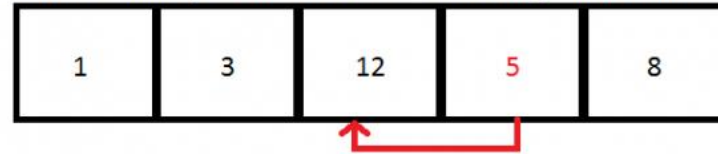
Check the second element of the array with the element before it and inserting it in proper position. Since 3 is less than 12, 3 is inserted where 12 is



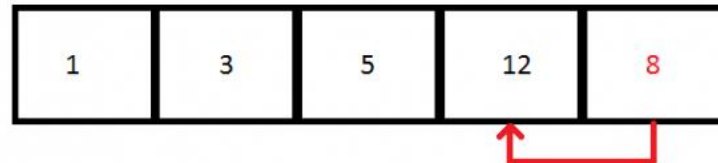
Check the third element of the array with elements before it and inserting it into the correct position. 1 is inserted where 3 is



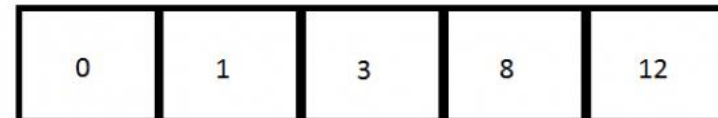
Check the fourth element of the array with elements before it and inserting it into the correct position. 5 is inserted into the position of where 12 is



Check the fifth element of the array with elements before it and inserting it into the correct position. 8 is inserted into the position of where 12 is located



The final result of the sorted array in
Ascending order



INSERTION SORT CODE

```
public void insertionSort () {  
    int out, in;  
  
    for (out=1; out<nElems; out++) {  
        int temp = N[out];  
        in = out;  
        while (in>0 && N[in-1] >= temp) {  
            N[in] = N[in-1];  
            --in;  
        }  
        N[in] = temp;  
    }  
}
```

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Used to describe performance or complexity of an algorithm – this project focuses on time complexity

Algorithm	Best	Average	Worst
Bubble Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$

HOW ARE WE RUNNING THE TEST?

1. Sort array of size 10,000 using bubble sort and record elapsed time
2. Increment element number by 2,500 until 100,000 elements is reached and record elapsed time value each time
3. Repeat steps 1-2, but with selection sort and insertion sort
4. Repeat steps 1-3 with different seed number to ensure validity of data

```
pw.println("Time Elapsed for Seed 1234");
System.out.println("Time Elapsed for Seed 1234");

//-----BubbleSort-----

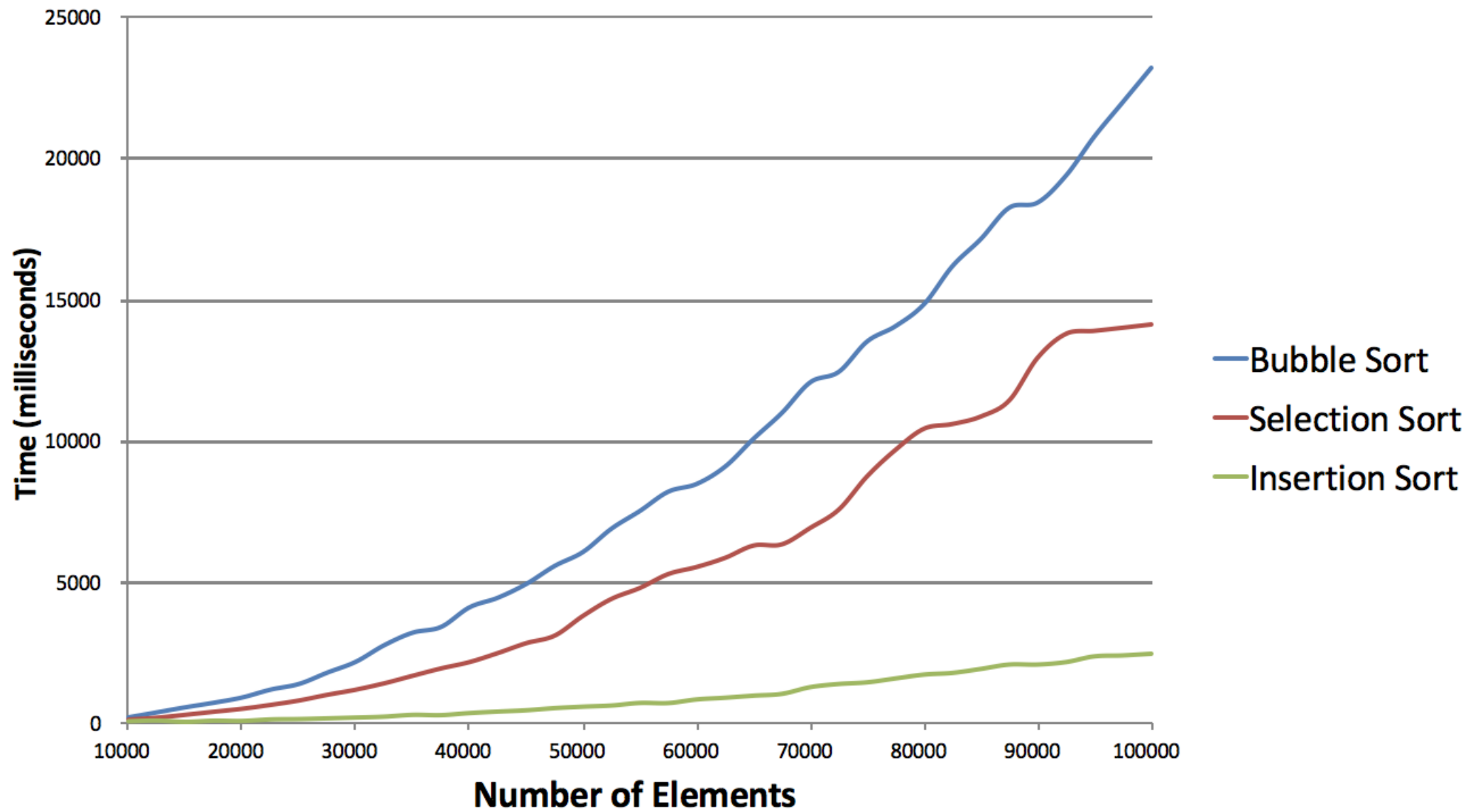
ArraySorts arr1a;
pw.println("Bubble Sort: ");
System.out.println("Bubble Sort: ");

for (int i=10000; i<=100000; i+=2500){
    arr1a = new ArraySorts(i);

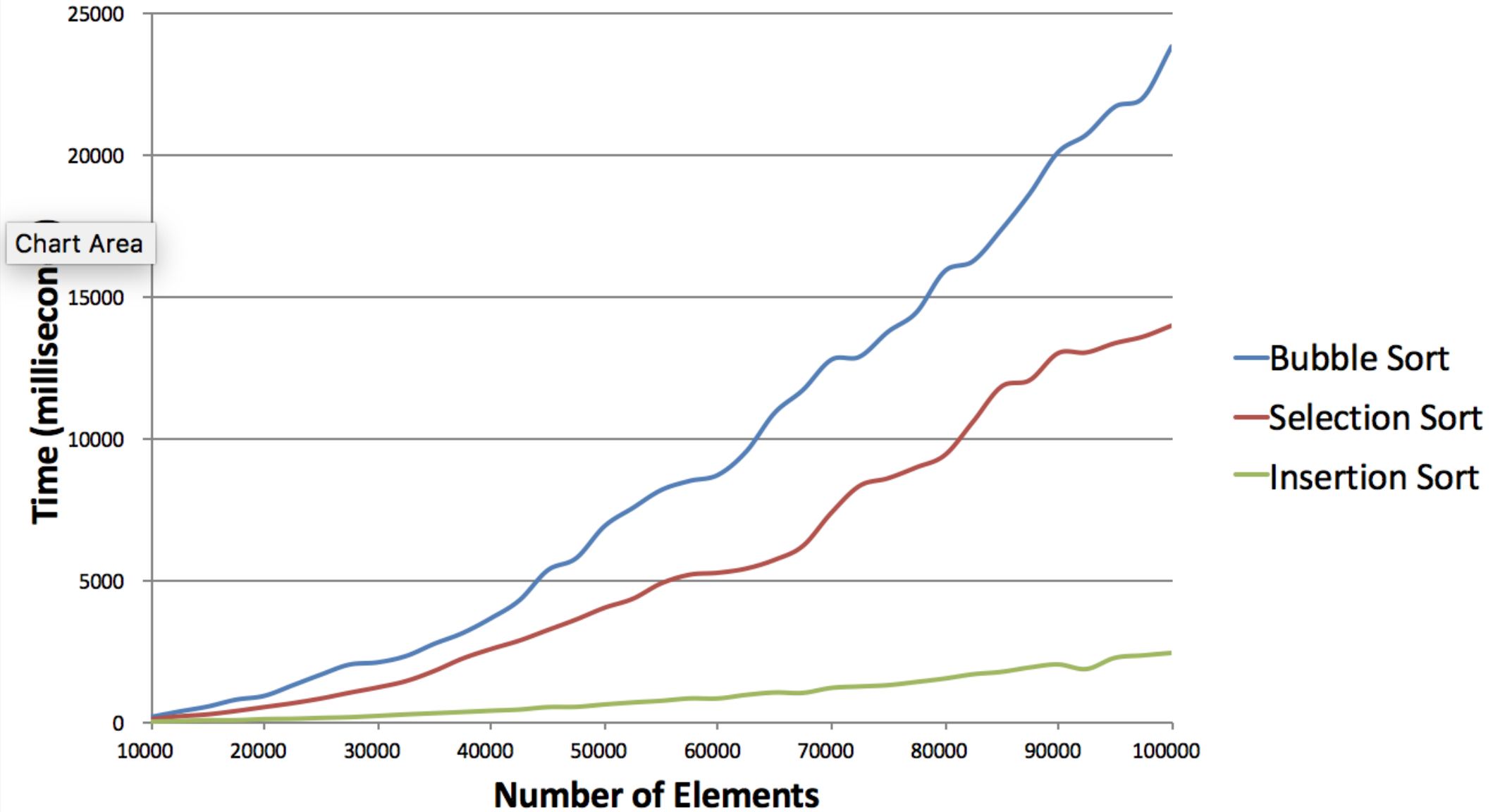
    arr1a.randomElements(1234);

    long startTime1a = System.currentTimeMillis();
    arr1a.bubbleSort();
    long elapsedTime1a = System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime1a;
    pw.println(i + " elements: " + elapsedTime1a);
    System.out.println(i + " elements: " + elapsedTime1a);
}
```

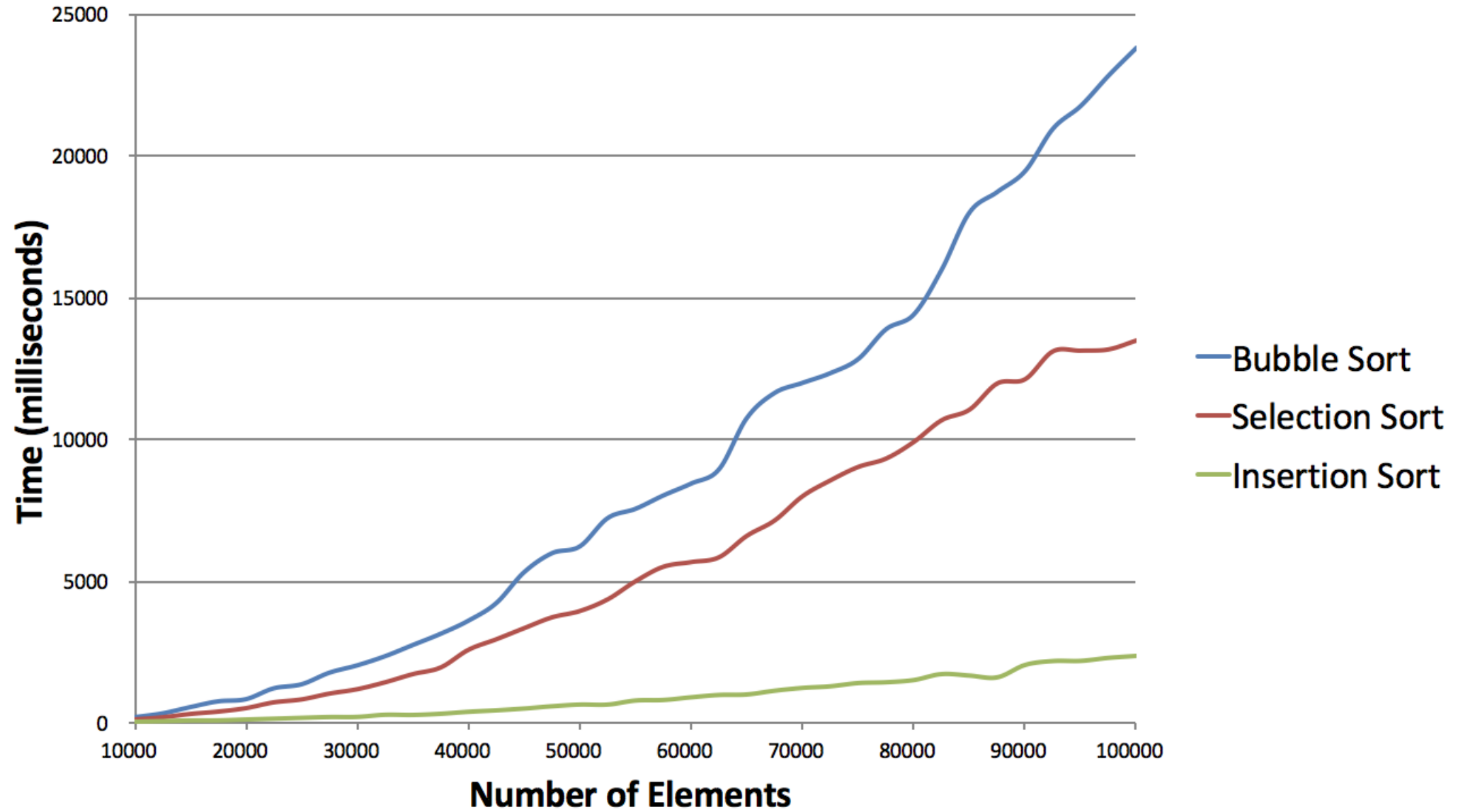
Time Elapsed for Seed 1234



Time Elapsed for Seed 666



Time Elapsed for Seed 42



CONCLUSIONS

- 1st Place: **INSERTION SORT** –
significantly faster than selection and insertion sort
- 2nd Place: **SELECTION SORT** –
slightly faster than bubble sort, but much slower than insertion sort
- 3rd Place: **BUBBLE SORT** –
slowest and least efficient sorting type

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Slight variance in value of elapsed time each time program is run
- Slight computer hiccups may cause some strange results such as slightly higher element number accompanied by slightly lower time required to sort