

**Lab Goal :** This lab was designed to teach you more about sorting and searching and specifically about merge sort.

**Lab Description :** Write a program that demonstrates you know how to implement a merge sort.

### Sample Data :

9 5 3 2  
19 52 3 2 7 21  
68 66 11 2 42 31

### Files Needed ::

**MergeSort.java**  
**MergeSortRunner.java**

### Sample Output :

pass 0 [5, 9, 3, 2]

pass 1 [5, 9, 2, 3]

pass 2 [2, 3, 5, 9]

pass 0 [19, 3, 52, 2, 7, 21]

pass 1 [3, 19, 52, 2, 7, 21]

pass 2 [3, 19, 52, 2, 7, 21]

pass 3 [3, 19, 52, 2, 7, 21]

pass 4 [2, 3, 7, 19, 21, 52]

pass 0 [68, 11, 66, 2, 42, 31]

pass 1 [11, 66, 68, 2, 42, 31]

pass 2 [11, 66, 68, 2, 31, 42]

pass 3 [11, 66, 68, 2, 31, 42]

pass 4 [2, 11, 31, 42, 66, 68]

### mergeSort Algorithm

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method mergesort(array, front, back)
    mid = front plus back divided by 2
    if mid is the same as front stop
    mergesort(array, front, mid)
    mergesort(array, mid, back)
    merge(array, front, back)
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method merge(array, front, back)
    make a temporary array with size back-front
    make i and set it to front
    make j and set it to front plus back divided by 2
    make k and set it to zero
    make mid and set it to j
    loop as long as i is less than mid and j is less than back
        if spot i in array is less than spot j in array
            copy array spot i's value to temp array
        else
            copy array spot j's value to temp array

    loop as long as i is less than mid
        copy array i's value to temp

    loop as long as j is less than back
        copy array j's value to temp

    loop from 0 to back-front
        copy from temp to array
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