



# Merge Sort



## Definition

- Merge sort is a computationally-efficient sorting algorithm known for its divide-and-conquer strategy
- It was developed by John von Neumann in 1945



# Example

7	5	0	2	1	4
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7	5	0
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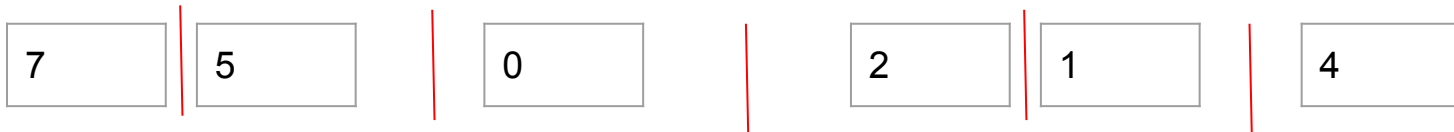
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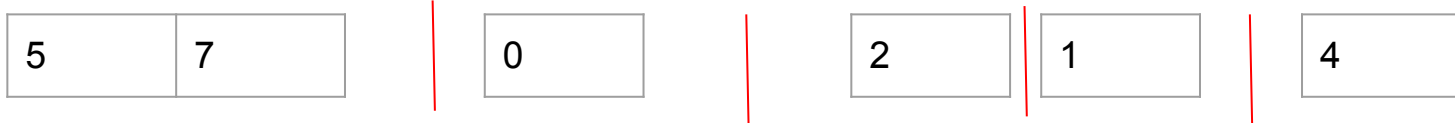
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Temp



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0	5	7		1	2	4
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0	5	7	1	2	
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0	1	2	4	5	7
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## Main Takeaways

- The actual sorting occurs at the lowest levels when items are being copied into the temp array
- The time complexity of this algorithm is  $O(n \log n)$
- The space complexity of this algorithm is  $O(n)$



# Merge Sort Visualizer

- Merge Sort Simulator for extra help
  - <https://www.hackerearth.com/practice/algorithms/sorting/merge-sort/visualize/>