

Laptops

Problem statement: [Laptops \(link\)](#)

Implementation: [Code \(link\)](#)

Our approach is to sort the laptops by price, then do a linear search. After sorting (increasingly), let $L_i.quality$ denote the quality of the i -th laptop. Also, let max_i denote the maximum quality up to and including the i -th laptop, initially set to 0. Then we can visit each laptop, from cheapest to most expensive. On each visit, we check whether $L_i.quality < max_{i-1}$. If $L_i.quality < max_{i-1}$ then we output "Happy Alex" and terminate. Otherwise, we update max_{i-1} and proceed to the next laptop. After visiting each laptop we output "Poor Alex".

Runtime complexity: $O(n \log(n))$, the sort subroutine dominates.

Memory complexity: $O(n)$