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Lecture 3: Array

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Outline

- ▶ Concepts on arrays
- ▶ ADT of Arrays
- ▶ Implementation
- ▶ Examples



Array

- ▶ An array is used to **store** the **same** type of objects together, and **access** the objects by their **indices**
 - Pro: If you know the index (**where**), you can find the object (**content**) with one basic operation (**efficient**). Efficient search if array is sorted
 - Con: (i) If you want to insert an object in a place between two objects in an array, you have to move the objects first; (ii) The capacity is fixed



Array:

23	4	6	15	5	7
0	1	2	3	4	5

↑
Array index





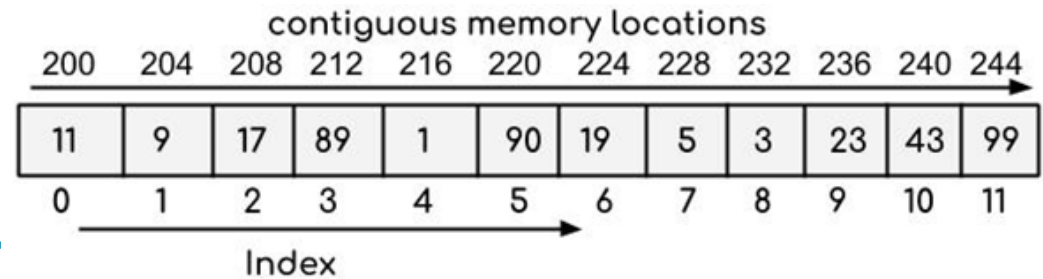
Illustration from wikipedia

- ▶ Array: a data structure consisting of a collection of elements (values or variables)
 - Each element is identified by at least one array index or key
 - The memory position of each element can be computed from its index tuple
 - The simplest type of data structure is a linear array, also called one-dimensional array

- ▶ More introduction
 - Arrays are among the oldest and most important data structures, and are used by almost every program
 - The simplest type of array is a linear array, or one-dimensional array; arrays are used for representing vectors/matrices
 - The memory address of the first element of an array is called first address, foundation address, or base address



Concepts



- ▶ **Array:** An ordered collection of values
 - Ordered and fixed length
 - Homogeneous: each value in the array is of the same type
- ▶ The individual values in an array are called **elements**
- ▶ The number of elements is called the **length** of the array
- ▶ Each element is identified by its position in the array, which is called **index**
 - In Java, the index numbers begin with 0



Array ADT

1	ADT Array
2	Array createArray(n)
3	Item retrieve(arr, i)
4	Item store(arr, i, itemToStore)

- ▶ **createArray(n)**
 - Initialized an array of size n to store item
- ▶ **retrieve(arr,i)**
 - arr[i],
 - Return the item stored in the i -th position of the array
- ▶ **store(arr, i, itemToStore)**
 - Store itemToStore to the i -th position of the array
 - arr[i] = itemToStore



Advantage of ADT

- ▶ We can design algorithms without knowing its underlying implementation
 - E.g., design an algorithm to do linear search with an array using ADT

Algorithm 1: *Linear Search*

Input: An array *a* of integers with length *n*, an integer *searchnum*

Output: the index *i* such that the value stored in the *i*-th position equals *searchnum*, or -1 if no such *i* exists

```
1  int i;
2  for (i=0; i<n; i++){
3      if( retrieve(a,i) == searchnum )
4          return i;
5  }
6  return -1;
```



Array ADT: example

- ▶ We can design algorithms without knowing its underlying implementation
 - E.g., implement the dimension-product given two arrays a_1 and a_2 and output to a_3 such that $a_3[i] = a_1[i] \cdot a_2[i]$

Algorithm 2: *Dimension Product*

Input: Vector a_1, a_2, a_3 of length n

Output: Dimension-product of a_1 and a_2 which stored in a_3

```
1  int i,i_dimension_coordinate;
2  for (i=0; i<n; i++){
3      i_dimension_coordinate = retrieve( $a_1$ ,i)*retrieve( $a_2$ ,i);
4      store( $a_3$ , i, i_dimension_coordinate);
5  }
6  return  $a_3$ ;
```




Java: array declaration

- ▶ An array is characterized by
 - Element type
 - Length: `type[] identifier = new type[length];`
- ▶ Default values in initialization
 - numerics 0
 - boolean false
 - objects null



Elements of an array can be objects of any Java class



Example: An array of 5 instances of the student class

```
Student [ ]  
topStudents = new Student[5];
```



Java: array operations

- ▶ Use named constant to declare the length of an array, or read the length of an array from the user

```
private static final int N_JUDGES = 5;
double[ ] scores = new double[N_JUDGES];
```
- ▶ Identifying an element: `array[index]`
- ▶ Index can be an expression, e.g., `array[(a+b)/2]`
- ▶ Cycling through array elements

```
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
    operations involving the ith element;
}
```



Array initialization

- ▶ A convenient way of initializing an array:

```
int[ ] digits = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};
```

```
String[ ] US_CITIES_OVER_ONE_MILLION = {  
    "New York",  
    "Los Angeles",  
    "Chicago",  
    "Huston",  
    "Philadelphia",  
    "Phoenix",  
    "San Diego",  
    "San Antonio",  
    "Dallas",  
}
```



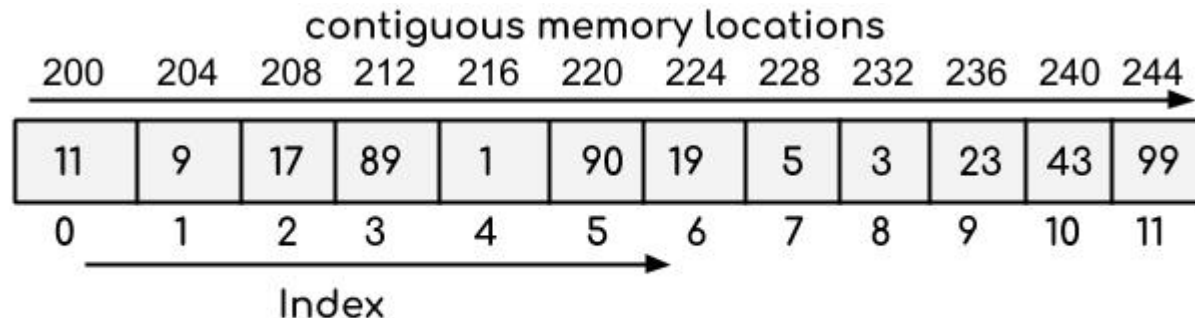
Human-readable index values

- ▶ Starting index numbering at 0 can be confusing
 - Sometimes, it makes sense to work with index that begins with 1
- ▶ Two standard ways:
 - Use Java's index number internally and then add one when presenting to the user
 - Use index values beginning at 1 and ignore the first (0) element in each array



Internal representation

- ▶ A (memory) array is a linear data structure that hosts a collection of similar data types stored at **consecutive locations** in a computer's memory
 - If we have the base address (the address of the first element), the address of other elements can be then calculated using the base address





Pass-by-Value vs Pass-by-Reference

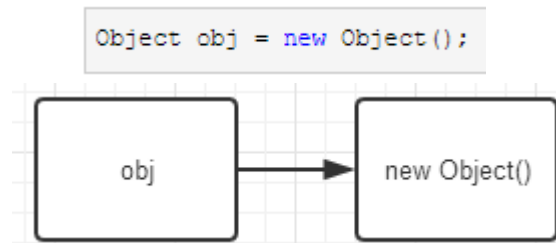
swapElements(array[i], array[n - i - 1]) [wrong]
swapElements(array, i, n - i - 1)

► What is Pass-by-Value?

- The value of a function parameter is copied to another location of the memory
- When accessing or modifying the variable within the function, it accesses only the copy, so there is no effect on the original value

► What is Pass-by-Reference?

- The memory address is passed to that function, so the function gets access to the actual variable





Examples



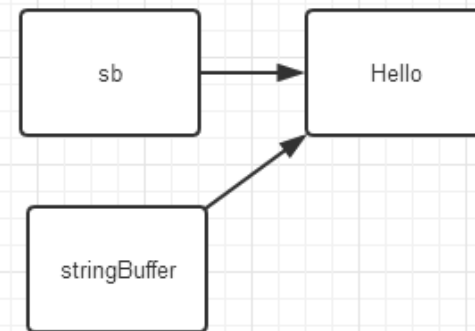
```
public class test {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int i = 1;  
        System.out.println("before change, i = "+i);  
        change(i);  
        System.out.println("after change, i = "+i);  
    }  
    public static void change(int i){  
        i = 5;  
    }  
}
```



```
before change, i = 1  
after change, i = 1
```



```
public class test {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Hello ");  
        System.out.println("before change, sb is "+sb.toString());  
        change(sb);  
        System.out.println("after change, sb is "+sb.toString());  
    }  
    public static void change(StringBuffer stringBuffer){  
        stringBuffer.append("world !");  
    }  
}
```



```
before change, sb is Hello  
after change, sb is Hello world !
```



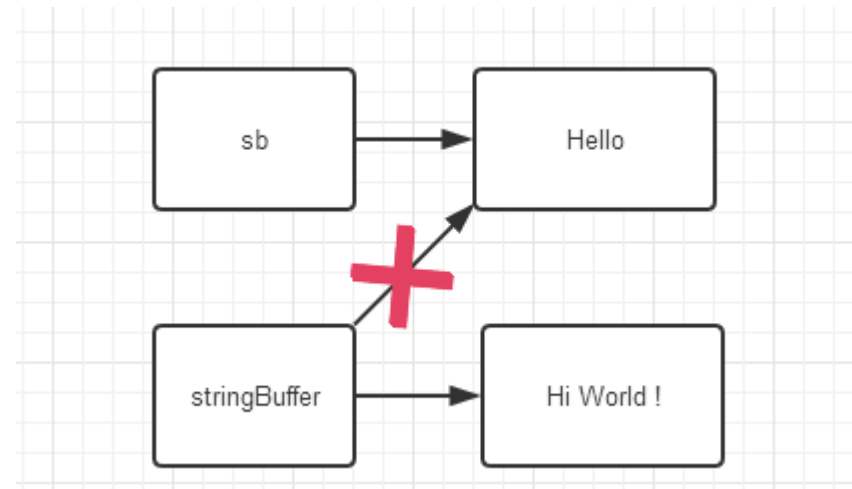
Examples



```
public class test {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Hello ");  
        System.out.println("before change, sb is "+sb.toString());  
        change(sb);  
        System.out.println("after change, sb is "+sb.toString());  
    }  
    public static void change(StringBuffer stringBuffer){  
        stringBuffer = new StringBuffer("Hi ");  
        stringBuffer.append("world !");  
    }  
}
```



```
before change, sb is Hello  
after change, sb is Hello
```





Examples

```
1 public class MyClass {
2     public int x, y;
3
4     public MyClass(int a, int b){
5         x = a;
6         y = b;
7     }
8     public static void swap(MyClass obj_a, MyClass obj_b){
9         MyClass tmp = obj_a;
10        obj_a = obj_b;
11        obj_b = tmp;
12
13        System.out.println("# obj_a: x=" + obj_a.x + " y=" + obj_a.y);
14        System.out.println("# obj_b: x=" + obj_b.x + " y=" + obj_b.y);
15        System.out.println();
16    }
17    public static void main(String args[]) {
18        MyClass obj1 = new MyClass(1, 2);
19        MyClass obj2 = new MyClass(10, 20);
20
21        MyClass.swap(obj1, obj2);
22
23        System.out.println("obj1: x=" + obj1.x + " y=" + obj1.y);
24        System.out.println("obj2: x=" + obj2.x + " y=" + obj2.y);
25    }
26 }
```

```
# obj_a: x=10 y=20
# obj_b: x=1 y=2

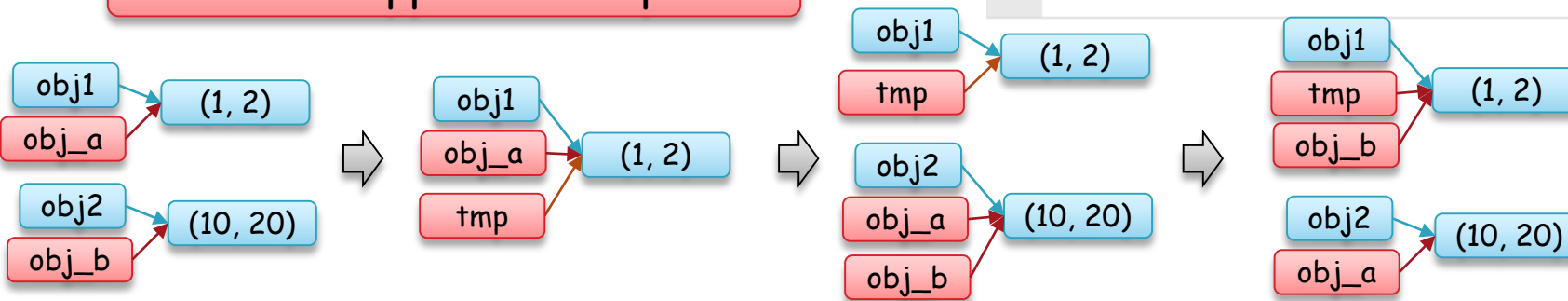
obj1: x=1 y=2
obj2: x=10 y=20
```

```
1 public class MyClass {
2     public int x, y;
3
4     public MyClass(int a, int b){
5         x = a;
6         y = b;
7     }
8     public static void swap(MyClass obj_a, MyClass obj_b){
9         int tmp = obj_a.x;
10        obj_a.x = obj_b.x;
11        obj_b.x = tmp;
12
13        tmp = obj_a.y;
14        obj_a.y = obj_b.y;
15        obj_b.y = tmp;
16
17        System.out.println("# obj_a: x=" + obj_a.x + " y=" + obj_a.y);
18        System.out.println("# obj_b: x=" + obj_b.x + " y=" + obj_b.y);
19        System.out.println();
20    }
21    public static void main(String args[]) {
22        MyClass obj1 = new MyClass(1, 2);
23        MyClass obj2 = new MyClass(10, 20);
24
25        MyClass.swap(obj1, obj2);
26
27        System.out.println("obj1: x=" + obj1.x + " y=" + obj1.y);
28        System.out.println("obj2: x=" + obj2.x + " y=" + obj2.y);
29    }
30 }
```

```
# obj_a: x=10 y=20
# obj_b: x=1 y=2

obj1: x=10 y=20
obj2: x=1 y=2
```

What happens in swap ?





Passing arrays as parameters

```
private void swapElements(int[] array, int p1, int p2) {  
    int tmp = array[p1];  
    array[p1] = array[p2];  
    array[p2] = tmp;  
}
```

- ▶ Every array in Java has a length field

```
private void reverseArray(int[] array) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < array.length / 2; i++) {  
        swapElements(array, i, array.length - i - 1);  
    }  
}
```



Exercise: using arrays

- ▶ Letter frequency table:
 - Given an array of letters,
e.g., $A[] = \{'A', 'B', 'C', 'B', 'A'\}$
count the frequency of each letter
- ▶ Can you design a fast algorithm to solve the above problem?



Maximum number of elements

- ▶ What's the maximum number of elements in a Java array?
 - `Integer.MAX_VALUE`
- ▶ How to use an array to store a set of elements whose size is larger than the maximum number of elements in Java array?
 - `Multi-dimensional array`



Two-dimensional arrays

- ▶ Each element of an array is an array (of the same dimension)

- E.g., a 3-by-2 matrix

```
int[][] A = new int[3][2];
```

```
int A[3][2] = { {1, 4}, {2, 5}, {3, 6}};
```

- ▶ An array of three arrays of dimension two

```
A[0][0] A[0][1]
```

```
A[1][0] A[1][1]
```

```
A[2][0] A[2][0]
```



The ArrayList Class

- ▶ The **java.util** package has a class called **ArrayList**
 - Provide standard array behaviors along with other useful operations
 - **ArrayList** is a Java class rather than a special form in the language;
- ▶ All operations on **ArrayLists** are indicated using method calls
 - Create a new **ArrayList** by calling **ArrayList** constructor
 - Get the number of elements by calling the **size** method
 - Use the **get** and **set** methods to select individual elements



More examples in Java

- ▶ Number arrays
 - int, float, double, ...
- ▶ String arrays
- ▶ Boolean arrays

```
1 public class Main
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5         // create an array
6         int[] age = {12, 4, 5};
7
8         // loop through the array
9         // using for loop
10        System.out.println("Using for-each Loop:");
11        for(int a : age)
12        {
13            System.out.println(a);
14        }
15    }
16 }
```

Output

```
Using for-each Loop:
12
4
5
```



```

1  public class Main
2  {
3      public static void main(String[] args)
4      {
5
6          int[] numbers = {2, -9, 0, 5, 12, -25, 22, 9, 8, 12};
7          int sum = 0;
8          Double average;
9
10         // access all elements using for each loop
11         // add each element in sum
12         for (int number : numbers)
13         {
14             sum += number;
15         }
16
17         // get the total number of elements
18         int arrayLength = numbers.length;
19
20         // calculate the average
21         // convert the average from int to double
22         average = ((double)sum / (double)arrayLength);
23
24         System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);
25         System.out.println("Average = " + average);
26     }
27 }

```

Output:

```

Sum = 36
Average = 3.6

```

```

1  public class MultidimensionalArray {
2      public static void main(String[] args)
3      {
4
5          int[][] a =
6          {
7              {1, -2, 3},
8              {-4, -5, 6, 9},
9              {7},
10         };
11
12         for (int i = 0; i < a.length; ++i)
13         {
14             for(int j = 0; j < a[i].length; ++j)
15             {
16                 System.out.println(a[i][j]);
17             }
18         }
19     }
20 }

```

Output:

```

1
-2
3
-4
-5
6
9
7

```

```

1 public class MultidimensionalArray
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5
6         // create a 2d array
7         int[][] a =
8         {
9             {1, -2, 3},
10            {-4, -5, 6, 9},
11            {7},
12        };
13
14        // first for...each loop access the individual array
15        // inside the 2d array
16        for (int[] innerArray : a)
17        {
18            // second for...each loop access each element inside the row
19            for(int data : innerArray)
20            {
21                System.out.println(data);
22            }
23        }
24    }
25 }

```

Output:

```

1
-2
3
-4
-5
6
9
7

```

```

1  public class ThreeArray
2  {
3      public static void main(String[] args)
4      {
5          // create a 3d array
6          int[][][] test =
7          {
8              {
9                  {
10                     {1, -2, 3},
11                     {2, 3, 4}
12                 },
13                 {
14                     {-4, -5, 6, 9},
15                     {1},
16                     {2, 3}
17                 }
18             };
19
20             // for..each loop to iterate through elements of 3d array
21             for (int[][] array2D : test)
22             {
23                 for (int[] array1D : array2D)
24                 {
25                     for(int item : array1D)
26                     {
27                         System.out.println(item);
28                     }
29                 }
30             }
31         }
32     }

```

Output:

```

1
-2
3
2
3
4
-4
-5
6
9
1
2
3

```



Examples: String array

- ▶ String Array is an array holding a fixed number of strings or string values
 - One structure commonly used in Java
 - Even the argument of the 'main' function in Java is a String Array
- ▶ String array is an array of objects
 - String is an object

```

1 public class Main
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5
6         String[] myarray;      //declaration of string array without size
7         String[] strArray = new String[5]; //declaration with size
8
9         //System.out.println(myarray[0]); //variable myarray might not have been initialized
10        //display elements of second array
11        System.out.print(strArray[0] + " " + strArray[1] + " " + strArray[2] + " " +
12        strArray[3] + " " + strArray[4]);
13    }
14 }

```

```

null null null null null

```

```

1 public class Main
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5         //declare and initialize a string array
6         String[] numArray = {"one", "two", "three", "four", "five"};
7         int len = numArray.length; //get the length of array
8         //display the length
9         System.out.println("Length of numArray{\"one\", \"two\", \"three\", \"four\", \"five\"}:" + len);
10    }
11 }

```

```

Length of numArray{"one", "two", "three", "four", "five"}:5

```

```

1  import java.util.*;
2
3  public class Main
4  {
5      public static void main(String[] args)
6      {
7          //original array
8          String[] colorsArray = {"Red", "Green", "Blue" };
9          System.out.println("Original Array: " + Arrays.toString(colorsArray));
10
11         //length of original array
12         int orig_length = colorsArray.length;
13         //new element to be added to string array
14         String newElement = "Orange";
15         //define new array with length more than the original array
16         String[] newArray = new String[ orig_length + 1 ];
17         //add all elements of original array to new array
18         for (int i = 0; i < colorsArray.length; i++)
19         {
20             newArray[i] = colorsArray [i];
21         }
22         //add new element to the end of new array
23         newArray[newArray.length - 1] = newElement;
24         //make new array as original array and print it
25         colorsArray = newArray;
26         System.out.println("Array after adding new item: " + Arrays.toString(colorsArray));
27     }
28 }

```

Original Array: [Red, Green, Blue]

Array after adding new item: [Red, Green, Blue, Orange]


```
1 import java.util.*;
2
3 class Main
4 {
5
6     public static void main(String[] args)
7     {
8         String[] colors = {"red", "green", "blue", "white", "orange"};
9         System.out.println("Original array: " + Arrays.toString(colors));
10        Arrays.sort(colors);
11        System.out.println("Sorted array: " + Arrays.toString(colors));
12    }
13 }
```

Original array: [red, green, blue, white, orange]

Sorted array: [blue, green, orange, red, white]

```

1  import java.util.*;
2  public class Main
3  {
4      public static void main(String[] args)
5      {
6          String[] strArray = { "Book", "Pencil", "Eraser", "Color", "Pen" };
7          boolean found = false;
8          int index = 0;
9          String searchStr = "Pen";
10         for (int i = 0; i < strArray.length; i++)
11         {
12             if(searchStr.equals(strArray[i]))
13             {
14                 index = i;
15                 found = true;
16                 break;
17             }
18         }
19         if(found)
20             System.out.println(searchStr + " found at the index " + index);
21         else
22             System.out.println(searchStr + " not found in the array");
23     }
24 }
25

```

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```

1  import java.util.*;
2
3  public class Main
4  {
5      public static void main( String[] args )
6      {
7          //string arraya declaration
8          String [] str_Array = {"10", "20", "30", "40", "50"};
9          //print the string array
10         System.out.println("Original String Array:");
11         for(String val : str_Array)
12             System.out.print(val + " ");
13
14         System.out.println("\nThe integer array obtained from string array:");
15         //declare an int array
16         int [] int_Array = new int [str_Array.length];
17         //assign string array values to int array
18         for(int i = 0; i < str_Array.length; i++)
19         {
20             int_Array[i] = Integer.parseInt(str_Array[i]);
21         }
22         //display the int array
23         System.out.println(Arrays.toString(int_Array));
24     }
25 }

```

Original String Array:

10 20 30 40 50

The integer array obtained from string array:

[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]



Examples: Boolean array

- ▶ Each element of array is a Boolean value (true, false)

```
1 import java.util.Arrays;
2 public class BooleanArrayTest
3 {
4     public static void main(String[] args)
5     {
6         Boolean[] boolArray = new Boolean[5]; // initialize a boolean array
7         for(int i = 0; i < boolArray.length; i++)
8         {
9             System.out.println(boolArray[i]);
10        }
11
12        Arrays.fill(boolArray, Boolean.FALSE);
13        // all the values will be false
14        for(int i = 0; i < boolArray.length; i++)
15        {
16            System.out.println(boolArray[i]);
17        }
18
19        Arrays.fill(boolArray, Boolean.TRUE);
20        // all the values will be true
21        for (int i = 0; i < boolArray.length; i++)
22        {
23            System.out.println(boolArray[i]);
24        }
25    }
26 }
27
28 }
```

What is the output?



Recommended reading

- ▶ Reading this week
 - Chapter 1, textbook
- ▶ Next lecture
 - Insertion/Merge sort: chapter 3, textbook