

Example Algorithm Complexity Values

See this table of common algorithm $O(N)$ for $N = 1000$ values to get a sense of their relative sizes.

Type	$O(N)$	$N = 1000$	$O(1000)$
<i>Logarithmic</i>	$\log_2(N)$	$\log_2(1000)$	9.96578
<i>Linear</i>	N	1000	1,000
<i>Linearithmic</i>	$N \log_2(N)$	$1000 \log_2(1000)$	9,965.78
<i>Quadratic</i>	N^2	1000^2	1,000,000
<i>Cubic</i>	N^3	1000^3	1,000,000,000
<i>Exponential</i>	2^N	2^{1000}	$1.071508607 \times 10^{301}$
<i>Factorial</i>	$N!$	$1000!$?

For programs with nested loops, e.g. for &/or while, where each loop is dependant on N , i.e. doing N iterations then:

1 **for** loop - $O(N^1) = O(N)$,

2 **for** loops - $O(N*N) = O(N^2)$,

3 **for** loops - $O(N*N*N) = O(N^3)$

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k **for** loops - $O(N*N* \dots *N*N) = O(N^k)$