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// This is an implementation of quicksort in Java.
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// It wants a filename followed by a number of elements
// which must be comparable by a simple < = or >
// So, it is called like this:
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       java QSort /path/to/file number
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import java.io.*;
public class QSort
       public static long count = 0;
       public static int[] x;
       //public static long depth = 0;
       //depth was used when I was finding out all about putting
       //too many calls on the stack, which was less than fun.
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       //This was eventually solved by calling java like so:
       // java -Xss300M QSort file number
       //pass in how many numbers and a filename
       public static void main(String[] args)
       {
               //have to use an Integer AND and int because
               //java will not let me dereference an Integer
               Integer temp = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
               int length = (temp).intValue();
               String file = args[0];
                                             //load up our array with all our numbers
               readFromDisk(file, length);
               System.out.println("********************************);
               System.out.println("QuickSort of " + length + " numbers:");
               System.out.println("__
               System.out.println("Started sort at : " + Time.getDate() + "
//
               try{
                       QSort(0, length - 1);
               catch(StackOverflowError SOE)
               {
                      //remnances of a fun time. **shudder**
                      System.out.println("depth is" + depth);
               //make sure the file was indeed sorted correctly
               for(int i = 0; i < length; i++)
//
               {System.out.println(x[i]);}
               System.out.println("Finished sort at : " + Time.getDate() + "
               System.out.println("____
               System.out.println("comparisons: " + count );
               System.out.println("\n\n");
               //added so user has the option to put the now sorted numbers in a file
               if(args.length >= 3)
               {
                      WriteFile.write(x, length, args[2]);
               }
       recursive quicksort algorithm follows.
// Basically, it picks a pivot (first element in range)
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// and then proceeds to put it where it belongs.
// This happens recursively on each half of the array
// past the placed pivot and the result is a sorted array.
public static void QSort(int a, int b)
{
                int left = a; //left pointer
                int right = b; //right pointer
                if (left >= right)
                                //we don't want to sort with pointers moving the wrong direction,
                                //as it would cause an infinite loop, and this is when we are done.
                        return:
                int pivot = x[left];
                while (left < right)
                {//partition
                        count++;
                        while (left < b && x[left] < pivot)</pre>
                                count++;
                                left++; //move the left pointer to the right if the value we are checking
                                        // (x[left]) is less than the pivot value mid
                        while (right > a && x[right] >= pivot)
                                count++:
                                right--; //similarly, we move the right pointer left if the item it points
                                          //to is greater than our pivot because this value belongs to the
                                          //right of the pivot after sorting.
                        if (left < right)</pre>
                                //after the two while loops above, we have a situation in which left is not less
                                //than the pivot and right is not greater than the pivot.
                                //We need to swap these values if the left and right pointers still have not met.
                                int temp =x[left];
                                x[left] = x[right];
                                x[right] = temp;
                if (right < left)</pre>
                {
                        //swap left and right
                        int temp = right;
                        right = left;
                        left = temp;
                QSort(a, left);
                QSort(left + 1, b);
                //printStudents();
}
        //simply reads from the file and parses an int out and puts it into our
        //array for sorting
        public static void readFromDisk(String filename, int length)
        {
                try
                FileReader fr = new FileReader(filename);//Reads the file name
                BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(fr);//Checks the file.
                String line = br.readLine();//Reads first line of text.
                x = new int[length];
                int i = 0;
                Integer readFromLine = Integer.parseInt(line);
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while(line != null)//while there is something on the line.
                        x[i] = readFromLine.intValue();
                        line = br.readLine();
//
                        System.out.println(line);
                        i++;
                        readFromLine = Integer.parseInt(line);
                br.close();//Closes the buffer.
                catch(FileNotFoundException fnfe)
                {
                        System.out.println("bad file name");
                }
                catch(IOException ioe)
                {
                        System.out.println("Input / Output Exception found:\n\r"+ioe.getMessage());
                }
                catch(NumberFormatException nfe)
//
                        System.out.println("done\n");
                }
        }
}
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