



# Department of Computer Science

## COS132 - Imperative Programming

### Practical 5

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## 1 Introduction

**Deadline: 16th May, 18:00**

### 1.1 Objectives and Outcomes

This practical will test your knowledge on the flow of information of recursive function call and return.

### 1.2 Submission

Your marks will only be published after the submission deadline, fitchFork will reflect a mark of zero instead. You will also be provided with one of the following submission feedback: Compilation failed, Abnormal exit status or Submission successful. Only submit the given files (recursion.cpp and makefile) as a compressed archive.

You will have a maximum of 5 uploads for this practical. Submit your code to Fitchfork before the closing time. Students are **strongly advised** to submit well before the deadline as **no late submissions will be accepted**.

### 1.3 Plagiarism

Copying will not be tolerated in this course. For a formal definition of plagiarism, the student is referred to the COS132 Study guide. If you have questions regarding this, please ask one of the lecturers, to avoid any misunderstanding.

## 2 Practical Requirements

### 2.1 Functions

You are required to write a program that makes use of c++ functions to sort values in an array using recursive function call. The program must prompt the user, in one line, for 4 integer values to place in an array. The recursive function must be as follow:

- Name: recursiveSort

- 3 Parameters: int array (Array to be sorted) and 2 int values (array subscripts)
- Return: int array
- Every time the function is called it must print the elements of the array separated by a comma, note the sort algorithm provided bellow.
- You are **not** allowed to make use of any loop structure, [doing so will result in a mark of 0.](#)
- The recursiveSort function must implement the following sort algorithm making use of recursive calls rather than loops:

```
for( int itr1 = 0 ; itr1 < 4 ; itr1++ ){
    for( int itr2 = 0 ; itr2 < 4 ; itr2++ ){
        cout <<"itr1:"<< itr1 <<"_itr2:"<< itr2 << "_array:";
        cout <<arr[0]<<" , "<<arr[1]<<" , "<<arr[2]<<" , "<<arr[3]<<endl;
        if( arr[itr1] > arr[itr2] ){
            int temp = arr[itr1] ;
            arr[itr1] = arr[itr2] ;
            arr[itr2] = temp ;
        }
    }
}
```

You are provided with a makefile and a file named recursion.cpp. Open and study this file to see it. The file is empty besides the skeleton that you are now used to. [No Maths or Sorting libraries are allowed, using will result in a mark of 0.](#)

Example of this is presented below. Please note the wording, spaces and endlines used. They should match the example provided.

```
Enter 4 integer values: 8 1 6 4
itr1:0 itr2:0 array:8,1,6,4
itr1:0 itr2:1 array:8,1,6,4
itr1:0 itr2:2 array:1,8,6,4
itr1:0 itr2:3 array:1,8,6,4
itr1:1 itr2:0 array:1,8,6,4
itr1:1 itr2:1 array:8,1,6,4
itr1:1 itr2:2 array:8,1,6,4
itr1:1 itr2:3 array:8,1,6,4
itr1:2 itr2:0 array:8,1,6,4
itr1:2 itr2:1 array:8,1,6,4
itr1:2 itr2:2 array:8,6,1,4
itr1:2 itr2:3 array:8,6,1,4
itr1:3 itr2:0 array:8,6,1,4
itr1:3 itr2:1 array:8,6,1,4
itr1:3 itr2:2 array:8,6,1,4
itr1:3 itr2:3 array:8,6,4,1
```