

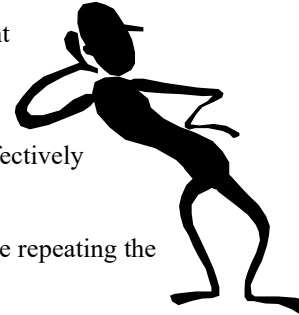
# PROGRAM 482j

## (Insertion Sort)

**Program Description:** Read a series of two-digit integers into an array from an unordered external file. Write a function that accepts that array, sorts the integers by using a INSERTION SORT and returns the ordered array to the main program for output.

It insertion sort rests on the assumption that:

1. At the outset, when the list is considered to consist of one element only, it is already in its correct order.
2. Now the list up to the second element is considered. If the second element is smaller than the first, a swap is made. This effectively "inserts" the second element into its correct order.
3. The list is now extended to the third element, and so on, each time repeating the process of migrating the item into its correct position.



An analogy for this sorting algorithm is a card player who picks up his cards one at a time and arranges (inserts) them into the correct order.

Example:

Original List:	12	5	8	3	1	1
Pass 1	12					
Pass 2	5	12				
Pass 3	5	8	12			
Pass 4	3	5	8	12		
Pass 5	1	3	5	8	12	
Pass 6	1	1	3	5	8	12
Sort completed						

The insertion sort algorithm is, on the average, about twice as fast as the selection sort (and four times faster than the bubble sort).

**Statements Required:** input, output, decision making, loop control, array

**Data Location:** numsort.dat

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