

Lab 06 - Implementing a Custom List Sort

Objective: This assignment challenges you to implement a custom sorting algorithm specifically designed for a `std::list` of `Person` objects.

Instructions:

1. Define the Person Class:

- Create a class named `Person` with the following public members:
 - `string name:` To store the name of the person.
 - `int age:` To store the age of the person.
- Overload the output stream operator (`operator<<`) for the `Person` class to print the name and age in a readable format (e.g., "Name: Homer Simpson, Age: 39").
- Overload the less-than operator (`operator<`) for the `Person` class to compare two `Person` objects based on their name in ascending alphabetical order. This will be helpful for comparison within your sorting algorithm.

2. Implement the Custom Sort Function:

- Write a function named `sortListByName(std::list<Person>& personList)` that takes a `std::list<Person>` as a reference.
- Implement the following sorting algorithm within this function:
 - **Iteratively find the lexicographically largest name** in the unsorted portion of the list.
 - **Move the node containing the largest name to the end** of the currently unsorted portion of the list.
 - **Repeat this process**, considering a progressively smaller unsorted portion (from the beginning up to the element just before the previously placed largest element), until the entire list is sorted in ascending order by name.
- **Hint:** To move a node within a `std::list`, you will need to use iterators to locate the node and potentially use the `splice()` member function to efficiently move the node to the desired position. A less efficient approach would consider erasing the node and inserting it at the last position of the unsorted region.

3. Test Your Solution:

- In your main function, create a `std::list<Person>` named `simpsons` and initialize it with the following data:

```
std::list<Person> simpsons = {
    {"Homer Simpson", 39},
    {"Marge Simpson", 36},
    {"Bart Simpson", 10},
    {"Lisa Simpson", 8},
    {"Maggie Simpson", 1}
};
```

- Print the `simpsons` list before sorting.
- Call your `sortListByName` function to sort the `simpsons` list.
- Print the `simpsons` list after sorting to verify that it is sorted in ascending order by name.

Hints:

- You will need to iterate through the unsorted portion of the list in each step to find the largest name.
- Keep track of the boundary between the sorted and unsorted portions of the list.
- Be mindful of how `splice()` affects iterators. You might need to get new iterators after a splice operation.
- Consider edge cases like an empty list or a list with only one element.

Note

The **`splice`** function transfers elements from one list to another (or within the same list). In the case when only one element is transferred from source to destination, the syntax for **`splice`** is:

```
void splice(iterator destPosition, list& sourceLst, iterator sourcePosition);
```

where

`destPosition`: The position in the destination list where the elements should be inserted.

`sourceLst`: The source list from which elements are to be transferred.

`sourcePosition`: The iterator pointing to the source element to be transferred.