

Common Runtimes

Name	Big O Notation	Description	Example
Constant time	$O(1)$	Same amount of time, regardless of the number of elements	Random access array
Logarithmic	$O(\log n)$	When doubling the number of elements doesn't double the time (binary trees)	Search algorithms
Linear	$O(n)$	Adding element increases runtime linearly	Looping an array / list
Quasilinear	$O(n \log n)$	Every element has to be compared with every other element. Lots of comparisons.	Sorting algorithms
Quadratic	$O(n^2)$	2,4,8,16,32,64 Increasing quadratically	Nested loops
Exponential	$O(2^n)$	Recursion	Fibonacci Series