

The goal of this lab is to help you get familiar with sorting data in an array.

Feel free to use the sample program discussed in the lecture as a starting point. That sample program can be found on *Moodle*: **Ch08\_sample\_code\_SearchingSorting**.

## Due Date

You must *demonstrate* the solution to this lab exercise to the instructor during class by **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, in order to receive full credit for this work.

## Lab Setup

1. Create the project using Visual Studio.
2. Download the ZIP file for **Lab 8a** from Moodle.
3. Copy the sample input files, **firstTen.txt**, and **presidents.txt** from the Lab 8a ZIP file to the same folder where your source file is located.

## Programming Exercise

This lab exercise involves writing a short program to do the following:

- Prompt the user for an input file name. Open this file for input. The file contains the names of people (one per line).
- Read the contents of the file into an array of **string** objects. (The maximum number of names for the array should be at least 50.)
- Display the input names, in the order they appear in the file.
- Modify the selection sort algorithm from the textbook so that it works with **string** objects, instead of integers. (This may require some research: check the textbook index and/or [www.cplusplus.com](http://www.cplusplus.com).)
- Display the sorted list.

## Add Descriptive Output Statements

Add code to the selection sort that describes each **swap** operation that the algorithm executes. The format of each line of this output should be:

**Swap** `[indexA]` *stringA* **with** `[indexB]` *stringB*

(The sample output on the following pages illustrates this output.)

## Sample Data Files

The ZIP file for this lab exercise contains two sample data files, which can be used to test your program:

Input file: <b>firstTen.txt</b>
Washington, George Adams, John Jefferson, Thomas Madison, James Monroe, James Adams, John Quincy Jackson, Andrew Van Buren, Martin Harrison, William Henry Tyler, John

The program output for **firstTen.txt** is shown below. (In this example, the text that the user types is shown in **BOLD** font. The actual input / output will all be displayed in the same font.)

Output from processing the <b>firstTen.txt</b> file
Enter name of input file: <b>firstTen.txt</b> 10 lines of text read from input file. Here are the unsorted names: ----- [ 0] Washington, George [ 1] Adams, John [ 2] Jefferson, Thomas [ 3] Madison, James [ 4] Monroe, James [ 5] Adams, John Quincy [ 6] Jackson, Andrew [ 7] Van Buren, Martin [ 8] Harrison, William Henry [ 9] Tyler, John Swap [ 1]                      Adams, John with [ 0]                      Washington, George Swap [ 5]                      Adams, John Quincy with [ 1]                      Washington, George Swap [ 8]                      Harrison, William Henry with [ 2]                      Jefferson, Thomas Swap [ 6]                      Jackson, Andrew with [ 3]                      Madison, James Swap [ 8]                      Jefferson, Thomas with [ 4]                      Monroe, James Swap [ 6]                      Madison, James with [ 5]                      Washington, George Swap [ 8]                      Monroe, James with [ 6]                      Washington, George Swap [ 9]                      Tyler, John with [ 7]                      Van Buren, Martin Swap [ 9]                      Van Buren, Martin with [ 8]                      Washington, George  Here are the names sorted: ----- [ 0] Adams, John [ 1] Adams, John Quincy [ 2] Harrison, William Henry

**Output from processing the firstTen.txt file**

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[ 3] Jackson, Andrew  
[ 4] Jefferson, Thomas  
[ 5] Madison, James  
[ 6] Monroe, James  
[ 7] Tyler, John  
[ 8] Van Buren, Martin  
[ 9] Washington, George
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C:\CSC237\Lab\Lab08a_SelectionSort\Lab08a_SOLUTION\Debug\Lab08a_SOLUTION.exe  
(process 15740) exited with code 0.
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The second sample data file, **presidents.txt**, contains the names of all U.S. Presidents. (This file and its associated text output are too large to include in the lab document.)

## **Demonstrate the Working Program to the Instructor**

Demonstrate the working program to the instructor.

Be sure to save a copy of the source file in a safe place for future reference.