

## Selection Sort

The Selection Sort Algorithm below sorts an array of integers into ascending order as follows:

1. Loop from  $j = 0$  to  $j = \text{elements.length}-2$ , inclusive, completing  $\text{elements.length}-1$  passes.
2. In each pass, swap the item at index  $j$  with the minimum item in the rest of the array ( $\text{elements}[j+1]$  through  $\text{elements}[\text{elements.length}-1]$ ).

At the end of each pass, items in  $\text{elements}[0]$  through  $\text{elements}[j]$  are in ascending order and each item in this sorted portion is at its final position in the array

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/**
 * Sort an array of integers into ascending order.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the items to be sorted.
 *
 * Postcondition: elements contains its original items and items in elements
 *                  are sorted in ascending order.
 */
public static void selectionSort(int[] elements)
{
    for (int j = 0; j < elements.length - 1; j++)
    {
        int minIndex = j;
        for (int k = j + 1; k < elements.length; k++)
        {
            if (elements[k] < elements[minIndex])
            {
                minIndex = k;
            }
        }

        int temp = elements[j];
        elements[j] = elements[minIndex];
        elements[minIndex] = temp;
    }
}
```