Algorithms and Data Structures

STORING AND ACCESSING DATA



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Overview



Storing and accessing data using arrays

- Creating arrays
- Adding and updating array data
- Enumerating array data

Measuring algorithmic complexity

- Asymptotic analysis
- Big-O notation

Demo: Contact Manager

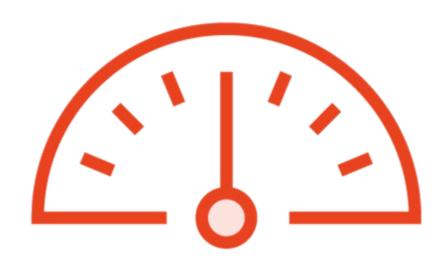
- Overview of design and code





Time	Reading
06:12:00	1





Time	Reading
06:12:00	1
06:12:05	4



Time	Reading
06:12:00	1
06:12:05	4
06:12:10	3



Time	Reading
06:12:00	1
06:12:05	4
06:12:10	3
06:12:15	6

```
struct Reading {
  DateTime time;
  int value;
Reading r1 = Gauge.Read();
Thread.Sleep(5000);
Reading r2 = Gauge.Read();
Thread.Sleep(5000);
Reading r3 = Gauge.Read();
Thread.Sleep(5000);
Reading r4 = Gauge.Read();
Thread.Sleep(5000);
Reading r5 = Gauge.Read();
Thread.Sleep(5000);
```

◆ The gauge reading structure

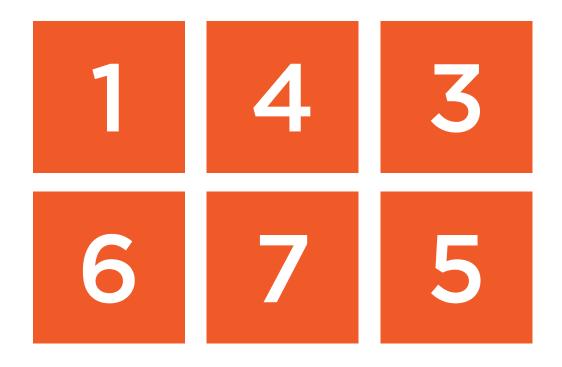
- Read the gauge data into a variable
- Wait 5 seconds
- Repeat the read and wait process

5 seconds





30 Seconds

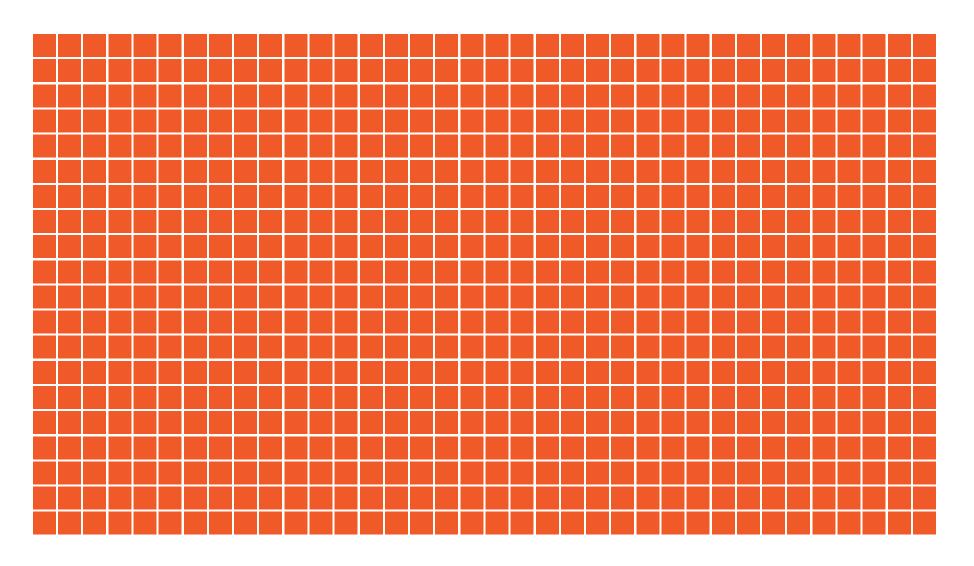


1 Minute





1 Hour















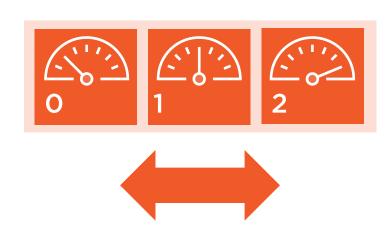
Numeric indexing



Numeric indexing

Access individual items

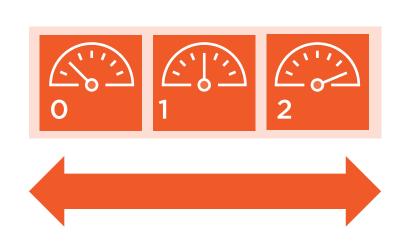




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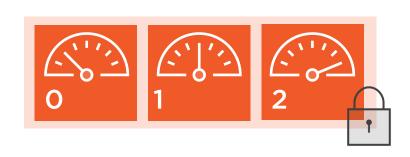
Static or dynamic sizing



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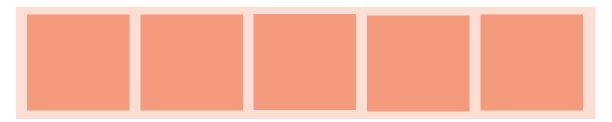
Access individual items

Static or dynamic sizing

Fixed size once created

Reading[] readings = new Reading[5];

Creating an Array





```
Reading[] readings = new Reading[5];
readings[0] = Gauge.Read();
```

Adding Data to an Array





```
Reading[] readings = new Reading[5];
readings[0] = Gauge.Read();
readings[1] = Gauge.Read();
```

Adding Data to an Array





```
Reading[] readings = new Reading[5];
readings[0] = Gauge.Read();
readings[1] = Gauge.Read();
readings[2] = Gauge.Read();
readings[3] = Gauge.Read();
readings[4] = Gauge.Read();
```

Adding Data to an Array



Reading r = readings[2];

Accessing Array Data





```
Reading r = readings[2];

for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
   Reading r = readings[i];
}</pre>
```

Accessing Array Data





readings[2] = Gauge.Read();

Updating Array Values

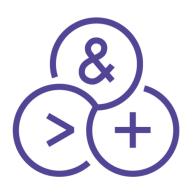




Asymptotic Analysis of Algorithms



Resources







Operations

The number of times we need to perform some operations

Memory

How much memory is consumed by the algorithms

Others

Network transfer, compression ratios, disk usage



```
char[] letters = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ";
int index = 0;
while(letters[index] != 'G')
  index++;
```

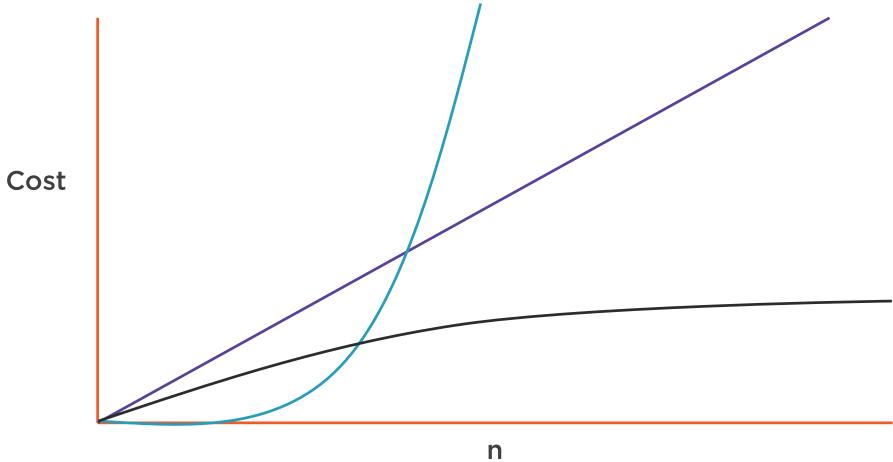
Big-O Notation



O(n)



How Does the Algorithm Scale?





Asymptotic Analysis



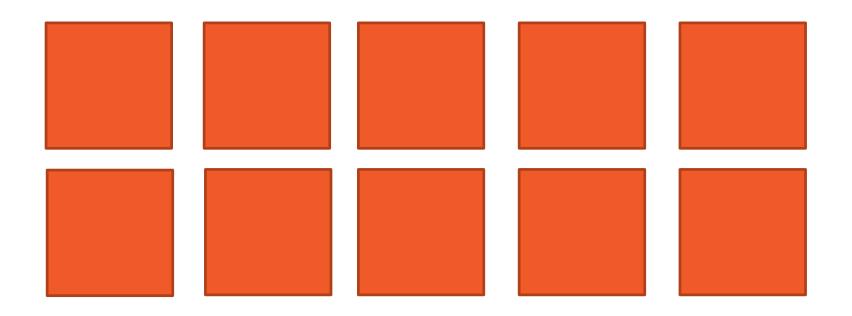
Asymptote

The asymptote of a curve is a line where the distance between the curve and the line approach zero as they tend towards infinity.

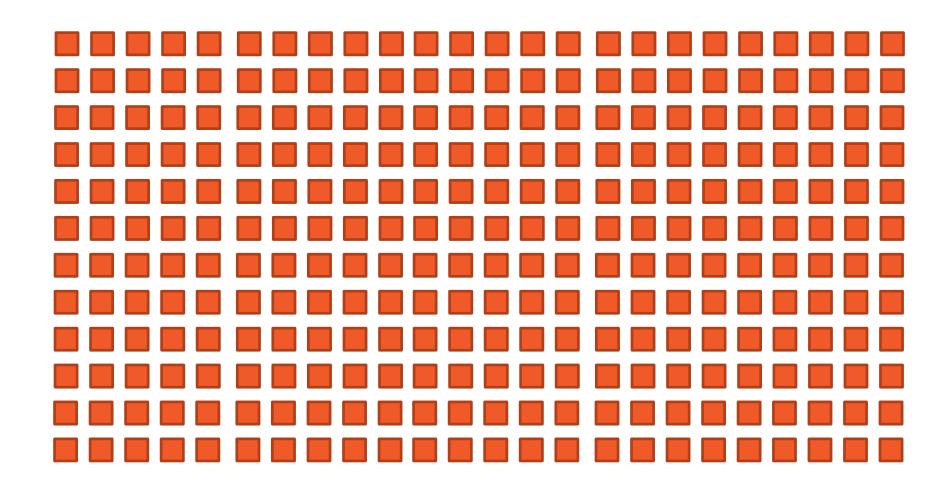


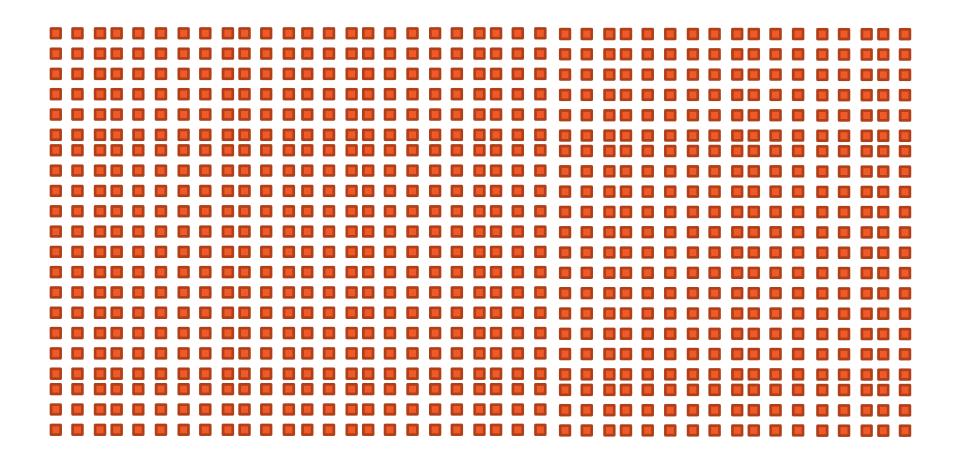
Big numbers are more interesting













What is the upper limit?



It depends (Hint: look at your domain)



O(n+1) is O(n)



O(2n) is O(n)



Big-O Examples



O(1)

The cost of the algorithm is unchanged by the input size.



O(1) Growth

Input Size	Cost
1	1
100	1
1000	1
100000	1

O(n)

A function whose cost scales linearly with the size of the input.



```
char[] letters = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";

for(int i = 0; i < letters.Length; i++) {
    Console.WriteLine(letters[i]);
}</pre>
```

O(n)

Iterating over a collection of data once often indicates an O(n) algorithm.

O(n) Growth

Input Size	Cost
1	1
100	100
1000	1000
100000	100000



A function whose cost scales logarithmically with the input size



aardvark ocelot zebra



aardvark ocelot zebra



aardvark ocelot elephant



aardvark ocelot elephant





giraffe



O(log n) Growth

Input Size	Cost
1	1
10	1
1000	3
100000	6



$O(n^2)$

A function that exhibits quadratic growth relative to the input size.



```
void quad(char[] input, int count) {
  for (int i = 0; i < count; i++)
    for (int x = 0; x < count; x++)
       process(input, i, x);
}</pre>
```

$O(n^2)$

A doubly-nested loop is an indication that you might have an O(n²) algorithm.

O(n²) Growth

Input Size	Cost
1	1
10	100
1000	1000000
100000	1e+12



O(nm)

A function which has two inputs that contribute to the growth



```
void nm(char[] n, int nc, char[] m, int mc) {
  for (int i = 0; i < nc; i++)
    for (int x = 0; x < mc; x++)
        process(n[i], m[x]);
}</pre>
```

O(nm)

A nested loop that iterates over two distinct collections of data might indicate an O(nm) algorithm.

Predicting behavior means understanding your domain.



Relative Timing

Big-O	Elapsed Time
O(1)	1 ms
O(log n)	6 ms
O(n)	16.67 minutes
O(nm)	(16.67 * m) minutes
O(n ²)	11.57 days
O(n ³)	3.16888e7 years



This seems bad!



Best

Average

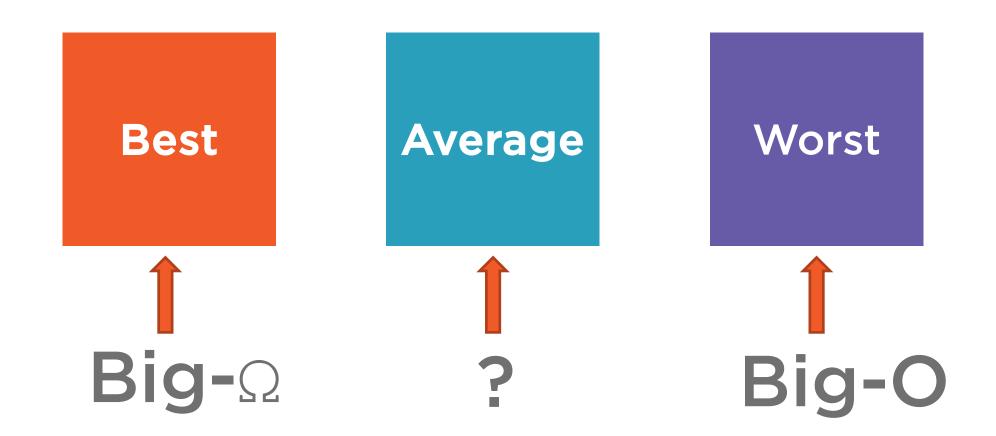
Worst

Big-O



Average

Worst Big-O



So we just use Big-O



Demo



Contact Manager

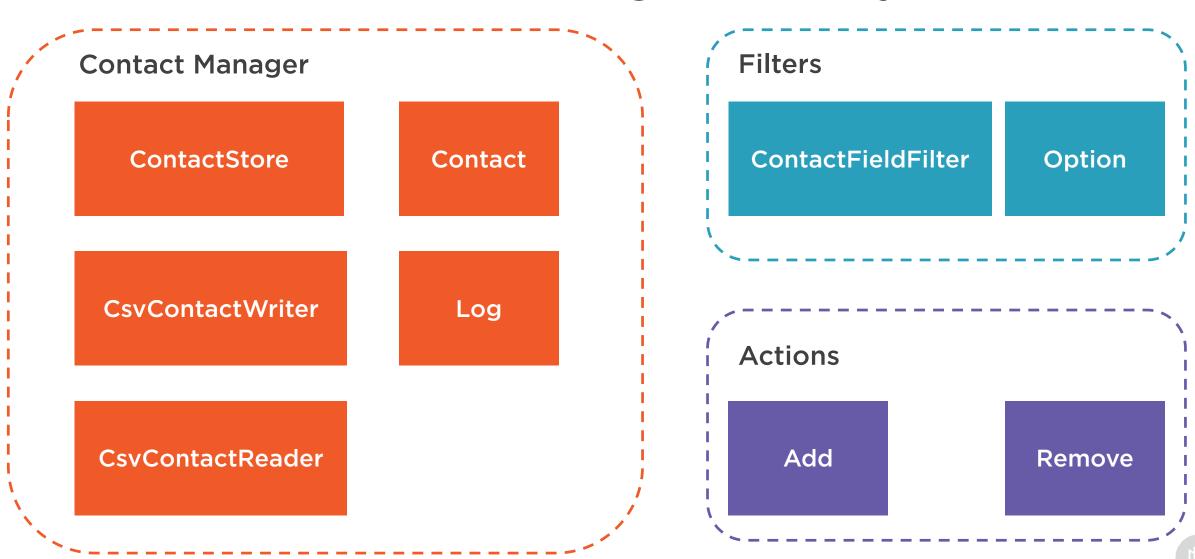
- Command line application
- Written in C#

Operations

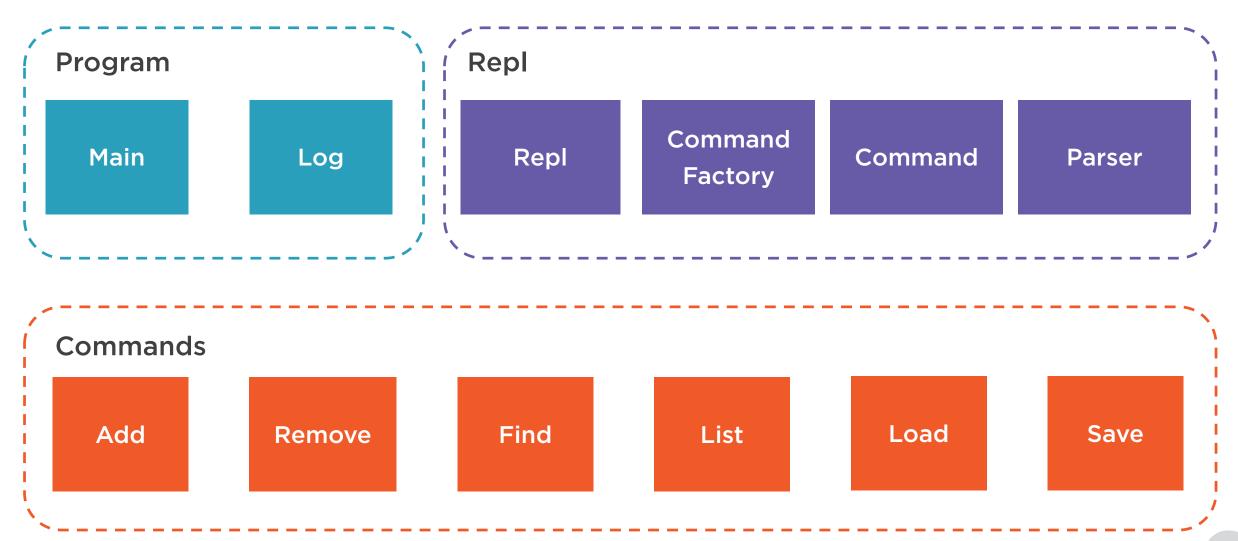
- Adding and removing contacts
- Searching by various criteria
- Loading and saving to disk



Contact Manager (Library)



Contact Manager (Application)





Contact Manager (Library)

