

CPE102 Programming II

Week 7

String Functions Sorting & Searching



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String

- ▶ A **string** is an **array of characters terminated by the NULL char ‘\0’**
- ▶ **Example:**
 - `char str[8];`
 - Declares a char array that contains at most 8 chars.
- ▶ If char array **str** will be used to store strings, it can **contain at most 7 chars and MUST be terminated by the NULL char ‘\0’**

String functions

- ▶ C standard library provides many functions to manipulate strings.
- ▶ You need to include `<string.h>` to use these functions
`#include<string.h>`
- ▶ Here are **some** of the important functions:
 - `strcpy(char *dest, const char *src);`
 - Copies the string pointed to, by src to dest.
 - `strcat(char *dest, const char *src);`
 - Appends the string pointed to, by src to the end of the string pointed to by dest.
 - `strlen(const char *str);`
 - Computes the length of the string str up to but not including the terminating null character.
 - `strcmp(const char *str1, const char *str2);`
 - Compares the string pointed to, by str1 to the string pointed to by str2.

strcpy() function

```
StringCopy.c x
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <string.h>
3
4  int main () {
5      char src[40];
6      char dest[100];
7
8      strcpy(src, "This is the source string");
9      strcpy(dest, src);
10
11     printf(" Final copied string(destination) : %s\n", dest);
12     getch();
13     return(0);
14 }
```

```
Final copied string(destination) : This is the source string
```

strcpy() function code

```
char *strcpy(char *str1, const char *str2)
{
    char *p = str1;

    while (*str2)
        *p++ = *str2++;

    *p = '\\0';
    return str1;
} /* end-strcpy */
```

strlen() function

```
StringLength.c x
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <string.h>
3
4  int main () {
5      char str[50]="What is my length?";
6      int len;
7
8      len = strlen(str);
9      printf(" Length of |%s| is |%d|\n", str, len);
10
11     return(0);
12 }
```

```
Length of |What is my length?| is |18|
```

strlen() function code

```
int strlen(const char *str)
{
    int len = 0;

    while(*str++)
        len++;

    return len;
} /* end-strlen */
```

strcat() function

```
StringConcatenate.c X
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <string.h>
3
4  int main () {
5      char src[50], dest[50];
6
7      strcpy(dest, "This is destination,");
8      strcpy(src, "This is source");
9
10     strcat(dest, src);
11
12     printf("  Final destination string : |%s|", dest);
13     getch();
14     return(0);
15 }
```

Final destination string : |This is destination,This is source

strcat() function code

```
char *strcat(char *str1, const char *str2)
{
    char *p = str1;

    while(*p)
        p++;

    while(*str2)
        *p++ = *str2++;

    *p = '\\0';
    return str1;
} /* end-strcat */
```

strcmp() function

```
StringCompare.c X
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <string.h>
3
4  int main () {
5      char str1[15], str2[15];
6      int ret;
7      strcpy(str1, "abcdef");
8      strcpy(str2, "ABCDEF");
9
10     ret = strcmp(str1, str2);
11
12     if(ret < 0) {
13         printf(" str1 is less than str2");
14     } else if(ret > 0) {
15         printf(" str2 is less than str1");
16     } else {
17         printf(" str1 is equal to str2");
18     }
19     getch();
20     return(0);
21 }
```

str2 is less than str1

strcmp() function code

```
int strcmp(const char *str1, const char *str2)
{
    while (*str1 && *str2 && *str1 == *str2){
        str1++; str2++;
    } /* end-while */

    return *str1-*str2;
} /* end-strcmp */
```

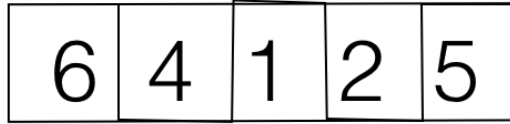
Sorting

- ▶ Placing a group of data in **descending or ascending order**.
- ▶ Sorting data is very useful for computer systems.
- ▶ **Makes searching** and listing a group of data **faster and easier**.
- ▶ Most popular sorting algorithms:
 - **Insertion sort**
 - **Selection sort**
 - **Bubble sort**
 - **Quick sort**
- ▶ **Time complexity**: is the **number of operations** an algorithm performs to complete its task. The algorithm that **performs the task in the smallest number** of operations is considered the **most efficient** one.

Bubble Sort

- ▶ Time complexity is $O(n^2)$
- ▶ Design of algorithm is easy, but algorithm is not efficient.
- ▶ Can be used for small size lists or lists having mostly sorted items

Bubble Sort



Iteration 1:

6 **4** 1 2 5

4 **6** **1** 2 5

4 1 **6** **2** 5

4 1 2 **6** **5**

4 1 2 5 6

Iteration 2:

4 **1** 2 5 6

1 **4** **2** 5 6

1 2 **4** **5** 6

1 2 4 5 6

Iteration 3:

1 **2** 4 5 6

1 **2** **4** 5 6

1 2 4 5 6

Iteration 4:

1 **2** 4 5 6

1 2 4 5 6

Bubble Sort

bubble_sort.c x

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  void bubble_sort(long [], long);
3
4  int main()
5  {
6      long array[100], n, c;
7
8      printf("Enter number of elements\n");
9      scanf("%ld", &n);
10
11     printf("Enter %ld integers\n", n);
12
13     for (c = 0; c < n; c++)
14         scanf("%ld", &array[c]);
15
16     bubble_sort(array, n);
17
18     printf("Sorted list in ascending order:\n");
19
20     for (c = 0; c < n; c++)
21         printf("%ld\n", array[c]);
22
23     return 0;
24 }
```

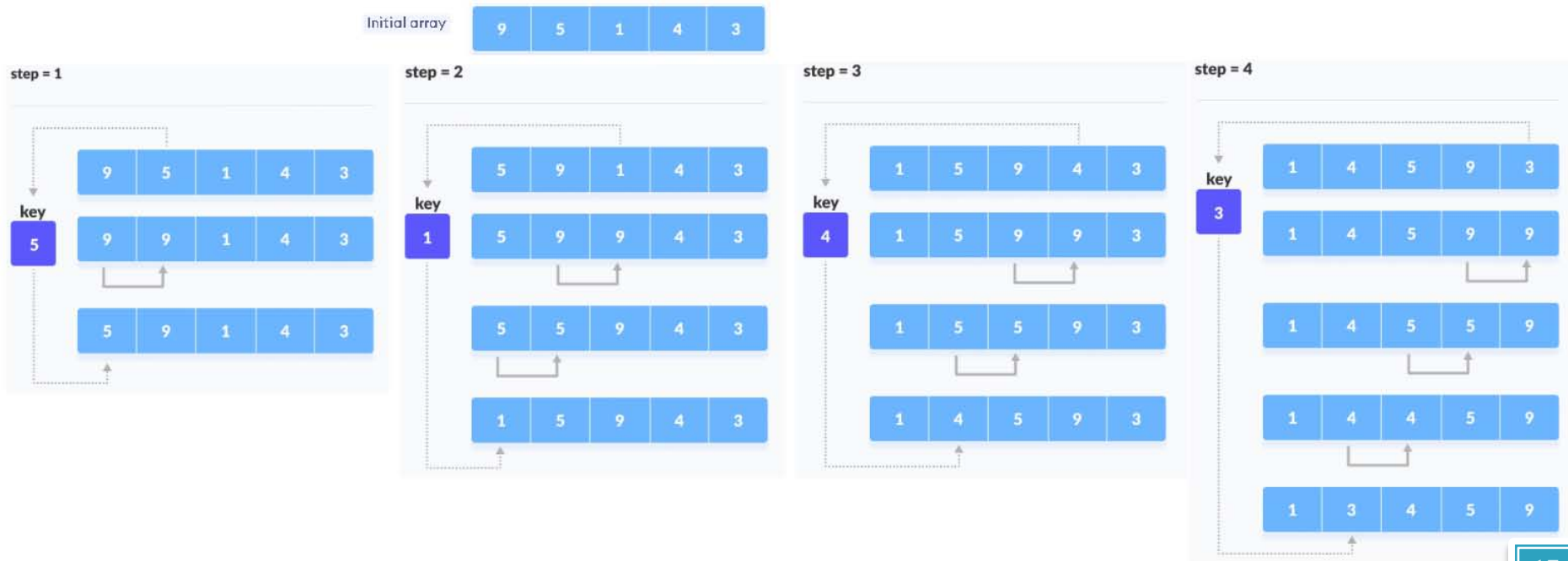
```
25
26 void bubble_sort(long list[], long n)
27 {
28     long c, d, t;
29
30     for (c = 0 ; c < n - 1; c++) {
31         for (d = 0 ; d < n - c - 1; d++) {
32             if (list[d] > list[d+1]) {
33                 /* Swapping */
34                 t = list[d];
35                 list[d] = list[d+1];
36                 list[d+1] = t;
37             }
38         }
39     }
40 }
```

Insertion Sort

- ▶ Appropriate for inserting an item into an already sorted list of data.
- ▶ Complexity of inserting an item into an already sorted list of data: $O(n)$
- ▶ If list or array is not sorted complexity: $O(n^2)$

Insertion Sort

At each iteration it insert the element at its correct location and this process is repeated until complete array is sorted.

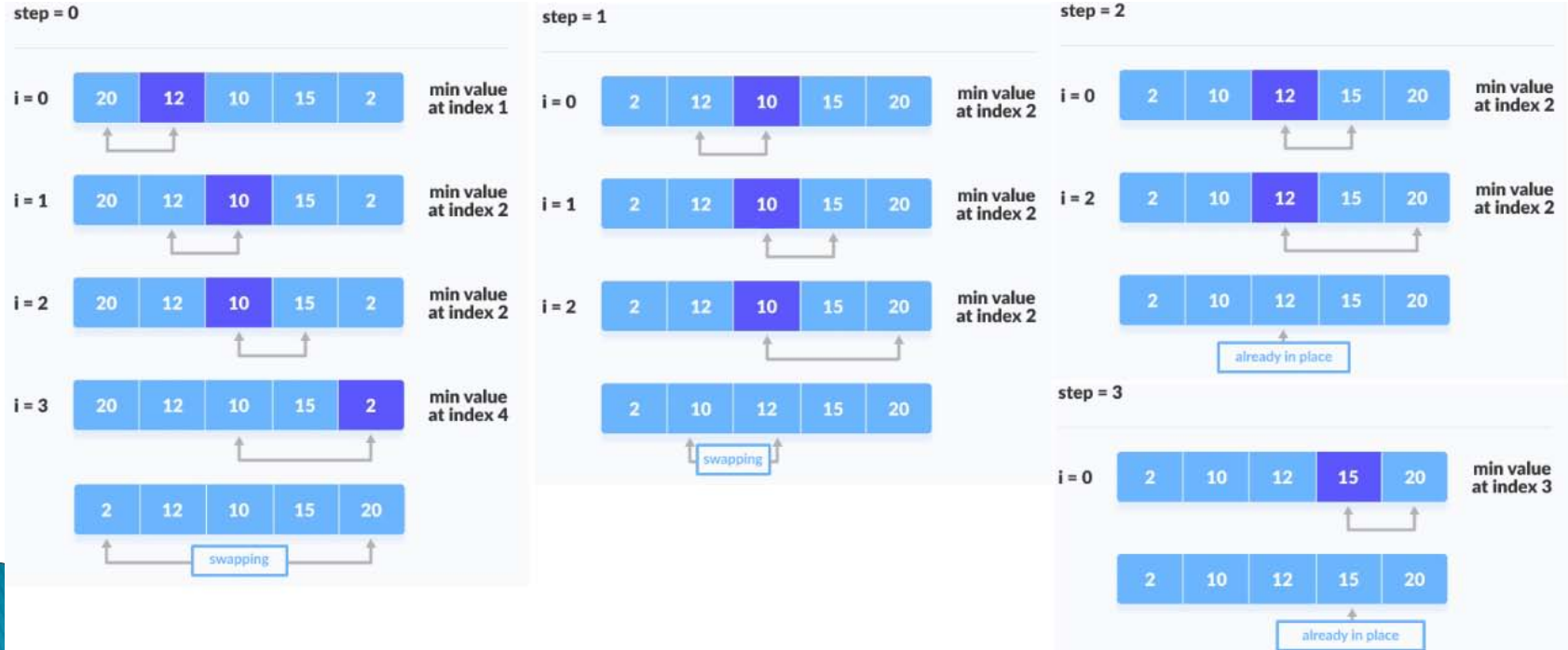


Insertion Sort

```
insertionSort.c X
1
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4
5
6  // Driver code
7  int main() {
8      int data[] = {9, 5, 1, 4, 3};
9      int size = sizeof(data) / sizeof(data[0]);
10     insertionSort(data, size);
11
12     printf("Sorted array in ascending order:\n");
13     printArray(data, size);
14 }
15
16
17 // Function to print an array
18 void printArray(int array[], int size) {
19     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
20         printf("%d ", array[i]);
21     }
22     printf("\n");
23 }
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31 void insertionSort(int array[], int size) {
32
33     for (int step = 1; step < size; step++) {
34         int key = array[step];
35         int j = step - 1;
36
37         // Compare key with each element on the left of it
38         // until an element smaller than it is found.
39         // For descending order, change key < array[j] to key > array[j].
40         while (key < array[j] && j >= 0) {
41             array[j + 1] = array[j];
42             --j;
43         }
44         array[j + 1] = key;
45     }
46 }
47
48
```

Selection Sort

- ▶ If an item is in its true place it does not change its order.
- ▶ Take the first item in the list and exchange with the minimum item of others. Repeat this until the last item.



Selection Sort

```
selectionSort.c X
1
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 // driver code
5 int main() {
6     int data[] = {20, 12, 10, 15, 2};
7     int size = sizeof(data) / sizeof(data[0]);
8     selectionSort(data, size);
9     printf("Sorted array in Ascending Order:\n");
10    printArray(data, size);
11 }
12
13
14 // function to print an array
15 void printArray(int array[], int size) {
16     for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
17         printf("%d ", array[i]);
18     }
19     printf("\n");
20 }
21
22
23
24
25 // function to swap the the position of two elements
26 void swap(int *a, int *b) {
27     int temp = *a;
28     *a = *b;
29     *b = temp;
30 }
31
32 void selectionSort(int array[], int size) {
33     for (int step = 0; step < size - 1; step++) {
34         int min_idx = step;
35
36         for (int i = step + 1; i < size; i++) {
37
38             // To sort in descending order, change > to < in this line.
39             // Select the minimum element in each loop.
40             if (array[i] < array[min_idx])
41                 min_idx = i;
42         }
43
44         // put min at the correct position
45         swap(&array[min_idx], &array[step]);
46     }
47 }
```

Search

- ▶ The process of finding a particular element of an array is called searching.
- ▶ Two searching techniques will be discussed
 - Linear Search
 - Binary Search

Linear Search

- ▶ Compares each element of the array with the search key.
- ▶ Since the array is not in any particular order, it is just as likely that the value will be found in the first element as in the last.
- ▶ In the worst case with N number of elements, the algorithm's complexity is $O(N)$
- ▶ It should not be used in large size arrays.

Linear Search

```
LinearSearch.c X
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int search(int array[], int n, int x) {
4
5      // Going through array sequentially
6      for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
7          if (array[i] == x)
8              return i;
9      return -1;
10 }
11
12 int main() {
13     int array[] = {2, 4, 0, 1, 9};
14     int x = 1;
15     int n = sizeof(array) / sizeof(array[0]);
16
17     int result = search(array, n, x);
18
19     (result == -1) ? printf("Element not found") : printf("Element found at index: %d", result);
20 }
```

Thanks 😊