Project 2: Multi-Threaded Sorter Analysis

Problems:

- 1. Timing, we started the project late due to personal reasons as a result we didn't get the best work done as we could.
- 2. Sharing memory space and writing all the different records to the same file
- 3. Outputting the file
- 4. Getting multi-threading to work
- 5. Make sure the various threads didn't ruin or access old threads memory or work and corrupt it
- 6. Overwriting the same memory space

Analysis:

- 1. The multi-process sorter off the bat was very quick
- 2. I checked speeds on the multi-processor for various amounts of csv files

a. 2 items: 0.000402 seconds

b. 4 items: 0.000241 seconds

c. 8 items: 0.000325 seconds

d. 16 items: 0.000280 seconds

e. 32 items: 0.000437 seconds

f. 64 items: 0.000489 seconds

g. 128 items: 0.000288 seconds

h. 256 items: 0.000350 seconds

i. 512 items: 0.000297 seconds

i. 1024 items: 0.000469 seconds

- 3. What I noticed is that the timing has no correlation with the number of csv files, in fact it just had a random time that it took to run indicating that the processing power needed to do this computation is very minimal and hence only took a fraction of the computing power.
- 4. Unfortunately we were unable to get my multithreaded version to work in time for me to do an analysis thus I would assume that at the very least, the timing would be similar if not almost just as random.

Design:

 We created a new struct called middleware to house the master record pointer and string for the file path to be passed cause memory of each thread can't be accessed by others