

## Important

There are general homework guidelines you must always follow. If you fail to follow any of the following guidelines you risk receiving a **0** for the entire assignment.

1. All submitted code must compile under **JDK 8**. This includes unused code, so don't submit extra files that don't compile. Any compile errors will result in a 0.
2. Do not include any package declarations in your classes.
3. Do not change any existing class headers, constructors, instance/global variables, or method signatures. For example, do not add **throws** to the method headers since they are not necessary.
4. Do not add additional public methods.
5. Do not use anything that would trivialize the assignment. (e.g. don't import/use `java.util.ArrayList` for an Array List assignment. Ask if you are unsure.)
6. Always be very conscious of efficiency. Even if your method is to be  $O(n)$ , traversing the structure multiple times is considered inefficient unless that is absolutely required (and that case is extremely rare).
7. You must submit your source code, the `.java` files, not the compiled `.class` files.
8. After you submit your files, redownload them and run them to make sure they are what you intended to submit. You are responsible if you submit the wrong files.

## Sorting

For this assignment you will be coding 3 different sorts: insertion sort, merge sort, and LSD radix sort. In addition to the requirements for each sort, to test for efficiency, we will be looking at the number of comparisons made between elements while grading.

For each of the sorting algorithms, you may assume that the arrays you are sorting will not contain `null`. You should also assume that arrays may contain any number of duplicate elements.

**Your implementations must match what was taught in lecture and recitation to receive credit.** Implementing a different sort or a different implementation for a sort will receive no credit even if it passes comparison checks.

## Comparator

Each method (except radix sort) will take in a comparator and use it to compare the elements of the array in various algorithms described below and in the sorting file. You **must** use this comparator as the number of comparisons performed with it will be used when testing your assignment.

## Generic Methods

Most of the assignments for this class so far have utilized generics by incorporating them into the class declaration. However, the rest of the assignments will have you implement various algorithms as static methods in a utility class. Thus, the generics from here on will use generic methods instead of generic classes (hence the `<T>` in each of the method headers and javadocs). This also means that any helper methods you make will need to have this `<T>` as well.

## Inplace Sorts

Some of the sorts below are inplace sorts. This means that the items in the array passed in aren't copied over to another data structure. Note that you can still create variables that hold only one item; you cannot create another data structure such as array or list in the method.

## Stable Sorts

The sorts you will be implementing for this homework are all stable sorts. This means that duplicates should remain in the same relative positions after sorting as they were before sorting.

## Insertion Sort

Insertion sort should be inplace and stable. It should have a worst case running time of  $O(n^2)$  and a best case running time of  $O(n)$ .

Note that, for this implementation, you should sort from the beginning of the array. This means that after the first pass, indices 0 and 1 should be relatively sorted. After the second pass, indices 0-2 should be relatively sorted. After the third pass, indices 0-3 should be relatively sorted, and so on.

## Merge Sort

Merge sort should be out of place and stable. It should have a worst case running time of  $O(n \log n)$  and a best case running time of  $O(n \log n)$ .

## LSD Radix Sort

LSD Radix sort should be out of place and stable. It should have a worst case running time of  $O(kn)$  and a best case running time of  $O(kn)$ , where  $k$  is the number of digits in the longest number. You will be implementing the least significant digit version of the sort. You will be sorting `ints`. Note that you CANNOT change the `ints` into `Strings` at any point in the sort for this exercise. The sort **must** be done in base 10. Also, as per the forbidden statements section, you cannot use anything from the `Math` class besides `Math.abs()`. However, be wary of handling overflow if you use `Math.abs()`!

## Grading

Here is the grading breakdown for the assignment. There are various deductions not listed that are incurred when breaking the rules listed in this PDF, and in other various circumstances.

<b>Methods:</b>	
insertionSort	21pts
mergeSort	27pts
lsdRadixSort	27pts
<b>Other:</b>	
Checkstyle	10pts
Efficiency	15pts
<b>Total:</b>	100pts

## Collaboration Policy

Every student is expected to read, understand and abide by the [Georgia Tech Academic Honor Code](#).

When working on homework assignments, you **may not** directly copy code from any source (other than your own past submissions). You are welcome to collaborate with peers and consult external re-

sources, but you **must** personally write all of the code you submit. **You must list, at the top of each file in your submission, every student with whom you collaborated and every resource you consulted while completing the assignment.**

You may not directly share any files containing assignment code with other students or post your code publicly online. If you wish to store your code online in a personal private repository, you can use [Github Enterprise](#) to do this for free.

The only code you may share is JUnit test code on a pinned post on the official course Piazza. Use JUnits from other students at your own risk; **we do not endorse them**. See each assignment's PDF for more details. If you share JUnits, they **must** be shared on the site specified in the Piazza post, and not anywhere else (including a personal GitHub account).

Violators of the collaboration policy for this course will be turned into the Office of Student Integrity.

## A note on JUnits

We have provided a **basic** set of tests for your code, in `SortingStudentTests.java`. These tests do not guarantee the correctness of your code (by any measure), nor do they guarantee you any grade. You may additionally post your own set of tests for others to use on the Georgia Tech GitHub as a gist. Do **NOT** post your tests on the public GitHub. There will be a link to the Georgia Tech GitHub, as well as, a list of JUnits that other students have posted on Piazza from the class.

If you need help on running JUnits, there is a guide, available on Canvas under Files, to help you run JUnits on the command line or in IntelliJ.

## Style and Formatting

It is important that your code is not only functional, but written clearly and with good programming style. Your code will be checked against a style checker. The style checker is provided to you, and is located on Canvas. It can be found under Files, along with instructions on how to use it. A point is deducted for every style error that occurs. If there is a discrepancy between what you wrote in accordance with good style and the style checker, then address your concerns with the Head TA.

## Javadocs

Javadoc any helper methods you create in a style similar to the existing Javadocs. If a method is overridden or implemented from a superclass or an interface, you may use `@Override` instead of writing Javadocs. Any Javadocs you write must be useful and describe the contract, parameters, and return value of the method; random or useless javadocs added only to appease Checkstyle may lose points.

## Vulgar/Obscene Language

Any submission that contains profanity, vulgar, or obscene language will receive an automatic zero on the assignment. This policy applies not only to comments/javadocs but also things like variable names.

## Exceptions

When throwing exceptions, you must include a message by passing in a String as a parameter. **The message must be useful and tell the user what went wrong**. Examples of bad messages are: "Error", "BAD THING HAPPENED", and "fail". The name of the exception itself is, also, not a good message.

For example:

Bad: `throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException("Index is out of bounds.");`

Good: `throw new IllegalArgumentException("Cannot insert null data into data structure.");`

## Generics

If available, use the generic type of the class; do **not** use the raw type of the class. For example, use `new ListNode<Integer>()` instead of `new ListNode()`. Using the raw type of the class will result in a penalty.

## Forbidden Statements

You may not use these in your code at any time in CS 1332.

- `package`
- `System.arraycopy()`
- `clone()`
- `assert()`
- `Arrays` class
- `Array` class
- `Thread` class
- `Collections` class
- `Collection.toArray()`
- Reflection APIs
- Inner or nested classes
- Lambda Expressions
- Method References (using the `::` operator to obtain a reference to a method)
- Anything from the `Math` class except for `Math.abs()` (for this homework only)

If you're not sure on whether you can use something, and it's not mentioned here or anywhere else in the homework files, just ask.

Debug print statements are fine, but nothing should be printed when we run your code. We expect clean runs - printing to the console when we're grading will result in a penalty. If you submit these, we will take off points.

## Provided

The following file(s) have been provided to you. There are several, but we've noted the ones to edit.

### 1. `Sorting.java`

This is the class in which you will implement the different sorting algorithms. Feel free to add private static helper methods but **do not add any new public methods, new classes, instance variables, or static variables**.

## 2. `SortingStudentTests.java`

This is the test class that contains a set of tests covering the basic operations on the `Sorting` class. It is not intended to be exhaustive and does not guarantee any type of grade. **Write your own tests to ensure you cover all edge cases.**

## Deliverables

You must submit **all** of the following file(s). Please make sure the filename matches the filename(s) below, and that *only* the following file(s) are present. The only exception is that Canvas will automatically append a `-n` depending on the submission number to the file name. This is expected and will be handled by the TAs when grading as long as the file name before this add-on matches what is shown below. If you resubmit, be sure only one copy of the file is present in the submission. If there are multiple files, do not zip up the files before submitting; submit them all as separate files.

Once submitted, double check that it has uploaded properly on Canvas. To do this, download your uploaded files to a new folder, copy over the support files, recompile, and run. It is your sole responsibility to re-test your submission and discover editing oddities, upload issues, etc.

## 1. `Sorting.java`