

Part A

Ex : 1

Title: Write a program in C to create a data structure which can handle varying number of entries and sort it.

Problem Description: Need to create a data structure which makes use of memory dynamically. The sorting can be done using any technique.

Method: The method utilized here is the use of dynamic memory allocation functions and define a function to perform selection sort.

Theory Reference: Module 1

Explanation:

1. Dynamic Memory Allocation:

- The array **a** is dynamically allocated using `malloc()`. The size of the array is determined at runtime based on user input.

2. Selection Sort:

- The `selectionSort` function sorts the array by repeatedly finding the minimum element from the unsorted part and swapping it with the first element of the unsorted part.

3. Freeing Memory:

- After sorting, the dynamically allocated memory is freed using `free()` to avoid memory leaks.

Algorithm

Step 1: start

Step 2: First, we will select the range of the unsorted array using a loop (say *i*) that indicates the starting index of the range. The loop will run forward from 0 to *n*-1. Set *pos* to location *i* (*i*=0 initially).

Step 3: Search the minimum element in the list.

Step 4: Swap with value at location pos (if $i \neq pos$)

Step 5: Repeat steps 3,4 by Increment pos to point to next element till $n-1$ until the list is sorted.

Step 6: Stop.