# Week 9 Lecture Notes: Searching and Sorting Arrays Objectives

# Concepts covered in this lesson:

- Introduction to Search Algorithms
- Linear search
- Binary search
- Problem Solving and Program Design
- Introduction to Sorting Algorithms
- Sorting and Searching vectors

## Introduction to Search Algorithms

- Search: locate an item in a list of information
- Two algorithms we will examine:
  - Linear search
  - Binary search

### Linear Search

- Also called the sequential search
- Starting at the first element, this algorithm sequentially steps through an array examining each element until it locates the value it is searching for.

## Linear Search - Example

• Array numlist contains:

17	23	5	11	2	29	3

- Searching for the the value 11, linear search examines 17, 23, 5, and 11
- Searching for the the value 7, linear search examines 17, 23, 5, 11, 2, 29, and 3

### Linear Search

### Algorithm:

```
set found to false; set position to -1; set index to 0
while index < number of elts, and found is false
  if list[index] is equal to search value
        found = true
       position = index
  end if
  add 1 to index
end while
return position
```

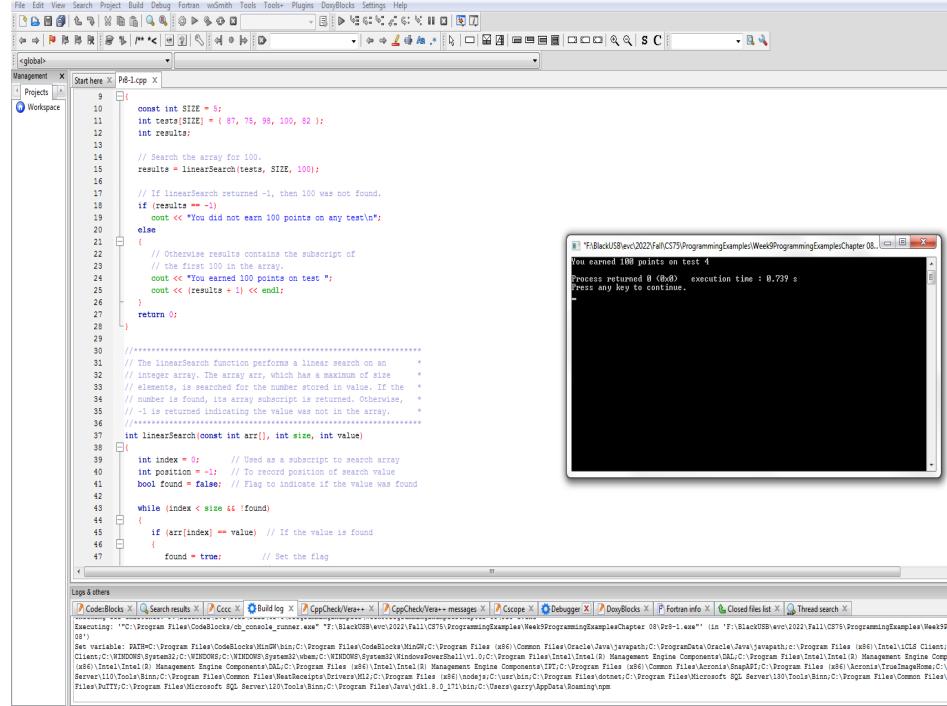
#### A Linear Search Function

```
int linearSearch(int arr[], int size, int value)
   int index = 0; // Used as a subscript to search the array
   int position = -1; // To record the position of search value
  bool found = false; // Flag to indicate if value was found
  while (index < size && !found)
      if (arr[index] == value) // If the value is found
         found = true; // Set the flag
        position = index; // Record the value's subscript
      index++; // Go to the next element
return position; // Return the position, or -1
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                       // This program demonstrates the linear search algorithm.

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                      #include <iostream>
                      using namespace std;
                      // Function prototype
                      int linearSearch(const int[], int, int);
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                      int main()
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                         const int SIZE = 5;
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                         int tests[SIZE] = { 87, 75, 98, 100, 82 };
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                         int results:
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                         // Search the array for 100.
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                         results = linearSearch(tests, SIZE, 100);
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                         // If linearSearch returned -1, then 100 was not found.
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                         if (results == -1)
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                            cout << "You did not earn 100 points on any test\n";</pre>
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                           // Otherwise results contains the subscript of
               23
                            // the first 100 in the array.
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                            cout << "You earned 100 points on test ";</pre>
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                            cout << (results + 1) << endl;</pre>
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                         return 0;
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               29
                      // The linearSearch function performs a linear search on an
                      // integer array. The array arr, which has a maximum of size
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                      // elements, is searched for the number stored in value. If the
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                      // number is found, its array subscript is returned. Otherwise,
                      // -1 is returned indicating the value was not in the array.
                      //********************************
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                      int linearSearch(const int arr[], int size, int value)
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                                            // Used as a subscript to search array
                         int index = 0;
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### Linear Search - Tradeoffs

#### Benefits:

- Easy algorithm to understand
- Array can be in any order

### Disadvantages:

 Inefficient (slow): for array of N elements, examines N/2 elements on average for value in array, N elements for value not in array

### Linear Search

#### Requires array elements to be in order

- 1. Divides the array into three sections:
  - middle element
  - elements on one side of the middle element
  - elements on the other side of the middle element
- 2. If the middle element is the correct value, done. Otherwise, go to step 1. using only the half of the array that may contain the correct value.
- 3. Continue steps 1. and 2. until either the value is found or there are no more elements to examine

## Binary Search - Example

• Array numlist2 contains:

2	3	5	11	17	23	29

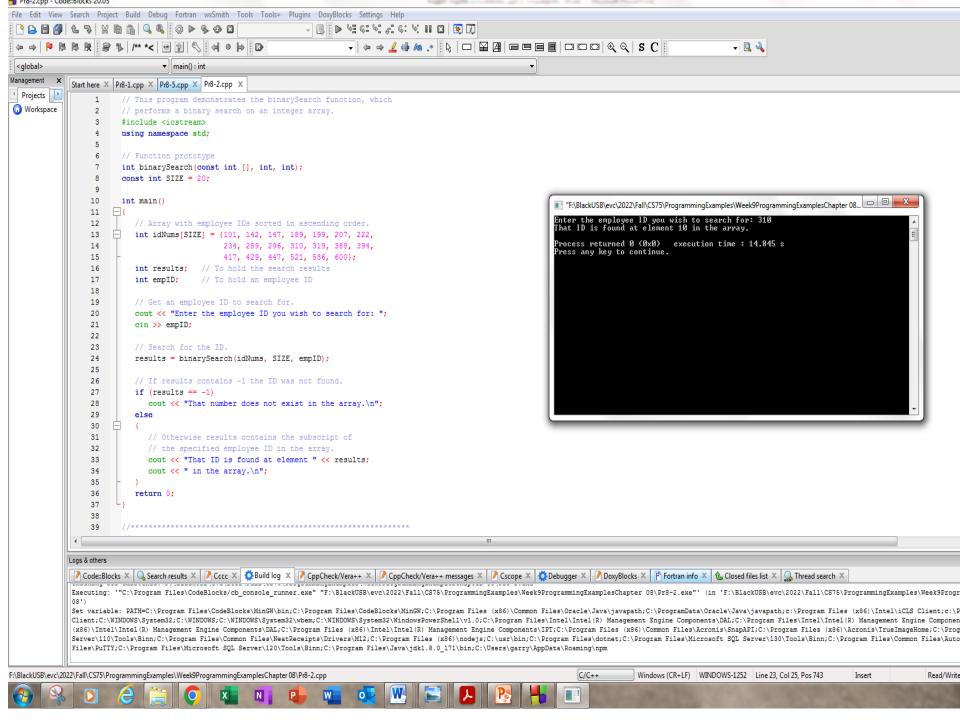
- Searching for the the value 11, binary search examines 11 and stops
- Searching for the the value 7, linear search examines 11, 3, 5, and stops

## Binary Search

```
Set first to 0
Set last to the last subscript in the array
Set found to false
Set position to -1
While found is not true and first is less than or equal to last
   Set middle to the subscript half-way between array[first] and
array[last].
   If array[middle] equals the desired value
      Set found to true
      Set position to middle
   Else If array[middle] is greater than the desired value
      Set last to middle - 1
   Else
      Set first to middle + 1
   End If.
End While.
Return position.
```

## A Binary Search Function

```
int binarySearch(int array[], int size, int value)
 middle,
               // Mid point of search
   position = -1; // Position of search value
 while (!found && first <= last)
   middle = (first + last) / 2;  // Calculate mid point
   found = true;
     position = middle;
   else if (array[middle] > value) // If value is in lower half
     last = middle - 1;
   else
     return position;
```



## Binary Search - Tradeoffs

#### Benefits:

 Much more efficient than linear search. For array of N elements, performs at most log<sub>2</sub>N comparisons

### Disadvantages:

Requires that array elements be sorted

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Introduction to Sorting Algorithms

## Introduction to Sorting Algorithms

- Sort: arrange values into an order:
  - Alphabetical
  - Ascending numeric
  - Descending numeric
- Two algorithms considered here:
  - Bubble sort
  - Selection sort

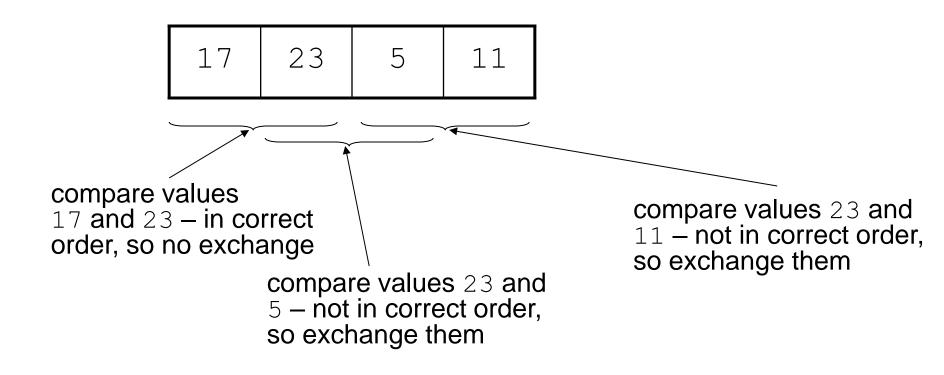
## **Bubble Sort**

### Concept:

- Compare 1<sup>st</sup> two elements
  - If out of order, exchange them to put in order
- Move down one element, compare 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> elements, exchange if necessary. Continue until end of array.
- Pass through array again, exchanging as necessary
- Repeat until pass made with no exchanges

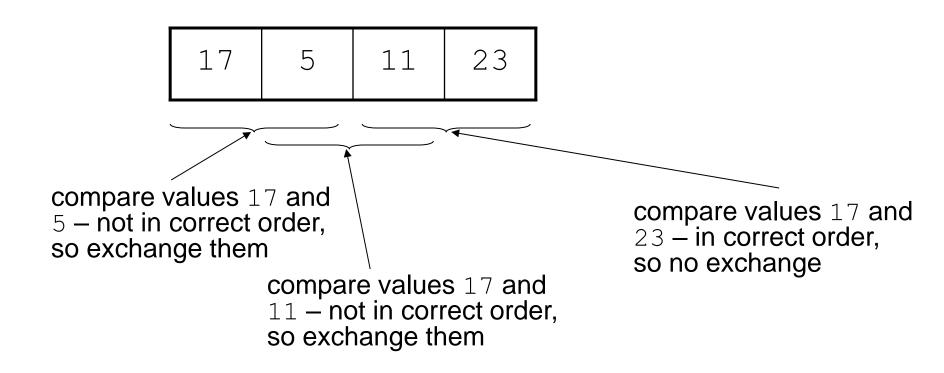
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Array numlist3 contains:



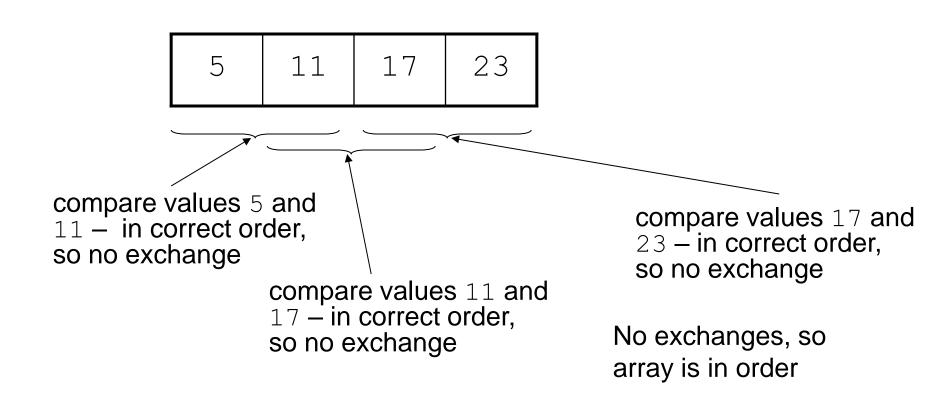
## Example – Second Pass

After first pass, array numlist3 contains:



## Example – Third Pass

After second pass, array numlist3 contains:



### **Bubble Sort - Tradeoffs**

- Benefit:
  - Easy to understand and implement
- Disadvantage:
  - Inefficient: slow for large arrays

### **Selection Sort**

- Concept for sort in ascending order:
  - Locate smallest element in array. Exchange it with element in position 0
  - Locate next smallest element in array. Exchange it with element in position 1.
  - Continue until all elements are arranged in order

# Selection Sort - Example

Array numlist contains:

11	2	29	3

1. Smallest element is 2. Exchange 2 with element in 1<sup>st</sup> position in array:

2	11	29	3

## Example (Continued)

2. Next smallest element is 3. Exchange 3 with element in 2<sup>nd</sup> position in array:

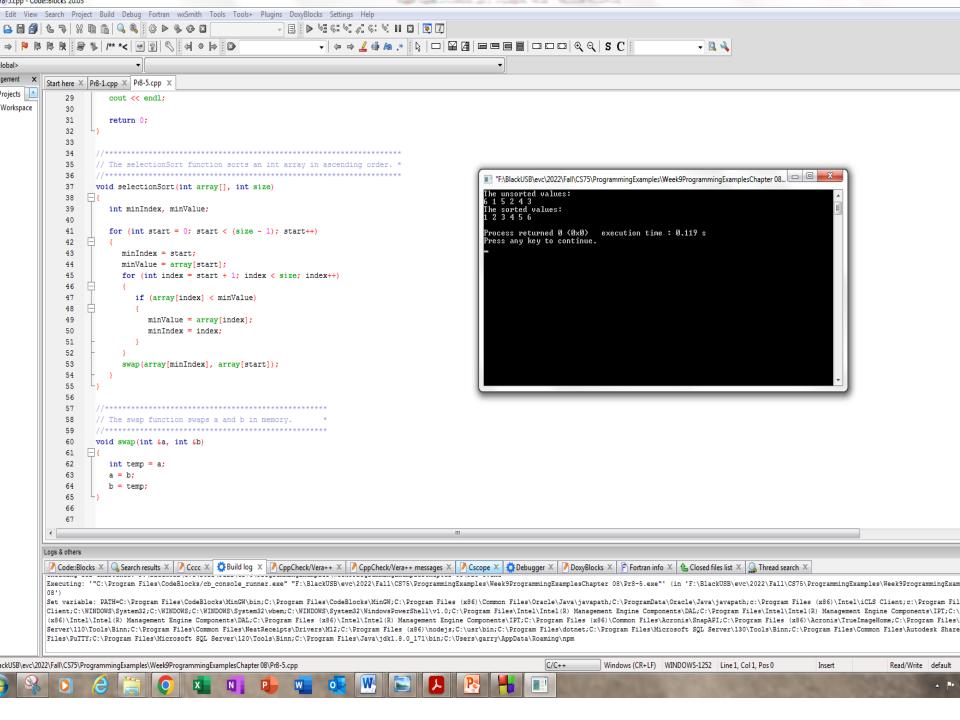
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3. Next smallest element is 11. Exchange 11 with element in  $3^{rd}$  position in array:

2	3	11	29

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                                                        void selectionSort(int[], int);
                                                        void swap (int &, int &);
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                                                        int main()
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                                                                  const int SIZE = 6;
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                                                                  // Array of unsorted values
                                                                  int values[SIZE] = { 6, 1, 5, 2, 4, 3 };
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                                                                 // Display the unsorted array.
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                                                                  cout << "The unsorted values:\n";</pre>
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                                                                   for (auto element : values)
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## **Selection Sort - Tradeoffs**

#### Benefit:

More efficient than Bubble Sort, since fewer exchanges

## Disadvantage:

May not be as easy as Bubble Sort to understand

## Sorting and Searching Vectors

- Sorting and searching algorithms can be applied to vectors as well as arrays
- Need slight modifications to functions to use vector arguments:
  - vector <type> & used in prototype
  - No need to indicate vector size functions can use
     size member function to calculate