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"C" Program to implement Sort Algorithms (Source Code)

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//                               Sort Algorithms
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//
//  This program can execute various sort algorithms to test how fast they run.
//
//  Sorting algorithms include:
//  Bubble sort
//  Insertion sort
//  Median-of-three quicksort
//  Multiple link list sort
//  Shell sort
//
//  For each of the above, the user can generate up to 10 million random
//  integers to sort. (Uses a pseudo random number generator so that the list
//  to sort can be exactly regenerated.)
//  The program also times how long each sort takes.
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#include <stdheaders.h>                                // The usual stdio.h, etc.

void GenRandom(void);                                // Generate a list of random nbrs.
void BubbleSort(void);                                // Bubble Sort
void InsertionSort(void);                            // Insertion Sort
void MLLsort(void);                                  // Multiple Link List Sort
void QuickSort(void);                                // Median-of-three Quicksort
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void ShellSort(void);                // Choose from 3 gap sequences

void PauseMsg(void);                // Pause the screen display


unsigned RandNbrs[10000004];        // The list of random numbers
                                    // will be generated here. Note:
                                    // RandNbrs[0] is used as a sentinel
int MLLlinks[26777220];             // Used by MLLsort. Will use up to
                                    // 10,000,000 + 2^24 + 1 of this
int QSleft[30];                     // Stack arrays for the left/right
int QSright[30];                    // ends of subgroups within
                                    // QuickSort()
int Gaps13[24] = {0, 1, 3, 7, 21, 48, 112, // Three possible gap sequences
336, 861, 1968, 4592, 13776, 33936, // may be used for experiments
86961, 198768, 463792, 1391376, // with Shell Sort.
3402672, 8382192, 21479367, 49095696, // See Sedgewick & ATT database
114556624, 343669872};             // of integers for more info

int Gaps18[24] = {0, 1, 8, 23, 77, 281, // Gaps[i+2] = 4^(i+1) + 3*(2^i) + 1
1073, 4193, 16577, 65921, 262913,
1050113, 4197377, 16783361, 67121153,
268460033, 1073790977};

int Gaps14[24] = {0, 1, 4, 13, 40, 121, 364, // Gaps[i+1] = 3*Gaps[i] + 1
1093, 3280, 9841, 29524, 88573, 265720,
797161, 2391484, 7174453, 21523360,
64570081, 193710244, 581130733, 1743392200};

int Gaps[24];                       // Will copy one of the above into
                                    // here.

int Nbr2Sort;                       // Number of items to sort.

char Databuff[100];                 // Buffer for user input (Assumes
                                    // user does not abuse size)


int main(void) {

    int choice;

    puts("\nThis program demonstrates the performance of various sort algorithms.");
    puts("You may run time trials to compare results.\n");

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puts("Note: If you want to use identical inputs for the time trials,");
puts("just use the same seed number for the random number generator.\n");
PauseMsg();

while(1) {
    puts("\n\n      *****      Enter number for menu choice      *****\n");
    puts("1)  Bubble sort");
    puts("2)  Insertion sort");
    puts("3)  Median-of-three Quicksort");
    puts("4)  Multiple link list sort");
    puts("5)  Shellsort (Choice of 3 different shell definitions)");
    puts("6)  End the program\n");

    gets(Databuff);
    choice = atoi(Databuff);

    if (choice == 6)
        break;

    GenRandom(); // Generate a list of random nbrs

    if (choice == 1) BubbleSort();
    else if (choice == 2) InsertionSort();
    else if (choice == 3) QuickSort();
    else if (choice == 4) MLLsort();
    else if (choice == 5) ShellSort();
}
return 0;
}

//*****
//
//                               GenRandom
//
// This routine generates a list of unsigned random integers in the range 0 to
// 4,294,967,295. An exact repetition of any list can be regenerated by using
// the same seed number and the same quantity of numbers. Up to 10 million
// numbers can be generated in the array RandNbrs[].
//
// The random numbers will occupy positions RandNbrs[1] to RandNbrs[Nbr2Sort].
// Nothing is placed in RandNbrs[0], but RandNbrs[0] will be used by some of
// the sort routines to optimize execution speed.
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void GenRandom(void) {

    int i;
    unsigned seed;
    unsigned Multiplier;

    do {
        puts("\nEnter number of elements to sort (3 - 10,000,000)");
        gets(Databuff);
        Nbr2Sort = atoi(Databuff);
    } while ((Nbr2Sort < 3) || (Nbr2Sort > 10000000));

    puts("\nEnter a seed number for the random number generator");
    gets(Databuff);
    seed = atoi(Databuff);

    Multiplier = 3141592621;
    for (i = Nbr2Sort; i; i--) {                // Fill array with random
        seed *= Multiplier;                      // numbers.
        seed++;
        RandNbrs[i] = seed;
    }

    puts("\nDo you want to see the random numbers before they are sorted (Y or N)?");
    gets(Databuff);
    if (tolower(Databuff[0]) == 'y') {
        puts("");
        for (i = 1; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
            printf("%4d) '%16u\n", i, RandNbrs[i]);
            if (!(i%20))                // Keeps list from running
                PauseMsg();              // off top of screen.
        }
        PauseMsg();
    }
}

//*****
//
//                               Bubble Sort
//
// Bubble sort is not exactly the world's fastest sorting algorithm, but for

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// some reason, everyone seems to like it. Maybe it's related to:
//
// "Tiny Bubbles"
// "In the wine"
// "Make you feel happy"
// "Make you feel fine"
//
// This version of Bubble Sort will sort the array RandNbrs[] in ascending
// order. When the routine is finished, the lowest number in the RandNbrs[]
// array will be found in position RandNbrs[1] while the largest number will
// be in position RandNbrs[Nbr2Sort].
//
// The algorithm starts by looking at positions 1 and 2 in the array. If the
// number at position 1 is larger than the number at position 2, then the two
// numbers are exchanged. The end result will leave the larger of the two
// numbers at position 2 and the smaller at position 1.
//
// After the above step, the algorithm looks at the numbers at positions 2 and
// 3. If the number at position 2 is larger, then it is exchanged so that the
// larger number will now be in position 3.
//
// The "j" loop continues this process until it reaches the bottom (highest
// index location) of the array. At this point the largest number in the array
// has been moved to the bottom of the array, and everything else has "bubbled"
// up one level. Then, the "i" loop exerts control and the whole process
// repeats. However, this time through, the 2nd largest number in the array
// will be shifted down to the 2nd lowest position in the array. (Again this
// stopping point is controled by the "i" loop.)
//
// By the time "i" decreases to 1, the whole array is sorted.
//
//*****

void BubbleSort(void) {

    int i, j, k;
    unsigned temp;
    double Time1, Time2;

    puts("\nStarting Bubble Sort");

    Time1 = (double)clock(); // Save time to 0.001 sec.
    Time1 = Time1/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

    for (i = Nbr2Sort - 1; i; i--) {
        for (j = 1, k = 2; j <= i; j++, k++) {

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        if (RandNbrs[j] > RandNbrs[k]) {
            temp = RandNbrs[j];
            RandNbrs[j] = RandNbrs[k];
            RandNbrs[k] = temp;
        }
    }
}

Time2 = (double)clock();
Time2 = Time2/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

printf("\nThe time to sort %'d items via Bubble Sort was %g seconds.\n",
    Nbr2Sort, Time2 - Time1);

PauseMsg();

puts("\nDo you want to see the random numbers after they were sorted (Y or N)?");
gets(Databuff);
if (tolower(Databuff[0]) == 'y') {
    puts("");
    for (i = 1; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
        printf("%4d) %'16u\n", i, RandNbrs[i]);
        if (!(i%20))
            PauseMsg();
    }
    PauseMsg();
}
}

//*****
//
//                               Insertion Sort
//
// Insertion sort is simple to code and difficult to beat if you are sorting
// a short list of elements. It is also very good at sorting a much larger
// list that is nearly in sorted order. It is thus used as the basis of Shell
// Sort and the final stage of "median-of-three Quicksort".
//
// Computer processors usually have "on board" cache memories that provide an
// added boost to Insertion Sort. Portions of the array to be sorted will be
// stored in the (faster access) cache memory. If an array is nearly sorted
// when Insertion Sort is called, then most of Insertion Sort's operations
// will take place inside this high speed cache memory.

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//
// This version of Insertion Sort will sort the array RandNbrs[] in ascending
// order. When the routine is finished the lowest number in the RandNbrs[]
// array will be found in position RandNbrs[1] while the largest number will
// be in position RandNbrs[Nbr2Sort].
//
// The algorithm starts with some number in place at RandNbrs[1]. Then it
// moves down to array position 2. The number at position 2 is copied to a
// temporary holding position in variable "temp". Then all numbers that are in
// lower index positions in the array and are also larger than what is in
// "temp" are moved down one position. When a smaller number is encountered,
// then the number in "temp" is inserted back into the array.
//
// Next the algorithm works on the number in array position 3. Again all
// numbers that are larger than what is in "temp" are moved down one position.
// When a smaller (or equal) number is encounter, the number in "temp" is
// inserted back into the empty space.
//
// The algorithm continues in this fashion until it reaches the bottom of
// the list to be sorted.
//
//*****

void InsertionSort(void) {

    int i, j, k;
    unsigned temp;
    double Time1, Time2;

    puts("\nStarting Insertion Sort");

    Time1 = (double)clock(); // Save time to 0.001 sec.
    Time1 = Time1/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

    RandNbrs[0] = 0; // Sentinel for sort. Must be <= the lowest
                    // value that will be sorted. Using a sentinel
                    // speeds up the algorithm since an additional
                    // run-off-the-"0"-end-of-the-array test will
                    // not be needed.

    for (i = 2; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
        k = i;
        j = i - 1;
        temp = RandNbrs[k];
        while (RandNbrs[j] > temp) {
            RandNbrs[k] = RandNbrs[j];

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        j--;
        k--;
    }
    RandNbrs[k] = temp;
}

Time2 = (double)clock();
Time2 = Time2/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

printf("\nThe time to sort %'d items via Insertion Sort was %g seconds.\n",
    Nbr2Sort, Time2 - Time1);

PauseMsg();

puts("\nDo you want to see the random numbers after they were sorted (Y or N)?");
gets(Databuff);
if (tolower(Databuff[0]) == 'y') {
    for (i = 1; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
        printf("%4d) %'16u\n", i, RandNbrs[i]);
        if (!(i%20))
            PauseMsg();
    }
    PauseMsg();
}
}

//*****
//
//                               MLLsort
//
//  If the numbers to be sorted are within a known range, and if on average
//  they are distributed approximately evenly, and if you have lots of extra
//  random access memory, then a multiple link list sort may be faster than
//  all other sorting algorithms. In this application, the numbers to be sorted
//  are in the array RandNbrs[]. The sorting algorithm never moves them.
//
//  Instead, for each element to be sorted, its proper sort location is
//  calculated as an index into the MLLlinks[] array. This initial calculated
//  link head address is equal to the sum of the Nbr2Sort plus a calculated
//  distance beyond this index number. The calculated distance can be varied to
//  see what produces the best result.
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// The correlation between the RandNbrs[] array and the MLLlinks[] array
// looks like:
//
//      -----
// RandNbrs |   |   |   |   |   |
//      -----
//           0   1   2   Nbr2Sort
//
//      -----
// MLLlinks |Link lists for each grp |   Link head for each group   |
//      -----
//           0   1   2   Nbr2Sort  Calculated pos. for each random nbr.
//
// Once a calculated address is known, a link list is started using this
// number's calculated address. If any subsequent RandNbrs[] element ends up
// using this same calculated address, it is added to the link list for this
// address. The links in any link list are adjusted for these additions such
// that the access order will be in sorted order.
//
//*****

void MLLsort(void) {

    int HeadBase, i, count;
    unsigned NbrHeads, ShiftAmt, value;
    unsigned ptr1, ptr2;
    double Time1, Time2;

    puts("\nStarting Multiple Link List Sort");

    Time1 = (double)clock();           // Save time to 0.001 sec.
    Time1 = Time1/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

    RandNbrs[0] = 4294967295;          // Sentinel for sort.
                                        // Must be >= the largest
                                        // number to be sorted.

    HeadBase = Nbr2Sort + 1;
    NbrHeads = 4;                      // Calculate how many list
    ShiftAmt = 30;                     // heads and how many bit
    while (NbrHeads < Nbr2Sort) {      // positions to shift for
        ShiftAmt--;                   // indexing.
        NbrHeads <<= 1;
    }

    // Optional debug info
    // printf("With '%d' numbers to sort the calculated value for NbrHeads is '%d'\n",
    //        Nbr2Sort, NbrHeads);

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for (i = Nbr2Sort + NbrHeads; i >= HeadBase; i--)
    MLLlinks[i] = 0;                                // Zero out the link heads. Note:
                                                    // If you are only going to run
                                                    // this routine once, you can take
                                                    // advantage of the built in
                                                    // initialization routines in C
                                                    // and ignore this step.

for (i = Nbr2Sort; i; i--) {                        // For all input numbers.
    value = RandNbrs[i];                            // Will calculate where it should
    ptr1 = value;                                    // go. Construct index.
    ptr1 >>= ShiftAmt;
    ptr1 += HeadBase;

                                                    // Search link list to see where
                                                    // to insert this element. Most of
                                                    // the time the new value will be
                                                    // the 1st in the list.
    for (ptr2 = MLLlinks[ptr1]; RandNbrs[ptr2] < value;
        ptr1 = ptr2, ptr2 = MLLlinks[ptr2]);

    // Note: The average length of these link lists does not increase as
    // "Nbr2Sort" increases. The processing time per sort element is
    // a constant that is independent of "Nbr2Sort". Thus the algorithm
    // runs in pure linear time and not something slower such as
    // N*log(log(N)) time.

    MLLlinks[ptr1] = i;                            // Insert location of new
    MLLlinks[i] = ptr2;                            // value in link list.
}

Time2 = (double)clock();
Time2 = Time2/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

printf("\nThe time to sort %'d items via MLL Sort was %g seconds.\n",
    Nbr2Sort, Time2 - Time1);

PauseMsg();

puts("\nDo you want to see the random numbers after they were sorted (Y or N)?");
gets(Databuff);
if (tolower(Databuff[0]) == 'y') {
    count = 0;
    ptr2 = Nbr2Sort + NbrHeads;
    for (i = HeadBase; i <= ptr2; i++) {
        for (ptr1 = MLLlinks[i]; ptr1; ptr1 = MLLlinks[ptr1]) {

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        count++;
        printf("%4d) %'16u\n", count, RandNbrs[ptr1]);
        if (!(count%20))
            PauseMsg();
    }
}
PauseMsg();
}
}

//*****
//
//                               QuickSort
//
// QuickSort has long had a reputation for being the fastest general purpose
// sort algorithm. It is also perhaps the most difficult to code, and is
// subject to sharply adverse execution time if the "pivot values" are picked
// poorly - which can happen if the data to be sorted is already partially
// sorted.
//
// The algorithm works by picking one of the elements to be sorted as a "pivot
// value". The list of items to be sorted is then partitioned so that all
// elements that have a value less than the pivot end up in the front portion
// of the array while all elements that are greater than the pivot value end
// up in the other end. (Elements that are equal to the pivot could end up in
// either section.) After the first pass, the array of items to be sorted
// looks like:
//
//                               Pivot
//                               Item
//      Low elements are here      Higher elements are here
//      -----
// RandNbrs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
//      -----
//              1      2      3      4                                Nbr2Sort
//
// After round 1, the QuickSort process is applied to both of the 2 subgroups.
// Whichever subgroup was smaller is processed immediately while the location
// of the left and right ends of the larger subgroup are placed on a stack
// for later processing. This processing order will guarantee that the stack
// will never exceed Log2(Nbr2Sort) items.
//
// The repetitive processing of subgroups continues until the size of a
// subgroup falls below a size defined by "MinGroup". Once a subgroup is

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// smaller than this, it is not sorted further by QuickSort. Small groups can
// be processed faster by Insertion Sort. When Quicksort has reduced all
// subgroups to < "MinGroup" size, control passes to "Insertion Sort" for a
// final pass through the entire array.
//
// In the "old days", the optimal size for "MinGroup" was about 18. The cache
// memory on current processor chips reduces the time to access anything in
// the cache - which includes the part of the array that is currently residing
// in the cache. This greatly increases the efficiency of the final "Insertion
// Sort" relative to the quicksort portion. Thus, significantly larger values
// for "MinGroup" work better when a cache is being used. (You can experiment
// with the value that is assigned to "MinGroup".)
//
// Selection of the "pivot value" is crucial to the efficiency of Quicksort.
// If the pivot value is selected so that it evenly partitions a subgroup,
// then Quicksort is very efficient. On the other hand, if the value of the
// "Pivot item" is near either the lowest or highest values that are going to
// be partitioned within any subgroup, that particular round of Quicksort will
// not do its job of quickly splitting the subgroups into ever smaller sizes.
//
// The "median of three" portion of the routine is an effort to pick a good
// "pivot value". If a "pivot value" can be picked so that it exactly splits a
// subgroup into 2 equal portions, then Quicksort will be as efficient as
// possible. An effort is made to do this by trying to find a value which is
// close to the median of the subgroup. This is done by checking the values at
// the second, last, and middle positions within a subgroup. The middle value
// of these three is used as the "pivot value" while the two extremes are
// placed at the two ends of the subgroup.
//
// The code given here is based on a flier that Robert Sedgewick (author of
// "Algorithms") handed out "a few years ago" during a 2-semester sequence of
// "Analysis of Algorithms". (Professor Sedgewick is 2nd from the left in the
// center photo at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CSAtrium/)
//
//*****

void QuickSort(void) {

    int    i, j, k, StackPtr;
    int    LeftEnd, RightEnd, LeftPtr, RightPtr, MidPtr, MinGroup;
    unsigned Pvalue, temp;
    double Time1, Time2;

    puts("\nStarting QuickSort");

    Time1 = (double)clock();                // Save time to 0.001 sec.

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Time1 = Time1/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

RandNbrs[0] = 0;                                // Sentinel for sort - used by
                                                // by the Insertion Sort
                                                // portion.

// Initialize left end, right end, stack pointer,
// and minimum size for subgroups.

LeftEnd = 1;                                    // For the first round, the 2
RightEnd = Nbr2Sort;                            // ends will be the whole array
MinGroup = 65;                                  // Years ago this would be ~18

if (Nbr2Sort > MinGroup)                        // Run quicksort until no
    StackPtr = 1;                               // subgroup remains larger
else StackPtr = 0;                             // than "MinGroup" elements.

// Start quicksort. First, set the pivot value equal to the median of the
// array values at RandNbrs[LeftEnd+1], RandNbrs[(LeftEnd+RightEnd)/2],
// and RandNbrs[RightEnd]. The minimum of these 3 is placed at
// RandNbrs[LeftEnd+1] while the maximum is placed at RandNbrs[RightEnd].
// The value at RandNbrs[LeftEnd] is moved to
// RandNbrs[(LeftEnd+RightEnd)/2].

while (StackPtr) {                             // Loop until all subgroups
                                                // are partitioned down to
                                                // <= "MinGroup" size.

    LeftPtr = LeftEnd + 1;                     // Ptr to left end.
    RightPtr = RightEnd;                       // Ptr to right end.
    MidPtr = (LeftEnd + RightEnd)/2;           // Point to middle

                                                // Start sort of these 3
    if (RandNbrs[LeftPtr] > RandNbrs[RightPtr]) {
        temp = RandNbrs[LeftPtr];             // elements
        RandNbrs[LeftPtr] = RandNbrs[RightPtr];
        RandNbrs[RightPtr] = temp;
    }

    if (RandNbrs[MidPtr] > RandNbrs[RightPtr]) {
        Pvalue = RandNbrs[RightPtr];
        RandNbrs[RightPtr] = RandNbrs[MidPtr];
    }
    else if (RandNbrs[MidPtr] < RandNbrs[LeftPtr]) {
        Pvalue = RandNbrs[LeftPtr];
        RandNbrs[LeftPtr] = RandNbrs[MidPtr];
    }
}

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}
else Pvalue = RandNbrs[MidPtr];

// The 3 values are sorted and
// and the median is in Pvalue
RandNbrs[MidPtr] = RandNbrs[LeftEnd]; // Fill in hole with LeftEnd

// Start the main loop. Move pointers inward until
// we find 2 elements that have to be exchanged.

while (RandNbrs[++LeftPtr] < Pvalue); // Set up pointers
while (RandNbrs[--RightPtr] > Pvalue); // for 1st exchange
while (LeftPtr < RightPtr) { // Make these
    temp = RandNbrs[LeftPtr]; // statements as
    RandNbrs[LeftPtr] = RandNbrs[RightPtr]; // efficient as
    RandNbrs[RightPtr] = temp; // possible.
    while (RandNbrs[++LeftPtr] < Pvalue); // Continue this loop until
    while (RandNbrs[--RightPtr] > Pvalue); // the pointers cross.
}

RandNbrs[LeftEnd] = RandNbrs[RightPtr]; // After pointers cross, fill
RandNbrs[RightPtr] = Pvalue; // left end and middle hole.

// All values to the left of RandNbrs[RightPtr] are <= Pvalue while all to
// the right are >= Pvalue. Next, test the 2 subgroups on either side to
// see if they are still larger than the minimum efficient size. If both
// are still too large, then place the larger one on the stack and
// partition the smaller. If only one needs partitioning, then partition
// it, otherwise get the left and right ends of a subgroup stored on the
// stack in an earlier operation.

// Move RightPtr into
RightPtr--; // unsorted left subgroup

if (RightPtr < MidPtr) { // If left SubGroup is smaller
    if (RightPtr - LeftEnd > MinGroup) { // If both are large then put
        Qsleft[StackPtr] = LeftPtr; // right side on the stack
        Qsright[StackPtr] = RightEnd; // and sort the left side.
        RightEnd = RightPtr;
        ++StackPtr; // Ready for next subgroup
    }
    else if (RightEnd - LeftPtr > MinGroup) // Else if just have to
        LeftEnd = LeftPtr; // sort the right side
    else { // Else neither gets sorted. Get a
        LeftEnd = Qsleft[--StackPtr]; // prior subgroup from the stack.
        RightEnd = Qsright[StackPtr]; // (Will be garbage if all
    } // subgroups are sorted)
}

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    } // End of "if left is smaller"

    else { // Else left side is larger
        if (RightEnd - LeftPtr > MinGroup) { // If both sides are large
            Qsleft[StackPtr] = LeftEnd; // then put left side on
            Qsright[StackPtr] = RightPtr; // the stack
            LeftEnd = LeftPtr; // and sort the right side
            ++StackPtr; // Ready for next subgroup
        }
        else if (RightPtr - LeftEnd > MinGroup) // else if left side is
            RightEnd = RightPtr; // too large, then sort it.
        else { // Else neither gets sorted. Get a
            LeftEnd = Qsleft[--StackPtr]; // prior subgroup from the stack
            RightEnd = Qsright[StackPtr]; // (Will be garbage if all
        } // subgroups are sorted).
    } // End of "if left is larger"
} // Repeat until all subgroups are
// small.

// Finish up with "Insertion Sort"
for (i = 2; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
    k = i;
    j = i - 1;
    temp = RandNbrs[k];
    while (RandNbrs[j] > temp) {
        RandNbrs[k] = RandNbrs[j];
        j--;
        k--;
    }
    RandNbrs[k] = temp;
}

Time2 = (double)clock();
Time2 = Time2/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

printf("\nThe time to sort %'d items via QuickSort was %g seconds.\n",
    Nbr2Sort, Time2 - Time1);

PauseMsg();

puts("\nDo you want to see the random numbers after they were sorted (Y or N)?");
gets(Databuff);
if (tolower(Databuff[0]) == 'y') {
    for (i = 1; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
        printf("%4d %'16u\n", i, RandNbrs[i]);
    }
}

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        if (!(i%20))
            PauseMsg();
    }
    PauseMsg();
}

//*****
//
//                               ShellSort
//
//  If you are only going to learn how one sorting algorithm works, concentrate
//  on Shell Sort. On most arrays that you are ever going to work with it is
//  nearly as fast as Quicksort, and it is much easier to code
//  (and understand).
//
//  Shell Sort is based on Insertion Sort. In fact, if you are working on a
//  very small group of numbers, it is exactly the same as Insertion Sort. If
//  you are sorting a larger group, then it is just an expansion of Insertion
//  Sort. Shell Sort breaks down large arrays into a series of small sections
//  which it then treats as though they were "Insertion Sort".
//
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//  -----
//  RandNbrs | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D |
//  -----
//           1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
//
//  For example, let's assume you are going to sort 16 elements and are using
//  the 1, 4, 13, etc. sequence for "gap" sizes. The algorithm will first use a
//  "Gap" size of 4. It will run 4 separate simultaneous "Insertion Sorts". One
//  of these will be an "Insertion Sort" on the numbers in the "A" positions.
//  The other 3 "Insertion Sorts" will use the "B", "C", and "D" groups. When
//  the "Gap = 4" process is finished, the array will be roughly sorted with
//  most of the small value numbers concentrated near the low end of the array.
//  Similarly, most of large value numbers will be concentrated near the high
//  end of the array. The algorithm then continues with a "Gap" size of 1. This
//  is essentially an ordinary "Insertion Sort", and "Insertion Sort" is very
//  efficient on arrays that are nearly sorted.
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//  If the number of elements to be sorted is still larger, then the elements
//  are initially sorted using a "gap" size of 13. This is followed by a "gap"
//  of 4 (as above) and finally a "gap" of 1. Still larger lists that are to be

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// sorted will use larger initial "Gap" sizes, and then gradually decrease the
// "Gap" size as progress is made.
//
// The efficiency of Shell Sort can be fine tuned by changing the sequence of
// "gap" sizes. The 1, 4, 13, 40... series was originally suggested by Knuth.
// Two other series are better candidates for the gap sizes. The user can
// experiment with a choice of:
// 1) 1, 3, 7, 21, 48...
// 2) 1, 4, 13, 40...
// 3) 1, 8, 23, 77, 281, 1073...
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//*****

void ShellSort(void) {

    int choice, i, j, k, GapPtr, Gap;
    unsigned temp;
    double Time1, Time2;

    puts("\nYou may experiment with the gap sizes that are used in Shell Sort");
    puts("\nPick one of the following sequences for the gap size.");
    puts("(Any other number cancels Shell Sort)\n");

    puts("1) 1, 3, 7, 21, 48, 112,...");
    puts("2) 1, 4, 13, 40, 121, 364,...");
    puts("3) 1, 8, 23, 77, 281, 1073,...");

    gets(Databuff);
    choice = atoi(Databuff);

    if (choice == 1) {                                // Copy one of the three gap sequences
        for (i = 1; i <= 20; i++)
            Gaps[i] = Gaps13[i];
    }
    else if (choice == 2) {
        for (i = 1; i <= 20; i++)
            Gaps[i] = Gaps14[i];
    }
    else if (choice == 3) {
        for (i = 1; i <= 20; i++)
            Gaps[i] = Gaps18[i];
    }
    else return;

    puts("\nStarting Shell Sort");

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Time1 = (double)clock(); // Save time to 0.001 sec.
Time1 = Time1/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

temp = Nbr2Sort/3; // Set up GapPtr
for (GapPtr = 1; Gaps[GapPtr] < temp; GapPtr++);
GapPtr--;
Gap = Gaps[GapPtr];

do {
    for (i = Gap + 1; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
        temp = RandNbrs[i];
        k = i;
        for (j = i - Gap; j > 0; j -= Gap) {
            if (RandNbrs[j] <= temp)
                break;
            RandNbrs[k] = RandNbrs[j];
            k = j;
        }
        RandNbrs[k] = temp;
    }
} while (Gap = Gaps[--GapPtr]);

Time2 = (double)clock();
Time2 = Time2/(double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

printf("\nThe time to sort %'d items via Shell Sort was %g seconds.\n",
        Nbr2Sort, Time2 - Time1);

PauseMsg();

puts("\nDo you want to see the random numbers after they were sorted (Y or N)?");
gets(Databuff);
if (tolower(Databuff[0]) == 'y') {
    for (i = 1; i <= Nbr2Sort; i++) {
        printf("%4d %'16u\n", i, RandNbrs[i]);
        if (!(i%20))
            PauseMsg();
    }
    PauseMsg();
}
}

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//          Misc routines  
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//*****  
  
void PauseMsg(void) {  
  
    puts("\nPress RETURN to continue.");  
    gets(Databuff);  
}
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