

## CSC 242

### Lab 4

*Warmup: The solution to the following exercise is provided in the Chapter 6 Student Files. Please review this code to better understand how the contains method is improved to logarithmic runtime.*

A sorted bag behaves just like a regular bag but allows the user to visit its items in ascending order with the for loop. Therefore, the items added to this type of bag must have a natural ordering and recognize the comparison operators. Some examples of such items are strings and integers.

Define a new class named **ArraySortedBag** that supports this capability. Like **ArrayBag**, this new class is array based, but its **in** operation can now run in logarithmic time. To accomplish this, **ArraySortedBag** must place new items into its array in sorted order. The most efficient way to do this is to modify the **add** method to insert new items in their proper places. You also have to include a **\_\_contains\_\_** method to implement the new, more efficient search. Finally, you must change all references to **ArrayBag** to be **ArraySortedBag**. (Hint: copy the code from the **ArrayBag** class to a new file and begin making your changes from there.) Write a driver program to test the full functionality of the **ArraySortedBag** class—this means, you should write a separate Python program that will use each of the newly implemented class methods of the **ArraySortedBag** class.

Now, here is the actual assignment:

Add the method **clone** to the **ArrayBag** and **LinkedBag** classes. This method expects no arguments when called, and returns an exact copy of the type of bag on which it is called. For example, the variable **bag2** would contain the numbers 2, 3, and 4 at the end of the following code segment:

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bag1 = ArrayBag([2,3,4])

bag2 = bag1.clone()

bag1 == bag2  # Returns True

bag1 is bag2  # Returns False
```