

Sorting

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Overview

- Basics of comparing
- Run time
- Sorting algorithms

- Implementations
 - Unity
 - C#
 - GameMaker
 - GML
 - Godot
 - GDScript
 - Unreal Engine
 - C++
 - Pico-8
 - Lua

Why is Sorting Useful?

- Display information to user in a way that makes information easier to find
 - By item count
 - By name
 - By type
 - By cost
 - By oldest to newest
 - By race/lap time
 - By rarity



Comparing Items

- By integer value
 - 1, 3, 8, 8, 25, 64...
- By character value
 - A, G, O, P, c, f, m, n, z
 - Usually, each character is converted to its ASCII integer value
 - A = 65, a = 97, 0 = 48
- By (character) string value
 - Case sensitive
 - APPLE, Cat, Elephant, aardvark, dog, zebra
 - Case insensitive - convert to same case before sorting
 - aardvark, APPLE, Cat, Dog, elephant, zebra
- Time
 - Convert to lowest significant unit (seconds, milliseconds, etc)
- Dates
 - Convert to time since a starting point (Epoch time, since January 1, 1970)

032 {	052 4	072 H	092 \
033 !	053 5	073 I	093]
034 "	054 6	074 J	094 ^
035 #	055 7	075 K	095 _
036 \$	056 8	076 L	096 `
037 %	057 9	077 M	097 a
038 &	058 :	078 N	098 b
039 '	059 ;	079 O	099 c
040 (060 <	080 P	100 d
041)	061 =	081 Q	101 e
042 *	062 >	082 R	102 f
043 +	063 ?	083 S	103 g
044 ,	064 @	084 T	104 h
045 -	065 A	085 U	105 i
046 .	066 B	086 V	106 j
047 /	067 C	087 W	107 k
048 0	068 D	088 X	108 l
049 1	069 E	089 Y	109 m
050 2	070 F	090 Z	110 n
051 3	071 G	091 [111 o

Getting a character ASCII value

- C/C++
 - (int) c
- Java
 - (int) str.charAt(i)
- C#
 - (int) str[0]
- Ruby
 - str.ord
- Python
 - ord(str)
- GameMaker GML
 - ord(str)

String comparison

- Most languages have a string comparison operator that returns the relative position value between two strings (-1 less than, 0 equal, 1 greater than)
- C/C++
 - `strcmp(char *str1, char * str2) > 0`
- Java
 - `str1.compareTo(str2) > 0`
- C#
 - `string.Compare(str1, str2)`
- Ruby
 - `str1 <=> str2`
- Python
 - `str1 > str2`
 - `str1 == str2`
 - `str1 < str2`
- GameMaker GML
 - `str1 = str2`

Asymptotic Notation

How to measure computation time as the number of items to be sorted increases?

- Θ - Theta or Big Theta

- Asymptotic upper and lower bounds

- O - Big O

- Asymptotic upper bound only

- Ω - Big Omega

- Asymptotic lower bound only

- Each can be applied to best, worst, and average case run times
- Also o (Little O) and ω (Little Omega) for not asymptotically tight

Running Time

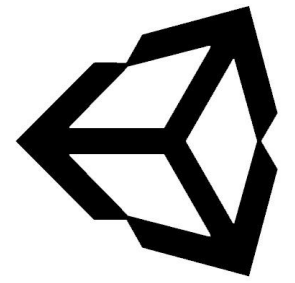
Most common, from shortest to longest run time

- $\Theta(1)$ - constant
- $\Theta(n)$ - linear
- $\Theta(\lg n)$ - logarithmic
- $\Theta(n^2)$ - quadratic
- $\Theta(n^c)$ - polynomial
- $\Theta(2^n)$ - exponential

n - number of items
c - constant

Sorting Algorithms

- Bubble Sort
 - For each position, compare the current item with the next item; Switch if larger
- Insertion Sort
 - For each item, compare with all previous items and insert into correct position
- Heapsort
 - Running time: $O(n \lg n)$
- Merge Sort
- Quicksort
 - Average case: $\Theta(n \lg n)$
 - Worst Case: $\Theta(n^2)$
- Comparison sorts
 - Counting sort
 - Radix sort
 - Bucket sort



Sorting C# (Unity) integer array

- Add **using System;** to import section
- Use **Array.Sort(MyArray);**

Unsorted

75
59
11
35
3
10
2021

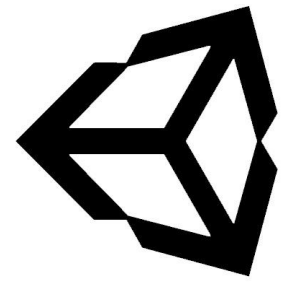
Sorted

3
10
11
35
59
75
2021

```
using System;
```

```
private void displaySortedInts() {  
    int[] iArray = { 75, 59, 11, 35, 3, 10, 2021 };  
  
    textOutputColumns[0].text = "";  
    textOutputColumns[1].text = "";  
    textOutputColumns[2].text = "";  
    foreach (int iValue in iArray) {  
        textOutputColumns[0].text += string.Format("{0}\n", iValue);  
    }  
  
    Array.Sort(iArray);  
  
    foreach (int iValue in iArray) {  
        textOutputColumns[1].text += string.Format("{0}\n", iValue);  
    }  
}
```

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Sorting C# (Unity) string array

- Same as integer array
 - Add **using System;** to import section
 - Use **Array.Sort(MyArray);**
 - C# uses case insensitive comparison
 - 'a' == 'A'

Unsorted

Orange
Banana
grapes
WATERMELON
LEMON
apple

Sorted

apple
Banana
grapes
LEMON
Orange
WATERMELON

```
private void displaySortedStrings() {  
    string[] strArray = { "Orange", "Banana", "grapes",  
        "WATERMELON", "LEMON", "apple"};  
  
    textOutputColumns[0].text = "";  
    textOutputColumns[1].text = "";  
    textOutputColumns[2].text = "";  
    foreach (string strValue in strArray) {  
        textOutputColumns[0].text += strValue + "\n";  
    }  
  
    Array.Sort(strArray);  
  
    foreach (string strValue in strArray) {  
        textOutputColumns[1].text += strValue + "\n";  
    }  
}
```

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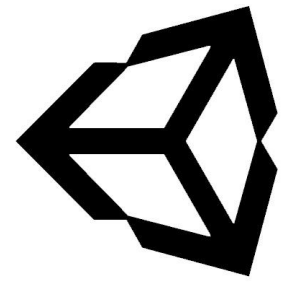
Sorting C# (Unity) object List

- Have class extend `IComparable<MyClass>`
- Add **using System;** to import section
- Implement **public int CompareTo(MyClass)**
- Example: Weapon class with name (string), cost (int), and attack (int) values

```
using System;
```



```
public class Weapon : IComparable<Weapon> {  
  
    public int CompareTo(Weapon weapon) {  
        int iReturn = 0;  
        int iType = 1;  
  
        switch (iType) {  
            case 0:  
                //Compare by cost  
                if (iCost > weapon.iCost) {  
                    iReturn = 1;  
                } else if (iCost < weapon.iCost) {  
                    iReturn = -1;  
                }  
                break;  
            case 1:  
                //Compare by name (C# Compare handles case conversion)  
                iReturn = string.Compare(strName, weapon.strName);  
                break;  
            case 2:  
                //Compare by attack  
                if (iAttack > weapon.iAttack) {  
                    iReturn = 1;  
                } else if (iAttack < weapon.iAttack) {  
                    iReturn = -1;  
                }  
                break;  
        }  
        return iReturn;  
    }  
}
```



Sorted C# (Unity) object List

Unsorted

Name	Cost	Attack
Club	640	24
Bamboo Pole	100	8
Hand Axe	980	15
Broad Sword	150	40
Flame Sword	560	35
Copper Sword	180	15

Sort by Name

Name	Cost	Attack
Bamboo Pole	100	8
Broad Sword	150	40
Club	640	24
Copper Sword	180	15
Flame Sword	560	35
Hand Axe	980	15

Sort by Cost

Name	Cost	Attack
Bamboo Pole	100	8
Broad Sword	150	40
Copper Sword	180	15
Flame Sword	560	35
Club	640	24
Hand Axe	980	15

Sort by Attack

Name	Cost	Attack
Bamboo Pole	100	8
Hand Axe	980	15
Copper Sword	180	15
Club	640	24
Flame Sword	560	35
Broad Sword	150	40

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Sorting GameMaker (GML) integer array

- Use `array_sort` to sort an array
- Using `array_copy` for display purposes
 - The unsorted array is lost after it is sorted

Create

```
4 myArray = array_create(0)
5 myArray[0] = 75
6 myArray[1] = 59
7 myArray[2] = 11
8 myArray[3] = 35
9 myArray[4] = 3
10 myArray[5] = 10
11 myArray[6] = 2021
12
13 myArraySorted = array_create(0)
14
15 array_copy(myArraySorted,0,myArray,0,array_length(myArray))
16
17 array_sort(myArraySorted, true)
```

Output

Created with GameMaker Studio 2	
unsorted	sorted
75	3
59	10
11	11
35	35
3	59
10	75
2021	2021

Draw GUI Begin

```
3 draw_set_color(c_white)
4
5 draw_text(20, 20, "unsorted")
6 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArray); i += 1) {
7     draw_text(20, (i + 3) * 20, myArray[i])
8 }
9
10 draw_text(120, 20, "sorted")
11 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArraySorted); i += 1) {
12     draw_text(120, (i + 3) * 20, myArraySorted[i])
13 }
```

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Sorting GameMaker (GML) string array

- array_sort is case sensitive
 - Capital letters will be sorted before lowercase letters
- Can define a sort function to do case insensitive sort

Create

```
4 myArray = array_create(0)
5 myArray[0] = "Orange"
6 myArray[1] = "Banana"
7 myArray[2] = "grapes"
8 myArray[3] = "WATERMELON"
9 myArray[4] = "LEMON"
10 myArray[5] = "apple"
11
12 myArraySorted = array_create(0)
13 array_copy(myArraySorted,0,myArray,0,array_length(myArray))
14 array_sort(myArraySorted, true)
15
16 case_insensitive_sort = function(str1, str2) {
17     if (string_upper(str1) < string_upper(str2)) {
18         return -1
19     } else if (string_upper(str1) > string_upper(str2)) {
20         return 1
21     } else {
22         return 0
23     }
24 }
25
26
27 myArraySortedInsensitive = array_create(0)
28 array_copy(myArraySortedInsensitive,0,myArray,0,array_length(myArray))
29 array_sort(myArraySortedInsensitive, case_insensitive_sort)
```

Draw GUI Begin

```
3 draw_set_color(c_white)
4
5 draw_text(220, 20, "unsorted")
6 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArray); i += 1) {
7     draw_text(220, (i + 3) * 20, myArray[i])
8 }
9
10 draw_text(320, 20, "sorted")
11 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArraySorted); i += 1) {
12     draw_text(320, (i + 3) * 20, myArraySorted[i])
13 }
14
15 draw_text(420, 20, "sorted insensitive")
16 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArraySortedInsensitive); i += 1) {
17     draw_text(420, (i + 3) * 20, myArraySortedInsensitive[i])
18 }
19
```

Output

unsorted	sorted	sorted insensitive
Orange	Banana	apple
Banana	LEMON	Banana
grapes	Orange	grapes
WATERMELON	WATERMELON	LEMON
LEMON	apple	Orange
apple	grapes	WATERMELON

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Sorting GameMaker (GML) objects

- Use custom sort function for each sort category

Create array of Weapon objects

```
4 myArray = array_create(0)
5
6 weapon = instance_create_layer(0,0,0,Weapon)
7 weapon.strName = "Club"
8 weapon.iCost = 640
9 weapon.iAttack = 24
10 myArray[0] = weapon
11
12 weapon = instance_create_layer(0,0,0,Weapon)
13 weapon.strName = "Bamboo Pole"
14 weapon.iCost = 100
15 weapon.iAttack = 8
16 myArray[1] = weapon
17
18 weapon = instance_create_layer(0,0,0,Weapon)
19 weapon.strName = "Hand Axe"
20 weapon.iCost = 980
21 weapon.iAttack = 15
22 myArray[2] = weapon
23
```

Sort by cost

```
myArraySorted1 = array_create(0)
array_copy(myArraySorted1,0,myArray,0,array_length(myArray))

weapon_cost_sort = function(weapon1, weapon2) {
    if (weapon1.iCost < weapon2.iCost) {
        return -1
    } else if (weapon1.iCost > weapon2.iCost) {
        return 1
    } else {
        return 0
    }
}

array_sort(myArraySorted1, weapon_cost_sort)
```

Sort by attack

```
myArraySorted2 = array_create(0)
array_copy(myArraySorted2,0,myArray,0,array_length(myArray))

weapon_attack_sort = function(weapon1, weapon2) {
    if (weapon1.iAttack < weapon2.iAttack) {
        return -1
    } else if (weapon1.iAttack > weapon2.iAttack) {
        return 1
    } else {
        return 0
    }
}

array_sort(myArraySorted2, weapon_attack_sort)
```

Draw GUI Begin

```
3 draw_set_color(c_white)
4
5 draw_text(20, 320, "unsorted")
6 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArray); i += 1) {
7     draw_text(20, (i + 3) * 20 + 300, myArray[i].strName + "," + string(myArray[i].iCost) + "," + string(my
8 }
9
10 draw_text(220, 320, "sorted by cost")
11 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArraySorted1); i += 1) {
12     draw_text(220, (i + 3) * 20 + 300, myArraySorted1[i].strName + "," + string(myArraySorted1[i].iCost) + "," +
13 }
14
15 draw_text(420, 320, "sorted by attack")
16 for (i = 0; i < array_length(myArraySorted2); i += 1) {
17     draw_text(420, (i + 3) * 20 + 300, myArraySorted2[i].strName + "," + string(myArraySorted2[i].iCost) + "," +
18 }
```

Output

unsorted	sorted by cost	sorted by attack
Club,640, 24	Bamboo Pole,100, 8	Bamboo Pole,100, 8
Bamboo Pole,100, 8	Board Sword,150, 40	Hand Axe,980, 15
Hand Axe,980, 15	Copper Sword,180, 15	Copper Sword,180, 15
Board Sword,150, 40	Flame Sword,560, 35	Club,640, 24
Flame Sword,560, 35	Club,640, 24	Flame Sword,560, 35
Copper Sword,180, 15	Hand Axe,980, 15	Board Sword,150, 40

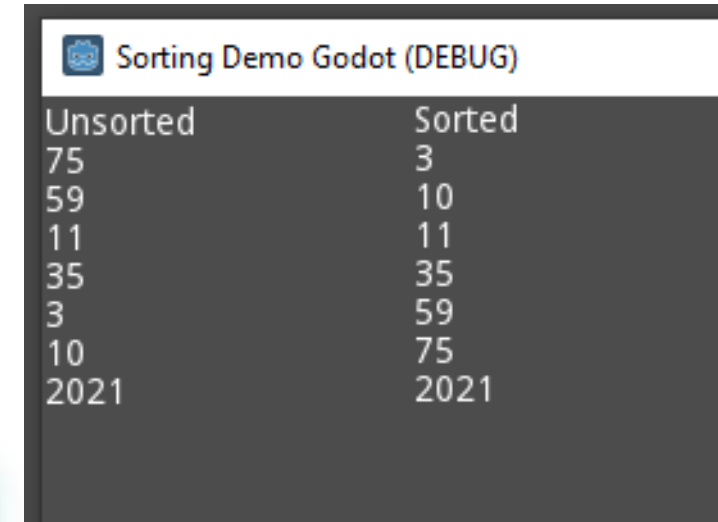


Sorting Godot (GDScript) integer array

- Use `MyArray.sort()`
- `MyArray.duplicate()` used for display purposes

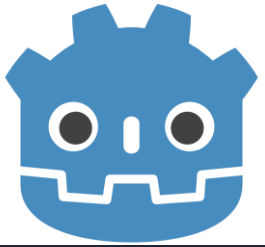
```
1 extends Node
2
3 var unsorted_label
4 var sorted_label
5 var myArray
6 var myArraySorted
7
8 # Called when the node enters the scene tree for the first time
9 func _ready():
10  >| unsorted_label = get_node("Control/UnsortedLabel")
11  >| sorted_label = get_node("Control/SortedLabel")
12
13  >| sortIntegers()
14  >| displayArrays()
15
16 func sortIntegers():
17  >| myArray = [75, 59, 11, 35, 3, 10, 2021]
18  >|
19  >| myArraySorted = myArray.duplicate()
20  >| myArraySorted.sort()
21
22 func displayArrays():
23  >| var strUnsorted = "Unsorted\n"
24  >| for item in myArray:
25  >| >| strUnsorted += str(item) + "\n"
26  >| unsorted_label.set_text(strUnsorted)
27
28  >| var strSorted = "Sorted\n"
29  >| for item in myArraySorted:
30  >| >| strSorted += str(item) + "\n"
31  >| sorted_label.set_text(strSorted)
32
```

Output



Sorting Demo Godot (DEBUG)	
Unsorted	Sorted
75	3
59	10
11	11
35	35
3	59
10	75
2021	2021

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Sorting Godot (GDScript) string array

- Case sensitive sort
- Use **sort_custom(MyArray, sort_func)** to define custom sort function
 - Custom sort function must return true (value is less) or false (value is greater)

```
26 func sortStrings():
27     myArray = ["Orange", "Banana", "grapes", "WATERMELON", "LEMON", "apple"]
28
29     myArraySorted = myArray.duplicate()
30     myArraySorted.sort()
31
32     myArraySortedInsensitive = myArray.duplicate()
33     myArraySortedInsensitive.sort_custom(self, "sort_insensitive")
34
35 func sort_insensitive(str1, str2):
36     if (str1.to_upper() < str2.to_upper()):
37         return true
38     else:
39         return false
40
```

```
43 func displayArrays():
44     var strUnsorted = "Unsorted\n"
45     for item in myArray:
46         strUnsorted += str(item) + "\n"
47     unsorted_label.set_text(strUnsorted)
48
49     var strSorted = "Sorted\n"
50     for item in myArraySorted:
51         strSorted += str(item) + "\n"
52     sorted_label.set_text(strSorted)
53
54     var strSortedInsensitive = "Sorted Insensitive\n"
55     for item in myArraySortedInsensitive:
56         strSortedInsensitive += str(item) + "\n"
57     sorted_insensitive_label.set_text(strSortedInsensitive)
58
```

```
1 extends Node
2
3 var unsorted_label
4 var sorted_label
5 var sorted_insensitive_label
6 var myArray
7 var myArraySorted
8 var myArraySortedInsensitive
9
10 # Called when the node enters the scene tree for the first time.
11 func _ready():
12     unsorted_label = get_node("Control/UnsortedLabel")
13     sorted_label = get_node("Control/SortedLabel")
14     sorted_insensitive_label = get_node("Control/SortedInsensitiveLabel")
15
16 # sortIntegers()
17 sortStrings()
18 displayArrays()
```



Sorting Demo Godot (DEBUG)

Unsorted
Orange
Banana
grapes
WATERMELON
LEMON
apple

Sorted
Banana
LEMON
Orange
WATERMELON
apple
grapes

Sorted Insensitive
apple
Banana
grapes
LEMON
Orange
WATERMELON

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Sorting Godot (GDScript) objects

- Use `sort_custom(self, "<function>")` and define sorting function

```
20 func createWeapons():
21     var weapon
22     |
23     myArray = []
24     |
25     #create the Weapon.tscn scene by making a new no
26     #"Save Branch as Scene"
27     var weaponScene = load("res://Weapon.tscn")
28     |
29     weapon = weaponScene.instance()
30     weapon.strName = "Club"
31     weapon.iCost = 640
32     weapon.iAttack = 24
33     myArray.append(weapon)
34     |
35     weapon = weaponScene.instance()
36     weapon.strName = "Bamboo Pole"
37     weapon.iCost = 100
38     weapon.iAttack = 8
39     myArray.append(weapon)
40     |
41     weapon = weaponScene.instance()
42     weapon.strName = "Hand Axe"
43     weapon.iCost = 980
44     weapon.iAttack = 15
45     myArray.append(weapon)
```

```
66 func sortWeapons():
67     myArraySorted = myArray.duplicate()
68     myArraySorted.sort_custom(self, "sort_weapon_name")
69     #myArraySorted.sort_custom(self, "sort_weapon_cost")
70     #myArraySorted.sort_custom(self, "sort_weapon_attack")
71     |
72     |
73 func sort_weapon_name(weapon1, weapon2):
74     if (weapon1.strName.to_upper() < weapon2.strName.to_upper()):
75         return true
76     else:
77         return false
78     |
79 func sort_weapon_cost(weapon1, weapon2):
80     if (weapon1.iCost < weapon2.iCost):
81         return true
82     else:
83         return false
84     |
85 func sort_weapon_attack(weapon1, weapon2):
86     if (weapon1.iAttack < weapon2.iAttack):
87         return true
88     else:
89         return false
```

Sort by Name

Sorting Demo Godot (DEBUG)	
Unsorted	Sorted
Club,640,24	Bamboo Pole,100,8
Bamboo Pole,100,8	Broad Sword,150,40
Hand Axe,980,15	Club,640,24
Broad Sword,150,40	Copper Sword,180,15
Flame Sword,560,35	Flame Sword,560,35
Copper Sword,180,15	Hand Axe,980,15

Sort by Cost

Sorting Demo Godot (DEBUG)	
Unsorted	Sorted
Club,640,24	Bamboo Pole,100,8
Bamboo Pole,100,8	Broad Sword,150,40
Hand Axe,980,15	Copper Sword,180,15
Broad Sword,150,40	Flame Sword,560,35
Flame Sword,560,35	Club,640,24
Copper Sword,180,15	Hand Axe,980,15

Sort by Attack

Sorting Demo Godot (DEBUG)	
Unsorted	Sorted
Club,640,24	Bamboo Pole,100,8
Bamboo Pole,100,8	Hand Axe,980,15
Hand Axe,980,15	Copper Sword,180,15
Broad Sword,150,40	Club,640,24
Flame Sword,560,35	Flame Sword,560,35
Copper Sword,180,15	Broad Sword,150,40



Sorting C++ (Unreal) integer array

- Use TArray instead of std vector
- Use TArray.Sort() to sort integers

Unsorted
75,59,11,35,3,10,2021
Sorted
3,10,11,35,59,75,2021

```
void USortingDemo::sortIntegers() {  
    TArray<int> MyArray = { 75, 59, 11, 35, 3, 10, 2021 };  
  
    displayString("Unsorted");  
    displayArray(MyArray);  
  
    displayString("Sorted");  
    MyArray.Sort();  
    displayArray(MyArray);  
}
```

```
void ADemoManager::displayArray(TArray<int> array) {  
    FString strOutput = "";  
  
    int i;  
    for (i = 0; i < array.Num(); i++) {  
        strOutput += FString::FromInt(array[i]);  
        if (i < array.Num() - 1) {  
            strOutput += ",";  
        }  
    }  
  
    GEngine->AddOnScreenDebugMessage(-1, 60.0f, FColor::White, strOutput, false, FVector2D(2.0f, 2.0f));  
}
```

```
void ADemoManager::displayString(FString str) {  
    GEngine->AddOnScreenDebugMessage(-1, 60.0f, FColor::White, str, false, FVector2D(2.0f, 2.0f));  
}
```

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Sorting C++ (Unreal) string array

- Use FString instead of string
- Case insensitive sort by default
- Use TArray.Sort();
- Overload display method to display TArray of FString

```
void USortingDemo::sortStrings() {  
    TArray<FString> MyArray = { "Orange", "Banana", "grapes", "WATERMELON", "LEMON", "apple" };  
  
    displayString("Unsorted");  
    displayArray(MyArray);  
  
    displayString("Sorted");  
    MyArray.Sort();  
    displayArray(MyArray);  
}
```

Unsorted

Orange,Banana,grapes,WATERMELON,LEMON,apple

Sorted

apple,Banana,grapes,LEMON,Orange,WATERMELON

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Sorting C++ (Unreal) object array

- Store pointers to objects in **TArray**
<MyClass *>MyArray
- Use **Algo::SortBy(MyArray, &MyClass::myvariable);**
 - Change the variable parameter to change the sorting value
 - Can specify a third parameter with operator function, such as sort backwards
 - `MyArray.Sort()` *may* be possible with overloading the `<` operator
- Remember to `#include` the header file of the class to be sorted. Class declaration may also be needed

```
void ADemoManager::sortObjects() {
    TArray<AWeapon*> MyArray;

    MyArray.Add(createWeapon("Club", 640, 24));
    MyArray.Add(createWeapon("Bamboo Pole", 100, 8));
    MyArray.Add(createWeapon("Hand Axe", 980, 15));
    MyArray.Add(createWeapon("Broad Sword", 150, 40));
    MyArray.Add(createWeapon("Flame Sword", 560, 35));
    MyArray.Add(createWeapon("Copper Sword", 180, 15));

    displayString("Unsorted");
    displayArray(MyArray);

    Algo::SortBy(MyArray, &AWeapon::strName); //sort by name
    // Algo::SortBy(MyArray, &AWeapon::iCost); //sort by cost
    // Algo::SortBy(MyArray, &AWeapon::iAttack); //sort by attack

    //Sort in reverse
    //Algo::SortBy(MyArray, &AWeapon::iCost, TGreater<>());

    displayString("Sorted");
    displayArray(MyArray);
}

AWeapon* ADemoManager::createWeapon(FString in_strName, int in_iCost, int in_iAttack) {
    AWeapon* weapon;
    FActorSpawnParameters spawninfo;

    weapon = GetWorld()->SpawnActor<AWeapon>(FVector(0.0f), FRotator(0, 0, 0), spawninfo);
    weapon->strName = in_strName;
    weapon->iCost = in_iCost;
    weapon->iAttack = in_iAttack;

    return weapon;
}
```




Sorting C++ (Unreal) object array

Sort by Cost

Unsorted
Club, 640, 24
Bamboo Pole, 100, 8
Hand Axe, 980, 15
Broad Sword, 150, 40
Flame Sword, 560, 35
Copper Sword, 180, 15

Sorted
Bamboo Pole, 100, 8
Broad Sword, 150, 40
Copper Sword, 180, 15
Flame Sword, 560, 35
Club, 640, 24
Hand Axe, 980, 15

Sort by Name

Sorted
Bamboo Pole, 100, 8
Broad Sword, 150, 40
Club, 640, 24
Copper Sword, 180, 15
Flame Sword, 560, 35
Hand Axe, 980, 15

Sort by Attack

Sorted
Bamboo Pole, 100, 8
Hand Axe, 980, 15
Copper Sword, 180, 15
Club, 640, 24
Flame Sword, 560, 35
Broad Sword, 150, 40

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Sorting Lua (Pico-8)

integer table

- No built in method to sort a table
- Custom insertion sort function

```
FUNCTION PRINTTABLE(T)
  FOR V IN ALL(T) DO
    PRINT(V)
  END
END

FUNCTION SORT(T)
  FOR I=1, #T DO
    LOCAL J = I
    WHILE J > 1 AND T[J-1] > T[J] DO
      T[J], T[J-1] = T[J-1], T[J]
      J = J - 1
    END
  END
END
```

```
MYTABLE = { 75, 59, 11, 35, 3,
10, 2021 };

PRINT 'UNSORTED'
PRINTTABLE(MYTABLE)
PRINT ''

PRINT 'SORTED'
SORT(MYTABLE)
PRINTTABLE(MYTABLE)
```

✚ SORTINTS.P8 (PICO-8)

```
> RUN
UNSORTED
75
59
11
35
3
10
2021

SORTED
3
10
11
35
59
75
2021
```

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Sorting Lua (Pico-8) string table

- Same custom insertion sort function works
- Case doesn't matter since everything in Pico-8 is one case

```
MYTABLE = { 'ORANGE', 'BANANA',  
'GRAPES', 'WATERMELON', 'LEMON',  
'APPLE' };  
  
PRINT 'UNSORTED'  
PRINTTABLE(MYTABLE)  
PRINT ''  
  
PRINT 'SORTED'  
SORT(MYTABLE)  
PRINTTABLE(MYTABLE)
```

```
> RUN  
UNSORTED  
ORANGE  
BANANA  
GRAPES  
WATERMELON  
LEMON  
APPLE  
  
SORTED  
APPLE  
BANANA  
GRAPES  
LEMON  
ORANGE  
WATERMELON
```

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Sorting Lua (Pico-8) object table

- Change the custom sort function to compare object values (name/cost/attack)

```
FUNCTION SORT(T)
  FOR I=1, #T DO
    LOCAL J = I
    WHILE J < #T DO
      T[J], T[J+1] = T[J+1], T[J] IF T[J].NAME > T[J+1].NAME THEN
      J = J + 1
    END
  END
END
```

```
FUNCTION PRINTTABLE(T)
  FOR V IN ALL(T) DO
    PRINT(V.NAME .. " : " .. V.COST .. " : " .. V.ATTACK)
  END
END
```

```
MYTABLE = { };
WEAPON = { NAME = 'CLUB',
  COST = 640, ATTACK = 24 }
ADD(MYTABLE, WEAPON)
WEAPON = { NAME = 'BAMBOO POLE',
  COST = 100, ATTACK = 8 }
ADD(MYTABLE, WEAPON)
WEAPON = { NAME = 'HAND AXE',
  COST = 980, ATTACK = 15 }
ADD(MYTABLE, WEAPON)
WEAPON = { NAME = 'BROAD SWORD',
  COST = 150, ATTACK = 40 }
ADD(MYTABLE, WEAPON)
WEAPON = { NAME = 'FLAME SWORD',
  COST = 560, ATTACK = 35 }
ADD(MYTABLE, WEAPON)
WEAPON = { NAME = 'COPPER SWORD',
  COST = 180, ATTACK = 15 }
```

```
> RUN
UNSORTED
CLUB,640,24
BAMBOO POLE,100,8
HAND AXE,980,15
BROAD SWORD,150,40
FLAME SWORD,560,35
COPPER SWORD,180,15
```

```
SORTED BY NAME
BAMBOO POLE,100,8
BROAD SWORD,150,40
CLUB,640,24
COPPER SWORD,180,15
FLAME SWORD,560,35
HAND AXE,980,15
```

```
SORTED BY COST
BAMBOO POLE,100,8
BROAD SWORD,150,40
COPPER SWORD,180,15
FLAME SWORD,560,35
CLUB,640,24
HAND AXE,980,15
```

```
SORTED BY ATTACK
BAMBOO POLE,100,8
HAND AXE,980,15
COPPER SWORD,180,15
CLUB,640,24
FLAME SWORD,560,35
BROAD SWORD,150,40
```

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