Maggie Mulhall Foundations of Programming Assignment 7

- 1. Import random library
- 2. Import datetime from library
- 3. Initialize an empty list
- 4. Assign 1000 random numbers (0-9) to the empty list
- 5. Make a copy of the list
- 6. Display to use that time units
- 7. Get the current time
- 8. Sort the unordered list with the merge method
- 9. Get the current time
- 10. Determine how long the merge sort took but subtracting the first time taken from the second
- 11. Display merge time
- 12. Get the current time
- 13. Sort the unsorted list copy with the bubble sort method
- 14. Get the current time
- 15. Determine how long the bubble sort took but subtracting the first time taken from the second
- 16. Determine how much longer the bubble sort took compared to the merge
 - a. Divide the time to sort with bubble by the time to sort with merge
- 17. Display the time difference

Best Sorting Algorithm Rational

The two algorithms I chose were Bubble and Merge. The Merge method is significantly more efficient because it uses the divide and conquer approach when splitting the list into two, it is a logarithmic function. The Bubble method individually indexes through each number at a time, comparing it to the number after it, which takes significantly longer, as it is a quadratic function.