

LLD Practice Problem:

Sorting Context

Problem: (Easy)

Functional Requirements

1. Pluggable Sorting Algorithms

- Make a class with the name **SortHandler** having method called **sort(...)** that can sort an input integer array.
- The **sort(...)** method of **SortHandler** should not sort the input array by itself but should delegate this request to a **SortingStrategy** class.
- **SortingStrategy** should have multiple concrete sorting strategies like **QuickSortStrategy** and **MergeSortStrategy**, each independently selectable at runtime. The **sort(...)** method of **SortHandler** should just delegate this request to one of the strategies chosen.
- Keep a reference of the Sorting strategy chosen in a variable with name **sortingStrategy** in **SortHandler** class that initializes any sorting strategy to **sortingStrategy** during Object creation (using constructor).
- Quick-Sort, should support two variants:
 - Normal Quick-Sort (pivot = last element)
 - Randomized Quick-Sort (pivot = random element)
- Merge-Sort, should support two variants:
 - Normal Merge-Sort (uses auxiliary arrays)
 - In-Place Merge-Sort (merges within the original array).

2. Order Direction

- Overload the **sort(...)** method for each strategy, one taking just an input array and another taking an extra string parameter to define the order of sorting (ascending / descending).

Non-Functional Requirements

1. Extensibility

- It must be easy to add new algorithms (e.g. Heap-Sort) without modifying existing code (Open/Closed).

2. Plug and Play Model

- The strategies should be plug and playable easily.

3. Performance

- Sorting large datasets should remain efficient (average $O(n \log n)$ time).

Expectations:

UML + Working Code.