

DSA Problem

Problem:

Given an array of integers, return the **second largest unique number** in the array. If it doesn't exist, return -1.

Example:

Input: [3, 5, 2, 5, 6, 6, 1]

Output: 5

Input: [7, 7, 7]

Output: -1

Solution:

- Code in C++
- Clean, readable code with time complexity better than $O(n^2)$

Code with comments:

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#include<bits/stdc++.h>

using namespace std;

int getSecondLargest(vector<int> &arr) {
    // initializing largest and secondLargest both set to -1.
    int largest = -1;
    int secondLargest = -1;

    for (int i = 0; i < arr.size(); i++) {
        /*
         * If the current element is greater than largest, we update secondLargest to the old
         * largest, and update largest to this new value.
        */
        if (arr[i] > largest) {
            secondLargest = largest;
            largest = arr[i];
        } else if (arr[i] > secondLargest && arr[i] != largest) {
            secondLargest = arr[i];
        }
    }
    return secondLargest;
}
```

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if(arr[i] > largest) {  
    secondLargest = largest;  
    largest = arr[i];  
}  
/*  
if the current element is smaller than largest but greater than secondLargest, then  
we update secondLargest to this value.  
*/  
else if(arr[i] < largest && arr[i] > secondLargest) {  
    secondLargest = arr[i];  
}  
}  
return secondLargest;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    vector<int> arr = {3, 5, 2, 5, 6, 6, 1};  
    cout << getSecondLargest(arr);  
    return 0;  
}
```