

Worksheet: class ArrayList (part 2)©2025 Chris Nielsen – www.nielsenedu.com

1. We have studied ***bubble***, ***selection***, and ***insertion*** sort. The following are brief descriptions of each sorting algorithm. Write the name of the algorithm next to its description. The description of the remaining algorithm is for ***merge*** sort, so also write that next to its description.

- a) builds a progressively longer sorted portion of the array by shifting elements and placing each element into its correct position.
- b) repeatedly compares and swaps adjacent elements to bring the largest element to the end (or smallest elements to the beginning).
- c) divides the array into halves, recursively sorts them, and merges them back together
- d) for each position, searches for the smallest (or largest) element and swaps it into the current position.

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2. It is common to create arrays of primitive types (`int`, `double`, `boolean`, etc.). In contrast, because `ArrayList` can only accept an object in its *type parameter*, wrapper classes (`Integer`, `Double`, `Boolean`, etc.) must be used. Answer the following questions about wrapper classes and `ArrayList`.

- a) Write a statement to declare and initialize an empty `ArrayList` that can store real numbers.

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- b) Write a statement to declare and initialize an empty `ArrayList` that can store integers.

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- c) In most cases, Java will automatically unbox wrapper types, such as `Integer` and `Double`. However, for the *AP Java Subset*, you must know how to explicitly get the `int` or `double` value from the `Integer` or `Double` object. Write a statement that declares a `double` value named `d`, and sets it to the value in the `Double` object named `myDouble`. Then write a second statement for an `int` value named `i`, setting it to the value in the `Integer` object named `myInteger`.

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- d) When comparing two `Integer` values, comparison operators such as `<`, `<=`, `>`, and `>=` will automatically unbox the `int` values from the `Integer` objects. However, when using the equality operator (`==`), it will compare the references, which might produce unexpected results.

Write a statement that will compare two `Integer` objects, `x` and `y`. *Hint*: this is how you've been told you should always compare two objects for equality.

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3. Given the following code for a sorting algorithm, write a version that replaces the array parameter with an `ArrayList` parameter. *Note:* you will not need to use the `intValue` method, as comparisons of wrapper types using `<`, `<=`, `>`, or `>=` are automatically unboxed.

```
1 public static void sort1(int[] a) {  
2     for(int i=0; i < a.length-1; i++) {  
3         for(int j=0; j<a.length-1 - i; j++) {  
4             if( a[j] > a[j+1] ) {  
5                 swap(a, j, j+1);  
6             }  
7         }  
8     }  
9 }
```

- a) Write the name of this sorting algorithm in the box to the right.

- b) In a complete English sentence, describe the purpose of the `if` statement (lines 4 through 6).

- c) Why does the inner loop's range (in line 3) decrease with each iteration of the outer loop?

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4. Given the following code for a sorting algorithm, write a version that replaces the array parameter with an ArrayList parameter.

```
1 public static void sort2(double[] e) {  
2     for (int j=0; j<e.length-1; j++) {  
3         int minIndex = j;  
4         for(int k=j+1; k<e.length; k++) {  
5             if(e[k] < e[minIndex]) {  
6                 minIndex = k;  
7             }  
8         }  
9         if (j != minIndex) {  
10            swap(e, j, minIndex);  
11        }  
12    }  
13 }
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- a) Write the name of this sorting algorithm in the box to the right.

- b) Describe the purpose of the inner loop (lines 3 through 8) in a complete sentence.

- b) Describe the purpose of lines 9.

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5. Given the following code for a sorting algorithm, write a version that replaces the array parameter with an ArrayList parameter.

```
1 public static void insertionSort(int[] e) {  
2     for (int j = 1; j < e.length; j++) {  
3         int temp = e[j];  
4         int possibleIndex = j;  
5         while (possibleIndex > 0 && temp < e[possibleIndex-1]) {  
6             e[possibleIndex] = e[possibleIndex-1];  
7             possibleIndex--;  
8         }  
9         e[possibleIndex] = temp;  
10    }  
11 }
```

- a) In a complete English sentence, state the purpose of line 6 of the code given.

- c) Notice that in line 7, we are decrementing the loop counter, meaning we are iterating from the end of the sorted portion of the list towards the beginning. Why do we iterate through the array in reverse order?
