

Searching and Sorting (2)

How to sort a list? (We did it in hw3!)

```
def sort(aList):
    ''' sort returns a list of the elements of aList in ascending order.
        Input aList: a list '''
    if aList == []:
        return []
    else:
        sortedList = sort(aList[1:])
        return insertOne(aList[0], sortedList)

def insertOne(element, aList):
    ''' Inserts element into its proper place in a sorted list aList.
        Input: element is an item to be inserted. aList is a sorted list.
        Output: A sorted list.'''
    if len(aList) == 0:
        return [element]
    elif element < aList[0]:
        return [element] + aList
    else:
        return aList[0:1] + insertOne(element, aList[1:])
```

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Index of minimum in a list

```
def indexofMinimum(aList, startIndex):
    ''' returns index of the minimum element
        at or after startIndex.
        '''
    minIndex = startIndex
    for i in range(startIndex, len(aList)):
        if aList[i] < aList[minIndex]:
            minIndex = i

    return minIndex
```

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Wait ... we can even do better!

Do we really need to search one-by-one from the beginning?

The answer is NO. Binary search is much more faster.

```
def binarySearch(self, titleToSearch): # assume titles are sorted
    found = False
    left = 0
    right = len(self)
    mid = (left + right) // 2
    while found == False and left <= right:
        if self.songs[mid].title.lower() == titleToSearch.lower():
            found = True
            break # leave the loop
        elif self.songs[mid].title.lower() > titleToSearch.lower(): # search the left half
            right = mid - 1
        else: # search the right half
            left = mid + 1
            mid = (left + right) // 2

    if found == True:
        return self.songs[mid]
    else:
        return None
```

Sorting Revisited

How to do a **selection sort** in an **Imperative style**?

Develop a plan:

- Find index of smallest element in list.
- Swap that with the first element.
- Find index of 2nd smallest element in list.
- Swap that with the 2nd element.
- Repeat until we run out of elements.

Imperative style – we use loops, break into subtasks, and change values of variables "in-place."

Subtasks identified:

- Find index of minimum of a list
- Swap two elements in a list

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Swap two elements in a list

```
def swap(a, b):
    ''' swaps the values of a and b '''
    temp = a
    a = b
    b = temp
```

Try it with

```
def main():
    aList = [5, 3, 4, 2, 7]
    swap(aList[0], aList[3])
    print(aList)
```

Doesn't work! Why?

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Swap two elements in a list – 2nd Try

```
def swap(aList, i, j):
    ''' swaps the values of aList[i] and aList[j] '''
    temp = aList[i]
    aList[i] = aList[j]
    aList[j] = temp
```

Try it with

```
def main():
    aList = [5, 3, 4, 2, 7]
    swap(aList, 0, 3)
    print(aList)
```

Works! Why?

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Sorting Revisited

Put the pieces together

```
def selectionSort(aList):
    ''' sort aList in an imperative style:
        iteratively, subtasks, and in-place '''

    for start in range(len(aList)):
        minIndex = indexOfMinimum(aList, start)
        swap(aList, start, minIndex)
```

Demonstrate selction-sort.py and album-app.py

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Some notes

- Import: note in album-app.py we used

from song **import** *

from album **import** *

which means reading the file from song.py and album.py, making all functions, objects in these files available for current application.

Handling csv files

- Now let's make the list of songs into a file. We then read the song list from a file and make it available for other applications.
- We will use the csv reading function we learned a few days ago.
- We then will create a dictionary using the artist as the **key** and a list of the songs that the artist sung as the **value**.

Demonstrate album-app-d.py