

Programming Exercise 13.1

Name Sorter

Purpose. The purpose is for you to demonstrate that you have mastered arrays, array-based lists, sorting, and Boolean search.

Requirements. Write a program named `NameSorter.java`, to read names in a text file, sort them alphabetically, and output them to the screen. Here are some detailed specifications:

1. The names are to be stored in an input *text file*, one name per line. Prompt the user to enter the filename via the console keyboard.
2. Skip any *blank lines* that may be in the input file.
3. Skip any *exact duplicates* that may be in the input file.
4. Allow *up to 5* names. Stop reading the file after the end-of-file is reached, or the 5th name is added and the list reaches its capacity.
5. *Sort the list alphabetically*, from A to Z, according to the first letter in the name string.

Optional Requirement. The sorting and checking for duplicates should both be *case-independent*. But do *not* permanently convert the name case -- compare lowercase (or uppercase) versions of the text for sorting purposes.

Program I/O. Input: a filename from the console keyboard, and then open that text file to input names. Output: the list of stored names to the console screen, in sorted order.

Example. Your program's console I/O should look something like this, with user input in **blue**:

Enter the name of the file containing names: `myFriends.txt`

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Alex
beth
Carl
Pat
Sasha
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