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## Tutorial 3 - Sorting

This tutorial provides practice using arrays by developing the bubble sort algorithm.

Exercise: Write code that exchanges the values of the variables a and b.

Hint: Use a temporary variable called temp.

- starting with the whole array and ending with the subset of the array consisting of the last two elements, do the following:
  - find the smallest item in the array
  - exchange it with the first element

Exercise: Write code that sorts the values in an array  $\mathbf{x}$  into increasing order using the bubble sort.

 $\label{eq:exercise: Write code that exchanges the $i'$th and $j'$th elements of an array $x$.}$ 

Hint: Use a variable called start to keep track of the subset of the array the remains to be sorted.

Exercise: Write code that searches an integer array x'th of n values for the smallest value. You code should keep track of the index of the smallest value as well as its value.

Hint: Use a variable called min to keep track of the minimum value and another called imin to keep track of it's location within the array.

Exercise: How would you modify your code so that it sorts the array in increasing order?

Exercise: How would you modify your code so that it only searches the array from the j'th value to the end of the array?

The bubble sort algorithm for sorting an array into increasing order is as follows: