

# Shuffled Exams

[Here is a video walkthrough of the solutions.](#)

For this problem, we will be working with `Exam` and `Student` objects, both of which have only one attribute: `sid`, which is a number like any student ID.

PrairieLearn thought it was ready for the final. It had meticulously created two arrays, one of `Exams` and the other of `Students`, and ordered both on `sid` such that the  $i$ th `Exam` in the `Exams` array has the same `sid` as the  $i$ th `Student` in the `Students` array. Note the arrays are not necessarily sorted by `sid`. However, PrairieLearn crashed, and the `Students` array was shuffled, but the `Exams` array somehow remained untouched.

Time is precious, so you must design a  $O(N)$  time algorithm to reorder the `Students` array appropriately **without** changing the `Exams` array!

**Hint:** Begin by reordering **both** the `Students` and `Exams` arrays such that  $i$ th `Exam` in the `Exams` array has the same `sid` as the  $i$ th `Student` in the `Students` array.

## **Solution:**

Let's begin by creating an `ExamWrapper` class that contains two attributes — an `Exam` instance and the `index` of the corresponding `Exam` in the `Exams` array. Next, for each `Exam`, create the corresponding `ExamWrapper` instance.

Run radix sort on the `ExamWrappers`, sorting them on the `sid` of the `Exam` instances. Similarly run radix sort on the list of `Students`, sorting them on `sid` as well. Note that both iterations of radix sort take linear time since the `sid` is of fixed length and of base 10.

At this point in the algorithm, we have "completed" the hint, but we still need move the  $i$ th `Student` to its proper place relative to the original `Exams` array. To achieve this, for the  $i$ th `Student`, we will access the  $i$ th `ExamWrapper`, and set the `index` of the  $i$ th `Student` as the `ExamWrapper`'s `index` attribute.

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