

**Today:** Literate programming; an implementation of linear selection.<sup>1</sup>

**Next class:** Permutations in deployed code; impact of bugs. Rob Weir's blog entry on the topic<sup>2</sup> and related material. Bring hardcopies to class for reference.

1. List the members of your group below. Underline your name.
2. Provide a simple linear-time algorithm for finding the 3rd and 7th smallest elements (together) of an array.
3. What tools were likely used to produce this program? Hint: See page headers.
4. Briefly explain the notation used on page 2 of the program. What does the 7 in  $\langle median5\ 7 \rangle$  denote? What does the notation (2) as used on the right of page 3 denote?

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<sup>1</sup>Derrick Coetzee, An efficient implementation of Blum, Floyd, Pratt, Rivest, and Tarjan's worst-case linear selection algorithm, <http://moonflare.com/>, 2004.

<sup>2</sup>Rob Weir, Doing the Microsoft Shuffle: Algorithm Fail in Browser Ballot, <http://www.robweir.com/>, 2010.

5. Provide a replacement for  $\langle selectRandom \rangle$  in a naive Java translation of the program, highlighting the differences.

6. Provide an alternate implementation of  $\langle selectRandom \rangle$  in Java or C++ that is significantly different from those in the program and Question 5. Highlight the differences and their significance.

7. Critique the implementation of  $\langle select\ base\ case \rangle$ .