CompSci 6
Introduction to Computer Science

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Announcements

• Read for next time Chap. 11.1-2
• Reading Quiz on Blackboard soon
  – Due before class next time
• Assignment 6 due Tues, Nov 29

Problem –
Find the two smallest numbers

• Problem in Chapter 10 – search.py
• Three different algorithms/approaches to finding the two smallest in a list
  – Find, Remove, Find
  – Sort, Identify minimums, get indices
  – Walk through list keeping track of two smallest so far
• Think about how long each step takes
• Compares them by timings

To solve the problem

• Understand the algorithms – are they correct?
• Prepare data
  – randomInts.py
• Time the algorithms
  – Import time
  – Start = time.time()
  – End = time.time()
  – totalTime = end - start
What is Computer Science?

• The Organization of Data, and Searching

Now let’s focus on searching

• Linear Search
  – linear_search1
  – linear_search2
  – linear_search3

• Compare and time three methods

• Binary search
  – algorithm
  – Tradeoff – data must be sorted to use

Welcome Victoria Interrante

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