

HP Calculator Programming Contest

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Goal

HP 15C or 15c+: Write a program that sorts registers 1-9 into ascending order.

RPL: Write a program that takes any size list containing only integers, and sorts the list into ascending order with the odd numbers first followed by the even numbers.

Specifics

HP-15C or 15c+: The judges will place values into registers 1-9. These will be valid, ordinary integer numbers. There is no output per se; the sorted values are to be left in registers 1-9. The winner will be the program with the fewest program steps.

RPL: The judges will place a list of values onto level 1 of the stack. These will be valid, ordinary integer numbers. The output is the sorted list in stack level 1 with the odd numbers first followed by the even numbers. The winner will be the program with the smallest byte count multiplied by the runtime over a run of 4 sample inputs.

Rules

- 1. The decision of the judges is final.
- 2. The purpose of the contest is to have fun.
- 3. At least two contestants must participate.
- 4. Plain-vanilla user code only; no synthetics or SYSEVALs or other monkey business.
- 5. Contest program submittal must be completed by the end of the contest (TBA).
- 6. **HP-15C or 15c+:** Take your calculator pre-loaded with your program to the judges.

RPL: Include your initials in the name of your program and transfer your program to the judges' machine.

- 7. This is a contest between *individuals*, *not teams*; one submittal per person, one person per submittal.
- 8. By submitting a program, you agree to allow it to be shared with the community.
- 9. You must to be present to win.
- 10. If a point is unclear, *ask* immediately. No excuses for ignorance. Clarifications will be officially announced during conference hours.
- 11. Assume machine default flag settings (except HP49/50; assume RPL mode). Altered flag settings must be returned to default status upon program completion.
- 12. Work alone. Do not consult the Internet. The AUR, Owner's Manual, or other books are permissible, of course.
- 13. In case of a tie, the most elegant solution (according to the judges) wins. In case of identical winning programs, the first one submitted wins. The judges' decision is final.
- 14. **H**appy **P**rogramming! -jkh-



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