

## Re: efficiency question

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philip1@vistatec.ie <philip1@vistatec.ie> wrote:

> *which is more efficient for looking up an element in an arraylist? An*  
> *Arraylist.Contains? or Go through it with a while or for loop?*

I would imagine ArrayList.Contains is at least as efficient as anything else, but more important is that it clearly states what you're after, in a concise way. Always go for readability until you've got a reason to believe that one piece of code is acting as a bottleneck.

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