

# Binary Search : Pre-requisite : Sorted Array : Follows divide and conquer technique

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Key = 77

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99

left                      Left sub array                      mid                      Right sub array                      right

- 1) Get the key from the user
- 2) Calculate left index, right index and mid index
  - a. Left = 0
  - b. Right = 8
  - c. Mid = (left + right) / 2
    - i. = (0+8)/2 = 4Mid = 4

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Left      mid                      right

- 3) Compare the key with the element at mid
  - a.  $77 == arr[mid]$   
 **$77 == 55 ?$**   
If yes, return the index  
If no, got to step 4
- 4) Check if the key is smaller to mid element or greater
  - a. If the key is smaller to mid element, continue the search in left subarray
  - b. If the key is greater to the mid element, continue the search in the right sub array

As the key is Greater, consider the right sub array  
Right sub array starts from mid+1 to right index

Start from step 2:  
Left = mid+1 = 5  
Right = 8  
Mid = (left + right)/2  
= (5+8)/2  
= 6

- 3) Compare the key with the element at mid  
 $77 == arr[mid]$   
 **$77 == 77$**

I found the element at index 6