

Insertion Sort

In this lesson, we'll learn how insertion sort works and see the implementation.

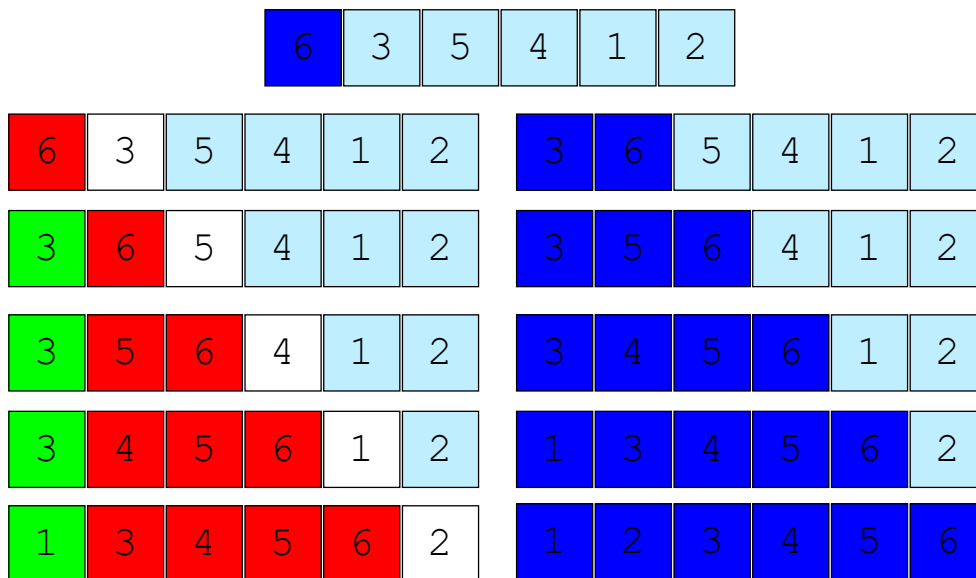
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Insertion sort maintains the sorted part of the array at the beginning of the array. For i th element, $\text{arr}[0..i-1]$ is sorted; we then search for the position where $\text{arr}[i]$ belongs, insert it at that position, and shift the affected elements to right.

Red-colored elements are to the right of where current elements (white) are supposed to be inserted, we move all red elements to the right by one place.



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#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int N = 6;
    int arr[N] = {6, 3, 5, 4, 1, 2};

    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        int j = i;
        while (j >= 1 && arr[j] < arr[j-1]) {
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        swap(arr[j], arr[j-1]);  
        j--;  
    }  
}  
  
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) cout << arr[i] << " "; cout << "\n";  
return 0;  
}
```



In the next lesson, we'll start with some more efficient sorting algorithms.