# 2053. Kth Distinct String in an Array

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A **distinct string** is a string that is present only **once** in an array.

Given an array of strings arr, and an integer k, return the kth distinct string present in arr. If there are fewer than k distinct strings, return an empty string "".

Note that the strings are considered in the **order in which they appear** in the array.

#### Example 1:

Input: arr = ["d","b","c","b","c","a"], k = 2

Output: "a"

Explanation:

The only distinct strings in arr are "d" and "a".

"d" appears 1<sup>st</sup>, so it is the 1<sup>st</sup> distinct string.

"a" appears 2<sup>nd</sup>, so it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> distinct string.

Since k == 2, "a" is returned.

#### Example 2:

Input: arr = ["aaa","aa","a"], k = 1
Output: "aaa"
Explanation:

All strings in arr are distinct, so the 1st string "aaa" is returned.

## Example 3:

**Input:** arr = ["a","b","a"], k = 3

Output: ""
Explanation:

The only distinct string is "b". Since there are fewer than 3 distinct strings, we return an empty string "".

### **Constraints:**

- 1 <= k <= arr.length <= 1000
- 1 <= arr[i].length <= 5

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• arr[i] consists of lowercase English letters.

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