

## 28. Implement strStr()

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Implement `strStr()`.

Return the index of the first occurrence of `needle` in `haystack`, or `-1` if `needle` is not part of `haystack`.

### Clarification:

What should we return when `needle` is an empty string? This is a great question to ask during an interview.

For the purpose of this problem, we will return `0` when `needle` is an empty string. This is consistent to C's `strstr()` and Java's `indexOf()`.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `haystack = "hello", needle = "ll"`

**Output:** `2`

### Example 2:

**Input:** `haystack = "aaaaa", needle = "bba"`

**Output:** `-1`

### Example 3:

**Input:** `haystack = "", needle = ""`

**Output:** `0`

**Constraints:**

- $0 \leq \text{haystack.length}, \text{needle.length} \leq 5 * 10^4$
- `haystack` and `needle` consist of only lower-case English characters.

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