

## 5. Trie (Prefix Tree)

### ◆ Definition:

A **Trie** is a special **tree-like data structure** used to store a **dynamic set of strings** where keys share common prefixes.

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### ◆ Key Operations:

- Insert a word
  - Search a word
  - Delete a word (optional)
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### ◆ Use Cases:

- Auto-complete
  - Spell checking
  - IP routing
  - Word dictionary lookup
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### ◆ Time Complexity:

- Insert/Search:  **$O(L)$**  where  $L$  is the length of the word
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