

# Naive String Matching Algorithm

Reference : [https://medium.com/@krupa\\_110/the-naive-string-matching-algorithm-be7992ebbd1d](https://medium.com/@krupa_110/the-naive-string-matching-algorithm-be7992ebbd1d)

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M = P.length //length of the pattern
N = T.length //length of the text
for s = 0 to N - M:
    if [1,2,...,M] == T[s+1, ..., s+M]
        print "pattern occurs with a shift"
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**Worst Case Time complexity =  $O((n-m+1) * m)$**

**Best Case Time complexity =  $O(n)$**

- Naive pattern searching is the simplest method among other pattern searching algorithms.
- It checks for all character of the main string to the pattern
- It is an **Exact string matching algorithm**
- It is helpful for smaller texts.
- Does not need any pre-processing phases
- We can find substring by checking once for the string
- It doesnot occupy extra space to perform the operation
- The naive approach tests all the possible placement of Pattern  $P[1, \dots, m]$  relative to text  $T[1, \dots, n]$ . We try shift  $s = 0, 1, \dots, n-m$ , successively and for each shift  $s$ , compare  $T[s+1, \dots, s+m]$  to  $P[1, \dots, m]$ . It returns all the valid shifts found

## Advantages:

1. No Pre-processing phase required because the running time of Naive-String-Matcher is equal to its matching time.

2. No extra space are needed.
3. Also,the comparisons can be done in any order.

**Disadvantage:**

Naive method is inefficient because information from a shift is not used again.