

# Insertion Sort

It builds the sorted array one element at a time by **picking an element and inserting it into its correct position** in the sorted part of the array.

## How it Works:

Let's take an example:

Input: [5, 3, 4, 1, 2]

1. Start from index 1 → pick 3 → compare with 5 → insert before → [3, 5, 4, 1, 2]
2. Next 4 → insert between 3 and 5 → [3, 4, 5, 1, 2]
3. Next 1 → insert at the beginning → [1, 3, 4, 5, 2]
4. Last 2 → insert between 1 and 3 → [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

## Key Points:

- **Time Complexity:**
  - Worst:  $O(n^2)$  (reverse sorted)
  - Best:  $O(n)$  (already sorted)
  - Average:  $O(n^2)$
- **Space Complexity:  $O(1)$**
- **Stable Sort**
- **In-place** sorting algorithm
- Good for **small or nearly sorted datasets**