# 208. Implement Trie (Prefix Tree)

A trie (pronounced as "try") or prefix tree is a tree data structure used to efficiently store
and retrieve keys in a dataset of strings. There are various applications of this data structure,
such as autocomplete and spellchecker.

# • *Implement the Trie class:*

- > Trie() Initializes the trie object.
- void insert(String word) Inserts the string word into the trie.
- ➤ boolean search(String word) Returns true if the string word is in the trie (i.e., was inserted before), and false otherwise.
- ➤ boolean startsWith(String prefix) Returns true if there is a previously inserted string word that has the prefix prefix, and false otherwise.

# Example 1:

#### **Input**

- ["Trie", "insert", "search", "search", "startsWith", "insert", "search"]
- [[], ["apple"], ["apple"], ["app"], ["app"], ["app"]]

#### **Output**

• [null, null, true, false, true, null, true]

### **Explanation**

- Trie trie = new Trie();
- trie.insert("apple");
- trie.search("apple"); // return True
- trie.search("app"); // return False
- trie.startsWith("app"); // return True
- trie.insert("app");
- trie.search("app"); // return True

# **Constraints:**

- 1 <= word.length, prefix.length <= 2000
- word and prefix consist only of lowercase English letters.
- At most  $3 * 10^4$  calls in total will be made to insert, search, and startsWith.