

35. Search Insert Position

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Given a sorted array of distinct integers and a target value, return the index if the target is found. If not, return the index where it would be if it were inserted in order.

You must write an algorithm with $O(\log n)$ runtime complexity.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,3,5,6]`, `target = 5`

Output: 2

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [1,3,5,6]`, `target = 2`

Output: 1

Example 3:

Input: `nums = [1,3,5,6]`, `target = 7`

Output: 4

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^4$
- $-10^4 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^4$
- `nums` contains **distinct** values sorted in **ascending** order.
- $-10^4 \leq \text{target} \leq 10^4$

Python:

class Solution:

def searchInsert(self, nums: List[int], target: int) -> int:

left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1

while left <= right:

mid = (left + right) // 2

if nums[mid] == target:

return mid # Target found at mid

elif nums[mid] < target:

left = mid + 1 # Search right half

else:

right = mid - 1 # Search left half

If not found, left will be the correct insert position

return left

JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number[]} nums
 * @param {number} target
 * @return {number}
 */
var searchInsert = function(nums, target) {
    let left = 0;
    let right = nums.length - 1;

    while (left <= right) {
        let mid = Math.floor((left + right) / 2);

        if (nums[mid] === target) {
            return mid; // target found
        } else if (nums[mid] < target) {
            left = mid + 1; // search in right half
        } else {
            right = mid - 1; // search in left half
        }
    }

    // If target not found, left will be the insert position
    return left;
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int searchInsert(int[] nums, int target) {
        int left = 0, right = nums.length - 1;

        while (left <= right) {
            int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;

            if (nums[mid] == target) {
                return mid; // Target found
            } else if (nums[mid] < target) {
                left = mid + 1; // Move right
            } else {
                right = mid - 1; // Move left
            }
        }

        // If not found, left will be the insertion index
    }
}
```

```
    return left;  
  }  
}
```