

Tries

Trie data structure is a type of **multi-way tree** that is used for **storing different** strings. Each string consists of characters that are stored in a **tree-like structure**, i.e., **Trie data structure**. It is also called a **radix tree or prefix tree**, or **digital tree**. Basically, the word "**trie**" comes from the word "**retrieval**", which means **retrieving** or getting back something. It is used for various tasks such as **spell-checking, searching words, auto-completion**, etc.

Properties of Trie data structure:

- **Trie data structure** is the form of a **tree structure** where each node represents a **single character** of a string, and the path covered from root to node represents a **specific string**.
- The **trie data structure** starts from the **root node**, which is always empty and represents a **null character**. From the root node, various other branches emerge that hold other characters of a string.
- The end of a string in a **trie data structure** is called a **leaf node**. Each leaf node may contain extra information.

Operations in a Trie data structure:

There are **three operations** that can be accomplished in a trie data structure:

1. Insert operation:

This operation is used to **add** a **new node**, i.e., a **new string**, into the **Trie**.

2. Search operation:

This operation is used to **find** a specific string and check if it exists in the **Trie data structure**.

3. Delete operation:

This operation is used to **remove** a string that is present in the **Trie data structure**.