

Searching

Properties		Linear Search	Binary Search
Definition		Linear search is a sequential searching algorithm where we start from one end and check every element of the list until the desired element is found.	Binary Search is defined as a searching algorithm used in a sorted array by repeatedly dividing the search interval in half.
Time Complexity	Best	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	Average	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$
	Worst	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$
Space Complexity		$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Applications		<ul style="list-style-type: none">For searching operations in smaller arrays (<100 items).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In libraries of Java, .Net, C++ STL.While debugging, the binary search is used to pinpoint the place where the error happens.Binary search can be used as a building block for more complex algorithms used in machine learning, such as algorithms for training neural networks or finding the optimal hyperparameters for a model.It can be used for searching in computer graphics such as algorithms for ray tracing or texture mapping.It can be used for searching a database.
Advantages		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Linear search can be used irrespective of whether the array is sorted or not. It can be used on arrays of any data type.Does not require any additional memory.It is a well-suited algorithm for small datasets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Binary search is faster than linear search, especially for large arrays.More efficient than other searching algorithms with a similar time complexity, such as interpolation search or exponential search.Binary search is well-suited for searching large datasets that are stored in external memory, such as on a hard drive or in the cloud.
Disadvantages		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Linear search has a time complexity of $O(n)$, which in turn makes it slow for large datasets.Not suitable for large arrays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The array should be sorted.Binary search requires that the data structure being searched be stored in contiguous memory locations.Binary search requires that the elements of the array be comparable, meaning that they must be able to be ordered.
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Code Implementation	<pre>#include <stdio.h> int linearSearch(int array[], int size, int data); int main() { int size, data; printf("Enter the size of the array: "); scanf("%d", &size); int array[size]; printf("Enter the elements of the array:\n"); for (int index = 0; index < size; index++) { scanf("%d", &array[index]); } printf("Enter the data to search: "); scanf("%d", &data); int index = linearSearch(array, size, data); if (index == -1) { printf("Element not found\n"); } else { printf("Element found at index %d\n", index); } }</pre>	<pre>#include <stdio.h> int binarySearch(int array[], int size, int data); int main() { int size, data; printf("Enter the size of the array: "); scanf("%d", &size); int array[size]; printf("Enter the elements of the array:\n"); for (int index = 0; index < size; index++) { scanf("%d", &array[index]); } printf("Enter the data to search: "); scanf("%d", &data); int index = binarySearch(array, size, data); if (index == -1) { printf("Element not found\n"); } else</pre>	<pre>#include <stdio.h> int binarySearch(int array[], int low, int high, int data); int main() { int size, data; printf("Enter the size of the array: "); scanf("%d", &size); int array[size]; printf("Enter the elements of the array:\n"); for (int index = 0; index < size; index++) { scanf("%d", &array[index]); } printf("Enter the data to search: "); scanf("%d", &data); int index = binarySearch(array, 0, size - 1, data); if (index == -1) { printf("Element not found\n"); } else</pre>

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    return 0;
}

int linearSearch(int array[], int size, int data)
{
    for (int index = 0; index < size; index++)
    {
        if (array[index] == data)
        {
            return index;
        }
    }
    return -1;
}
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    }
    else
    {
        printf("Element found at index %d\n",
index);
    }
    return 0;
}

int binarySearch(int array[], int size,
int data)
{
    int low = 0, high = size - 1, mid;
    while (low <= high)
    {
        mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
        if (data == array[mid])
        {
            return mid;
        }
        else if (data < array[mid])
        {
            high = mid - 1;
        }
        else
        {
            low = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    return -1;
}
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    {
        printf("Element found at index %d\n",
index);
    }
    return 0;
}

int binarySearch(int array[], int low, int
high, int data)
{
    if (high >= low)
    {
        int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
        if (array[mid] == data)
        {
            return mid;
        }
        else if (array[mid] > data)
        {
            return binarySearch(array, low, mid -
1, data);
        }
        else
        {
            return binarySearch(array, mid + 1,
high, data);
        }
    }
    return -1;
}
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