




Binary Search Tree (BST)?

What is a Binary Search Tree (BST)?




- A Binary Search Tree (BST) is a special type of Binary Tree.
- It follows a specific ordering rule:
-  Left child < Parent < Right child
- Each node can have maximum two children.
- BST helps in fast searching, insertion, and deletion of data.



Why We Need a BST?

- Normal Binary Tree doesn't store data in any order. (Searching becomes slow)
- BST stores data in a sorted structure, making operations faster.
- It is used when we need quick lookup, sorted traversal, or efficient searching.
- Example: Searching a contact name, dictionary words, or ordered data.

Time Complexity (Average Case)

-  Search: $O(\log n)$
-  Insertion: $O(\log n)$
-  Deletion: $O(\log n)$
- In the worst case (unbalanced tree), time complexity becomes $O(n)$ (like a linked list).
- To fix that, we use Balanced BSTs.