**public** **class** Solution {

**public** **int** firstUniqChar(String s) {

**int**[] freq = **new** **int**[26]; // Only 26 lowercase English letters

// Count frequency of each character in the string

**for** (**int** i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {

freq[s.charAt(i) - 'a']++;

}

// Find the first character with frequency == 1

**for** (**int** i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {

**if** (freq[s.charAt(i) - 'a'] == 1) {

**return** i;

}

}

**return** -1; // No unique character found

}

}