

*Code*  *at* *Random*  
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# Binary Search in JAVA



# How to Use Binary Search

Search 23	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91
23 > 16 take 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	L=0	1	2	3	M=4	5	6	7	8	H=9
	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91
23 > 56 take 1 <sup>st</sup> half	0	1	2	3	4	L=5	6	M=7	8	H=9
	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91
Found 23, Return 5	0	1	2	3	4	L=5, M=5	H=6	7	8	9
	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91



# Algorithm of Binary Search

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- This searching technique follows the divide and conquer strategy.
- Binary Search Algorithm is a very efficient technique for searching but it needs some order on which partition of the array will occur.
- It works only on the sorted arrays. To perform the binary search, follow these steps:
  - Find the middle element of the array  $\rightarrow \text{mid} = (\text{low} + \text{high}) / 2$ .
  - Compare  $x$  with the middle element.
  - If  $x$  matches with the middle element, we return the mid index.
  - Else If  $x$  is greater than the mid element, then  $x$  can only lie in the right half subarray after the mid element. So we recur for the right half.
  - Else ( $x$  is smaller) recur for the left half.

# Example of Binary Search

## Binary Search

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Search 50	11	17	18	45	50	71	95
50 > 45 Take 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	L=0	1	2	M=3	4	5	H=6
	11	17	18	45	50	71	95
50 < 71 Take 1 <sup>st</sup> half	0	1	2	3	L=4	M=5	M=6
	11	17	18	45	50	71	95
50 found at position 4	0	1	2	3	L=4 M=4		
	11	17	18	45	50	71	95
					done		

WAP to input n numbers in an array and a number to search in the array. Perform the **Binary Search** and check whether the number is present in the array or not. If present, print the first occurrence of the number.

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import java.util.*;
class binary_search {
    public static void main(String Args[]) {
        int L,i , mid , flag=0;
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.println("Enter the size of the array");
        L= sc.nextInt();
        int A[] = new int[L];
        System.out.println("Enter the elements of the array");
        for(i =0; i< L ; i++) {
            A[i] = sc.nextInt( );
        }
        System.out.println("Enter the element to be searched");
        int n = sc.nextInt();
        int low=0, high=L-1;
        mid=(low+high)/2;
        while(low<=high){
            mid = (low+high)/2;
            if(A[mid]>n)
                h = mid-1;
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        else if(A[mid]<n){
            low=mid+1;
        }
        else{
            flag=1;
            break;
        }
    }
    if(flag==0){
        System.out.println("Element not found");
    }
    else{
        System.out.println("Element found at index "+mid);
    }
}
```