## insertion sort

Builds up the final sorted list by transferring one element at a time.

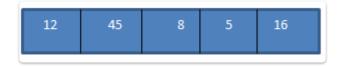
Maintain a partially sorted array.

Keep elements in that partially sorted array sorted.

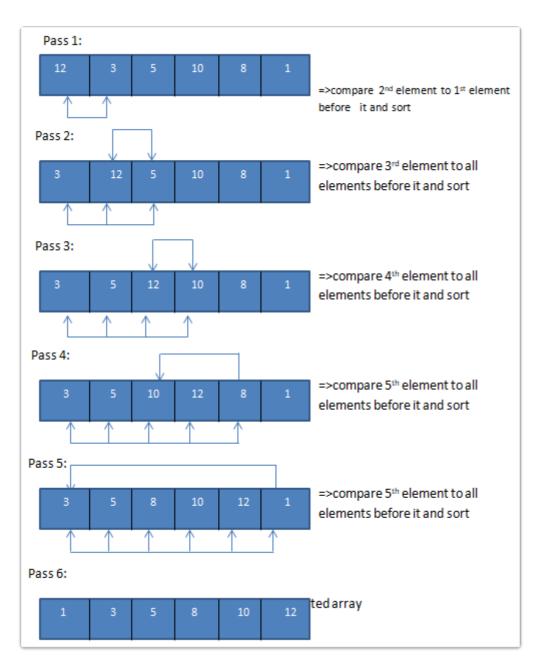
More efficient than selection sort.

complex then selection sort.

The array to be sorted is as follows:



Now for each pass, we compare the current element to all its previous elements. Thus in the first pass, we start with the second element.



**Time Complexity:** O(N<sup>2</sup>) **Auxiliary Space:** O(1)

Already sorted array: O(N)