# Introduction



# What Is A Data Structure?

A data structure is a way of organizing and storing data so that it can be accessed and modified efficiently.

# Why Do We Need Data Structures?

- 1. Organize data efficiently.
- 2. Perform operations like search, insert, delete quickly.
- 3. Optimize memory usage.

# What is an Algorithm?

An algorithm is a step-by-step procedure or a set of rules to solve a specific problem.

# Why Do We Need Algorithms?

- 1. Solve problems efficiently and correctly.
- 2. Compare performance (time/space).
- 3. Write scalable and optimized code.



| Data Structure                 | Algorithm                              |
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| Focuses on how data is stored. | Focuses on how data is processed.      |
| Examples: Array, Tree, Graph   | Examples: Binary Search, Quick Sort    |
| Passive: Just holds data       | Active: Performs operations using data |