

# Reversing an Array in C

## Problem Statement

Given an array of size  $n$ , reverse it.

**Example:** If the array is [16, 13, 7, 2, 1, 12], after reversing, the array should be [12, 1, 2, 7, 13, 16].

## Input Format

- The first line contains an integer  $n$ , denoting the size of the array.
- The next line contains  $n$  space-separated integers denoting the elements of the array.

## Constraints

$$1 \leq n \leq 10^5, \quad \text{and each element } a_i \text{ is an integer.}$$

## Output Format

Print the reversed array elements in a single line separated by spaces.

## Sample Input 0

```
6
16 13 7 2 1 12
```

## Sample Output 0

```
12 1 2 7 13 16
```

## Explanation

The original array is [16, 13, 7, 2, 1, 12]. After reversing, the array becomes [12, 1, 2, 7, 13, 16].

## Solution in C

```
1 // Program to reverse an array
2
3 #include <stdio.h>
4
5 int main() {
6     int n;
7     scanf("%d", &n);
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9     int arr[n];
10    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
11        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
12    }
13
14    // Reverse the array
15    for(int i = 0; i < n / 2; i++) {
16        int temp = arr[i];
17        arr[i] = arr[n - 1 - i];
18        arr[n - 1 - i] = temp;
19    }
20
21    // Print the reversed array
22    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
23        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
24    }
25
26    return 0;
27 }

```

## Common Problem Ideas Related to Array Reversal

- **Rotate the Array:** Instead of reversing, rotate the array by  $k$  positions to the left or right.
- **Reverse Subarrays:** Reverse only a specific portion of the array, given start and end indices.
- **Check Palindrome Array:** Check if an array reads the same forward and backward.
- **Merge Two Reversed Arrays:** Reverse two arrays separately and then merge them.
- **Reverse Using Recursion:** Implement array reversal using recursion instead of loops.
- **Reverse with Additional Data Structures:** Use a stack or queue to reverse the array.

## How to Make the Problem Harder

- **Memory Constraints:** Reverse very large arrays where extra memory allocation is restricted.
- **In-Place Reversal without Temporary Variables:** Reverse the array without using an explicit temporary variable for swapping (e.g., using XOR swapping).
- **Multidimensional Arrays:** Reverse rows or columns of 2D arrays or reverse the entire 2D array.
- **Linked List Reversal:** Extend the problem to reversing linked lists or other data structures.
- **Streaming Data:** Reverse elements as they come in a stream without storing the entire array at once.
- **Parallel Reversal:** Implement array reversal using parallel or multi-threaded approaches for performance.