

## Simplify Path

Given an absolute path for a file (Unix-style), simplify it.

For example,

**path** = `"/home/"`, => `"/home"`

**path** = `"/a/./b/../../../../c/"`, => `"/c"`

[click to show corner cases.](#)

### Corner Cases:

- Did you consider the case where **path** = `"/../"`?  
In this case, you should return `"/"`.
- Another corner case is the path might contain multiple slashes `'/'` together, such as `"/home//foo/"`.  
In this case, you should ignore redundant slashes and return `"/home/foo"`.

## Solution 1

C++ also have *getline* which acts like Java's *split*. I guess the code can comment itself.

```
string simplifyPath(string path) {
    string res, tmp;
    vector<string> stk;
    stringstream ss(path);
    while(getline(ss,tmp,'/')) {
        if (tmp == "" or tmp == ".") continue;
        if (tmp == ".." and !stk.empty()) stk.pop_back();
        else if (tmp != "..") stk.push_back(tmp);
    }
    for(auto str : stk) res += "/" + str;
    return res.empty() ? "/" : res;
}
```

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## Solution 2

Hi guys!

The main idea is to push to the stack every valid file name (not in {"", ".", ".."}), popping only if there's smth to pop and we met "..". I don't feel like the code below needs any additional comments.

```
public String simplifyPath(String path) {
    Deque<String> stack = new LinkedList<>();
    Set<String> skip = new HashSet<>(Arrays.asList("..", ".", ""));
    for (String dir : path.split("/")) {
        if (dir.equals("..") && !stack.isEmpty()) stack.pop();
        else if (!skip.contains(dir)) stack.push(dir);
    }
    String res = "";
    for (String dir : stack) res = "/" + dir + res;
    return res.isEmpty() ? "/" : res;
}
```

Hope it helps!

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## Solution 3

1. traverse the string to record each folder name.
2. two special cases:

a.double dot:pop one.

b.single dot: do nothing (don't push it).

```
string simplifyPath(string path) {
    vector<string> nameVect;
    string name;

    path.push_back('/');
    for(int i=0;i<path.size();i++){
        if(path[i]=='/'){
            if(name.size()==0)continue;
            if(name==".."){ //special case 1: double dot, pop dir
                if(nameVect.size()>0)nameVect.pop_back();
            }else if(name=="."){//special case 2:singel dot, don't push
            }else{
                nameVect.push_back(name);
            }
            name.clear();
        }else{
            name.push_back(path[i]); //record the name
        }
    }

    string result;
    if(nameVect.empty())return "/";
    for(int i=0;i<nameVect.size();i++){
        result.append("/"+nameVect[i]);
    }
    return result;
}
```

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