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## Python: How exactly can you take a string, split it, reverse it and join it back together again?



How exactly can you take a string, split it, reverse it and join it back together again without the brackets, commas, etc. using python?

[python](#) [string](#) [join](#) [split](#) [reverse](#)

asked Sep 2 '10 at 12:54



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1 Which character are you splitting the string on? Space? – [Manoj Govindan](#) Sep 2 '10 at 12:57

2 is this homework? – [msw](#) Sep 2 '10 at 13:00

16 There's a Missy Elliott joke in there somewhere. – [detly](#) Sep 2 '10 at 13:12

@detly tiesreverdnatitilpsnwodgnirtsymtupi? generated via "iputmystringdownsplititandreverseit"[:-1] XD – [setophaga](#) Apr 26 at 19:33

### 3 Answers

```
>>> tmp = "a,b,cde"
>>> tmp2 = tmp.split(',')
>>> tmp2.reverse()
>>> ''.join(tmp2)
'cdeba'
```

or simpler:

```
>>> tmp = "a,b,cde"
>>> ''.join(tmp.split(',')[::-1])
'cdeba'
```

The important parts here are the [split function](#) and the [join function](#). To reverse the list you can use `reverse()`, which reverses the list in place or the slicing syntax `[::-1]` which returns a new, reversed list.

edited Sep 2 '10 at 13:10

answered Sep 2 '10 at 13:00



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3 Alternatively, `''.join(reversed(tmp.split(',')))`, which is a little more explicit. – [carl](#) Sep 2 '10 at 16:49

Do you mean like this?

```
import string
astr='a(b[c])d'

deleter=string.maketrans('()',',')
print(astr.translate(deleter))
# a b c d
print(astr.translate(deleter).split())
# ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
print(list(reversed(astr.translate(deleter).split())))
# ['d', 'c', 'b', 'a']
print(' '.join(reversed(astr.translate(deleter).split())))
# d c b a
```

answered Sep 2 '10 at 13:04



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You mean this?

```
from string import punctuation, digits

takeout = punctuation + digits

turnthis = "(fjksl) 234 = -345 089 abcdef"
turnthis = turnthis.translate(None, takeout[::-1])
print turnthis
```

answered Sep 2 '10 at 13:06



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