

Please use this Google doc to code during your interview. To free your hands for coding, we recommend that you use a headset or a phone with speaker option.

1. Given a sorted list of strings; build a tree, where each string is represented by one node, and each node A is an ancestor of another node B iff A's word is a prefix of B's word.

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{"a", "ab", "app", "apple", "b", "banana"}
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      ""
    a      b
  ab  app  banana
    apple
```

```
      ""
a app apple b banana
```

```
      ""
  a
ab
```

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class TreeNode {
    String val;
    ArrayList<TreeNode> children;

    public TreeNode (String val) {
        this.val = val;
    }
}
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public TreeNode buildTree(List<String> input) {
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TreeNode root = new TreeNode("");

for (int i = 0; i < input.size(); i++) {
    helper(root, input.get(i));
}
return root;
}

//check recursively if curStr can be inserted as a
child in subtree of root,
// if not , insert curStr as a direct child of root
public boolean helper(TreeNode root, String curStr) {
    boolean canInserInSub = false;
    if (curStr.contains(root.val)) {
        // root str is a prefix of curStr
        for (TreeNode child: root.children) {
            if (helper(child, curStr)) {
                // we can insert curStr under a child of root
                canInsertInSub = true;
                break;
            } //if
        } // for

        if (!canInserInSub) {
            // insert curStr as a direct child of root
            root.children.add(new TreeNode(curStr));
        }
    } // if (curStr.contains(root.val))
    else { // root.val is not a prefix of curStr
        return false;
    }
}

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    return true;  
}
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