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def is_palindrome(s):
    r=""                // this creates an empty string that the concatenated
                        // letters will be added to
    for c in s:         //for each that iterates through string
        r = c +r       //concatenates letters to r backwards
    for x in range(0, len(s)): // gets all indexes of string
        if s[x] == r[x]: // if string = concatenated string for all
                        //chars return true
                        //or else return false
            x = True
        else:
            return False
    return x
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This function runs on a time complexity of $O(n^2)$ because the function must iterate first through the entire string, s , and assign it in reverse order to string r . Next, the function must iterate through every index or character of the two strings again to see if they are equal creating a function with a $O(n^2)$ complexity. This function can be simplified using the definition of a palindrome, a word that is the same forwards as it is backwards, to $O(n)$ complexity by having a two control variables, one that starts at the beginning of the string(index 0) and another that starts at the end of the string(index $\text{len}(s)$). These control variables will loop until they meet and be compared at each index to determine whether or not they are equal at each index. This only requires $\text{len}(s)/2$ iterations or a time complexity of $O(n)$. The following code exemplifies that:

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1 def is_palindrome(s):
2     end = len(s)-1      #creates looping variable for end of string
3     palindromeBool = True #boolean to determine if it is a palindrome
4     for x in range(0, len(s)/2): #loop through half the string(dont need to check the value at half becuse
5                                     #it will either be the same index or they will cross therefore will already be checked or always be equal
6         if s[x] != s[end]:
7             palindromeBool = False #if any of the values differ return false and end loop
8             break
9     end -= 1            #decrement end variable and increment x to check next characters
10    return palindromeBool
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12 is_palindrome("racecar")
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