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## 43. Multiply Strings Leetcode Java

Given two numbers represented as strings, return multiplication of the numbers as a string.

Note: The numbers can be arbitrarily large and are non-negative.

### **Solution:**

*First of all, a num with length of l1 multiply another num with length of l2, the product length will be l1+l2-1 or l1+l2, in order to avoid processing the leading zero, we will calculate the result only to l1+l2-1 and check if the last position is zero.*

*The multiplication is straightforward, for i<sup>th</sup> digit, we have to calculate the product of 1<sup>st</sup> digit of num 1 and i<sup>th</sup> digit of num2 and 2<sup>en</sup> digit of num1 and i-2<sup>th</sup> digit of num2 ....and sum all this product, we use a variable carry to store the carry information to next digit.*

*Tip: The smallest digit is the last index of the string, so start from last char to first char for two numbers. Also, need to reverse the final result string.*

**Time complexity:  $O(m*n)$**

```
public String multiply(String num1, String num2) {
```

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```
if(num1==null || num2==null || num1.length()==0||num2.length()==0) return null;
if(num1.charAt(0)=='0' || num2.charAt(0)=='0') return "0";
StringBuilder res=new StringBuilder();
int l1=num1.length();
int l2=num2.length();
int l=l1+l2-1;
int carry=0;
for(int i=0;i<l;i++){
    int sum=carry;
    for(int j=0;j<=i && j<l1;j++){
        int a1=num1.charAt(l1-1-j)-'0';
        int a2=(i-j>=l2)? 0: num2.charAt(l2-1-i+j)-'0';
        sum+=a1*a2;
    }
    res.append(sum%10);
    carry=sum/10;
}
if(carry!=0) res.append(carry);
return res.reverse().toString();
}
```

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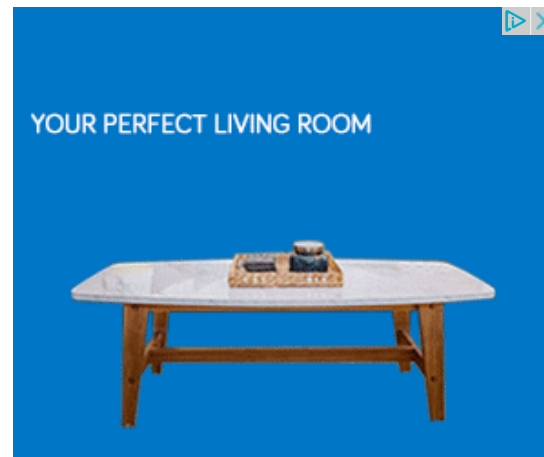
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