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Gold Problem #3: Longest Pals

Background Information: A palindrome is a word or phrase that reads the same (ignoring case, punctuation, and whitespace) forward or backward.

Examples include **racecar**, and **Go hang a salami! I'm a lasagna hog!**.

Your program will read in a string (no spaces) of letters and print out the longest substring of the input that is a palindrome. In case of ties for longest substring, print the palindrome that would come first in lexicographic order. Based on ASCII values, uppercase letters are less than lowercase letters. For example, A < a and Zz < a.

Programming Problem:

Input: A single, non-empty string of less than 80 upper and lower case letters.

Output: The longest palindromic substring of the original input.

Example 1: Input:
 Fornerdssdrenfor
 Output:
 nerdssdren

Example 2: Input:
 aBCDEF
 Output:
 B

Example 3: Input:
 AAAAAa
 Output:
 AAAAAa

Example 4: Input:
 qABAaBAqq
 Output:
 qABAaBAq

Example 5: Input:
 aaabbbcccdBBB
 Output:
 BBB

Example 6: Input:
 TeddyRooseveltAManAPlanACanalPanamaabcd
 Output:
 AManAPlanACanalPanama