# Exercises: Strings, Dictionaries, Lambda and LINQ

Problems for exercises and homework for the [“Programming Fundamentals” course @ SoftUni](https://softuni.bg/courses/programming-fundamentals).

Check your solutions here: <https://judge.softuni.bg/Contests/209/Strings-Dictionaries-Lambda-and-LINQ-Exercises>.

## Reverse String

Write a program that reads a string from the console, **reverses** its letters and prints the result back at the console.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| sample | elpmas |
| 24tvcoi92 | 29iocvt42 |

### Hints

* **Variant I**: convert the string to **char array**, **reverse** it, then convert it to **string** again.
* **Variant II**: print the letters of the string in back direction (from the last to the first) in a for-loop.

## Fit String in 20 Chars

Write a program that **reads** from the console a string and **fits the string in 20 characters** as follows:

* If the string has **less than 20 characters**, append some ‘\*’ until it gets length of exactly 20 characters.
* If the string length is **more than 20 characters**, discard all characters after the first 20.

**Print** the result string at the console.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| Welcome to SoftUni! | Welcome to SoftUni!\* |
| A "regular expression" (abbreviated regex or regexp) is a sequence of characters that forms a search pattern. | A "regular expressio |
| C# | C#\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* |

### Hints

* If string length < 20, use PadRight(20, '\*').
* If string length > 20, use Substring(0, 20).

## Censor Your Email Address

You have some text that contains your email address. You’re sick of spammers, so you want to **hide** it. You decide to **censor** your email: to **replace all characters** in it with asterisks ('\*') **except the domain**.

Assume your email address will always be in format **[username]@[domain]**. You need to replace the username with asterisks of equal number of letters and keep the domain unchanged.

### Input

* The first line holds your **email** address.
* The second line holds a **text** where the email should be censored.

### Examples

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| **Input** |
| pesho.peshev@email.bg  My name is Pesho Peshev. I am from Sofia, my email is: pesho.peshev@email.bg (not pesho.peshev@email.com). Test: pesho.meshev@email.bg, pesho.peshev@email.bg |
| **Output** |
| My name is Pesho Peshev. I am from Sofia, my email is: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*@email.bg (not pesho.peshev@email.com). Test: pesho.meshev@email.bg, \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*@email.bg |

### Hints

In order to accomplish the task, you may find these steps useful:

* **Split** the email into two parts – **username** and **domain**.
* Create the **replacement** string by duplicating the '\*' character username.Length and appending '@' and the **domain**.
* **Replace** all occurrences of your **email** with the **replacement string**.

## Extract Sentences by Keyword

Write a program that **extracts from a text all sentences that contain a particular word** (case-sensitive).

* Assume that the **sentences** are separated from each other by the character "." or "!" or "?".
* The **words** are separated one from another by a **non-letter character**.
* Notе that appearance as **substring** is different than appearance as **word**. The sentence *“I am a fan of Mo****to****rhead*” does not contain the word “***to***”. It contains the substring “***to***” which is not what we need.
* Print the result **sentence text** without the separators between the sentences ("." or "!" or "?").

### Example

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| **Input** |
| **to**  Welcome **to** SoftUni! You will learn programming, algorithms, problem solving and software technologies. You need **to** allocate for study 20-30 hours weekly. Good luck! I am fan of Motorhead. To be or not **to** be - that is the question. TO DO OR NOT? |
| **Output** |
| Welcome **to** SoftUni  You need **to** allocate for study 20-30 hours weekly  To be or not **to** be - that is the question |

### Hints

* First **extract the sentences** (just split by '.', '!' and '?').
* **Split each sentence into words**. How? Replace each non-letter character with space. Then split by space and remove all empty tokens.
* Finally, **check** whether the **target word** occurs in the list of words found in each sentence.

## URL Parser

Write a program that **parses an URL** given in the following format:

[protocol]://[server]/[resource]

The parsing extracts its parts: protocol, server and resource.

* The **[server]** part is mandatory.
* The **[protocol]** and **[resource]** parts are optional.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| http://www.abc.com/video | [protocol] = "http"  [server] = "www.abc.com"  [resource] = "video" |
| https://www.softuni.bg/Resources/Materials | [protocol] = "https"  [server] = "www.softuni.bg"  [resource] = "Resources/Materials" |
| ftp://www.su.us/TestResource | [protocol] = "ftp"  [server] = "www.su.us"  [resource] = "TestResource" |
| https://softuni.bg | [protocol] = "https"  [server] = "softuni.bg"  [resource] = "" |
| www.nakov.com | [protocol] = ""  [server] = "www.nakov.com"  [resource] = "" |

### Hints

* Find the leftmost occurrence of “://” in the input URL.
  + If **found**, the left side holds the **protocol**, the right side holds the **server + resource**.
  + If **not found**, the protocol is missing, the input string holds **server + resource** only.
* After the “protocol” part is removed from the input URL, find the leftmost occurrence of “/”.
  + If **found**, the left side holds the **server**, the right side holds the **resource**.
  + If **not found**, the resource is missing, the whole string holds the **server**.

## \* Reverse the Words in a Sentence

Write a program that **reverses the words in a given sentence** without changing the **punctuation and spaces**.

* Use the following **separators** between the words: . , : ; = ( ) & [ ] " ' \ / ! ? *(space)*.
* All **other characters** are considered part of words, e.g. C++, a+b, and a77 are considered valid words.
* The **sentences** always **start by word** and **end by separator**.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| C# is not C++, and PHP is not Delphi! | Delphi not is PHP, and C++ not is C#! |
| The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog /Yes! Really!!!/. | Really Yes dog lazy the over jumps fox brown /quick! The!!!/. |
| Pack my box (with 5 dozen liquor jugs). | jugs liquor dozen (5 with box my Pack). |
| var separators = sentence.Split(letters, StringSplitOptions.RemoveEmptyEntries); | RemoveEmptyEntries StringSplitOptions = letters.Split(sentence, separators.var); |

### Hints

* **Extract all words** by splitting by the specified **separator chars** and removing the empty tokens.
* Append all words to **obtain all word characters** (characters in the sentence that are non-separators).
* **Split by all word characters** to obtain all **separator strings** between the words.
* **Reverse the words**.
  + Now we have two lists: **reversed words** and **separator strings** (coming after each original word).
  + We need to join the reversed words with the separators.
* Print the results as follows: **first** **word**, **first separator string**, **second word**, **second separator string**, …

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| sentence | var separators = sentence.Split(letters, StringSplitOptions.RemoveEmptyEntries); | | | | | | |
| words | var | separators | sentence | Split | letters | StringSplitOptions | RemoveEmptyEntries |
| separator strings | “ ” | “ = ” | “.” | “(” | “, ” | “.” | “;” |
| words reversed | RemoveEmptyEntries | StringSplitOptions | letters | Split |  | sentence | separators |
| sentence reversed | RemoveEmptyEntries StringSplitOptions = letters.Split(sentence, separators.var); | | | | | | |

## Change to Uppercase

We are given a text. Write a program that **modifies the casing of letters to uppercase** at all places **in the text surrounded** **by** <upcase> **and** </upcase> **tags**. Tags cannot be nested.

### Example

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| **Input** |
| Welcome to the **<upcase>Software University</upcase>**. Learn **<upcase>computer programming</upcase>** and start a **<upcase>job</upcase>** in a software company. |
| **Output** |
| Welcome to the **SOFTWARE UNIVERSITY**. Learn **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING** and start a **JOB** in a software company. |

### Hints

* You may find the position of the first <upcase> and the first </upcase>, delete the text between and insert the uppercase version of the text without the tags at the position of <upcase>.
* Repeat the above until no more <upcase> and </upcase> tags are found in the text.

## Palindromes

Write a program that extracts from a given text all **palindromes**, e.g. “**ABBA**”, “**lamal**”, “**exe**” and prints them on the console on a single line, separated by comma and space.

* Use **spaces, commas, dots, question marks** and **exclamation marks** as **word delimiters**.
* All words are processes are **case-sensitive**.
* Print all **unique** palindromes (no duplicates), **sorted** lexicographically.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| Hi,exe? ABBA! Hog fully a string: ExE. Bob | a, ABBA, exe, ExE |

## Capitalization

Write a program which takes input string and **capitalizes the first character of each word** and does not affect the others. Use the standard separators between words: *(space)*, “.”, “,”, “?”, “!”, “;”.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| jon skeet | Jon Skeet |
| old mcdonald | Old Mcdonald |
| miles o'Brien | Miles O'Brien |

### Hints

* **Split input string by the separators** and store all words in array.
* Get every word’s **first character** and transform it to uppercase using [char.ToUpper(symbol)](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/7d723h14(v=vs.110).aspx).
* **Make a new substring** from index 1 to end of the word.
* **Concatenate** the new first character with the substring and print the newly formed word.
* Another approach is to use [TextInfo.ToTitleCase(string)](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/system.globalization.textinfo.totitlecase(v=vs.110).aspx).

## Palindrome Index

Given a string of lowercase letters, determine the **index** of the character **whose removal will make the string a palindrome**. If the string is **already a palindrome**, then print -1. There will always be a valid solution.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** | **Comments** |
| aaab | 3 | If we remove letter “b” at index 3 we will get a palindrome “aaa”. |
| baa | 0 | Remove “b” at index 0 to get a palindrome “aa”. |
| aaa | -1 | “aaa” is already a palidrome. |

## Common Strings

You are given two strings, **A** and **B**. Find if there is a substring that appears in **both A and B**.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** | **Comments** |
| hello  world | yes | The letter “o” is common between both strings, hence the output is “yes”. Furthermore, the letter “l” is common, but you only need 1 common substring. |
| hi  world | no | Both words do not have common substring. |
| soft  softuni | yes | Substring “soft” is common between both strings. |

## Phonebook

Write a program that receives some info from the console about **people** and their **phone numbers**. Each **entry** should have just **one name** and **one number** (both of them strings).

On each line you will receive some of the following commands:

* **A {name} {phone}** – adds entry to the phonebook. In case of trying to add a name that is already in the phonebook you should change the existing phone number with the new one provided.
* **S {name}** – searches for a contact by given name and prints it in format "**{name} -> {number}**". In case the contact isn't found, print "**Contact {name} does not exist.**".
* **END** – stop receiving more commands.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| A Nakov 0888080808  S Mariika  S Nakov  END | Contact Mariika does not exist.  Nakov -> 0888080808 |
| A Nakov +359888001122  A RoYaL(Ivan) 666  A Gero 5559393  A Simo 02/987665544  S Simo  S simo  S RoYaL  S RoYaL(Ivan)  END | Simo -> 02/987665544  Contact simo does not exist.  Contact RoYaL does not exist.  RoYaL(Ivan) -> 666 |
| A Misho +359883123  A Misho 02/3123  S Misho  END | Misho -> 02/3123 |

### Hints

* **Parse the commands** by splitting by space. Execute the commands until “**END**” is reached.
* Store the **phonebook entries** in **Dictionary<string, string>** with key **{name}** and value **{phone number}**.

## Phonebook Upgrade

**Add functionality to the phonebook** from the previous task to **print all contacts ordered lexicographically** when receive the command “ListAll”.

### Examples

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| **Input** | **Output** |
| A Nakov +359888001122  A RoYaL(Ivan) 666  A Gero 5559393  A Simo 02/987665544  ListAll  END | Gero -> 5559393  Nakov -> +359888001122  RoYaL(Ivan) -> 666  Simo -> 02/987665544 |

### Hints

* **Variant I (slower):** Sort all entries in the dictionary by key and print them.
* **Variant II (faster):** Keep the entries in more appropriate data structure that will keep them in sorted order for better performance.