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Write a program to reverse an array or string

Iterative way:

1) Initialize start and end indexes.

start = 0, end = n-1

2) In a loop, swap arr[start] with arr[end] and change start and end as follows.

start = start + 1; end = end - 1

C

```
// Iterative C program to reverse an array
#include<stdio.h>

/* Function to reverse arr[] from start to end*/
void rreverseArray(int arr[], int start, int end)
{
    int temp;
    while (start < end)
    {
        temp = arr[start];
        arr[start] = arr[end];
        arr[end] = temp;
        start++;
        end--;
    }
}

/* Utility that prints out an array on a line */
void printArray(int arr[], int size)
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);

    printf("\n");
}

/* Driver function to test above functions */
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
    printArray(arr, 6);
    rreverseArray(arr, 0, 5);
    printf("Reversed array is \n");
    printArray(arr, 6);
}
```

```
    return 0;
}
```

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Java

```
// Java program to reverse an array
import java.io.*;

class ReverseArray {

    /* Function to reverse arr[] from start to end*/
    static void rverseArray(int arr[], int start, int end)
    {
        int temp;
        if (start >= end)
            return;
        temp = arr[start];
        arr[start] = arr[end];
        arr[end] = temp;
        rverseArray(arr, start+1, end-1);
    }

    /* Utility that prints out an array on a line */
    static void printArray(int arr[], int size)
    {
        int i;
        for (i=0; i < size; i++)
            System.out.print(arr[i] + " ");
        System.out.println("");
    }

    /*Driver function to check for above functions*/
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
        printArray(arr, 6);
        rverseArray(arr, 0, 5);
        System.out.println("Reversed array is ");
        printArray(arr, 6);
    }
}

/*This code is contributed by Devesh Agrawal*/
```

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Output:

```
1 2 3 4 5 6
Reversed array is
6 5 4 3 2 1
```

Time Complexity: O(n)

Recursive Way:

1) Initialize start and end indexes

start = 0, end = n-1

2) Swap arr[start] with arr[end]

3) Recursively call reverse for rest of the array.

C

```
// Recursive C program to reverse an array
#include <stdio.h>

/* Function to reverse arr[] from start to end*/
void rverseArray(int arr[], int start, int end)
{
    int temp;
    if (start >= end)
        return;
    temp = arr[start];
    arr[start] = arr[end];
    arr[end] = temp;
    rverseArray(arr, start+1, end-1);
}

/* Utility that prints out an array on a line */
void printArray(int arr[], int size)
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);

    printf("\n");
}

/* Driver function to test above functions */
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
    printArray(arr, 5);
    rverseArray(arr, 0, 4);
    printf("Reversed array is \n");
    printArray(arr, 5);
    return 0;
}
```

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```
// Recursive Java Program to reverse an array
import java.io.*;

class ReverseArray {

    /* Function to reverse arr[] from start to end*/
    static void rverseArray(int arr[], int start, int end)
    {
        int temp;
```

```
if (start >= end)
    return;
temp = arr[start];
arr[start] = arr[end];
arr[end] = temp;
reverseArray(arr, start+1, end-1);
}

/* Utility that prints out an array on a line */
static void printArray(int arr[], int size)
{
    for (int i=0; i < size; i++)
        System.out.print(arr[i] + " ");
    System.out.println("");
}

/*Driver function to check for above functions*/
public static void main (String[] args) {
    int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
    printArray(arr, 6);
    reverseArray(arr, 0, 5);
    System.out.println("Reversed array is ");
    printArray(arr, 6);
}
}

/*This article is contributed by Devesh Agrawal*/
```

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Output:

```
1 2 3 4 5 6
Reversed array is
6 5 4 3 2 1
```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

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