

Statement

↳ You are given a string, **sentence**, comprising words and leading or trailing spaces or multiple spaces between words. Your task is to reverse the order of its words without affecting the order of letters within the given word. Return the modified **sentence**.

Approach

↳ Remove **leading** and **trailing** whitespace from the sentence.

↳ Split sentence into words based on spaces and store in array **result**.

↳ Initialize two pointers:

- The **left** pointer starts from the first word in **result** (index 0)

- The **right** pointer starts from the last word in **result**

↳ Iterate over **result** until the **left** pointer becomes greater than the **right** pointer.

- Swap the words at **left** and **right**

- Increment **left** by one

- Decrement **right** by one

↳ Join the words in **result** with a single space between each word.

↳ Return final sentence

Visualization

i) Reverse the string " reverse word "

		r	e	v	e	r	s	e			w	o	r	d	
--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	--

ii) First, remove any trailing or leading whitespace in the string

		r	e	v	e	r	s	e			w	o	r	d	
--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	--

iii) Remove any multiple spaces in the whole string

r	e	v	e	r	s	e			w	o	r	d
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	---

After removing multiple spaces, store the remaining words in `result` array

"reverse"	"word"
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iv) Initialize two pointers `left` and `right`, on both sides of the string `result`.

r	e	v	e	r	s	e		w	o	r	d
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

"reverse"	"word"
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↑
left

↑
right

v) Swap `result[left]` with `result[right]` until `left` becomes greater than or equal to `right`.

r	e	v	e	r	s	e		w	o	r	d
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

"reverse"	"word"
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↑
left

↑
right

vi) As `left` is now greater than `right`, exit the loop and return final output stored in `result`

r	e	v	e	r	s	e		w	o	r	d
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"word"	"reverse"
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↑
right

↑
left

Code

```
string ReverseWords(string sentence) {  
    int left = 0, right = sentence.size() - 1;  
  
    while (left <= right && sentence[left] == " ") {  
        left++;  
    }  
  
    while (right >= left && sentence[right] == " ") {  
        right--;  
    }  
  
    vector<string> words;  
    stringstream ss(sentence.substr(left, right - left + 1));  
    string word;  
  
    while (ss >> word) {  
        words.push_back(word);  
    }  
  
    int i = 0, j = words.size() - 1;  
  
    while (i < j) {  
        swap(words[i], words[j]);  
        i++;  
        j--;  
    }  
  
    string result;  
    for (int k = 0; k < words.size(); k++) {  
        if (k > 0) {  
            result += " ";  
        }  
        result += words[k];  
    }  
  
    return result;  
}
```