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public static String removeDoubleCharacters(String str) {
    if (str.isEmpty()) {
        return str;
    }
    StringBuilder result = new StringBuilder();
    char prev = str.charAt(0);
    result.append(prev);
    for (int i = 1; i < str.length(); i++) {</pre>
        char cur = str.charAt(i);
        if (prev != cur) {
            result.append(str.charAt(i));
        prev = cur;
    }
    return result.toString();
}
```