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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();
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