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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();
```