

Write a function to reverse a string in-place ☐.

Since strings in JavaScript are **immutable**, first convert the string into *an array of characters*, do the in-place reversal on that array, and re-join that array into a string before returning it. This isn't technically "in-place" and the array of characters will cost O(n) additional space, but it's a reasonable way to stay within the spirit of the challenge. If you're comfortable coding in a language with mutable strings, that'd be even better!

Breakdown

In general, an "in-place "algorithm will require swapping elements.

Solution

We swap the first and last characters, then the second and second-to-last characters, and so on until we reach the middle.

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JavaScript ▼
function reverse(string) {
    var stringArray = string.split('');
    var startIndex = 0;
    var endIndex = stringArray.length - 1;
    while (startIndex < endIndex) {</pre>
        // swap characters
        var temp = stringArray[startIndex];
        stringArray[startIndex] = stringArray[endIndex];
        stringArray[endIndex] = temp;
        // move towards middle
        startIndex++;
        endIndex--;
    }
    return stringArray.join('');
}
```

Complexity

O(n) time and O(1) space.

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