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Reverse a string using stack

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An algorithm to reverse a [string](#) using [stack](#).

We will implement a simple algorithm to reverse a string using stack in javascript. Everything will be written in [ES6](#).

Example

Input:

'prashant'

Output:

'tnahsarp'

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Implementation

As we know data in stack is stored in LIFO (Last In First Out) order, we can use this to reverse a string efficiently.

- We will extract each character of the given string and add it to the stack.
- Then we will remove each character from the stack and join it to form the reversed string.
- As stack works in LIFO order we will get the last character first, then second last character and so on. [Concatenating](#) them together will form the string in reverse order.

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```
let reverseString = (str) => {  
  //Create a new stack  
  let stack = new Stack();  
  
  //Add each character to the stack  
  for(let char of str){  
    stack.push(char);  
  }  
  
  let reversed = '';  
  
  //Form the reversed string by accessing each character from the stack  
  while(!stack.isEmpty()){  
    reversed += stack.pop();  
  }  
  
  //Return the reversed string  
  return reversed;  
}
```

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Input:
console.log(reverseString('prashant'));

Output:
"tnahsarp"

Time complexity: $O(n)$.

Space complexity: $O(n)$.

Time and Space complexity

- We are adding each character of the string in the stack which will take $O(n)$ and then we are again removing the characters from the stack to form the reversed string in $O(n)$, so Time complexity is $O(n) + O(n) = O(n)$.
- We are storing each character of the given string in stack, so Space complexity is $O(n)$.

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