## Question #3 (Hard)

## **Description:**

Write a JavaScript function named compressString that takes a string as its argument and returns a compressed version of the string following these rules:

- For each group of consecutive identical characters in the input string, replace that group with a single instance of the character followed by the number of times it appears consecutively.
- If a character appears only once consecutively, just include the character without a number following it.
- The function should handle any ASCII character.

The goal is to implement a basic form of string compression for sequences of identical characters.

## **Starting Code**

```
function compressString(str) {
    // Your code here
}
```

## **Sample Input and Output**

Input: "aaabbc" Output: "a3b2c"

Input: "aabbaabb"
Output: "a2b2a2b2"

Input: "abcd"

Output: "abcd" (since compressing does not reduce the string's size)

Input: "wwwwaaadexxxxxx

Output: "w4a3dex6"