

1.Challenge Task

Reverse "KINYARWANDA" using a stack

Goal: Reverse the string using stack operations.

Algorithm Steps:

1. Initialize an empty stack.
2. Push each character of the string onto the stack.
3. Pop characters one by one and append to a new string.

Code with explanation

```
input_str = "KINYARWANDA"

stack = []

# Step 1: Push each character
for char in input_str:
    stack.append(char) # Stack: ['K', 'I', 'N', 'Y', 'A', 'R', 'W', 'A', 'N', 'D', 'A']

# Step 2: Pop to reverse
reversed_str = ""

while stack:
    reversed_str += stack.pop() # Pops last-in characters

print("Reversed:", reversed_str)
```

Reflection Question

Why stack is not used in customer queues?

Stacks follow **LIFO (Last-In, First-Out)** order, meaning the last person to arrive would be served first. This is unfair and inefficient in customer service scenarios.

Key Reasons:

- **Fairness:** Queues use **FIFO (First-In, First-Out)**, ensuring customers are served in the order they arrive.
- **Expectation:** Customers expect to be served based on arrival time.
- **Practicality:** Stack behavior would frustrate users and break service logic (e.g., bank lines, ticket counters).

Challenge Question: Queue vs Stack for Stadium Entry — Which Is Fair?

🎯 Problem:

You need to decide whether a **queue** or a **stack** is fair for managing stadium entry.

✓ Algorithmic Solution:

Step-by-step comparison:

1. Define Queue Behavior (FIFO):

```
python

# First-In-First-Out
stadium_queue = deque(["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"])
stadium_queue.popleft() # Alice enters first
```

2. Define Stack Behavior (LIFO):

```
python

# Last-In-First-Out
stadium_stack = ["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"]
stadium_stack.pop() # Charlie enters first
```

Reflection: Why FIFO Prevents Conflict at Events?

🎓 Theoretical Insight:

- **FIFO (First-In-First-Out)** ensures that people are served in the order they arrive.
- This system:
 - Promotes **transparency** and **trust**.
 - Reduces **frustration** and **arguments**.
 - Prevents **line-cutting**, which is a major source of conflict.
- In high-stakes or crowded environments (e.g., concerts, sports events), FIFO maintains **order** and **safety**.