

344. Reverse String:

I/P: $s = ["h", "e", "l", "l", "o"]$

O/P: $["o", "l", "l", "e", "h"]$.

we need to:

- * Reverse the array in-place \rightarrow modify the original array
- * use $O(1)$ extra memory \rightarrow can't create a new array.
- * Return nothing (just modify s).

Brute force:

1. Copy the array into a new array
 2. Reverse the new array
 3. Copy back to original
- * Problem: use extra memory, not allowed.

Efficient approach (two-pointers)

use two pointers:

- * left \rightarrow start of array
- * right \rightarrow end of array
- * swap $s[\text{left}]$ and $s[\text{right}]$
- * Move left rightward and right leftward
- * Stop when $\text{left} \geq \text{right}$.

Class Solution {

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public void reverseString(char[] s) {
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    int left = 0;
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    int right = s.length - 1;
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    while (left < right) {
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        char temp = s[left];
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        s[left] = s[right];
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$s[\text{right}] = \text{temp};$

$\text{left}++;$

$\text{right}--;$

}

}

}

Day Run:

$s = ["h", "e", "l", "l", "o"]$

$\text{left} = 0 \quad \text{right} = 4$

step 1: swap $s[0]$ and $s[4] \rightarrow ['o', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'h'],$

$\text{left} = 1, \text{right} = 3$

step 2: swap $s[1]$ and $s[3] \rightarrow ['o', 'l', 'l', 'e', 'h'],$

$\text{left} = 2, \text{right} = 2$

stop ($\text{left} \geq \text{right}$)

Result = $['o', 'l', 'l', 'e', 'h']$.

Time $\rightarrow O(n)$ space $\rightarrow O(1)$