

# Problem 859: Buddy Strings

## Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

Given two strings

s

and

goal

, return

true

if you can swap two letters in

s

so the result is equal to

goal

, otherwise, return

false

Swapping letters is defined as taking two indices

i

and

j

(0-indexed) such that

$i \neq j$

and swapping the characters at

$s[i]$

and

$s[j]$

For example, swapping at indices

0

and

2

in

"abcd"

results in

"cbad"

Example 1:

Input:

s = "ab", goal = "ba"

Output:

true

Explanation:

You can swap s[0] = 'a' and s[1] = 'b' to get "ba", which is equal to goal.

Example 2:

Input:

s = "ab", goal = "ab"

Output:

false

Explanation:

The only letters you can swap are s[0] = 'a' and s[1] = 'b', which results in "ba" != goal.

Example 3:

Input:

s = "aa", goal = "aa"

Output:

true

Explanation:

You can swap  $s[0] = 'a'$  and  $s[1] = 'a'$  to get "aa", which is equal to goal.

Constraints:

$1 \leq s.length, goal.length \leq 2 * 10$

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s

and

goal

consist of lowercase letters.

## Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool buddyStrings(string s, string goal) {
        }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public boolean buddyStrings(String s, String goal) {
        }
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def buddyStrings(self, s: str, goal: str) -> bool:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def buddyStrings(self, s, goal):  
        """  
        :type s: str  
        :type goal: str  
        :rtype: bool  
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string} s  
 * @param {string} goal  
 * @return {boolean}  
 */  
var buddyStrings = function(s, goal) {  
};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function buddyStrings(s: string, goal: string): boolean {  
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public bool BuddyStrings(string s, string goal) {  
    }  
}
```

### C:

```
bool buddyStrings(char* s, char* goal) {  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func buddyStrings(s string, goal string) bool {  
    }  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun buddyStrings(s: String, goal: String): Boolean {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func buddyStrings(_ s: String, _ goal: String) -> Bool {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn buddy_strings(s: String, goal: String) -> bool {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {String} s  
# @param {String} goal  
# @return {Boolean}  
def buddy_strings(s, goal)  
  
end
```

**PHP:**

```
class Solution {
```

```
/**
 * @param String $s
 * @param String $goal
 * @return Boolean
 */
function buddyStrings($s, $goal) {

}

}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {
bool buddyStrings(String s, String goal) {

}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {
def buddyStrings(s: String, goal: String): Boolean = {

}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
@spec buddy_strings(s :: String.t, goal :: String.t) :: boolean
def buddy_strings(s, goal) do

end
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec buddy_strings(S :: unicode:unicode_binary(), Goal :: unicode:unicode_binary()) -> boolean().
buddy_strings(S, Goal) ->
.
```

## Racket:

```
(define/contract (buddy-strings s goal)
  (-> string? string? boolean?))
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Buddy Strings
 * Difficulty: Easy
 * Tags: string, hash
 *
 * Approach: String manipulation with hash map or two pointers
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(n) for hash map
 */

class Solution {
public:
    bool buddyStrings(string s, string goal) {

    }
};
```

### Java Solution:

```
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class Solution {
    public boolean buddyStrings(String s, String goal) {
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

### Python3 Solution:

```
"""
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Approach: String manipulation with hash map or two pointers
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"""

class Solution:

    def buddyStrings(self, s: str, goal: str) -> bool:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
```

### Python Solution:

```
class Solution(object):

    def buddyStrings(self, s, goal):

        """
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```

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```

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bool buddyStrings(char* s, char* goal) {

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```
class Solution {
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impl Solution {  
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    }  
}
```

### **Ruby Solution:**

```
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# @param {String} goal  
# @return {Boolean}  
def buddy_strings(s, goal)  
  
end
```

### **PHP Solution:**

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class Solution {  
  
    /**  
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