

# Problem 664: Strange Printer

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

There is a strange printer with the following two special properties:

The printer can only print a sequence of

the same character

each time.

At each turn, the printer can print new characters starting from and ending at any place and will cover the original existing characters.

Given a string

s

, return

the minimum number of turns the printer needed to print it

Example 1:

Input:

s = "aaabbb"

Output:

2

Explanation:

Print "aaa" first and then print "bbb".

Example 2:

Input:

s = "aba"

Output:

2

Explanation:

Print "aaa" first and then print "b" from the second place of the string, which will cover the existing character 'a'.

Constraints:

$1 \leq s.length \leq 100$

s

consists of lowercase English letters.

## Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int strangePrinter(string s) {
```

```
    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
public int strangePrinter(String s) {

}
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
def strangePrinter(self, s: str) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):
def strangePrinter(self, s):
"""
:type s: str
:rtype: int
"""


```

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {string} s
 * @return {number}
 */
var strangePrinter = function(s) {

};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function strangePrinter(s: string): number {
}
```

**C#:**

```
public class Solution {  
    public int StrangePrinter(string s) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**C:**

```
int strangePrinter(char* s) {  
  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func strangePrinter(s string) int {  
  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun strangePrinter(s: String): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func strangePrinter(_ s: String) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn strange_printer(s: String) -> i32 {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {String} s
# @return {Integer}
def strange_printer(s)

end
```

**PHP:**

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param String $s
     * @return Integer
     */
    function strangePrinter($s) {

    }
}
```

**Dart:**

```
class Solution {
  int strangePrinter(String s) {
    }
}
```

**Scala:**

```
object Solution {
  def strangePrinter(s: String): Int = {
    }
}
```

**Elixir:**

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec strange_printer(s :: String.t) :: integer
  def strange_printer(s) do
```

```
end  
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec strange_printer(S :: unicode:unicode_binary()) -> integer().  
strange_printer(S) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (strange-printer s)  
  (-> string? exact-integer?)  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*  
 * Problem: Strange Printer  
 * Difficulty: Hard  
 * Tags: string, dp  
 *  
 * Approach: String manipulation with hash map or two pointers  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
 * Space Complexity: O(n) or O(n * m) for DP table  
 */  
  
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    }  
};
```

### Java Solution:

```
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 * Problem: Strange Printer
```

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*/

```

```

class Solution {
public int strangePrinter(String s) {
}
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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"""

class Solution:
    def strangePrinter(self, s: str) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

class Solution(object):
    def strangePrinter(self, s):
        """
        :type s: str
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```

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int strangePrinter(char* s) {
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