

# Longest Common prefix.

Leetcode

Write a function to find the longest common prefix string amongst an array of strings. If there is no common prefix, return an empty string ""

Input: strs = ["flower", "flow", "flight"]  
Output: "fl"

Program:

class Solution {

public String longestCommonPrefix(String[] strs) {

String result = "";

int currIndex = 0;

if (strs.length == 1)

return strs[0];

while (true) {

for (int i = 0; i < strs.length - 1; i++)

{

if (currIndex >= strs[i].length() ||

currIndex >= strs[i+1].length() || strs[i].charAt(currIndex)

!= strs[i+1].charAt(currIndex)) {

return result;

}}

result = result + strs[0].charAt(currIndex);

currIndex++;

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class Solution {
public String longestCommonPrefix(String[] strs) {
    if (strs == null || strs.length == 0) {
        return "";
    }
    if (strs.length == 1) {
        return strs[0];
    }
    String result = "";
    int currIndex = 0;
    while (true) {
        for (int i = 0; i < strs.length - 1; i++) {
            if (currIndex >= strs[i].length() ||
                currIndex >= strs[i+1].length() ||
                strs[i].charAt(currIndex) !=
                strs[i+1].charAt(currIndex)) {
                return result;
            }
        }
        result += strs[0].charAt(currIndex);
        currIndex++;
    }
}
}

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str = { "flower", "flow", "flight" }

### Initialization

String check " "

currIndex = null || str.length == 0.

false

false

→ false.

check

strs.length == 1

3 == 1 X

→ false.

result = ""

currIndex = 0

p = 0

0 < 3-1

0 < 2 ✓

### While loop Execution

Iteration (1)

currIndex = 0.

Enter while loop

start the for loop.

for p = 0. p < str.length - 1

p < 3 - 1

p < 2. 0 < 2 ✓

if (currIndex >= str[p].length())

0 >= str[0].length() 0 >= 6 X

currIndex >= str[p+1].length()

0 >= str[1].length() 0 >= 4 X

str[p].charAt(currIndex) !=

str[p+1].charAt(currIndex)

str[0].charAt(0) = f

str[1].charAt(0) = f f != f X

(match → continue)

p = 1

p < str.length - 1

p < 3 - 1

1 < 2 ✓

if (currIndex >= str[p].length())

0 >= 4 X

currIndex >= str[p+1].length()

0 >= 6 X

$strs[p].charAt(currIndex) != strs[p+1].charAt(currIndex)$

$strs[1].charAt(0) = 'f'$  X.

$strs[2].charAt(0) = 'f'$

Match  $\rightarrow$  Exit for loop.

$\rightarrow$  Because  
 $p = 0$

$p < strs.length - 1$   
 $p < 2, 3 < 2$  X.

$result += strs[0].charAt(currIndex);$

$result += ~~strs[0]~~.charAt(0);$

$result = result + 0$

$result = " " + f$

$result = f$

$currIndex++;$

$currIndex = 1$

Iteration 2.

output  
f.

Enter while loop.

Start the for loop

for  $p = 0$

$p < str.length - 1$

$p < 3 - 1$

$p < 2, 0 < 2$  ✓

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$(currIndex >= strs[p].length())$

$1 >= 0$  X.

$(currIndex >= strs[p+1].length())$

$1 >= strs[1].length() 1 >= 4$  X.

$strs[p].charAt(currIndex) !=$

$strs[p+1].charAt(currIndex)$

$strs[0].charAt(1) !=$

$strs[p+1].charAt(currIndex)$



$1 \neq 2$  X.  
match continue.

$p=1$   $p < \text{strs.length}-1$   $p < 3-1$   $1 < 2$  ✓.

if (currIndex  $\geq$  strs[p].length())

$0 \geq 4$  X

currIndex  $\geq$  strs[p+1].length()

$0 \geq 6$  X.

strs[p].charAt(currIndex)  $\neq$  strs[p+1].charAt(currIndex)

strs[1].charAt(1) = 'l'

strs[2].charAt(1) = 'l'  $\rightarrow$  match  $\rightarrow$  exit for loop.

$\hookrightarrow$  Because

$p=3$

$p < \text{strs.length}-1$

$p < 2$   $3 \nless 2$  X.

result += strs[p].charAt(currIndex);

result += strs[p].charAt(1);

result = 5 + l

result = 5l

currIndex++;  
currIndex = 2

0 | p

5l.

Iteration 3

Enter while loop start the for loop.

for  $p=0$   $p < \text{strs.length}-1$

$p < 3-1$   $p < 2$   $0 < 2$  ✓.

if (currIndex  $\geq$  strs[p].length())

$1 \geq 6$  X

currIndex  $\geq$  strs[p+1].length()

$1 \geq \text{strs}[1].length$   $1 \geq 4$  X.

strs[p].charAt(currIndex)  $\neq$

strs[p+1].charAt(currIndex)

strs[0].charAt(2)  $\neq$

strs[1].charAt(2)

$0 \neq 0$  X

match continue.

$P=1$

$P < \text{strA.length} - 1$   
 $P < 3 - 1$   
 $1 < 2 \rightarrow$

$P_0 (\text{currIndex} \geq \text{strA}[P].\text{length}())$

$0 \geq 4 \times$

$\text{currIndex} \geq \text{strA}[P+1].\text{length}()$

$0 \geq 6 \times$

$\text{strA}[P].\text{charAt}(\text{currIndex}) \neq \text{strA}[P+1].\text{charAt}(\text{currIndex})$

$\text{strA}[1].\text{charAt}(2) = 0$

$\text{strA}[2].\text{charAt}(2) = P$

$\hookrightarrow$  Not match exit the loop.

result = 'ST'