

Problem 1 : Reverse Words in a String

Problem Kya Tha?

Given a string s, humein:

- Extra spaces ignore karte hue,
- Words ko split karna hai,
- Aur **poore string ke words ko reverse order me** print karna hai.

Example:

s = " hello world " → Output: "world hello"

Approach 1: using stringstream



Code Breakdown + Explanation (Line-by-Line)

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    string reverseWords(string s) {  
        ✓ Function reverseWords start — input ek string s.
```

stringstream ss(s);

✓ stringstream ss(s)

- Yeh s ko ek stream ki tarah treat karta hai.
- Isse hum easily word by word string read kar sakte hai.

👉 Why?

Manual splitting me difficult hota hai extra spaces handle karna.
stringstream automatic ignore kar deta hai continuous spaces ko.

string token ;

✓ Ek temporary variable token.

Har extracted word yahan store hoga.

Example: Agar input = " hello world "

token values sequentially: "hello", "world"

vector<string> words;

✓ Words ko store karne ke liye ek vector banaya.

Baad me reverse karenge.

```
        while(getline(ss,token, ' ')){  
            if(!token.empty())  
                words.push_back(token);  
        }
```

✓ getline(ss, token, ' ')

- Yeh stream ss se read karta hai

- ' ' space ko delimiter maan kar
- Har space ke beech ka part token me aa jata hai

👉 **Important:** Continuous spaces par token empty ho sakta hai.

Isliye:

```
if(!token.empty())
```

- Sirf non-empty word ko hi vector me daalte hai
- Taaki " " jaise extra spaces ignore ho jaye

Example:

Input: " a good example "

words vector banega:

```
["a", "good", "example"]
```

```
int n = words.size();
```

✓ Total words count le liya, reverse karne me kaam aayega.

```
for(int i = 0; i <n/2; i++){
    swap(words[i] , words[n-i-1]);
}
```

✓ **Manual Reverse**

- First word ↔ last word
- Second ↔ second-last
- ... middle tak jaate hain

Example:

Before: ["hello", "world", "from", "cpp"]

After: ["cpp", "from", "world", "hello"]

```
string result = "";
```

✓ Final answer assemble karne ke liye empty string.

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    result += words[i];
    if(i != n-1) result += " ";
}
```

✓ Har word ko result me add kiya

✓ Word ke baad **space add** kiya, but last word ke baad nahi.

Example output shape:

"world hello"

Jisme last me unnecessary space nahi hota.

```
return result;
}
};
```

✓ Final reversed string return kar diya.

🎯 Final Output Example

Input:

```
" hello world "
```

Processing Steps:

- words = ["hello", "world"]
- reverse = ["world", "hello"]
- result = "world hello"

⭐ Summary — Why This Approach Works?

- **stringstream** → easy splitting + handles extra spaces automatically
- **vector** → easy to store words
- **manual reverse** → no extra space usage for new vector
- **manual join** → no trailing space issue

Time Complexity: **O(n)**

Space Complexity: **O(n)** for storing words.

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    string reverseWords(string s) {  
  
        stringstream ss(s);  
        string token ;  
  
        vector<string> words;  
  
        while(getline(ss,token, ' ')){  
            if( !token.empty() )  
                words.push_back(token);  
        }  
  
        int n = words.size();  
  
        for(int i = 0; i <n/2; i++){  
            swap(words[i] , words[n-i-1]);  
        }  
        string result = "";  
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
            result += words[i];  
            if(i != n-1) result += " ";  
        }  
        return result;  
    }  
};
```

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Approach 2 : using istringstream

- ◆ 1. **istringstream iss(s);**

- Ye line **string s ko ek input stream (jaise cin)** ki tarah treat karti hai.
- Jaisa hum cin se ek-ek word read karte hain, iss se bhi waise hi kar sakte hain.

Example input:

```
" hello    world from    cpp "
```

◆ 2. iss >> token kya karta hai? — Sabse Important

>> operator (extraction operator) ka behaviour:

✓ It automatically skips all leading spaces

Yaani agar string start me spaces hain → woh unko ignore kar deta hai.

✓ It reads one word at a time

- Word = characters between spaces
- Jaise cin me hota hai: cin >> token

✓ Continuous spaces → automatically skip ho jaate hain

Aapko empty token ka tension nahi.

🔥 Example Processing (iss >> token)

Input:

```
" hello    world from    cpp "
```

1st extraction

- Skip all spaces
- Read "hello"
- token = "hello"

2nd extraction

- Skip " "
- Read "world"
- token = "world"

3rd extraction

→ "from"

4th extraction

- Skip " "
- "cpp"

No empty tokens!

vector becomes:

```
["hello", "world", "from", "cpp"]
```

🧠 Why this version is BETTER than getline?

✓ getline(s, token, ' ')

- Continuous spaces → empty token produce karta hai → hume check lagana padta hai.

✓ iss >> token

- Automatically spaces skip karega

- Sirf valid words hi extract karega
 - No need for empty checks
- Isliye ye version cleaner hai.

◆ 3. **words.push_back(token);**

- Jo bhi word token me aaya → vector me add kar diya.

◆ 4. Reverse Loop

```
for(int i = 0; i < n/2; i++){
    swap(words[i], words[n-i-1]);
}
```

- First ↔ last
- Second ↔ second-last
- Middle tak jaate hain

Before:

["hello", "world", "from", "cpp"]

After:

["cpp", "from", "world", "hello"]

◆ 5. Build final result string

```
result += words[i];
if(i != n-1) result += " ";
• Words ko dubara jod diya space ke sath
• Last word ke baad space nahi lagaya
```

Final output:

"cpp from world hello"

★ Full Summary (1 minute quick recall)

Concept	Meaning
istringstream iss(s)	string ko input stream bana deta hai
iss >> token	words ko ek-ek kar ke read karta hai
Space handling	All extra spaces automatically skip
No empty tokens	Iss >> token kabhi empty string nahi deta
Reverse logic	Simple swap approach
Result build	Words jod kar string banayi

```

class Solution {
public:
    string reverseWords(string s) {

        istringstream iss(s);
        string token;

        vector<string> words;

        while(iss >> token){

            words.push_back(token);
        }

        int n = words.size();

        for(int i = 0; i <n/2; i++){
            swap(words[i] , words[n-i-1]);
        }
        string result = "";
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
            result += words[i];
            if(i != n-1) result += " ";
        }
        return result;
    }
};

```

Approach3:

👉 (Reverse Words — Smart Method)

✓ 1. int n = s.size();

- Bas input string ki length nikal li.
- Iska actual use iss code me nahi hai, par koi harm nahi.

✓ 2. stringstream ss(s);

Ye poori string ko ek stream me convert kar deta hai.

- Jaise hum cin >> token karte hain, waise hi ss >> token kar sakte hain.
- Automatic spaces skip ho jayenge.
- Har baar ek **word** milta hai.

Example:

Input:

" hello world from cpp "
iss >> token se tokens:

"hello"
"world"
"from"

"cpp"
Empty tokens **kabhi nahi**.

✓ **3. string token = "";**

- Temporary variable jisme har word aayega.

✓ **4. string result = "";**

- Final answer yahan banega.
- Is approach ka main trick yahi hai.

★ **MOST IMPORTANT PART**

✓ **5. while (ss >> token)**

! **Meaning:**

- Stream se **next word read karo**
- Jab tak words milte rahe loop chalega

🔥 **Example:**

Input:

"hello world from cpp"

Loop execution:

Iteration	token	result (after update)
1	"hello"	"hello "
2	"world"	"world hello "
3	"from"	"from world hello "
4	"cpp"	"cpp from world hello "

Notice:

Har new word **front me add** ho raha hai → Reverse automatically ho raha hai.

★ **6. Main Trick Line**

result = token + " " + result;

✓ **Why this reverses?**

Kyuki har new word ko **starting me add** kar diya.

🔥 **Example visual:**

Start:

result = ""

1st token = "hello"

result = "hello "

2nd token = "world"

result = "world " + "hello "
= "world hello "

3rd token = "from"

result = "from world hello "

4th token = "cpp"

result = "cpp from world hello "

Yeh bilkul stack jaisa behaviour hai — **Last read word first me aa raha.**

✓ 7. Remove last stray space

```
if(!result.empty() && result.back()==' '){  
    result.pop_back();  
}
```

- Last me ek space extra hoti hai
- Usko hata diya

Example:

"cpp from world hello "
 ^ extra space
pop_back() → remove kar diya.

✓ 8. Return result

Final output mil gaya.

★ FINAL SUMMARY (30 sec recall)

- ss >> token = space skip + word extract
- Har word ko result ke starting me add kiya → auto reverse
- Last space remove ki
- Fast, easy, clean solution

Time: O(n)

Space: O(n)

```

class Solution {
public:
    string reverseWords(string s) {
        int n = s.size();
        stringstream ss(s);
        string token="";
        string result="";

        while(ss >> token){//by default space ke basis pr todega word ko
            result = token +" "+result;
        }

        if(!result.empty() && result.back()==' '){
            result.pop_back();
        }
        return result;
    }
};

```

Approach 4 : interview friendly without stl

📌 Reverse Words in a String (Without using built-in functions)

◆ Problem:

Given a string, reverse the order of words, remove extra spaces.

Example:

Input: " hello world meet me "

Output: "me meet world hello"

◆ Main Trick (Very Important ⤵)

Step 1: Reverse Entire String

Step 2: Reverse Each Word Individually

Example:

Original: "babua ds"

Reverse All: "sd aubaB"

Reverse word1: "ds"

Reverse word2: "babua"

Result: "ds babua"

◆ Why This Works?

Instead of splitting → reversing list → joining,

hum **string ko ek plate ki tarah right se left palat dete hain**,

phir har word ko sahi direction me ghumate hain.

Step-By-Step Logic

Step	Task	Purpose
1	Trim leading + trailing spaces	Starting clean
2	Remove multiple spaces → single space	Normalized format
3	Reverse the whole string	Words ka order reverse ho jayega
4	Reverse each word in the reversed string	Final readable output



Handwritten-Style Pseudo Code (C++ Logic)

```

string s

1) trim: move left pointer until non-space
    move right pointer until non-space

2) normalize spaces:
    create new string result
    loop from left → right:
        if char != space → push
        else if last char in result != space → push space

3) reverse(result)

4) reverse each word:
    i = 0
    while i < result.length:
        j = i
        while j < n and result[j] != ' ':
            j++
        reverse substring from i → j-1
        i = j + 1
    
```

```

1 class Solution {
2 public:
3     void ReverseStr(string &s , int left , int right){
4         while(left < right){
5             char temp = s[left];
6             s[left] = s[right];
7             s[right] = temp;
8             left++;
9             right--;
10        }
11    }
12    string reverseWords(string s) {
13        int n = s.length();
14
15        // 1.trim spaces from left and right
16        int l = 0 , r = n-1;
17        while(l < n && s[l] == ' ') l++;
18        while(r >= 0 && s[r] == ' ') r--;
19
20        //2. Remove multiple spaces and build clean string
21        string temp = "";
22        while(l <= r){
23            if(s[l] != ' ') temp.push_back(s[l]);
24            else if(temp.back() != ' ') temp.push_back(' ');
25            l++;
26        }
27
28        //3. Reverse the whole cleaned string
29        ReverseStr(temp , 0 , temp.length()-1);
30

```

```

31        //4. Reverse each individual word
32        int start = 0;
33        int len = temp.length();
34        while(start < len){
35            int end = start;
36            while(end < len && temp[end] != ' ') end++;
37            ReverseStr(temp,start,end-1);
38            start = end+1;
39        }
40
41        return temp;
42    }
43 };

```

⌚ Time Complexity (TC)

Operation	Complexity
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Trim	$O(n)$
Normalize spaces	$O(n)$
Reverse whole string	$O(n)$
Reverse each word	$O(n)$
Total	$O(n)$

Space Complexity (SC)

Case	Space
If interviewer ignores temp string	$O(1)$
Otherwise (clean buffer used)	$O(n)$

Summary (For Interview Answer)

"I solve this by first cleaning spaces, then reversing the whole string and then reversing each word. This gives linear time complexity $O(n)$ and constant extra space if we modify in-place. The trick is: **Reverse whole → then reverse individual words.**"