

Problem 2: Longest Palindromic Substring

```
def expandAroundCenter(s, left, right):  
    while left >= 0 and right < len(s) and s[left] == s[right]:  
        left -= 1  
        right += 1  
    return right - left - 1
```


```
def longestPalindrome(s):  
    start = 0  
    maxLen = 0  
  
    for i in range(len(s)):  
        len1 = expandAroundCenter(s, i, i)  
        len2 = expandAroundCenter(s, i, i + 1)  
  
        if len1 > maxLen:  
            maxLen = len1  
            start = i - (len1 - 1) // 2  
  
        if len2 > maxLen:  
            maxLen = len2  
            start = i - len2 // 2 + 1
```

```
    return s[start:start + maxLen]  
  
s = "babad"  
result = longestPalindrome(s)  
print(result)
```

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26 print(result)
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input
bab
...Program finished with exit code 0
Press ENTER to exit console.
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