

ZigZag Conversion

Question: The string "PAYPALISHIRING" is written in a zigzag pattern on a given number of rows like this: (you may want to display this pattern in a fixed font for better legibility)

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P   A   H   N
A P L S I I G
Y   I   R
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And then read line by line: "PAHNAPLSIIGYIR"

Write the code that will take a string and make this conversion given a number of rows:

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string convert(string text, int nRows);
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convert("PAYPALISHIRING", 3) should return "PAHNAPLSIIGYIR".
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Solutions:

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import functools
import operator

class Solution:
    # @param {string} s
    # @param {integer} numRows
    # @return {string}
    def convert(self, s, numRows):
        if numRows == 1 or numRows >= len(s):
            return s

        zigzag = [[] for x in range(numRows)]
        row, step = 0, 1
        for c in s:
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zigzag[row] += c,  
if row == 0:  
    step = 1  
elif row == numRows - 1:  
    step = -1  
row += step  
return ".join(functools.reduce(operator.add, zigzag))
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Solution().convert("PAYPALISHIRING", 3)
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