

**InfyTQ SET 002**Solved Challenges **3/5**[Back To Challenges List](#)**Combine Similar Alphabets****ID:10566    Solved By 179 Users****InfyTQ**

The program must accept a string **S** and combine the similar alphabets (lower and upper case are similar) based on their order of occurrence. Then the program must form a new string **M** by alternating the elements from first and last.

**Boundary Condition(s):**

1 <= Length of S <= 1000

**Input Format:**

The first line contains S.

**Output Format:**

The first line contains M.

**Example Input/Output 1:**

Input:

HelLoWOrld

Output:

dWerHoOILl

Explanation:

'd', 'e', 'H', 'l', 'oO', 'r', 'W' are the grouped similar alphabets.

So **d** and **W** are printed first.

Then **e** and **r** are printed.

Then **H** and **oO** are printed.

Then **l** is printed.

**Example Input/Output 2:**

Input:

tapa

Output:

aatp

**Example Input/Output 3:**

Input:

u

Output:

u

**Max Execution Time Limit: 500 millisecs**

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Python3 (3.x) ▾



Reset

```
1 string = input().strip()
2
3 arr = [char for char in string]
4 arr.sort(key=str.lower)
5 s=""
6 ans=[]
7 index=0
8 while(index<len(arr)-1):
9     s = arr[index]
10    while(index<len(arr)-1 and (arr[index+1].lower() == arr[index].lower())):
11        s+=arr[index+1]
12        index+=1
13    ans.append(s)
14    index+=1
15
16 if(index!=len(arr)):
17     ans.append(arr[-1])
18
19 start=0
20 end=len(ans)-1
21 for index in range(len(ans)):
22     if(index%2==0):
23         print(ans[start],end="")
24         start+=1
25     else:
26         print(ans[end],end="")
27         end-=1
```

**Code did not pass the execution****TestCase ID: 58022****Input:****HelLoWOrld**

**Expected Output:**

dWerHoOILI

**Your Program Output:**

```
['d', 'e', 'H', 'l', 'L', 'l', 'o', 'O', 'r', 'W']  
['d', 'e', 'H', 'lLI', 'oO', 'r', 'W']  
dWerHoOILI
```

Save

Run

☐ Run with a custom test case (Input/Output)