

## Write a program to reverse an array

### Iterative way:

1) Initialize start and end indexes.

start = 0, end = n-1

2) In a loop, swap arr[start] with arr[end] and change start and end as follows.

start = start +1; end = end – 1

```
/* Function to reverse arr[] from start to end*/
void rvereseArray(int arr[], int start, int end)
{
    int temp;
    while(start < end)
    {
        temp = arr[start];
        arr[start] = arr[end];
        arr[end] = temp;
        start++;
        end--;
    }
}

/* Utility that prints out an array on a line */
void printArray(int arr[], int size)
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);

    printf("\n");
}

/* Driver function to test above functions */
int main()
```

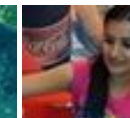
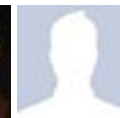
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```

{
    int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
    printArray(arr, 6);
    rvereseArray(arr, 0, 5);
    printf("Reversed array is \n");
    printArray(arr, 6);
    getchar();
    return 0;
}

```

Time Complexity:  $O(n)$

### Recursive Way:

1) Initialize start and end indexes

start = 0, end = n-1

2) Swap arr[start] with arr[end]

3) Recursively call reverse for rest of the array.

```

/* Function to reverse arr[] from start to end*/
void rvereseArray(int arr[], int start, int end)
{
    int temp;
    if(start >= end)
        return;
    temp = arr[start];
    arr[start] = arr[end];
    arr[end] = temp;
    rvereseArray(arr, start+1, end-1);
}

/* Utility that prints out an array on a line */
void printArray(int arr[], int size)
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);

    printf("\n");
}

/* Driver function to test above functions */
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
    printArray(arr, 5);
}

```



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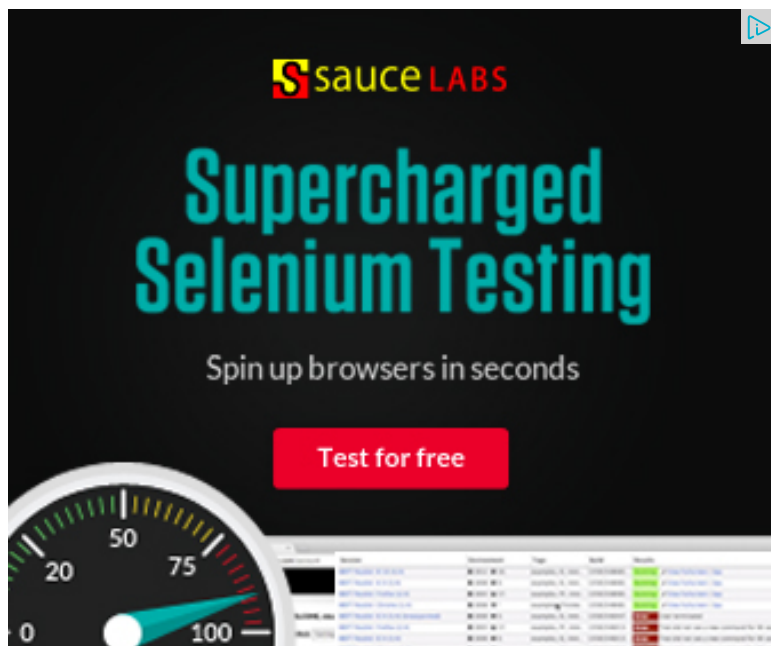
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reverseArray(arr, 0, 4);
printf("Reversed array is \n");
printArray(arr, 5);
getchar();
return 0;
}

```

Time Complexity:  $O(n)$

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For example if a is an array of integers with three elements such that  $a[0] = 1$  ;

Then on reversing the array will be  $a[0] = 3$   $a[1] = 2$   $a[0] = 1$

We copy the elements of array a into array b in reverse and then copy the array b into array a in reverse order. We can also reverse the array without using additional memory.

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thanks for the tutorial. i like to mention a small point. in the second function, the necessary to check if start is bigger equal end (start >= end ), it's enough to check (start < end), and the reason is bcoz we start from 0. If i miss some point over here please let me know. Thanks again for the tutorial.

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**moonlight** • a year ago

I don't think your 1st method will be  $O(n)$  it will be  $O(\lg n)$ .  
you don't loop over every element.  
we also could make it easier as follows:

```
int temp =0;
for(int l=0;l<n/2;l++)
{
temp=arr[l];
arr[l]=arr[n-l-1];
arr[n-l-1]=temp;
}
```

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Your code is correct, but you are traversing half of the array.  
The complexity of such a code is  $O(n/2)$  or  $O(n)$   
It would have been  $O(\log n)$ , if you were dividing the array into 2 parts and

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**Ujjwal** → moonlight • a year ago

guys is the code written by @moonlight correct??

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@moonlight: Your code is absolutely correct, since we only have one way you are doing). Because at that point, start index either is less than end index or they are just equal (odd length case) and all the elements are the same. Same thing is done by the author in his post.  
Complexity is  $O(n)$ , not  $O(\log n)$  [Correction for moonlight].

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**Ankur** • 3 years ago

can u just elaborate

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**Anunay** • 3 years ago

If there is an additional requirement where you cannot use a temp variable, the recursive algorithm

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```
//Driver
```

```
RecursiveArrayReverseWithoutTempCharacter( arr, 0, arr.Length -1, arr[0], arr[arr.Length -1])
```

```
public void RecursiveArrayReverseWithoutTempCharacter
```

```
(int[] arr, int start, int end, int left, int right)
```

```
{
```

```
if (start > end)
```

```
return;
```

```
arr[start++] = right;
```

```
arr[end--] = left;
```

```
RecursiveArrayReverseWithoutTempCharacter(arr, start, end, arr[start], arr[end])
```

}

Note: this will work for array of any data type.

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**anonymous** → Anunay • 5 months ago

why so much trouble? You are passing two additional variables everyti  
extra space.

There is a pretty standard to swap without using the third (temp) variat

1.)  $a = a * b;$

2.)  $b = a / b;$

3.)  $a = a / b;$

Note: This will work for both positive and negative integers. But for larg  
which case, either switch to long long or use + instead of \* and - instea

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**sharat** → Anunay • 3 years ago

If temp is not to be used, use the XOR mechanism to swap, not this w

This is more inefficient than using temp, This will two extra variables to  
new function stack corresponding to a recursive call.)

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To swap two variables w/o using third can be done by simple a

$a = a + b;$

$b = a - b;$

$a = a - b;$

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