

# Add binary: faceBook question

## 67. Add Binary

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Given two binary strings `a` and `b`, return *their sum as a binary string*.

### Example 1:

Input: `a = "11"`, `b = "1"`

Output: `"100"`

### Example 2:

Input: `a = "1010"`, `b = "1011"`

Output: `"10101"`

We have

`a = "11"`

`b = "1"`

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 100 \end{array}$$

At first `carry = 0`

$$\text{sum} = a[i] + b[i] + \text{carry}$$

Getting 0 we will do =  $\text{sum} \% 2 = 0$   
if  $\text{sum} = 2$

$\text{carry} = \text{sum} / 2$

$1 \cdot 2 = 1$

$2 \cdot 2 = 0$

$1 / 2 = 0$

$2 / 2 = 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \ 10 \\ 10 \ 11 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow a[i] \\ \searrow b[i] \end{array}$$

Carry = 0

Ans "1"

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum} &= a[i] + b[i] + 0 \\ &= 0 + 1 + 0 \Rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ans} &+= \text{sum} / 2 = 1 \\ \text{Carry} &= \text{sum} / 2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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class Solution {
public:
    string addBinary(string a, string b) {
        int alen=a.length();
        int blen=b.length();

        int i=0,carry=0;

        string ans="";

        while(i<alen || i<blen || carry!=0){
            int x=0;
            if(i<alen && a[alen-i-1]=='1'){
                x=1;
            }
            int y=0;
            if(i<blen && b[blen-i-1]=='1'){
                y=1;
            }
            ans=to_string((x+y+carry)%2)+ans;
            carry=(x+y+carry)/2;
            i+=1;
        }
        return ans;
    }
};

```