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Task Description

• In Overtype mode, characters will be replaced as you type.



o Given: original text, key presses to simulateo Output the final text

Pretest #3	
xelanoop	xelagnut
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Preface

- Intended to be an easy task because String processing is inherently difficult
- Test contestants their familiarity with the programming language
- Many ways to implement
- Results are better than expected

Statistics

Attempt: 67 No attempt: 11
100: 9 0: 18 Avg: 45.61 Median: 57
First solved by Lynn Shung Hei @ 25m 15s



Observation 1

• Any new characters cannot be replaced• The characters will also be in the same order

Sample #1	
heat	final
fDiDnDaD1	

Observation 2

• The new characters will be in the front of the old characters

Sample #2	
senior I <mark>ju</mark>	ju nior

Observation 3

- Number of characters removed from original text is equal to
- Number of key presses during Overtype mode + Number of Delete presses

Sample #3	
<pre>remember 6thDdIeIcD</pre>	<u>6thdec</u> ember

Therefore

- Base on Observation 1 & 2, we can output the new characters immediately.
- Base on Observation 3, calculate the correct number of the remaining characters.

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Official Solution

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#include <cstdio>
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    #include <cstring>
    char a[100001], b[100001];
 3
 4 □ int main() {
 5
      int x, y;
      scanf("%s %s", a, b);
 6
 7
      x = strlen(a);
 8
      y = strlen(b);
 9
      int overtype = 0;
      int deleted = 0;
10
11 🖯
      for (int i = 0; i < y; i++) {</pre>
         if (b[i] == 'D') {
12 🖯
13
           deleted++;
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} else if (b[i] == 'I') {
14
15
           overtype = 1 - overtype;
        } else {
16
           printf("%c", b[i]);
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18
           deleted += overtype;
19
20
      if (deleted < x) {</pre>
21 🖯
22
         printf("%s", a + deleted);
23
24
      printf("\n");
25
      return 0;
26
```

Official Solution

• It is rare that the Pascal solution is shorter than the C++ one.

1	var		
2	a, b: ansistring;		
3	i, y, overtype, deleted:	longint;	
4	begin		
5	readln(a);	14	else
6	readln(b);	15	ov
7	y := length(b);	16	else
8	overtype := 0;	17	begi
9	deleted := 0;	18	wr
10	for i := 1 to v do	19	de
11	begin	20	end;
12	if $(b[i] = 'D')$ then	21	end;
13	inc(deleted)	22	delete
		23	writel
		24	end.

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else if (b[i] = 'I') then
  overtype := 1 - overtype
else
begin
  write(b[i]);
  deleted := deleted + overtype;
end;
nd;
elete(a, 1, deleted);
riteln(a);
```

Common mistakes

• Depending on implementation, you may have to check whether there are characters remaining before deleting / overwriting (Runtime error)

System Test #5	
1234	
DDDDDDDDD	
System Test #7	
1234567890	opqstuooo
opqIsItuIoooooooo	

Common mistakes

- Solutions that uses strcpy (copy, delete) heavily may exceed time limit.
- If you append characters to the original string, the size has to be 100000 x 2 + 1 = 200001 (Runtime error). See student's solution below:
 - 1 #include <cstdio>
 - 2 #include <cstring>
 - 3
 - 4 char output[200001];
 - 5 char cmd[100001];
 - 6 int cursor=0;
 - 7 bool mode=true;//true: insert, false:overwrite
 - 8 int cmdReadHead=0;

Tips

DO NOT USE strlen(s) in loops. It is slow!Instead, save the length into a variable if

possible

