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public String comboString(String a, String b) {  
    if (a.length() > b.length()) {  
        return b + a + b;  
    }  
    else {  
        return a + b + a;  
    }  
}
```

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public String comboString(String a, String b) {  
    String shorter = a;  
    String longer = b;  
    if (a.length() > b.length()) {  
        shorter = b;  
        longer = a;  
    }  
    return shorter + longer + shorter;  
}
```