

STRING IN C

- A string is a sequence of characters that is treated as a single data item.
- for example: "My name is deepak"

Declaration & Initialization of String

- 'c' represent string as a character array.
- The general form of declaration of a string is:

```
char string-name[size];
```

Example:-
char city[10];
char name[30];

- When compiler assign a character string to a character array, it automatically supplies a null character ('\0') at the end of the string.
- The character array is initialized when they are declared as:

char city[9] = "India"

or

char city[9] = { 'K', 'a', 'r', 'n', 'a', 'l', '\0', '\0', '\0' };

- The storage will look like:

k	a	r	n	a	l	e	\0	\0	\0	\0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	

How to read string?

1) using scanf function :-

- scanf can be used with %s formate specification to read in a string.
- Example! char address[10];
scanf ("%s", address);
- The problem with scanf function is that it terminates its input on the first white space it finds.
- for example! New york is read only as "new", since blank space after the word 'new' will terminate the reading of string.

Example:-

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < string.h >

main()
{
    char name[10];
    printf ("Enter text");
    scanf ("%s", name);
}
```

Output:→ Enter text: Deepak.

2) Using getch & gets function :-

- getch() read a single character from the termin

Example:-

```
char ch;  
ch = getchar();
```

* `getchar` function has no parameter.

- Another more effective method of reading a string of text containing whitespace is to use the library function `gets` available in the `<stdio.h>` header file.
- For example:- `gets(str);`
- 'str' is a string variable declared properly.

Example:-

```
char line[80];  
gets(line);  
printf("%s", line);
```

```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <conio.h>
```

```
main()
```

```
{  
char a[20];  
printf("Enter the string");  
gets(a);  
}
```

Output: Enter the string: Deepak.

WRITING STRING TO SCREEN

- Using `printf` function:- `printf` function with %s form to print strings to the screen.

Example:- `printf("%s", name);`

2 Using putchar & puts formats:-

→ putchar function is used output the values of character variable.

→ Syntax: `char ch = 'A'`
`putchar(ch);`

Example:- `char name[6] = "Paris"`
`for(i=0; i<5; i++)`
`putchar(name[i]);`

→ Another more effective way of printing string value is to use the function puts declared in the header file `<stdio.h>`.

→ Syntax: `puts(str);`

Example:- `char line[80];`
`gets(line);`
`puts(line);`

STRING HANDLING FUNCTION :-

→ following are the most commonly used functions in string.

- 1) `strcat()`
- 2) `strcmp()`
- 3) `strcpy()`
- 4) `strlen()`

1) strcat() → This function concatenates the source string at the end of the target string.

Example:-

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    char source[] = "Annu";
    char target[] = " Sharma";
    strcat (target, source);
    printf ("After Concatenation %s", target);
    return 0;
}
```

2) strcmp() → This is a function which compares two strings to find out whether they are same or different.

- If two strings are identical it returns 0.
- If they are not, it returns the numeric difference between the ASCII values of the first non-matching pair of characters.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>

int main()
{
    char string1[] = "Deepak";
    char string2[] = " single";
    int i, j;
}
```

```
i = strcmp (string1, "Deepak");
j = strcmp (string2, "single");
printf ("%d %d", i, j);
return 0;
```

3 strcpy() :- This function copies the content of one string into another.

→ The base address of source strings and destination strings should be supplied to this function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
main()
{
    char source[] = "Deepak";
    char target[] = "single";
    strcpy(target, source);
    printf("After copy %s", target);
    return 0;
}
```

Output:- After Copy Deepak

4 strlen() :- This function counts the number of characters present in a string.

Example:-

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char arr[] = "Deepak";
    int length;
    length = strlen(arr);
    printf("length of string is %d", length);
    return 0;
}
```

Output:- Length of string is 6.