

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] = { 'I', 'n', 'd', 'i', 'a', '\\0', '\\0', '\\0', '\\0' };
```

- The storage will look like:

I	n	d	i	a	\\0	\\0	\\0	\\0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

How to read string?

1) Using scanf function :-

→ scanf can be used with %s format 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 terminal.

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

1) using printf function:- printf function with %s format to print strings to the screen.

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

2 Using putchar & puts format:-

→ 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 function in string.

1) strcat()

3) strcpy()

2) strcmp()

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 <string.h>

int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    char string1[] = "Deepak";
```

```
    char string2[] = "Singh";
```

```
    int i, j;
```

```
    i = strcmp(string1, "Deepak");
    j = strcmp(string2, "Singh");
```

```
    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