

11 Reversing Strings

11.1 Making a String Type

Based on the memory allocation facility, a new string type `String` can be defined. The following code shows a sketch of how to do it:

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1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <string.h>
3
4 typedef struct {
5     char *s;
6     int len;
7 } String;
8
9 #define MKSTR(s) {s, strlen(s)}
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     String s1 = MKSTR("Hello C");
14     String s2 = MKSTR("Hola C++");
15
16     printf("s1(%d) = '%s'\n", s1.len, s1.s);
17     printf("s2(%d) = '%s'\n", s2.len, s2.s);
18
19     return 0;
20 }

```

Though the above code relies on the macro function `MKSTR`, it can be used for string literal only. To make it more general, a function `mkstr` is required to make the structure and copy the contents of the string.

11.2 Programming Lab 11: `revstr.c`

Even if C provides various string functions including `strlen` and `strcpy`, the function reversing a string is not supported by C standard library. The meaning of the operation reversing a string implies making a new string reading the characters in reverse. For the string "step" for example, reversing it should be "pets" as the result.

Write a program reading the strings in several lines and printing the reversed strings. Your program should use the type `String` in the sample code. An input line consists of alphabets, numbers, and punctuation characters: `?`, `!`, `.`, `,`, `;`, `:`, `'`, `"`, `-`, and `_`. Your program should read a line using the library function `fgets`.

Your program is to read from standard input. Input consists of n lines ($0 < n < 100$). The maximum length of the line is 256 including the newline characters. Note that you should handle the newline characters attached in default reading by `fgets`. The newline characters may be different depending on the system.¹ Your program should print the reversed strings in standard output. The output consists of n lines, too. Each line of the output lines contains the reversed string of the corresponding input line.

Additional requirements for bonus points

- Define and use the function `revstr(s)` accepting a `String` argument `s` and returning the (new) reversed string of it.
- Define and use the macro function `SWAPCHAR` swap two characters accepting two `char` pointers.

¹A newline is represented CR/LF in Windows. In Unix, it is represented by LF only.

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