

## stringncpy

Write a C function **stringncpy()** that copies not more than  $n$  characters (characters that follow a null character are not copied) from the array pointed to by  $s2$  to the array pointed to by  $s1$ . If the array pointed to by  $s2$  is a string shorter than  $n$  characters, null characters are appended to the copy in the array pointed to by  $s1$ , until  $n$  characters in all have been written. The `stringncpy()` returns the value of  $s1$ . The function prototype is given below:

```
char *stringncpy(char *s1, char *s2, int n);
```

A sample program template is given below to test the function:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
char *stringncpy(char *s1, char *s2, int n);
int main()
{
    char targetStr[40], sourceStr[40], *target, *p;
    int length;

    printf("Enter the string: \n");
    fgets(sourceStr, 40, stdin);
    if (p=strchr(sourceStr, '\n')) *p = '\0';
    printf("Enter the number of characters: \n");
    scanf("%d", &length);
    target = stringncpy(targetStr, sourceStr, length);
    printf("stringncpy(): %s\n", target);
    return 0;
}
char *stringncpy(char *s1, char *s2, int n)
{
    /* Write your code here */
}
```

Some sample input and output sessions are given below:

(1) Test Case 1:

Enter the string:

I am a boy.

Enter the number of characters:

7

stringncpy(): I am a

(2) Test Case 2:

Enter the string:

I am a boy.

Enter the number of characters:

21

stringncpy(): I am a boy.

(3) Test Case 3:

Enter the string:

somebody

Enter the number of characters:

7

stringncpy(): somebod

(4) Test Case 4:

Enter the string:

somebody

Enter the number of characters:

21

stringncpy(): somebody