

DASF004

Basic and Practice in Programming

Lecture 10

Character and String

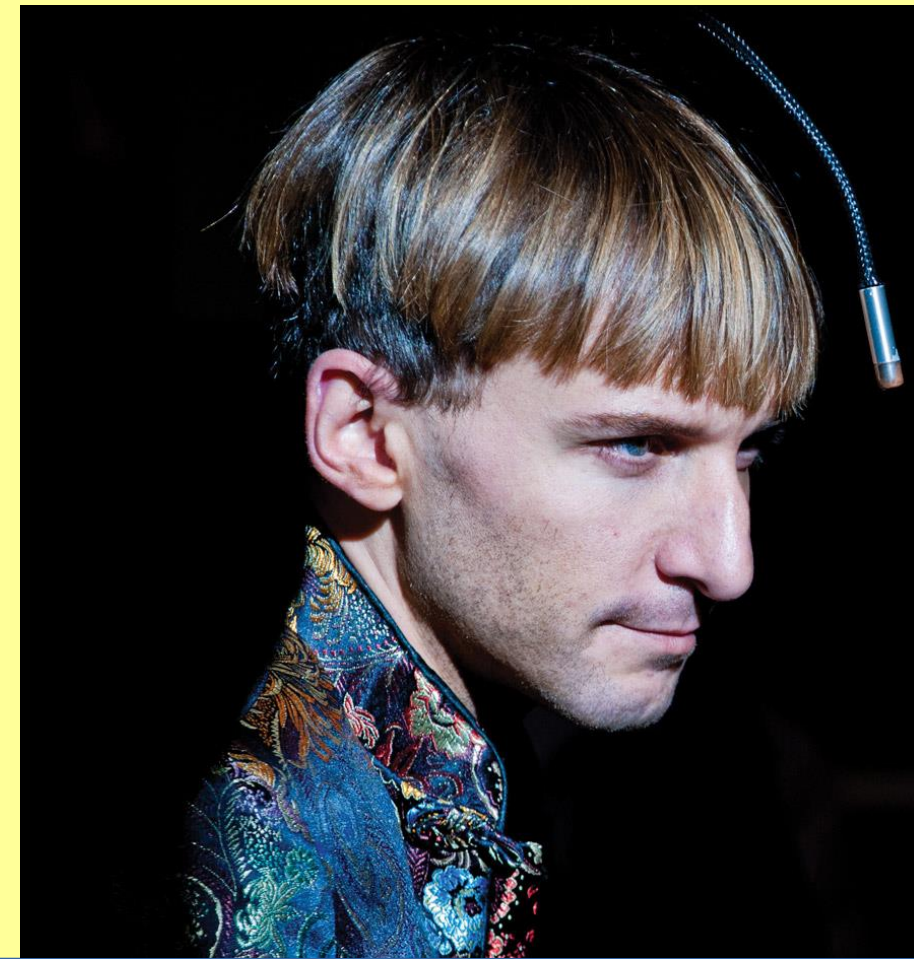
# Neil Harbisson

- First person to have an antenna implanted on a skull
- Formally being recognized by the British Government as a cyborg
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# Neil Harbisson

- Born with an extreme color blindness (achromatopsia)
  - He can only see in gray scale
- Since the age of 21 (2003), he started to “hear” color
- [https://www.ted.com/talks/neil\\_harbisson\\_i\\_listen\\_to\\_color#t-32984](https://www.ted.com/talks/neil_harbisson_i_listen_to_color#t-32984)



# Agenda

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# Character

## Character and String

- Character is a 8-bit number
  - e.g. 00101101 = 45
- The number represent characters through a mapping table
- ASCII is the most commonly used mapping table
  - e.g. 00101101 = 45 = “-” in ASCII
  - Other commonly used table include EBCDIC

# ASCII Table

<i>Left Digit(s)</i>	<i>Right Digit</i>	<i>ASCII</i>									
		<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
0		NUL	SOH	STX	ETX	EOT	ENQ	ACK	BEL	BS	HT
1		LF	VT	FF	CR	SO	SI	DLE	DC1	DC2	DC3
2		DC4	NAK	SYN	ETB	CAN	EM	SUB	ESC	FS	GS
3		RS	US	□	!	“	#	\$	%	&	'
4		(	)	*	+	,	–	.	/	0	1
5		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;
6		<	=	>	?	@	A	B	C	D	E
7		F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
8		P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
9		Z	[	\	]	^	–	`	a	b	c
10		d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
11		n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w
12		x	y	z	{		}	~	DEL		

# String

- String is an array of characters ending in the **null character** ( ' \ 0 ' ).
- A string is accessed via a *pointer* to the first character in the string.
- The value of a string is the address of its first character.
- Thus, in C, it's appropriate to say that a **string is a pointer**—in fact, a pointer to the string's first character.
- In this sense, strings are like arrays, because an array is also a pointer to its first element.
- A *character array* or a *variable of type `char *`* can be initialized with a string in a definition.

# String

The definitions

```
char color[] = "blue";  
const char *colorPtr = "blue";  
char color[] = { 'b', 'l', 'u', 'e', '\0' };
```

each initialize a variable to the string "blue".

The above three lines of code are identical

These definition creates a 5-element array `color` containing the characters `'b'`, `'l'`, `'u'`, `'e'` and `'\0'`.

When you use the quotation to initialize the array (e.g. "blue"), a `'\0'` is automatically attached as the last character of the array.

The first and second code definition automatically determines the size of the array based on the number of initializers in the initializer list.



# The `scanf()` function

`scanf()` will read characters until a space, tab, newline or end-of-file indicator is encountered.

`scanf()` will also automatically attach a `'\0'` at the end of the array.

Consider the following code segment:

```
char input[10];  
scanf("%s", input);  
printf("%s", input);
```

If user input is `"abc"`, the code segment will generate output of:

`abc`

The value of the string `input` will be `"abc\0"`.

If user input is `"abcd defg"`, the code segment will generate output of:

`abcd`

The value of the string `input` will be `"abcd\0"`.

# The `scanf()` function

You can specify how many characters `scanf()` is reading in

```
scanf("%9s", input);
```

Consider the following code segment:

```
char input[10];  
scanf("%9s", input);  
printf("%s", input);
```

If user input is “abc”, the code segment will generate output of:

abc

The value of the string `input` will be “abc\0”.

If user input is “abcdefghijkl”, the code segment will generate output of:

abcdefjhi

The value of the string `input` will be “abcdefghijkl\0”.

# The <ctype.h> library

## Prototype

## Function description

<b>int</b> isblank( <b>int</b> c );	Returns a true value if c is a <i>blank character</i> that separates words in a line of text and 0 (false) otherwise. [Note: This function is not available in Microsoft Visual C++.]
<b>int</b> isdigit( <b>int</b> c );	Returns a true value if c is a <i>digit</i> and 0 (false) otherwise.
<b>int</b> isalpha( <b>int</b> c );	Returns a true value if c is a <i>letter</i> and 0 otherwise.
<b>int</b> isalnum( <b>int</b> c );	Returns a true value if c is a <i>digit</i> or a <i>letter</i> and 0 otherwise.
<b>int</b> isxdigit( <b>int</b> c );	Returns a true value if c is a <i>hexadecimal digit character</i> and 0 otherwise. (See Appendix C for a detailed explanation of binary numbers, octal numbers, decimal numbers and hexadecimal numbers.)
<b>int</b> islower( <b>int</b> c );	Returns a true value if c is a <i>lowercase letter</i> and 0 otherwise.
<b>int</b> isupper( <b>int</b> c );	Returns a true value if c is an <i>uppercase letter</i> and 0 otherwise.
<b>int</b> tolower( <b>int</b> c );	If c is an <i>uppercase letter</i> , tolower returns c as a <i>lowercase letter</i> . Otherwise, tolower returns the argument unchanged.

# The `<ctype.h>` library

## Prototype

## Function description

<code>int toupper( int c );</code>	If <i>c</i> is a <i>lowercase letter</i> , <code>toupper</code> returns <i>c</i> as an <i>uppercase letter</i> . Otherwise, <code>toupper</code> returns the argument unchanged.
<code>int isspace( int c );</code>	Returns a true value if <i>c</i> is a <i>whitespace character</i> —newline ( <code>'\n'</code> ), space ( <code>' '</code> ), form feed ( <code>'\f'</code> ), carriage return ( <code>'\r'</code> ), horizontal tab ( <code>'\t'</code> ) or vertical tab ( <code>'\v'</code> )—and 0 otherwise.
<code>int iscntrl( int c );</code>	Returns a true value if <i>c</i> is a <i>control character</i> and 0 otherwise.
<code>int ispunct( int c );</code>	Returns a true value if <i>c</i> is a <i>printing character other than a space, a digit, or a letter</i> and returns 0 otherwise.
<code>int isprint( int c );</code>	Returns a true value if <i>c</i> is a <i>printing character including a space</i> and returns 0 otherwise.
<code>int isgraph( int c );</code>	Returns a true value if <i>c</i> is a <i>printing character other than a space</i> and returns 0 otherwise.

# `isctrl()`, `ispunct()`, `isprint()` and `isgraph()`

- Function `isctrl` determines whether a character is one of the following **control characters**: horizontal tab (`'\t'`), vertical tab (`'\v'`), form feed (`'\f'`), alert (`'\a'`), backspace (`'\b'`), carriage return (`'\r'`) or newline (`'\n'`).
- Function `ispunct` determines if a character is a **printing character** other than a space, a digit or a letter, such as `$`, `#`, `(`, `)`, `[`, `]`, `{`, `}`, `;`, `:` or `%`.
- Function `isprint` determines whether a character can be displayed on the screen (including the space character).
- Function `isgraph` is the same as `isprint`, except that the space character is not included.

# String Conversion functions

- String-conversion functions are from the general utilities library (`<stdlib.h>`).
- These functions convert strings of digits to integer and floating-point values.
- The C standard also includes `strtol` and `strtoul` for converting strings to `long long int` and `unsigned long long int`, respectively.
- Note the use of `const` to declare variable `nPtr` in the function headers (read from right to left as “`nPtr` is a pointer to a character constant”); `const` specifies that the argument value will not be modified.

Function prototype	Function description
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<code>double strtod( const char *nPtr, char **endPtr );</code>	
--	--

	Converts the string nPtr to double.
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<code>long strtol( const char *nPtr, char **endPtr, int base );</code>	
--	--

	Converts the string nPtr to long.
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<code>unsigned long strtoul( const char *nPtr, char **endPtr, int base );</code>	
--	--

	Converts the string nPtr to unsigned long.
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## 8.4.1 Function `strtod`

Function `strtod` (Fig. 8.6) converts a sequence of characters representing a floating-point value to double.

The function returns 0 if it's unable to convert any portion of its first argument to double.

The function receives two arguments—a string (`char *`) and a pointer to a string (`char **`).

The string argument contains the character sequence to be converted to double—any whitespace characters at the beginning of the string are ignored.



## 8.4.1 Function strtod (Cont.)

The function uses the `char **` argument to modify a `char *` in the calling function (`stringPtr`) so that it points to the *location of the first character after the converted portion of the string* or to the entire string if no portion can be converted.

Line 14

```
d = strtod( string, &stringPtr );
```

indicates that `d` is assigned the double value converted from `string`, and `stringPtr` is assigned the location of the first character after the converted value (51.2) in `string`.

```

1 // Fig. 8.6: fig08_06.c
2 // Using function strtod
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <stdlib.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     // initialize string pointer
9     const char *string = "51.2% are admitted"; // initialize string
10
11     double d; // variable to hold converted sequence
12     char *stringPtr; // create char pointer
13
14     d = strtod( string, &stringPtr );
15
16     printf( "The string \"%s\" is converted to the\n", string );
17     printf( "double value %.2f and the string \"%s\"\n", d, stringPtr );
18 } // end main

```

The string "51.2% are admitted" is converted to the double value 51.20 and the string "% are admitted"

**Fig. 8.6** | Using function strtod.

## 8.6 String-Manipulation Functions of the String-Handling Library

- The string-handling library (`<string.h>`) provides many useful functions for manipulating string data ([copying strings](#) and [concatenating strings](#)), [comparing strings](#), searching strings for characters and other strings, [tokenizing strings](#) (separating strings into logical pieces) and [determining the length of strings](#).
- This section presents the string-manipulation functions of the string-handling library.
- The functions are summarized in Fig. 8.17.
- Every function—except for `strncpy`—appends the *null* character to its result.

Function prototype	Function description
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<code>char *strcpy( char *s1, const char *s2 )</code>	
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<i>Copies string s2 into array s1. The value of s1 is returned.</i>
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<code>char *strncpy( char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n )</code>	
--	--

<i>Copies at most n characters of string s2 into array s1. The value of s1 is returned.</i>
---

<code>char *strcat( char *s1, const char *s2 )</code>	
---	--

<i>Appends string s2 to array s1. The first character of s2 overwrites the terminating null character of s1. The value of s1 is returned.</i>
---

<code>char *strncat( char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n )</code>	
--	--

<i>Appends at most n characters of string s2 to array s1. The first character of s2 overwrites the terminating null character of s1. The value of s1 is returned.</i>
---

## 8.6 String-Manipulation Functions of the String-Handling Library (Cont.)

- Functions `strncpy` and `strncat` specify a parameter of type `size_t`, which is a type defined by the C standard as the integral type of the value returned by operator `sizeof`.
- Function `strcpy` copies its second argument (a string) into its first argument—a character array that *you must ensure is large enough* to store the string and its terminating null character, which is also copied.

## 8.6 String-Manipulation Functions of the String-Handling Library (Cont.)

- Function `strncpy` is equivalent to `strcpy`, except that `strncpy` specifies the number of characters to be copied from the string into the array.
- *Function `strncpy` does not necessarily copy the terminating null character of its second argument.*
- *This occurs only if the number of characters to be copied is at least one more than the length of the string.*

## 8.6 String-Manipulation Functions of the String-Handling Library (Cont.)

- For example, if `"test"` is the second argument, a terminating null character is written only if the third argument to `strncpy` is at least 5 (four characters in `"test"` plus a terminating null character).
- If the third argument is larger than 5, null characters are appended to the array until the total number of characters specified by the third argument are written.

## 8.6.1 Functions `strcpy` and `strncpy`

- Figure 8.15 uses `strcpy` to copy the entire string in array `x` into array `y` and uses `strncpy` to copy the first 14 characters of array `x` into array `z`.
- A *null character* (`'\0'`) is appended to array `z`, because the call to `strncpy` in the program *does not write a terminating null character* (the third argument is less than the string length of the second argument).



```

1 // Fig. 8.15: fig08_15.c
2 // Using functions strcpy and strncpy
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5 #define SIZE1 25
6 #define SIZE2 15
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     char x[] = "Happy Birthday to You"; // initialize char array x
11     char y[ SIZE1 ]; // create char array y
12     char z[ SIZE2 ]; // create char array z
13
14     // copy contents of x into y
15     printf( "%s%s\n%s%s\n",
16         "The string in array x is: ", x,
17         "The string in array y is: ", strcpy( y, x ) );
18
19     // copy first 14 characters of x into z. Does not copy null
20     // character
21     strncpy( z, x, SIZE2 - 1 );
22
23     z[ SIZE2 - 1 ] = '\0'; // terminate string in z
24     printf( "The string in array z is: %s\n", z );
25 } // end main

```

**Fig. 8.15** | Using functions strcpy and strncpy. (Part I of 2.)

```
The string in array x is: Happy Birthday to You  
The string in array y is: Happy Birthday to You  
The string in array z is: Happy Birthday
```

**Fig. 8.15** | Using functions strcpy and strncpy. (Part 2 of 2.)

## 8.6.2 Functions `strcat` and `strncat`

- Function `strcat` appends its second argument (a string) to its first argument (a character array containing a string).
- The first character of the second argument replaces the null ( `'\0'` ) that terminates the string in the first argument.
- *You must ensure that the array used to store the first string is large enough to store the first string, the second string and the terminating null character copied from the second string.*
- Function `strncat` appends a specified number of characters from the second string to the first string.
- A terminating null character is appended to the result.
- Figure 8.16 demonstrates functions `strcat` and `strncat`.

```

1 // Fig. 8.16: fig08_16.c
2 // Using functions strcat and strncat
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     char s1[ 20 ] = "Happy "; // initialize char array s1
9     char s2[] = "New Year "; // initialize char array s2
10    char s3[ 40 ] = ""; // initialize char array s3 to empty
11
12    printf( "s1 = %s\ns2 = %s\n", s1, s2 );
13
14    // concatenate s2 to s1
15    printf( "strcat( s1, s2 ) = %s\n", strcat( s1, s2 ) );
16
17    // concatenate first 6 characters of s1 to s3. Place '\0'
18    // after last character
19    printf( "strncat( s3, s1, 6 ) = %s\n", strncat( s3, s1, 6 ) );
20
21    // concatenate s1 to s3
22    printf( "strcat( s3, s1 ) = %s\n", strcat( s3, s1 ) );
23 } // end main

```

**Fig. 8.16** | Using functions strcat and strncat. (Part I of 2.)

```
s1 = Happy  
s2 = New Year  
strcat( s1, s2 ) = Happy New Year  
strncat( s3, s1, 6 ) = Happy  
strcat( s3, s1 ) = Happy Happy New Year
```

**Fig. 8.16** | Using functions strcat and strncat. (Part 2 of 2.)

## 8.7 Comparison Functions of the String-Handling Library

- This section presents the string-handling library's `string-comparison functions`, `strcmp` and `strncmp`.
- Fig. 8.17 contains their prototypes and a brief description of each function.

Function prototype	Function description
<code>int strcmp( const char *s1, const char *s2 );</code>	<i>Compares</i> the string <code>s1</code> with the string <code>s2</code> . The function returns 0, less than 0 or greater than 0 if <code>s1</code> is equal to, less than or greater than <code>s2</code> , respectively.
<code>int strncmp( const char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n );</code>	<i>Compares up to <code>n</code> characters</i> of the string <code>s1</code> with the string <code>s2</code> . The function returns 0, less than 0 or greater than 0 if <code>s1</code> is equal to, less than or greater than <code>s2</code> , respectively.

**Fig. 8.17** | String-comparison functions of the string-handling library.

## 8.7 Comparison Functions of the String-Handling Library (Cont.)

- Figure 8.18 compares three strings using `strcmp` and `strncmp`.
- Function `strcmp` compares its first string argument with its second string argument, character by character.
- The function returns 0 if the strings are equal, a *negative value* if the first string is less than the second string and a *positive value* if the first string is greater than the second string.
- Function `strncmp` is equivalent to `strcmp`, except that `strncmp` compares up to a specified number of characters.
- Function `strncmp` does *not* compare characters following a null character in a string.
- The program prints the integer value returned by each function call.



```

1 // Fig. 8.18: fig08_18.c
2 // Using functions strcmp and strncmp
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     const char *s1 = "Happy New Year"; // initialize char pointer
9     const char *s2 = "Happy New Year"; // initialize char pointer
10    const char *s3 = "Happy Holidays"; // initialize char pointer
11
12    printf("%s%s\n%s%s\n%s%s\n\n%s%2d\n%s%2d\n%s%2d\n\n",
13        "s1 = ", s1, "s2 = ", s2, "s3 = ", s3,
14        "strcmp(s1, s2) = ", strcmp( s1, s2 ),
15        "strcmp(s1, s3) = ", strcmp( s1, s3 ),
16        "strcmp(s3, s1) = ", strcmp( s3, s1 ) );
17
18    printf("%s%2d\n%s%2d\n%s%2d\n",
19        "strncmp(s1, s3, 6) = ", strncmp( s1, s3, 6 ),
20        "strncmp(s1, s3, 7) = ", strncmp( s1, s3, 7 ),
21        "strncmp(s3, s1, 7) = ", strncmp( s3, s1, 7 ) );
22 } // end main

```

**Fig. 8.18** | Using functions strcmp and strncmp. (Part I of 2.)

```
s1 = Happy New Year  
s2 = Happy New Year  
s3 = Happy Holidays  
  
strcmp(s1, s2) = 0  
strcmp(s1, s3) = 1  
strcmp(s3, s1) = -1  
  
strncmp(s1, s3, 6) = 0  
strncmp(s1, s3, 7) = 6  
strncmp(s3, s1, 7) = -6
```

**Fig. 8.18** | Using functions strcmp and strncmp. (Part 2 of 2.)

## 8.7 Comparison Functions of the String-Handling Library (Cont.)

- To understand just what it means for one string to be “greater than” or “less than” another, consider the process of alphabetizing a series of last names.
- The reader would, no doubt, place “Jones” before “Smith,” because the first letter of “Jones” comes before the first letter of “Smith” in the alphabet.

## 8.7 Comparison Functions of the String-Handling Library (Cont.)

- But the alphabet is more than just a list of 26 letters—it's an ordered list of characters.
- Each letter occurs in a specific position within the list.
- “Z” is more than merely a letter of the alphabet; “Z” is specifically the 26<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet.
- How do the string comparison functions know that one particular letter comes before another?
- All characters are represented inside the computer as **numeric codes** in character sets such as ASCII and Unicode; when the computer compares two strings, it actually compares the numeric codes of the characters in the strings.

## 8.8 Search Functions of the String-Handling Library

- This section presents the functions of the string-handling library used to search strings for characters and other strings.
- The functions are summarized in Fig. 8.19.
- The functions `strcspn` and `strspn` return `size_t`.
- [*Note*: Function `strtok` has a more secure version described in optional Annex K of the C11 standard. We mention this in the Secure C Programming section of this chapter and in Appendix F.]

## Function prototypes and descriptions

**char** \*strchr( **const char** \*s, **int** c );

*Locates* the first occurrence of character c in string s. If c is found, a pointer to c in s is returned. Otherwise, a NULL pointer is returned.

size\_t strcspn( **const char** \*s1, **const char** \*s2 );

Determines and returns the length of the initial segment of string s1 consisting of characters *not* contained in string s2.

size\_t strspn( **const char** \*s1, **const char** \*s2 );

Determines and returns the length of the initial segment of string s1 consisting *only* of characters contained in string s2.

**char** \*strpbrk( **const char** \*s1, **const char** \*s2 );

*Locates the first occurrence* in string s1 of any character in string s2. If a character from string s2 is found, a pointer to the character in string s1 is returned. Otherwise, a NULL pointer is returned.

**Fig. 8.19** | Search functions of the string-handling library. (Part 1 of 2.)

## Function prototypes and descriptions

**char** \*strrchr( **const char** \*s, **int** c );

*Locates the last occurrence* of c in string s. If c is found, a pointer to c in string s is returned. Otherwise, a NULL pointer is returned.

**char** \*strstr( **const char** \*s1, **const char** \*s2 );

*Locates the first occurrence* in string s1 of string s2. If the string is found, a pointer to the string in s1 is returned. Otherwise, a NULL pointer is returned.

**char** \*strtok( **char** \*s1, **const char** \*s2 );

A sequence of calls to strtok breaks string s1 into *tokens*—logical pieces such as words in a line of text—separated by characters contained in string s2. The first call contains s1 as the first argument, and subsequent calls to continue tokenizing the same string contain NULL as the first argument. A pointer to the current token is returned by each call. If there are no more tokens when the function is called, NULL is returned.

**Fig. 8.19** | Search functions of the string-handling library. (Part 2 of 2.)

## 8.8.1 Function `strchr`

- Function `strchr` searches for the *first occurrence* of a character in a string.
- If the character is found, `strchr` returns a pointer to the character in the string; otherwise, `strchr` returns `NULL`.
- Figure 8.20 searches for the first occurrences of 'a' and 'z' in "This is a test".



```

1 // Fig. 8.20: fig08_20.c
2 // Using function strchr
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     const char *string = "This is a test"; // initialize char pointer
9     char character1 = 'a'; // initialize character1
10    char character2 = 'z'; // initialize character2
11
12    // if character1 was found in string
13    if ( strchr( string, character1 ) != NULL ) {
14        printf( "'%c' was found in \"%s\".\n",
15            character1, string );
16    } // end if
17    else { // if character1 was not found
18        printf( "'%c' was not found in \"%s\".\n",
19            character1, string );
20    } // end else
21

```

**Fig. 8.20** | Using function strchr. (Part I of 2.)

```
22 // if character2 was found in string
23 if ( strchr( string, character2 ) != NULL ) {
24     printf( "'%c' was found in '%s'.\n",
25         character2, string );
26 } // end if
27 else { // if character2 was not found
28     printf( "'%c' was not found in '%s'.\n",
29         character2, string );
30 } // end else
31 } // end main
```

'a' was found in "This is a test".  
'z' was not found in "This is a test".

**Fig. 8.20** | Using function strchr. (Part 2 of 2.)

## 8.8.2 Function `strcspn`

- Function `strcspn` (Fig. 8.21) determines the length of the initial part of the string in its first argument that does *not* contain any characters from the string in its second argument.
- The function returns the length of the segment.

```

1 // Fig. 8.21: fig08_21.c
2 // Using function strcspn
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     // initialize two char pointers
9     const char *string1 = "The value is 3.14159";
10    const char *string2 = "1234567890";
11
12    printf( "%s%s\n%s%s\n\n%s\n%su\n",
13           "string1 = ", string1, "string2 = ", string2,
14           "The length of the initial segment of string1",
15           "containing no characters from string2 = ",
16           strcspn( string1, string2 ) );
17 } // end main

```

```

string1 = The value is 3.14159
string2 = 1234567890

```

```

The length of the initial segment of string1
containing no characters from string2 = 13

```

**Fig. 8.21** | Using function strcspn.

## 8.8.3 Function `strpbrk`

Function `strpbrk` searches its first string argument for the *first occurrence* of any character in its second string argument.

If a character from the second argument is found, `strpbrk` returns a pointer to the character in the first argument; otherwise, `strpbrk` returns `NULL`.

Figure 8.22 shows a program that locates the first occurrence in `string1` of any character from `string2`.

```

1 // Fig. 8.22: fig08_22.c
2 // Using function strpbrk
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     const char *string1 = "This is a test"; // initialize char pointer
9     const char *string2 = "beware"; // initialize char pointer
10
11     printf( "%s\\\"%s\\\"\\n'%c'%s\\n\\\"%s\\\"\\n",
12            "Of the characters in ", string2,
13            *strpbrk( string1, string2 ),
14            " appears earliest in ", string1 );
15 } // end main

```

Of the characters in "beware"  
'a' appears earliest in  
"This is a test"

**Fig. 8.22** | Using function strpbrk.

## 8.8.4 Function `strrchr`

- Function `strrchr` searches for the *last occurrence* of the specified character in a string.
- If the character is found, `strrchr` returns a pointer to the character in the string; otherwise, `strrchr` returns `NULL`.
- Figure 8.23 shows a program that searches for the last occurrence of the character 'z' in the string "A zoo has many animals including zebras."

```

1 // Fig. 8.23: fig08_23.c
2 // Using function strrchr
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     // initialize char pointer
9     const char *string1 = "A zoo has many animals including zebras";
10
11     int c = 'z'; // character to search for
12
13     printf( "%s\n%s'%c'%s\"%s\""\n",
14            "The remainder of string1 beginning with the",
15            "last occurrence of character ", c,
16            " is: ", strrchr( string1, c ) );
17 } // end main

```

The remainder of string1 beginning with the  
last occurrence of character 'z' is: "zebras"

**Fig. 8.23** | Using function strrchr.



## 8.8.5 Function `strspn`

- Function `strspn` (Fig. 8.24) determines the length of the *initial part* of the string in its first argument that contains only characters from the string in its second argument.
- The function returns the length of the segment.

```

1 // Fig. 8.24: fig08_24.c
2 // Using function strspn
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     // initialize two char pointers
9     const char *string1 = "The value is 3.14159";
10    const char *string2 = "aehi lStuv";
11
12    printf( "%s%s\n%s%s\n\n%s\n%su\n",
13           "string1 = ", string1, "string2 = ", string2,
14           "The length of the initial segment of string1",
15           "containing only characters from string2 = ",
16           strspn( string1, string2 ) );
17 } // end main

```

```

string1 = The value is 3.14159
string2 = aehi lStuv

```

```

The length of the initial segment of string1
containing only characters from string2 = 13

```

**Fig. 8.24** | Using function strspn.

## 8.8.6 Function `strstr`

- Function `strstr` searches for the *first occurrence* of its second string argument in its first string argument.
- If the second string is found in the first string, a pointer to the location of the string in the first argument is returned.
- Figure 8.25 uses `strstr` to find the string "def" in the string "abcdefabcdef".

```

1 // Fig. 8.25: fig08_25.c
2 // Using function strstr
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     const char *string1 = "abcdefabcdef"; // string to search
9     const char *string2 = "def"; // string to search for
10
11     printf( "%s%s\n%s%s\n\n%s\n%s\n",
12         "string1 = ", string1, "string2 = ", string2,
13         "The remainder of string1 beginning with the",
14         "first occurrence of string2 is: ",
15         strstr( string1, string2 ) );
16 } // end main

```

```

string1 = abcdefabcdef
string2 = def

```

```

The remainder of string1 beginning with the
first occurrence of string2 is: defabcdef

```

**Fig. 8.25** | Using function strstr.

## 8.8.7 Function strtok

- Function `strtok` (Fig. 8.26) is used to break a string into a series of **tokens**.
- A token is a sequence of characters separated by **delimiters** (usually *spaces* or *punctuation marks*, but a delimiter can be *any character*).
- For example, in a line of text, each word can be considered a token, and the spaces and punctuation separating the words can be considered delimiters.

```

1 // Fig. 8.26: fig08_26.c
2 // Using function strtok
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main( void )
7 {
8     // initialize array string
9     char string[] = "This is a sentence with 7 tokens";
10    char *tokenPtr; // create char pointer
11
12    printf( "%s\n%s\n\n%s\n",
13           "The string to be tokenized is:", string,
14           "The tokens are:" );
15
16    tokenPtr = strtok( string, " " ); // begin tokenizing sentence
17
18    // continue tokenizing sentence until tokenPtr becomes NULL
19    while ( tokenPtr != NULL ) {
20        printf( "%s\n", tokenPtr );
21        tokenPtr = strtok( NULL, " " ); // get next token
22    } // end while
23 } // end main

```

**Fig. 8.26** | Using function strtok. (Part I of 2.)

```
The string to be tokenized is:  
This is a sentence with 7 tokens
```

```
The tokens are:  
This  
is  
a  
sentence  
with  
7  
tokens
```

**Fig. 8.26** | Using function strtok. (Part 2 of 2.)

## 8.8.7 Function strtok (Cont.)

- Multiple calls to `strtok` are required to tokenize a string—i.e., break it into tokens (assuming that the string contains more than one token).
- The first call to `strtok` contains two arguments: a string to be tokenized, and a string containing characters that separate the tokens.
- In line 16, the statement
  - `// begin tokenizing sentence`  
`tokenPtr = strtok( string, " " );`assigns `tokenPtr` a pointer to the first token in `string`.



## 8.8.7 Function strtok (Cont.)

- The second argument, " ", indicates that tokens are separated by spaces.
- Function `strtok` searches for the first character in `string` that's not a delimiting character (space).
- This begins the first token.
- The function then finds the next delimiting character in the string and *replaces it with a null ( '\0' ) character* to terminate the current token.
- Function `strtok` saves a pointer to the next character following the token in `string` and returns a pointer to the current token.

## 8.8.7 Function strtok (Cont.)

- Subsequent `strtok` calls in line 21 continue tokenizing `string`.
- These calls contain *NULL as their first argument*.
- The `NULL` argument indicates that the call to `strtok` should continue tokenizing from the location in `string` saved by the last call to `strtok`.
- If no tokens remain when `strtok` is called, `strtok` returns `NULL`.

## 8.8.7 Function strtok (Cont.)

- You can change the delimiter string in each new call to `strtok`.
- Figure 8.26 uses `strtok` to tokenize the string "This is a sentence with 7 tokens".
- Each token is printed separately.
- Function `strtok` *modifies the input string* by placing '`\0`' at the end of each token; therefore, a *copy* of the string should be made if the string will be used again in the program after the calls to `strtok`.

# Q&A?

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