

S11_2

STRINGS and STRING HANDLING FUNCTIONS



Objectives

To learn and appreciate the following concepts

- String
- String Handling Functions
- Programs using strings



Session outcome

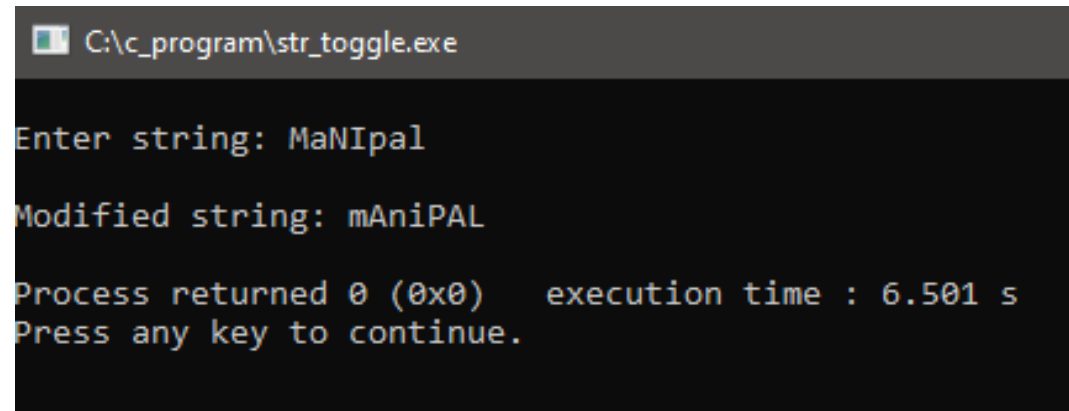
At the end of session student will be able to

- Understand string and String Handling Functions
- Write programs using strings

Input a string and toggle the case of every character in the input string.

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{char string[100];
int i;
printf("\nEnter string: ");
gets(string);
for(i=0;string[i]!='\0';i++)
{
if(string[i]>='A'&&string[i]<='Z')
string[i]+=32;
else if(string[i]>='a'&&string[i]<='z')
string[i]-=32;
}
```

```
printf("\nModified string: ");
puts(string);
return 0;
}
```

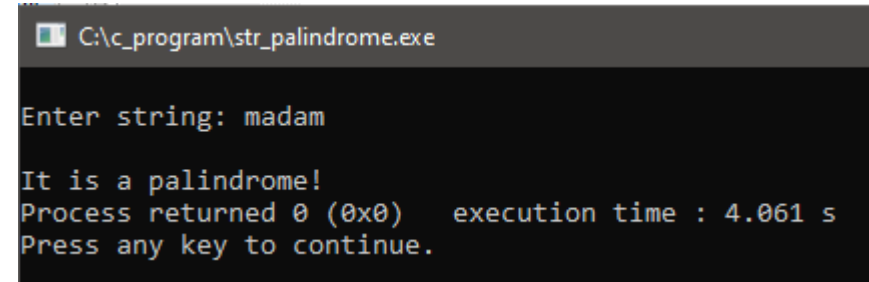


Check whether the given string is a palindrome or not.

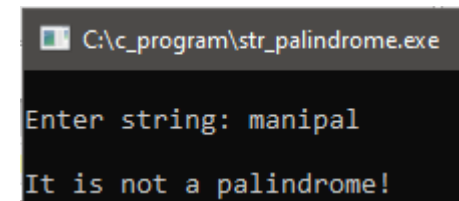
```
#include<stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char string[100];
    int i,n=0,flag=0;
    printf("\nEnter string: ");
    gets(string);
    for(i=0;string[i]!='\0';i++)
        n++;
```

```
    for(i=0;i<n/2;i++)
    {
        if(string[i]!=string[n-1-i])
        {
            flag=1;
            break;
        }
    }
    if(flag==0)
        printf("\nIt is a palindrome!");
    else
        printf("\nIt is not a palindrome!");
    return 0;
}
```



```
C:\c_program\str_palindrome.exe
Enter string: madam
It is a palindrome!
Process returned 0 (0x0)   execution time : 4.061 s
Press any key to continue.
```



```
C:\c_program\str_palindrome.exe
Enter string: manipal
It is not a palindrome!
```

Library functions: String Handling functions (built-in)

- Used to manipulate a given string.
- These functions are part of **string.h** header file.
 - **strlen ()**
 - ✓ gives the length of the string. E.g. `strlen(string)`
 - **strcpy ()**
 - ✓ copies one string to other. E.g. `strcpy(Dstr1, Sstr2)`
 - **strcmp ()**
 - ✓ compares the two strings. E.g. `strcmp(str1, str2)`
 - **strcat ()**
 - ✓ Concatenate the two strings. E.g. `strcat(str1, str2)`

Library function: `strlen()`

- String length can be obtained by using the following function

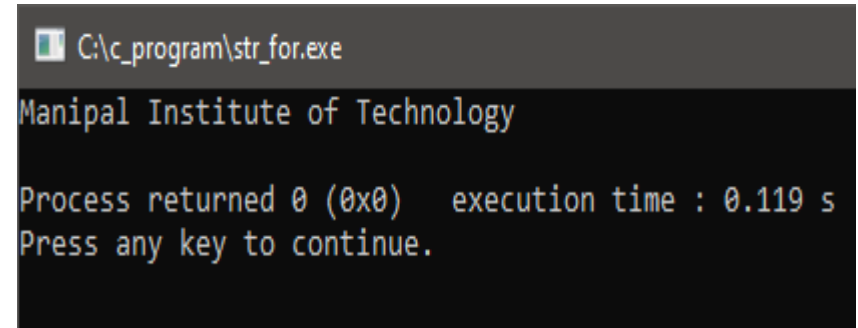
`n=strlen(string);`

- This function counts and returns the number of characters in a string, where n is an integer variable which receives the value of the length of the string.
- The argument may be a string constant.
Eg: `printf("%d",strlen("Manipal"));` prints out 7.

Copies a string using a for loop

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[ ] = "Manipal Institute of Technology";
    const int MAX = 80;           //size of str2 buffer
    char str2[MAX]; //empty string
    int j;
    for(j=0 ; j<strlen(str1); j++) //copy strlen characters
        str2[j] = str1[j];        // from str1 to str2
    str2[j] = '\0';               //insert NULL at end
    printf("%s\n",str2);          //display str2
    return 0;
}
```

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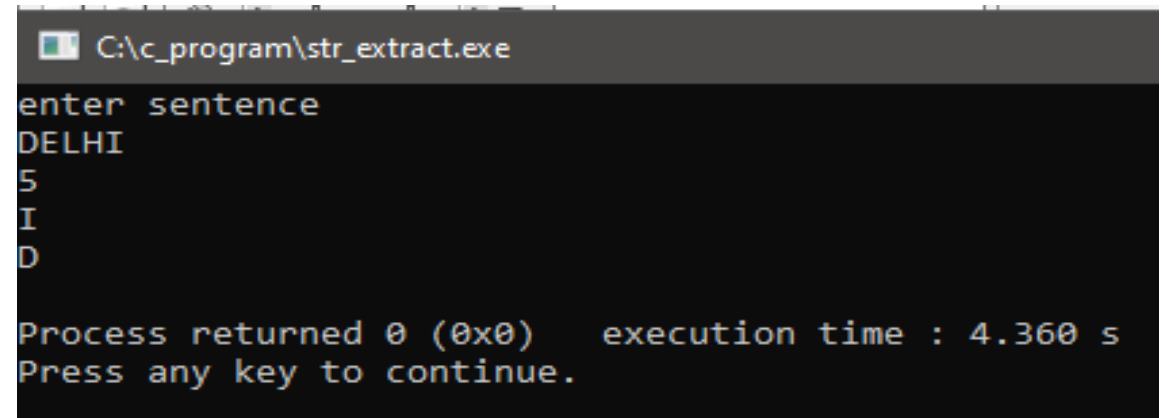
```
C:\c_program\str_for.exe
Manipal Institute of Technology
Process returned 0 (0x0)   execution time : 0.119 s
Press any key to continue.
```


Extracting a character from a string

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    const int MAX = 100;
    char sent[MAX];
    int len;
    printf("enter sentence \n");
    gets(sent);
    len=strlen(sent);
    printf("%d\n",len);
    printf("%c\n",sent[len-1]);
    printf("%c\n",sent[0]); }
```

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sent[0] sent[1] sent[2] sent[3] sent[4]

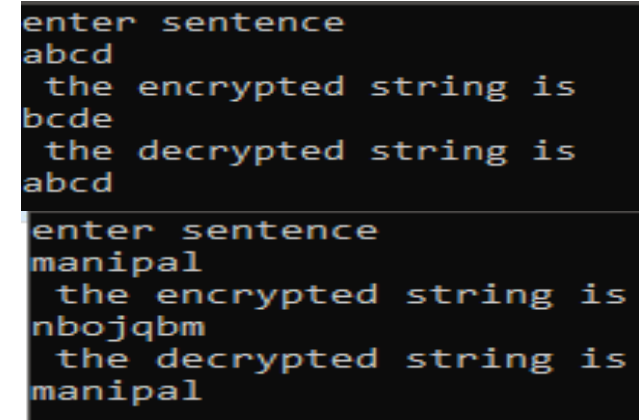


```
C:\c_program\str_extract.exe
enter sentence
DELHI
5
I
D
Process returned 0 (0x0)   execution time : 4.360 s
Press any key to continue.
```

To encrypt and decrypt a string

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    const int MAX = 100;
    char sent[MAX];
    int len,i;
    printf("enter sentence \n");
    gets(sent);
    for(i=0;sent[i]!='\0';i++)
        sent[i]=sent[i]+1;
```

```
printf(" the encrypted string is \n");
puts(sent);
for(i=0;sent[i]!='\0';i++)
    sent[i]=sent[i]-1;
printf(" the decrypted string is \n");
puts(sent);}
```



```
enter sentence
abcd
 the encrypted string is
bcde
 the decrypted string is
abcd

enter sentence
manipal
 the encrypted string is
nbojqbm
 the decrypted string is
manipal
```

Library function: `strcpy()`

Copying a String the EASY WAY using

`strcpy(destination, source)`

- The `strcpy` function works almost like a string assignment operator and assigns the contents of `source` to `destination`.
- ✓ `destination` may be a character array variable or a string constant.

e.g., `strcpy(city, "DELHI");`

will assign the string "DELHI" to the string variable `city`.

- ✓ Similarly, the statement `strcpy(city1, city2);`

will assign the contents of the string variable `city2` to the string variable `city1`.

The size of the array `city1` should be large enough to receive the contents of `city2`.

strcpy(): Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include<string.h>

int main() {

    char str1[ ] = "Tiger, tiger, burning bright\n"

        "In the forests of the night";

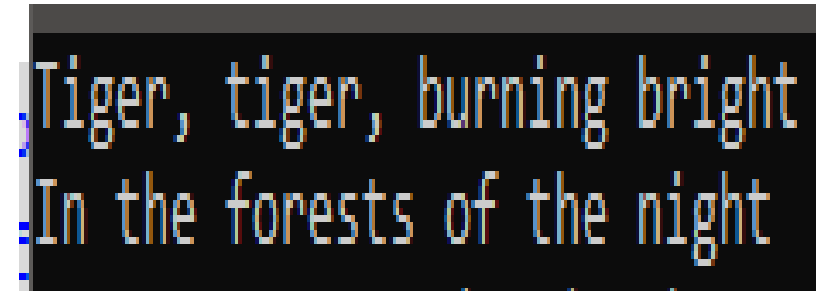
    const int MAX = 80; //size of str2 buffer

    char str2[MAX]; //empty string

    strcpy(str2, str1); //copy str1 to str2

    printf("%s",str2);//display str2

}
```

A screenshot of a terminal window showing the output of the C program. The text "Tiger, tiger, burning bright" is on the first line, and "In the forests of the night" is on the second line, with a blank line following. The text is displayed in a monospaced font with a light blue/cyan color on a dark background.

```
Tiger, tiger, burning bright
In the forests of the night
```



Summary

- Strings and String Handling Functions
- Programs using strings