

# Characters and Strings (Cont.)

# Character Handling Library `stdio.h`

## Prototypes and Function Descriptions

```
int getchar(void);
```

Inputs the next character from the std input and returns it as an integer.

```
char *fgets(char *s, int n, FILE *stream);
```

Inputs characters from the stream into array s until a newline or end-of-file character is encountered. If a newline character is encountered it is included in the strings and stored in s. \0 is appended at the end of the array.

```
int putchar(int c);
```

Prints character stored in c and returns it as an integer.

## Prototypes and Function Descriptions

```
int putchar(const char *s);
```

Prints the string *s* followed by a newline character. Returns a nonzero if successful, or EOF if an error occurs.

```
int sprintf(char *s, char char *format, ...);
```

Equivalent to `printf`, except the output is stored in the array *s* instead of printed on the screen. Returns the number of characters written to *s*, or EOF if an error occurs.

```
int sscanf(char *s, char char *format, ...);
```

Equivalent to `scanf`, except the input is read from the array *s* rather than from the keyboard. Returns the number of items successfully read by the function, or EOF if an error occurs.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SIZE 80
int main() {
    int x1, x2;
    double y1, y2;
    puts("Enter an integer and a double:");
    scanf("%d%lf", &x1, &y1);
    char s1[SIZE];
    sprintf(s1, "Integer:%6d\nDouble:%7.2f", x1, y1);
    printf("String: %s\nInteger: %d\nDouble: %f\n",
        s1, x1, y1);

    char s2[] = "31324 76.375";
    sscanf(s2, "%d%lf", &x2, &y2);
    printf("String: %s\nInteger: %d\nDouble: %f",
        s2, x2, y2);

    return 0;
}
```

# Character Handling Library `string.h`

## Prototype and Function Description

```
char *strcpy(char *s1, const char *s2);
```

Copy string s2 into array s1 and returns s1.

```
char *strncpy(char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n);
```

Copy n characters of string s2 into array s1 and returns s1.

```
char *strcat(char *s1, const char *s2);
```

Appends string s2 to array s1. First character of s2 overwrites `\0` of s1, returns s1.

```
char *strncat(char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n);
```

Appends n characters of string s2 to array s1. First character of s2 overwrites `\0` of s1. The value of s1 is returned.

## strcpy and strncpy

- Function `strncpy` is equivalent to `strcpy`, except that `strncpy` specifies the number of characters to be copied.
- First argument array must be large enough to store the second string and its terminating `'\0'`.
- Function `strncpy` does not necessarily copy the terminating `'\0'` of its second argument.
- Function `strncpy` causes a missing terminating `'\0'` for first argument when `n` is  $<$  or  $=$  length of second argument
- A terminating `'\0'` must be appended to array after the call to `strncpy` in the program does not.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define SIZE1 25
#define SIZE2 15
int main() {
    char a[] = "Happy Birthday to You";
    char b[SIZE1];
    char c[SIZE2];

    strcpy(b, a);
    strncpy(c, a, SIZE2-1);
    c[SIZE2 -1] = '\\0';

    return 0;
}
```

## strcat and strncat

- Function `strncat` is equivalent to `strcat`, except that `strncat` specifies the number of characters to be appended.
- First argument array must be large enough to store the second string and its terminating `'\0'`.
- First character of the second argument replaces the terminating `'\0'` of the first argument.
- A terminating `'\0'` is appended to the result.

```
char s1[20] = "Happy";  
char s2[] = " New Year";  
char s3[40] = "";  
  
strcat(s1, s2);  
strncat(s3, s1, 6);
```



## Prototype and Function Description

```
int strcmp(const char *s1, const char *s2);
```

Compares the string s1 with the string s2. Returns 0 if s1 is equal, < 0 if s1 is less than or >0 if s2 is greater than.

```
int strncmp(const char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n);
```

Compares up to the n characters of the string s1 with the string s2. Returns 0 if s1 is equal, < 0 if s1 is less than or >0 if s2 is greater than.

## strcmp and strncmp

- Compares first and second string character by character.
- Alphabetical order plays into comparisons
- All characters are represented as numeric codes in character sets such as ASCII and Unicode

```
const char *s1 = "Happy New Year";  
const char *s2 = "Happy New Year";  
const char *s3 = "Happy Holidays";
```

```
strcmp(s1, s2);  
strcmp(s1, s3);  
strcmp(s3, s1);
```

```
strncmp(s1, s3, 6);  
strncmp(s1, s3, 7);  
strncmp(s3, s1, 7);
```

## Prototypes and Function 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.

## Prototypes and Function 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 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.

```
const char *string1 = "This is a test apple";
const char *string2 = "The value is 3.14159";
const char *string3 = "1234567890";
const char *string4 = "aehi lsTuv";
const char *string5 = "beware";
const char *string6 = "456";
char letter1 = 'a';
char letter2 = 'z';

if (strchr(string1, letter1)) { printf("Found\n"); }
else { printf("Not Found\n"); }

if (strchr(string1, letter2)) { printf("Found\n"); }
else { printf("Not Found\n"); }

printf("Length (#) of string1 having none of strings3
characters = %u\n", strcspn(string2, string3));

printf("Length (#) of string2 containing only strings4
characters = %u\n", strspn(string2, string4));
```

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const char *string6 = "456";
char letter1 = 'a';
char letter2 = 'z';
```

```
printf("First appearing character of string5  
in string1 = %c\n", strpbrk(string1, string5));
```

```
printf("Remainder of string1 starting with the  
last occurrence of character is \"%s\"\n",  
strrchr(string1, letter1));
```

```
printf("Remainder of string3 with the first occurrence  
of string6 \"%s\"\n", strstr(string3, string6));
```

**Questions?**