

C - STRING FUNCTIONS

CONCATENATION

- `strcat(char *s1, char *s2)`
 - appends copy of `s2` to end of `s1`
 - `s1` must have enough space (or else ...)
- `strncat(char *s1, char *s2, size_t n)`
 - safer -- will not append more than `n` characters, then adds terminating char

COPYING

- `strcpy(char *dest, char *src)`
 - copies `src` into `dest`
 - copies terminating `'\0'` as well
 - make sure `dest` has enough space
- `strncpy(char *dest, char *src, size_t len)`
 - copy at most `len` chars from `src` into `dest`
 - `src` less than `len`, fills with `'\0'`
 - otherwise, does not add `'\0'`

LENGTH

- `strlen(char *s)`
 - returns number of characters preceding '`\0`'
 - the string needs to be null terminated
- `strnlen(char *s, size_t maxlen)`
 - returns either result of `strlen()` or `maxlen`, whatever is smaller

COMPARING

- `int strcmp(char *s1, char *s2)`
 - returns positive integer if $s1 > s2$
 - returns 0 if $s1 == s2$
 - returns negative integer if $s1 < s2$
- `int strncmp(char *s1, char *s2, size_t n)`
 - same, but only compares up to n characters
 - any characters after a '`\0`' not compared

SEARCHING/INDEX OF

- `char* strchr(char *s, int c)`
 - returns pointer to first occurrence of `c` in `s`
 - returns `NULL` if not found
- `char* strrchr(char *s, int c)`
 - returns pointer to last occurrence of `c` in `s`
 - returns `NULL` if not found

SEARCHING/INDEX OF (CONT.)

- `char* strstr(char *haystack, char *needle)`
 - finds first occurrence of substring `needle` in `haystack`
 - does not compare `'\0'`
 - returns pointer to beginning of substring in `haystack`
 - returns `NULL` if not found