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Strings

In C, strings are essentially arrays of characters that end with a null character ('\0'). This null character indicates the end of the string

Declaring Strings

Using a Character Array:

```
char str[20]; // Can hold a string of up to 19 characters + 1 for '\0'  
char str[] = "Hello"; // Implicitly null-terminated
```

```
Char str[20]={“AMIT”}
```



'\0'=It Represents string end
It is non printable character

```
char str[6] = {'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0'};
```

```
Char a[10];  
a="AMIT" not allowed in c
```

Methods to Take String Input

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
    char str[100]; // Declare a string with enough space  
    printf("Enter a string: ");  
    scanf("%s", str); // Reads input until a space or newline  
    printf("You entered: %s\n", str);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Limitation: Cannot read strings with spaces (e.g., "Hello World" will only store "Hello").

2. Using gets (Not Recommended)

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
    char str[100];  
    printf("Enter a string: ");  
    gets(str); // Not safe! Avoid using  
it.  
    printf("You entered: %s\n", str);  
    return 0;  
}
```

gets reads an entire line of input, including spaces, but it is **not safe** because it doesn't check for buffer overflow.

Warning: Avoid using gets in modern C programs. It has been removed in C11.

3. Using fgets (Recommended)

fgets is the safest way to take string input in C as it prevents buffer overflows.

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
    char str[100];  
    printf("Enter a string: ");  
    fgets(str, sizeof(str), stdin); // Reads up to sizeof(str) - 1 characters  
    printf("You entered: %s", str);  
    return 0;  
}
```


String Predefined function

In C, predefined string functions are available in the **<string.h>** library. These functions are commonly used for string manipulation.

- **strlen()** - Get the length of a string.
- **strcpy()** - Copy one string to another.
- **strcat()** - Concatenate (append) one string to another.
- **strcmp()** - Compare two strings.

1. Finding Length of a String

```
graph TD; A[1. Finding Length of a String] --> B[Without using strlen()]; A --> C[Using strlen()];
```

Without using strlen()

Using strlen()

Index:	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
Value:	<u>'H'</u>	<u>'e'</u>	<u>'l'</u>	<u>'l'</u>	<u>'o'</u>	'\0'
Counter:	1	2	3	4	5	(Stop at '\0')

```
...  
#include<stdio.h>  
#include<string.h>  
int main(){  
    char a[10]="ashish";  
  
    int l=strlen(a);  
    printf("%d",l);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
//output:6
```

```
...  
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main(){  
    char a[10]={"ashish"};  
    int i;  
    for( i=0;a[i]!='\0';i++){  
        |  
    }  
    printf("%d",i);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

2. Copying a String

```
graph TD; A[2. Copying a String] --> B[Without using strcpy()]; A --> C[Using strcpy()];
```

Without using strcpy()

Using strcpy()

Index:	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
Source:	'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'\0'
Dest:	'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'\0'

```
...  
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main(){  
    char a[10]="ashish";  
    char z[15];  
    strcpy(z,a);  
    printf("%s\n",z);  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
// Output: ashish
```

3. Concatenating Strings

```
graph TD; A[3. Concatenating Strings] --> B[Without using strcat()]; A --> C[Using strcat()];
```

Without using strcat()

Using strcat()

Before: ['H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0', '_', '_', '_', '_']
(Destination Array)

After: ['H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', 'W', 'o', 'r', 'l', 'd', '\0']
(Appended 'World' after '\0')

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
int main(){
    char a[10]={"ashish"};
    char z[15]={"hello"};
    strcat(z,a);
    printf("%s\n",z);
    return 0;
}
```


4. Comparing Strings

```
graph TD; A[4. Comparing Strings] --> B[Without using strcmp()]; A --> C[Using strcmp()];
```

Without using strcmp()

Using strcmp()

Index:	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
String1:	'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'
String2:	'W'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'
Result:	'H'	!=	'W'	(Stop at mismatch)	

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
int main(){
    char a[10]="ashish";
    char z[15]="hello";

    int x=strcmp(a,z);

    if(x==0){
        printf("strings are equal\n");
    }
    else{
        printf("strings are not equal\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Reverse String

'a'	'b'	'h'	'i'	's'	'h'	'e'	'k'	'\0'
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	------

Input: abhishek

Output: kehsihba

```
void main() {
```

```
char a[10];
```

```
printf("Enter a string: ");
```

```
scanf("%s", a);
```

```
int t;
```

```
// Swapping elements
```

```
t = a[0];
```

```
a[0] = a[7];
```

```
a[7] = t;
```

```
t = a[1];
```

```
a[1] = a[6];
```

```
a[6] = t;
```

```
t = a[2];
```

```
a[2] = a[5];
```

```
a[5] = t;
```

```
t = a[3];
```

```
a[3] = a[4];
```

```
a[4] = t;
```

```
printf("Reversed string is: %s", a);
```

```
getch();
```

```
}
```

'a'	'b'	'h'	'i'	's'	'h'	'e'	'k'	'\0'
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	------

0

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8



t

```
len = strlen(a);
```

```
for (i = 0; i < len / 2; i++) {
```

```
    t = a[i];
```

```
    a[i] = a[len - i - 1];
```

```
    a[len - i - 1] = t;
```

```
}
```

'a'	'b'	'h'	'i'	's'	'h'	'e'	'k'	'\0'
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	------

0

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

Palindrome

Example 1:

Input: madam

String: m a d a m

Index: 0 1 2 3 4

Step-by-Step Comparisons:

1. Compare $a[0]$ (m) with $a[4]$ (m) → Match

2. Compare $a[1]$ (a) with $a[3]$ (a) → Match

3. Compare $a[2]$ (d) with $a[2]$ (d) → Match

Result: All characters match → Palindrome

Example 2: Input: hello

String: h e l l o

Index: 0 1 2 3 4

Step-by-Step Comparisons:

1. Compare a[0] (h) with a[4] (o) → **Mismatch**

Result: Mismatch found → **Not a Palindrome**



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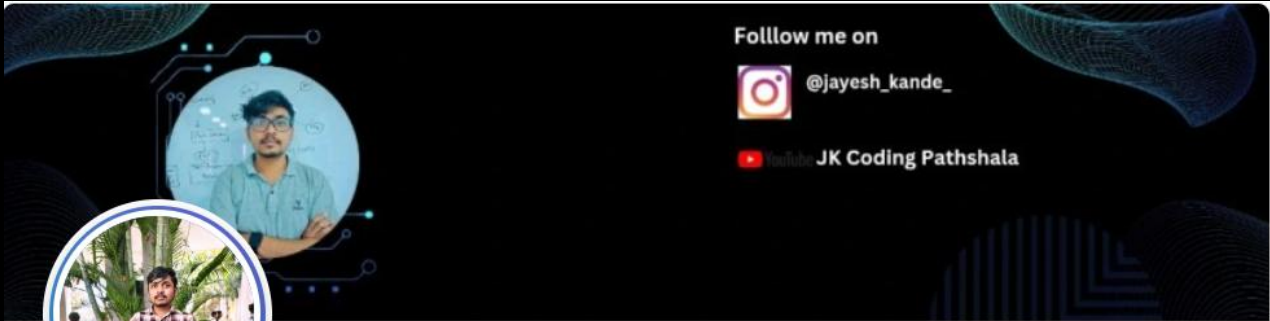
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