

# Strings



A character array terminated by a '\0' (null character)

null character denotes string termination

## EXAMPLE

```
char name[] = {'S', 'H', 'R', 'A', 'D', 'H', 'A', '\0'};
```

```
char class[] = {'A', 'P', 'N', 'A', ' ', 'C', 'O', 'L', 'L', 'E', 'G', 'E', '\0'};
```

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## Initialising Strings

```
char name[] = {'S', 'H', 'R', 'A', 'D', 'H', 'A', '\0'};
```

```
char name[] = "SHRADHA";
```

```
char class[] = {'A', 'P', 'N', 'A', ' ', 'C', 'O', 'L', 'L', 'E', 'G', 'E', '\0'};
```

```
char class[] = "APNA COLLEGE";
```

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## What Happens in Memory?

```
char name[] = {'S', 'H', 'R', 'A', 'D', 'H', 'A', '\0'};
```

```
char name[] = "SHRADHA";
```

name

S	H	R	A	D	H	A	\0
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007

## String Format Specifier

↓  
"%s"

```
char name[ ] = "Shradha";  
printf("%s", name);
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## IMPORTANT

scanf( ) **cannot** input multi-word strings with spaces

Here,  
gets( ) & puts( ) come into picture



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## String Functions

**gets(str)** → Dangerous & Outdated

input a string  
(even multiword)

**puts(str)**

output a string

**fgets( str, n, file)**

stops when n-1  
chars input or new  
line is entered

## String using Pointers

```
char *str = "Hello World";
```

Store string in memory & the assigned address is stored in the char pointer 'str'

```
char *str = "Hello World"; //can be reinitialized
```

```
char str[] = "Hello World";
```

```
//cannot be reinitialized
```

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## Standard Library Functions

↓  
<string.h>

### 1 strlen(str)

count number of characters excluding '\0'

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### 2 strcpy(newStr, oldStr)

copies value of old string to new string

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## 3 **strcat**(firstStr, secStr)

concatenates first string with second string

firstStr should be large  
enough

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## 4 **strcmp**(firstStr, secStr)

Compares 2 strings & returns a value

0 -> string equal

positive -> first > second (ASCII)

negative -> first < second (ASCII)