

Practice Problems for PE09

For PE09, you'll complete one problem with pointers and C-Style strings. Here are some additional programming problems you can use for practice.



1 THE MYSTRCHR FUNCTION

Write the function `myStrChr()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `char c`. Return a pointer to the first appearance of `c` appearing inside `s` and `nullptr` if `c` does not appear inside `s`.

```
const char * s = "Aardvark";  
myStrChr(s, 'a')->&s[1]  
myStrChr(s, 'V')->nullptr
```

2 THE FINDFIRST FUNCTION

Write the function `findFirst()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s1` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `const char * s2`. Return a pointer to the first appearance of `s2` appearing inside `s1` and `nullptr` (0) if `s2` does not appear inside `s`.

```
const char * s = "Aardvark";  
findFirst(s, "dv")->&s[3]  
findFirst(s, "arki")->nullptr
```

3 THE FINDLAST FUNCTION

Write the function `findLast()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s1` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `const char * s2`. Return a pointer to the last appearance of `s2` appearing inside `s1` and `nullptr` (0) if `s2` does not appear inside `s`.

```
const char * s = "Aardvark";
findLast(s, "ar")->&s[5]    // "ark"
findLast(s, "K")->nullptr
```

4 THE FINDANY FUNCTION

Write the function `findAny()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `const char * letters`. Return the index of the first character in `s` that matches any letter inside `letters`. Return -1 if no letters match.

```
const char * s = "This is a test.";
findAny(s, "aeiou")->2    // any vowel
findAny(s, " \t\n\r")->4  // any whitespace
findAny(s, "Bob")->-1     // None found
```

5 THE NUMCHR FUNCTION

Write the function `numChr()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `char c`. Return the number of times that `c` appears inside `s`.

```
const char * s = "abracadabra";
numChar(s, 'a')->7
numChar(s, 'A')->0
```

6 THE NUMSTR FUNCTION

Write the function `numStr()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s1` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `const char * s2`. Return the number of times that `s2` appears inside `s1`.

```
const char * s = "abracadabra";
numStr(s, "a")->7
numStr(s, "bara")->2
numStr(s, "cad")->1
```

7 THE RFindAny FUNCTION

Write the function `rFindAny()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `const char * letters`. Return the index of the last character in `s` that matches any letter inside `letters`. Return `-1` if no letters match.

```
const char * s = "This is a test.";
rFindAny(s, "aeiou")->11      // last vowel
rFindAny(s, " \t\n\r")->9     // last whitespace
rFindAny(s, "Bob")->-1        // None found
```

8 THE MYStrrChr FUNCTION

Write the function `myStrrChr()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * s` pointing to the first character in a C-style string, and a `char, c`. Return a pointer to the last appearance of `c` appearing inside `s` and `nullptr (0)` if `c` does not appear inside `s`.

```
const char * s = "Aardvark";
myStrrChr(s, 'a')->&s[5]
myStrrChr(s, 'V')->nullptr
```

9 THE MYStrNCpy FUNCTION

Write the function `myStrNCpy()`. The function has three parameters: a `char * dest`, a `const char * src`, and an `int max`, which represents the maximum size of the destination buffer. Copy the characters in `src` to `dest`, but don't copy more than `max-1` characters. Make sure you correctly terminate the copied string. The function returns a pointer to the first character in `dest`.

10 THE MYStrNCat FUNCTION

Write the function `myStrNCat()`. The function has three parameters: a `char * s1`, a `const char * s2`, and an `size_t max`, which represents the maximum size of the `s1` buffer. Append the characters in `s2` to the end of `s1`. Make sure you have only one `'\0'` at the end of the combined characters. Don't go beyond the end of the buffer you are asked to copy to. The function returns a pointer to the first character in `s1`.

11 THE REPLACE PROBLEM

Write the function `replace()`. The function has three parameters: a `char * s`, a `char c1` and a `char c2`. Replace all instances of `c1` with `c2`. Return a pointer to the first character in `s`.

12 THE cSUBSTR FUNCTION

Write the function `cSubstr()`. Given 2 pointers, `begin` and `end`, which point to the elements in a C-String, copy the characters between the pointers to the destination buffer. However make sure you don't exceed the capacity of the buffer. Make sure you null terminate the destination. Return a pointer to the destination buffer. Use ONLY pointers, and addresses, not integer counters.

13 THE cSTRFIND FUNCTION

Write the function `cStrFind()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * str`, and a `const char * subs`. Find the first location where `subs` is found in `str` (as an `int`). Return `-1` if `subs` is not located in `str`. You may use pointer or array notation, but you cannot use any functions or classes from the standard library.

14 THE cSTRRFIND FUNCTION

Write the function `cStrRFind()`. The function has two parameters: a `const char * str`, and a `const char * subs`. Find the last location where `subs` is found in `str` (as an `int`). Return `-1` if `subs` is not located in `str`. You may use pointer or array notation, but you cannot use any functions or classes from the standard library.