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concat.s

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/**
 * concat - concatenates two strings
 * @param x0: pointer to the first string
 * @param x1: pointer to the second string
 * @return x0: pointer to the concatenated string (allocated using malloc)
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 * This function concatenates the second string at the end of the first string
 * and returns the combined string. The function allocates memory for the new
 * concatenated string using malloc, which needs to be freed by the caller.
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 * Registers used: x0, x1, x2, x3, w3
 * Registers saved: x19-x30, lr
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.text
.global concat
concat:
    // allocate memory for new string
    stp lr, x0, [sp, #-16]!    // PUSH return address and str0
    str x1, [sp, #-16]!        // PUSH str1
    bl length                  // get length of str0 in x0
    mov x1, x0                 // move str0.length to x1
    ldr x0, [sp], #16          // POP str1
    ldp x0, x1, [sp, #-16]!    // PUSH str1 and str0.length to stack
    bl length                  // get length of str1 in x0
    ldp x1, x2, [sp], #16      // POP str1 and str0.length from stack
    add x0, x0, x2             // add string lengths together
    add x0, x0, #1             // add 1 for null terminator
    str x1, [sp, #-16]!        // PUSH str1
    bl malloc                  // allocate memory for new string
    ldr x2, [sp], #16          // POP str1
    ldp lr, x1, [sp], #16      // POP return address and str0
    stp lr, x0, [sp, #-16]!    // PUSH new string for return
    // write str0 to new string
str0_concat:
    ldrb w3, [x1], #1          // load character of str0 and inc ptr
    cmp w3, #0                 // if current char == null terminator
    b.eq str1_concat           // start writing str1, we are done with str0
    // else, if we are not at end of str0
    strb w3, [x0], #1          // store character of str0 to new string and i
nc ptr
    b str0_concat              // continue loop
    // write str1 to new string
str1_concat:
    ldrb w3, [x2], #1          // load character of str1 and inc ptr
    cmp w3, #0                 // if current char == null terminator
    b.eq end_concat           // end function, we have added both
    // else, if we are not at end of str1
    strb w3, [x0], #1          // store character of str1 to new string and i
nc ptr
    b str1_concat              // continue loop
end_concat:
    ldp lr, x0, [sp], #16      // POP new string address
    ret                        // return to calling function

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