

C static code analysis: Appropriate size arguments should be passed to "strncat" and "strncpy"

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Size argument of `strncat`, `strlcat` and `strncpy` should define the size of the destination to prevent buffer overflow.

Moreover, `strncat` always adds a terminating null character at the end of the appended characters so the size argument should be smaller than the size of the destination to let enough space for it.

Noncompliant Code Example

```
void f(char* src) {
    char dest[10];
    strncpy(dest, src, sizeof(src)); // Noncompliant; size argument is
    the size of the source instead of the size of the destination

    strncat(dest, src, sizeof(src)); // Noncompliant; size of the source
    instead of the size of the destination
    strncat(dest, src, sizeof(dest)); // Noncompliant; size argument is
    too large
}
```

Compliant Solution

```
void f(char* src) {
    char dest[10];
    strncat(dest, src, sizeof(dest) - 1); // Compliant
}
```