To implement the function \_print\_rev\_recursion(char \*s) that prints a string in reverse using recursion, follow these steps:

- 1 If the current character (\*s) is not the null terminator (' $\0$ '), recursively call the function with the next character (s + 1).
- 2 After returning from the recursive call (which means the end of the string has been reached), print the current character.

Here's the implementation:

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

void _print_rev_recursion(char *s)
{
    if (*s)
    {
        _print_rev_recursion(s + 1);
        putchar(*s);
    }
}
```

Given the provided main function in 1-main.c, when you compile and run the program, it should print "reklaW notloC\n", which is "Colton Walker\n" in reverse.

main.h would need an appropriate function declaration:

```
void _print_rev_recursion(char *s);
```

After creating these files, you can compile with:

```
gcc -Wall -Wextra -Werror -pedantic 1-main.c -o output
```

And then run with:

```
./output
```

It should display the reversed string.

breakdown

Certainly! Let's break down the code and its logic:

# 1. The Function Prototype:

```
void _print_rev_recursion(char *s);
```

This line declares a function named \_print\_rev\_recursion that has a return type of void (meaning it doesn't return any value). The function takes a single argument - a pointer to a character, char \*s, which typically represents a string in C.

# 2. Function Logic:

```
void _print_rev_recursion(char *s)
{
    if (*s)
    {
        _print_rev_recursion(s + 1);
        putchar(*s);
    }
}
```

Here's a step-by-step explanation:

- if (\*s): This checks if the current character the pointer s is pointing to (represented by \*s) is not the null terminator ('\0'). In C, strings end with a null terminator, so this condition ensures we're still within the string.
- \_print\_rev\_recursion(s + 1);: If we're not at the end of the string, we make a recursive call to \_print\_rev\_recursion with the next character in the string (s + 1).
   This line is the core of the recursion. The function will keep calling itself, moving one character ahead each time, until it reaches the end of the string.
- putchar(\*s);: After the recursive call, we print the current character. This is crucial.
   Since printing only happens after the recursive call, it effectively prints from the end of the string backwards to the beginning.

### 3. Main function:

```
int main(void)
{
    _print_rev_recursion("\nColton Walker");
    return (0);
}
```

- This is the entry point of the program.
- Inside main, the function \_print\_rev\_recursion is called with the string argument "\nColton Walker".
- The \n at the beginning is a newline character. When the string is reversed, this
  newline character will appear at the end of the output.

### **Output:**

Given the recursive printing approach, the function will print the string in reverse, yielding the output: reklaw notloC followed by a newline.

### Summary:

The recursion dives deep into the string until the end is reached, then on its way back (unwinding the recursion), it prints each character. This effectively results in the string being printed in reverse order.

Absolutely! Let's break it down step by step.

# Objective

We want to print a string in reverse using recursion.

### The Plan

- Traverse to the end of the string recursively.
- Print characters while backtracking from the end.

Now, let's get into the details:

#### 1. Initial Function Call

When you run the main program, it calls the function \_print\_rev\_recursion with the string argument "\nColton Walker".

### 2. Recursive Function \_print\_rev\_recursion

```
void _print_rev_recursion(char *s)
{
    if (*s)
    {
        _print_rev_recursion(s + 1);
        putchar(*s);
    }
}
```

### Step 2.1: Base Condition

```
if (*s)
```

This checks if the current character pointed by s (which is \*s) is not the null terminator ('\0'). Remember, in C, strings end with a null terminator. If we've reached the null terminator, the function simply returns without doing anything, which is the base case for this recursion.

#### Step 2.2: Dive Deeper

```
_print_rev_recursion(s + 1);
```

If we're not at the end of the string, we dive deeper (go to the next character in the string) with a recursive call. The function calls itself, but this time with the address of the next character

### Step 2.3: Print While Backtracking

```
putchar(*s);
```

After the recursive call, this line executes. This is the magic behind printing the string in reverse. Since the printing only happens **after** the recursive call, the characters are printed during the "return phase" of the recursion. This means it starts printing from the end of the string, effectively reversing it.

# Walkthrough with the provided string:

- 1 The initial call is made with the string "\nColton Walker".
- 2 The pointer s initially points to \n.
- 3 Since  $\n$  is not the null terminator, the function calls itself with  $\n$  + 1 which points to "C".
- This pattern continues until s points to the null terminator after the last character "r".
- 5 At this point, the base condition triggers, and we start backtracking.
- 6 The last character "r" is printed first.
- 7 The function returns to the previous state (when s was pointing to "e"), and now "e" is printed.
- This backtracking continues, printing "k", "a", "W", " ", "n", "o", "t", "1", "o", "C", and finally, \n.

9 Once we've backtracked all the way to the initial call, the function is done, and the main program concludes.

#### Result:

The console displays reklaw notloC with a newline at the end.

Alright, let's focus specifically on the role of putchar and the sequence in which it is executed in the function to help clarify things.

### How putchar works:

The function putchar is a standard C function used to print a single character to the console. When you use putchar(\*s);, you're asking the program to print the character currently pointed to by s.

# The sequence in our recursive function:

The crux of the entire recursive function lies in the sequence of these two lines:

```
_print_rev_recursion(s + 1);
putchar(*s);
```

To understand why the string gets printed in reverse, we need to understand how these two lines interact during the recursive calls.

- 1 The first line is a recursive call that says, "Before you print anything, go to the next character." It keeps moving forward in the string.
- 2 The second line (with putchar) only gets executed once the end of the string is reached and the recursion starts "unwinding" or "returning."

Here's a simplified step-by-step breakdown:

- 1 Call \_print\_rev\_recursion with the string "ABC".
- 2 "A" is checked. It's not the end, so the function calls itself with "BC".
- 3 "B" is checked. It's not the end, so the function calls itself with "C".
- 4 "C" is checked. It's not the end, so the function calls itself with an empty string (after "C").
- 5 Now, the pointer s is at the end of the string ('\0'). The recursion stops going deeper because of the if (\*s) condition.

Now, as we return from each recursive call:

- First, "C" is printed because it's the last character checked before hitting the end of the string. (Returning from the 3rd call)
- Next, "B" is printed as the function returns from the 2nd call.
- Finally, "A" is printed as the function returns from the initial call.

### Why it works this way:

This is the essence of recursion: you defer an action (in this case, printing) until you've finished all the deeper recursive calls. Only when you've reached the deepest point (end of

the string in this scenario) and start returning back through the chain of recursive calls do you actually execute the deferred actions in the reverse order of how you deferred them.

I hope this helps clarify the role and sequence of  ${\tt putchar}$  in the function. If any step is still unclear, please let me know!

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