Ch.12 Characters and Strings

What you will learn in this chapter



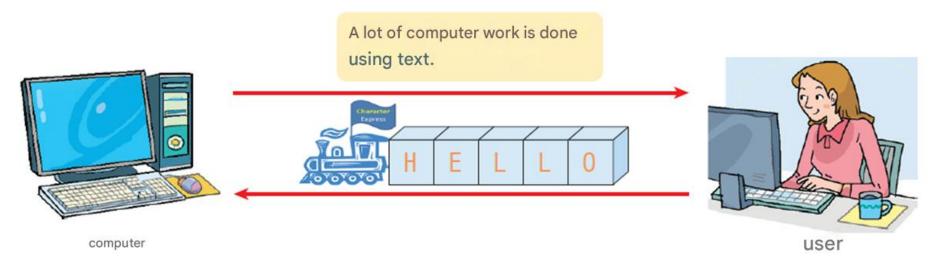
- How to express characters
- How to represent strings
- •What is a string?
- Input/output of strings
- Character processing library functions
- •Standard Input/Output Library Functions

Since humans use characters to express information, strings occupy an important position in programs. In this chapter, we will take a closer look at string handling methods in C.

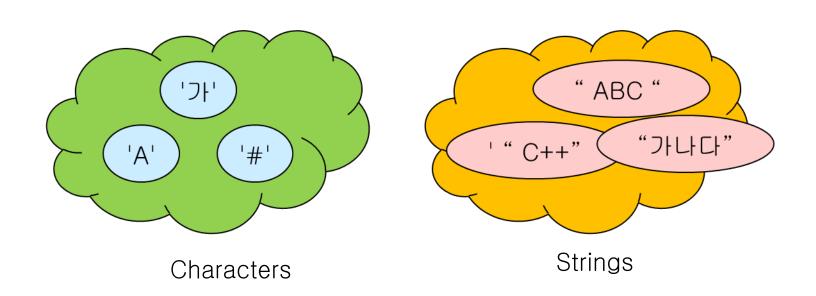


The importance of letters

• Text is of utmost importance to humans .



Characters and strings

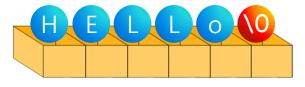


How to represent strings

- string: A collection of several characters
 - "A "
 - "Hello World!"
 - " The value of variable score is %d "
- String variable
 - A variable that can store a mutable string.
 - Where is a good place to save it?



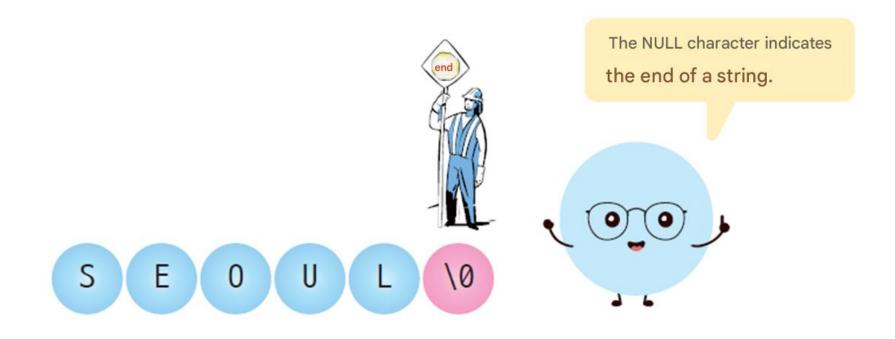
One character is stored in a char type variable.



Strings are stored as char type arrays

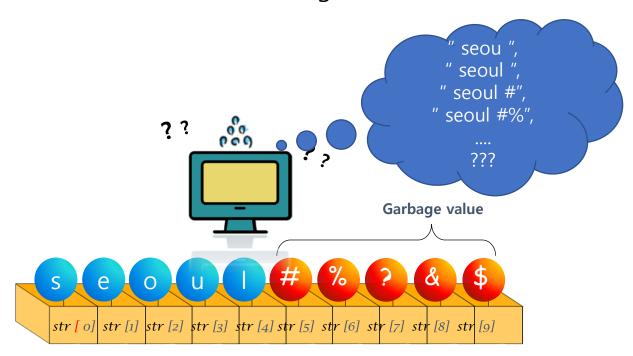
NULL character

• NULL character: Indicates the end of a string.



Why do we need to mark the end of a string?

Since we don't know where the string ends, we need to mark it .



Example #1

```
#include < stdio.h >
                                        Let's print out the characters in the character array one
                                         by one. When printing a string stored in a character arr
int main( void )
                                         ay, you can use %s, but here, in order to experience th
                                         e basic method of string processing, we print out the ch
     int i;
                                         aracters in the character array one by one on the screen
                                         and stop the repetition when a NULL character is
     char str [4];
                                         encountered.
     str [0] = 'a';
     str [1] = 'b';
     str [2] = 'c';
     str [3] = '\0';
                                                                abc
     i = 0;
     while ( str [ i ] != '\0' ) {
         printf ( "%c" , str [ i ]);
         j ++;
     return 0;
```

reference

Note

Let's take a quick C language quiz here. C language code

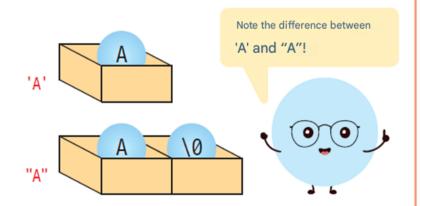
Let's think about the difference between A, 'A', and "A".

A: The compiler considers A as the name of a variable.

'A': Represents the letter A.

"A": Represents a string consisting only of the letter A. This is different from

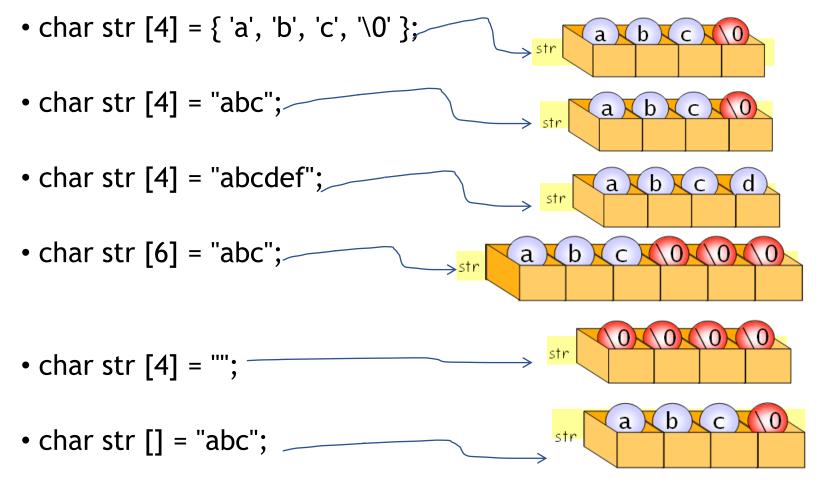
'A'.



The thing to note here is the difference between 'A' and "A". 'A' represents a single character and is the same as the ASCII code for the character A.

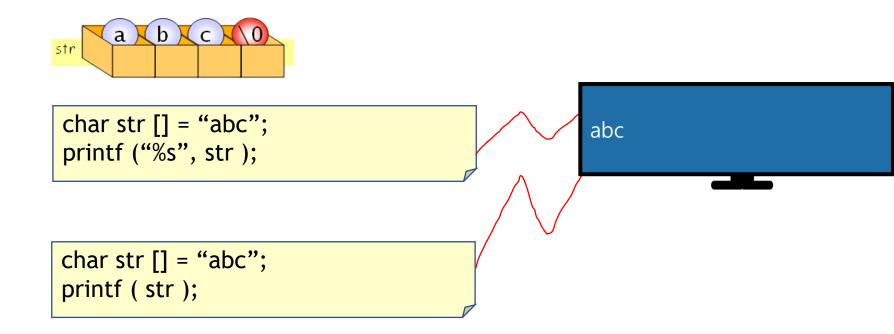
A. "A" is a string, and the NULL character is added to the ASCII code of A to indicate the end of the string.

Initializing a character array



char str[]; Error > The compiler doesn't know how much memory to allocate.

Output of string



Example #2

```
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
   char str1[6] = "Seoul" ;
   char str2[3] = { ' i ' , 's' , '\0' };
                                                           Seoul is the capital city of Korea.
   char str3[] = "the capital city of Korea.";
   printf ( "%s %s %s\n" , str1, str2, str3);
   return 0;
                                                        str1
              str1 [ 0] str1 [1] str1 [2] str1 [3] str1 [4] str1
                                                        str2
                                                                                  str3
```

str3 [] str3 [] str3 [] str3 [] str3 [] str3 [] str3 [] str3 [] str3 [

Example #3

```
#include < stdio.h >
int main(void)
      char src [] = "Action speaks louder than words";
      char dst [100];
      int i;
      printf ("Original string =%s\n", src);
      for (i = 0; src[i] != '\0'; i++)
dst [i] = src[i];
                                                         NULL and '₩0' are the same.
      dst[i] = '\setminus 0';
      printf ("Copied string =%s\n", dst);
      return 0;
```

Original string =Action speaks louder than words Copied string =Action speaks louder than words

Example of calculating string length

```
// Program to find the length of a string
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
      char str [30] = "C language is easy";
      int i = 0;
      while ( str [ i ] != 0)
          j ++;
      printf ( " The length of the string \"%s\" is %d .\n" , str , i );
      return 0;
```

String "C language is The length of "easy" is 18.

How to change the character array

1. The first method is to individually assign the desired character to each array element. This is a surefire way, but very inconvenient.

```
char str[10]="Hello";
str[0] = 'W';
str[1] = 'o';
str[2] = 'r';
str[3] = 'l';
str[4] = 'd';
str[5] = '\0';
```

2. You can copy a string to a character array using the library function strcpy ().

```
char str[10]="Hello";
strcpy (str, "World");
```

Wrong way

3. The following method, which seems to be the most convenient, cannot be used. Please be careful.

```
char str[10] = "Hello";
str = "World"; // Grammatical error !
```

As we learned in arrays, the name of an array is a pointer constant that points to the array. It cannot be changed.



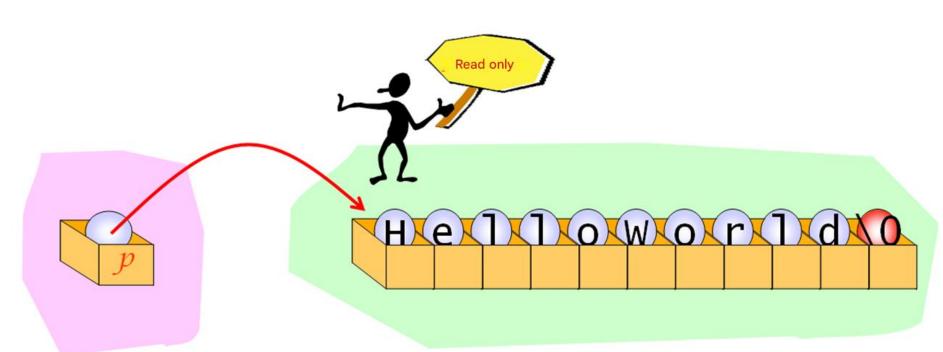
- String constant: Strings included in the program source code such as "HelloWorld".
- String Constants are stored in text segment among the memory areas.

char *p = " HelloWorld ";

What exactly does the above sentence mean?



char *p = " HelloWorld ";

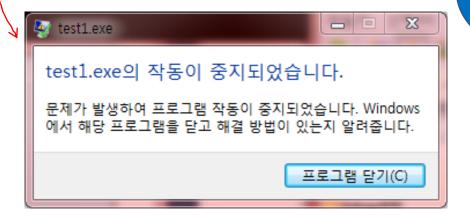


Data segment (memory area where values can be changed)

Text segment (only read values) memory area that cannot be changed)

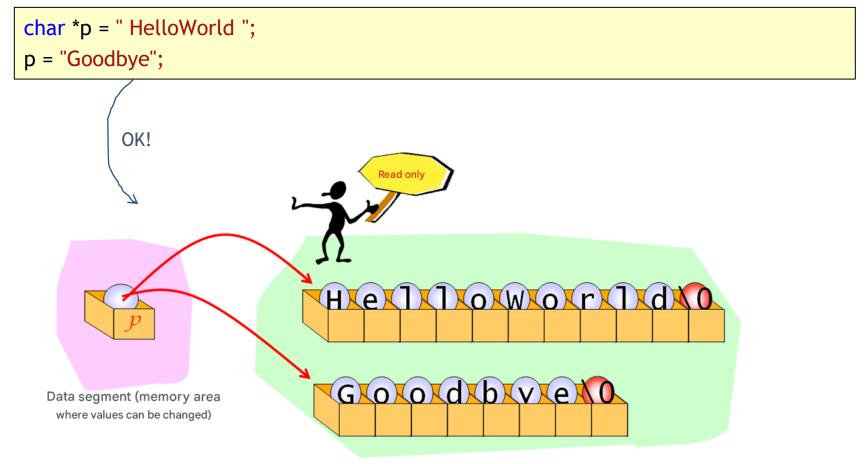
```
char *p = "HelloWorld";
strcpy (p, "Goodbye");
```

An error occurs when trying to store c haracters in a text segment via p .



Text segments cannot be changed.





Text segment (memory area where values can only be read but not changed)

Example

```
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
{
  char * p = "HelloWorld" ;
  printf ( "%s \n" , p);
  p = "Welcome to C World!"; // possible
  printf ( "%s \n" , p);
  p = "Goodbye"; // possible
  printf ( "%s \n" , p);
  // p[0] = 'a'; // An error occurs .
  return 0;
```

HelloWorld Welcome to C World! Goodbye

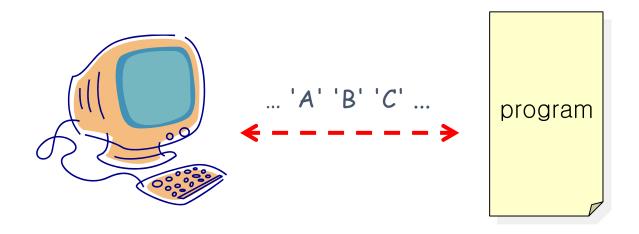
Check points

- 1. How are strings defined in C?
- 2. What is the role of the NULL character in a string?
- 3. What is the ASCII code value of the NULL character?
- 4. What happens if I print a string that doesn't end with a NULL character?
- 5. Explain the difference between B, 'B', and "B".
- 6. Where are mutable strings stored?
- 7. Why is the size of the character array one larger than the size of the string?
- 8. How to initialize a character array to a string.

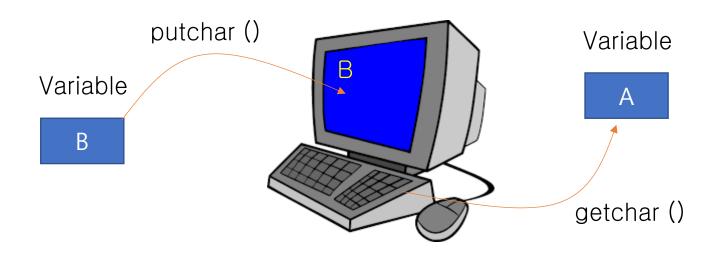


Character input/output library

Input/output functions	explanation
int getchar(void)	Reads and returns a single character.
void putchar(int c)	Prints the character stored in variable c.
int _getch(void)	Reads and returns a single character (without using a buffer).
<pre>void _putch(int c)</pre>	Prints the character stored in variable c (without using a buffer).
scanf("%c", &c)	Read one character and store it in variable c.
<pre>printf("%c", c);</pre>	Prints the character stored in variable c.



getchar (), putchar ()



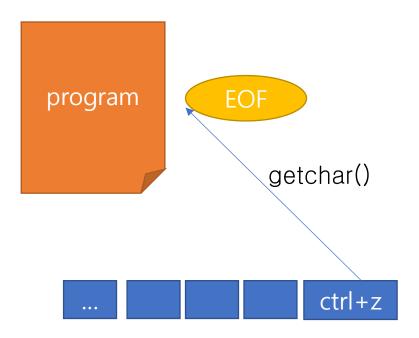
getchar(), putchar()

```
// Usage of
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
{
    int ch; // Note the use of integers
    while ( ( ch = getchar ()) != EOF )
        putchar ( ch );
    return 0;
}
Character indicating
End Of File,
EOF is an integer -1.
```

```
a
a
b
b
^Z
```

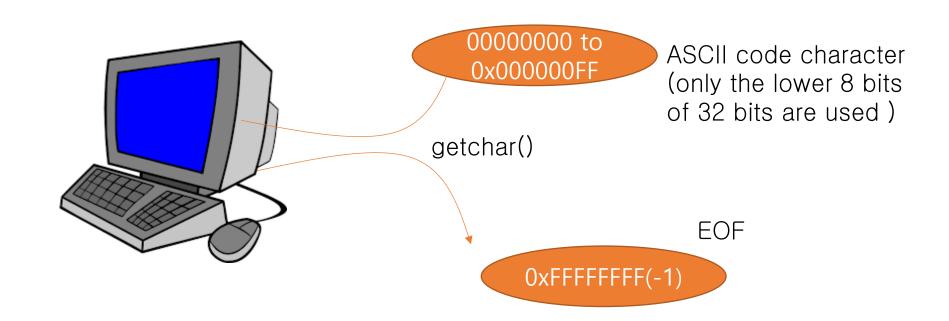
EOF

• EOF(End Of File): A special symbol indicating the end of input.



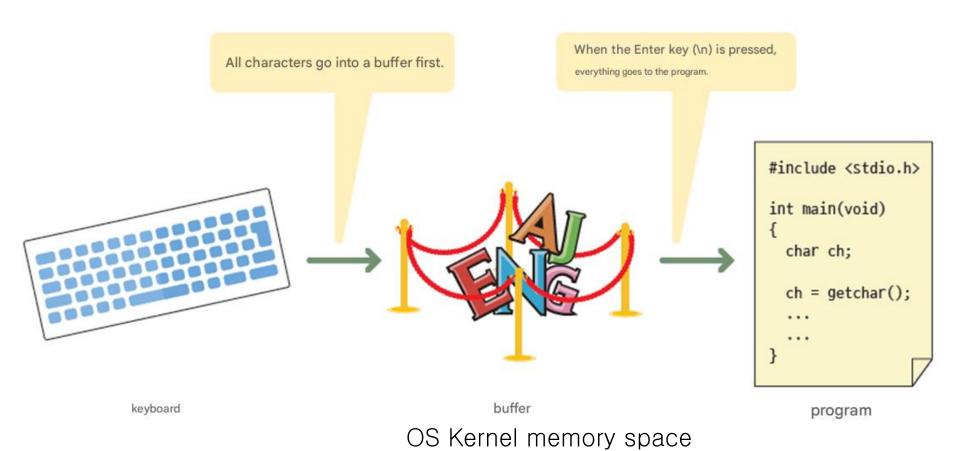
The return value of getchar() Why it's an integer

- The return type of getchar() is "int" to distinguish the ASCII code from EOF.
- If you use a 32 -bit int type, you can clearly distinguish between the ASCII code (0x000000000 to 0x000000FF) and EOF (0xFFFFFFFF), which is a 32- bit int type -1. (It's impossible to do with 8 bits).



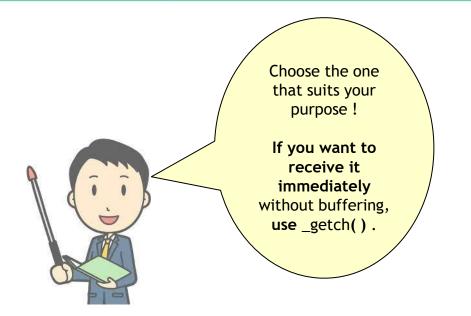
Buffering

press Enter to get input?



_getch (), _getche (), getchar ()

	header file	Whether to use buffer	Eco or not	Responsiveness	Whether to modify text
getchar()	<stdio.h></stdio.h>	used (Entered by pressing Enter)	echo	line unit	possible
_getch()	<conio.h></conio.h>	Not used	Does not echo	character unit	impossibility
_getche()	<conio.h></conio.h>	Not used	echo	character unit	impossibility



_ getch(), _ putch()

Useful for editing programs!

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < conio.h >

int main( void )
{
    int ch;
    while (( ch = _ getch ()) != 'q' )
        _ putch( ch );
    return 0;
}
```

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String input/output library functions

Windows

Input/output functions	explanation
int scanf("%s", s)	Read a string and store it in a character array
int printf("%s", s)	Prints the string stored in array s[].
<pre>char * gets_s(char *s, int size)</pre>	Read a line of string and store it in the character array s[].
int puts(const char *s)	Prints a single line of string stored in array s[].



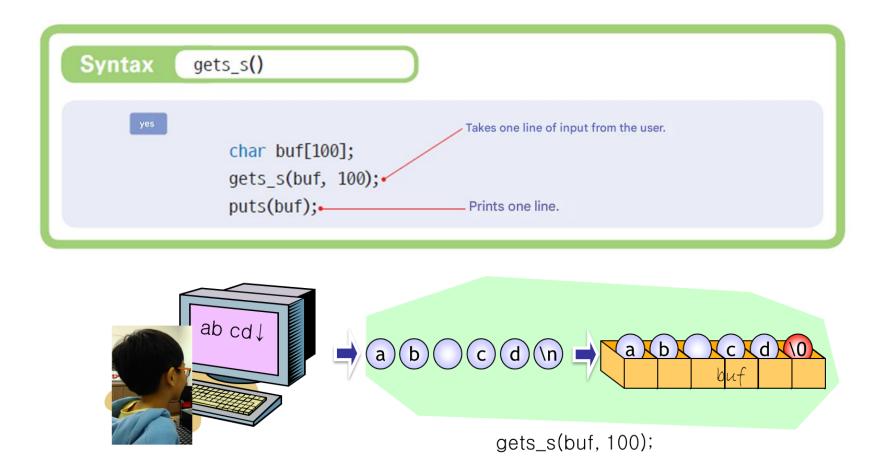
Example

```
#include < stdio.h >
int main(void)
{
     char name[100];
     char address[100];
     printf ("Enter your name:");
     scanf ("%s", name);
     printf ("Enter your current address:");
     scanf ("%s", address);
     printf ("Hello, Mr. % s who lives in %s.\n", address, name);
     return 0;
```

The address is not fully saved.

```
Enter your name: Hong Gil-dong
Enter your current address: 1 Jongno -gu, Seoul
Hello. I am Hong Gil-dong living in Seoul.
```

gets_s () and puts() string input/output



Example

```
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
     char name[100];
                                                                       Used when entering
     char address[100];
                                                                       more than one word
     printf ( "Enter your name : " );
     gets_s (name, sizeof (name));
     printf ( "Enter your current address : " );
     gets_s (address, sizeof (address));
     printf ("Hello, Mr. % s who lives in %s.\n", address, name);
     return 0;
```

```
Enter your name: Hong Gil-dong
Enter your current address: 1 Jongno-gu, Seoul
Hello? I am Hong Gil-dong, living at 1 Jongno-gu, Seoul.
```

Character processing library functions

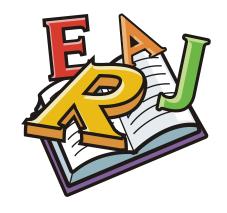
Check or convert characters.

Function	explanation
isalpha (c)	Is c an English letter ? (az, AZ)
isupper (c)	Is c uppercase ? (AZ)
islower(c)	c lowercase ? (az)
isdigit (c)	Is c a number ? (0-9)
isalnum(c)	c a letter or a number ? (az, AZ, 0-9)
isxdigit(c)	Is c a hexadecimal number ? (0-9, AF, af)
isspace(c)	Is c a space character ? (' ', '\n', '\t', '\v', '\r')
ispunct(c)	Is c a punctuation character?
isprint(c)	C a printable character ?
iscntrl(c)	Is c a control character ?
isascii(c)	c an ascii code ?

Character processing library functions

Check or convert characters.

Function	explanation
toupper(c)	c to uppercase .
tolower(c)	c to lowercase .
toascii(c)	c to ASCII code .



```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < ctype.h >
int main( void )
{
                                               Check if it is lowercase
     int c;
                                                          Convert to uppercase
     while ((c = getchar ()) != EOF)
           islower (c)
            c = toupper (c);
        putchar (c);
     return 0;
```

```
abcdef
ABCDEF
^Z
```

Lab: Words century

 Let's write a program that counts the number of words in a string. If the string is "the c book...", the output will be as follows:

Number of words: 3

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < ctype.h >

int count_word ( char * s );
int main( void )
{
   int wc = count_word ( "the c book..." );
   printf ( " Number of words : %d \n" , wc );
   return 0;
}
```

```
int count_word ( char * s )
{
   int i, wc = 0, waiting = 1;
   for (i = 0; s [i]!= NULL; ++ i) // Examine each letter of
      if ( isalpha ( s [ i ])) // If the letter of
           if (waiting) // If you are waiting for a word
              wc ++; // increment the counter
              waiting = 0; // Processing words
        else // if it is not an alphabet
            waiting = 1; // Wait for a word.
  return wc;
```

Lab: Check valid password

 A valid password must be at least 7 characters long, contain at least one lowercase letter, at least one uppercase letter, and at least one number.

Enter your password: abc1234

The password is not valid.

Solution

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < string.h >
#include < ctype.h >
int main( void )
     int lower_case_count = 0; // Number of lowercase letters
     int upper_case_count = 0; // Number of uppercase letters
     int digit_count = 0; // number of digits
     char pass[100];
     int len;
     printf ( " Enter your password : " );
     gets_s (pass, sizeof (pass));
```

Solution

```
len = strlen (pass); // length of the string
     if (len < 7) {
          printf (" Not a valid password .\n");
          exit(1);
     for (int i = 0; i < len; i ++) {
          if ( islower (pass[ i ])) ++ lower_case_count ;
          if ( isupper (pass[ i ])) ++ upper_case_count ;
          if ( isdigit (pass[ i ])) ++ digit_count ;
     if (lower_case_count > 0 && upper_case_count > 0 && digit_count > 0)
          printf ("This is a strong password . \n");
     else
          printf (" Not a valid password \n");
     return 0;
}
```

Check points

- 1. What header files must I include to use the character processing librar y functions?
- 2. What is the difference between getchar() and getch()?
- 3. What is the return value of ispunct('.')?
- 4. What is the return value of toupper('a')?



String processing library

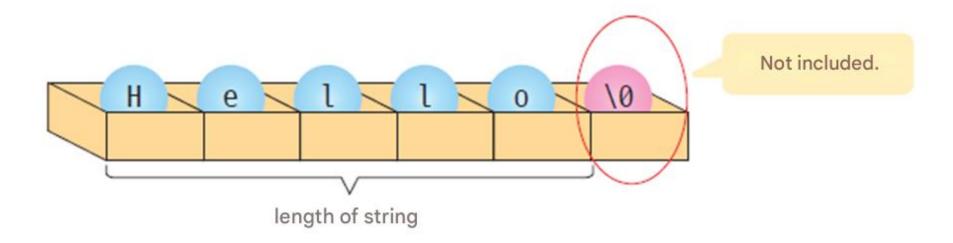
 String functions are declared in string.h. Therefore, to use these functions, you must include string.h at the beginning of your program.

Function	explanation	
strlen(s)	Finds the length of string s.	
strcpy(s1, s2)	Copy s2 to s1.	
strcat(s1, s2)	Paste s2 to the end of s1.	
strcmp(s1, s2)	Compare s1 and s2.	
strncpy(s1, s2, n)	Copy at most n characters from s2 to s1.	
strncat(s1, s2, n)	Paste at most n characters from s2 to the end of s1.	
strncmp(s1, s2, n)	Compares s1 and s2 up to n characters .	
strchr(s, c)	Finds the character c in string s.	
strstr(s1, s2)	Find string s2 in string s1.	

Length of string

• The function to calculate the length of a string is strlen (const char *str) .

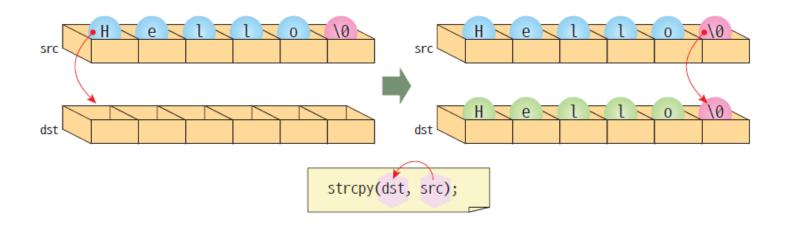
int size = strlen ("Hello"); // size becomes 5 .



Copy string

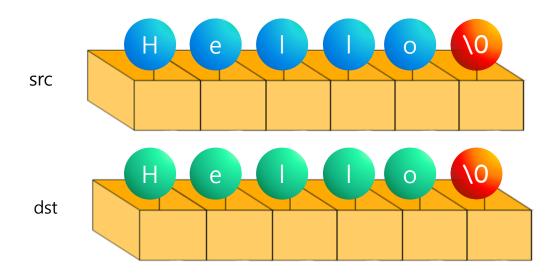
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Syntax strcpy()

char dst[6];
char src[6]="Hello";
strcpy(dst, src); // Copy src to dst.
```



String copy animation

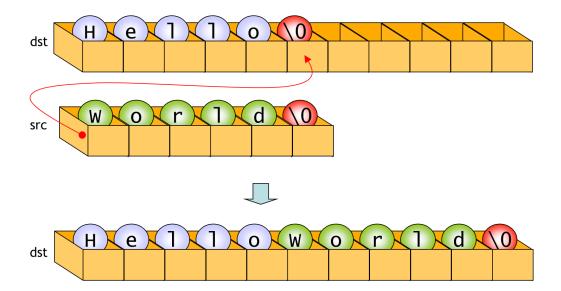
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char dst [6];
char src [6] = "Hello";
strcpy ( dst , src );
```



String concatenation

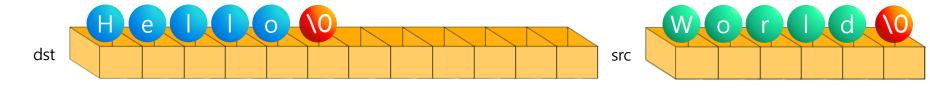
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Syntax strcat()

char dst[12]= "Hello";
char src[6] = "World";
strcat(dst, src); // dst becomes "HelloWorld".
```



String concatenation animation

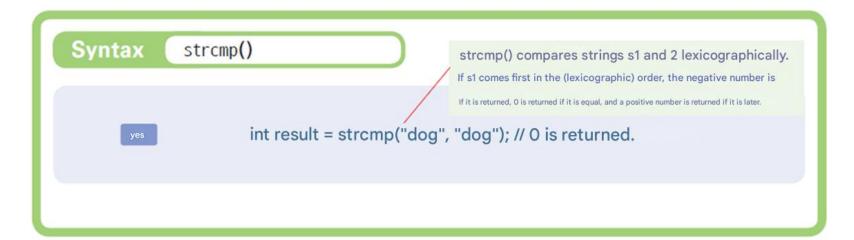
```
char dst [12] = "Hello";
char src [6] = "World";
strcat ( dst , src );
```



```
// strcpy and strcat
#include < string.h >
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
      char string[80];
      strcpy ( string, "Hello world from " );
      strcat (string, " strcpy " );
      strcat ( string, "and " );
      strcat ( string, " strcat !" );
      printf ( "string = %s\n" , string );
      return 0;
```

string = Hello world from strcpy and strcat !

String comparison



return value	Relationship between s1 and 2	
⟨0	s1 comes before s2.	
0	s1 == s2	
>0	s1 comes after s2.	

The string If they are equal, strcmp () returns



```
// strcmp () function
#include < string.h >
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
{
      char s1[80]; // first The word To save Character array
      char s2[80]; // second The word To save Character array
      int result;
      printf ( " first The word Enter :" );
      scanf ( "%s" , s1);
      printf ( " second The word Enter :" );
      scanf ( "%s", s2);
```

Alphabetically, meaning it is at the front in the dictionary

Enter the first word : cat Enter the second word : dog cat comes before dog.

Text search

• To check whether a given string contains a specific character, use strchr().

```
Syntax strchr()

char *p = strchr("dog", 'g');

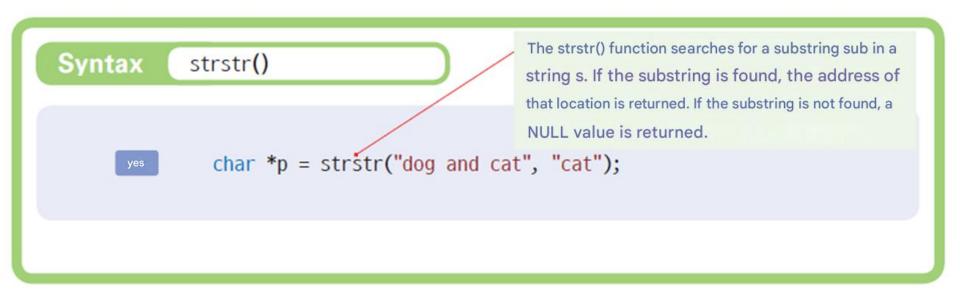
'g' 문자의 주소를 반환한다.
```

Text search

```
#include < string.h >
#include < stdio.h >
int main(void)
     char s[] = "language";
     char c = 'g';
     char *p;
                                                       Search the letter c in string s
     int loc;
     p = strchr(s, c);
     if (p == NULL)
        printf ("%c not found \n", c);
     else {
        loc = (int)(p - s);
         printf ("First %c in %s found in %d \n", c, s, loc);
     return 0;
```

String search

• To search for a specific string within a given string, use strstr ().



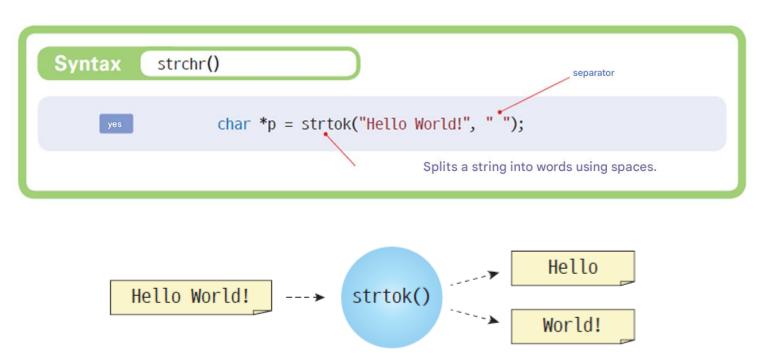
String search

```
#include < string.h >
#include < stdio.h >
int main(void)
     char s[] = "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush";
     char sub[] = "bird";
     char *p;
                                                      Search sub string in string s
     int loc;
     p = strstr(s, sub);
     if (p == NULL)
        printf ("%s not found \n", sub);
     else {
        loc = (int)(p - s);
        printf ("First %s in % s found in %d\n", sub, s, loc);
     return 0;
```

First bird in A bird in hand is worth two in the bush was found in 2

String tokenization

• The strtok () function makes it easy to separate words from a sentence.



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```
char[] s = "Man is immortal, because he has a soul";
t1 = strtok (s, ""); // first th token : Man
t2 = strtok (NULL, ""); // Second token : is
T3 = strtok (NULL, ""); // Third token : immortal,
t4 = strtok (NULL, ""); // fourth token : because
```

String tokenization

```
// strtok Example of using a function
#include < string.h >
#include < stdio.h >
char s[] = "Man is immortal, because he has a soul";
                                                      separator
char seps [] = " ,\t\n";
char *token;
int main( void )
{
     // string And pass it on next Token Get .
     token = strtok ( s, seps );
     while (token != NULL)
         // string In s The token present during Repeat .
          printf ( " Token : %s\n" , token );
          // next Token Get .
          token = strtok (NULL, seps ); //
```

Token: Man Token: is

Token: immortal

Token: because

Token: he
Token: has
Token: a
Token: soul

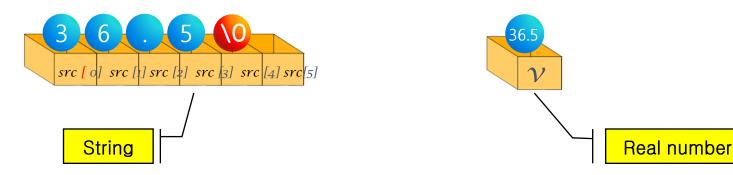
Check points

- 1. Write a statement that copies string s1 to string s2.
- 2. What is the minimum size of a character array required to store a "String"?
- 3. What is the function to compare strings?
- 4. What is the difference between strcpy() and strncpy()?
- 5. s2[] to the end of the string stored in s1[], what library function should I use and how?
- 6. What is the return value of strcmp ("dog", "dog")?



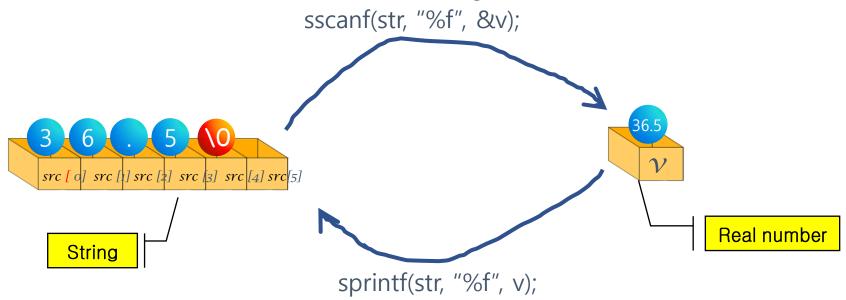
String to number conversion

- String "36.5" and numeric value 36.5
- They are stored quite differently within a computer.



sprintf () and sscanf ()

• in front The attached s means string .



```
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
    char instring []="file 12";
    char name[10];
    int number;
    sscanf (instring, "%s %d", name, &number);
    printf ("name = %s \n", name);
    printf ("number = %d \n", number);
    return 0;
```

```
name = file
number = 12
```

```
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
     char buffer[50];
     int x=10, y=20, result;
     result = x + y;
     sprintf (buffer, "Integer %d plus integer %d is %d .", x, y, result);
     printf ("%s \n", buffer);
     return 0;
```

Integers 10 plus integer 20 is 30.

Lab: Automatically generate video file names

• Let's write a program that automatically generates file names .

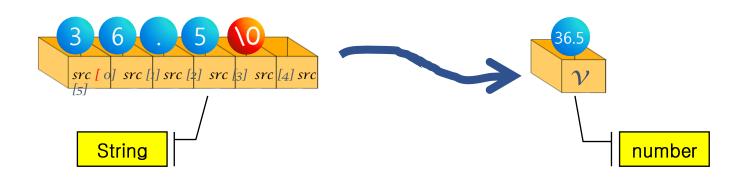
```
image0.jpg
image1.jpg
image2.jpg
image3.jpg
image4.jpg
image5.jpg
```

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < string.h >
int main( void )
                                                             Create sequential
                                                             file names .
  char filename[100];
  int i;
  for (i=0; i < 6; i++)
     sprintf (filename, "image%d.jpg", i);
     printf ("%s \n", filename);
                                                                image0.jpg
                                                                image1.jpg
  return 0;
                                                                image2.jpg
                                                                image3.jpg
                                                                image4.jpg
                                                                image5.jpg
```

Functions to convert a string to a number

- The dedicated function is smaller than scanf().
- Prototype definition in stdlib.h must be included

Function	explanation
int atoi(const char *str);	Convert string to int type .
<pre>double atof(const char * str);</pre>	Convert string to double type .



String to number conversion

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < stdlib.h >
int main(void)
     char s1[] = "100";
     char s2[] = "12.93";
     int i;
     double d, result;
                                                    The result of the operation is
     i = atoi (s1);
                                                    112.93.
     d = atof(s2);
     result = i + d;
     printf ("The result of the operation is %.2f.\n", result);
     return 0;
```

Check points

- 1. Compare the memory space occupied by number 3.141592 and the string "3.141592".
- 2. What functions can be used to convert the string " 3.141592" to a real number ?
- 3. What is the difference between printf() and sprintf()?



Array of strings

- If I have multiple strings, what is the best structure to store the m in ?
 - (Example) "init", "open", "close", ...
- Two ways .
 - String array
 - Array of character pointers

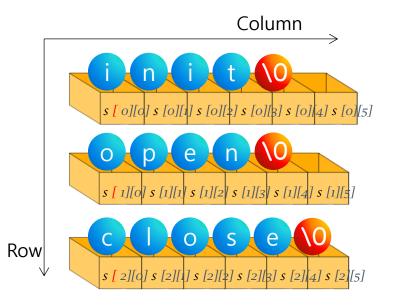
" init "

"open"

"close"

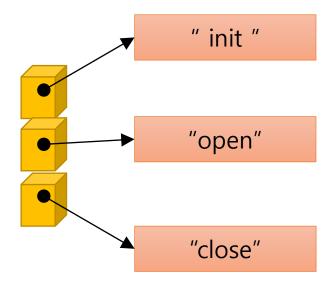
1. String array

```
char s[3][6] = {
    "init",
    "open",
    "close"
};
```



2. Array of character pointers

```
char *s[3] = {
    "init ",
    "open",
    "close"
};
```



```
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
{
  int i;
  char menu[5][10] = {
     " init " ,
     "open",
     "close",
     "read",
     "write"
  };
  for (i = 0; i < 5; i++)
     printf ( "% dth menu : %s \n" , i , menu[ i ]);
                                                       Oth menu: init
                                                       1st menu : open
  return 0;
                                                       2nd menu: close
                                                       3rd menu: read
                                                       4th menu: write
```

Input as a two-dimensional array

```
#include < stdio.h >
int main( void )
{
                                                                     Don't put & in front
     int i;
     char fruits[3][20];
     for (i = 0; i < 3; i ++)
          printf ( "Enter the fruit name : " , fruits[ i ]);
          scanf ( "%s" , fruits[ i ]);
     for (i = 0; i < 3; i ++)
          printf ( "% dth fruit : %s\n" , i , fruits[ i ]);
     return 0;
```

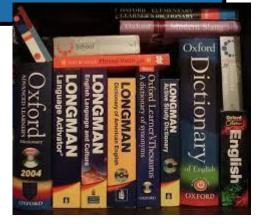
```
Enter the name of the fruit: apple
Enter the name of the fruit: Pear
Enter the name of the fruit: Grape
Oth fruit: apple
1st fruit: pear
2nd fruit: grapes
```

Lab: Korean-English Implementation of the dictionary

• Let's implement a simple Korean-English dictionary using a three- dimensional string array .

Enter the word: boy

boy: boy



Implementation of Korean-English dictionary

```
#define ENTRIES 5
int main( void )
    int i , index;
     char dic [ENTRIES][2][30] = {
          {"book", "책"},
          {"boy", "소년"},
          {"computer", "컴퓨터"},
          {"lanuguage", "언어"},
          {"rain", "∐|"},
    };
     char word[30];
```

Implementation of Korean-English dictionary

```
printf ( "Enter a word:" );
scanf ("%s", word);
index = 0;
for ( i = 0; i < ENTRIES; i ++)
     if ( strcmp ( dic [index][0], word) == 0 )
         printf ( "%s: %s\n" , word, dic [index][1]);
         return 0;
     index++;
 }
 printf ( " from dictionary Not found did not .\n" );
```

Enter a word : book book: 책

Q & A

