

16.216: ECE Application Programming

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Lecture 21: Key Questions

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1. (Review) Describe how character arrays can be used to represent strings in C, as well as the string library functions frequently used to work with strings.

2. **Example:** What does the following program print?

```
int main() {
    char s1[15];
    int n1;
    char s2[10] = ".216";
    int n;

    strncpy(s1, "16", 15);
    n1 = strlen(s1);
    printf("s1 = %s\n", s1);
    printf("Length of s1 = %d\n\n", n1);

    printf("%c\n\n", s1[1]);

    strncat(s1,s2,10);
    n1 = strlen(s1);
    printf("s1 = %s\n", s1);
    printf("Length of s1 = %d\n\n", n1);

    // Assume user inputs: ABC ABD
    printf("Enter two strings:");
    scanf("%s%s", s1, s2);
    n = strncmp(s1, s2, 15);
    if (n > 0)
        printf("%s > %s\n", s1, s2);
    else if (n < 0)
        printf("%s < %s\n", s1, s2);
    else
        printf("%s == %s\n", s1, s2);
    return 0;
}
```

3. **Example**: Write a function for each of the following:

a. `int readStrings(char *s);`

Repeatedly read strings from standard input until the input string matches `s`. Return the number of strings read.

b. `void copyNull(char *s1, char *s2, int n);`

Copy the first n characters of `s2` into `s1`, and make sure that the new version of `s1` terminates with a null character.

c. `int fillString(char *s);`

Repeatedly read strings from standard input and concatenate them to `s` until there is no room in the string. Return the final length of the string.

For example, if `s` is a 6-character array already holding “abcd”:

- User enters “e”—string is full; return 5
- User enters “ef”—there’s not enough room; return 4