

Provide a member function concat that concatenates the invoking ourStr and a given ourStr (followStr) and returns a copy of the resulting ourStr. (The invoking ourStr and followStr are to remain unchanged.)

- Extra added to ourstr Version 1 Build D:
 - Interface ourStr.h:
 - Documentation:

```
// ourStr concat(const ourStr& followStr) const
// pre: getLen() + followStr.getLen() <= MAX_LEN
// post: An ourStr representing the concatenation of the invoking ourStr and
// followStr is returned.</pre>
```

inserted as comments.

Prototype:

```
ourStr concat(const ourStr& followStr) const;
```

inserted as a public member function.

- Note that the 1st const protects followStr and the 2nd const protects the invoking ourStr.
- Implementation ourStr.cpp:

```
ourStr ourStr::concat(const ourStr& followStr) const
{
   assert(getLen() + followStr.getLen() <= MAX_LEN);
   ourStr answer = *this; // local ourStr initialized to a copy of the invoking ourStr for (int i = 0; i < followStr.len; ++i)
   answer.setChar(answer.len + 1, followStr.data[i]);
   return answer; // return a copy of local ourStr
}</pre>
```

inserted as the definition for the member function.

- Note that a local instance of ourstr (answer) is created to hold the desired result.
- Note how answer is initialized to a copy of the invoking ourStr (through use of " = *this").
- Note that setChar is put to use (repeatedly) to append each character of followStr to answer).
- Note that a copy of the local ourStr (answer) is returned by the function (via the return statement).
- Application ourStrApp.cpp:

```
ourStr ss1, ss2;
ss1.setStr("ab");
ss2.setStr("xyz");
( ss1.concat(ss2) ).showStr(cout);
cout << endl;</pre>
```

inserted as exercising code to test the member function.

- \circ Note that, in the 4th statement, (ssl.concat(ss2)) is the copy of ourStr returned by concat that is directly put to use without capturing.
 - » Doing it this way (without capturing it) is good when no further use (of the copy of ourStr returned by concat) is intended.
 - » If we actually want to use the copy of ourstr returned by concat further, we'd capture it first and then use it, as shown below:

```
ourStr ss1, ss2;
ss1.setStr("ab");
ss2.setStr("xyz");
ourStr ss3 = ss1.concat(ss2);
ss3.showStr(cout);
cout << endl;
... // putting ss3 (that captures the ourStr returned by concat) to further use</pre>
```