# lec8-string-struct

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## 1 Lecture 8, String, Structure

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### 1.1 String

- Need to #include<string.h> for string library functions
- strcpy function to copy a string

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In [2]: #include <stdio.h>
        # include <string.h>
        int main(){
            char myString[20];
            strcpy(myString, "hello");
            printf("%s\n", myString);
            printf("%lu\n", strlen(myString));
            for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
                putchar(myString[i]);
            return 0;
        }
hello
5
hello
   write our own strcpy function: strcpy2
In [3]: #include <stdio.h>
        #include <string.h>
        void strcpy2(char dest_str[], char source_str[]){
            int i = 0;
            while (source_str[i] != '\0'){
                dest_str[i] = source_str[i];
                i ++;
            }
```

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dest_str[i] = '\0';
        }
        int main(){
            char myString[20];
             strcpy2(myString, "hello");
            printf("%s\n", myString);
            printf("%lu\n", strlen(myString));
            for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
                 putchar(myString[i]);
            return 0;
        }
hello
5
hello
   • strlen to count string length
   • exercise: write our own strlen function - strlen2
In [5]: #include <stdio.h>
        # include <string.h>
        int strlen2(char str[]){
             int length = 0;
            while (str[length] != '\0')
                 length ++;
            return length;
        }
        int main(){
            printf("%lu\n", strlen("hello"));
            printf("%d\n", strlen2("hello"));
            return 0;
        }
5
5
1.1.1 command line string arguments
   • argc: number of arguments
   • argv: arguments - an array of strings
In [6]: #include <stdio.h>
        int main(int argc, char* argv[]){
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printf("%d\n", argc);

#### 1.1.2 An exercise of pointers

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In [45]: #include <stdio.h>
         int main(){
             char* s = "string";
             char* c[] = {"ENTER", "NEW", "POINT", "FIRST"};
             printf("%s\n", c[3]);
             char **cp[]={c+3,c+2,c+1,c};
             char*** cpp = cp;
             for (int i = 0; i < 4; ++i) printf("%s\n", c[i]);
             for (int i = 0; i < 4; ++i) printf("%s\n", *cp[i]);
             printf("\n");
             // challenge
             printf("%s\n",c[1]+1);
             printf("%s%c%c\n",c[3]+3,c[2][2],*((*c)+4));
             printf("\n");
             printf("\n");
             printf("%s\n", *(*(cpp+1)));
             printf("%s\n", *(*(cpp+1) + 1));
             printf("%s\n", **(++cpp));
             printf("%s\n", (*(-- (*(++cpp))))+3);
             printf("%s\n", *(cpp [-2])+3);
             printf("%s\n", cpp[-1][- 1]+1);
         }
FIRST
ENTER.
NEW
POINT
FIRST
FIRST
POINT
NEW
```

```
ENTER
EW
STIR
POINT
FIRST
POINT
ER
ST
EW
```

#### 1.2 Struct

A structure is a collecton of one or more variables, possibly of different types, grouped together under a single name for convenient handling.

Now lets define a structure for a student. We want the following information for a student: - char name[] - unsigned int studentID - double scores[]

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In [60]: #include <stdio.h>
         # include <string.h>
         struct student{
             char name[50];
             unsigned int studentID;
             double scores[13];
         };
         int main(){
             struct student a, b, c;
             struct student arr[10];
             strcpy(a.name, "aaaaaa");
             a.studentID = 1;
             a.scores[0] = 90;
             a.scores[1] = 80;
             arr[0].studentID = 12;
             arr[1] = a;
             printf("%p %p\n", &(arr[1].name), &(a.name));
             printf("%s %s\n", arr[1].name, a.name);
             return 0;
         }
0x7ffee88f2210 0x7ffee88f28f8
aaaaaa aaaaaa
In [51]: #include <stdio.h>
         struct point{
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int x;
             int y;
        };
        struct point makepoint(int x, int y){
             struct point temp;
            temp.x = x;
            temp.y = y;
            return temp;
        }
         int main(){
            struct point p = makepoint(1,2);
            printf("%d %d\n", p.x, p.y);
            struct point p2 = p;
            printf("%d %d\n", p2.x, p2.y);
        }
1 2
1 2
```