

## Strings in more depth

- Basically, `vector<char>`, but with a nicer name (`string`) & bonus functions.
- Bonus Functions:
  - concatenation: `s1 + s2` (`s1 += s2` works as well)
  - "ctrl-f": `s1.find(s2)` will tell you if `s2` appears in `s1` (and where). (Return value tells you where match starts; `-1`  $\equiv$  `string::npos`)
  - Not a bonus, but `s.length()` gives size of string `s` (# characters).  
`s.size()` works too (remember: strings are vectors)
- (I'm 99% sure `s.length()` is just a synonym for `s.size()`.)

## Exercises

Let's write our own version of find.

$\text{find}(s1, s2)$  should return location (index) of first match in  $s1$  of  $s2$ , or  $-1$  if no match found.

$s1.\text{find}(s2)$	$\text{find}(s1, s2)$
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Ideas? Check for match @ every possible starting point.

Possible starting points? Say  $n1 = s1.\text{length}()$   
 $n2 = s2.\text{length}()$   
 $0, 1, 2, \dots?$  if  $n1 == n2$ , only possibility is 0.

$0, 1, \dots, n1 - n2$  ✓

Outline: 

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for (i = 0; i <= n1 - n2; i++) {  
    // check for match @ i  
    if (match(s1, s2, i)) return i;  
}
```

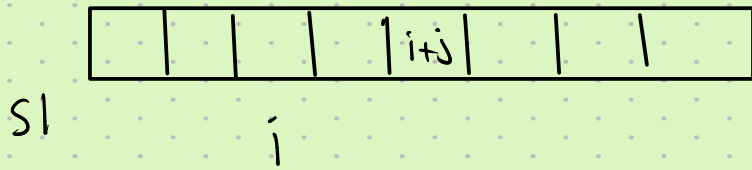
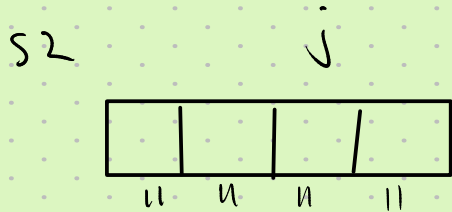
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    }
    return -1;

```

How to check for a match @  $i$ ?

For  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n2-1$ , must have



$$s2[j] == s1[i+j]$$

in  $s2$ :

- 0
- 1
- 2
- $\vdots$

in  $s1$ :

- $i$
- $i+1$
- $i+2$
- $\vdots$