

Section 13.5 gives examples of how `strcpy` and `strncpy` are typically used. Although neither function is completely safe, `strncpy` at least provides a way to limit the number of characters it will copy.

Concatenation Functions

```
char *strcat(char * restrict s1,
             const char * restrict s2);
char *strncat(char * restrict s1,
             const char * restrict s2, size_t n);
```

strcat `strcat` appends its second argument to the end of the first argument. Both arguments must be null-terminated strings; `strcat` puts a null character at the end of the concatenated string. Consider the following example:

```
char str[7] = "tea";

strcat(str, "bag");    /* adds b, a, g, \0 to end of str */
```

The letter `b` overwrites the null character after the `a` in `"tea"`, so that `str` now contains the string `"teabag"`. `strcat` returns its first argument (a pointer).

strncat `strncat` is the same as `strcat`, except that its third argument limits the number of characters it will copy:

```
char str[7] = "tea";

strncat(str, "bag", 2);    /* adds b, a, \0 to str */
strncat(str, "bag", 3);    /* adds b, a, g, \0 to str */
strncat(str, "bag", 4);    /* adds b, a, g, \0 to str */
```

As these examples show, `strncat` always leaves the resulting string properly null-terminated.

In Section 13.5, we saw that a call of `strncat` often has the following appearance:

```
strncat(str1, str2, sizeof(str1) - strlen(str1) - 1);
```

The third argument calculates the amount of space remaining in `str1` (given by the expression `sizeof(str1) - strlen(str1)`) and then subtracts 1 to ensure that there will be room for the null character.

Comparison Functions

```
int memcmp(const void *s1, const void *s2, size_t n);
int strcmp(const char *s1, const char *s2);
int strcoll(const char *s1, const char *s2);
int strncmp(const char *s1, const char *s2,
           size_t n);
size_t strxfrm(char * restrict s1,
              const char * restrict s2, size_t n);
```