

Tutorial 4 (Week 5)

Character Strings

Q1 (processString)

Write a C function that accepts a string str and returns the total number of vowels totVowels and digits totDigits in that string to the caller via call by reference. The function prototype is given as follows:

```
void processString(char *str, int *totVowels, int *totDigits);
```

Write a C program to test the function.

Sample input and output sessions:

Test Case 1:

Enter the string:

I am one of the 400 students in this class.

Total vowels = 11

Total digits = 3

Test Case 2:

Enter the string:

I am a boy.

Total vowels = 4

Total digits = 0

Test Case 3:

Enter the string:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Total vowels = 0

Total digits = 9

Test Case 4:

Enter the string:

ABCDE

Total vowels = 2

Total digits = 0

Q1 (processString)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
void processString(char *str, int *totVowels, int
*totDigits);
int main()
{
    char str[50], *p;
    int totVowels, totDigits;

    printf("Enter the string: \n");
    fgets(str, 50, stdin);
    if (p=strchr(str, '\n')) *p = '\0';
    processString(str, &totVowels, &totDigits);
    printf("Total vowels = %d\n", totVowels);
    printf("Total digits = %d\n", totDigits);
    return 0;
}
```

Version 1:

Q1 (processString)

```
void processString(char *str, int *totVowels, int
*totDigits)
{
    int i, size;
    *totVowels=0;
    *totDigits=0;
    i=0; size=0;
    while (str[i]!='\0') {
        size++;
        i++;
    }
    for (i=0; i < size; i++) {
        if (str[i] == 'a' || str[i] == 'e' ||
            str[i] == 'i' || str[i] == 'o' ||
            str[i] == 'u' || str[i] == 'A' ||
            str[i] == 'E' || str[i] == 'I' ||
            str[i] == 'O' || str[i] == 'U')
            (*totVowels)++;
        else if ( str[i] >= '0' && str[i] <= '9')
            (*totDigits)++;
    }
}
```

Version 2:

Q1 (processString)

```
void processString2(char *str, int *totVowels, int
*totDigits)
{
    int i,size;

    *totVowels = 0, *totDigits = 0;
    i=0; size=0;
    while (str[i]!='\0'){
        size++;
        i++;
    }
    for (i=0; i < size; i++) {
        if (*(str+i) == 'a' || *(str+i) == 'e' ||
            *(str+i) == 'i' || *(str+i) == 'o' ||
            *(str+i) == 'u' || *(str+i) == 'A' ||
            *(str+i) == 'E' || *(str+i) == 'I' ||
            *(str+i) == 'O' || *(str+i) == 'U')
            (*totVowels)++;
        else if ( *(str+i) >= '0' &&  *(str+i) <= '9')
            (*totDigits)++;
    }
}
```

Q2 (stringncpy)

Write a C function `stringncpy()` that copies not more than n characters (characters that follow a null character are not copied) from the array pointed to by $s2$ to the array pointed to by $s1$.

If the array pointed to by $s2$ is a string shorter than n characters, null characters are appended to the copy in the array pointed to by $s1$, until n characters in all have been written.

The `stringncpy()` returns the value of $s1$.

The function prototype is:

```
char *stringncpy(char * s1, char * s2, int n);
```

Write a C program to test the function.

Sample input and output sessions:

(1) Test Case 1

Enter the string:

I am a boy.

Enter the number of characters:

7

`stringncpy()`: I am a

(2) Test Case 2

Enter the string:

I am a boy.

Enter the number of characters:

21

`stringncpy()`: I am a boy.

Q2 (stringncpy)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
char *stringncpy(char *s1, char *s2, int n);
int main()
{
    char targetStr[40], sourceStr[40], *target, *p;
    int length;

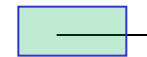
    printf("Enter the string: \n");
    fgets(sourceStr, 40, stdin);
    if (p=strchr(sourceStr, '\n')) *p = '\0';
    printf("Enter the number of characters: \n");
    scanf("%d", &length);
    target = stringncpy(targetStr, sourceStr, length);
    printf("stringncpy(): %s\n", target);
    return 0;
}
```

sourceStr



I am a boy. \0

targetStr

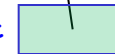


I am a \0...

length

7

target



Q2 (stringncpy)

```
#include <stdio.h>
char *stringncpy(char *s1, char *s2, int n);
int main()
{
    target = stringncpy(targetStr, sourceStr, length);
}
```

length

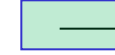
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sourceStr



I am a boy.\0

targetStr



I am a\0...

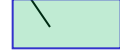
target



s1



s2



```
char *stringncpy(char *s1, char *s2, int n){
    int k, h;
    for (k = 0; k < n; k++){
        if (s2[k] != '\0')
            s1[k] = s2[k];
        else
            break;
    }
    s1[k] = '\0';
    // to append '\0' after copying if s2 length is shorter than n
    for (h = k; h < n; h++)
        s1[h] = '\0';
    return s1;
}
```

n

7

n

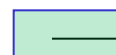
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s2



I am ..\0

s1



I am ..\0\0\0

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Note: the last for loop in the code will not affect the correctness of the program; it only follows the question specification.

Q3 (strcmp)

Write a C function that compares the string pointed to by *s1* to the string pointed to by *s2*.

If the string pointed to by *s1* is greater than, equal to, or less than the string pointed to by *s2*, then it returns 1, 0 or -1 respectively.

Write the code for the function without using the standard C string library function strcmp().

The function prototype is given as follows:

```
int strcmp(char *s1, char *s2);
```

Write a C program to test the function.

Sample input and output sessions:

Test Case 1:

Enter a source string:

abc

Enter a target string:

abc

strcmp(): equal

Test Case 2:

Enter a source string:

abcdefg

Enter a target string:

abcde123

strcmp(): greater than

Test Case 3:

Enter a source string:

abc123

Enter a target string:

abcdef

strcmp(): less than

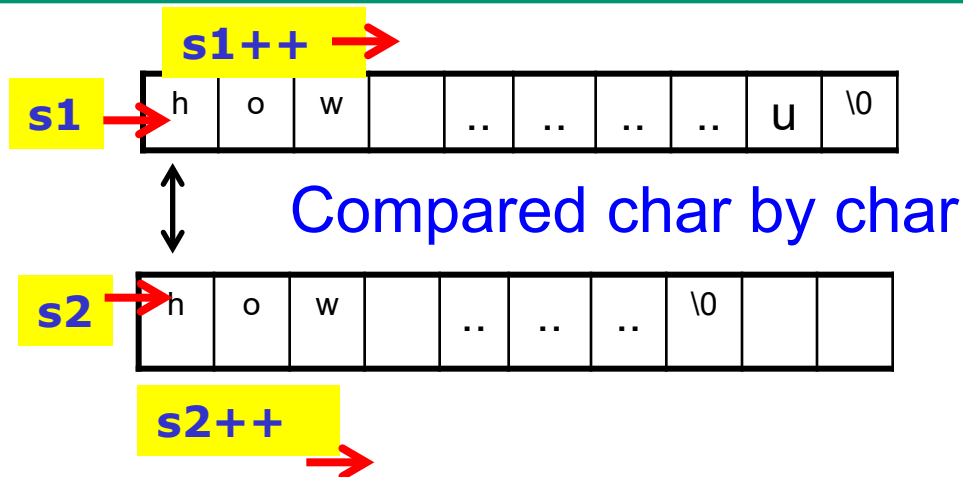
Q3 (strcmp)

```
##include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define INIT_VALUE 999
int strcmp(char *s1, char *s2);
int main()
{
    char source[80], target[80], *p;
    int result = INIT_VALUE;
    printf("Enter a source string: \n");
    fgets(source, 80, stdin);
    if (p=strchr(source, '\n')) *p = '\0';
    printf("Enter a target string: \n");
    fgets(target, 80, stdin);
    if (p=strchr(target, '\n')) *p = '\0';
    result = strcmp(source, target);
    if (result == 1)
        printf("strcmp(): greater than");
    else if (result == 0)
        printf("strcmp(): equal");
    else if (result == -1)
        printf("strcmp(): less than");
    else
        printf("strcmp(): error");
    return 0;
}
```

```

int strcmp(char *s1, char *s2) {
    while (1) {
        if (*s1 == '\0' && *s2 == '\0')
            return 0;
        else if (*s1 == '\0')
            return -1;
        else if (*s2 == '\0')
            return 1;
        else if (*s1 < *s2)
            return -1;
        else if (*s1 > *s2)
            return 1;
        s1++;
        s2++;
    }
}

```



**Comparison is
based on ASCII
value**

The strcmp() Function: String Comparison based on ASCII Values

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	NUL							BEL	BS	TAB
1	LF		FF	CR						
2								ESC		
3			SP	!	"	#	\$	%	&	'
4	()	*	+	,	-	.	/	0	1
5	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;
6	<	=	>	?	@	A	B	C	D	E
7	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
8	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
9	Z	[\]	^	_	'	a	b	c
10	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
11	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w
12	x	y	z	{		}	~	DEL		12

What does the following program print?

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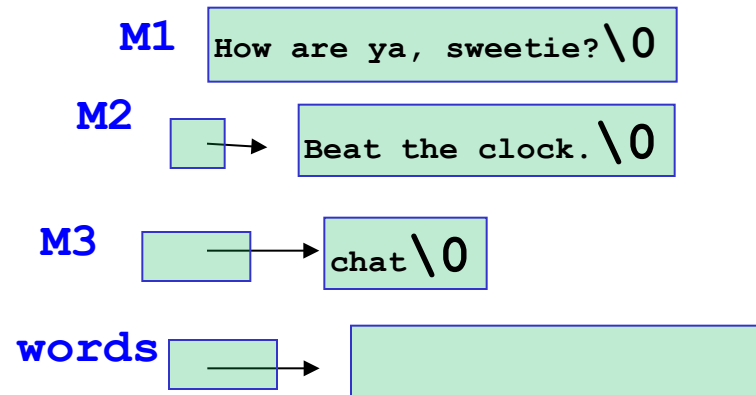
```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define M1 "How are ya, sweetie?"
char M2[40] = "Beat the clock.";
char *M3 = "chat";
int main()
{
    char words[80], *p;
    printf(M1);
    puts(M1);
    puts(M2);
    puts(M2+1);
    fgets(words, 80, stdin);    /* user inputs : win a toy. */
    if (p=strchr(words, '\n')) *p = '\0';
    puts(words);
    scanf("%s", words+6);    /* user inputs : snoopy. */
    puts(words);
    words[3] = '\0';
    puts(words);
    while (*M3) puts(M3++);
    puts(--M3);
    puts(--M3);
    M3 = M1;
    puts(M3);
    return 0;
}
```

Note: A very good example to illustrate the processing of character strings. Please trace the code, and determine the output of the code.

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int main(){
    char words[80];
    printf(M1);
    puts(M2);
    puts(M2+1);
    gets(words);    /* user inputs : win a toy. */
    puts(words);
    scanf("%s", words+6); /* user inputs : snoopy. */
    puts(words);
    words[3] = '\0';
    puts(words);
    while (*M3)
        puts(M3++);
    puts(--M3);
    puts(--M3);
    M3 = M1;
    puts(M3);
    return 0;
}

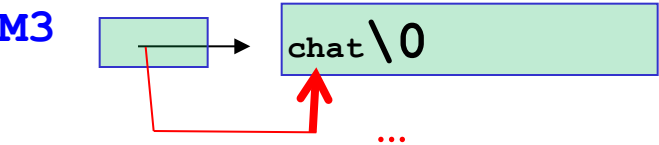
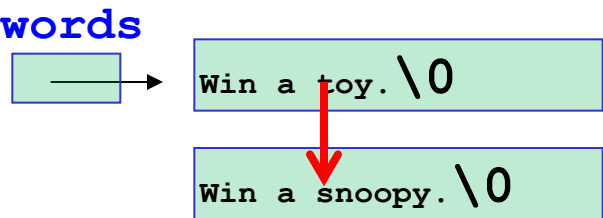
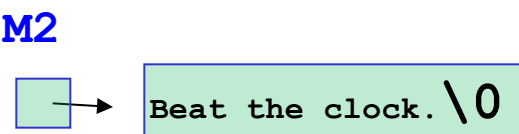
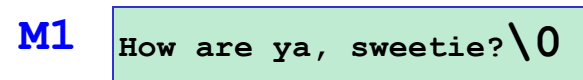
```



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int main(){
    char words[80];
    printf("%s",M1);
    puts(M2);
    puts(M2+1);
    gets(words);    /* user inputs : win a toy. */
    puts(words);
    scanf("%s", words+6); /* user inputs : snoopy. */
    puts(words);
    words[3] = '\0';
    puts(words);

    while (*M3)
        puts(M3++);
    puts(--M3);
    puts(--M3);

    M3 = M1;
    puts(M3);
    return 0;
}
```



Output

How are ya, sweetie?Beat the clock.
eat the clock.
win a toy.
win a toy.
snoopy.
win a snoopy.
win
chat
hat
at
t
t
at
How are ya, sweetie?