"Trying to outsmart a compiler defeats much of the purpose of using one."

- Kernighan & Plauger, The Elements of Programming Style

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Strings

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Introduction

- · String: group of characters
 - · Implemented as arrays of char
 - · Essential for several applications manipulating textual data
 - Word processing
 - Databases
 - Scientific computing (Ex: DNA sequence, chemical compounds)
 - · Already used string constants
 - printf and scanf format strings

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String Variables

· Declaration: same as declaring array of chars

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char string var[30];
```

- The variable string_var can hold a string of 0 to 29 characters

 - · How is varying size handled? Use of null character: '\0'
- · String variables can be initialized

```
char string_var[30] = "initial value";
char str[] = "initial value";
```

- · What is the size of str?
- · The part of array after null character is ignored

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Arrays of Strings

- An array of strings: a two-dimensional array of chars
 - Ex: Array of 30 names which is less than 25 characters

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#define NUM_PEOPLE 30
  #define NAME LEN 25
  char names[NUM_PEOPLE][NAME_LEN];
• Ex: Array of 12 month names
  "October", "November", "December"};
```

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Input/Output of Strings

- Place holder: "%s"
- · printf prints characters until null character

```
printf("The value is: %s \n", string_var);
```

- What if the array does not contain null character?
- Do not forget to insert null character while building strings
 - · This is automatic for constant strings

Enter department code, course number, days and time like this: > COSC 2060 MWF 1410 $\,$

```
printf("***%7s**** \n", "John");
printf("***%7s**** \n", "Marry");
printf("***%-7s**** \n", "Sam");
```

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Input/Output of Strings

- Place holder: "%s"
- · scanf can used to input strings

```
scanf("%s", string_var);
```

- · Remember string_var is an array
- scanf
 - skips leading whitespace characters
 - · copies subsequent characters in memory cells
 - · copying stops when a whitespace character is seen
 - · places a null character at the end of string
- · EX: See following simple example...

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dept [0][1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9] #define STRING_LEN 10 main(void) char dept[STRING_LEN]; int course_num; char days[STRING_LEN]; int time; printf("Enter department code, course number, days and "); printf("time like this:\n> COSC 2060 MMF 1410\n> "); scanf("%sdds%d", dept, &course_num, days, &time); printf("is %d meets %s at %d\n", dept, oourse_num, days, time);

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Input/Output of Strings

Input/Output of Strings

• How to enter the values in previous example?

• In more than one line or in different formats? MATH

> 1800 > MATH 1270 TR 1800 > MATH1270 TR 1800 > MATH,1270,TR,1800

1270

dept

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Input/Output of Strings • EX: Read in 30 names together with their ages #define NUM_PEOPLE 30 #define NAME_LEN 25 char names[NUM_PEOPLE][NAME_LEN]; int ages[NUM_PEOPLE]; for(....){ }

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String Library Functions: Assignment

- Assignment operator: =
 - Used for assigning simple types
 - · Can not be used for arrays and strings
 - · Other than in declaration with initialization
 - · What is array name without subscript?

```
char str[20];
str = "test value";
```

- C provides library function for assignment
 - · Library in string.h

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- Includes several operations
 - · Substring functions, concatenation, comparison, length, etc...

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String Library Functions

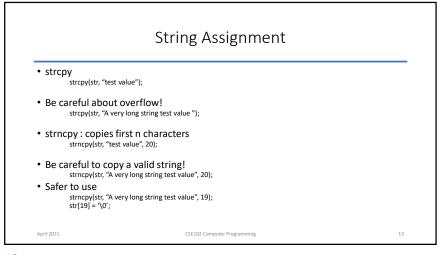
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TABLE 9.1 Some String Library Functions from string.h
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Function Purpose: Example
             Makes a copy of source, a string, in the character
                                                                            char *dest
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                                                                             const char *source
              strcpy(s1, "hello");
strncpy Makes a copy of up to n characters from source in dest: strncpy (s2, "inevitable", 5) stores the first five characters of the source in s1 and does NOT add a null character.
                                                                            char *dest
                                                                                                              char * i n e v i ? ? ...
                                                                             const char *source
                                                                             size_t n
             Appends source to the end of dest:
streat
              strcat(s1, "and more");
                                                                            const char *source
             Appends up to n characters of source to the end
                                                                            char *dest
              of dest, adding the null character if necessary: strncat(s1, "and more", 5);
                                                                             const char *source
                                                                            size_t' n
             Compares s1 and s2 alphabetically; returns a
                                                                            const char *sl
              negative value if $1 should precede $2, a zero if the strings are equal, and a positive value if $2 should precede $1 in an alphabetized list:
             if (strcmp(name1, name2) == 0) .
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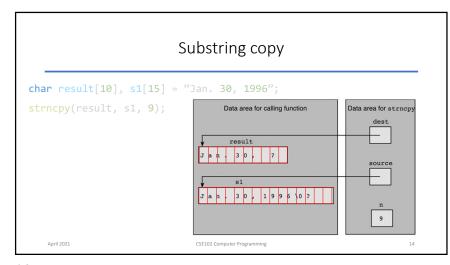
String Library Functions

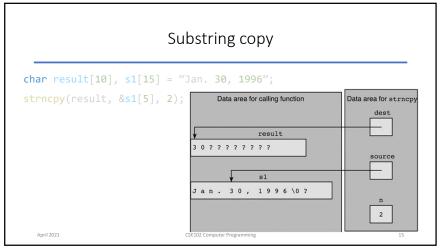
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strncmp
Compares the first n characters of s1 and s2
returning positive, zero, and negative values as does strcmp:
if (strncmp(n1, n2, 12) == 0) ...

strlen
Returns the number of characters in s, not counting the terminating rull:
strlen("What") returns 4.

strlen
```







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Substring copy

char result[10], s1[15] = "Jan. 30, 1996";
strcpy(result, &s1[9]);

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```

Separate Compounds into Elemental Components

- Ex: Break compound names into their elemental components
 - Assume element names start with a capital letter
 - Assume ASCII character set
- Use strncpy
 - · to copy parts of compound names into elemental components
- Use strlen
 - To check termination of the loop

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Concatenation

- Add a string at the end of the other string
- strcat and strncat
 - · Assumes sufficient space available for the concatenated string

```
char f[15] = "Yakup", m[15] = "", 1[15] = "Genc";
strcat(f, 1);
strcat(m, 1);
printf("%d %d \n", strlen(m), strlen(l))
strncat(m, 1, 5);
printf("%d \n", strncat(m, 1, 15 - strlen(m) - 1));
```

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Separate Compounds into Elemental Components

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Scanning a Full Line

- Input one complete line of data
 - Do not stop at space or tab characters
 - Do not store end-of-line (new-line, return, enter) character

```
char line[80];
gets(line);
```

- File input, fgets has different format
 - Final character is always '\0'
 - Stores '\n' character if the line is not truncated

```
fgets(line, 80, inp);
                                          char *fgets(char *str, int n, FILE *stream)
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```

char line[80]; this is an example. I have a long line that does not end with an end of line character. fgets(line, 80, stdin);

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File used as input

In the early 1960s, designers and implementers of operating systems were faced with a significant dilemma. As people's expectations of modern operating systems seems themselves. Like other programmers adopted the readbility and modularity of a powerful high-level programming language.

Output file

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Output file

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1. /*
2. * Numbers and double spaces lines of a document. Lines longer than
3. * LINE_LEN - 1 characters are split on two lines.
4. */
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7. * sinclude <atdio.h>
8. * sinclude <atdio.h>
10. * dofine NAME_LEN 80
10. * sinclude All LINE_LEN 80
11. * int
13. * main(void)
14. {
15. * char line[LINE_LEN], inname[NAME_LEN], outname[NAME_LEN];
16. * FILE *inp, * outp;
17. * char *atatus;
18. * int i = 0;
19. * CSE102 Computer Programming

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String Comparison

- Comparison operators can not be used
 - Strings are implemented as arrays
 - · What is the meaning of

string1 < string2

- strcmp: compares two strings and returns an integer strcmp(str1,str2)
 - Has negative value if str1 is less than str2
 - Has value 0 if str1 is equal to str2
 - Has positive value if str1 is greater than str2
- strncmp: compares first n characters

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Sorting and Searching

- Sorting a list of words (array of strings) char list[30][20];
 - Comparison
 - Swap

• What do we mean by list[i]?

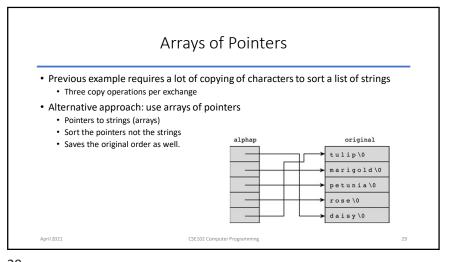
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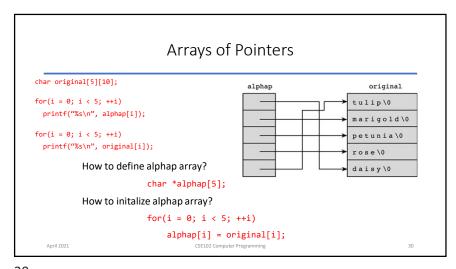
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Sentinel-Controlled Loop for String Input

1. printf("Enter list of words on as many lines as you like.\n");
2. printf("Separate words by at least one blank.\n");
3. printf("When done, enter %s to quit.\n", SENT);
4.
5. for (scanf("%s", word);
6. strcmp(word, SENT) != 0;
7. scanf("%s", word)) {
8. /* process word */
9. ...
10.

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Arrays of pointers has several advantages • Can represents many orderings • All refers to the same string • One corrected all corrected • Requires less space • Pointer vs string • Can sort faster • Array of String constants char months[12][10] = {"January", "February", "March", "April", "June", "July", "August", "September", "December"}; char *months[] = {"January", "February", "March", "April", "June", "July", "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"};

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Arrays of Pointers
EX: Input a list of names and access it in sorted order and original order.
               Enter number of applicants (0 . . 50)
               Enter names of applicants on separate lines in the order in which they applied
               SADDLER, MARGARET
               INGRAM, RICHARD
               FAATZ, SUSAN
               GONZALES, LORI
               KEITH, CHARLES
               Application Order
                                               Alphabetical Order
               SADDLER, MARGARET
                                               FAATZ, SUSAN
               INGRAM, RICHARD
                                                GONZALES, LORI
                                               INGRAM, RICHARD
KEITH, CHARLES
               FAATZ, SUSAN
               GONZALES, LORI
               KEITH, CHARLES
                                                SADDLER, MARGARET
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Two Orderings of One List
                       * Maintains two orderings of a list of applicants: the original
* ordering of the data, and an alphabetical ordering accessed through an
                      #include <stdio.h>
                      #define STRSIZ 30 /* maximum string length */
                      #define MAXAPP 50 /* maximum number of applications accepted */
                      int alpha_first(char *list[], int min_sub, int max_sub);
void select_sort_str(char *list[], int n);
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                      main(void)
                             char applicants[MAXAPP][STRSIZ]; /* list of applicants in the
                                                                      order in which they applied
/* list of pointers to
                             char *alpha[MAXAPP];
                                                                           applicants
                                                                      /* actual number of applicants
                             int num_app,
                             char one_char;
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### 15. main(void)

16. {

| Char applicants[MXAAPP][STRSIZ]; /* list of applicants in the order in which they applied */

| Char *alpha[MXAAPP]; /* list of pointers to applicants of a
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                  * Finds the index of the string that comes first alphabetically in
                  * elements min_sub..max_sub of list
                  * Pre: list[min_sub] through list[max_sub] are of uniform case;
                              max_sub >= min_sub
                  */
                 int
                 alpha_first(char *list[],
                                                          /* input - array of pointers to strings
                               int min_sub,
                                                          /* input - minimum and maximum subscripts
                               int max_sub)
                                                          /* of portion of list to consider
                        int first, i;
                        first = min sub;
                        for (i = min_sub + 1; i <= max_sub; ++i)
   if (strcmp(list[i], list[first]) < 0)</pre>
                                    first = i;
                        return (first);
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```

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80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 955. 96. }
                    * Orders the pointers in array list so they access strings * in alphabetical order
                    * Pre: first n elements of list reference strings of uniform case;
                    void
                    select_sort_str(char *list[], /* input/output - array of pointers being
                                                         ordered to access strings alphabetically */
                                      int n) /* input - number of elements to sort
                          int fill,
                                                 /* index of element to contain next string in order */
                                  index_of_min; /* index of next string in order */
                           char *temp;
                           for (fill = 0; fill < n - 1; ++fill) {
                               index_of_min = alpha_first(list, fill, n - 1);
                               if (index_of_min != fill) {
                                       temp = list[index_of_min];
                                       list[index_of_min] = list[fill];
                                       list[fill] = temp;
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Character Operations

• Strings processing usually requires character manipulation
• Character library provides several functions
• Include ctype.h

Character I/O
• getchar (and getc)
• returns the next character from standard input (or file)
• Return value is an integer
• Return EOF if getchar end-of-file is reached.
• The value of EOF is -1 which is not of type char
ch = getchar(); scanf("%c", &ch); ch = getc(stdin);

• putchar and putc are used to display a character
putchar('a'); putc('a', stdout);
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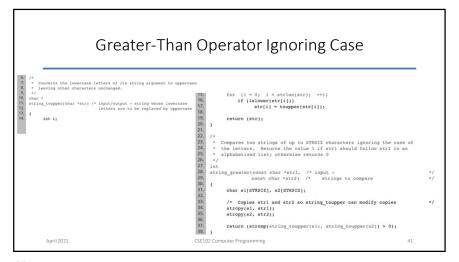
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TABLE 9.3. Character Classification and Conversion Facilities in ctype Library

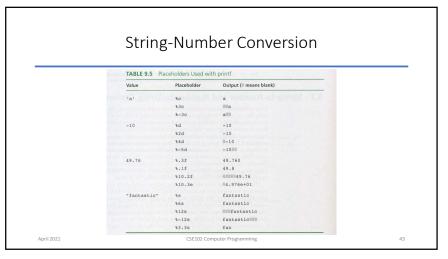
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String-Number Conversion • scanf and printf uses such a conversion TABLE 9.4 Review of Use of scanf scanf("%d", &n); W-8.6 scanf("%lf", &x); BHB4.32H double x char str[10] scanf("%s", str); ##hello\n hello\0 overlengthy overlengthy\0 April 2021 CSE102 Computer Programming

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    String-Number Conversion
    sscanf and sprintf similar to scanf and printf
    They perform the operation on a string
    sscanf: reads input from the parameter string
    sprintf: outputs into the parameter string
    char s[100];
        sprintf(s, "%d/%d/%d", mon, day, year);
        sscanf(" 85 96.5 hello", "%d %lf %s", &n, &f, w);
    You can read the entire data as a line of input, verify its format and convert to correct values using sscanf
```

Validate Input Line Before Storing Values

Ex: Date Conversion

- Date representations
 - string containing day month name and year (12 June 1968)
 - three integers (day month year) (12 6 1968)
- Convert a string representation of date to three integer representation and vice versa

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6. #include <stdio.h>
7. #include <stdio.h>
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9. #define STRSIZ 40
10. char *nums_to_string_date(char *date_string, int month, int day,
11. int search(const char *arr[], const char *month_names[]);
13. void string_date_to_nums(const char *date_string, int *monthp,
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16. /* Tests date conversion functions
17. int
18. main(void)
19. {

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             * Takes integers representing a month, day and year and produces a * string representation of the same date. */
            char *
            nums_to_string_date(char
                                                 *date_string,
                                                                       /* output - string
                                                                            representation
                                                                       /* input -
                                                                                                          */
                                                  month,
                                    int
                                                                      /* representation
                                    int
                                                  day,
                                                                      /* as three numbers
                                    int
                                                  year,
                                    const char *month_names[]) /* input - string representa-
                                                                            tions of months
                    sprintf(date_string, "%d %s %d", day, month_names[month - 1], year);
                   return (date_string);
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define NOT_FOUND -1 /* Value returned by search function if target
not found */
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56.
77. * Searches for target item in first n elements of array arr
58. * Returns index of target or NOT_FOUND
59. * Pre: target and first n elements of array arr are defined and n>0
60.
*/

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                                                                                     /* array to search
/* value searched for
/* number of array elements to search
                                search(const char *arr[],
                                          const char *target,
                                                         n)
                                             found = 0, /* whether or not target has been found */
where; /* index where target found or NOT_FOUND*/
                                       /* Compares each element to target
                                       while (!found && i < n) {
   if (strcmp(arr[i], target) == 0)
                                                      found = 1;
                                       /\star Returns index of element matching target or NOT_FOUND \star/
                                                 where = i;
                                       else where = NOT_FOUND;
                                        return (where);
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            * Converts date represented as a string containing a month name to
            * three integers representing month, day, and year
            */
           string_date_to_nums(const char *date_string, /* input - date to convert
                                                                                                */
                                int
                                            *monthp,
                                                             /* output - month number
                                                             /* output - day number
                                                                                                */
                                int
                                            *dayp,
                                                             /* output - year number
                                                                                                */
                                int
                                            *yearp,
                                const char *month_names[]) /* input - names used in
                                                                                                */
                                                                    date string
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99. char mth_nam[STRSIZ];
100. int month_index;
101.
102. sscanf(date_string, "%d%%d", dayp, mth_nam, yearp);
103.
104. /* Finds array index (range 0..11) of month name. */
105. month_index = search(month_names, mth_nam, 12);
106. *monthp = month_index + 1;
107. }
15 January 1993 = 1/15/1993
15 February 1993 = 2/15/1993
15 December 2003 = 12/15/2003
```

Case Study: Text Editor

Problem: Editing operations on a line of text:

- · Locate a target string
- Delete a substring
- Insert a substring at a location

Analysis:

- Keep the source line to edit
- Get the operation until it is Q
- Data Requirements
 - source array
 - command

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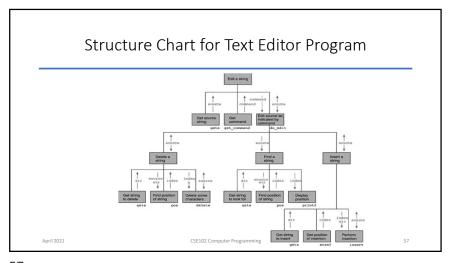
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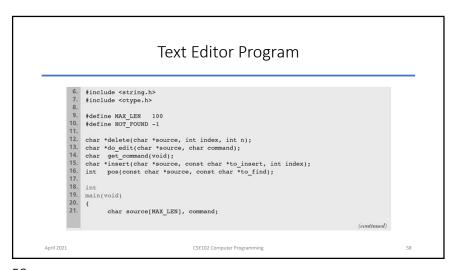
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Sample Run of Text Editor

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Enter the source string:
> Internet use is growing rapidly.
Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> d
String to delete> growing ■
New source: Internet use is rapidly.
Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> F
String to find>
'.' found at position 23
New source: Internet use is rapidly.
Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> I
String to insert> mexpanding
Position of insertion> 23
New source: Internet use is rapidly expanding.
Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> q
String after editing: Internet use is rapidly expanding.
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Case Study: Text Editor
Algorithm
1. Scan the string
2. Get an edit command
3. While command is not Q
  4. Perform operation
          4.1 switch command
                                4.2 Get the substring
                                4.3 Find the position
                                4.4 If found delete it
                                4.5 Get the substring
                                4.6 Get the position index
                                4.7 Perform insertion
                                4.8 Get the substring
                                 4.9 Find the position
                                 4.10 Report position
                                4.11 Display error message
  5. Get an edit command
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67. /*
68. * Performs the edit operation specified by command
69. * Pre: command and source are defined.
70. * Post: After scanning additional information needed, performs a
71. * Source and the second information information needed, performs a
72. * General and source are defined.
73. * (possibly modified) source.
74. */
75. char *
76. do_edic(char *source, /* input/output = string to modify or search */
77. * do_edic(char *source, /* input/output = string to modify or search */
78. * (char str[MAX_LEN]; /* work string */
81. * switch (command) /* input = character indicating operation */
82. * switch (command) {
83. * case 'D':
84. * printf("string to delete> ");
85. * gets(str);
86. * index * pos(source, str);
87. * if (index *= NOT_FOUND)
88. * printf("ist * not found\n", str);
89. * else

90. * delete(source, index, strlen(str));
91. * break;
92. * case 'I':
94. * printf("string to insert> ");
95. * gets(str);
96. * printf("Fosition of insertion> ");
97. * scanf("d", &index);
99. * break;
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101. case 'F':
102. printf("String to find> ");
103. gets(str);
104. index = POS SOURCE, str);
105. if (index == NOT FOUND)
106. printf("'%s' not found\n", str);
107. else
108. printf("'%s' found at position %d\n", str, index);
109. break;
110.
111. default:
112. printf("Invalid edit command '%c'\n", command);
114.
115. return (source);
116. }

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167.
168. /*
169. * Returns index of first occurrence of to_find in source or
170. * value of NOT_FOUND if to_find is not in source.
171. * Pre: both parameters are defined
172. */
173. int
174. pos(const char *source, /* input - string in which to look for to_find */
175. const char *to_find) /* input - string to find */
176.
177. (
178. (int i = 0, find_len, found = 0, position;
179. char substring[MAX_LERM];
180.
181. find_len = strlen(to_find);
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182. while (!found && i <= strlen(source) - find_len) {

183. strncpy(substring, &source[i], find_len);

185. if (strcmp(substring, to_find) == 0)

197. found = 1;

188. else

189. ++i;

190. }

191. if (found)

192. if (found)

193. position = i;

194. else

195. position = NOT_FOUND;

196. }

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* Returns source after deleting n characters beginning with source[index].
* If source is too short for full deletion, as many characters are
                * deleted as possible.
                * Pre: All parameters are defined and
                          strlen(source) - index - n < MAX_LEN
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                * Post: source is modified and returned
                delete(char *source, /* input/output - string from which to delete part */
                       int index, /* input - index of first char to delete
int n) /* input - number of chars to delete
                      char rest_str[MAX_LEN]; /* copy of source substring following
                                                       characters to delete */
                      /* If there are no characters in source following portion to
                           delete, delete rest of string */
                      if (strlen(source) <= index + n) {
                             source[index] = '\0';
                      /* Otherwise, copy the portion following the portion to delete
                           and place it in source beginning at the index position
                      } else {
                             strcpy(rest str, &source[index + n]);
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Thanks for listening!