



LAB 9 STRINGS

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1. OBJECTIVES:

- 1.1 To introduce the string data structure.
- 1.2 To be able to declare and initialize strings variables.
- 1.3 To be able to use string and string processing functions in programs.
- 1.4 To understand the two dimensional (2-D) arrays of type of characters which build up a list of strings.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Array is a collection or a data structure of a fixed number of components where in all of the components are of the **same type**.

The data type **string** is a programmer-defined and is not part of the **C** language. The **C** standard library supplies it.

Strings can be treated as array of type **char** used to store names of people, places, or anything that involves a combination of letters. Numbers can be stored as character, a string can be an array of numbers, too. To use the data type string, the program must include the header file string.

#include <string.h>

To declare a string, use the below command:

```
char string1[10];
```

The variable **string1** will hold strings from 0 to 9 characters long.

If we initialize the above variable with "Welcome" by using the below command

```
char string1[10] = {"Welcome"};
```

The illustration of the above array is given as:

Index / Subscript	
0	W
1	e
2	l
3	c
4	o
5	m
6	
7	\0
8	
9	

Notice that **string1[7]** contains the character '**\0**', the null character marks the end of a string.

2.1 Two Dimensional (2-D) Array of Character

```
char namelists[10][50];
```

The above data structure of array can store a list of names or strings; it can store 10 names or strings with the size of up to 50 characters.

3. TASKS:

3.1 The program shows how to declare, initialize and display strings. Type, compile and run the program. [Note : The function “**sizeof**” is to get the variable size in term of byte and the function “**strlen**” is to find the length of the string]

```
#include <stdio.h> #include
<string.h>

int main( )
{
    //3 ways of declaring and initializing strings char
    string1[10] = {"Welcome"};
    char string2[] = {'W','e','l','c','o','m','e','\0'}; char
    string3[] = "Good Bye";

    printf ("\nDisplay content of string1 : %s",string1);
    printf ("\nDisplay content of string2 : %s",string2);
    printf ("\nDisplay content of string3 : %s",string3);
    printf ("\n\nSize of string1 is %d",sizeof (string1));           //size of string1
    printf ("\nSize of string2 is %d",sizeof (string2));           //size of string2
    printf ("\nSize of string3 is %d",sizeof (string3));           //size of string3

    printf ("\n\nLength of string1 is %d",strlen(string1));        //length of string1
    printf ("\nLength of string2 is %d",strlen(string2));          //length of string2
    printf ("\nLength of string3 is %d\n",strlen(string3));        //length of string3
    return 0;
}
```

- a. Write the output of the program.

```
Display content of string1 : Welcome
Display content of string2 : Welcome
Display content of string3 : Good Bye
Size of string1 is 10
Size of string2 is 8
Size of string3 is 9
Length of string1 is 7
Length of string2 is 7
Length of string3 is 8
```

- b. Comment on the differences in strings size and length in your output.

```
Size are reading the array size, where Length are reading the number of data.
```

- c. The string library provides many functions for string processing. Find out what each of the string function listed below does:

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|-------|---------|---|--|
| i. | strcpy | - | Copies the string pointed to, by <i>src</i> to <i>dest</i> . |
| ii. | strcmp | - | Compare two strings |
| iii. | strcat | - | Appends the string pointed to, by <i>src</i> to the end of the string pointed to by <i>dest</i> . |
| iv. | atoi | - | This function returns the converted integral number as an int value. If no valid conversion could be performed, it returns zero. |
| v. | atof | - | This function returns the converted floating point number as a double value. If no valid conversion could be performed, it returns zero (0.0). |
| vi. | getchar | - | This function returns the character read as an unsigned char cast to an int or EOF on end of file or error. |
| vii. | putchar | - | writes a single character to the standard output stream, stdout. |
| viii. | gets | - | used to read a string or a text line. |
| ix. | puts | - | used to write a line or string to the output(stdout) stream |

3.2 The program shows how to assign values into strings variables. Type, compile and run the program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

#define STRING_LENGTH 20

int main( )
{
    char name[STRING_LENGTH];
    float marks[3]; float total = 0; int
    i;

    printf("\nEnter student name : ");
    scanf ("%s",name);          /*to store the input value to variable name*/
                                /*note that there is no "&" sign at beginning of name, since
                                name is an array and holds the address value.*/

    for (i=0;i<3;i++)
    { printf("Enter student test %d : ",i+1);
      scanf("%f",&marks[i]);
      total = total + marks[i];
    }

    /*Display information*/
    printf ("\nStudent name : %s", name); for (i=0;i<3;i++)
    printf ("\nTest %d mark : %5.2f",i+1, marks[i]);

    printf("\n\nTotal marks for %s : %5.2f\n",name,total);

    return 0;
}
```

- a. Write the output of the program

```
Enter student name : Name
Enter student test 1 : 10
Enter student test 2 : 20
Enter student test 3 : 30
```

```
Student name : Name
Test 1 mark : 10.00
Test 2 mark : 20.00
Test 3 mark : 30.00
```

```
Total marks for Name : 60.00
```

- b. Write a program that takes a list of students' names and marks and calculates the average marks. You are required to declare two arrays called **names** and **marks**. Assume number of students are 5.

Declare array **names**: (use 2-D array) `char names[num_std][name_len];` //name length can be 20 characters long

Declare array **marks**: `float marks[num_std];` Sample output:

```
Enter student name : Jason
Enter student marks : 60
Enter student name : Ahmad
Enter student marks : 77
Enter student name : Chong
Enter student marks : 88
Enter student name : Kumar
Enter student marks : 70
Enter student name : Daniel
Enter student marks : 55
```

```
Jason 60.00
Ahmad 77.00
Chong 88.00
Kumar 70.00
Daniel 55.00
```

```
Average marks for 5 students : 70.00
```

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main ()
{
    int i;
    char name [5][20];
    float marks [5], avg, tot;

    for (i=0; i<5;i++)
    {
        printf("Enter student name : ");
        scanf ("%s",&name [i]);
        printf("Enter student marks :");
        scanf ("%f",&marks[i]);
    }

    for (i=0; i<5;i++)
    {
        printf("%s  %.2f\n",name[i],marks [i]);
    }

    for (i=0; i<5;i++)
    {
        tot += marks[i];
    }
    avg = tot/5;

    printf ("Average marks for 5 student: %.2f", tot);
}

```

3.3 Write a program that resembles a phone book, which stores and displays the names, the addresses (cities) and the telephone numbers for 10 people.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main ()
{
    int i;
    char name [10][20], city [10][20];
    int pNum [10][20], avg, tot;

    for (i=0; i<10;i++)
    {
        printf("Enter name : ");
        scanf ("%s",&name [i]);
        printf("Enter phone number :");
        scanf ("%d",&pNum[i]);
        printf("Enter city :");
        scanf ("%s",&city[i]);
    }

    for (i=0; i<10;i++)
    {
        printf("%s  %d  %s\n",name[i],pNum [i],city[i]);
    }

    return 0;
}
```