

**BIL 105E – Introduction to Scientific and  
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**Homework 3**

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## Introduction

This project's main aim is to understand pointers by string processes like, getting a substring, removing a part from a string, inserting another string into desired place or finding and replacing a part of the string.

## Development Environment

This program has only 1 source code file written in C:

150150701.c

This program tested and compiled in following system:

gcc 4.8.5 20150623 on Red Hat 4.8.5-4 (ITU SSH Server)

gcc compiler has been used to compile the program by the command:

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gcc 150150701.c -o hw3
```

## Important Variables and Functions

user\_menu: Prints menu and gets input about what to do next

set\_ccs: Gets the string ccs

sub\_string: Returns a substring of ccs between desired index numbers

remove\_string: Returns a substring of ccs between desired index numbers and deletes that part from ccs

insert\_string: inserts a string to desired place in ccs

replace\_string: finds and replaces a substring from ccs with a desired string. Returns how many strings found

findLength: Returns the length of the given string

keepGoing: makes program repeat itself until 0 is chosen

length, lengthC, lengthF, lengthI, lengthR: lengths of certain strings

begin\_index, end\_index; indexes to perform operations on strings

ccs: main string to perform operations on

p, p1, p2, p3: some temporary pointer values to perform necessary tasks. These pointers used for another aim when their job is done.

lastCharacter: pointer of the string's last char. It sets to zero if necessary.

## Program Flow

Pseudo code of the program:

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int function main
{
    keepGoing=1
    initialize ccs as '\0';
    while user did not enter 0 as input
    {
        user_menu()
        case 1:
            set_ccs();
        case 2:
            if ccs is entered before
            {
                Print "Enter the BEGIN INDEX and END INDEX
numbers:\n";

                Get begin_index,end_index;
                p=sub_string (ccs,begin_index,end_index);
                if p is not null
                    print "Substring" begin_index","
end_index")):"p;
                else
                    print "An error happened!\n";
            }
            else
            {
                Print "Error:CCS must be entered to perform
this action!\n";
            }
        case 3:
            if ccs is entered before
            {
                Print "Enter the BEGIN INDEX and END INDEX
numbers:\n";

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        Get begin_index end_index;
        p=remove_string(&ccs,begin_index,end_index);
        if p is not null
            print "Removed
String;"begin_index","end_index":"p;
        else
            print "An error happened!\n";
    }
    else
    {
        Print "Error:CCS must be entered to perform
this action!\n";
    }
    case 4:
        if ccs is entered before
        {
            Print "Enter a new string for insertion:\n";
            Get insert;
            Adjust insert in memory for its new length;
            print "Enter the BEGIN INDEX number where the
new string begins:\n";
            get begin_index;
            if insert_string(&ccs,insert,begin_index)
returns smaller than zero
                print"An error happened!\n";
        }
        else
        {
            Print "Error:CCS must be entered to perform
this action!\n";
        }
    case 5:

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        if ccs is entered before
        {
            Print "Find what:\n";
            Get find;
            Adjust find in memory for its new length;
            print "Replace with what:\n";
            get replace;
            Adjust replace in memory for its new length;

            replacementCount=replace_string(&ccs,find,replace);
            if replacementCount smaller than 0
                print "An error happened!\n";
            else
                print replacementCount
        }
        else
        {
            Print "Error:CCS must be entered to perform
this action!\n";
        }
        default:
            print "Seems like there is a non valid input, try
again maybe? \n";
        }
        Print CCS
    }

    return 0;
}

int user_menu ()
{

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        print "0: Exit the program\n1: Set Current Character
Sequence\n2: Get Substring\n3: Remove Substring\n4: Insert\n5:
Replace\nYour choise:\n";

        get choosen;

        return choosen;
}

set_ccs(ccs)
{
    Free ccs in memory;
    Print "Enter CCS:";
    Get ccs;
    Adjust ccs in memory for its new length;
    return findLeght(ccs);
}

sub_string (ccs, begin_index, end_index)
{
    lenght=findLeght(ccs);

    if begin_index smaller than 0 or end_index is bigger than
lenght or end_index smaller than 0 or end_index is smaller than
begin_index
        return NULL;
    else
    {
        copy from ccs between begin_index and end_index to p;
    }
    return p;
}

remove_string(ccs, begin_index, end_index)
{
    lenght=findLeght(*ccs);

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        if begin_index smaller than 0 or end_index is bigger than
        lenght or end_index smaller than 0 or end_index is smaller than
        begin_index

            return NULL;
        else
        {
            size=end_index-begin_index+1;
            set p1 to starting point to remove;
            set p2 to ending point to remove;
            get size+1 byte from memory for substr;
            starting from p1 copy bytes as many as size to substr;
            add null to end of the string;
            starting from p2 copy lenght-end_index+1 bytes to p1;
            adjust p1 in memory to its new length;
        }
        return substr;
    }
}

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insert_string(ccs, insert, begin_index)
{
    lenghtC=findLeght(ccs);
    lenghtI=findLeght(insert);
    adjust ccs in memory for lenghtI+lenghtC;
    set p1 to start of the insertion;
    copy lenghtC-begin_index bytes from p1 to p1+lenghtI;
    copy lenghtI bytes from insert to p1;
    return lenghtI+lenghtC;
}

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replace_string(ccs, find, replace)
{

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Initialize found=0;
Print "find:" find "replace:" replace;
lenghtC=findLeght(ccs);
lenghtR=findLeght(replace);
lenghtF=findLeght(find);
p1=ccs;
print "CCS before change:"p1;
while(p1 is not the end of string)
{
    p2=find;
    p3=p1;
    while(p1 equals p2 and p2 is not equal null)
    {
        move p1 one char forward;
        move p2 one char forward;
    }
    If p2 is not equal null
    {
        Adjust ccs in memory for lenghtC-lenghtF+lenghtR
bytes
        Adjust p1 to new ccs
        Adjust p3 to new ccs
    }
    slide the necessary part;
    overwrite and change necessary part;
    add one to found;
    lenghtC=findLeght(ccs);
}
    move p1 one char forward;
}

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        return found;
    }

    findLeght(str)
    {
        while str is not the end pf string
        {
            lenght++;
            move str one char forward;
        }
        return lenght;
    }
```

### **Conclusion**

This project helped me to understand pointers and memory allocation. Besides that, I also learned some exceptional cases about memory allocation and how to handle with those cases.