

## 7.- ft\_memset . -

Function based on the definition given in the BSD man pages for “memset”.  
The library associated is <string.h>.

**Sinopsis:** void \* memset(void \*b, int c, size\_t len);

**Purpose:** Fills a block of memory with a specific value.

**Parameters:**

- b: The memory area to be filled.
- c: The value to fill the memory with.
- len: The length of the memory area to be filled.

**Return value:**

- A pointer to the filled memory area.

**Description:**

The **ft\_memset** function fills a block of memory with a specific value. It does this by iterating over the memory area character by character, assigning the specified value to each character. The function returns a pointer to the filled memory area.

The memset() function writes len bytes of value c (converted to an unsigned char) to the string b. The memset() function returns its first argument.

**Code:**

```
#include "libft.h"

void *ft_memset(void *b, int c, size_t len)
{
    size_t i;

    i = 0;
    while (i < len)
    {
        ((char *)b)[i] = (unsigned char)c;
        i++;
    }
    return (b);
}

/*
int main(void)
{
    char str[5];

    ft_memset(str, 'V', 4);
    str[4] = '\0';
    printf("%s\n", str);
    return (0);
}
*/
```

## Code explanation:

1. **Include header file:** The `#include "libft.h"` statement includes the header file `libft.h`, which defines the required libraries for our function.
2. **Define function:** The `void *ft_memset(void *b, int c, size_t len)` statement defines the `ft_memset` function. The function takes three arguments: `b`, `c`, and `len`. The `b` argument is a pointer to the memory area to be filled. The `c` argument is the value to fill the memory with. The `len` argument is the length of the memory area to be filled. The `void *` type is a generic pointer type that can point to any type of data.
3. **Initialize counter:** The `i = 0;` statement initializes the counter variable `i` to 0. This variable will be used to keep track of the number of characters that have been filled.
4. **Fill memory with value:** The `while (i < len)` statement iterates over the memory area character by character. The `((char *)b)[i]` expression evaluates to the current character in the memory area, and the `(unsigned char)c` expression evaluates to the specified value to be filled. The loop continues as long as the current character is not the null byte (`\0`).
5. **Assign value:** The `((char *)b)[i] = (unsigned char)c;` statement assigns the specified value to the current character in the memory area. The `(unsigned char)` cast is necessary to ensure that the `c` argument is interpreted as an unsigned integer, as character values are stored in memory as unsigned integers.
6. **Increment counter:** The `i++;` statement increments the counter variable `i` by 1. This is done after each character is filled, to keep track of the total number of characters that have been filled.
7. **Return pointer:** The `return (b);` statement returns a pointer to the filled memory area. This pointer can be used to access the filled memory area later on.
8. Under comments we develop a main function to show how it works:
  - 8.1. **Main function:** The `int main(void)` statement defines the main function, which is the entry point of the program. The main function prompts the user to enter a string, reads the input string, and fills the string with the character 'V'. The `printf("%s\n", str);` statement prints the filled string.
  - 8.2. **Input and fill string:** The `ft_memset(str, 'V', 4);` statement fills the string `str` with the character 'V'. The `str[4] = '\0';` statement sets the last character of the string to null, indicating the end of the string.
  - 8.3. **Return value:** The `return (0);` statement exits the program with a status code of 0, indicating that the program executed successfully.