

## 12.- ft\_strlcat.-

Function based on the definition given in the BSD man pages for “strlcat(3)”.  
The library associated is <string.h>.

### Synopsis:

```
size_t strlcat(char * restrict dst, const char * restrict src, size_t dstsize);
```

We shall use:

```
size_t ft_strlcat(char *dst, const char *src, size_t dstsize);
```

### Purpose:

Appends a string to another, preventing buffer overflows and ensuring null-termination.

### Parameters:

- **dst**: Pointer to the destination string buffer.
- **src**: Pointer to the source string to be appended.
- **dstsize**: Size of the destination buffer, including space for the null terminator.

### Return Value

- Returns the total length of the string that would have been created if there had been enough space in **dst**.

### Description

- Appends up to **dstsize - strlen(dst) - 1** bytes from **src** to **dst**.
- Always null-terminates the destination string, even if truncation occurs.
- Returns the total length of the string that would have been created if there had been no truncation.

### Code

```
#include "libft.h"

size_t ft_strlcat(char *dst, const char *src, size_t dstsize)
{
    size_t i;
    size_t l;

    l = ft_strlen(dst) + ft_strlen(src);
    if (dstsize <= ft_strlen(dst))
        return (ft_strlen(src) + dstsize);
    while (*dst)
        dst++;
    i = 0;
    while ((i < dstsize - (l - ft_strlen(src)) - 1) && src[i])
    {
        dst[i] = src[i];
        i++;
    }
    dst[i] = '\0';
    return (l);
}
```

## Code Explanation:

- 1. Calculates total string length:**
  - Finds the combined length of `dst` and `src` (`l`).
- 2. Checks for insufficient space:**
  - If `dstsize` is less than or equal to the current length of `dst`, returns the total length that would have been needed (`l`).
- 3. Finds end of `dst`:**
  - Iterates through `dst` until the null terminator is found.
- 4. Appends characters (if space allows):**
  - Copies characters from `src` to `dst` until:
    - The end of `src` is reached.
    - The available space in `dst` is filled (`dstsize - strlen(dst) - 1`).
- 5. Null-terminates `dst`:**
  - Ensures `dst` ends with a null terminator.
- 6. Returns total string length:**
  - Returns the total length of the string that would have been created (`l`).

## Main Function (Optional)

```
int main(void)
{
    char src[20] = " friend";
    char dst[20] = "Hello";

    printf("%zu\nsrc: %s\ndst: %s\n", ft_strlcat(dst, src, 13), src, dst);
    return (0);
}
```