

## 6.- ft\_strlen. -

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

**Sinopsis:** size\_t strlen(const char \*s);

**Purpose:** Calculates the length of a string.

**Parameters:**

- s: The string whose length is to be calculated.

**Return value:**

- The length of the string, which is the number of characters in the string, excluding the terminating null byte (\0).

**Description:**

The **ft\_strlen** function calculates the length of the given string. It does this by iterating over the string character by character, counting each character until it reaches the terminating null byte (\0). The function returns the number of characters that were counted.

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**Code:**

```
#include "libft.h"

size_t ft_strlen(const char *s)
{
    size_t i = 0;

    while (s[i] != '\0')
        i++;
    return (i);
}

/*
int main(void)
{
    char *s = "Hola Mundo";
    size_t i = ft_strlen(s);

    printf("Length of string \"%s\" is: %zu\n", s, i);
    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 `size_t ft_strlen(const char *s)` statement defines the `ft_strlen` function. The function takes one argument, `s`, which is the pointer to the string whose length is to be calculated. The `size_t` data type is used to represent the size of the string, which is an unsigned integral type.
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 counted.
4. **Iterate through string:** The `while (s[i] != '\0')` statement iterates over the string character by character. The `s[i]` expression evaluates to the current character in the string, and the `\0` expression evaluates to the null byte that terminates the string. The loop continues as long as the current character is not the null byte.
5. **Increment counter:** The `i++;` statement increments the counter variable `i` by 1. This is done after each character is counted, to keep track of the total number of characters that have been counted.
6. **Return length:** The `return (i);` statement returns the value of the counter variable `i`, which is the length of the string.
7. Under comments we develop a main function to show how it works:
  - 7.1. **Main function:** The `int main(void)` statement defines the main function, which is the entry point of the program.
  - 7.2. **char \*s :** declares a pointer to a character.
  - 7.3. **size\_t i:** declares a variable of type `size_t`.
  - 7.4 **Next steps:** we assign the string "Hola Mundo" to the pointer and call the `ft_strlen` function to get the length of the string.
  - 7.5 **Last step:** Finally, we print the length of the string and returns 0 to indicate successful completion of the program.
    - 7.5.1. **Using %zu in printf:** The `printf("Length of string \"Hola Mundo\" is: %zu\n", i);` statement prints a message indicating the length of the string `s`. The `%zu` format specifier is used to print the length of the string, which is a `size_t` data type. The `%d` format specifier would not be appropriate for this purpose, as it is intended for printing signed integer values.
    - 7.5.2. **Reason for using %zu:** The `%zu` format specifier is used because the `size_t` data type is unsigned, and the `%d` format specifier is intended for signed integer values. Using the `%d` format specifier on an unsigned integer value would result in undefined behavior.