

# Section 10 : Strings

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- 1) Using char Array (available in both c and c++)
- 2) class string (only in c++)

Using char array :

**Declaring and Initialising String**

The diagram illustrates five methods of string declaration and initialization, each with a corresponding memory layout:

- char x='A';**: A single character variable containing 'A'.
- char S[10]="Hello";**: A character array of size 10 initialized with "Hello" and a null terminator '\0' at index 5. Indexes 0-4 contain 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o'.
- char S[]="Hello";**: A character array where the size is determined by the literal "Hello", including the null terminator.
- char S[]={'H','e','l','l','o','\0'};**: A character array initialized with individual characters and a null terminator.
- char S[]={65,66,67,68,'0'};**: A character array initialized with ASCII values (65, 66, 67, 68) and the character '0' (ASCII 48), which together form "Hello".
- char \*S="Hello";**: A character pointer variable pointing to a string literal "Hello" stored in memory.

Handwritten notes include: "string delimiter", "Null character", "literal", and "char S[10];", "char \*S;" with arrows pointing to the respective code snippets.

- Literals are created in code section
- If we want a string in heap, go for character pointer, if you want in stack, then go for character array.
- Single quotes = char
- Double quotes = string
- Null character = '\0' (or 0 numeric)
- Char \*S = "Hello"; // Warning : ISO C++11 does not allow conversion from string literal to 'char\*'

```
char name[20];  
cin>>name; // read only first word
```

We can use this for sentence:

- `Cin.get(name, 20);` // get will not read enter key, second string will take that enter as '\n' string
- Use `cin.ignore();` after using `cin.get(name, 20);`
- `Cin.getline(name, 20);` // use this, use for multiple getlines

**Char array/String built-in functions :** (#include<cstring> / string.h)

- `Strlen(s)` // for string length
- `Strcat(destination, source)` // for concatenate strings, source string will added in destination string, destination will become destination + source.
- `Strncat(destination, source, number of letter of second string to concatenate with first)`
- `Strcpy(destination, source)` // copy source string to destination
- `strncpy(destination,source, length)`
- `Strstr(main, sub)` // to find substring, will crash if not found. Use `if(strstr(s1,s2)!=NULL) {...}`
- `Strchr(main, char);` // find occurrence of a character in string

- Strcmp(str1, str2); // compare 2 string, return -ve, 0, +ve
- Strtol(str1, NULL, 10) // string to long int, where 10 (decimal) is base
- Strtof(str1, NULL) // string to float
- Strtok(str1, "=") // to tokenize a string, where =; is token/delimiter.

```
char s1[20]="x=10;y=20;z=35";
```

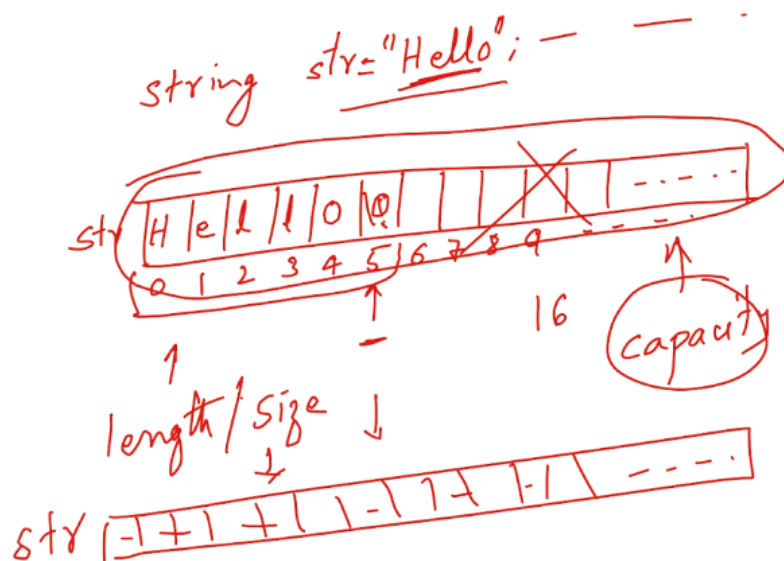
```
char *token=strtok(s1, "=");
```

```
while(token!=NULL)
{
    cout<<token<<endl;
    token=strtok(NULL, "=");
}
```

```
char *s;
cout<<"Enter a String";
cin>>s;
cin.getline(s, 100); // this will also work
```

#### Class String :

```
#include<string>
string str;
cin>>str; // take only one word
getline(cin,str); // can take sentence
```



#### String Class Functions :

```
s.length()
s.size()
s.capacity()
s.resize(30)
s.max_size()
s.clear()
s.empty()

s.append("Bye")
s.insert(3, "kk") or s.insert(3, "Apple", 2)
s.replace(3, 5, "aa") // 3 is starting index, 4 is length from starting index to replace with aa
s.erase() // is same to clear()
s.push_back('z') // insert at the end of string
```

```
s.pop_back() // delete last character of string
s1.swap(s2) // swap 2 strings
```

```
s.copy( char des[ ]) // copy string char array des[]
```

<pre>string s="Welcome";  char str[10];  s.copy(str, s.length());  cout&lt;&lt;str&lt;&lt;endl;</pre>	<pre>string s="Welcome";  char str[10];  s.copy(str, 3); str[3]='\0';  cout&lt;&lt;str&lt;&lt;endl;</pre>
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```
s.find(str) or char // to find occurrence of string or char and return index
s.rfind(str) // to find occurrence of string or char from end/right hand side and return index
// if return index is greater than length of string it means it didn't find the string or char
s.find_first_of('a', 3) // a character to find from last side and start finding from index 3 onwards
s.find_last_of('le') // search from right hand side, will return index of any of character found first
```

Handwritten example for `find` and `find_first_of`:

```
string str = "Hello world"
           0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
           ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
str.find - first_of('l'); → 2
str.find - first_of('l', 3); → 9
str.find - first_of("le"); → 1
```

```
s.substr( start,number) // to extract a portion of string
```

Handwritten example for `substr`:

```
string str = "Programming"
           0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
str.substr(3);
str.substr(3, 4);
```

```
s.compare(str) // similar to strcmp, compare string in dictionary order and return result as -ve, 0, +ve.
```

**Some operators defined upon string class :**

```
at()
```

Handwritten example for `at`:

```
string str = "Holiday"
           0 1 2 3 4 5 6
str.at(4); → d
str[4]; → d
```

```
front() // return first character of string
```

```
back() // return last character of string
```

```
[] // it's overloaded operator
```

```
+
```

```
||
```

+  
 string str1 = "Hello";  
 string str2 = "world";  
 string s3 = str1 + str2;  
 "Hello-world"  
 str1 = str1 + " world";  
 Hello world

### String Class - Iterators :

string::iterator // iterator object will work like a pointer to a character in a string (can read and modify)

begin()

end()

reverse\_iterator

rbegin()

rend()

string::iterator it;
   
 for (it = str.begin(); it != str.end(); it++)
 {
 }
 cout << \*it;

### Example :

```
string str="today";
```

```
string::iterator it;
```

```
for(it=str.begin();it!=str.end();it++)
```

```
{
```

```
    // cout<<*it;
```

```
    *it=*it-32;
```

```
}
```

```
cout<<str; // will output TODAY
```

### Example :

```
string str="today";
```

```
string::reverse_iterator it;
```

```
for (it=str.rbegin();it!=str.rend();it++)
```

```
{
```

```
    cout<<*it;
```

```
}
```

```
// will output yadot
```

**Example :**

```
string str="today";
for (int i=0;str[i]!='\0';i++)
{
    cout<<str[i]; // output today
    str[i] = str[i] - 32;
}
Cout<<str; // output TODAY
```

**To create a string of particular length :**

```
String str = "";
Str.resize(len);
```