

# Libft Your first own library

Pedago pedago@42.fr

Summary: The aim of this project is to code a C library regrouping usual functions that you'll be allowed to use in all your other projects.

# Contents

1	Foreword		2
II	Introduction		3
III	Objectives		4
IV	General Instructions		5
$\mathbf{V}$	Mandatory part		7
V.1	Technical considerations		7
V.2	Part 1 - Libc functions	/.	8
V.3	Part 2 - Additional functions	/	10
VI	Bonus part		<b>15</b>
VII	Submission and peer correction		18

## Chapter I

#### Foreword

This first project marks the beginning of your training to become de software engineer.

To accompany you during this project, here is a list of oustanding music groups. It's highly probable that you won't like any of those. This will mean that you have poor music taste. I'm sure that you have some other qualities such as being able to hold your breath for more than 3 minutes or maybe you know by heart the names of the 206 United Nations' signatory states. The groups aren't listed in any particular order and the list does not need to be exhaustive. Click on the links to find out more.

- Between The Buried And Me
- Between The Buried And Me, c'est bon, mangez-en
- Tesseract
- Chimp Spanner
- Emancipator
- Cynic
- Kalisia
- O.S.I
- Dream Theater
- Pain Of Salvation
- Crucified Barbara

## Chapter II

#### Introduction

The libft project builds on the concepts you learned during Day-06 of the bootcamp ie code a library of useful functions that you will be allowed to reuse in most of your C projects this year. This will save you a lot of precious time. The following assignments will have you write lines of code you already wrote during the bootcamp. See the libft project as a Bootcamp reminder and use it wisely to assess your level and progress.



Figure II.1: A possible representation of your Libst (artist's view)

## Chapter III

# Objectives

C programming can be very tedious when one doesn't have access to those highly useful standard functions. This project makes you to take the time to re-write those functions, understand them, and learn to use them. This library will help you for all your future C projects.

Through this project, we also give you the opportunity to expand the list of functions with your own. Take the time to expand your libft throughout the year.

#### Chapter IV

#### General Instructions

- You must create the following functions in the order you believe makes most sense. We encourage you to use the functions you have already coded to write the next ones. The difficulty level does not increase by assignment and the project has not been structured in any specific way. It is similar to a video game, where you can complete quests in the order of your choosing and use the loot from the previous quests to solve the next ones.
- Your project must be written in accordance with the Norm.
- Your functions should not quit unexpectedly (segmentation fault, bus error, double free, etc) apart from undefined behaviors. If this happens, your project will be considered non functional and will receive a 0 during the defence.
- All heap allocated memory space must be properly freed when necessary.
- You must submit a file named **author** containing your username followed by a '\n' at the root of your repository,

\$>cat -e author
xlogin\$

- You must submit a C file for each function you create, as well as a libft.h file, which will contain all the necessary prototypes as well as macros and typedefs you might need. All those files must be at the root of your repository.
- You must submit a Makefile which will compile your source files to a static library libft.a.
- Your Makefile must at least contain the rules \$(NAME), all, clean, fclean et re in the order that you will see fit.
- Your Makefile must compile your work with the flags -Wall, -Wextra and -Werror.

- Only the following libc functions are allowed: malloc(3), free(3) and write(2), and their usage is restricted. See below.
- You must include the necessary include system files to use one or more of the three authorized functions in your .c files. The only additional system include file you are allowed to use is string.h to have access to the constant NULL and to the type size\_t. Everything else if forbidden.
- We encourage you to create test programs for your library even though this work won't have to be submitted and won't be graded. It will give you a chance to easily test your work and your peers' work. You will find those tests especially useful during your defence. Indeed, during defence, you are free to use your tests and/or the tests of the peer you are evaluating.

## Chapter V

#### Mandatory part

#### V.1 Technical considerations

- Your libft.h file can contain macros and typedefs if needed.
- A string must **ALWAYS** end with a '\0', even if it is not included in the function's description, unless explicitly stated otherwise.
- It is forbidden to use global variables.
- If you need sub-functions to write a complex function, you must define these sub-functions as static as stipulated in the Norm.



Check out this link to find out more about static functions: http://codingfreak.blogspot.com/2010/06/static-functions-in-c.html

• You must pay attention to your types and wisely use the casts when needed, especially when a void\* type is involved. Generally speaking, avoid implicit casts. Example:

#### V.2 Part 1 - Libc functions

In this first part, you must re-code a set of the libc functions, as defined in their man. Your functions will need to present the same prototype and behaviors as the originals. Your functions' names must be prefixed by "ft\_". For instance strlen becomes ft strlen.



Some of the functions' prototypes you have to re-code use the "restrict" qualifier. This keyword is part of the c99 standard. It is therefore forbidden to include it in your prototypes and to compile it with the flag -std=c99.

You must re-code the following functions:

- memset
- bzero
- lacktriangle memcpy
- memccpy
- memmove
- memchr
- memcmp
- strlen
- strdup
- strcpy
- strncpy
- strcat
- strncat
- strlcat
- strchr
- strrchr
- strstr
- strnstr
- strcmp
- strncmp
- atoi
- isalpha

		/	
	Libft		Your first own library
	• isdigit		
	• isalnum		
	• isascii • isprint		
	• toupper		
1	• tolower		
X			
		9	

#### V.3 Part 2 - Additional functions

In this second part, you must code a set of functions that are either not included in the libc, or included in a different form. Some of these functions can be useful to write Part 1's functions.

	ft_memalloc
Prototype	<pre>void * ft_memalloc(size_t size);</pre>
Description	Allocates (with malloc(3)) and returns a "fresh" memory
	area. The memory allocated is initialized to 0. If the alloca-
	tion fails, the function returns NULL.
Param. #1	The size of the memory that needs to be allocated.
Return value	The allocated memory area.
Libc functions	malloc(3)

		${ m ft\_memdel}$
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_memdel(void **ap);</pre>
	Description	Takes as a parameter the address of a memory area that needs
		to be freed with free(3), then puts the pointer to NULL.
•	Param. #1	A pointer's address that needs its memory freed and set to
		NULL.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	free(3).

${f ft\_strnew}$		
Prototype	<pre>char * ft_strnew(size_t size);</pre>	
Description	Allocates (with malloc(3)) and returns a "fresh" string end-	
	ing with '\0'. Each character of the string is initialized at	
	'\0'. If the allocation fails the function returns NULL.	
Param. #1	The size of the string to be allocated.	
Return value	The string allocated and initialized to 0.	
Libc functions	malloc(3)	

		${ m ft\_strdel}$
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_strdel(char **as);</pre>
	Description	Takes as a parameter the address of a string that need to be
_		freed with free(3), then sets its pointer to NULL.
•	Param. #1	The string's address that needs to be freed and its pointer set
		to NULL.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	Free(3).

		$ m ft\_strclr$
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_strclr(char *s);</pre>
•	Description	Sets every character of the string to the value '\0'.
	Param. #1	The string that needs to be cleared.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	None.

		${f ft\_striter}$
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_striter(char *s, void (*f)(char *));</pre>
	Description	Applies the function f to each character of the string passed
		as argument. Each character is passed by address to f to be
•		modified if necessary.
	Param. #1	The string to iterate.
	Param. #2	The function to apply to each character of s.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	None.

	ft_striteri
Prototype	<pre>void ft_striteri(char *s, void (*f)(unsigned int,</pre>
	char *));
Description	Applies the function f to each character of the string passed
	as argument, and passing its index as first argument. Each
	character is passed by address to f to be modified if necessary.
Param. #1	The string to iterate.
Param. #2	The function to apply to each character of <b>s</b> and its index.
Return value	None.
Libc functions	None.

	${ m ft\_strmap}$
Prototype	<pre>char * ft_strmap(char const *s, char (*f)(char));</pre>
Description	Applies the function f to each character of the string given
	as argument to create a "fresh" new string (with malloc(3))
	resulting from the successive applications of f.
Param. #1	The string to map.
Param. #2	The function to apply to each character of s.
Return value	The "fresh" string created from the successive applications of
	f.
Libc functions	malloc(3)

	$ft\_strmapi$
Prototype	char * ft_strmapi(char const *s, char
	(*f)(unsigned int, char));
Description	Applies the function f to each character of the string passed
	as argument by giving its index as first argument to create a
	"fresh" new string (with malloc(3)) resulting from the suc-
	cessive applications of f.
Param. #1	The string to map.
Param. #2	The function to apply to each character of $s$ and its index.
Return value	The "fresh" string created from the successive applications of
	f.
Libc functions	malloc(3)

		${ m ft\_strequ}$	
Prototyp	e	<pre>int ft_strequ(char const *s1, char const *s2);</pre>	
Descripti	ion	Lexicographical comparison between s1 and s2. If the	2
		strings are identical the function returns 1, or 0 otherwise.	
Param.	#1	The first string to be compared.	
Param.	#2	The second string to be compared.	
Return v	alue	1 or 0 according to if the 2 strings are identical or not.	
Libc fund	ctions	None.	

	${ m ft\_strnequ}$
Prototype	<pre>int ft_strnequ(char const *s1, char const *s2,</pre>
	size_t n);
Description	Lexicographical comparison between s1 and s2 up to n char-
	acters or until a '\0' is reached. If the 2 strings are identical,
	the function returns 1, or 0 otherwise.
Param. #1	The first string to be compared.
Param. #2	The second string to be compared.
Param. #3	The maximum number of characters to be compared.
Return value	1 or 0 according to if the 2 strings are identical or not.
Libc functions	None.

	${ m ft\_strsub}$	
Prototype	<pre>char * ft_strsub(char const *s</pre>	, unsigned int
	start, size_t len);	
Description	Allocates (with malloc(3)) and return	rns a "fresh" substring
/	from the string given as argument. T	The substring begins at
	indexstart and is of size len. If star	rt and len aren't refer-
/	ing to a valid substring, the behavio	or is undefined. If the
	allocation fails, the function returns N	ULL.
Param. #1	The string from which create the subs	string.
Param. #2	The start index of the substring.	
Param. #3	The size of the substring.	
Return value	The substring.	/
Libc functions	malloc(3)	/

Γ		ft_strjoin
	Prototype	<pre>char * ft_strjoin(char const *s1, char const *s2);</pre>
	Description	Allocates (with malloc(3)) and returns a "fresh" string ending with '\0', result of the concatenation of s1 and s2. If the allocation fails the function returns NULL.
	Param. #1	The prefix string.
	Param. #2	The suffix string.
	Return value	The "fresh" string result of the concatenation of the 2 strings.
	Libc functions	malloc(3)

	${f ft\_strtrim}$	
Prototype	<pre>char * ft_strtrim(char const *s);</pre>	
Description	Allocates (with malloc(3)) and returns a copy of the string	
	given as argument without whitespaces at the beginning or at	
	the end of the string. Will be considered as whitespaces the	
	following characters ' ', '\n' and '\t'. If s has no whites-	
/	paces at the beginning or at the end, the function returns a	
	copy of s. If the allocation fails the function returns NULL.	
Param. #1	The string to be trimed.	
Return value	The "fresh" trimmed string or a copy of s.	
Libc functions	malloc(3)	

	${ m ft\_strsplit}$	
Prototype	<pre>char ** ft_strsplit(char const *s, char c);</pre>	
Description	Allocates (with malloc(3)) and returns an array of "fresh	ı"
	strings (all ending with '\0', including the array itself) o	b-
	tained by spliting s using the character c as a delimite	er.
	If the allocation fails the function returns NULL. Examp	le
	: ft_strsplit("*hello*fellow***students*", '*') r	e-
	turns the array ["hello", "fellow", "students"].	
Param. #1	The string to split.	
Param. #2	The delimiter character.	
Return value	The array of "fresh" strings result of the split.	
Libc functions	malloc(3), free(3)	

	${ m ft\_itoa}$
Prototype	<pre>char * ft_itoa(int n);</pre>
Description	Allocate (with malloc(3)) and returns a "fresh" string end-
	ing with '\0' representing the integer n given as argument.
	Negative numbers must be supported. If the allocation fails,
	the function returns NULL.
Param. #1	The integer to be transformed into a string.
Return value	The string representing the integer passed as argument.
Libc functions	malloc(3)

		$\operatorname{ft}$ _putchar
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_putchar(char c);</pre>
	Description	Outputs the character <b>c</b> to the standard output.
•	Param. #1	The character to output.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	write(2).

		${f ft\_putstr}$	
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_putstr(char const *s);</pre>	/
_	Description	Outputs the string <b>s</b> to the standard output.	/
•	Param. #1	The string to output.	/
	Return value	None.	
	Libc functions	write(2).	/

	/	ft_putendl
/	Prototype	<pre>void ft_putendl(char const *s);</pre>
	Description	Outputs the string s to the standard output followed by a
•		'\n'.
	Param. #1	The string to output.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	write(2).

	$\operatorname{ft}$ _putnbr
Prototype	<pre>void ft_putnbr(int n);</pre>
Description	Outputs the integer n to the standard output.
Param. #1	The integer to output.
Return value	None.
Libc functions	write(2).

		${ m ft\_putchar\_fd}$
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_putchar_fd(char c, int fd);</pre>
	Description	Outputs the char c to the file descriptor fd.
•	Param. #1	The character to output.
	Param. #2	The file descriptor.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	write(2).

		${ m ft\_putstr\_fd}$
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_putstr_fd(char const *s, int fd);</pre>
	Description	Outputs the string s to the file descriptor fd.
•	Param. #1	The string to output.
	Param. #2	The file descriptor.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	write(2).

	${ m ft\_putendl\_fd}$	
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_putendl_fd(char const *s, int fd);</pre>
	Description	Outputs the string s to the file descriptor fd followed by a
_		'\n'.
•	Param. #1	The string to output.
	Param. #2	The file descriptor.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	write(2).

	ft_putnbr_fd		
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_putnbr_fd(int n, int fd);</pre>	
	Description	Outputs the integer n to the file descriptor fd.	
•	Param. #1	The integer to print.	
	Param. #2	The file descriptor.	
	Return value	None.	
	Libc functions	write(2).	

### Chapter VI

#### Bonus part

If you successfully completed the mandatory part, you'll enjoy taking it further. You can see this last section as Bonus Points.

Having functions to manipulate memory and strings is very useful, but you'll soon discover that having functions to manipulate lists is even more useful.

You'll use the following structure to represent the links of your list. This structure must be added to your libft.h file.

Here is a description of the fields of the t\_list struct:

- content: The data contained in the link. The void \* allows to store any kind of data.
- content\_size: The size of the data stored. The void \* type doesn't allow you to know the size of the pointed data, as a consequence, it is necessary to save its size. For instance, the size of the string "42" is 3 bytes and the 32bits integer 42 has a size of 4 bytes.
- next: The next link's address or NULL if it's the last link.

The following functions will allow you to manipulate your lists more easilly.

	ft_lstnew
Prototype	t_list * ft_lstnew(void const *content, size_t
	<pre>content_size);</pre>
Description	Allocates (with malloc(3)) and returns a "fresh" link. The
	variables content and content_size of the new link are ini-
	tialized by <b>copy</b> of the parameters of the function. If the pa-
	rameter content is nul, the variable content is initialized to
	NULL and the variable content_size is initialized to 0 even
	if the parameter content_size isn't. The variable next is
	initialized to NULL. If the allocation fails, the function returns
	NULL.
Param. #1	The content to put in the new link.
Param. #2	The size of the content of the new link.
Return value	The new link.
Libc functions	malloc(3), free(3)

	ft_lstdelone
Prototype	<pre>void ft_lstdelone(t_list **alst, void (*del)(void</pre>
	*, size_t));
Description	Takes as a parameter a link's pointer address and frees the
	memory of the link's content using the function del given as
	a parameter, then frees the link's memory using free(3). The
	memory of next must not be freed under any circumstance.
	Finally, the pointer to the link that was just freed must be
	set to NULL (quite similar to the function ft_memdel in the
	mandatory part).
Param. #1	The adress of a pointer to a link that needs to be freed.
Return value	None.
Libc functions	free(3)

	ft_lstdel
Prototype	<pre>void ft_lstdel(t_list **alst, void (*del)(void *,</pre>
	size_t));
Description	Takes as a parameter the adress of a pointer to a link and
	frees the memory of this link and every successors of that link
	using the functions del and free(3). Finally the pointer to
	the link that was just freed must be set to NULL (quite similar
	to the function ft_memdel from the mandatory part).
Param. #1	The address of a pointer to the first link of a list that needs
	to be freed.
Return value	None.
Libc functions	free(3)

	ft lstadd
Prototype	<pre>void ft_lstadd(t_list **alst, t_list *new);</pre>
Description	Adds the element new at the beginning of the list.
• Param. #1	The address of a pointer to the first link of a list.
Param. #2	The link to add at the beginning of the list.
Return value	e None.
Libc function	ns None.

		ft_lstiter
	Prototype	<pre>void ft_lstiter(t_list *lst, void (*f)(t_list</pre>
		*elem));
	Description	Iterates the list lst and applies the function f to each link.
•	Param. #1	A pointer to the first link of a list.
	Param. #2	The address of a function to apply to each link of a list.
	Return value	None.
	Libc functions	None.

	$ft\_lstmap$
Prototype	t_list * ft_lstmap(t_list *lst, t_list *
	(*f)(t_list *elem));
Description	Iterates a list lst and applies the function f to each link to create a "fresh" list (using malloc(3)) resulting from the successive applications of f. If the allocation fails, the function returns NULL.
Param. #1	A pointer's to the first link of a list.
Param. #2	The address of a function to apply to each link of a list.
Return value	The new list.
Libc functions	malloc(3), free(3).

If you successfully completed both the mandatory and bonus sections of this project, we encourage you to add other functions that you believe could be useful to expand your library. For instance, a version of ft\_strsplit that returns a list instead of an array, the function ft\_lstfold similar to the function reduce in Python and the function List.fold\_left in OCaml (beware of the memory leak!). You can add functions to manipulate arrays, stacks, files, maps, hashtables, etc. The limit is your imagination.

### Chapter VII

#### Submission and peer correction

Submit your work on your GiT repository as usual. Only the work on your repository will be graded.

Once your have completed your defences, Deepthought (the "moulinette") will grade your work. Your final grade will be calculated taking into account your peer-correction grades and Deepthought's grade.

Deepthought will grade your assignments in the order of the subject: Part 1, Part 2 and Bonus. One error in one of the sections will automatically stop the grading.

Good luck to you and don't forget your author file!