

“Trying to outsmart a compiler defeats much of the purpose of using one.”

- Kernighan & Plauger, The Elements of Programming Style

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Strings

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Introduction

- String: group of characters
 - Implemented as arrays of char
 - Essential for several applications manipulating textual data
 - Word processing
 - Databases
 - Scientific computing (Ex: DNA sequence, chemical compounds)
 - Already used string constants
 - `printf` and `scanf` format strings

String Variables

- Declaration: same as declaring array of chars

```
char string_var[30];
```

- The variable string_var can hold a string of 0 to 29 characters
 - Not 30!..
 - How is varying size handled?
 - Use of null character: '\0'
- String variables can be initialized

```
char string_var[30] = "initial value";  
char str[] = "initial value";
```

- What is the size of str?
- The part of array after null character is ignored

Arrays of Strings

- An array of strings: a two-dimensional array of chars
 - Ex: Array of 30 names which is less than 25 characters

```
#define NUM_PEOPLE 30  
#define NAME_LEN 25
```

```
char names[NUM_PEOPLE][NAME_LEN];
```

- Ex: Array of 12 month names

```
char months[12][10] = {  
    "January", "February", "March", "April",  
    "June", "July", "August", "September",  
    "October", "November", "December"};
```

Input/Output of Strings

- Place holder: “%s”
- printf prints characters until null character

```
printf(“The value is: %s \n”, string_var);
```

- What if the array does not contain null character?
- Do not forget to insert null character while building strings
 - This is automatic for constant strings

```
printf(“***%7s*** \n”, “John”);  
printf(“***%7s*** \n”, “Marry”);  
printf(“***%-7s*** \n”, “Sam”);
```

Input/Output of Strings

- Place holder: “%s”
- scanf can be used to input strings

```
scanf(“%s”, string_var);
```

- Remember string_var is an array
- scanf
 - skips leading whitespace characters
 - copies subsequent characters in memory cells
 - copying stops when a whitespace character is seen
 - places a null character at the end of string
- EX: See following simple example..

Input/Output of Strings

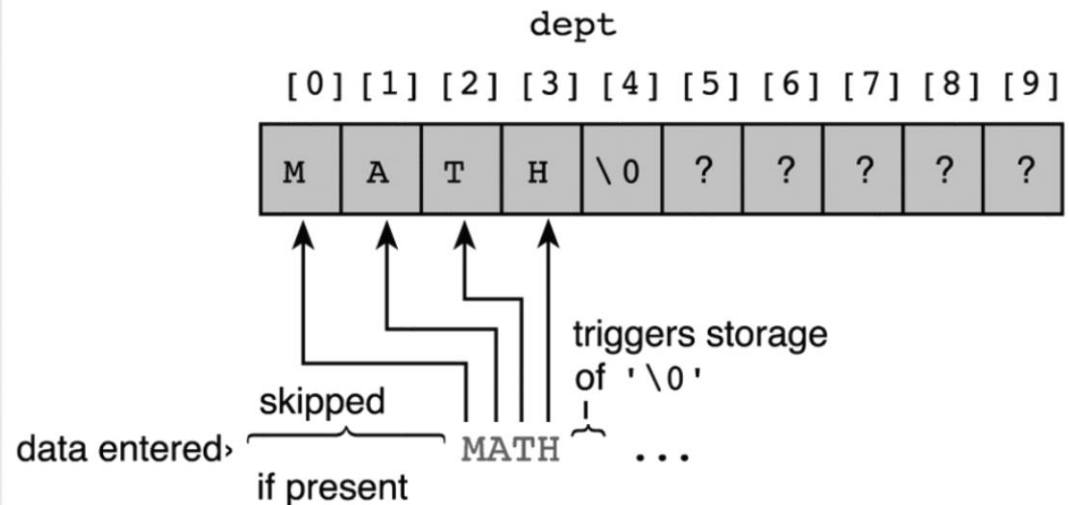
```
1. #include <stdio.h>
2.
3. #define STRING_LEN 10
4.
5. int
6. main(void)
7. {
8.     char dept[STRING_LEN];
9.     int course_num;
10.    char days[STRING_LEN];
11.    int time;
12.
13.    printf("Enter department code, course number, days and ");
14.    printf("time like this:\n> COSC 2060 MWF 1410\n> ");
15.    scanf("%s%d%s%d", dept, &course_num, days, &time);
16.    printf("%s %d meets %s at %d\n", dept, course_num, days, time);
17.
18.    return (0);
19. }
```

Enter department code, course number, days and time like this:

> COSC 2060 MWF 1410

> MATH 1270 TR 800

MATH 1270 meets TR at 800



Input/Output of Strings

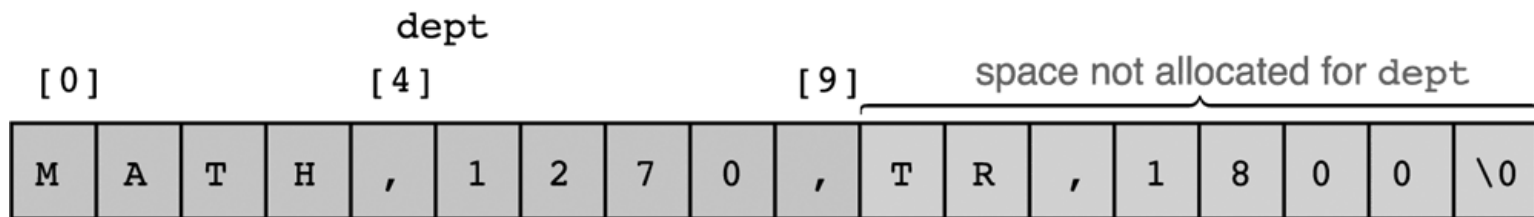
- How to enter the values in previous example?
 - In more than one line or in diferent formats?

> MATH
1270
TR
1800

> MATH 1270
TR 1800

> MATH1270 TR 1800

> MATH,1270,TR,1800



Input/Output of Strings

- EX: Read in 30 names together with their ages

```
#define NUM_PEOPLE 30
#define NAME_LEN 25

char names[NUM_PEOPLE][NAME_LEN];
int ages[NUM_PEOPLE];

for(...){
    ...
}
```

String Library Functions: Assignment

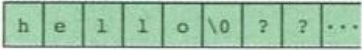
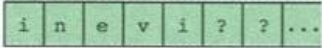

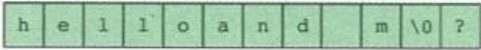
- Assignment operator: =
 - Used for assigning simple types
 - Can not be used for arrays and strings
 - Other than in declaration with initialization
 - What is array name without subscript?

```
char str[20];  
str = "test value";
```

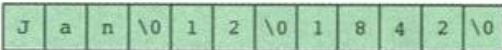
- C provides library function for assignment
 - Library in string.h
 - Includes several operations
 - Substring functions, concatenation, comparison, length, etc...

String Library Functions

TABLE 9.1 Some String Library Functions from `string.h`

Function	Purpose: Example	Parameters	Result Type
<code>strcpy</code>	Makes a copy of <code>source</code> , a string, in the character array accessed by <code>dest</code> : <code>strcpy(s1, "hello");</code>	<code>char *dest</code> <code>const char *source</code>	<code>char *</code> 
<code>strncpy</code>	Makes a copy of up to <code>n</code> characters from <code>source</code> in <code>dest</code> : <code>strncpy(s2, "inevitable", 5)</code> stores the first five characters of the source in <code>s1</code> and does NOT add a null character.	<code>char *dest</code> <code>const char *source</code> <code>size_t n</code>	<code>char *</code> 
<code>strcat</code>	Appends <code>source</code> to the end of <code>dest</code> : <code>strcat(s1, "and more");</code>	<code>char *dest</code> <code>const char *source</code>	<code>char *</code> 
<code>strncat</code>	Appends up to <code>n</code> characters of <code>source</code> to the end of <code>dest</code> , adding the null character if necessary: <code>strncat(s1, "and more", 5);</code>	<code>char *dest</code> <code>const char *source</code> <code>size_t n</code>	<code>char *</code> 
<code>strcmp</code>	Compares <code>s1</code> and <code>s2</code> alphabetically; returns a negative value if <code>s1</code> should precede <code>s2</code> , a zero if the strings are equal, and a positive value if <code>s2</code> should precede <code>s1</code> in an alphabetized list: <code>if (strcmp(name1, name2) == 0) ...</code>	<code>const char *s1</code> <code>const char *s2</code>	<code>int</code>

String Library Functions

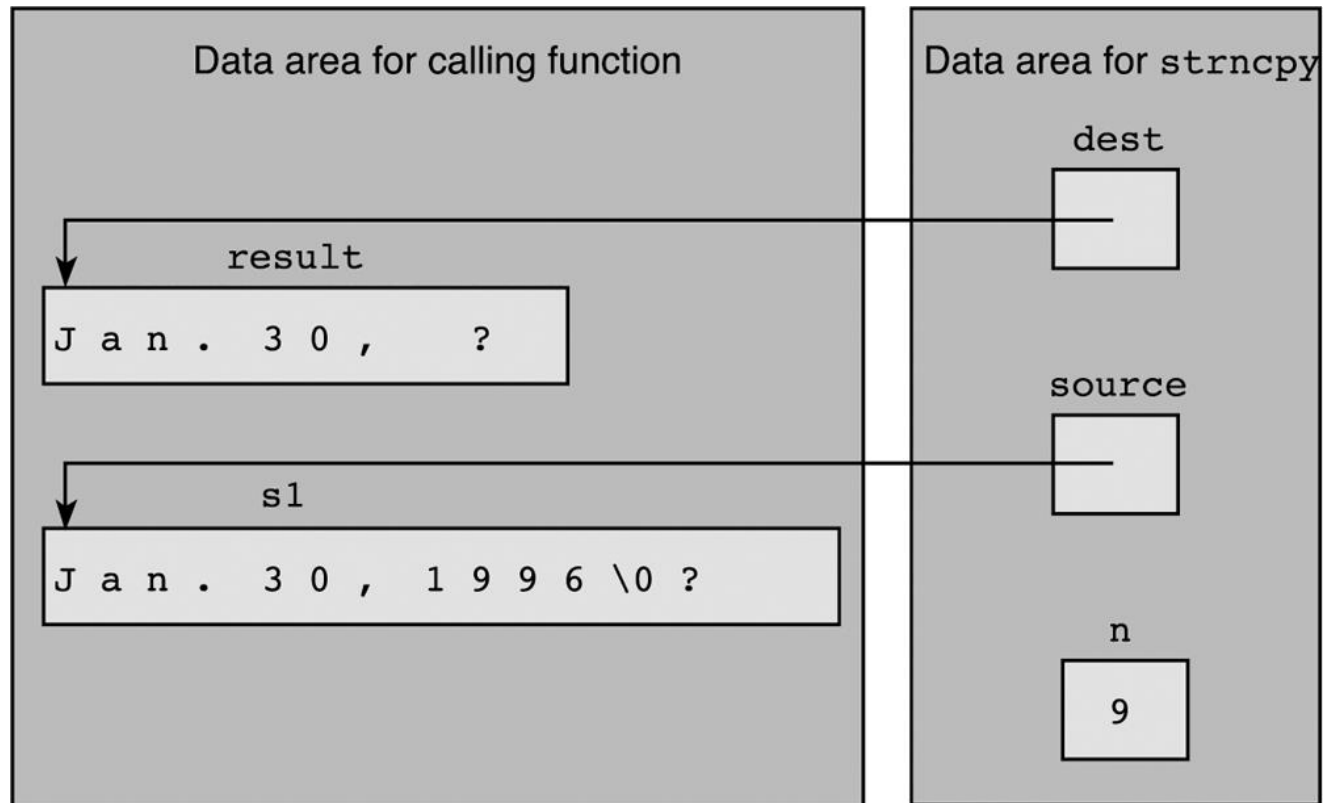
strncmp	Compares the first <code>n</code> characters of <code>s1</code> and <code>s2</code> returning positive, zero, and negative values as does <code>strcmp</code> : <code>if (strncmp(n1, n2, 12) == 0) ...</code>	<code>const char *s1</code> <code>const char *s2</code> <code>size_t n</code>	<code>int</code>
strlen	Returns the number of characters in <code>s</code> , not counting the terminating null: <code>strlen("What")</code> returns 4.	<code>const char *s</code>	<code>size_t</code>
strtok	Breaks parameter string <code>source</code> into tokens by finding groups of characters separated by any of the delimiter characters in <code>delim</code> . First call must provide both <code>source</code> and <code>delim</code> . Subsequent calls using <code>NULL</code> as the <code>source</code> string find additional tokens in original <code>source</code> . Alters <code>source</code> by replacing first delimiter following a token by <code>'\0'</code> . When no more delimiters remain, returns rest of <code>source</code> . For example, if <code>s1</code> is <code>"Jan.12,1842"</code> , <code>strtok(s1, ".,")</code> returns <code>"Jan"</code> , then <code>strtok(NULL, ".,")</code> returns <code>"12"</code> and <code>strtok(NULL, ".,")</code> returns <code>"1842"</code> . The memory in the right column shows the altered <code>s1</code> after the three calls to <code>strtok</code> . Return values are pointers to substrings of <code>s1</code> rather than copies.	<code>const char *source</code> <code>const char *delim</code>	<code>char *</code> 

String Assignment

- `strcpy`
`strcpy(str, "test value");`
- Be careful about overflow!
`strcpy(str, "A very long string test value ");`
- `strncpy` : copies first n characters
`strncpy(str, "test value", 20);`
- Be careful to copy a valid string!
`strncpy(str, "A very long string test value", 20);`
- Safer to use
`strncpy(str, "A very long string test value", 19);`
`str[19] = '\0';`

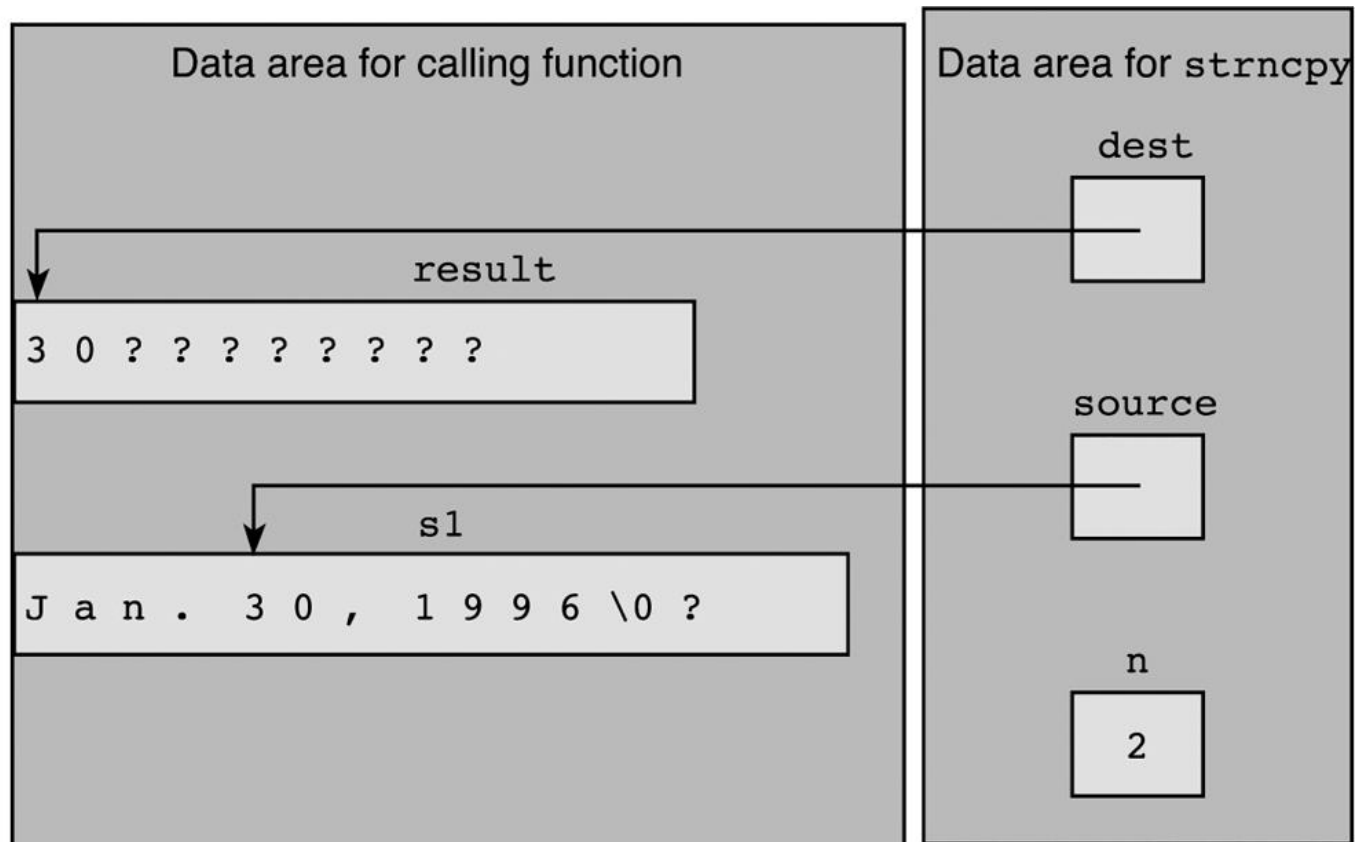
Substring copy

```
char result[10], s1[15] = "Jan. 30, 1996";  
strncpy(result, s1, 9);
```



Substring copy

```
char result[10], s1[15] = "Jan. 30, 1996";  
strncpy(result, &s1[5], 2);
```



Substring copy

```
char result[10], s1[15] = "Jan. 30, 1996";  
strcpy(result, &s1[9]);
```


Separate Compounds into Elemental Components

- Ex: Break compound names into their elemental components
 - Assume element names start with a capital letter
 - Assume ASCII character set
- Use `strncpy`
 - to copy parts of compound names into elemental components
- Use `strlen`
 - To check termination of the loop

Separate Compounds into Elemental Components

```
6. #include <string.h>
7.
8. #define CMP_LEN 30 /* size of string to hold a compound */
9. #define ELEM_LEN 10 /* size of string to hold a component */
10.
11. int
12. main(void)
13. {
14.     char compound[CMP_LEN]; /* string representing a compound */
15.     char elem[ELEM_LEN];    /* one elemental component */
16.     int first, next;
17.
18.     /* Gets data string representing compound */
19.     printf("Enter a compound> ");
20.     scanf("%s", compound);
21.
22.     /* Displays each elemental component. These are identified
23.        by an initial capital letter. */
24.     first = 0;
25.     for (next = 1; next < strlen(compound); ++next)
26.         if (compound[next] >= 'A' && compound[next] <= 'Z') {
27.             strncpy(elem, &compound[first], next - first);
28.             elem[next - first] = '\0';
29.             printf("%s\n", elem);
30.             first = next;
31.         }
32.
33.     /* Displays the last component */
34.     printf("%s\n", strcpy(elem, &compound[first]));
35.
36.     return (0);
37. }
```

Enter a compound> H2SO4
H2
S
O4

Concatenation

- Add a string at the end of the other string
- strcat and strncat
 - Assumes sufficient space available for the concatenated string

```
char f[15] = "Fatih ", m[15] = "Erdogan ", l[15] =  
    "Sevilgen";  
strcat(f, l);  
strcat(m, l);  
printf("%d  %d \n", strlen(m), strlen(l))  
strncat(m, l, 5);  
printf("%d \n", strncat(m, l, 15 - strlen(m) - 1));
```

Scanning a Full Line

- Input one complete line of data
 - Do not stop at space or tab characters
 - Do not store end-of-line (new-line, return, enter) character

```
char line[80];  
gets(line);
```

- File input, fgets has different format
 - Final character is always '\0'
 - Stores '\n' character if the line is not truncated

```
fgets(line, 80, inp);
```

```
char *fgets(char *str, int n, FILE *stream)
```

Scanning a Full Line

- Ex: Scans a data file and create a new double-spaced version with line numbers

File used as input

In the early 1960s, designers and implementers of operating systems were faced with a significant dilemma. As people's expectations of modern operating systems escalated, so did the complexity of the systems themselves. Like other programmers solving difficult problems, the systems programmers desperately needed the readability and modularity of a powerful high-level programming language.

Output file

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5>> programmers solving difficult problems, the systems
6>> programmers desperately needed the readability and
7>> modularity of a powerful high-level programming language.
```

```
1.  /*
2.   *   Numbers and double spaces lines of a document. Lines longer than
3.   *   LINE_LEN - 1 characters are split on two lines.
4.   */
5.
6.  #include <stdio.h>
7.  #include <string.h>
8.
9.  #define LINE_LEN 80
10. #define NAME_LEN 40
11.
12. int
13. main(void)
14. {
15.     char line[LINE_LEN], inname[NAME_LEN], outname[NAME_LEN];
16.     FILE *inp, *outp;
17.     char *status;
18.     int i = 0;
19.
```

```
20. printf("Name of input file> ");
21. scanf("%s", inname);
22. printf("Name of output file> ");
23. scanf("%s", outname);
24.
25. inp = fopen(inname, "r");
26. outp = fopen(outname, "w");
27.
28. for (status = fgets(line, LINE_LEN, inp);
29.     status != 0;
30.     status = fgets(line, LINE_LEN, inp)) {
31.     if (line[strlen(line) - 1] == '\n')
32.         line[strlen(line) - 1] = '\0';
33.     fprintf(outp, "%3d>> %s\n\n", ++i, line);
34. }
```

(continued)

String Comparison

- Comparison operators can not be used
 - Strings are implemented as arrays
 - What is the meaning of
 $\text{string1} < \text{string2}$
 - strcmp: compares two strings and returns an integer
 $\text{strcmp}(\text{str1}, \text{str2})$
 - Has negative value if str1 is less than str2
 - Has value 0 if str1 is equal to str2
 - Has positive value if str1 is greater than str2
 - strncmp: compares first n characters

Sentinel-Controlled Loop for String Input

```
1. printf("Enter list of words on as many lines as you like.\n");
2. printf("Separate words by at least one blank.\n");
3. printf("When done, enter %s to quit.\n", SENT);
4.
5. for (scanf("%s", word);
6.      strcmp(word, SENT) != 0;
7.      scanf("%s", word)) {
8.    /* process word */
9.    ...
10. }
```

Sorting and Searching

- Sorting a list of words (array of strings)

`char list[30][20];`

- Comparison
 - Swap
-

Comparison (in function that finds index of “smallest” remaining element)

Numeric

```
if (list[i] < list[first])  
    first = i;
```

String

```
if (strcmp(list[i], list[first]) < 0)  
    first = i;
```

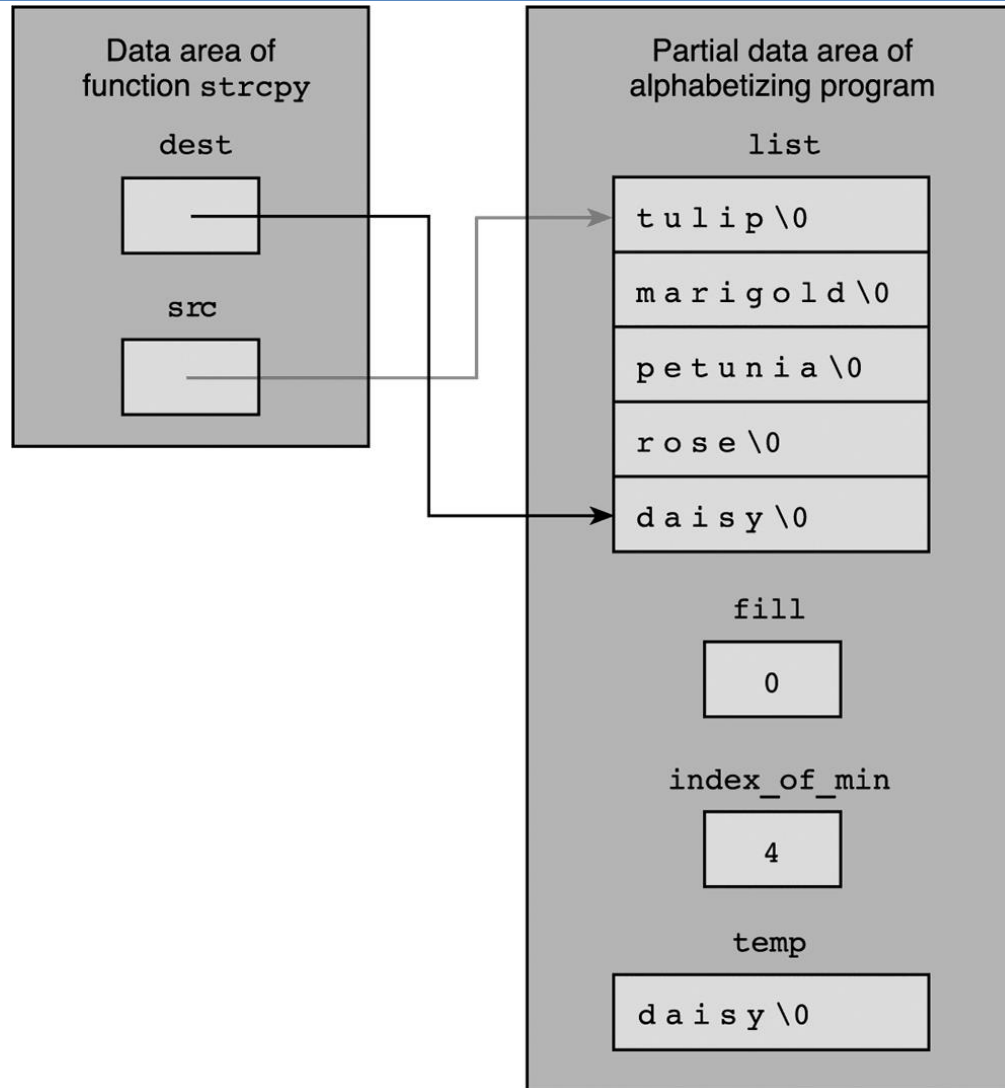
Exchange of elements

```
temp = list[index_of_min];  
list[index_of_min] = list[fill];  
list[fill] = temp;
```

```
strcpy(temp, list[index_of_min]);  
strcpy(list[index_of_min], list[fill]);  
strcpy(list[fill], temp);
```

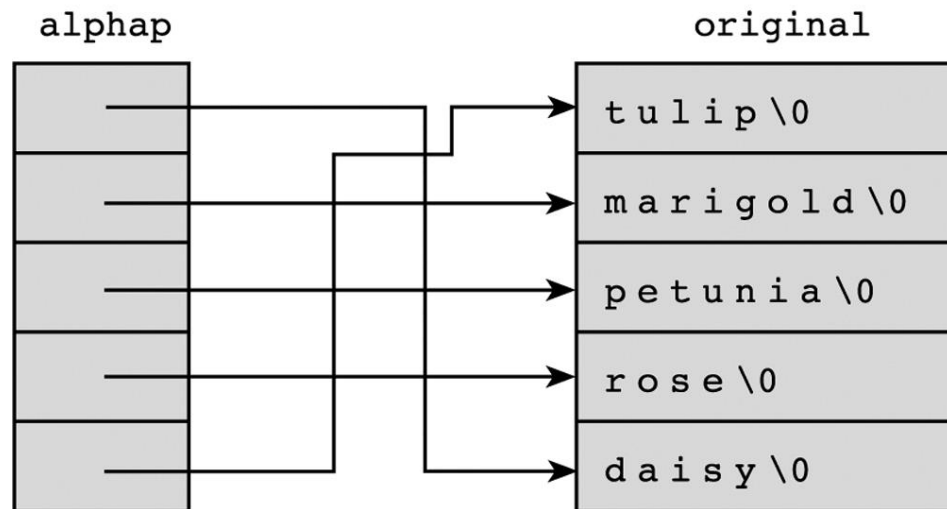
- What do we mean by `list[i]`?

Executing strcpy(list[index_of_min], list[fill]);



Arrays of Pointers

- Previous example requires a lot of copying of characters to sort a list of strings
 - Three copy operations per exchange
- Alternative approach: use arrays of pointers
 - Pointers to strings (arrays)
 - Sort the pointers not the strings
 - Saves the original order as well.

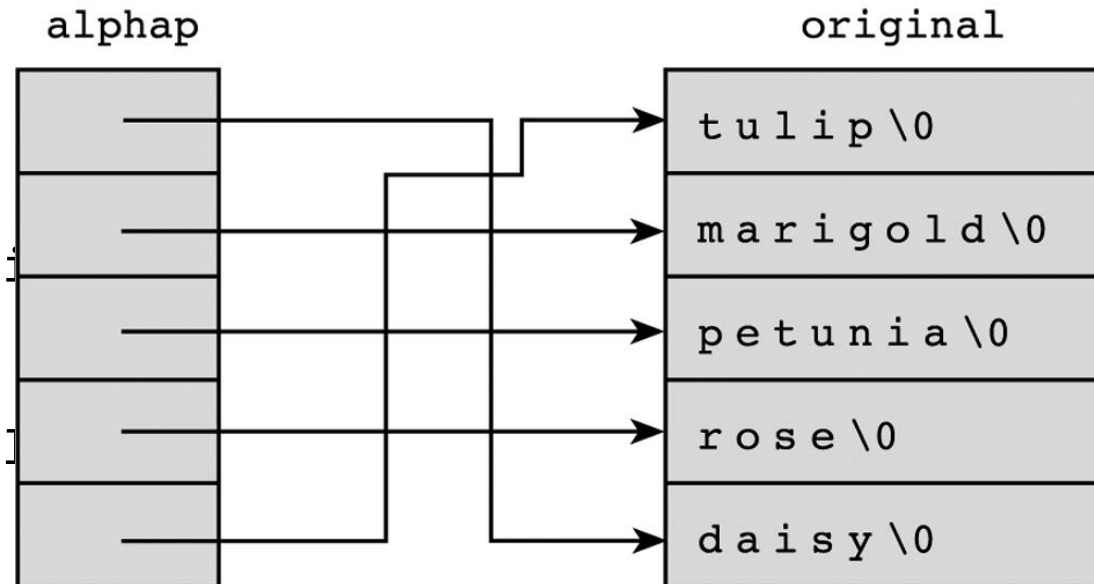


Arrays of Pointers

```
char original[5][10];
```

```
for(i = 0; i < 5; ++i)  
    printf("%s\n", alphap[i]);
```

```
for(i = 0; i < 5; ++i)  
    printf("%s\n", original[i]);
```



- How to define alphap array?
`char *alphap[5];`
- How to initialize alphap array?
`for(i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
 alphap[i] = original[i];`

Arrays of Pointers

- Arrays of pointers has several advantages
 - Can represents many orderings
 - All refers to the same string
 - One corrected all corrected
 - Requires less space
 - Pointer vs string
 - Can sort faster
- Array of String constants

```
char months[12][10] = {"January", "February", "March", "April", "June",  
                        "July", "August", "September", "October",  
                        "November", "December"};  
char *months[] = {"January", "February", "March", "April", "June",  
                  "July", "August", "September", "October",  
                  "November", "December"};
```

Arrays of Pointers

EX: Input a list of names and access it in sorted order and original order.

```
Enter number of applicants (0 . . 50)
```

```
> 5
```

```
Enter names of applicants on separate lines  
in the order in which they applied
```

```
SADDLER, MARGARET
```

```
INGRAM, RICHARD
```

```
FAATZ, SUSAN
```

```
GONZALES, LORI
```

```
KEITH, CHARLES
```

```
Application Order
```

```
SADDLER, MARGARET
```

```
INGRAM, RICHARD
```

```
FAATZ, SUSAN
```

```
GONZALES, LORI
```

```
KEITH, CHARLES
```

```
Alphabetical Order
```

```
FAATZ, SUSAN
```

```
GONZALES, LORI
```

```
INGRAM, RICHARD
```

```
KEITH, CHARLES
```

```
SADDLER, MARGARET
```

Two Orderings of One List

```
1.  /*
2.   * Maintains two orderings of a list of applicants:  the original
3.   * ordering of the data, and an alphabetical ordering accessed through an
4.   * array of pointers.
5.   */
6.
7.  #include <stdio.h>
8.  #define STRSIZ 30  /* maximum string length */
9.  #define MAXAPP 50  /* maximum number of applications accepted */
10.
11. int alpha_first(char *list[], int min_sub, int max_sub);
12. void select_sort_str(char *list[], int n);
13.
14. int
15. main(void)
16. {
17.     char  applicants[MAXAPP][STRSIZ]; /* list of applicants in the
18.                                         order in which they applied */
19.     char *alpha[MAXAPP];               /* list of pointers to
20.                                         applicants */
21.     int   num_app,                     /* actual number of applicants */
22.          i;
23.     char  one_char;
```

```
8.
9.  #define LINE_LEN 80
10. #define NAME_LEN 40
11.
12. int
13. main(void)
14. {
15.     char line[LINE_LEN], inname[NAME_LEN], outname[NAME_LEN];
16.     FILE *inp, *outp;
17.     char *status;
18.     int i = 0;
19.
20.     printf("Name of input file> ");
21.     scanf("%s", inname);
22.     printf("Name of output file> ");
23.     scanf("%s", outname);
24.
25.     inp = fopen(inname, "r");
26.     outp = fopen(outname, "w");
27.
28.     for (status = fgets(line, LINE_LEN, inp);
29.         status != 0;
30.         status = fgets(line, LINE_LEN, inp)) {
31.         if (line[strlen(line) - 1] == '\n')
32.             line[strlen(line) - 1] = '\0';
33.         fprintf(outp, "%3d>> %s\n\n", ++i, line);
34.     }
```

(continued)

```

14. int
15. main(void)
16. {
17.     char  applicants[MAXAPP][STRSIZ]; /* list of applicants in the
18.                                     order in which they applied */
19.     char *alpha[MAXAPP];             /* list of pointers to
20.                                     applicants */
21.     int   num_app,                   /* actual number of applicants */
22.         i;
23.     char  one_char;
24.
25.     /* Gets applicant list */
26.     printf("Enter number of applicants (0 . . %d)\n> ", MAXAPP);
27.     scanf("%d", &num_app);
28.     do /* skips rest of line after number */
29.         scanf("%c", &one_char);
30.     while (one_char != '\n');
31.
32.     printf("Enter names of applicants on separate lines\n");
33.     printf("in the order in which they applied\n");
34.     for (i = 0; i < num_app; ++i)
35.         gets(applicants[i]);
36.
37.     /* Fills array of pointers and sorts */
38.     for (i = 0; i < num_app; ++i)
39.         alpha[i] = applicants[i]; /* copies ONLY address */
40.     select_sort_str(alpha, num_app);
41.     /* Displays both lists */
42.     printf("\n\n%-30s%5c%-30s\n\n", "Application Order", ' ',
43.         "Alphabetical Order");
44.     for (i = 0; i < num_app; ++i)
45.         printf("%-30s%5c%-30s\n", applicants[i], ' ', alpha[i]);
46.
47.     return(0);
48. }

```

```

50.  /*
51.   * Finds the index of the string that comes first alphabetically in
52.   * elements min_sub..max_sub of list
53.   * Pre: list[min_sub] through list[max_sub] are of uniform case;
54.   *       max_sub >= min_sub
55.   */
56  int
57  alpha_first(char *list[],          /* input - array of pointers to strings */
58              int    min_sub,       /* input - minimum and maximum subscripts */
59              int    max_sub)       /* of portion of list to consider */
60  {
61      int first, i;
62
63      first = min_sub;
64      for (i = min_sub + 1; i <= max_sub; ++i)
65          if (strcmp(list[i], list[first]) < 0)
66              first = i;
67
68      return (first);
69  }

```

```

71.  /*
72.   * Orders the pointers in array list so they access strings
73.   * in alphabetical order
74.   * Pre: first n elements of list reference strings of uniform case;
75.   *       n >= 0
76.   */
77. void
78. select_sort_str(char *list[], /* input/output - array of pointers being
79.                               ordered to access strings alphabetically */
80.                 int  n)      /* input - number of elements to sort      */
81. {
82.
83.     int  fill,                /* index of element to contain next string in order */
84.         index_of_min; /* index of next string in order */
85.     char *temp;
86.
87.     for (fill = 0; fill < n - 1; ++fill) {
88.         index_of_min = alpha_first(list, fill, n - 1);
89.
90.         if (index_of_min != fill) {
91.             temp = list[index_of_min];
92.             list[index_of_min] = list[fill];
93.             list[fill] = temp;
94.         }
95.     }
96. }

```

Character Operations

- Strings processing usually requires character manipulation
- Character library provides several functions
 - Include `ctype.h`

Character I/O

- `getchar`
 - returns the next character from standard input
 - Return value of `getchar` is an integer.
 - Return EOF if `getchar` end-of-file is reached.
 - The value of EOF is -1 which is not of type `char`
- `ch = getchar(); scanf("%c",&ch);`
- `getc`: get a single character from a file
 - `putchar` and `putc` are used to display a character
- `putchar('a'); putc('a',outp);`

scanline Function Using getchar

```
1.  /*
2.   * Gets one line of data from standard input. Returns an empty string on
3.   * end of file. If data line will not fit in allotted space, stores
4.   * portion that does fit and discards rest of input line.
5.   */
6.  char *
7.  scanline(char *dest,      /* output - destination string          */
8.           int  dest_len) /* input  - space available in dest          */
9.  {
10.     int i, ch;
11.
12.     /* Gets next line one character at a time.                      */
13.     i = 0;
14.     for (ch = getchar();
15.          ch != '\n' && ch != EOF && i < dest_len - 1;
16.          ch = getchar())
17.         dest[i++] = ch;
18.     dest[i] = '\0';
19.
20.     /* Discards any characters that remain on input line            */
21.     while (ch != '\n' && ch != EOF)
22.         ch = getchar();
23.
24.     return (dest);
25. }
```

Character Analysis and Conversion

TABLE 9.3 Character Classification and Conversion Facilities in ctype Library

Facility	Checks	Example
<code>isalpha</code>	if argument is a letter of the alphabet	<pre>if (isalpha(ch)) printf("%c is a letter\n", ch);</pre>
<code>isdigit</code>	if argument is one of the ten decimal digits	<pre>dec_digit = isdigit(ch);</pre>
<code>islower</code> (<code>isupper</code>)	if argument is a lowercase (or uppercase) letter of the alphabet	<pre>if (islower(fst_let)) { printf("\nError: sentence "); printf("should begin with a "); printf("capital letter.\n"); }</pre>
<code>ispunct</code>	if argument is a punctuation character, that is, a noncontrol character that is not a space, a letter of the alphabet, or a digit	<pre>if (ispunct(ch)) printf("Punctuation mark: %c\n", ch);</pre>
<code>isspace</code>	if argument is a whitespace character such as a space, a newline, or a tab	<pre>c = getchar(); while (isspace(c) && c != EOF) c = getchar();</pre>
Facility	Converts	Example
<code>tolower</code> (<code>toupper</code>)	its lowercase (or uppercase) letter argument to the uppercase (or lowercase) equivalent and returns this equivalent as the value of the call	<pre>if (islower(ch)) printf("Capital %c = %c\n", ch, toupper(ch));</pre>

Greater-Than Operator Ignoring Case

```
6.  /*
7.   * Converts the lowercase letters of its string argument to uppercase
8.   * leaving other characters unchanged.
9.   */
10. char *
11. string_toupper(char *str) /* input/output - string whose lowercase
12.                           letters are to be replaced by uppercase */
13. {
14.     int i;
15.     for (i = 0; i < strlen(str); ++i)
16.         if (islower(str[i]))
17.             str[i] = toupper(str[i]);
18.
19.     return (str);
20. }
21.
22. /*
23.  * Compares two strings of up to STRSIZ characters ignoring the case of
24.  * the letters. Returns the value 1 if str1 should follow str2 in an
25.  * alphabetized list; otherwise returns 0
26.  */
27. int
28. string_greater(const char *str1, /* input - */
29.               const char *str2) /* strings to compare */
30. {
31.     char s1[STRSIZ], s2[STRSIZ];
32.
33.     /* Copies str1 and str2 so string_toupper can modify copies */
34.     strcpy(s1, str1);
35.     strcpy(s2, str2);
36.
37.     return (strcmp(string_toupper(s1), string_toupper(s2)) > 0);
38. }
```


String-Number Conversion

TABLE 9.4 Review of Use of scanf

Declaration	Statement	Data (■ means blank)	Value Stored
char t	scanf("%c", &t);	■g ■\n ■A	■ ■\n ■A
int n	scanf("%d", &n);	■32■ ■-8.6 ■+19■	32 -8 19
double x	scanf("%lf", &x);	■4.32■ ■-8■ ■1.76e-3■	4.32 -8.0 .00176
char str[10]	scanf("%s", str);	■hello\n overlengthy■	hello\n overlengthy\n (overruns length of str)

String-Number Conversion

TABLE 9.5 Placeholders Used with printf

Value	Placeholder	Output (■ means blank)
'a'	%c	a
	%3c	■a
	%-3c	a■
-10	%d	-10
	%2d	-10
	%4d	■-10
	%-5d	-10■■
49.76	%.3f	49.760
	%.1f	49.8
	%10.2f	■■■■■49.76
	%10.3e	■4.976e+01
"fantastic"	%s	fantastic
	%6s	fantastic
	%12s	■■■■fantastic
	%-12s	fantastic■■■■
	%3.3s	fan

String-Number Conversion

- sscanf and sprintf similar to scanf and printf
 - They perform the operation on a string
 - sscanf: reads input from the parameter string
 - sprintf: outputs into the parameter string

```
char s[100];
```

```
sprintf(s, "%d/%d/%d", mon, day, year);
```

```
sscanf(" 85 96.5 hello", "%d %lf %s", &n, &f, w);
```

- You can read the entire data as a line of input, verify its format and convert to correct values using sscanf

Validate Input Line Before Storing Values

```
1. char data_line[STRSIZ], str[STRSIZ];
2. int n1, n2, error_mark, i;
3.
4. scanline(data_line, STRSIZ);
5. error_mark = validate(data_line);
6.
7. if (error_mark < 0) {
8.     /* Stores in memory values from correct data line */
9.     sscanf(data_line, "%d%d%s", &n1, &n2, str);
10. } else {
11.     /* Displays line and marks spot where error detected */
12.     printf("\n%s\n", data_line);
13.     for (i = 0; i < error_mark; ++i)
14.         putchar(' ');
15.     putchar('/');
16. }
```

Ex: Date Conversion

- Date representations
 - string containing day month name and year
 - (12 June 1968)
 - three integers (day month year)
 - (12 6 1968)
- Convert a string representation of date to three integer representation and vice versa

```
6. #include <stdio.h>
7. #include <string.h>
8.
9. #define STRSIZ 40
10. char *nums_to_string_date(char *date_string, int month, int day,
11.                          int year, const char *month_names[]);
12. int search(const char *arr[], const char *target, int n);
13. void string_date_to_nums(const char *date_string, int *monthp,
14.                         int *dayp, int *yearp, const char *month_names[]);
15.
16. /* Tests date conversion functions */
17. int
18. main(void)
19. {
```

(continued)

```
20. char *month_names[12] = {"January", "February", "March", "April", "May",
21.                          "June", "July", "August", "September", "October",
22.                          "November", "December"};
23. int m, y, mon, day, year;
24. char date_string[STRSIZ];
25. for (y = 1993; y < 2010; y += 10)
26.     for (m = 1; m <= 12; ++m) {
27.         printf("%s", nums_to_string_date(date_string,
28.                                           m, 15, y, month_names));
29.         string_date_to_nums(date_string, &mon, &day, &year, month_names);
30.         printf(" = %d/%d/%d\n", mon, day, year);
31.     }
32.
33. return (0);
34. }
```

```
36. /*
37.  * Takes integers representing a month, day and year and produces a
38.  * string representation of the same date.
39.  */
40. char *
41. nums_to_string_date(char      *date_string,      /* output - string
42.                                           representation          */
43.                      int      month,             /* input -
44.                      int      day,               /* representation
45.                      int      year,              /* as three numbers
46.                      const char *month_names[]) /* input - string representa-
47.                                           tions of months
48. {
49.     sprintf(date_string, "%d %s %d", day, month_names[month - 1], year);
50.     return (date_string);
51. }
52.
```

```
52.  
53. #define NOT_FOUND -1    /* Value returned by search function if target  
54.                          not found                                */  
55.  
56. /*  
57.  * Searches for target item in first n elements of array arr  
58.  * Returns index of target or NOT_FOUND  
59.  * Pre: target and first n elements of array arr are defined and n>0  
60.  */
```

(continued)

```

61. int
62. search(const char *arr[],          /* array to search          */
63.        const char *target,        /* value searched for      */
64.        int n)                    /* number of array elements to search */
65. {
66.     int i,
67.         found = 0,      /* whether or not target has been found */
68.         where;          /* index where target found or NOT_FOUND*/
69.
70.     /* Compares each element to target */
71.     i = 0;
72.     while (!found && i < n) {
73.         if (strcmp(arr[i], target) == 0)
74.             found = 1;
75.         else
76.             ++i;
77.     }
78.
79.     /* Returns index of element matching target or NOT_FOUND */
80.     if (found)
81.         where = i;
82.     else
83.         where = NOT_FOUND;
84.     return (where);
85. }

```

```
86.
87. /*
88.  * Converts date represented as a string containing a month name to
89.  * three integers representing month, day, and year
90.  */
91. void
92. string_date_to_nums(const char *date_string,    /* input - date to convert */
93.                    int          *monthp,       /* output - month number */
94.                    int          *dayp,        /* output - day number */
95.                    int          *yearp,       /* output - year number */
96.                    const char *month_names[]) /* input - names used in
97.                                                date string */
98. {
```

(continued)

```
99.     char mth_nam[STRSIZ];
100.     int  month_index;
101.
102.     sscanf(date_string, "%d%s%d", dayp, mth_nam, yearp);
103.
104.     /* Finds array index (range 0..11) of month name.           */
105.     month_index = search(month_names, mth_nam, 12);
106.     *monthp = month_index + 1;
107. }
```

```
15 January 1993 = 1/15/1993
15 February 1993 = 2/15/1993
. . .
15 December 2003 = 12/15/2003
```

Case Study: Text Editor

Problem: Editing operations on a line of text:

- Locate a target string
- Delete a substring
- Insert a substring at a location

Analysis:

- Keep the source line to edit
- Get the operation until it is Q
- Data Requirements
 - source array
 - command

Sample Run of Text Editor

```
Enter the source string:
> Internet use is growing rapidly.
Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> d
String to delete> growing█
New source: Internet use is rapidly.

Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> F
String to find> .
'.' found at position 23
New source: Internet use is rapidly.

Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> I
String to insert> █expanding
Position of insertion> 23
New source: Internet use is rapidly expanding.

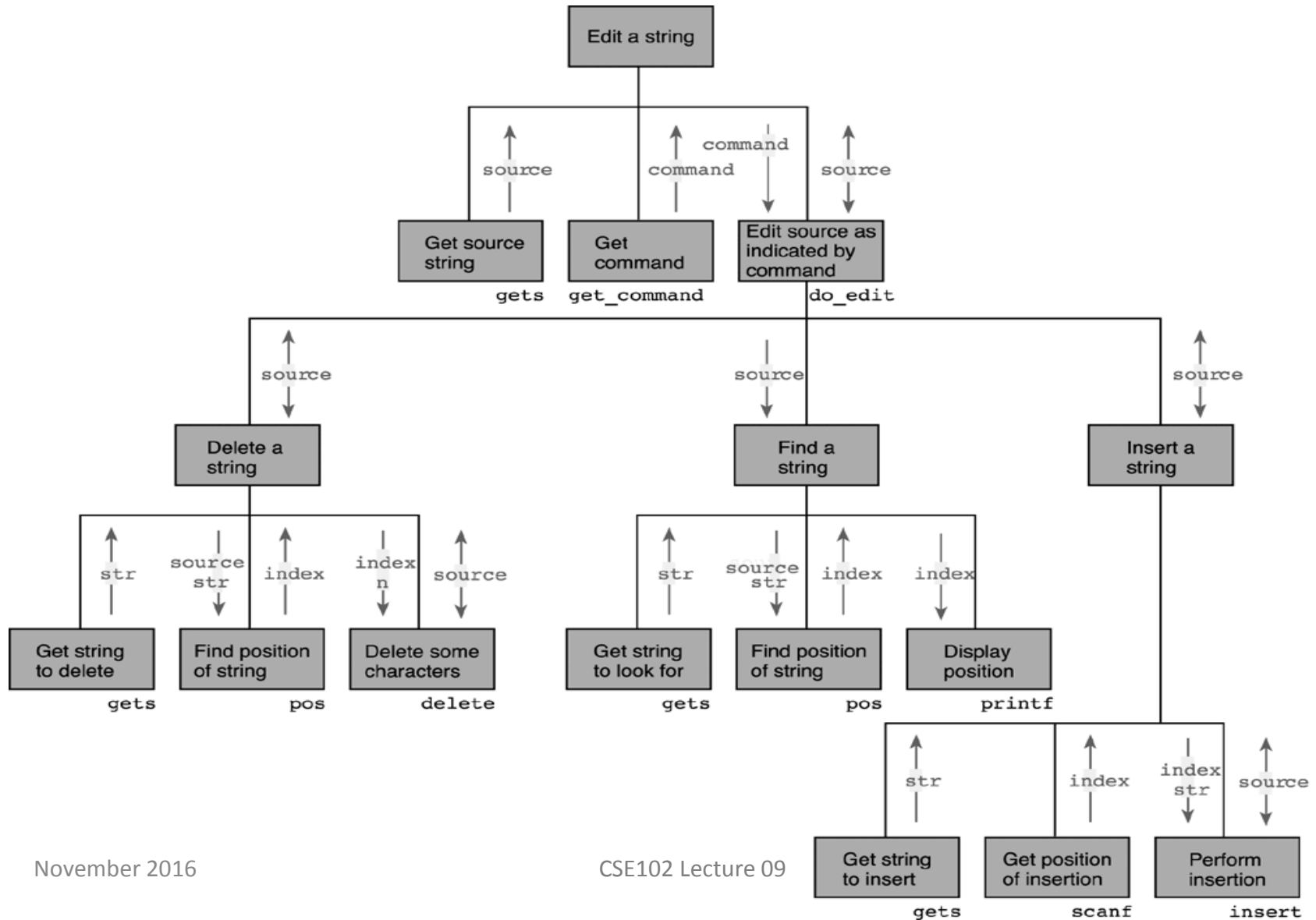
Enter D(Delete), I(Insert), F(Find), or Q(Quit)> q
String after editing: Internet use is rapidly expanding.
```

Case Study: Text Editor

Algorithm

1. Scan the string
2. Get an edit command
3. While command is not Q
 4. Perform operation
 - 4.1 switch command
 - 'D':
 - 4.2 Get the substring
 - 4.3 Find the position
 - 4.4 If found delete it
 - 'I'
 - 4.5 Get the substring
 - 4.6 Get the position index
 - 4.7 Perform insertion
 - 'F'
 - 4.8 Get the substring
 - 4.9 Find the position
 - 4.10 Report position
 - o/w
 - 4.11 Display error message
5. Get an edit command

Structure Chart for Text Editor Program



Text Editor Program

```
6. #include <string.h>
7. #include <ctype.h>
8.
9. #define MAX_LEN    100
10. #define NOT_FOUND -1
11.
12. char *delete(char *source, int index, int n);
13. char *do_edit(char *source, char command);
14. char  get_command(void);
15. char *insert(char *source, const char *to_insert, int index);
16. int  pos(const char *source, const char *to_find);
17.
18. int
19. main(void)
20. {
21.     char source[MAX_LEN], command;
```

(continued)

Text Editor Program

```
22.     printf("Enter the source string:\n> ");
23.     gets(source);
24.
25.     for (command = get_command();
26.          command != 'Q';
27.          command = get_command()) {
28.         do_edit(source, command);
29.         printf("New source: %s\n\n", source);
30.     }
31.
32.     printf("String after editing: %s\n", source);
33.     return (0);
34. }
35.
```

```
118. /*
119.  * Prompt for and get a character representing an edit command and
120.  * convert it to uppercase. Return the uppercase character and ignore
121.  * rest of input line.
122.  */
123. char
124. get_command(void)
125. {
126.     char command, ignore;
127.
128.     printf("Enter D>Delete), I>Insert), F>Find), or Q>Quit)> ");
129.     scanf(" %c", &command);
130.
131.     do
132.         ignore = getchar();
133.     while (ignore != '\n');
134.
135.     return (toupper(command));
136. }
```

```

67.  /*
68.   * Performs the edit operation specified by command
69.   * Pre:  command and source are defined.
70.   * Post: After scanning additional information needed, performs a
71.   *       deletion (command = 'D') or insertion (command = 'I') or
72.   *       finds a substring ('F') and displays result; returns
73.   *       (possibly modified) source.
74.   */
75.  char *
76.  do_edit(char *source, /* input/output - string to modify or search */
77.         char  command) /* input - character indicating operation */
78.  {
79.      char str[MAX_LEN]; /* work string */
80.      int  index;
81.
82.      switch (command) {
83.      case 'D':
84.          printf("String to delete> ");
85.          gets(str);
86.          index = pos(source, str);
87.          if (index == NOT_FOUND)
88.              printf("'s' not found\n", str);
89.          else
90.              delete(source, index, strlen(str));
91.          break;
92.
93.      case 'I':
94.          printf("String to insert> ");
95.          gets(str);
96.          printf("Position of insertion> ");
97.          scanf("%d", &index);
98.          insert(source, str, index);
99.          break;
100.

```

```
101.     case 'F':
102.         printf("String to find> ");
103.         gets(str);
104.         index = pos(source, str);
105.         if (index == NOT_FOUND)
106.             printf("'s' not found\n", str);
107.         else
108.             printf("'s' found at position %d\n", str, index);
109.         break;
110.
111.     default:
112.         printf("Invalid edit command '%c'\n", command);
113.     }
114.
115.     return (source);
116. }
117.
```

```
167.  
168. /*  
169.  * Returns index of first occurrence of to_find in source or  
170.  * value of NOT_FOUND if to_find is not in source.  
171.  * Pre:  both parameters are defined  
172.  */  
173. int  
174. pos(const char *source,    /* input - string in which to look for to_find */  
175.     const char *to_find) /* input - string to find */  
176.  
177. {  
178.     int i = 0, find_len, found = 0, position;  
179.     char substring[MAX_LEN];  
180.  
181.     find_len = strlen(to_find);
```

(continued)

```
182.     while (!found && i <= strlen(source) - find_len) {
183.         strncpy(substring, &source[i], find_len);
184.         substring[find_len] = '\0';
185.
186.         if (strcmp(substring, to_find) == 0)
187.             found = 1;
188.         else
189.             ++i;
190.     }
191.
192.     if (found)
193.         position = i;
194.     else
195.         position = NOT_FOUND;
196.
197.     return (position);
198. }
```

```

36.  /*
37.   * Returns source after deleting n characters beginning with source[index].
38.   * If source is too short for full deletion, as many characters are
39.   * deleted as possible.
40.   * Pre: All parameters are defined and
41.   *       strlen(source) - index - n < MAX_LEN
42.   * Post: source is modified and returned
43.   */
44.  char *
45.  delete(char *source, /* input/output - string from which to delete part */
46.         int  index, /* input - index of first char to delete */
47.         int  n)      /* input - number of chars to delete */
48.  {
49.      char rest_str[MAX_LEN]; /* copy of source substring following
50.                              characters to delete */
51.
52.      /* If there are no characters in source following portion to
53.       delete, delete rest of string */
54.      if (strlen(source) <= index + n) {
55.          source[index] = '\\0';
56.
57.          /* Otherwise, copy the portion following the portion to delete
58.           and place it in source beginning at the index position */
59.      } else {
60.          strcpy(rest_str, &source[index + n]);

```

(continued)

```
61.         strcpy(&source[index], rest_str);
62.     }
63.
64.     return (source);
65. }
```

```
137.
138. /*
139.  * Returns source after inserting to_insert at position index of
140.  * source. If source[index] doesn't exist, adds to_insert at end of
141.  * source.
```

(continued)

```

142.  * Pre:  all parameters are defined, space available for source is
143.  *       enough to accommodate insertion, and
144.  *       strlen(source) - index - n < MAX_LEN
145.  * Post: source is modified and returned
146.  */
147.  char *
148.  insert(char      *source,      /* input/output - target of insertion */
149.         const char *to_insert, /* input - string to insert          */
150.         int        index)      /* input - position where to_insert
151.                                is to be inserted          */
152.  {
153.      char rest_str[MAX_LEN]; /* copy of rest of source beginning
154.                              with source[index] */
155.
156.      if (strlen(source) <= index) {
157.          strcat(source, to_insert);
158.      } else {
159.          strcpy(rest_str, &source[index]);
160.          strcpy(&source[index], to_insert);
161.          strcat(source, rest_str);
162.      }
163.
164.
165.      return (source);
166.  }
167.

```

scanline Returns Address of Deallocated Space

```
1.  /*
2.   * Gets one line of data from standard input. Returns an empty string on end
3.   * of file. If data line will not fit in allotted space, stores portion that
4.   * does fit and discards rest of input line.
5.   **** Error: returns address of space that is immediately deallocated.
6.   */
7.  char *
8.  scanline(void)
9.  {
10.     char dest[MAX_STR_LEN];
11.     int i, ch;
12.
13.     /* Get next line one character at a time. */
14.     i = 0;
15.     for (ch = getchar();
16.          ch != '\n' && ch != EOF && i < MAX_STR_LEN - 1;
17.          ch = getchar())
18.         dest[i++] = ch;
19.     dest[i] = '\0';
20.
21.     /* Discard any characters that remain on input line */
22.     while (ch != '\n' && ch != EOF)
23.         ch = getchar();
24.
25.     return (dest);
26. }
```