

# Homework 5: Strings

CS16 - Winter 2021

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<b>Due:</b>	Thursday, February 11, 2021 (11:59 PM PST)
<b>Points:</b>	100
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- You may collaborate on this homework with **at most** one person, an optional “homework buddy.”
  - **Submission instructions:** All questions are to be written (either by hand or typed) *in the provided spaces* and turned in as a single PDF on Gradescope. If you submit handwritten solutions write legibly. We reserve the right to give 0 points to answers we cannot read. When you submit your answer on Gradescope, **be sure to select which portions of your answer correspond to which problem** and clearly mark on the page itself which problem you are answering. We reserve the right to give 0 points to submissions that fail to do this.
1. (10 points) Which of these are correct usage (syntax) of a single statement on a string variable called `message`, and which of these are incorrect usage (and *very briefly why*). Variables `n` and `m` are `int` types.
    - a. (2 points) `message.erase(n, m);`

Yes, this is the correct usage of the `erase` string method because it just modifies the string `message` and it has two variables integer variables (start position and length) which here are correctly inputted as `n` and `m`.

- b. (2 points) `message = message.erase(n, m);`

This usage is syntactically correct since it is reassigning the string variable `message` to it's erased and modified form. Although this is a correct usage, it is unnecessary to reassign `message`. A simpler usage is shown in part (a).

- c. (2 points) `cout << message.find(n);`

This usage is syntactically correct since the `find` method will convert the characters inside of the strings into integers and then it will search the string for the integer `n`.

d. (2 points) `message.size() = n;`

This is not correct usage because `message.size()` is not a variable and it is not assignable.

e. (2 points) `cout << message.rfind("x");`

Yes, this is correct usage of the `rfind()` method because it is searching the string `message` backwards for the substring consisting of a single character `"x"`. It prints out without error because the method `rfind()` returns either `string::npos` if not found or the last index of the occurrence of `"x"`.

2. (10 points) The following code takes in a string input from the user and performs an integer multiplication, as seen in the example run here. Note that the input string will contain the asterisk character `'*'`:

```
Enter 2 integer numbers to be multiplied, like this: num1*num2: 15*3
The answer is: 45
```

Complete the missing code below that performs this task (it can be done in 2 lines, but you can use more if you like).

```
string s; int k(0);
cout << "Enter 2 integer numbers to be multiplied, like this: num1*num2: ";
cin >> s;

int num1 = stoi(s.substr(0,s.find('*'))), num2 = stoi(s.substr(s.find('*')+1));
k = num1*num2;

cout << "The answer is: " << k << endl;
```

3. (20 points) Given the declaration of a C-string variable, where `MAX` is a defined constant: `char buffer[MAX];`

The C-string variable `buffer` has previously been assigned in code not shown here. For correct C- string variables, the following loop reassigns all positions of `buffer` the value `'z'`, leaving the length the same as before. Assume this code fragment is embedded in an otherwise complete and correct program. Answer the questions following this code fragment:

```
int index = 0;
while (buffer[index] != '\0') {
    buffer[index] = 'z';
    index++;
}
```

a. (10 points) Explain how this code can destroy memory beyond the end of the array.

Essentially this loop can destroy memory if the loop does not terminate correctly (as expected by the `'\0'`) and thus the loop will not stop. Therefore, this loop can continue to insert the character `'z'` into indices

that are past what the buffer array has actually made space for by the declaration of buffer as 'char buffer[MAX];'.

- b. (10 points) Modify this loop to protect against inadvertently changing memory beyond the end of the array.

```
int index = 0;
while (buffer[index] != '\0' && index < MAX)
{
    buffer[index] = 'z';
    index++;
}
```

4. (20 points) Show the output produced when the following code (entire program not shown) executes. *If there is an error in this code*, point it out and explain why it is not correct. You are encouraged to also try to compile this to verify your results.

```
string name = "Porcupine Tree";
cout << "NAME = " + name << endl;
cout << name.length() << endl;
name.erase(8, 6);
cout << name << endl;
name.append("Dean WD Morgan");
cout << name << endl;
name.insert(22, "@TWD");
cout << name << endl;
name.replace(23, 3, "The WD");
cout << name << endl;
cout << name.find("WD") << endl;
cout << name.rfind("WD") << endl;
cout << name.rfind("cupi") << endl;
for (int i = name.length(); i > 20; i--) {
    cout << name[i-1];
    cout << endl;
}
```

No errors in this code.

Output:

NAME = Porcupine Tree

14

Porcupin

PorcupinDean WD Morgan

PorcupinDean WD Morgan@TWD

PorcupinDean WD Morgan@The WD

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5. (20 points) Write the full definition of a function called `FunString()` that takes a string argument and does 2 things: (1) it prints the *second* half of the string backwards (while still printing the first half normally), and (2) it reports on how many words the original string has (assume a word is separated with space characters). For example, if the argument is “All the strings”, the function should print out “All thesngirts” on one line and then the number 3 on the next line.

```
void FunString(string text)
{
    int halfLength = text.length()/2;
    //print out first half of the string in order
    for (int i=0;i<halfLength;i++)
    {
        cout << text[i];
    }

    //print out the second half of the string in backwards order
    for (int j=text.length()-1;j>=halfLength;j--)
    {
        if (j>halfLength)
        {
            cout << text[j];
        }
        else
        {
            cout << text[j] << endl;
        }
    }

    int spaces=0;
    //count the number of spaces in the string
    for (int k=0;k<text.length();k++)
    {
        if (text[k]==' ')
        {
            spaces++;
        }
    }

    cout << spaces+1 << endl;
}
```

6. (20 points) Write a full definition for a function called `IsLoud()` that takes in a string argument and checks if each character in the string is an uppercase character *or* a '!'. If all characters pass this test, then the function returns true, otherwise it returns false.

```
bool IsLoud(string text)
{
    /*
    takes in a string argument and checks if each character in the string is
    an uppercase character or a '!'.
    If all characters pass this test, then the function returns true,
    otherwise it returns false.
    */

    //assume true until proven false
    bool isGood = true;
    for (int i=0;i<text.length();i++)
    {
        if (text[i] != '!' && (text[i] < 'A' || text[i] > 'Z'))
        {
            isGood = false;
            break;
        }
    }
    return isGood;
}
```