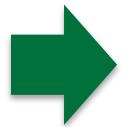


# CS 50: Software Design and Implementation

Command line args and arrays

# Agenda



1. Arrays
2. Strings as arrays of chars
3. Command line arguments
4. Activity

# Arrays declare a contiguous block of memory to hold several items

```
#include<stdio.h>
int global_array[5];
const int SIZE = 5;

int main() {
    int a[SIZE];

    //global array is initialized to 0
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, global_array[i]);
    }

    //local array is filled with whatever is memory when run
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //assign values
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        a[i] = i*2;
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //get value out of bounds (past end of array)
    printf("%d %d\n", SIZE+1, a[SIZE+1]);

    //return size of int array
    printf("int size %lu\n", sizeof(int));
    printf("array size %lu\n", sizeof(a));

    return 0;
}
```

array\_int\_test.c

- Reserves a contiguous block of memory big enough to hold specified number of elements (5 here) times size of each element (4 bytes for integers) = 20 bytes
- Indices are 0...SIZE-1
- Global and static arrays are initialized to 0 (or null)
- Local arrays get whatever happens to be in memory
- Define a constant integer (old style uses #define directive)

# Global and static arrays are initialized to 0 or null

```
#include<stdio.h>
int global_array[5];
const int SIZE = 5;

int main() {
    int a[SIZE];

    //global array is initialized to 0
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, global_array[i]);
    }

    //local array is filled with whatever is memory
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //assign values
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        a[i] = i*2;
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //get value out of bounds (past end of array)
    printf("%d %d\n", SIZE+1, a[SIZE+1]);

    //return size of int array
    printf("int size %lu\n", sizeof(int));
    printf("array size %lu\n", sizeof(a));

    return 0;
}
```

array\_int\_test.c

- **global\_array is initialized to 0**
- **Indices are 0...4**

```
$ mygcc -o array_int_test array_int_test.c
$ ./array_int_test
0 0
1 0
2 0
3 0
4 0
0 9
1 0
2 1720063584
3 32757
4 829015432
0 0
1 2
2 4
3 6
4 8
6 15775231
int size 4
array size 20
```

# Local arrays are not initialized, holds whatever happens to be in memory

```
#include<stdio.h>
int global_array[5];
const int SIZE = 5;

int main() {
    int a[SIZE];

    //global array is initialized to 0
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, global_array[i]);
    }

    //local array is filled with whatever is mem
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //assign values
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        a[i] = i*2;
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //get value out of bounds (past end of array)
    printf("%d %d\n", SIZE+1, a[SIZE+1]);

    //return size of int array
    printf("int size %lu\n", sizeof(int));
    printf("array size %lu\n", sizeof(a));

    return 0;
}
```

array\_int\_test.c

- Local array filled with whatever is left in memory

```
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0 0
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0 9
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2 1720063584
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0 0
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4 8
6 15775231
int size 4
array size 20
```

# Values can be assigned by index

```
#include<stdio.h>
int global_array[5];
const int SIZE = 5;

int main() {
    int a[SIZE];

    //global array is initialized to 0
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, global_array[i]);
    }

    //local array is filled with whatever is memory
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //assign values
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        a[i] = i*2;
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //get value out of bounds (past end of array)
    printf("%d %d\n", SIZE+1, a[SIZE+1]);

    //return size of int array
    printf("int size %lu\n", sizeof(int));
    printf("array size %lu\n", sizeof(a));

    return 0;
}
```

- array\_int\_test.c**
- Assign array values to  $i*2$  and print
  - Array points to base address of array
  - Remember from CS10, element at index  $idx$  memory address is:
    - $\text{base} + idx * \text{sizeof(element)}$

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1 0
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1 0
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3 32757
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0 0
1 2
2 4
3 6
4 8
6 15775231
int size 4
array size 20
```

# C does not do bounds checking, can reference memory outside array

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int main() {
    int a[SIZE];

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    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, global_array[i]);
    }

    //local array is filled with whatever is mem
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    }

    //assign values
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
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        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

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    //return size of int array
    printf("int size %lu\n", sizeof(int));
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    return 0;
}
```

array\_int\_test.c

Check value at index 6 (outside bounds of array by 2 values)

We will see this is a common cause of bugs

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4 8
6 15775231
int size 4
array size 20
```

# Get size of values and arrays with sizeof( ) function

```
#include<stdio.h>
int global_array[5];
const int SIZE = 5;

int main() {
    int a[SIZE];

    //global array is initialized to 0
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, global_array[i]);
    }

    //local array is filled with whatever is memory
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //assign values
    for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        a[i] = i*2;
        printf("%d %d\n", i, a[i]);
    }

    //get value out of bounds (past end of array)
    printf("%d %d\n", SIZE+1, a[SIZE+1]);

    //return size of int array
    printf("int size %lu\n", sizeof(int));
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    return 0;
}
```

array\_int\_test.c

Integers are 4 bytes wide  
Array is 20 bytes (4 bytes \* 5 elements)

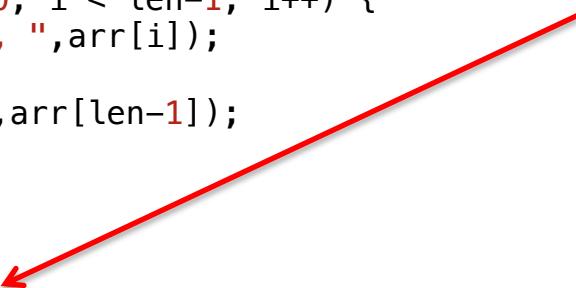
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```

# Arrays can be initialized when declared

array\_print.c

```
14 #include <stdio.h>
15 const int SIZE=5;
16
17 void print_array(int arr[], int len) {
18     for (int i = 0; i < len-1; i++) {
19         printf("%d, ",arr[i]);
20     }
21     printf("%d\n",arr[len-1]);
22 }
23
24
25 int main() {
26     int a[SIZE];
27     int b[4];
28     int c[] = {1,2,3};
29     int d[5] = {1,2,3};
30
31     printf("printing a\n");
32     print_array(a, sizeof(a)/sizeof(int));
33     printf("printing b\n");
34     print_array(b, sizeof(b)/sizeof(int));
35     printf("printing c\n");
36     print_array(c, sizeof(c)/sizeof(int));
37     printf("printing d\n");
38     print_array(d, sizeof(d)/sizeof(int));
39
40     return 0;
41 }
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Declare array with constant size



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15 const int SIZE=5;
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20     }
21     printf("%d\n",arr[len-1]);
22 }
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36     print_array(c, sizeof(c)/sizeof(int));
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41 }
```

Declare array with constant size

Or

With initial elements (size not required)



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array\_print.c

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15 const int SIZE=5;
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17 void print_array(int arr[], int len) {
18     for (int i = 0; i < len-1; i++) {
19         printf("%d, ",arr[i]);
20     }
21     printf("%d\n",arr[len-1]);
22 }
23
24
25 int main() {
26     int a[SIZE];
27     int b[4];
28     int c[] = {1,2,3};
29     int d[5] = {1,2,3};    ←
30
31     printf("printing a\n");
32     print_array(a, sizeof(a)/sizeof(int));
33     printf("printing b\n");
34     print_array(b, sizeof(b)/sizeof(int));
35     printf("printing c\n");
36     print_array(c, sizeof(c)/sizeof(int));
37     printf("printing d\n");
38     print_array(d, sizeof(d)/sizeof(int));
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40     return 0;
41 }
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17 void print_array(int arr[], int len) {
18     for (int i = 0; i < len-1; i++) {
19         printf("%d, ",arr[i]);
20     }
21     printf("%d\n",arr[len-1]);
22 }
23
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26     int a[SIZE];
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41 }
```

Declare array with constant size

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Or

With size and initial elements (others  
initialize to 0)

If you provide more elements than size,  
extra elements ignored (e.g., d[2] = {1,2,3},  
then 3 ignored)

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17 void print_array(int arr[], int len) {
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19         printf("%d, ",arr[i]);
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```

Local array a just happens to hold zero  
(not initialized, got lucky all zeros!)

```
$ mygcc -o array_print array_print.c
$ ./array_print
printing a
0, 0, 0, 0, 0
printing b
1, 0, -1277859539, 22087
printing c
1, 2, 3
printing d
1, 2, 3, 0, 0
```

# Arrays can be initialized when declared

array\_print.c

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14 #include <stdio.h>
15 const int SIZE=5;
16
17 void print_array(int arr[], int len) {
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```

Local array b was not as lucky

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24
25 int main() {
26     int a[SIZE];
27     int b[4];
28     int c[] = {1,2,3}; ←
29     int d[5] = {1,2,3};
30
31     printf("printing a\n");
32     print_array(a, sizeof(a)/sizeof(int));
33     printf("printing b\n");
34     print_array(b, sizeof(b)/sizeof(int));
35     printf("printing c\n");
36     print_array(c, sizeof(c)/sizeof(int));
37     printf("printing d\n");
38     print_array(d, sizeof(d)/sizeof(int));
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40     return 0;
41 }
```

Compiler can determine size of local array c to be three elements  
Here we initialize each element

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printing a
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33     printf("printing b\n");
34     print_array(b, sizeof(b)/sizeof(int));
35     printf("printing c\n");
36     print_array(c, sizeof(c)/sizeof(int));
37     printf("printing d\n");
38     print_array(d, sizeof(d)/sizeof(int));
39
40     return 0;
41 }
```

Here we said to allocate room for 5 elements, and initialized the first three Remaining elements get whatever is in memory

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$ ./array_print
printing a
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printing b
1, 0, -1277859539, 22087
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```

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# Strings in C are a contiguous block of characters terminated with null

```
1 #include<stdio.h>                                array_string_test.c
2
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello";
6
7     //char array
8     printf("char array %s\n",b);
9     printf("char size %lu\n",sizeof(char));
10    printf("array size %lu\n",sizeof(b));
11    printf("index 0: %c %d\n",b[0], b[0]);
12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n",b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n",b[5], b[5]);
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n",b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n",b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test array_string_test.c
$ ./array_string_test
char array hello
char size 1
array size 6
index 0: h 104
index 4: o 111
index 5: 0
index 6: 0
index 7: c 99
```

# Strings in C are a contiguous block of characters terminated with null

```
1 #include<stdio.h>                                         array_string_test.c
2
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello";                                     C adds a null terminator ('\0') to this string
6
7     //char array
8     printf("char array %s\n",b);
9     printf("char size %lu\n",sizeof(char));
10    printf("array size %lu\n",sizeof(b));
11    printf("index 0: %c %d\n",b[0], b[0]);
12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n",b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n",b[5], b[5]);
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n",b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n",b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

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$ mygcc -o array_string_test array_string_test.c
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array size 6
index 0: h 104
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index 5: 0
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index 7: c 99
```

# Print strings with “%s”

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2
3
4 int main() {
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6
7     //char array
8     printf("char array %s\n",b);
9     printf("char size %lu\n",sizeof(char));
10    printf("array size %lu\n",sizeof(b));
11    printf("index 0: %c %d\n",b[0], b[0]);
12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n",b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n",b[5], b[5]);
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n",b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n",b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

array\_string\_test.c

**Print strings with %s**

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char array hello
char size 1
array size 6
index 0: h 104
index 4: o 111
index 5: 0
index 6: 0
index 7: c 99
```

# Each character takes one byte of memory

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello";
6
7     //char array
8     printf("char array %s\n", b);
9     printf("char size %lu\n", sizeof(char));
10    printf("array size %lu\n", sizeof(b));
11    printf("index 0: %c %d\n", b[0], b[0]);
12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n", b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n", b[5], b[5]);
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n", b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n", b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

array\_string\_test.c

Each character is one byte

```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test array_string_test.c
$ ./array_string_test
char array hello
char size 1
array size 6
index 0: h 104
index 4: o 111
index 5: 0
index 6: 0
index 7: c 99
```

# sizeof returns the number of bytes and counts the null terminator

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2
3
4 int main() {
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6
7     //char array
8     printf("char array %s\n", b);
9     printf("char size %lu\n", sizeof(char));
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12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n", b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n", b[5], b[5]);
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n", b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n", b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

array\_string\_test.c

Local array b is 6 characters (plus one for null terminator) \* 1 byte per characters = 6 bytes

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index 5: 0
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```

# Chars can be printed as character with “%c” or integer with “%d”

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11    printf("index 0: %c %d\n", b[0], b[0]);
12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n", b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n", b[5], b[5]);
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n", b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n", b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

array\_string\_test.c

Each character is an entry in the array,  
starting at index 0

Characters are stored as  
integers, print their ASCII values

```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test array_string_test.c
$ ./array_string_test
char array hello
char size 1
array size 6
index 0: h 104
index 4: o 111
index 5: 0
index 6: 0
index 7: c 99
```

# The string terminator comes after the last character

```
1 #include<stdio.h>                                array_string_test.c
2
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello";
6
7     //char array
8     printf("char array %s\n",b);
9     printf("char size %lu\n",sizeof(char));
10    printf("array size %lu\n",sizeof(b));
11    printf("index 0: %c %d\n",b[0], b[0]);
12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n",b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n",b[5], b[5]);           Null terminator is at index 5
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n",b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n",b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test array_string_test.c
$ ./array_string_test
char array hello
char size 1
array size 6
index 0: h 104
index 4: o 111
index 5: 0
index 6: 0
index 7: c 99
```

# C does not check bounds! You can read and write beyond the end of the string!

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello";
6
7     //char array
8     printf("char array %s\n",b);
9     printf("char size %lu\n",sizeof(char));
10    printf("array size %lu\n",sizeof(b));
11    printf("index 0: %c %d\n",b[0], b[0]);
12    printf("index 4: %c %d\n",b[4], b[4]);
13    printf("index 5: %c %d\n",b[5], b[5]);
14    printf("index 6: %c %d\n",b[6], b[6]);
15    printf("index 7: %c %d\n",b[7], b[7]);
16
17    return 0;
18 }
```

array\_string\_test.c

C does not check array bounds; you can read and write past the end of an array without complaints

Here indices 6 and 7 are beyond the end of the array  
We see whatever was in memory

```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test array_string_test.c
$ ./array_string_test
char array hello
char size 1
array size 6
index 0: h 104
index 4: o 111
index 5: 0
index 6: 0
index 7: c 99
```

Its up to you to check array bounds, be careful, especially when writing!

# String.h provides a number helpful string functions including strlen and strcmp

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include<string.h> Include string.h
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello"; char c[] = {"hello"};
6     char d[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; char e[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
7     char f[strlen(b)+1];
8
9     //sizeof vs strlen
10    printf("b sizeof: %lu\n", sizeof(b));
11    printf("b strlen: %lu\n", strlen(b));
12}
```

array\_string\_test2.c

# String.h provides a number helpful string functions including strlen and strcmp

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include<string.h>
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello"; char c[] = {"hello"};
6     char d[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; char e[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
7     char f[strlen(b)+1];
8
9     //sizeof vs strlen
10    printf("b sizeof: %lu\n", sizeof(b));
11    printf("b strlen: %lu\n", strlen(b));
12
```

b and c are the same and  
are null terminated

array\_string\_test2.c

# String.h provides a number helpful string functions including strlen and strcmp

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1 #include<stdio.h>
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3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello"; char c[] = {"hello"};
6     char d[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; char e[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
7     char f[strlen(b)+1];
8
9     //sizeof vs strlen
10    printf("b sizeof: %lu\n", sizeof(b));
11    printf("b strlen: %lu\n", strlen(b));
12
```

array\_string\_test2.c

**d is not null terminated, but e is**

# strlen gives the number of characters without counting the null terminator

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include<string.h>
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello"; char c[] = {"hello"};
6     char d[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; char e[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
7     char f[strlen(b)+1];
8
9     //sizeof vs strlen
10    printf("b sizeof: %lu\n", sizeof(b));
11    printf("b strlen: %lu\n", strlen(b));
```

array\_string\_test2.c

sizeof counts the null terminator  
strlen does not!

```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test2
array_string_test2.c
$ ./array_string_test2
b sizeof: 6
b strlen: 5
```

# strcmp compares two strings, returns 0 if equivalent

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include<string.h>
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello"; char c[] = {"hello"};
6     char d[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; char e[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
7     char f[strlen(b)+1];
8
<snip>
12
13 //compare strings
14 if (!strcmp(b,c)) printf("b and c are the same\n");
15 else printf("b and c are not the same\n");
16
17 if (!strcmp(b,d)) printf("b and d are the same\n");
18 else printf("b and d are not the same\n");
19
20 if (!strcmp(b,e)) printf("b and e are the same\n");
21 else printf("b and e are not the same\n");
22
```

Notice the !  
strcmp returns 0 if same

array\_string\_test2.c

strcmp returns 0 if two strings are  
the same  
Matches up to null terminator

```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test2
array_string_test2.c
$ ./array_string_test2
b sizeof: 6
b strlen: 5
b and c are the same
```

# strcmp compares two strings, returns 0 if equivalent

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include<string.h>
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello"; char c[] = {"hello"};
6     char d[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; char e[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
7     char f[strlen(b)+1];
8
9     <snip>
10
11
12     //compare strings
13     if (!strcmp(b,c)) printf("b and c are the same\n");
14     else printf("b and c are not the same\n");
15
16     if (!strcmp(b,d)) printf("b and d are the same\n");
17     else printf("b and d are not the same\n");
18
19     if (!strcmp(b,e)) printf("b and e are the same\n");
20     else printf("b and e are not the same\n");
21
22
```

strcmp compares character by character until it hits the null terminator

Does not find null terminator in d

array\_string\_test2.c

d has no null terminator, not the same as b

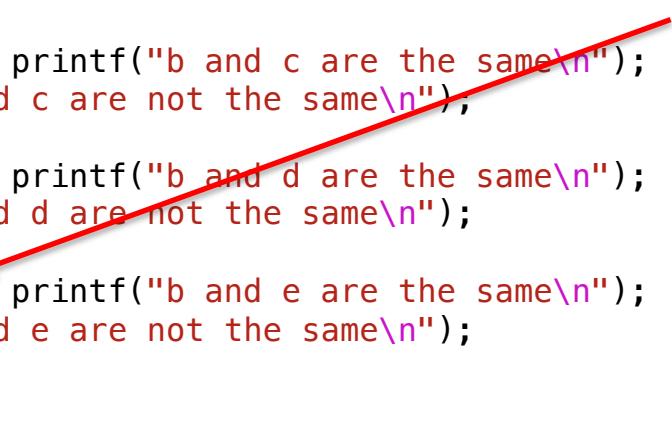
```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test2
array_string_test2.c
$ ./array_string_test2
b sizeof: 6
b strlen: 5
b and c are the same
b and d are not the same
```

# strcmp compares two strings, returns 0 if equivalent

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include<string.h>
3
4 int main() {
5     char b[] = "hello"; char c[] = {"hello"};
6     char d[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; char e[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
7     char f[strlen(b)+1];
8
9     <snip>
10
11     //compare strings
12     if (!strcmp(b,c)) printf("b and c are the same\n");
13     else printf("b and c are not the same\n"),
14
15     if (!strcmp(b,d)) printf("b and d are the same\n");
16     else printf("b and d are not the same\n");
17
18     if (!strcmp(b,e)) printf("b and e are the same\n");
19     else printf("b and e are not the same\n");
20
21
22
```

array\_string\_test2.c

**e has a null terminator, same as b**



```
$ mygcc -o array_string_test2
array_string_test2.c
$ ./array_string_test2
b sizeof: 6
b strlen: 5
b and c are the same
b and d are not the same
b and e are the same
```

# Be very careful to make sure strings are null terminated!

overflow.c

```
14 #include <stdio.h>
15 #include <string.h>
16
17 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
18     char a[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; //no null terminator
19     char b[] = "world"; //C includes a null terminator
20     char c[sizeof(a)+sizeof(b)+1];
21
22     printf("Size of a is %lu\n", sizeof(a));
23     printf("Size of b is %lu\n", sizeof(b));
24
25     printf("strlen of a is %lu\n", strlen(a));
26     printf("strlen of b is %lu\n", strlen(b));
27
28     strcpy(c,a);
29     printf("%s\n",c);
30
31
32     return 0;
33 }
```

a has no null terminator, b does



# sizeof returns the number of bytes (characters are 1 byte)

overflow.c

```
14 #include <stdio.h>
15 #include <string.h>
16
17 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
18     char a[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; //no null terminator
19     char b[] = "world"; //C includes a null terminator
20     char c[sizeof(a)+sizeof(b)+1];
21
22     printf("Size of a is %lu\n", sizeof(a));
23     printf("Size of b is %lu\n", sizeof(b));
24
25     printf("strlen of a is %lu\n", strlen(a));
26     printf("strlen of b is %lu\n", strlen(b));
27
28     strcpy(c,a);
29     printf("%s\n",c);
30
31
32     return 0;
33 }
```

Sizes are as expected

```
$ mygcc overflow.c
$ ./a.out
Size of a is 5
Size of b is 6
```

# strlen returns the number of characters but does not count the terminator

```
14 #include <stdio.h>
15 #include <string.h>
16
17 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
18     char a[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; //no null terminator
19     char b[] = "world"; //C includes a null terminator
20     char c[sizeof(a)+sizeof(b)+1];
21
22     printf("Size of a is %lu\n", sizeof(a));
23     printf("Size of b is %lu\n", sizeof(b));
24
25     printf("strlen of a is %lu\n", strlen(a)); ←
26     printf("strlen of b is %lu\n", strlen(b));
27
28     strcpy(c,a);
29     printf("%s\n",c);
30
31
32     return 0;
33 }
```

strlen counts until it hits a \0 terminator  
a is not null terminated  
b is allocated right after a in memory  
strlen reads until hits b's terminator

overflow.c

strlen of a is strange!

```
$ mygcc overflow.c
$ ./a.out
Size of a is 5
Size of b is 6
strlen of a is 10
strlen of b is 5
```

# strcpy copies from one string into another until it hits a terminator

```
14 #include <stdio.h>
15 #include <string.h>
16
17 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
18     char a[] = {'h','e','l','l','o'}; //no null terminator
19     char b[] = "world"; //C includes a null terminator
20     char c[sizeof(a)+sizeof(b)+1];
21
22     printf("Size of a is %lu\n", sizeof(a));
23     printf("Size of b is %lu\n", sizeof(b));
24
25     printf("strlen of a is %lu\n", strlen(a));
26     printf("strlen of b is %lu\n", strlen(b));
27
28     strcpy(c,a);
29     printf("%s\n",c);
30
31     return 0;      Strings that are not null
32 }              terminated often cause bugs!
```

strcpy copies until it hits a \0 terminator  
a is not null terminated  
b is allocated right after a in memory  
strcpy copies until hits b's terminator

overflow.c

strcpy copies until it  
hits a \0 terminator!

```
$ mygcc overflow.c
$ ./a.out
Size of a is 5
Size of b is 6
strlen of a is 10
strlen of b is 5
elloworld
```

# Agenda

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# argc and argv give the number and parameters from the command line

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
4 {
5     int i;
6
7     printf("\nThe number of items on the command line is %d\n\n", argc);
8     for (i = 0; i < argc; i++) {
9         printf("argument %d is \"%s\"\n", i, argv[i]);
10        printf("The address stored in argv[%d] is %p\n", i, argv[i]);
11        printf("The first character pointed to there is \'%c\'\n", argv[i][0]);
12    }
13
14    return 0;
15 }
```

params.c

Count of parameters  
Array of strings  
Each parameter is a string in the array  
Index 0 is the name of the program

# argc and argv give the number and parameters from the command line

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
4 {
5     int i;
6
7     printf("\nThe number of items on the command line is %d\n\n", argc);
8     for (i = 0; i < argc; i++) {
9         printf("argument %d is \"%s\"\n", i, argv[i]);
10        printf("The address stored in argv[%d] is %p\n", i, argv[i]);
11        printf("The first character pointed to there is '%c'\n", argv[i][0]);
12    }
13
14    return 0;
15 }
```

params.c

**Escape double quotes with \" to print "**

**%p prints the memory address of a variable**

**Escape single quotes with \' to print '**

# argc and argv give the number and parameters from the command line

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
4 {
5     int i;
6
7     printf("\nThe number of items on the command line is %d\n\n",argc);
8     for (i = 0; i < argc; i++) {
9         printf("argument %d is \"%s\"\n", i, argv[i]);
10        printf("The address stored in argv[%d] is %p\n", i, argv[i]);
11        printf("The first character pointed to there is '%c'\n", argv[i][0]);
12    }
13
14    return 0;
15 }
```

params.c

```
$ mygcc -o params params.c
$ ./params 1 2 five 7
```

The number of items on the command line is 5

```
argument 0 is "./params"
The address stored in argv[0] is 0x7ffdbdc87e29
The first character pointed to there is '.'
argument 1 is "1"
The address stored in argv[1] is 0x7ffdbdc87e32
The first character pointed to there is '1'
argument 2 is "2"
The address stored in argv[2] is 0x7ffdbdc87e34
The first character pointed to there is '2'
argument 3 is "five"
The address stored in argv[3] is 0x7ffdbdc87e36
The first character pointed to there is 'f'
argument 4 is "7"
The address stored in argv[4] is 0x7ffdbdc87e3b
The first character pointed to there is '7'
```

5 parameters passed  
(include program  
name)

First parameter at  
index 0 of argv

Parameter memory  
address

# Parameters are strings, sometimes we want to convert them other types

Options to convert parameters to integers

## 1) Use atoi (or atof for float)<sup>1</sup>

- This is probably the fastest if you're using it in performance-critical code
- Does no error reporting.
- If the string does not begin with an integer, it will return 0
- If the string contains junk after the integer, it will convert the initial part and ignore the rest
- If the number is too big to fit in int, the behavior is unspecified

## 2) Use sscanf

- Can specify format of input
- Returns the number of successful conversions

# sscanf can convert multiple types from a string in a known format

sscanf.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4
5 int main () {
6     int day, year, count;
7     char weekday[20], month[20], dtm[100];
8
9     strcpy( dtm, "Wednesday Sept 21 2022");
10    count = sscanf( dtm, "%s %s %d %d", weekday, month, &day, &year );
11
12    printf("%s %d, %d = %s\n", month, day, year, weekday );
13    printf("Number of values converted: %d\n",count);
14
15 }
```

Copy string into dtm variable



```
$ mygcc -o sscanf_test sscanf.c
$ ./sscanf_test
Sept 21, 2022 = Saturday
Number of values converted: 4
```

# sscanf can convert multiple types from a string in a known format

sscanf.c

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2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4
5 int main () {
6     int day, year, count;
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8
9     strcpy( dtm, "Wednesday Sept 21 2022");
10    count = sscanf( dtm, "%s %s %d %d", weekday, month, &day, &year );
11
12    printf("%s %d, %d = %s\n", month, day, year, weekday );
13    printf("Number of values converted: %d\n",count);
14
15 }
```

Use scanf (one s in scanf)  
to scan from stdin

Use sscanf (string scanf) to  
parse dtm looking for:  
string, string, integer, integer

sscanf returns  
the number of  
successful  
conversions

If count == 4, got all conversions

```
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$ ./sscanf_test
Sept 21, 2022 = Saturday
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```

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8
9     strcpy( dtm, "Wednesday Sept 21 2022");
10    count = sscanf( dtm, "%s %s %d %d", weekday, month, &day, &year );
11
12    printf("%s %d, %d = %s\n", month, day, year, weekday );
13    printf("Number of values converted: %d\n",count);
14    return 0;
15 }
```

What is wrong with this code?  
Should use strncpy not strcpy!

```
$ mygcc -o sscanf_test sscanf.c
$ ./sscanf_test
Sept 21, 2022 = Saturday
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```

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2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4
5 int main () {
6     int day, year, count;
7     char weekday[20], month[20], dtm[100];
8
9     // strcpy( dtm, "Wednesday Sept 21 2022");
10    strncpy( dtm, "Wednesday Sept 21 2022",100 );
11    count = sscanf( dtm, "%s %s %d %d", weekday, month, &day, &year );
12
13    printf("%s %d, %d = %s\n", month, day, year, weekday );
14    printf("Number of values converted: %d\n",count);
15    return 0;
16 }
```

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