

# ECE 220: Computer Systems & Programming

## Lecture 10: Strings and Multi-dimensional Arrays

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# Strings

- Allocate space for a string just like any other array

```
char buf[200];
```

- Space for string must contain room for terminating zero.
- Null terminating strings- `'\0'` special sequence that corresponds to the null character.
- **Special syntax for initializing a string:**

```
char buf[200] = "abc";
```

```
buf[0] = 'a';
```

```
buf[1] = 'b';
```

```
buf[2] = 'c';
```

```
buf[3] = '\0'; ←
```

How about this?

```
char buf[200]; —  
→ buf = "abc";
```

err

# Exercise: Copy a string from source to destination

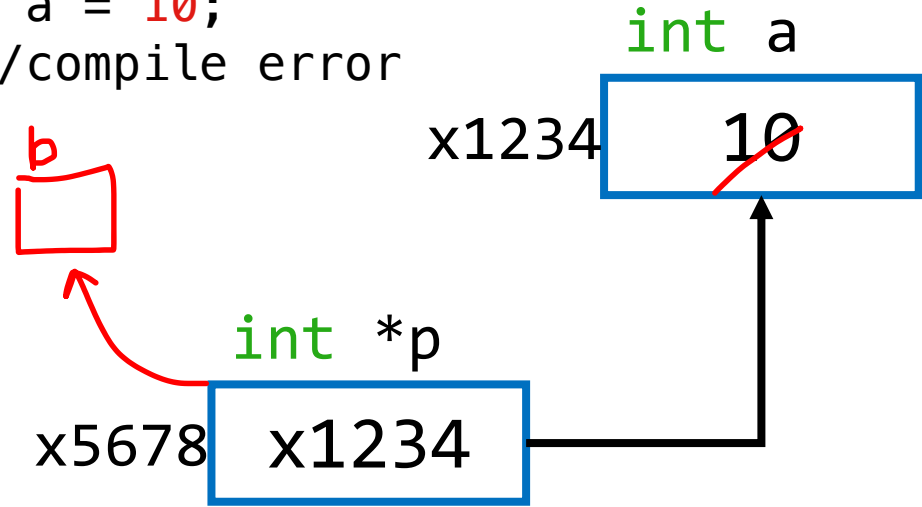
```
int main(){
    char buf[200];
    //buf = "ABC"; // compile error
    string_copy(buf, "ABC");
}

void string_copy(char _des[], _char_src[]){
    int i=0;
    while( src[i] != '\0'  _){
        des[i] = src[i];
        i++;
    }
    des[i] = '\0';
    src[2] = 'b';//
}
```

# pointer to **const**

```
(  
const int a = 10;  
a = 20; //compile error
```

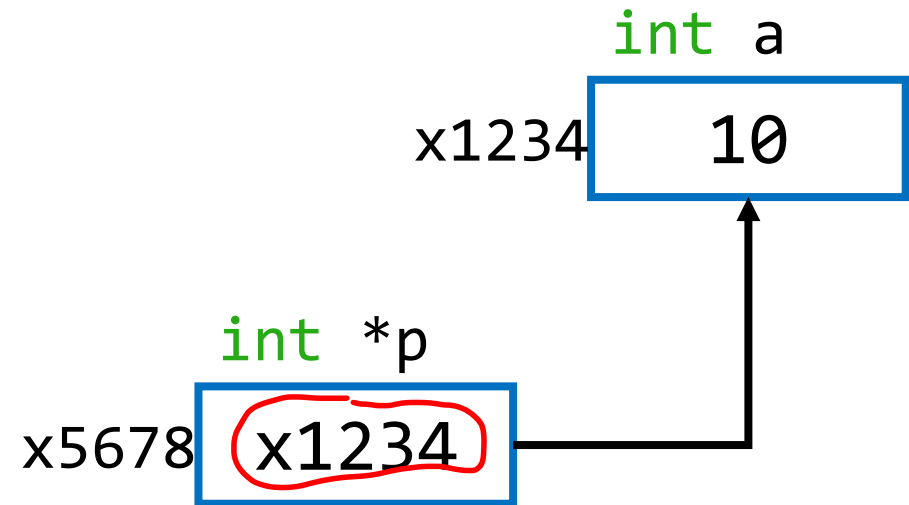
```
int a = 10;  
int b = 30;  
const int *p = &a;  
→ *p = 20; ← Compile error  
p = &b; ← OK  
a = 20; ← OK
```



“Pointer to const” DOES NOT allow the pointed object to be changed by the pointer.

# **const** pointer

```
int a = 10;  
int b = 30;  
int * const ptr = &a;  
→ *ptr = 20; ← OK  
→ ptr = &b; ← Compile error  
a = 20; ← OK
```



“Const pointer” DOES NOT allow to change the pointer.

# Exercise: Copy a string from source to destination

```
int main(){
    char buf[200];
    //buf = "ABC"; // compile error
    string_copy(buf, "ABC");
}
```

```
void string_copy(char des[], const char src[]){
    int i=0;
    while( src[i] != '\0' ){
        des[i] = src[i];
        i++;
    }
    des[i] = '\0';
    src[0] = 'z';    ← Compile error
}
```

← const will prevent any changes in src

# I/O with Strings

printf and scanf use “%s” format character for string.

**printf:** print characters up to terminating zero

```
char buf[10]="abc";  
printf("%s\n", buf);
```

**scanf:** read characters until whitespace, store result in string, and terminating with zero.

```
char input[10];  
scanf("%s", input);
```

How about this?

```
char input[10];  
scanf("%s", &input[0]);
```

**Q1.**

```
char temp[100] = "abcdef";  
temp[3] = '\\0';  
printf("%s", temp);
```

abc

**Q2.**

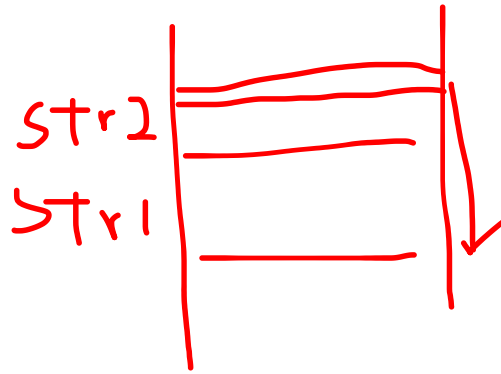
```
char temp[100] = "abcdef";  
printf("%s", &temp[2]);
```

cdef

# Read Strings

- fgets vs scanf

```
char buf[SIZE_BUF];  
fgets(buf, SIZE_BUF, stdin);  
scanf("%s", buf);
```



stdin → keyboard  
stdout → monitor

**fgets:** Read characters from `stdin`(keyboard) and store them into `buf` until `SIZE_BUF-1` characters or a `newline` or the `end-of-file`

**scanf:** Read characters from `stdin`(keyboard) and store them into `buf` until `whitespace` characters



# Read Strings

- `sscanf`: Read formatted data from string and return the number of items successfully read

```
char buf[SIZE_BUF]="12^34^abc";
int rc;
int num1, num2;
char str[20];
rc = sscanf(buf, "%d%d%s", &num1, &num2, str);
```

rc=3, num1=12, num2=34, str=abc

# Multi-dimensional Arrays

```
int a[4];
```

	col0	col1	col2	col3
row0	a[0]	a[1]	a[2]	a[3]

```
int a[2][3];
```

	col0	col1	col2
row0	a[0][0]	a[0][1]	a[0][2]
row1	a[1][0]	a[1][1]	a[1][2]

In memory,

a[0]
a[1]
a[2]
a[3]

offset =  
 $(\text{row index}) * (\text{size of column}) + \text{column index}$

offset

0  
1  
2  
3

$1 * 3 + 1$

a[0][0]
a[0][1]
a[0][2]
a[1][0]
a[1][1]
a[1][2]

offset

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5

Multi-dimensional array is stored in **row-major** order

# Passing Array as Arguments

- C passes arrays by reference
  - The address of the array (address of the first element) is written to the function's activation record.

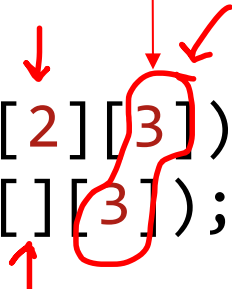
## 1D array

```
void func(int a[6]);  
void func(int a[]);  
void func(int *a);
```

## 2D array

```
void func(int a[2][3]);  
void func(int a[][3]);
```

Must specify the **second** dimension



```
#define ROW 2
#define COL 3
```

```
void print_2D(int a[][COL]){
    int i, j;
    for(i=0; i<ROW; i++){
        for(j=0; j<COL; j++){
            printf("%d ", a[i][j]);
        }
        printf("\n");
    }
    printf("\n");
}
```

compiler needs to know **the size of column** to calculate the memory offset

offset=  
(row index) \* (**size of column**) + column index

```
int main()
{
    int two[2][3] = {{1,2,3},{4,5,6}};
    print_2D(two);
    print_2D_ptr(&two[0][0]);
}
```

```
void print_2D_ptr(int *a){
    int i, j;
    for(i=0; i<ROW; i++){
        for(j=0; j<COL; j++){
            printf("%d ", a[i*COL+ j]);
        }
        printf("\n");
    }
    printf("\n");
}
```

pass the array as a pointer

lose the 2D-array shape information

# Initialize Multi-dimensional Array

```
int a[2] = {1,2};
```

```
int a[] = {1,2};
```

```
int a[2][3] = {{1,2,3},{4,5,6}};
```

```
int a[2][3] = {1,2,3,4,5,6};
```

```
int a[][3] = {{1,2,3},{4,5,6}};
```

```
{ int a[2][] = {{1,2,3},{4,5,6}};
```

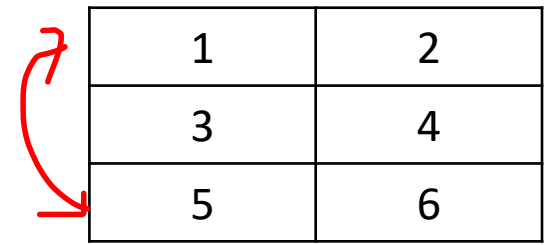
Compile error!

```
{ int a[][] = {{1,2,3},{4,5,6}};
```

Compile error!

# Exercise: Exchange two rows in matrix

```
// Swap x-th row and y-th row
void matrix_change(int matrix[N][M], int x, int y)
{
    int temp, i;
    for(i=0; i < M ____; i++){
        temp = matrix[x][i]_____;
        matrix[x][i] = matrix[y][i]_____;
        matrix[y][i] = temp_____;
    }
}
```



1	2
3	4
5	6

x=0, y=2

5	6
3	4
1	2

# Exercise: Transpose a matrix

1	2
3	4
5	6

```
// Transpose src matrix and store in des matrix
void matrix_tr(int des[M][N], const int src[N][M])
{
    int i,j;//index for destination

    for(i=0;i < M;i++){
        for(j=0;j<N;j++){
            des[i][j] = src[j][i];
        }
    }
}
```

or

```
for(i=0;i < N;i++){
    for(j=0;j<M;j++){
        des[j][i] = src[i][j];
    }
}
```

1	3	5
2	4	6