

## More of the Handy String Library

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We are going to add functions to our Handy String Library, using the files you already developed in 202-A05. Make sure you write the following functions by using strings features (e.g. end of string character) rather than attempting to reuse “as is” their counterparts from the Handy Arrays Library.

- **mystrings.h** will contain the headers (aka declarations) of our functions.
- **mystrings.c** will contain the definitions of all the functions we will implement.
- **tests.c** will contain the main function used to test our functions.

### Work to do

To start this project, let's implement the following functions in `mystrings.c`;

- **char \* str\_allocate ( int size );**
  - This function does the appropriate *malloc* to return the address of a newly allocated array of size+1 characters (to account for the additional '\0')
- **int str\_deallocate (char\* s);**
  - This functions operates as its counterpart in A01
- **int str\_deallocate\_cleanly(char\* s);**
  - This function operates as its counterpart in A01
- **char \* str\_clone ( char\* s )**
  - allocates memory for a string to hold a copy of s
  - then copies char per char (including '\0') the contents of s into the new string
  - return its address or NULL if memory allocation didn't work
- **char\* str\_gather (char\* s1 , char\* s2 )**
  - measures s1 and s2 lengths
  - allocate memory for a char \* tmp to hold s1+s2
  - copy the strings in it
  - returns the address of this newly allocated string
- **char\* str\_extract ( char\* s1 , int start , int end );**
  - allocates a new string of length (end-start +1)
  - returns NULL if the allocation failed
  - returns NULL if s1 is NULL
  - returns NULL if (end > str\_length(s1) )
  - returns NULL if (end < start)
  - Then, copies in it the content of the string s1 located between positions start and end.

## Testing

- Update *tests.c* to ensure that your functions are working (including in the error cases outline above).
- Make also sure that you allocate a dynamical string and run it through all the tests you applied previously to static strings.
- How would you test for the following common pointer-related errors?
  - memory leaks?
  - free twice the same reference?
  - Dereference a NULL pointer
  - Dereference an invalid pointer
  - Any other pointer-related error you can think of?