

## CS246 lab Notes #5 String.h functions and command-line arguments

- String functions
  - `#include <string.h>`
  - `sprintf`
    - Say you want to convert a number into the string representation of the number
    - Like `fprintf` going to a stream, `sprintf` goes to a string
    - Prototype: `int sprintf(char *buf, char *fmt, ...)`
    - Example: `int sprintf(buffer, "%d", num);`
  - `strchr, strrchr`
    - `char *strchr(char *str, int ch)`
      - Returns a pointer to the first occurrence of `ch`
    - `char *strrchr(char *str, int ch)`
      - Returns a pointer to the last occurrence of `ch`
  - `strstr`
    - `char *strstr(char *str1, char *str2)`
      - Returns a pointer to the first occurrence of `str2` in `str1`.
  - `strcspn, strspn`
    - `size_t strcspn(char *str1, char *str2)`
      - Returns the starting index of initial segment in `str1` consisting entirely of `str2`.
    - `size_t strspn(char *str1, char *str2)`
      - Returns the starting index of the first nonmatching segment of `str2` in `str1`.
  - `strtok`
    - Used to parse string into tokens, kinda like the Java `StringTokenizer`.
    - Allocates a static copy of the original string
    - Prototype: `char *strtok(char *str, char *tokens)`
    - For each token delimiter it finds, it returns a pointer to the piece of the string that is broken by that token, i.e. the located token in the target string is replaced with a `'\0'`.
    - Example:
      - `strtok("Dianna,Xu,cs246", ",")`
      - After the first call, it will return a pointer to the string containing "Dianna"
      - Then you should call it with `NULL` as the first argument, it will return "Xu". On a third call it will return "cs246"
    - This function **MODIFIES** its first argument!!!
    - Because it allocates a static buffer while parsing, it is dangerous and should be used with caution
- Two more random string-y functions
  - `#include <stdlib.h>`
  - `int atoi(char *str), long atol(char *str)`
    - Returns a `int` or a `long` from the given string, respectively
  - `double atof(char *str)`

- Returns a float from the given string

- Exercises

- Write a function that counts and returns the number of vowels in a string.
- Write a program `reverse.c` that echos its command-line arguments in reverse order. i.e. running the program by typing:  
`reverse void and null`  
should produce the following output:  
`null and void`