C-STRINGS
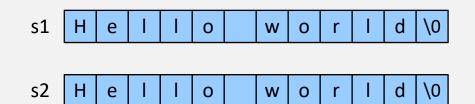
C-Style / Character Strings

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C-STRINGS

- C-Strings consist of a null-terminated character array
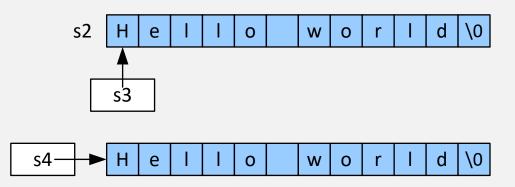
s1 | H | e | l | l | o | | w | o | r | l | d | \0 |

s2 | H | e | l | l | o | | w | o | r | l | d | \0 |

```c
char s1[] = { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', ' ', 'w', 'o', 'r', 'l', 'd', '\0' };
char s2[] = "Hello world";
```

C-STRINGS, PART 2

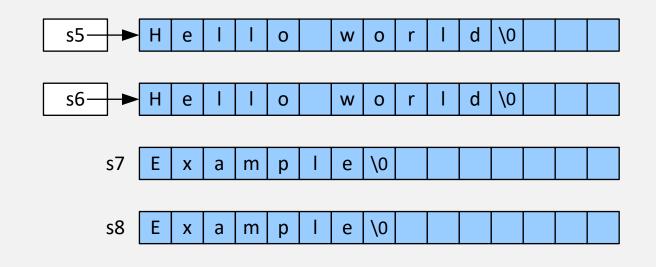- C-Strings are often manipulated as a character pointer


```
char s2[] = "Hello world";
char* s3 = s2;
const char* s4 = "Hello world";
```

C-STRINGS, PART 3

- C-Strings may be shorter than the storing array

s5 → | H | e | l | l | o | | w | o | r | l | d | \0 | | | |

s6 → | H | e | l | l | o | | w | o | r | l | d | \0 | | | |

s7 | E | x | a | m | p | l | e | \0 | | | | | | | |

s8 | E | x | a | m | p | l | e | \0 | | | | | | | |

```
char* s5 = new char[15] { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', ' ', 'w', 'o', 'r', 'l', 'd' };
char* s6 = new char[15] { "Hello world" };
char s7[15] = { 'E', 'x', 'a', 'm', 'p', 'l', 'e' };
char s8[15] = { "Example" };
```

UNINITIALIZED CHARACTER ARRAYS

- Possible to create a character array without initializing it
    - Not a C-string yet: no null-termination character
    - Most C-string functions will fail
    - `char s9[100];`
    - `char* s10 = new char[100];`