

**NAME**

`strlen` – calculate the length of a string

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <string.h>
size_t strlen(const char *s);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The `strlen()` function calculates the length of the string pointed to by *s*, excluding the terminating null byte ('\0').

**RETURN VALUE**

The `strlen()` function returns the number of bytes in the string pointed to by *s*.

**ATTRIBUTES**

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see **attributes(7)**.

Interface	Attribute	Value
<code>strlen()</code>	Thread safety	MT-Safe

**CONFORMING TO**

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, C89, C99, C11, SVr4, 4.3BSD.

**SEE ALSO**

`string(3)`, `strnlen(3)`, `wcslen(3)`, `wcsnlen(3)`

**COLOPHON**

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