
Subject: It don't mean a thing, if you aint got that string!

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I have a `std::string` (oh noes, not `std!`). And I want to tell if the first character in that string is an ampersand (&).

The `std::String` variable is `strd`.

This conditional returns true always, even if the first character is not an ampersand:

```
if(strd[0] == '&'){
```

So I thought I'd try this:

```
const char *character = (const char *)strd.at(0);
printf("%s\n",strd.c_str());
printf("%c\n",strd[0]);
printf("%c\n",character);
if(strstr(character, "~")){
```

The `printf`'s print the following:

Quote:

#lobby

#

#

Then at the `strstr` it crashes (I guess because it's supposed to be comparing strings, not characters).

Can someone suggest an appropriate way to check if the first character of a `std::string` equal &, please?
