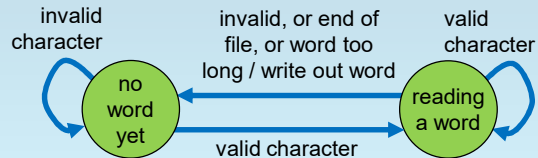## View Reading Words as a Finite State Machine

We can view reading words as an FSM:
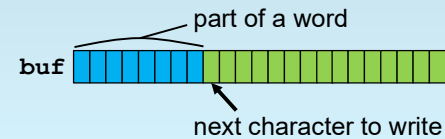
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Store Words in an Array of Characters

Where do we store the words?

We only read
◦ one word at a time, so
◦ we just need **an array of characters**…

We'll **limit the size to 500** characters.

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Let's Learn About Arguments to **main** and Error Reporting

Before coding, let's look at
◦ arguments to **main** and
◦ error reporting.

In the past,
◦ **we ignored arguments to main**,
◦ although, if you looked into the code
◦ given in many MPs,
◦ you have already seen
◦ the ones we will discuss today.

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main Receives Three Arguments: **argc**, **argv**, **envp**

main receives three arguments:
◦ **int argc** – the **number of command-line arguments** used to start the program, **including the program name**,
◦ **const char* const argv[]** – an **array of arguments** (length is **argc**, but also **NULL**-terminated)
◦ **const char* const envp[]** – a **NULL**-terminated **array of environment variables** (var=value).

We will continue to ignore **envp**.

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