

**NAME**

ne\_buffer\_destroy, ne\_buffer\_finish - destroy a buffer object

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <ne_string.h>
```

```
void ne_buffer_destroy(ne_buffer *buf);
```

```
char *ne_buffer_finish(ne_buffer *buf);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**ne\_buffer\_destroy** frees all memory associated with the buffer. **ne\_buffer\_finish** frees the buffer structure, but not the actual string stored in the buffer, which is returned and must be **free**(d) by the caller.

Any use of the buffer object after calling either of these functions gives undefined behaviour.

**RETURN VALUE**

**ne\_buffer\_finish** returns the **malloc**-allocated string stored in the buffer.

**EXAMPLES**

An example use of **ne\_buffer\_finish**; the **duplicate** function returns a string made up of *n* copies of *str*:

```
static char *duplicate(int n, const char *str)
{
    ne_buffer *buf = ne_buffer_create();
    while (n-- > 0) {
        ne_buffer_zappend(buf, str);
    }
    return ne_buffer_finish(buf);
}
```

**SEE ALSO**

ne\_buffer, ne\_buffer\_create, ne\_buffer\_zappend

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