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<assert.h>

void assert(int expression);

Macro used to add diagnostics. If *expression* is false, message printed on `stderr` and abort called to terminate execution. Source file and line number in message come from preprocessor macros `__FILE__` and `__LINE__`. If `NDEBUG` is defined where `<assert.h>` is included, `assert` macro is ignored.

<ctype.h>

```
int isalnum(int c);
    isalpha(c) or isdigit(c)
int isalpha(int c);
    isupper(c) or islower(c)
int iscntrl(int c);
    is control character
int isdigit(int c);
    is decimal digit
int isgraph(int c);
    is printing character other than space
int islower(int c);
    is lower-case letter
int isprint(int c);
    is printing character (including space)
int ispunct(int c);
    is printing character other than space, letter, digit
int isspace(int c);
    is space, formfeed, newline, carriage return, tab, vertical tab
int isupper(int c);
    is upper-case letter
int isxdigit(int c);
    is hexadecimal digit
int tolower(int c);
    return lower-case equivalent
int toupper(int c);
    return upper-case equivalent
```

Notes:

- In ASCII (7-bit), printing characters are `0x20` (' ') to `0x7E` ('~'); control characters are `0x00` (NUL) to `0x1F` (US) and `0x7F` (DEL)
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<errno.h>

extern int errno;

An error code value set by some functions. It is generally the responsibility of the programmer to clear `errno` before calling such a function.

<float.h>

FLT_RADIX
FLT_ROUNDS
FLT_DIG
FLT_EPSILON
 smallest number x such that $1.0 + x \neq 1.0$
FLT_MANT_DIG
FLT_MAX
 maximum floating-point number
FLT_MAX_EXP
FLT_MIN
 minimum normalised floating-point number
FLT_MIN_EXP
DBL_DIG
DBL_EPSILON
DBL_MANT_DIG
DBL_MAX
 maximum double floating-point number
DBL_MAX_EXP
DBL_MIN
 minimum normalised double floating-point number
DBL_MIN_EXP

<limits.h>

CHAR_BIT
 number of bits in a char
CHAR_MAX
 maximum value of char
CHAR_MIN
 minimum value of char
INT_MAX
 maximum value of int
INT_MIN
 minimum value of int
LONG_MAX
 maximum value of long
LONG_MIN
 minimum value of long
SCHAR_MAX
 maximum value of signed char
SCHAR_MIN
 minimum value of signed char
SHRT_MAX
 maximum value of short
SHRT_MIN
 minimum value of short
UCHAR_MAX
 maximum value of unsigned char
UCHAR_MIN
 minimum value of unsigned char
UINT_MAX
 maximum value of unsigned int
ULONG_MAX
 maximum value of unsigned long
USHRT_MAX
 maximum value of unsigned short

<math.h>

double sin(double x);
double cos(double x);
double tan(double x);
double asin(double x);
double acos(double x);
double atan(double x);
double atan2(double y, double x);
double sinh(double x);
double cosh(double x);
double tanh(double x);
double exp(double x);
double log(double x);
double log10(double x);
double pow(double x, double y);
 x raised to power y
double sqrt(double x);

```
double ceil(double x);
    smallest integer not less than x
double floor(double x);
    largest integer not greater than x
double fabs(double x);
double ldexp(double x, int n);
double frexp(double x, int* exp);
double modf(double x, double* ip);
double fmod(double x, double y);
```

<setjmp.h>

```
int setjmp(jmp_buf env);
    Save state information in env. Zero returned from direct call; non-zero from subsequent call of longjmp.
void longjmp(jmp_buf env, int val);
    Restore state saved by most recent call to setjmp using information saved in env. Execution resumes as if
    setjmp just executed and returned non-zero value val.
```

<signal.h>

Handling exceptional conditions.

```
SIGABRT
    abnormal termination
SIGFPE
    arithmetic error
SIGILL
    illegal function image
SIGINT
    interactive attention
SIGSEGV
    illegal storage access
SIGTERM
    termination request sent to program
void (*signal(int sig, void (*handler)(int)))(int);
    Install handler for subsequent signal sig. If handler is SIG_DFL, implementation-defined default behaviour
    is used; if handler is SIG_IGN, signal is ignored; otherwise function pointed to by handler is called with
    argument sig. signal returns the previous handler or SIG_ERR on error. When signal sig subsequently
    occurs, the signal is restored to its default behaviour and the handler is called. If the handler returns,
    execution resumes where signal occurred. Initial state of signals is implementation-defined.
int raise(int sig);
    Send signal sig to the program. Non-zero returned if unsuccessful.
```

<stdarg.h>

Facilities for stepping through a list of function arguments of unknown number and type.

```
void va_start(va_list ap, lastarg);
    Initialisation macro to be called once before any unnamed argument is accessed. ap must be declared as a
    local variable, and lastarg is the last named parameter of the function.
type va_arg(va_list ap, type);
    Produce a value of the type (type) and value of the next unnamed argument. Modifies ap.
void va_end(va_list ap);
    Must be called once after arguments processed and before function exit.
```

<stdio.h>

```
FILE
    Type which records information necessary to control a stream.
stdin
    Standard input stream. Automatically opened when a program begins execution.
stdout
    Standard output stream. Automatically opened when a program begins execution.
stderr
    Standard error stream. Automatically opened when a program begins execution.
FILENAME_MAX
    Maximum permissible length of a file name
FOPEN_MAX
    Maximum number of files which may be open simultaneously.
```

TMP_MAX

Maximum number of temporary files during program execution.

FILE* fopen(const char* filename, const char* mode);

Opens file *filename* and returns a stream, or NULL on failure. *mode* may be (combinations of):

"r"
text reading
"w"
text writing; discard previous content
"a"
text append; writing at end
"r+"
text update
"w+"
text update; discard previous content
"a+"
text append; writing at end

FILE* freopen(const char* filename, const char* mode, FILE* stream);

Opens file *filename* with the specified mode and associates with it the specified stream. Returns *stream* or NULL on error. Usually used to change files associated with [stdin](#), [stdout](#), [stderr](#).

int fflush(FILE* stream);

Flushes stream *stream*. Effect undefined for input stream. Returns EOF for write error, zero otherwise. fflush(NULL) flushes all output streams.

int fclose(FILE* stream);

Closes stream *stream* (after flushing, if output stream). Returns EOF on error, zero otherwise.

int remove(const char* filename);

Removes file *filename*. Returns non-zero on failure.

int rename(const char* oldname, const char* newname);

Changes name of file *oldname* to *newname*. Returns non-zero on failure.

FILE* tmpfile();

Creates temporary file (mode "wb+") which will be removed when closed or on normal program termination. Returns stream or NULL on failure.

char* tmpname(char s[L_tmpnam]);

Assigns to *s* and returns unique name for temporary file.

int setvbuf(FILE* stream, char* buf, int mode, size_t size);

Controls buffering for stream *stream*.

void setbuf(FILE* stream, char* buf);

Controls buffering for stream *stream*.

int fprintf(FILE* stream, const char* format, ...);

Converts (with format *format*) and writes output to stream *stream*. Number of characters written [negative on error] is returned. Between % and format conversion character:

- Flags:

- left adjust
- + always sign
- space* space if no sign
- 0 zero pad
- # Alternate form: for conversion character o, first digit will be zero, for [xX], prefix 0x or 0X to non-zero, for [eEfGg], always decimal point, for [gG] trailing zeros not removed.

- Width:

- Period:

- Precision: for conversion character s, maximum characters to be printed from the string, for [eEf], digits after decimal point, for [gG], significant digits, for an integer, minimum number of digits to be printed.

- Length modifier:

- h short or unsigned short
- l long or unsigned long
- L long double

Conversions:

d, i
int; signed decimal notation

o int; unsigned octal notation
x,X int; unsigned hexadecimal notation
u int; unsigned decimal notation
c int; single character
s char*;
f double; [-]mmm.ddd
e,E double; [-]m.dddddde(+|-)xx
g,G double
p void*; print as pointer
n int*; number of chars written into arg
% print %

int printf(const char* *format*, ...);

printf(*f*, ...) is equivalent to [fprintf\(stdout, f, ...\)](#)

int sprintf(char* *s*, const char* *format*, ...);

Like [fprintf](#), but output written into string *s*, **which must be large enough to hold the output**, rather than to a stream. Output is NUL-terminated. Return length does not include the NUL.

int vfprintf(FILE* *stream*, const char* *format*, va_list *arg*);

Equivalent to [fprintf](#) except that the variable argument list is replaced by *arg*, which must have been initialised by the [va_start](#) macro and may have been used in calls to [va_arg](#). See

int vprintf(const char* *format*, va_list *arg*);

Equivalent to [printf](#) except that the variable argument list is replaced by *arg*, which must have been initialised by the [va_start](#) macro and may have been used in calls to [va_arg](#). See

int vsprintf(char* *s*, const char* *format*, va_list *arg*);

Equivalent to [sprintf](#) except that the variable argument list is replaced by *arg*, which must have been initialised by the [va_start](#) macro and may have been used in calls to [va_arg](#). See

int fscanf(FILE* *stream*, const char* *format*, ...);

Performs formatted input conversion, reading from stream *stream* according to format *format*. The function returns when *format* is fully processed. Returns EOF if end-of-file or error occurs before any conversion; otherwise, the number of items converted and assigned. Each of the arguments following *format* **must be a pointer**. Format string may contain

- *Blanks, Tabs* : ignored
- *ordinary characters* : expected to match next non-white-space
- % : Conversion specification, consisting of %, optional assignment suppression character *, optional number indicating maximum field width, optional [hLL] indicating width of target, conversion character.

Conversion characters:

d decimal integer; int* parameter required
i integer; int* parameter required; decimal, octal or hex
o octal integer; int* parameter required
u unsigned decimal integer; unsigned int* parameter required
x hexadecimal integer; int* parameter required
c characters; char* parameter required; up to width; no '\0' added; no skip
s string of non-white-space; char* parameter required; '\0' added
e,f,g floating-point number; float* parameter required
p pointer value; void* parameter required
n chars read so far; int* parameter required
[...] longest non-empty string from set; char* parameter required; '\0'
[^...] longest non-empty string not from set; char* parameter required; '\0'

%

literal %; no assignment

```
int scanf(const char* format, ...);
    scanf(f, ...) is equivalent to fscanf\(stdin, f, ...\)
int sscanf(char* s, const char* format, ...);
    Like fscanf, but input read from string s.
int fgetc(FILE* stream);
    Returns next character from stream stream as an unsigned char, or EOF on end-of-file or error.
char* fgets(char* s, int n, FILE* stream);
    Reads at most the next n-1 characters from stream stream into s, stopping if a newline is encountered
    (after copying the newline to s). s is NUL-terminated. Returns s, or EOF on end-of-file or error.
int fputc(int c, FILE* stream);
    Writes c, converted to unsigned char, to stream stream. Returns the character written, or EOF on error.
char* fputs(const char* s, FILE* stream);
    Writes s, which need not contain '\n' on stream stream. Returns non-negative on success, EOF on error.
int getc(FILE* stream);
    Equivalent to fgetc except that it may be a macro.
int getchar();
    Equivalent to getc\(stdin\).
char* gets(char* s);
    Reads next line from stdin into s. Replaces terminating newline with '\0'. Returns s, or NULL on end-of-
    file or error.
int putc(int c, FILE* stream);
    Equivalent to fputc except that it may be a macro.
int putchar(int c);
    putchar(c) is equivalent to putc\(c, stdout\).
int puts(const char* s);
    Writes s and a newline to stdout. Returns non-negative on success, EOF on error.
int ungetc(int c, FILE* stream);
    Pushes c (which must not be EOF), converted to unsigned char, onto stream stream such that it will be
    returned by the next read. Only one character of pushback is guaranteed for a stream. Returns c, or EOF on
    error.
size_t fread(void* ptr, size_t size, size_t nobj, FILE* stream);
    Reads at most nobj objects of size size from stream stream into ptr. Returns the number of objects read.
    feof and ferror must be used to determine status.
size_t fwrite(const void* ptr, size_t size, size_t nobj, FILE* stream);
    Writes to stream stream, nobj objects of size size from array ptr. Returns the number of objects written
    (which will be less than nobj on error).
int fseek(FILE* stream, long offset, int origin);
    Sets file position for stream stream. For a binary file, position is set to offset characters from origin, which
    may be SEEK_SET (beginning), SEEK_CUR (current position) or SEEK_END (end-of-file); for a text stream, offset
    must be zero or a value returned by ftell (in which case origin must be SEEK_SET). Returns non-zero on
    error.
long ftell(FILE* stream);
    Returns current file position for stream stream, or -1L on error.
void rewind(FILE* stream);
    rewind(stream) is equivalent to fseek\(stream, 0L, SEEK\_SET\); clearerr\(stream\).
int fgetpos(FILE* stream, fpos_t* ptr);
    Assigns current position in stream stream to *ptr. Type fpos_t is suitable for recording such values.
    Returns non-zero on error.
int fsetpos(FILE* stream, const fpos_t* ptr);
    Sets current position of stream stream to *ptr. Returns non-zero on error.
void clearerr(FILE* stream);
    Clears the end-of-file and error indicators for stream stream.
int feof(FILE* stream);
    Returns non-zero if end-of-file indicator for stream stream is set.
int ferror(FILE* stream);
    Returns non-zero if error indicator for stream stream is set.
void perror(const char* s);
    Prints s and implementation-defined error message corresponding to errno:
    fprintf\(stderr, "%s: %s\n", s, "error message"\)
    See strerror.
```

<stdlib.h>

```
double atof(const char* s);
    Returns numerical value of s. Equivalent to strtod\(s, \(char\*\*\)NULL\).
int atoi(const char* s);
    Returns numerical value of s. Equivalent to (int)strtoul\(s, \(char\*\*\)NULL, 10\).
long atol(const char* s);
    Returns numerical value of s. Equivalent to strtoul\(s, \(char\*\*\)NULL, 10\).
double strtod(const char* s, char** endp);
```

Converts prefix of *s* to `double`, ignoring leading white space. Stores a pointer to any unconverted suffix in **endp* if *endp* non-NULL. If answer would overflow, `HUGE_VAL` is returned with the appropriate sign; if underflow, zero returned. In either case, `errno` is set to `ERANGE`.

```
long strtol(const char* s, char** endp, int base);
```

Converts prefix of *s* to `long`, ignoring leading white space. Stores a pointer to any unconverted suffix in **endp* if *endp* non-NULL. If *base* between 2 and 36, that base used; if zero, leading `0x` or `0X` implies hexadecimal, leading `0` implies octal, otherwise decimal. Leading `0x` or `0X` permitted for base 16. If answer would overflow, `LONG_MAX` or `LONG_MIN` returned and `errno` is set to `ERANGE`.

```
unsigned long strtoul(const char* s, char** endp, int base);
```

As for `strtoul` except result is unsigned `long` and error value is `ULONG_MAX`.

```
int rand();
```

Returns pseudo-random number in range 0 to `RAND_MAX`.

```
void srand(unsigned int seed);
```

Uses *seed* as seed for new sequence of pseudo-random numbers. Initial seed is 1.

```
void* calloc(size_t nobj, size_t size);
```

Returns pointer to zero-initialised newly-allocated space for an array of *nobj* objects each of size *size*, or NULL if request cannot be satisfied.

```
void* malloc(size_t size);
```

Returns pointer to uninitialised newly-allocated space for an object of size *size*, or NULL if request cannot be satisfied.

```
void* realloc(void* p, size_t size);
```

Changes to *size* the size of the object to which *p* points. Contents unchanged to minimum of old and new sizes. If new size larger, new space is uninitialised. Returns pointer to the new space or, if request cannot be satisfied NULL leaving *p* unchanged.

```
void free(void* p);
```

Deallocates space to which *p* points. *p* must be NULL, in which case there is no effect, or a pointer returned by `calloc`, `malloc` or `realloc`.

```
void abort();
```

Causes program to terminate abnormally, as if by `raise(SIGABRT)`.

```
void exit(int status);
```

Causes normal program termination. Functions installed using `atexit` are called in reverse order of registration, open files are flushed, open streams are closed and control is returned to environment. *status* is returned to environment in implementation-dependent manner. Zero indicates successful termination and the values `EXIT_SUCCESS` and `EXIT_FAILURE` may be used.

```
int atexit(void (*fcn)(void));
```

Registers *fcn* to be called when program terminates normally. Non-zero returned if registration cannot be made.

```
int system(const char* s);
```

Passes *s* to environment for execution. If *s* is NULL, non-zero returned if command processor exists; return value is implementation-dependent if *s* is non-NULL.

```
char* getenv(const char* name);
```

Returns (implementation-dependent) environment string associated with *name*, or NULL if no such string exists.

```
void bsearch(const void* key, const void* base, size_t n, size_t size, int (*cmp)(const void* keyval, const void* datum));
```

Searches `base[0]...base[n-1]` for item matching **key*. Comparison function *cmp* must return negative if first argument is less than second, zero if equal and positive if greater. The *n* items of *base* must be in ascending order. Returns a pointer to the matching entry or NULL if not found.

```
void qsort(void* base, size_t n, size_t size, int (*cmp)(const void*, const void/));
```

Arranges into ascending order the array `base[0]...base[n-1]` of objects of size *size*. Comparison function *cmp* must return negative if first argument is less than second, zero if equal and positive if greater.

```
int abs(int n);
```

Returns absolute value of *n*

```
long labs(long n);
```

Returns absolute value of *n*

```
div_t div(int num, int denom);
```

Returns in fields `quot` and `rem` of structure of type `div_t` the quotient and remainder of `num/denom`.

```
ldiv_t ldiv(long num, long denom);
```

Returns in fields `quot` and `rem` of structure of type `ldiv_t` the quotient and remainder of `num/denom`.

<string.h>

```
char* strcpy(char* s, const char* ct);
```

Copy *ct* to *s* including terminating NUL. Return *s*.

```
char* strncpy(char* s, const char* ct, int n);
```

Copy at most *n* characters of *ct* to *s* Pad with NULs if *ct* is of length less than *n*. Return *s*.

```
char* strcat(char* s, const char* ct);
```

Concatenate *ct* to *s*. Return *s*.

```
char* strncat(char* s, const char* ct, int n);
```

Concatenate at most *n* characters of *ct* to *s*. Terminate *s* with NUL and return it.

```
int strcmp(const char* cs, const char* ct);
```

Compare *cs* and *ct*. Return negative if `cs < ct`, zero if `cs == ct`, positive if `cs > ct`.

```
int strncmp(const char* cs, const char* ct, int n);
```

Compare at most n characters of cs and ct . Return negative if $cs < ct$, zero if $cs == ct$, positive if $cs > ct$.

`char* strchr(const char* cs, int c);`
Return pointer to first occurrence of c in cs , or NULL if not found.

`char* strrchr(const char* cs, int c);`
Return pointer to last occurrence of c in cs , or NULL if not found.

`size_t strspn(const char* cs, const char* ct);`
Return length of prefix of cs consisting entirely of characters in ct .

`size_t strcspn(const char* cs, const char* ct);`
Return length of prefix of cs consisting entirely of characters *not* in ct .

`char* strpbrk(const char* cs, const char* ct);`
Return pointer to first occurrence within cs of any character of ct , or NULL if not found.

`char* strstr(const char* cs, const char* ct);`
Return pointer to first occurrence of ct in cs , or NULL if not found.

`size_t strlen(const char* cs);`
Return length of cs .

`char* strerror(int n);`
Return pointer to implementation-defined string corresponding with error n .

`char* strtok(char* s, const char* t);`
A sequence of calls to `strtok` returns tokens from s delimited by a character in ct . Non-NULL s indicates the first call in a sequence. ct may differ on each call. Returns NULL when no such token found.

`void* memcpy(void* s, const void* ct, int n);`
Copy n characters from ct to s . Return s . **Does not work correctly if objects overlap.**

`void* memmove(void* s, const void* ct, int n);`
Copy n characters from ct to s . Return s . Works correctly even if objects overlap.

`int memcmp(const void* cs, const void* ct, int n);`
Compare first n characters of cs with ct . Return negative if $cs < ct$, zero if $cs == ct$, positive if $cs > ct$.

`void* strchr(const char* cs, int c, int n);`
Return pointer to first occurrence of c in first n characters of cs , or NULL if not found.

`void* strchr(char* s, int c, int n);`
Replace each of the first n characters of s by c . Return s .

<time.h>

`clock_t`
An arithmetic type representing time.

`CLOCKS_PER_SEC`
The number of `clock_t` units per second.

`time_t`
An arithmetic type representing time.

`struct tm`
Represents the components of calendar time:

```

int tm_sec;
    seconds after the minute
int tm_min;
    minutes after the hour
int tm_hour;
    hours since midnight
int tm_mday;
    day of the month
int tm_ymon;
    months since January
int tm_year;
    years since 1900
int tm_day;
    days since Sunday
int tm_yday;
    days since January 1
int tm_isdst;
    Daylight Saving Time flag : is positive if DST is in effect, zero if not in effect, negative if
    information unavailable.

```

`clock_t clock();`
Returns processor time used by program or -1 if not available.

`time_t time(time_t* tp);`
Returns current calendar time or -1 if not available. If tp is non-NULL, return value is also assigned to $*tp$.

`double difftime(time_t time2, time_t time1);`
Returns the difference in seconds between $time2$ and $time1$.

`time_t mktime(struct tm* tp);`
Returns the local time corresponding to $*tp$, or -1 if it cannot be represented.

`char* asctime(const struct tm* tp);`
Returns the given time as a string of the form:
Sun Jan 3 14:14:13 1988\n\0

`char* ctime(const time_t tp);`

Converts the given calendar time to a local time and returns the equivalent string. Equivalent to:

[asctime\(localtime\(tp\)\)](#)

struct tm* gmtime(const time_t tp);

Returns the given calendar time converted into Coordinated Universal Time, or NULL if not available.

struct tm* localtime(const time_t tp);

Returns calendar time *tp converted into local time.

size_t strftime(char* s, size_t smax, const char* fmt, const struct tm* tp);

Formats *tp into s according to fmt.

Notes:

- *Local* time may differ from *calendar* time, for example because of time zone.
-