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*Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'isupper\_1.3'*

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ISALPHA(3)

Linux Programmer's Manual

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`isalnum`, `isalpha`, `isascii`, `isblank`, `iscntrl`, `isdigit`, `isgraph`, `islower`, `isprint`, `ispunct`,  
`isspace`, `isupper`, `isxdigit`, `isalnum_l`, `isalpha_l`, `isascii_l`, `isblank_l`, `iscntrl_l`, `is?`  
`digit_l`, `isgraph_l`, `islower_l`, `isprint_l`, `ispunct_l`, `isspace_l`, `isupper_l`, `isxdigit_l` -  
character classification functions

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <ctype.h>

int isalnum(int c);
int isalpha(int c);
int iscntrl(int c);
int isdigit(int c);
int isgraph(int c);
int islower(int c);
int isprint(int c);
int ispunct(int c);
int isspace(int c);
int isupper(int c);
int isxdigit(int c);
int isascii(int c);
int isblank(int c);
int isalnum_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isalpha_l(int c, locale_t locale);
```

```
int isblank_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int iscntrl_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isdigit_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isgraph_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int islower_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isprint_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int ispunct_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isspace_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isupper_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isxdigit_l(int c, locale_t locale);
int isascii_l(int c, locale_t locale);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see `feature_test_macros(7)`):

`isascii()`:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE  
|| /* Glibc since 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE  
|| /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _SVID_SOURCE
```

`isblank()`:

```
_ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L
```

`isalnum_l()`, `isalpha_l()`, `isblank_l()`, `iscntrl_l()`, `isdigit_l()`, `isgraph_l()`, `islower_l()`,

`isprint_l()`, `ispunct_l()`, `isspace_l()`, `isupper_l()`, `isxdigit_l()`:

Since glibc 2.10:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 700
```

Before glibc 2.10:

```
_GNU_SOURCE
```

`isascii_l()`:

Since glibc 2.10:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 700 && (_SVID_SOURCE || _BSD_SOURCE)
```

Before glibc 2.10:

```
_GNU_SOURCE
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions check whether `c`, which must have the value of an unsigned char or EOF, falls into a certain character class according to the specified locale. The functions without the `_l` suffix perform the check based on the current locale.

The functions with the "\_l" suffix perform the check based on the locale specified by the locale object `locale`. The behavior of these functions is undefined if `locale` is the special locale object `LC_GLOBAL_LOCALE` (see `duplocale(3)`) or is not a valid locale object handle.

The list below explains the operation of the functions without the "\_l" suffix; the functions with the "\_l" suffix differ only in using the locale object `locale` instead of the current locale.

#### `isalnum()`

checks for an alphanumeric character; it is equivalent to `(isalpha(c) || isdigit(c))`.

#### `isalpha()`

checks for an alphabetic character; in the standard "C" locale, it is equivalent to `(isupper(c) || islower(c))`. In some locales, there may be additional characters for which `isalpha()` is true?letters which are neither uppercase nor lowercase.

#### `isascii()`

checks whether `c` is a 7-bit unsigned char value that fits into the ASCII character set.

#### `isblank()`

checks for a blank character; that is, a space or a tab.

#### `iscntrl()`

checks for a control character.

#### `isdigit()`

checks for a digit (0 through 9).

#### `isgraph()`

checks for any printable character except space.

#### `islower()`

checks for a lowercase character.

#### `isprint()`

checks for any printable character including space.

#### `ispunct()`

checks for any printable character which is not a space or an alphanumeric character.

#### `isspace()`

checks for white-space characters. In the "C" and "POSIX" locales, these are:  
space, form-feed ('\f'), newline ('\n'), carriage return ('\r'), horizontal tab  
('\t'), and vertical tab ('\v').

### isupper()

checks for an uppercase letter.

### isxdigit()

checks for hexadecimal digits, that is, one of

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F.

## RETURN VALUE

The values returned are nonzero if the character c falls into the tested class, and zero if not.

## VERSIONS

isalnum\_l(), isalpha\_l(), isblank\_l(), iscntrl\_l(), isdigit\_l(), isgraph\_l(), islower\_l(),  
isprint\_l(), ispunct\_l(), isspace\_l(), isupper\_l(), isxdigit\_l(), and isascii\_l() are  
available since glibc 2.3.

## ATTRIBUTES

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

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?Interface                   ? Attribute   ? Value   ?

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?isalnum(), isalpha(), isascii(), ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

?isblank(), iscntrl(), isdigit(), ?       ?       ?

?isgraph(), islower(), isprint(), ?       ?       ?

?ispunct(), isspace(), isupper(), ?       ?       ?

?isxdigit()                   ?           ?       ?

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## CONFORMING TO

C89 specifies isalnum(), isalpha(), iscntrl(), isdigit(), isgraph(), islower(), isprint(),  
ispunct(), isspace(), isupper(), and isxdigit(), but not isascii() and isblank().

POSIX.1-2001 also specifies those functions, and also isascii() (as an XSI extension) and  
isblank(). C99 specifies all of the preceding functions, except isascii().

POSIX.1-2008 marks isascii() as obsolete, noting that it cannot be used portably in a localized application.

POSIX.1-2008 specifies `isalnum_l()`, `isalpha_l()`, `isblank_l()`, `iscntrl_l()`, `isdigit_l()`, `isgraph_l()`, `islower_l()`, `isprint_l()`, `ispunct_l()`, `isspace_l()`, `isupper_l()`, and `isxdigit_l()`.

`isascii_l()` is a GNU extension.

## NOTES

The standards require that the argument `c` for these functions is either EOF or a value that is representable in the type `unsigned char`. If the argument `c` is of type `char`, it must be cast to `unsigned char`, as in the following example:

```
char c;  
...  
res = toupper((unsigned char) c);
```

This is necessary because `char` may be the equivalent of `signed char`, in which case a byte where the top bit is set would be sign extended when converting to `int`, yielding a value that is outside the range of `unsigned char`.

The details of what characters belong to which class depend on the locale. For example, `isupper()` will not recognize an A-umlaut (?) as an uppercase letter in the default C locale.

## SEE ALSO

`iswalnum(3)`, `iswalpha(3)`, `iswblank(3)`, `iswcntrl(3)`, `iswdigit(3)`, `iswgraph(3)`, `iswlower(3)`, `iswprint(3)`, `iswpunct(3)`, `iswspace(3)`, `iswupper(3)`, `iswdxdigit(3)`, `newlocale(3)`, `setlocale(3)`, `toascii(3)`, `tolower(3)`, `toupper(3)`, `use.locale(3)`, `ascii(7)`, `locale(7)`

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