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RPMATCH(3) Linux Programmer's Manual RPMATCH(3)

NAME

rpmatch - determine if the answer to a question is affirmative or negative

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
int rpmatch(const char *response);
```

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

rpmatch():

Since glibc 2.19:

```
  _DEFAULT_SOURCE
```

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

```
  _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

rpmatch() handles a user response to yes or no questions, with support for internationalization.

response should be a null-terminated string containing a user-supplied response, perhaps obtained with fgets(3) or getline(3).

The user's language preference is taken into account per the environment variables LANG, LC_MESSAGES, and LC_ALL, if the program has called setlocale(3) to effect their changes.

Regardless of the locale, responses matching ^[Yy] are always accepted as affirmative, and those matching ^[Nn] are always accepted as negative.

tive.

RETURN VALUE

After examining response, `rpmatch()` returns 0 for a recognized negative response ("no"), 1 for a recognized positive response ("yes"), and -1 when the value of response is unrecognized.

ERRORS

A return value of -1 may indicate either an invalid input, or some other error. It is incorrect to only test if the return value is non-zero.

`rpmatch()` can fail for any of the reasons that `regcomp(3)` or `regex(3)` can fail; the cause of the error is not available from `errno` or anywhere else, but indicates a failure of the regex engine (but this case is indistinguishable from that of an unrecognized value of response).

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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?rpmatch() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe locale ?

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CONFORMING TO

`rpmatch()` is not required by any standard, but is available on a few other systems.

BUGS

The `rpmatch()` implementation looks at only the first character of response. As a consequence, "nyes" returns 0, and "ynever; not in a million years" returns 1. It would be preferable to accept input strings much more strictly, for example (using the extended regular expression notation described in [regex\(7\)](#)): `^[yY][yes|YES]$` and `^[nN][no|NO]$`.

EXAMPLES

The following program displays the results when `rpmatch()` is applied to the string given in the program's command-line argument.

```

#define _SVID_SOURCE

#include <locale.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <string.h>

#include <stdio.h>

int

main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if (argc != 2 || strcmp(argv[1], "--help") == 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s response\n", argv[0]);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    setlocale(LC_ALL, "");

    printf("rpmatch() returns: %d\n", rpmatch(argv[1]));

    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

```

SEE ALSO

fgets(3), getline(3), nl_langinfo(3), regcomp(3), setlocale(3)

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