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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'scalbf.3' command**

**\$ man scalbf.3**

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

NAME

scalb, scalbf, scalbl - multiply floating-point number by integral power of radix (OBSOLETE)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double scalb(double x, double exp);

float scalbf(float x, float exp);

long double scalbl(long double x, long double exp);

Link with -lm.
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature\_test\_macros(7)):

```
scalb():

_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500

  /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE

  /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

```
scalbf(), scalbl():

_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 600

  /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE

  /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions multiply their first argument  $x$  by  $FLT\_RADIX$  (probably 2) to the power of  $exp$ , that is:

```
 $x * FLT\_RADIX ** exp$ 
```

The definition of FLT\_RADIX can be obtained by including <float.h>.

## RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return  $x * \text{FLT\_RADIX}^{** \text{exp}}$ .

If  $x$  or  $\text{exp}$  is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If  $x$  is positive infinity (negative infinity), and  $\text{exp}$  is not negative infinity, positive infinity (negative infinity) is returned.

If  $x$  is +0 (-0), and  $\text{exp}$  is not positive infinity, +0 (-0) is returned.

If  $x$  is zero, and  $\text{exp}$  is positive infinity, a domain error occurs, and a NaN is returned.

If  $x$  is an infinity, and  $\text{exp}$  is negative infinity, a domain error occurs, and a NaN is returned.

If the result overflows, a range error occurs, and the functions return HUGE\_VAL, HUGE\_VALF, or HUGE\_VALL, respectively, with a sign the same as  $x$ .

If the result underflows, a range error occurs, and the functions return zero, with a sign the same as  $x$ .

## ERRORS

See `math_error(7)` for information on how to determine whether an error has occurred when calling these functions.

The following errors can occur:

Domain error:  $x$  is 0, and  $\text{exp}$  is positive infinity, or  $x$  is positive infinity and  $\text{exp}$  is negative infinity and the other argument is not a NaN

`errno` is set to `EDOM`. An invalid floating-point exception (`FE_INVALID`) is raised.

Range error, overflow

`errno` is set to `ERANGE`. An overflow floating-point exception (`FE_OVERFLOW`) is raised.

Range error, underflow

`errno` is set to `ERANGE`. An underflow floating-point exception (`FE_UNDERFLOW`) is raised.

## ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at?

tributes(7).

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?Interface            ? Attribute   ? Value ?

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?scalb(), scalbf(), scalbl() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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CONFORMING TO

scalb() is specified in POSIX.1-2001, but marked obsolescent. POSIX.1-2008 removes the specification of scalb(), recommending the use of scalbln(3), scalblnf(3), or scalblnl(3) instead. The scalb() function is from 4.3BSD. scalbf() and scalbl() are unstandardized; scalbf() is nevertheless present on several other systems

BUGS

Before glibc 2.20, these functions did not set errno for domain and range errors.

SEE ALSO

ldexp(3), scalbln(3)

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