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

NAME

strtol, strtoll, strtouq - convert a string to a long integer

SYNOPSIS

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

```
long strtol(const char *nptr, char **endptr, int base);
```

```
long long strtoll(const char *nptr, char **endptr, int base);
```

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

```
strtoll():
```

```
  _ISOC99_SOURCE
```

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

DESCRIPTION

The `strtol()` function converts the initial part of the string in `nptr` to a long integer value according to the given base, which must be between 2 and 36 inclusive, or be the special value 0.

The string may begin with an arbitrary amount of white space (as determined by `isspace(3)`) followed by a single optional '+' or '-' sign. If `base` is zero or 16, the string may then include a "0x" or "0X" prefix, and the number will be read in base 16; otherwise, a zero base is taken as 10 (decimal) unless the next character is '0', in which case it is taken as 8 (octal).

The remainder of the string is converted to a long value in the obvious manner, stopping at the first character which is not a valid digit in

NOTES

Since `strtol()` can legitimately return 0, `LONG_MAX`, or `LONG_MIN` (`LLONG_MAX` or `LLONG_MIN` for `strtoll()`) on both success and failure, the calling program should set `errno` to 0 before the call, and then determine if an error occurred by checking whether `errno` has a nonzero value after the call.

According to POSIX.1, in locales other than "C" and "POSIX", these functions may accept other, implementation-defined numeric strings.

BSD also has

```
quad_t strtouq(const char *nptr, char **endptr, int base);
```

with completely analogous definition. Depending on the wordsize of the current architecture, this may be equivalent to `strtoll()` or to `str`

`tol()`.

EXAMPLES

The program shown below demonstrates the use of `strtol()`. The first command-line argument specifies a string from which `strtol()` should parse a number. The second (optional) argument specifies the base to be used for the conversion. (This argument is converted to numeric form using `atoi(3)`, a function that performs no error checking and has a simpler interface than `strtol()`.) Some examples of the results produced by this program are the following:

```
$ ./a.out 123
```

```
strtol() returned 123
```

```
$ ./a.out ' 123'
```

```
strtol() returned 123
```

```
$ ./a.out 123abc
```

```
strtol() returned 123
```

```
Further characters after number: "abc"
```

```
$ ./a.out 123abc 55
```

```
strtol: Invalid argument
```

```
$ ./a.out "
```

```
No digits were found
```

```
$ ./a.out 4000000000
```

strtol: Numerical result out of range

Program source

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <errno.h>

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int base;
    char *endptr, *str;
    long val;
    if (argc < 2) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s str [base]\n", argv[0]);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    str = argv[1];
    base = (argc > 2) ? atoi(argv[2]) : 0;
    errno = 0; /* To distinguish success/failure after call */
    val = strtol(str, &endptr, base);
    /* Check for various possible errors */
    if (errno != 0) {
        perror("strtol");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    if (endptr == str) {
        fprintf(stderr, "No digits were found\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    /* If we got here, strtol() successfully parsed a number */
    printf("strtol() returned %ld\n", val);
    if (*endptr != '\0') /* Not necessarily an error... */
        printf("Further characters after number: \"%s\"\n", endptr);
```

```
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);  
}
```

SEE ALSO

atof(3), atoi(3), atol(3), strtod(3), strtointmax(3), strtoul(3),

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