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

### ***\$ man timegm.3***

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

#### NAME

timegm, timelocal - inverses of gmtime and localtime

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <time.h>
```

```
time_t timelocal(struct tm *tm);
```

```
time_t timegm(struct tm *tm);
```

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

timelocal(), timegm():

Since glibc 2.19:

```
  _DEFAULT_SOURCE
```

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

```
  _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

#### DESCRIPTION

The functions timelocal() and timegm() are the inverses of localtime(3) and gmtime(3). Both functions take a broken-down time and convert it to calendar time (seconds since the Epoch, 1970-01-01 00:00:00 +0000, UTC). The difference between the two functions is that timelocal() takes the local timezone into account when doing the conversion, while timegm() takes the input value to be Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

#### RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return the calendar time (seconds since the Epoch), expressed as a value of type time\_t. On error, they return the

value (time\_t) -1 and set errno to indicate the cause of the error.

## ERRORS

### E\_OVERFLOW

The result cannot be represented.

## 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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?timelocal(), timegm() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe env locale ?

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## CONFORMING TO

These functions are nonstandard GNU extensions that are also present on the BSDs. Avoid their use.

## NOTES

The timelocal() function is equivalent to the POSIX standard function mktime(3). There is no reason to ever use it.

## SEE ALSO

gmtime(3), localtime(3), mktime(3), tzset(3)

## COLOPHON

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