



Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'uselocale.3' command

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

NAME

uselocale - set/get the locale for the calling thread

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <locale.h>
```

```
locale_t uselocale(locale_t newloc);
```

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

```
uselocale();
```

Since glibc 2.10:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 700
```

Before glibc 2.10:

```
_GNU_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The `uselocale()` function sets the current locale for the calling thread, and returns the thread's previously current locale. After a successful call to `uselocale()`, any calls by this thread to functions that depend on the locale will operate as though the locale has been set to `newloc`.

The `newloc` argument can have one of the following values:

A handle returned by a call to `newlocale(3)` or `duplocale(3)`

The calling thread's current locale is set to the specified locale.

The special locale object handle `LC_GLOBAL_LOCALE`

The calling thread's current locale is set to the global locale determined by `setlocale(3)`.

`(locale_t) 0`

The calling thread's current locale is left unchanged (and the current locale is returned as the function result).

RETURN VALUE

On success, `uselocale()` returns the locale handle that was set by the previous call to `uselocale()` in this thread, or `LC_GLOBAL_LOCALE` if there was no such previous call. On error, it returns `(locale_t) 0`, and sets `errno` to indicate the cause of the error.

ERRORS

`EINVAL` `newloc` does not refer to a valid locale object.

VERSIONS

The `uselocale()` function first appeared in version 2.3 of the GNU C library.

CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2008.

NOTES

Unlike `setlocale(3)`, `uselocale()` does not allow selective replacement of individual locale categories. To employ a locale that differs in only a few categories from the current locale, use calls to `duplocale(3)` and `newlocale(3)` to obtain a locale object equivalent to the current locale and modify the desired categories in that object.

EXAMPLES

See `newlocale(3)` and `duplocale(3)`.

SEE ALSO

`locale(1)`, `duplocale(3)`, `freelocale(3)`, `newlocale(3)`, `setlocale(3)`, `locale(5)`, `locale(7)`

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