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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 're\_comp.3'

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RE\_COMP(3)

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NAME

re\_comp, re\_exec - BSD regex functions

#### **SYNOPSIS**

#define \_REGEX\_RE\_COMP

#include <sys/types.h>

#include <regex.h>

char \*re\_comp(const char \*regex);

int re\_exec(const char \*string);

### **DESCRIPTION**

re\_comp() is used to compile the null-terminated regular expression pointed to by regex. The compiled pattern occupies a static area, the pattern buffer, which is overwritten by subsequent use of re\_comp(). If regex is NULL, no operation is performed and the pattern buffer's contents are not altered.

re\_exec() is used to assess whether the null-terminated string pointed to by string matches the previously compiled regex.

RETURN VALUE Page 1/2

re\_comp() returns NULL on successful compilation of regex otherwise it returns a pointer to an appropriate error message.

re\_exec() returns 1 for a successful match, zero for failure.

#### **ATTRIBUTES**

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at? tributes(7).

?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

?re\_comp(), re\_exec() ? Thread safety ? MT-Unsafe ?

#### **CONFORMING TO**

4.3BSD.

#### **NOTES**

These functions are obsolete; the functions documented in regcomp(3) should be used instead.

## SEE ALSO

regcomp(3), regex(7), GNU regex manual

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