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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'wctomb.3'

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Linux Programmer's Manual

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### NAME

wctomb - convert a wide character to a multibyte sequence

## SYNOPSIS

#include <stdlib.h>

int wctomb(char \*s, wchar\_t wc);

#### DESCRIPTION

If s is not NULL, the wctomb() function converts the wide character wc

to its multibyte representation and stores it at the beginning of the

character array pointed to by s. It updates the shift state, which is

stored in a static anonymous variable known only to the wctomb() func?

tion, and returns the length of said multibyte representation, that is,

the number of bytes written at s.

The programmer must ensure that there is room for at least MB\_CUR\_MAX

bytes at s.

If s is NULL, the wctomb() function resets the shift state, known only

to this function, to the initial state, and returns nonzero if the en?

coding has nontrivial shift state, or zero if the encoding is state?

## **RETURN VALUE**

If s is not NULL, the wctomb() function returns the number of bytes that have been written to the byte array at s. If wc can not be repre? sented as a multibyte sequence (according to the current locale), -1 is returned.

If s is NULL, the wctomb() function returns nonzero if the encoding has nontrivial shift state, or zero if the encoding is stateless.

#### ATTRIBUTES

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

tributes(7).

?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

?wctomb() ? Thread safety ? MT-Unsafe race ?

#### CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, C99.

### NOTES

The behavior of wctomb() depends on the LC\_CTYPE category of the cur?

rent locale.

The function wcrtomb(3) provides a better interface to the same func?

tionality.

## SEE ALSO

MB\_CUR\_MAX(3), mblen(3), mbstowcs(3), mbtowc(3), wcrtomb(3), wc? stombs(3)

#### COLOPHON

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