

NAME

MB_LEN_MAX – maximum multibyte length of a character across all locales

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <limits.h>
```

DESCRIPTION

The **MB_LEN_MAX** macro is the maximum number of bytes needed to represent a single wide character, in any of the supported locales.

RETURN VALUE

A constant integer greater than zero.

CONFORMING TO

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

NOTES

The entities **MB_LEN_MAX** and `sizeof(wchar_t)` are totally unrelated. In glibc, **MB_LEN_MAX** is typically 16 (6 in glibc versions earlier than 2.2), while `sizeof(wchar_t)` is 4.

SEE ALSO

MB_CUR_MAX(3)

COLOPHON

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