

NAME

atan, atanf, atanl – arc tangent function

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double atan(double x);
```

```
float atanf(float x);
```

```
long double atanl(long double x);
```

Link with `-lm`.

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

```
atanf(), atanl():
```

```
  _ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L
```

```
  || /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE
```

```
  || /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions calculate the principal value of the arc tangent of x ; that is the value whose tangent is x .

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return the principal value of the arc tangent of x in radians; the return value is in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.

If x is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If x is $+0$ (-0), $+0$ (-0) is returned.

If x is positive infinity (negative infinity), $+\pi/2$ ($-\pi/2$) is returned.

ERRORS

No errors occur.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

Interface	Attribute	Value
atan(), atanf(), atanl()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

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

The variant returning *double* also conforms to SVr4, 4.3BSD, C89.

SEE ALSO

[acos\(3\)](#), [asin\(3\)](#), [atan2\(3\)](#), [carg\(3\)](#), [catan\(3\)](#), [cos\(3\)](#), [sin\(3\)](#), [tan\(3\)](#)

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