

**NAME**

`__setfpucw` - set FPU control word on i386 architecture (obsolete)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <i386/fpu_control.h>
```

```
void __setfpucw(unsigned short control_word);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

`__setfpucw()` transfers *control\_word* to the registers of the FPU (floating-point unit) on the i386 architecture. This was used to control floating-point precision, rounding and floating-point exceptions.

**CONFORMING TO**

This function was a nonstandard GNU extension.

**NOTES**

As of glibc 2.1 this function does not exist anymore. There are new functions from C99, with prototypes in `<fenv.h>`, to control FPU rounding modes, like [fegetround\(3\)](#), [fesetround\(3\)](#), and the floating-point environment, like [fegetenv\(3\)](#), [fehldexcept\(3\)](#), [fesetenv\(3\)](#), [feupdateenv\(3\)](#), and FPU exception handling, like [feclearexcept\(3\)](#), [fegetexceptflag\(3\)](#), [feraiseexcept\(3\)](#), [fesetexceptflag\(3\)](#), and [fetestexcept\(3\)](#).

If direct access to the FPU control word is still needed, the `_FPU_GETCW` and `_FPU_SETCW` macros from `<fpu_control.h>` can be used.

**EXAMPLE**

```
__setfpucw(0x1372)
```

Set FPU control word on the i386 architecture to

- extended precision
- rounding to nearest
- exceptions on overflow, zero divide and NaN

**SEE ALSO**

[feclearexcept\(3\)](#)  
`<fpu_control.h>`

**COLOPHON**

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