

NAME

strtod, strtof, strtold - convert ASCII string to floating-point number

SYNOPSIS

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#include <stdlib.h>
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double strtod(const char *nptr, char **endptr);
float  strtof(const char *nptr, char **endptr);
long double strtold(const char *nptr, char **endptr);
```

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

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strtof(), strtold():
    _ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L
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DESCRIPTION

The **strtod()**, **strtof()**, and **strtold()** functions convert the initial portion of the string pointed to by *nptr* to *double*, *float*, and *long double* representation, respectively.

The expected form of the (initial portion of the) string is optional leading white space as recognized by [isspace\(3\)](#), an optional plus ('+') or minus sign ('-') and then either (i) a decimal number, or (ii) a hexadecimal number, or (iii) an infinity, or (iv) a NAN (not-a-number).

A *decimal number* consists of a nonempty sequence of decimal digits possibly containing a radix character (decimal point, locale-dependent, usually '.'), optionally followed by a decimal exponent. A decimal exponent consists of an 'E' or 'e', followed by an optional plus or minus sign, followed by a nonempty sequence of decimal digits, and indicates multiplication by a power of 10.

A *hexadecimal number* consists of a "0x" or "0X" followed by a nonempty sequence of hexadecimal digits possibly containing a radix character, optionally followed by a binary exponent. A binary exponent consists of a 'P' or 'p', followed by an optional plus or minus sign, followed by a nonempty sequence of decimal digits, and indicates multiplication by a power of 2. At least one of radix character and binary exponent must be present.

An *infinity* is either "INF" or "INFINITY", disregarding case.

A *NAN* is "NAN" (disregarding case) optionally followed by a string, (*n-char-sequence*), where *n-char-sequence* specifies in an implementation-dependent way the type of NAN (see NOTES).

RETURN VALUE

These functions return the converted value, if any.

If *endptr* is not NULL, a pointer to the character after the last character used in the conversion is stored in the location referenced by *endptr*.

If no conversion is performed, zero is returned and (unless *endptr* is null) the value of *nptr* is stored in the location referenced by *endptr*.

If the correct value would cause overflow, plus or minus **HUGE_VAL** (**HUGE_VALF**, **HUGE_VALL**) is returned (according to the sign of the value), and **ERANGE** is stored in *errno*. If the correct value would cause underflow, zero is returned and **ERANGE** is stored in *errno*.

ERRORS**ERANGE**

Overflow or underflow occurred.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
strtod() , strtof() , strtold()	Thread safety	MT-Safe locale

CONFORMING TO

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

`strtod()` was also described in C89.

NOTES

Since 0 can legitimately be returned on both success and failure, the calling program should set *errno* to 0 before the call, and then determine if an error occurred by checking whether *errno* has a nonzero value after the call.

In the glibc implementation, the *n-char-sequence* that optionally follows "NAN" is interpreted as an integer number (with an optional '0' or '0x' prefix to select base 8 or 16) that is to be placed in the mantissa component of the returned value.

EXAMPLE

See the example on the [strtol\(3\)](#) manual page; the use of the functions described in this manual page is similar.

SEE ALSO

[atof\(3\)](#), [atoi\(3\)](#), [atol\(3\)](#), [nan\(3\)](#), [nanf\(3\)](#), [nanl\(3\)](#), [strfromd\(3\)](#), [strtol\(3\)](#), [strtoul\(3\)](#)

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