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***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'btowc.3'***

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**NAME**

btowc - convert single byte to wide character

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <wchar.h>

wint_t btowc(int c);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The btowc() function converts c, interpreted as a multibyte sequence of length 1, starting in the initial shift state, to a wide character and returns it. If c is EOF or not a valid multibyte sequence of length 1, the btowc() function returns WEOF.

**RETURN VALUE**

The btowc() function returns the wide character converted from the single byte c. If c is EOF or not a valid multibyte sequence of length 1, it returns WEOF.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

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**CONFORMING TO**

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

**NOTES**

The behavior of `btowc()` depends on the `LC_CTYPE` category of the current locale.

This function should never be used. It does not work for encodings which have state, and unnecessarily treats single bytes differently from multibyte sequences. Use either `mbtowc(3)` or the thread-safe `mbrtowc(3)` instead.

#### SEE ALSO

`mbrtowc(3)`, `mbtowc(3)`, `wctob(3)`

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