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

**\$ man wcsncpy.3**

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**NAME**

wcsncpy - copy a fixed-size string of wide characters

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <wchar.h>

wchar_t *wcsncpy(wchar_t *dest, const wchar_t *src, size_t n);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The `wcsncpy()` function is the wide-character equivalent of the `strncpy(3)` function. It copies at most `n` wide characters from the wide-character string pointed to by `src`, including the terminating null wide character (`L'\0'`), to the array pointed to by `dest`. Exactly `n` wide characters are written at `dest`. If the length `wcslen(src)` is smaller than `n`, the remaining wide characters in the array pointed to by `dest` are filled with null wide characters. If the length `wcslen(src)` is greater than or equal to `n`, the string pointed to by `dest` will not be terminated by a null wide character.

The strings may not overlap.

The programmer must ensure that there is room for at least `n` wide characters at `dest`.

**RETURN VALUE**

`wcsncpy()` returns `dest`.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

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?wcsncpy() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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## CONFORMING TO

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

## SEE ALSO

strncpy(3)

## COLOPHON

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