



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

**C:\>man strtof.3**

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### NAME

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

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
double strtod(const char *nptr, char **endptr);
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float strtof(const char *nptr, char **endptr);
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long double strtold(const char *nptr, char **endptr);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see `feature_test_macros(7)`):

strtof(), strtold():

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

### 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\(7\)](#).

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?Interface            ? Attribute   ? Value       ?

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?strtod(), strtod(), strtold() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe locale ?

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#### 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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