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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'towlower.3' command**

**\$ man tolower.3**

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### **NAME**

towlower, tolower\_l - convert a wide character to lowercase

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <wctype.h>

wint_t tolower(wint_t wc);

wint_t tolower_l(wint_t wc, locale_t locale);
```

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

`towlower_l()`:

Since glibc 2.10:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 700
```

Before glibc 2.10:

```
_GNU_SOURCE
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

The `towlower()` function is the wide-character equivalent of the `tolower(3)` function. If `wc` is an uppercase wide character, and there exists a lowercase equivalent in the current locale, it returns the lowercase equivalent of `wc`. In all other cases, `wc` is returned unmodified.

The `towlower_l()` function performs the same task, but performs the conversion based on the character type information in the locale specified by `locale`. The behavior of `towlower_l()` is undefined if `locale` is the special locale object `LC_GLOBAL_LOCALE` (see `duplocale(3)`) or is not a

valid locale object handle.

The argument `wc` must be representable as a `wchar_t` and be a valid char?acter in the locale or be the value `WEOF`.

## RETURN VALUE

If `wc` was convertible to lowercase, `towlower()` returns its lowercase equivalent; otherwise it returns `wc`.

## VERSIONS

The `towlower_l()` function first appeared in glibc 2.3.

## ATTRIBUTES

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

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## CONFORMING TO

`towlower()`: C99, POSIX.1-2001 (XSI); present as an XSI extension in POSIX.1-2008, but marked obsolete.

`towlower_l()`: POSIX.1-2008.

## NOTES

The behavior of these functions depends on the `LC_CTYPE` category of the locale.

These functions are not very appropriate for dealing with Unicode char?acters, because Unicode knows about three cases: upper, lower and title case.

## SEE ALSO

`iswlower(3)`, `towctrans(3)`, `towupper(3)`, `locale(7)`

## COLOPHON

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