

**NAME**

**set\_menu\_pattern**, **menu\_pattern** - set and get a menu's pattern buffer

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <menu.h>
```

```
int set_menu_pattern(MENU *menu, const char *pattern);  
char *menu_pattern(const MENU *menu);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Every menu has an associated pattern match buffer. As input events that are printable characters come in, they are appended to this match buffer and tested for a match, as described in **menu\_driver(3X)**.

The function **set\_menu\_pattern** sets the pattern buffer for the given menu and tries to find the first matching item. If it succeeds, that item becomes current; if not, the current item does not change.

The function **menu\_pattern** returns the pattern buffer of the given *menu*.

**RETURN VALUE**

The function **menu\_pattern** returns a pointer, which is **NULL** if the *menu* parameter is **NULL**. Otherwise, it is a pointer to a string which is empty if no pattern has been set. It does not set **errno**.

The function **set\_menu\_pattern** may return the following error codes:

**E\_OK**

The routine succeeded.

**E\_BAD\_ARGUMENT**

Routine detected an incorrect or out-of-range argument.

**E\_BAD\_STATE**

Routine was called from an initialization or termination function.

**E\_NOT\_CONNECTED**

No items are connected to menu.

**E\_NO\_MATCH**

Character failed to match.

**E\_SYSTEM\_ERROR**

System error occurred (see **errno(3)**).

## **PORTABILITY**

These routines emulate the System V menu library. They were not supported on Version 7 or BSD versions.

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## **SEE ALSO**

**curses(3X)**, **menu(3X)**