

NAME

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

LIBRARY

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

SYNOPSIS

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

double

```
strtod(const char * restrict nptr, char ** restrict endptr);
```

float

```
strtof(const char * restrict nptr, char ** restrict endptr);
```

long double

```
strtold(const char * restrict nptr, char ** restrict endptr);
```

DESCRIPTION

These conversion 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 string is an optional plus (“+”) or minus sign (“-”) followed by either:

- a decimal significand consisting of a sequence of decimal digits optionally containing a decimal-point character, or
- a hexadecimal significand consisting of a “0X” or “0x” followed by a sequence of hexadecimal digits optionally containing a decimal-point character.

In both cases, the significand may be optionally followed by an exponent. An exponent consists of an “E” or “e” (for decimal constants) or a “P” or “p” (for hexadecimal constants), followed by an optional plus or minus sign, followed by a sequence of decimal digits. For decimal constants, the exponent indicates the power of 10 by which the significand should be scaled. For hexadecimal constants, the scaling is instead done by powers of 2.

Alternatively, if the portion of the string following the optional plus or minus sign begins with "INFINITY" or "NaN", ignoring case, it is interpreted as an infinity or a quiet NaN, respectively. The syntax "NaN(*s*)", where *s* is an alphanumeric string, produces the same value as the call **nan**("s") (respectively, **nanf**("s") and **nanl**("s").)

In any of the above cases, leading white-space characters in the string (as defined by the `isspace(3)` function) are skipped. The decimal point character is defined in the program's locale (category `LC_NUMERIC`).

RETURN VALUES

The `strtod()`, `strtof()`, and `strtold()` 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 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`, or `HUGE_VALL` is returned (according to the sign and type of the return 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.

SEE ALSO

`atof(3)`, `atoi(3)`, `atol(3)`, `nan(3)`, `strtoul(3)`, `strtoul(3)`, `wcstod(3)`

STANDARDS

The `strtod()` function conforms to ISO/IEC 9899:1999 ("ISO C99").

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