

**NAME**

**wctomb** - convert a wide-character code to a character

**LIBRARY**

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

**SYNOPSIS**

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

*int*

```
wctomb(char *mbchar, wchar_t wchar);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **wctomb()** function converts a wide character *wchar* into a multibyte character and stores the result in *mbchar*. The object pointed to by *mbchar* must be large enough to accommodate the multibyte character, which may be up to MB\_LEN\_MAX bytes.

A call with a null *mbchar* pointer returns nonzero if the current locale requires shift states, zero otherwise; if shift states are required, the shift state is reset to the initial state.

**RETURN VALUES**

If *mbchar* is NULL, the **wctomb()** function returns nonzero if shift states are supported, zero otherwise. If *mbchar* is valid, **wctomb()** returns the number of bytes processed in *mbchar*, or -1 if no multibyte character could be recognized or converted. In this case, **wctomb()**'s internal conversion state is undefined.

**ERRORS**

The **wctomb()** function will fail if:

[EILSEQ] An invalid multibyte sequence was detected.

[EINVAL] The internal conversion state is invalid.

**SEE ALSO**

mbtowc(3), wctomb(3), wctombs(3), wctob(3)

**STANDARDS**

The **wctomb()** function conforms to ISO/IEC 9899:1999 ("ISO C99").