

NAME

ffs, ffs1, ffsll – find first bit set in a word

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <strings.h>
```

```
int ffs(int i);
```

```
#include <string.h>
```

```
int ffs1(long int i);
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```
int ffsll(long long int i);
```

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

ffs():

Since glibc 2.12:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 700
```

```
|| ! (_POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200809L)
```

```
|| /* Glibc since 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE
```

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|| /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

Before glibc 2.12:

none

ffs1(), **ffsll()**:

Since glibc 2.27:

```
_DEFAULT_SOURCE
```

Before glibc 2.27:

```
_GNU_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The **ffs()** function returns the position of the first (least significant) bit set in the word *i*. The least significant bit is position 1 and the most significant position is, for example, 32 or 64. The functions **ffsll()** and **ffs1()** do the same but take arguments of possibly different size.

RETURN VALUE

These functions return the position of the first bit set, or 0 if no bits are set in *i*.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see **attributes(7)**.

| Interface | Attribute | Value |
|---|---------------|---------|
| ffs() , ffs1() , ffsll() | Thread safety | MT-Safe |

CONFORMING TO

ffs(): POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, 4.3BSD.

The **ffs1()** and **ffsll()** functions are glibc extensions.

NOTES

BSD systems have a prototype in *<string.h>*.

SEE ALSO

memchr(3)

COLOPHON

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