

NAME

`tolower`, `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)**):

tolower_l():

Since glibc 2.10:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 700
```

Before glibc 2.10:

```
_GNU_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The **tolower()** 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 unchanged.

The **tolower_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 **tolower_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 character in the locale or be the value **WEOF**.

RETURN VALUE

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

VERSIONS

The **tolower_l()** function first appeared in glibc 2.3.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
tolower()	Thread safety	MT-Safe locale
tolower_l()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

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

tolower_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 characters, 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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