

When using setvbuf or setbuf, be sure to close the stream before its buffer is deallocated. In particular, if the buffer is local to a function and has automatic storage duration, be sure to close the stream before the function returns.

## **Miscellaneous File Operations**

```
int remove(const char *filename);
int rename(const char *old, const char *new);
```

The functions remove and rename allow a program to perform basic file management operations. Unlike most other functions in this section, remove and rename work with file *names* instead of file *pointers*. Both functions return zero if they succeed and a nonzero value if they fail.

remove

remove deletes a file:

```
remove("foo"); /* deletes the file named "foo" */
```

If a program uses fopen (instead of tmpfile) to create a temporary file, it can use remove to delete the file before the program terminates. Be sure that the file to be removed has been closed; the effect of removing a file that's currently open is implementation-defined.

rename

rename changes the name of a file:

```
rename("foo", "bar"); /* renames "foo" to "bar" */
```

rename is handy for renaming a temporary file created using fopen if a program should decide to make it permanent. If a file with the new name already exists, the effect is implementation-defined.



If the file to be renamed is open, be sure to close it before calling rename; the function may fail if asked to rename an open file.

## 22.3 Formatted I/O

In this section, we'll examine library functions that use format strings to control reading and writing. These functions, which include our old friends printf and scanf, have the ability to convert data from character form to numeric form during input and from numeric form to character form during output. None of the other I/O functions can do such conversions.