fgetwc getwc getwchar fgetws

There's another twist that affects the wide-character input functions. A call of a function that reads a single character (fgetwc, getwc, and getwchar) may fail because the bytes found in the input stream don't form a valid wide character or there aren't enough bytes available. The result is an encoding error, which causes the function to store EILSEQ in errno and return WEOF. The fgetws function, which reads a string of wide characters, may also fail because of an encoding error, in which case it returns a null pointer.

fputwc putwc putwchar fputws

Wide-character output functions may also encounter encoding errors. Functions that write a single character (fputwc, putwc, and putwchar) store EILSEQ in errno and return WEOF if an encoding error occurs. However, the fputws function, which writes a wide-character string, is different: it returns EOF (not WEOF) if an encoding error occurs.

fwide

The fwide function doesn't correspond to any C89 function. fwide is used to determine the current orientation of a stream and, if desired, attempt to set its orientation. The mode parameter determines the behavior of the function:

- mode > 0. Attempts to make the stream wide-oriented if it has no orientation.
- mode < 0. Attempts to make the stream byte-oriented if it has no orientation.
- m mode = 0. The orientation is not changed.

fwide doesn't change the orientation if the stream already has one.

The value returned by fwide depends on the orientation of the stream after the call. The return value is positive if the stream has wide orientation, negative if it has byte orientation, and zero if it has no orientation.

General Wide-String Utilities

The <wchar.h> header provides a number of functions that perform operations on wide strings. These are wide-character versions of functions that belong to the <stdlib.h> and <string.h> headers.

Wide-String Numeric Conversion Functions