

**NAME**

memfrob – frobnicate (obfuscate) a memory area

**LIBRARY**

Standard C library (*libc*, *-lc*)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE          /* See feature_test_macros(7) */
#include <string.h>

void *memfrob(void s[.n], size_t n);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **memfrob()** function obfuscates the first *n* bytes of the memory area *s* by exclusive-ORing each character with the number 42. The effect can be reversed by using **memfrob()** on the obfuscated memory area.

Note that this function is not a proper encryption routine as the XOR constant is fixed, and is suitable only for hiding strings.

**RETURN VALUE**

The **memfrob()** function returns a pointer to the obfuscated memory area.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
memfrob()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

**STANDARDS**

The **memfrob()** function is unique to the GNU C Library.

**SEE ALSO**

**bstring(3)**, **strfry(3)**