**#pragma ibm critical**

**Description**

The critical pragma identifies a critical section of program code that must only be run by one process at a time.

**Syntax**

>>-#--pragma--ibm critical--+--------+-------------------------><

'-(name)-'

where name can be used to optionally identify the critical region. Identifiers naming a critical region have external linkage.

Note:

The compiler reports an error if you try to branch into or out of a critical section. Some situations that will cause an error are:

* A critical section that contains the return statement.
* A critical section that contains goto, continue, or break statements that transfer program flow outside of the critical section.
* A goto statement outside a critical section that transfers program flow to a label defined within a critical section.