

NAME

memmove – copy memory area

LIBRARY

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

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <string.h>
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void *memmove(void dest[], const void src[], size_t n);
```

DESCRIPTION

The **memmove()** function copies *n* bytes from memory area *src* to memory area *dest*. The memory areas may overlap: copying takes place as though the bytes in *src* are first copied into a temporary array that does not overlap *src* or *dest*, and the bytes are then copied from the temporary array to *dest*.

RETURN VALUE

The **memmove()** function returns a pointer to *dest*.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
memmove()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

STANDARDS

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, C99, SVr4, 4.3BSD.

SEE ALSO

bcopy(3), **bstring(3)**, **memccpy(3)**, **memcpy(3)**, **strcpy(3)**, **strncpy(3)**, **wmemmove(3)**