

**NAME**

`strstr`, `strcasestr` – locate a substring

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <string.h>
```

```
char *strstr(const char *haystack, const char *needle);
```

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE
```

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#include <string.h>
```

```
char *strcasestr(const char *haystack, const char *needle);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **strstr()** function finds the first occurrence of the substring *needle* in the string *haystack*. The terminating '\0' characters are not compared.

The **strcasestr()** function is like **strstr()**, but ignores the case of both arguments.

**RETURN VALUE**

These functions return a pointer to the beginning of the substring, or NULL if the substring is not found.

**CONFORMING TO**

The **strstr()** function conforms to C89 and C99. The **strcasestr()** function is a non-standard extension.

**BUGS**

Early versions of Linux libc (like 4.5.26) would not allow an empty *needle* argument for **strstr()**. Later versions (like 4.6.27) work correctly, and return *haystack* when *needle* is empty.

**SEE ALSO**

**index(3)**, **memchr(3)**, **rindex(3)**, **strcasecmp(3)**, **strchr(3)**, **strpbrk(3)**, **strsep(3)**, **strspn(3)**, **strtok(3)**, **wcsstr(3)**, **feature\_test\_macros(7)**

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