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Examples

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The following example uses the **fgetwc** subroutine to read wide character codes from a file:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

main()
{
    wint_t  retval;
    FILE    *fp;
    wchar_t *pwcs;

    (void)setlocale(LC_ALL, "");

    /*
    **  Open a stream.
    */
    fp = fopen("file", "r");

    /*
    **  Error Handling if fopen was not successful.
    */
    if(fp == NULL){
        /*  Error handler  */
    }else{
        /*
        **  pwcs points to a wide character buffer of BUFSIZ.
        */
        while((retval = fgetwc(fp)) != WEOF){
            *pwcs++ = (wchar_t)retval;
            /*  break when buffer is full  */
        }
    }
}
```

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    }
}
/* Process the wide characters in the buffer */
}

```

The following example uses the **getwchar** subroutine to read wide characters from standard input:

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

main()
{
    wint_t  retval;
    FILE    *fp;
    wchar_t *pwcs;

    (void)setlocale(LC_ALL, "");

    index = 0;
    while((retval = getwchar()) != WEOF){
        /* pwcs points to a wide character buffer of BUFSIZ. */
        *pwcs++ = (wchar_t)retval;
        /* break on buffer full */
    }
    /* Process the wide characters in the buffer */
}

```

The following example uses the **ungetwc** subroutine to push a wide character onto an input stream:

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

main()
{
    wint_t  retval;

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FILE    *fp;

(void)setlocale(LC_ALL, "");
/*
**  Open a stream.
*/
fp = fopen("file", "r");

/*
**  Error Handling if fopen was not successful.
*/
if(fp == NULL){
    /* Error handler */

else{
    retval = fgetwc(fp);
    if(retval != WEOF){
        /*
        **  Peek at the character and return it to the stream.
        */
        retval = ungetwc(retval, fp);
        if(retval == EOF){
            /* Error on ungetwc */
        }
    }
}
}
}

```

The following example uses the **fgetws** subroutine to read a file, one line at a time:

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

main()
{
    FILE    *fp;
    wchar_t *pwcs;

```

```

    (void)setlocale(LC_ALL, "");

```

```

/*
**  Open a stream.
*/
fp = fopen("file", "r");

/*
**  Error Handling if fopen was not successful.
*/
if(fp == NULL){
    /*  Error handler  */
}else{
    /*  pwcs points to wide character buffer of BUFSIZ.  */
    while(fgetws(pwcs, BUFSIZ, fp) != (wchar_t *)NULL){
        /*
        **  pwcs contains wide characters with null
        **  termination.
        */
    }
}
}

```

The following example uses the **fputwc** subroutine to write wide characters to an output stream:

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

main()
{
    int      index, len;
    wint_t   retval;
    FILE     *fp;
    wchar_t  *pwcs;

    (void)setlocale(LC_ALL, "");

    /*
    **  Open a stream.
    */
    fp = fopen("file", "w");

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/*
** Error Handling if fopen was not successful.
*/
if(fp == NULL){
    /* Error handler */
}else{
    /* Let len indicate number of wide chars to output.
    ** pwcs points to a wide character buffer of BUFSIZ.
    */
    for(index=0; index < len; index++){
        retval = fputwc(*pwcs++, fp);
        if(retval == WEOF)
            break; /* write error occurred */
        /* errno is set to indicate the error. */
    }
}
}

```

The following example uses the **fputws** subroutine to write a wide character string to a file:

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

main()
{
    int      retval;
    FILE     *fp;
    wchar_t  *pwcs;

    (void)setlocale(LC_ALL, "");

    /*
    ** Open a stream.
    */
    fp = fopen("file", "w");

    /*
    ** Error Handling if fopen was not successful.
    */
    if(fp == NULL){

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        /* Error handler */
    }else{
        /*
        ** pwcs points to a wide character string
        ** to output to fp.
        */
        retval = fputws(pwcs, fp);
        if(retval == -1){
            /* Write error occurred */
            /* errno is set to indicate the error */
        }
    }
}
```

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