

**NAME**

**isprint**, **isprint\_l** - printing character test (space character inclusive)

**LIBRARY**

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <ctype.h>
```

*int*

```
isprint(int c);
```

*int*

```
isprint_l(int c, locale_t loc);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **isprint()** and **isprint\_l()** functions test for any printing character, including space (‘ ’). The value of the argument must be representable as an *unsigned char* or the value of EOF.

In the ASCII character set, this includes the following characters (with their numeric values shown in octal):

040 sp	041 “!”	042 “””	043 “#”	044 “\$”
045 “%”	046 “&”	047 “””	050 “(”	051 “)”
052 “*”	053 “+”	054 “,”	055 “-”	056 “.”
057 “/”	060 “0”	061 “1”	062 “2”	063 “3”
064 “4”	065 “5”	066 “6”	067 “7”	070 “8”
071 “9”	072 “:”	073 “;”	074 “<”	075 “=”
076 “>”	077 “?”	100 “@”	101 “A”	102 “B”
103 “C”	104 “D”	105 “E”	106 “F”	107 “G”
110 “H”	111 “I”	112 “J”	113 “K”	114 “L”
115 “M”	116 “N”	117 “O”	120 “P”	121 “Q”
122 “R”	123 “S”	124 “T”	125 “U”	126 “V”
127 “W”	130 “X”	131 “Y”	132 “Z”	133 “[”
134 “\”	135 “]”	136 “^”	137 “_”	140 “””
141 “a”	142 “b”	143 “c”	144 “d”	145 “e”
146 “f”	147 “g”	150 “h”	151 “i”	152 “j”
153 “k”	154 “l”	155 “m”	156 “n”	157 “o”
160 “p”	161 “q”	162 “r”	163 “s”	164 “t”
165 “u”	166 “v”	167 “w”	170 “x”	171 “y”

172 “z”    173 “{”    174 “|”    175 “}”    176 “~”

The **isprint\_l()** function takes an explicit locale argument, whereas the **isprint()** function uses the current global or per-thread locale.

## RETURN VALUES

The **isprint()** and **isprint\_l()** functions return zero if the character tests false and return non-zero if the character tests true.

## COMPATIBILITY

The 4.4BSD extension of accepting arguments outside of the range of the *unsigned char* type in locales with large character sets is considered obsolete and may not be supported in future releases. The **iswprint()** or **iswprint\_l()** function should be used instead.

## SEE ALSO

`ctype(3)`, `ctype_l(3)`, `iswprint(3)`, `iswprint_l(3)`, `xlocale(3)`, `ascii(7)`

## STANDARDS

The **isprint()** function conforms to ISO/IEC 9899:1990 ("ISO C90").

## HISTORY

The **isprint()** function first appeared in Version 7 AT&T UNIX.