

NAME

memset – fill memory with a constant byte

SYNOPSIS

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

```
void *memset(void *s, int c, size_t n);
```

DESCRIPTION

The `memset()` function fills the first n bytes of the memory area pointed to by s with the constant byte c .

RETURN VALUE

The `memset()` function returns a pointer to the memory area s .

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

Interface	Attribute	Value
memset()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, C89, C99, SVr4, 4.3BSD.

SEE ALSO

[bstring\(3\)](#), [bzero\(3\)](#), [swab\(3\)](#), [wmemset\(3\)](#)

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