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# **GNATcoll Bindings - Iconv Documentation**

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This package provides a binding to the libiconv library. This library is standard on most Unix systems. When it is not provided by the system, the GNU libiconv package can be installed instead.



## USING GNATCOLL.ICONV

Use the `gnatcoll_iconv` project in your project files. For instance:

```
with "gnatcoll_iconv";  
project Default is  
  ...  
end Default;
```



The whole API is documented in `gnatcoll-iconv.ads`. Here is a simple code sample that converts from iso-8859-1 encoding to UTF8:

```
with GNATCOLL.Iconv;   use GNATCOLL.Iconv;
procedure Main is
  EAcute : constant Character := Character'Val (16#E9#);
  -- in iso-8859-1

  Result : constant String := Iconv
    ("Some string " & EAcute,
     To_Code => UTF8,
     From_Code => ISO_8859_1);
begin
  null;
end Main;
```

A more advanced (and somewhat more efficient) API is available via the `Iconv` procedure. In that procedure, you control the input and output buffers, so you will need less overall memory when you are converting big buffers.



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