



## ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'if\_nameindex.3'***

**C:\>man if\_nameindex.3**

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### NAME

if\_nameindex, if\_freenameindex - get network interface names and indexes

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <net/if.h>

struct if_nameindex *if_nameindex(void);

void if_freenameindex(struct if_nameindex *ptr);
```

### DESCRIPTION

The if\_nameindex() function returns an array of if\_nameindex structures, each containing information about one of the network interfaces on the local system. The if\_nameindex structure contains at least the following entries:

```
unsigned int if_index; /* Index of interface (1, 2, ...) */
char *if_name; /* Null-terminated name ("eth0", etc.) */
```

The if\_index field contains the interface index. The if\_name field points to the null-terminated interface name. The end of the array is indicated by an entry with if\_index set to zero and if\_name set to NULL.

The data structure returned by if\_nameindex() is dynamically allocated and should be freed using if\_freenameindex() when no longer needed.

### RETURN VALUE

On success, if\_nameindex() returns pointer to the array; on error, NULL is returned, and errno is set appropriately.

### ERRORS

if\_nameindex() may fail and set errno if:

### ENOBUFS

Insufficient resources available.

if\_nameindex() may also fail for any of the errors specified for socket(2), bind(2), ioctl(2), getsockname(2), recvmsg(2), sendto(2), or malloc(3).

### VERSIONS

The if\_nameindex() function first appeared in glibc 2.1, but before glibc 2.3.4, the implementation supported only interfaces with IPv4 addresses. Support of interfaces that don't have IPv4 addresses is available only on kernels that support netlink.

### ATTRIBUTES

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

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?if\_freenameindex() ? ? ?

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### CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, RFC 3493.

This function first appeared in BSDi.

### EXAMPLE

The program below demonstrates the use of the functions described on this page. An example of the output this program might produce is the following:

```

$ ./a.out
1: lo
2: wlan0
3: em1
```

### Program source

```

#include <net/if.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
```

```

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    struct if_nameindex *if_ni, *i;
    if_ni = if_nameindex();
    if (if_ni == NULL) {
        perror("if_nameindex");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    for (i = if_ni; ! (i->if_index == 0 && i->if_name == NULL); i++)
        printf("%u: %s\n", i->if_index, i->if_name);
    if_freenameindex(if_ni);
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

```

#### SEE ALSO

getsockopt(2), setsockopt(2), getifaddrs(3), if\_indextoname(3), if\_nametoindex(3),  
ifconfig(8)

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