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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'ftell.3p' command***

***\$ man ftell.3p***

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### PROLOG

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### NAME

ftell, ftello ? return a file offset in a stream

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdio.h>

long ftell(FILE *stream);

off_t ftello(FILE *stream);
```

### DESCRIPTION

The functionality described on this reference page is aligned with the ISO C standard. Any conflict between the requirements described here and the ISO C standard is unintentional. This volume of POSIX.1?2017 defers to the ISO C standard.

The ftell() function shall obtain the current value of the file-position indicator for the stream pointed to by stream.

The ftell() function shall not change the setting of errno if successful.

The ftello() function shall be equivalent to ftell(), except that the return value is of type off\_t and the ftello() function may change the

setting of `errno` if successful.

## RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, `ftell()` and `ftello()` shall return the current value of the file-position indicator for the stream measured in bytes from the beginning of the file.

Otherwise, `ftell()` and `ftello()` shall return `-1`, and set `errno` to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

The `ftell()` and `ftello()` functions shall fail if:

**EBADF** The file descriptor underlying stream is not an open file descriptor.

### E\_OVERFLOW

For `ftell()`, the current file offset cannot be represented correctly in an object of type `long`.

### E\_OVERFLOW

For `ftello()`, the current file offset cannot be represented correctly in an object of type `off_t`.

**ESPIPE** The file descriptor underlying stream is associated with a pipe, FIFO, or socket.

The following sections are informative.

## EXAMPLES

None.

## APPLICATION USAGE

None.

## RATIONALE

None.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

## SEE ALSO

Section 2.5, Standard I/O Streams, `fgetpos()`, `fopen()`, `fseek()`, `lseek()`

The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1?2017, `<stdio.h>`

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