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PROLOG

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NAME

getgrnam, getgrnam_r ? search group database for a name

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <grp.h>
struct group *getgrnam(const char *name);
int getgrnam_r(const char *name, struct group *grp, char *buffer,
    size_t bufsize, struct group **result);
```

DESCRIPTION

The getgrnam() function shall search the group database for an entry with a matching name.

The getgrnam() function need not be thread-safe.

Applications wishing to check for error situations should set errno to 0 before calling getgrnam(). If getgrnam() returns a null pointer and errno is set to non-zero, an error occurred.

The getgrnam_r() function shall update the group structure pointed to by grp and store a pointer to that structure at the location pointed to by result. The structure shall contain an entry from the group data?

base with a matching name. Storage referenced by the group structure is allocated from the memory provided with the buffer parameter, which is bufsize bytes in size. A call to sysconf(_SC_GETGR_R_SIZE_MAX) re? turns either -1 without changing errno or an initial value suggested for the size of this buffer. A null pointer is returned at the loca? tion pointed to by result on error or if the requested entry is not found.

RETURN VALUE

The getgrnam() function shall return a pointer to a struct group with the structure defined in <grp.h> with a matching entry if one is found. The getgrnam() function shall return a null pointer if either the re? quested entry was not found, or an error occurred. If the requested en? try was not found, errno shall not be changed. On error, errno shall be set to indicate the error.

The application shall not modify the structure to which the return value points, nor any storage areas pointed to by pointers within the structure. The returned pointer, and pointers within the structure, might be invalidated or the structure or the storage areas might be overwritten by a subsequent call to getgrent(), getgrgid(), or getgr? nam(). The returned pointer, and pointers within the structure, might also be invalidated if the calling thread is terminated.

The getgrnam_r() function shall return zero on success or if the re? quested entry was not found and no error has occurred. If any error has occurred, an error number shall be returned to indicate the error.

ERRORS

The getgrnam() and getgrnam_r() functions may fail if:

EIO An I/O error has occurred.

EINTR A signal was caught during getgrnam().

EMFILE All file descriptors available to the process are currently open.

ENFILE The maximum allowable number of files is currently open in the system.

The getgrnam_r() function may fail if:

ERANGE Insufficient storage was supplied via buffer and bufsize to con?

tain the data to be referenced by the resulting group structure.

The following sections are informative.

EXAMPLES

Note that sysconf(_SC_GETGR_R_SIZE_MAX) may return -1 if there is no hard limit on the size of the buffer needed to store all the groups re? turned. This example shows how an application can allocate a buffer of sufficient size to work with getgrnam_r().

```
long int initlen = sysconf(_SC_GETGR_R_SIZE_MAX);
size_t len;
if (initlen == -1)
    /* Default initial length. */
    len = 1024;
else
    len = (size_t) initlen;
struct group result;
struct group *resultp;
char *buffer = malloc(len);
if (buffer == NULL)
    ...handle error...
int e;
while ((e = getgrnam_r("somegroup", &result, buffer, len, &resultp))
       == ERANGE)
   {
   size_t newlen = 2 * len;
   if (newlen < len)
       ...handle error...
   len = newlen;
   char *newbuffer = realloc(buffer, len);
   if (newbuffer == NULL)
       ...handle error...
   buffer = newbuffer;
   }
```

```
    if (e != 0)
        ...handle error...
    free (buffer);
```

APPLICATION USAGE

The getgrnam_r() function is thread-safe and shall return values in a user-supplied buffer instead of possibly using a static data area that may be overwritten by each call.

Portable applications should take into account that it is usual for an implementation to return -1 from sysconf() indicating that there is no maximum for _SC_GETGR_R_SIZE_MAX.

RATIONALE

None.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

SEE ALSO

endgrent(), getgrgid(), sysconf()

The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1?2017, <grp.h>, <sys_types.h>

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