



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

### ***\$ man getpt.3***

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#### **NAME**

getpt - open a new pseudoterminal master

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE                      /* See feature_test_macros(7) */  
  
#include <stdlib.h>  
  
int getpt(void);
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

getpt() opens a new pseudoterminal device and returns a file descriptor that refers to that device. It is equivalent to opening the pseudoterminal multiplexor device

```
open("/dev/ptmx", O_RDWR);
```

on Linux systems, though the pseudoterminal multiplexor device is located elsewhere on some systems that use the GNU C library.

#### **RETURN VALUE**

getpt() returns an open file descriptor upon successful completion. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets errno to indicate the error.

#### **ERRORS**

getpt() can fail with various errors described in open(2).

#### **VERSIONS**

getpt() is provided in glibc since version 2.1.

#### **ATTRIBUTES**

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at?

tributes(7).

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## CONFORMING TO

getpt() is glibc-specific; use posix\_openpt(3) instead.

## SEE ALSO

grantpt(3), posix\_openpt(3), ptsname(3), unlockpt(3), ptmx(4), pty(7)

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