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

**\$ man ungetc.3p**

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### PROLOG

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### NAME

ungetc ? push byte back into input stream

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdio.h>

int ungetc(int c, 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 ungetc() function shall push the byte specified by c (converted to an unsigned char) back onto the input stream pointed to by stream. The pushed-back bytes shall be returned by subsequent reads on that stream in the reverse order of their pushing. A successful intervening call (with the stream pointed to by stream) to a file-positioning function (fseek(), fseeko(), fsetpos(), or rewind()) or fflush() shall discard any pushed-back bytes for the stream. The external storage correspond?

ing to the stream shall be unchanged.

One byte of push-back shall be provided. If `ungetc()` is called too many times on the same stream without an intervening read or file-positioning operation on that stream, the operation may fail.

If the value of `c` equals that of the macro `EOF`, the operation shall fail and the input stream shall be left unchanged.

A successful call to `ungetc()` shall clear the end-of-file indicator for the stream. The value of the file-position indicator for the stream after all pushed-back bytes have been read, or discarded by calling `fseek()`, `fseeko()`, `fsetpos()`, or `rewind()` (but not `fflush()`), shall be the same as it was before the bytes were pushed back. The file-position indicator is decremented by each successful call to `ungetc()`; if its value was 0 before a call, its value is unspecified after the call.

#### RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, `ungetc()` shall return the byte pushed back after conversion. Otherwise, it shall return `EOF`.

#### ERRORS

No errors are defined.

The following sections are informative.

#### EXAMPLES

None.

#### APPLICATION USAGE

None.

#### RATIONALE

None.

#### FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

#### SEE ALSO

Section 2.5, Standard I/O Streams, `fseek()`, `getc()`, `fsetpos()`, `read()`, `rewind()`, `setbuf()`

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

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