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Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'getsubopt.3'

$ man getsubopt.3

GETSUBOPT(3)   Linux Programmer's Manual   GETSUBOPT(3)

NAME

  getsubopt - parse suboption arguments from a string

SYNOPSIS

  #include <stdlib.h>

  int getsubopt(char **optionp, char * const *tokens, char **valuep);

  Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature_test_macros(7)):

  getsubopt():

    _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500

      || /* Since glibc 2.12: */ _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200809L

DESCRIPTION

  getsubopt() parses the list of comma-separated suboptions provided in

  optionp. (Such a suboption list is typically produced when getopt(3)

  is used to parse a command line; see for example the -o option of

  mount(8).) Each suboption may include an associated value, which is

  separated from the suboption name by an equal sign. The following is

  an example of the kind of string that might be passed in optionp:

  ro,name=xyz

The tokens argument is a pointer to a NULL-terminated array of pointers to the tokens that getsubopt() will look for in optionp. The tokens should be distinct, null-terminated strings containing at least one character, with no embedded equal signs or commas.

Each call to getsubopt() returns information about the next unprocessed suboption in optionp. The first equal sign in a suboption (if any) is interpreted as a separator between the name and the value of that sub‐option. The value extends to the next comma, or (for the last subop‐tion) to the end of the string. If the name of the suboption matches a known name from tokens, and a value string was found, getsubopt() sets *valuep to the address of that string. The first comma in optionp is overwritten with a null byte, so *valuep is precisely the "value string" for that suboption.

If the suboption is recognized, but no value string was found, *valuep is set to NULL.

When getsubopt() returns, optionp points to the next suboption, or to the null byte ('\0') at the end of the string if the last suboption was just processed.

RETURN VALUE

If the first suboption in optionp is recognized, getsubopt() returns the index of the matching suboption element in tokens. Otherwise, -1 is returned and *valuep is the entire name[=value] string.

Since *optionp is changed, the first suboption before the call to get‐subopt() is not (necessarily) the same as the first suboption after getsubopt().

ATTRIBUTES

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

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CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

NOTES

Since getsubopt() overwrites any commas it finds in the string *op?

tionp, that string must be writable; it cannot be a string constant.

EXAMPLES

The following program expects suboptions following a "-o" option.

```c
#define _XOPEN_SOURCE 500
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int
main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    enum {
        RO_OPT = 0,
        RW_OPT,
        NAME_OPT
    };
    char *const token[] = {
        [RO_OPT]   = "ro",
        [RW_OPT]   = "rw",
        [NAME_OPT] = "name",
        NULL
    };
    char *subopts;
    char *value;
    int opt;
    int readonly = 0;
    int readwrite = 0;
    char *name = NULL;
    int errfnd = 0;
    while ((opt = getopt(argc, argv, "o:")) != -1) {
```

```c
switch (opt) {
case 'o':
    subopts = optarg;
    while (*subopts != '\0' && !errfnd) {
    switch (getsubopt(&subopts, token, &value)) {
    case RO_OPT:
        readonly = 1;
        break;
    case RW_OPT:
        readwrite = 1;
        break;
    case NAME_OPT:
        if (value == NULL) {
            fprintf(stderr, "Missing value for "
                    "suboption '%s'\n", token[NAME_OPT]);
            errfnd = 1;
            continue;
        }
        name = value;
        break;
    default:
        fprintf(stderr, "No match found "
                "for token: /%s/\n", value);
        errfnd = 1;
        break;
    }
}
if (readwrite && readonly) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Only one of '%s' and '%s' can be "
            "specified\n", token[RO_OPT], token[RW_OPT]);
    errfnd = 1;
}
break;
```

```c
        default:
            errfnd = 1;
        }
    }

    if (errfnd || argc == 1) {
        fprintf(stderr, "\nUsage: %s -o <suboptstring>\n", argv[0]);
        fprintf(stderr, "suboptions are 'ro', 'rw', "
                "and 'name=<value>'\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    /* Remainder of program... */
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

SEE ALSO

getopt(3)

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