



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

\$ man setfsent.3

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

NAME

getfsent, getfsspec, getfsfile, setfsent, endfsent - handle fstab en?

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SYNOPSIS

```
#include <fstab.h>

void endfsent(void);

struct fstab *getfsent(void);

struct fstab *getfsfile(const char *mount_point);

struct fstab *getfsspec(const char *special_file);

int setfsent(void);
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions read from the file /etc/fstab. The struct fstab is de?

finied by:

```
struct fstab {
    char    *fs_spec;    /* block device name */
    char    *fs_file;    /* mount point */
    char    *fs_vfstype; /* file-system type */
    ...
}
```

```

char    *fs_mntops;    /* mount options */

const char *fs_type;    /* rw/rq/ro/sw/xx option */

int     fs_freq;    /* dump frequency, in days */

int     fs_passno;    /* pass number on parallel dump */

};

```

Here the field `fs_type` contains (on a *BSD system) one of the five strings "rw", "rq", "ro", "sw", "xx" (read-write, read-write with quota, read-only, swap, ignore).

The function `setfsent()` opens the file when required and positions it at the first line.

The function `getfsent()` parses the next line from the file. (After opening it when required.)

The function `endfsent()` closes the file when required.

The function `getfsspec()` searches the file from the start and returns the first entry found for which the `fs_spec` field matches the `special_file` argument.

The function `getfsfile()` searches the file from the start and returns the first entry found for which the `fs_file` field matches the `mount_point` argument.

RETURN VALUE

Upon success, the functions `getfsent()`, `getfsfile()`, and `getfsspec()` return a pointer to a struct `fstab`, while `setfsent()` returns 1. Upon failure or end-of-file, these functions return NULL and 0, respectively.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

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CONFORMING TO

These functions are not in POSIX.1. Several operating systems have them, for example, *BSD, SunOS, Digital UNIX, AIX (which also has a getfstype()). HP-UX has functions of the same names, that however use a struct checklist instead of a struct fstab, and calls these functions obsolete, superseded by getmntent(3).

NOTES

These functions are not thread-safe.

Since Linux allows mounting a block special device in several places, and since several devices can have the same mount point, where the last device with a given mount point is the interesting one, while getfs?file() and getfsspec() only return the first occurrence, these two functions are not suitable for use under Linux.

SEE ALSO

getmntent(3), fstab(5)

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