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Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'fgetgrent_r.3'

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getgrent_r(3) Library Functions Manual getgrent_r(3)

NAME

getgrent_r, fgetgrent_r - get group file entry reentrantly

LIBRARY

Standard C library (libc, -lc)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <grp.h>
```

```
int getgrent_r(size_t size;
```

```
    struct group *restrict gbuf,
```

```
    char buf[restrict size], size_t size,
```

```
    struct group **restrict gbup);
```

```
int fgetgrent_r(size_t size;
```

```
    FILE *restrict stream, struct group *restrict gbuf,
```

```
    char buf[restrict size], size_t size,
```

```
    struct group **restrict gbup);
```

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

getgrent_r():

 _GNU_SOURCE

fgetgrent_r():

 Since glibc 2.19:

 _DEFAULT_SOURCE

 glibc 2.19 and earlier:

 _SVID_SOURCE

DESCRIPTION

The functions `getgrent_r()` and `fgetgrent_r()` are the reentrant versions of `getgrent(3)` and `fgetgrent(3)`. The former reads the next group entry from the `stream` initialized by `setgrent(3)`. The latter reads the next group entry from `stream`.

The group structure is defined in `<grp.h>` as follows:

```
struct group {
    char *gr_name;      /* group name */
    char *gr_passwd;    /* group password */
    gid_t gr_gid;       /* group ID */
    char **gr_mem;       /* NULL-terminated array of pointers
                           to names of group members */
};
```

For more information about the fields of this structure, see `group(5)`.

The nonreentrant functions return a pointer to static storage, where this static storage contains further pointers to group name, password, and members. The reentrant functions described here return all of that in caller-provided buffers. First of all there is the buffer `gbuf` that can hold a struct group. And next the buffer `buf` of size `size` that can hold additional strings. The result of these functions, the struct group read from the stream, is stored in the provided buffer `*gbuf`, and a pointer to this struct group is returned in `*gbuflp`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return 0 and *gbufp is a pointer to the struct group. On error, these functions return an error value and *gbufp is NULL.

ERRORS

ENOENT No more entries.

ERANGE Insufficient buffer space supplied. Try again with larger buffer.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see `attributes(7)`.

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In the above table, `grent` in `race:grent` signifies that if any of the functions `setgrent(3)`, `getgrent(3)`, `endgrent(3)`, or `getgrent_r()` are used in parallel in different threads of a program, then data races could occur.

Other systems use the prototype

or, better,

STANDARDS

HISTORY

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```

int i;

setgrent();

while (1) {

    i = getgrent_r(&grp, buf, sizeof(buf), &grpp);

    if (i)

        break;

    printf("%s (%jd):", grpp->gr_name, (intmax_t) grpp->gr_gid);

    for (size_t j = 0; ; j++) {

        if (grpp->gr_mem[j] == NULL)

            break;

        printf(" %s", grpp->gr_mem[j]);

    }

    printf("\n");

}

endgrent();

exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);

}

```

SEE ALSO

fgetgrent(3), getgrent(3), getgrgid(3), getgrnam(3), putgrent(3), group(5)

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