

NAME

`unlockpt` – unlock a pseudoterminal master/slave pair

SYNOPSIS

```
#define _XOPEN_SOURCE
#include <stdlib.h>

int unlockpt(int fd);
```

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

unlockpt():

Since glibc 2.24:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500 ||
(_XOPEN_SOURCE && _XOPEN_SOURCE_EXTENDED)
```

Glibc 2.23 and earlier:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The **unlockpt()** function unlocks the slave pseudoterminal device corresponding to the master pseudoterminal referred to by *fd*.

unlockpt() should be called before opening the slave side of a pseudoterminal.

RETURN VALUE

When successful, **unlockpt()** returns 0. Otherwise, it returns `-1` and sets *errno* appropriately.

ERRORS**EBADF**

The *fd* argument is not a file descriptor open for writing.

EINVAL

The *fd* argument is not associated with a master pseudoterminal.

VERSIONS

unlockpt() is provided in glibc since version 2.1.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
unlockpt()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

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

SEE ALSO

grantpt(3), **posix_openpt(3)**, **ptsname(3)**, **pts(4)**, **pty(7)**

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