NAME

getgrnam, getgrnam_r, getgrgid, getgrgid_r – get group file entry

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <grp.h>

struct group *getgrnam(const char *name);

struct group *getgrgid(gid_t gid);

int getgrnam_r(const char *name, struct group *grp,
      char *buf, size_t buflen, struct group **result);

int getgrgid_r(gid_t gid, struct group *grp,
      char *buf, size_t buflen, struct group **result);
```

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

getgrnam_r(), **getgrgid_r**():

```
_POSIX_C_SOURCE
  || /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The **getgrnam**() function returns a pointer to a structure containing the broken-out fields of the record in the group database (e.g., the local group file */etc/group*, NIS, and LDAP) that matches the group name *name*.

The **getgrgid**() function returns a pointer to a structure containing the broken-out fields of the record in the group database that matches the group ID *gid*.

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 **getgrnam_r**() and **getgrgid_r**() functions obtain the same information as **getgrnam**() and **getgrgid**(), but store the retrieved *group* structure in the space pointed to by *grp*. The string fields pointed to by the members of the *group* structure are stored in the buffer *buf* of size *buflen*. A pointer to the result (in case of success) or NULL (in case no entry was found or an error occurred) is stored in **result*.

The call

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sysconf(_SC_GETGR_R_SIZE_MAX)
```

returns either −1, without changing *errno*, or an initial suggested size for *buf*. (If this size is too small, the call fails with **ERANGE**, in which case the caller can retry with a larger buffer.)

RETURN VALUE

The **getgrnam**() and **getgrgid**() functions return a pointer to a *group* structure, or NULL if the matching entry is not found or an error occurs. If an error occurs, *errno* is set appropriately. If one wants to check *errno* after the call, it should be set to zero before the call.

The return value may point to a static area, and may be overwritten by subsequent calls to **getgrent**(3), **getgrgid**(), or **getgrnam**(). (Do not pass the returned pointer to **free**(3).)

On success, **getgrnam_r**() and **getgrgid_r**() return zero, and set **result* to *grp*. If no matching group record was found, these functions return 0 and store NULL in **result*. In case of error, an error number is returned, and NULL is stored in **result*.

ERRORS

0 or **ENOENT** or **ESRCH** or **EBADF** or **EPERM** or ...
The given *name* or *gid* was not found.

EINTR
A signal was caught; see **signal**(7).

EIO I/O error.

EMFILE
The per-process limit on the number of open file descriptors has been reached.

ENFILE
The system-wide limit on the total number of open files has been reached.

ENOMEM
Insufficient memory to allocate *group* structure.

ERANGE
Insufficient buffer space supplied.

FILES

/etc/group
local group database file

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
getgrnam()	Thread safety	MT-Unsafe race:grnam locale
getgrgid()	Thread safety	MT-Unsafe race:grgid locale
getgrnam_r(), **getgrgid_r**()	Thread safety	MT-Safe locale

CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, SVr4, 4.3BSD.

NOTES

The formulation given above under "RETURN VALUE" is from POSIX.1. It does not call "not found" an error, hence does not specify what value *errno* might have in this situation. But that makes it impossible to recognize errors. One might argue that according to POSIX *errno* should be left unchanged if an entry is not found. Experiments on various UNIX-like systems show that lots of different values occur in this situation: 0, ENOENT, EBADF, ESRCH, EWOULDBLOCK, EPERM, and probably others.

SEE ALSO

endgrent(3), **fgetgrent**(3), **getgrent**(3), **getpwnam**(3), **setgrent**(3), **group**(5)

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