NAME

posix_openpt − open a pseudoterminal device

SYNOPSIS

#include <stdlib.h>
#include <fcntl.h>

int posix_openpt(int *flags***);**

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

posix_openpt(): _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 600

DESCRIPTION

The **posix_openpt**() function opens an unused pseudoterminal master device, returning a file descriptor that can be used to refer to that device.

The *flags* argument is a bit mask that ORs together zero or more of the following flags:

O_RDWR
Open the device for both reading and writing. It is usual to specify this flag.

O_NOCTTY
Do not make this device the controlling terminal for the process.

RETURN VALUE

On success, **posix_openpt**() returns a nonnegative file descriptor which is the lowest numbered unused file descriptor. On failure, −1 is returned, and *errno* is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

See **open**(2).

VERSIONS

Glibc support for **posix_openpt**() has been provided since version 2.2.1.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
posix_openpt()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

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

posix_openpt() is part of the UNIX 98 pseudoterminal support (see **pts**(4)).

NOTES

Some older UNIX implementations that support System V (aka UNIX 98) pseudoterminals don't have this function, but it is easy to implement:

```
int
posix_openpt(int flags)
{
    return open("/dev/ptmx", flags);
}
```

Calling **posix_openpt**() creates a pathname for the corresponding pseudoterminal slave device. The pathname of the slave device can be obtained using **ptsname**(3). The slave device pathname exists only as long as the master device is open.

SEE ALSO

open(2), **getpt**(3), **grantpt**(3), **ptsname**(3), **unlockpt**(3), **pts**(4), **pty**(7)

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