

**NAME**

`gnu_get_libc_version`, `gnu_get_libc_release` – get glibc version and release

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <gnu/libc-version.h>
```

```
const char *gnu_get_libc_version(void);
```

```
const char *gnu_get_libc_release(void);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The function `gnu_get_libc_version()` returns a string that identifies the glibc version available on the system.

The function `gnu_get_libc_release()` returns a string indicates the release status of the glibc version available on the system. This will be a string such as *stable*.

**VERSIONS**

These functions first appeared in glibc in version 2.1.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
<code>gnu_get_libc_version()</code> , <code>gnu_get_libc_release()</code>	Thread safety	MT-Safe

**CONFORMING TO**

These functions are glibc-specific.

**EXAMPLE**

When run, the program below will produce output such as the following:

```
$ ./a.out
GNU libc version: 2.8
GNU libc release: stable
```

**Program source**

```
#include <gnu/libc-version.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("GNU libc version: %s\n", gnu_get_libc_version());
    printf("GNU libc release: %s\n", gnu_get_libc_release());
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

**SEE ALSO**

[confstr\(3\)](#)

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