

**NAME**

**getpt** – open the pseudoterminal master (PTM)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE      /* See feature_test_macros(7) */
#include <stdlib.h>

int getpt(void);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**getpt()** opens a pseudoterminal master and returns its file descriptor. It is equivalent to

```
open("/dev/ptmx", O_RDWR | O_NOCTTY);
```

on Linux systems, though the pseudoterminal master is located elsewhere on some systems that use GNU Libc.

**RETURN VALUE**

**getpt()** returns an open file descriptor upon successful completion. Otherwise, it returns `-1` and sets *errno* to indicate the error.

**ERRORS**

**getpt()** can fail with various errors described in **open(2)**.

**VERSIONS**

**getpt()** 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
<b>getpt()</b>	Thread safety	MT-Safe

**CONFORMING TO**

**getpt()** is glibc-specific; use **posix\_openpt(3)** instead.

**SEE ALSO**

**grantpt(3)**, **posix\_openpt(3)**, **ptsname(3)**, **unlockpt(3)**, **ptmx(4)**, **pty(7)**

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