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std::**stringbuf::pbackfail**
<sstream>

```
int pbackfail (int c = EOF);
```

**Put character back**

Moves back the *get pointer* (*gptr*) one position to point to the previous character, and if the *stringbuf* object was constructed with *ios\_base::out*, it stores *c* at that position.

If the *stringbuf* object was not constructed with *ios\_base::out*, *c* shall either match the character at the putback position or *EOF*. Otherwise, the function fails.

If the *get pointer* is already at the beginning of the character sequence before the call, the function also fails.

On failure, the function returns *EOF* without altering the *get pointer* (*gptr*).

This virtual function is called by public member functions of *streambuf* such as *sungetc* and *sputbackc* when there are no putback positions available at the *get pointer* (*gptr*), or when the character being put back does not match the one in the buffer.

Parameters

c

Character to be put back, or *EOF* to keep the value of the character at the putback position.

Return Value

On success, *traits\_type::not\_eof(c)*.  
The function returns *EOF* on failure.

Data races

Modifies the *stringbuf* object.  
Concurrent access to the same object may cause data races.

Exception safety

**Basic guarantee:** if an exception is thrown, the object is in a valid state.

See also

<b>stringbuf::underflow</b>	Get character (protected virtual member function )
<b>streambuf::pbackfail</b>	Put character back in the case of backup underflow (protected virtual member function )

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