

NAME

`pcap_set_timestamp_precision` – set the time stamp precision returned in captures

SYNOPSIS

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#include <pcap/pcap.h>
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int pcap_set_timestamp_precision(pcap_t *p, int timestamp_precision);
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DESCRIPTION

pcap_set_timestamp_precision() sets the precision of the time stamp desired for packets captured on the pcap descriptor to the type specified by *timestamp_precision*. It must be called on a pcap descriptor created by **pcap_create(3PCAP)** that has not yet been activated by **pcap_activate(3PCAP)**. Two time stamp precisions are supported, microseconds and nanoseconds. One can use options **PCAP_TSTAMP_PRECISION_MICRO** and **PCAP_TSTAMP_PRECISION_NANO** to request desired precision. By default, time stamps are in microseconds.

RETURN VALUE

pcap_set_timestamp_precision() returns **0** on success if the specified time stamp precision is expected to be supported by the capture device, **PCAP_ERROR_TSTAMP_PRECISION_NOTSUP** if the capture device does not support the requested time stamp precision, **PCAP_ERROR_ACTIVATED** if called on a capture handle that has been activated.

BACKWARD COMPATIBILITY

This function became available in libpcap release 1.5.1. In previous releases, time stamps from a capture device or savefile are always given in seconds and microseconds.

SEE ALSO

pcap(3PCAP), **pcap_get_timestamp_precision(3PCAP)**, **pcap-tstamp(7)**