

**NAME**

gettid – get thread identification

**LIBRARY**

Standard C library (*libc*, *-lc*)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE
#include <unistd.h>

pid_t gettid(void);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**gettid()** returns the caller's thread ID (TID). In a single-threaded process, the thread ID is equal to the process ID (PID, as returned by **getpid(2)**). In a multithreaded process, all threads have the same PID, but each one has a unique TID. For further details, see the discussion of **CLONE\_THREAD** in **clone(2)**.

**RETURN VALUE**

On success, returns the thread ID of the calling thread.

**ERRORS**

This call is always successful.

**VERSIONS**

The **gettid()** system call first appeared in Linux 2.4.11. Library support was added in glibc 2.30. (Earlier glibc versions did not provide a wrapper for this system call, necessitating the use of **syscall(2)**.)

**STANDARDS**

**gettid()** is Linux-specific and should not be used in programs that are intended to be portable.

**NOTES**

The thread ID returned by this call is not the same thing as a POSIX thread ID (i.e., the opaque value returned by **pthread\_self(3)**).

In a new thread group created by a **clone(2)** call that does not specify the **CLONE\_THREAD** flag (or, equivalently, a new process created by **fork(2)**), the new process is a thread group leader, and its thread group ID (the value returned by **getpid(2)**) is the same as its thread ID (the value returned by **gettid()**).

**SEE ALSO**

**capget(2)**, **clone(2)**, **fcntl(2)**, **fork(2)**, **get\_robust\_list(2)**, **getpid(2)**, **ioprio\_set(2)**, **perf\_event\_open(2)**, **sched\_setaffinity(2)**, **sched\_setparam(2)**, **sched\_setscheduler(2)**, **tgkill(2)**, **timer\_create(2)**