

NAME

pcap_geterr, pcap_perror – get or print libpcap error message text

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <pcap/pcap.h>
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char *pcap_geterr(pcap_t *p);
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void pcap_perror(pcap_t *p, const char *prefix);
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DESCRIPTION

pcap_geterr() returns the error text pertaining to the last pcap library error. **NOTE:** the pointer it returns will no longer point to a valid error message string after the **pcap_t** passed to it is closed; you must use or copy the string before closing the **pcap_t**.

pcap_perror() prints the text of the last pcap library error on **stderr**, prefixed by *prefix*.

SEE ALSO

pcap(3PCAP)