

**NAME**

readproc, freeproc – read information from next /proc/## entry

**SYNOPSIS**

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#include <proc/readproc.h>
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proc_t* readproc(PROCTAB *PT, proc_t *return_buf);  
void freeproc(proc_t *p);
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**DESCRIPTION**

**readproc** reads the information for the next process matching the criteria specified in *PT* and fills them into a *proc\_t* structure. If *return\_buf* is not NULL, it will use the struct pointed at by *return\_buf*. Otherwise it will allocate a new *proc\_t* structure and return a pointer to it. Note that (if so specified in *PT*) readproc always allocates memory if it fills in the *environ* or *cmdline* parts of *proc\_t*.

**freeproc** frees all memory allocated for the *proc\_t* struct *p*.

The *proc\_t* structure is defined in *<proc/readproc.h>*, please look there for a definition of all fields.

**RETURN VALUE**

**readproc** returns a pointer to the next *proc\_t* or NULL if there are no more processes left.

**SEE ALSO**

**openproc(3)**, **readproctab(3)**, **/usr/include/proc/readproc.h**, **/proc/#pid/**,

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