

**NAME**

getservent\_r, getservbyname\_r, getservbyport\_r – get service entry (reentrant)

**LIBRARY**

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

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <netdb.h>
```

```
int getservent_r(struct servent *restrict result_buf,
                 char buf[restrict .buflen], size_t buflen,
                 struct servent **restrict result);
```

```
int getservbyname_r(const char *restrict name,
                    const char *restrict proto,
                    struct servent *restrict result_buf,
                    char buf[restrict .buflen], size_t buflen,
                    struct servent **restrict result);
```

```
int getservbyport_r(int port,
                    const char *restrict proto,
                    struct servent *restrict result_buf,
                    char buf[restrict .buflen], size_t buflen,
                    struct servent **restrict result);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see **feature\_test\_macros(7)**):

**getservent\_r()**, **getservbyname\_r()**, **getservbyport\_r()**:

Since glibc 2.19:

`_DEFAULT_SOURCE`

glibc 2.19 and earlier:

`_BSD_SOURCE` || `_SVID_SOURCE`

**DESCRIPTION**

The **getservent\_r()**, **getservbyname\_r()**, and **getservbyport\_r()** functions are the reentrant equivalents of, respectively, **getservent(3)**, **getservbyname(3)**, and **getservbyport(3)**. They differ in the way that the *servent* structure is returned, and in the function calling signature and return value. This manual page describes just the differences from the nonreentrant functions.

Instead of returning a pointer to a statically allocated *servent* structure as the function result, these functions copy the structure into the location pointed to by *result\_buf*.

The *buf* array is used to store the string fields pointed to by the returned *servent* structure. (The nonreentrant functions allocate these strings in static storage.) The size of this array is specified in *buflen*. If *buf* is too small, the call fails with the error **ERANGE**, and the caller must try again with a larger buffer. (A buffer of length 1024 bytes should be sufficient for most applications.)

If the function call successfully obtains a service record, then *\*result* is set pointing to *result\_buf*; otherwise, *\*result* is set to **NULL**.

**RETURN VALUE**

On success, these functions return 0. On error, they return one of the positive error numbers listed in errors.

On error, record not found (**getservbyname\_r()**, **getservbyport\_r()**), or end of input (**getservent\_r()**) *result* is set to **NULL**.

**ERRORS****ENOENT**

(**getservent\_r()**) No more records in database.

**ERANGE**

*buf* is too small. Try again with a larger buffer (and increased *buflen*).

## ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

Interface	Attribute	Value
<b>getservent_r()</b> , <b>getservbyname_r()</b> , <b>getservbyport_r()</b>	Thread safety	MT-Safe locale

## STANDARDS

These functions are GNU extensions. Functions with similar names exist on some other systems, though typically with different calling signatures.

## EXAMPLES

The program below uses **getservbyport\_r()** to retrieve the service record for the port and protocol named in its first command-line argument. If a third (integer) command-line argument is supplied, it is used as the initial value for *buflen*; if **getservbyport\_r()** fails with the error **ERANGE**, the program retries with larger buffer sizes. The following shell session shows a couple of sample runs:

```
$ ./a.out 7 tcp 1
ERANGE! Retrying with larger buffer
getservbyport_r() returned: 0 (success) (buflen=87)
s_name=echo; s_proto=tcp; s_port=7; aliases=
$ ./a.out 77777 tcp
getservbyport_r() returned: 0 (success) (buflen=1024)
Call failed/record not found
```

### Program source

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE
#include <ctype.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

#define MAX_BUF 10000

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int buflen, erange_cnt, port, s;
    struct servent result_buf;
    struct servent *result;
    char buf[MAX_BUF];
    char *protop;

    if (argc < 3) {
        printf("Usage: %s port-num proto-name [buflen]\n", argv[0]);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    port = htons(atoi(argv[1]));
    protop = (strcmp(argv[2], "null") == 0 ||
              strcmp(argv[2], "NULL") == 0) ? NULL : argv[2];

    buflen = 1024;
    if (argc > 3)
```

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        buflen = atoi(argv[3]);

    if (buflen > MAX_BUF) {
        printf("Exceeded buffer limit (%d)\n", MAX_BUF);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    erange_cnt = 0;
    do {
        s = getservbyport_r(port, protop, &result_buf,
                           buf, buflen, &result);
        if (s == ERANGE) {
            if (erange_cnt == 0)
                printf("ERANGE! Retrying with larger buffer\n");
            erange_cnt++;

            /* Increment a byte at a time so we can see exactly
               what size buffer was required. */

            buflen++;

            if (buflen > MAX_BUF) {
                printf("Exceeded buffer limit (%d)\n", MAX_BUF);
                exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
            }
        }
    } while (s == ERANGE);

    printf("getservbyport_r() returned: %s (buflen=%d)\n",
           (s == 0) ? "0 (success)" : (s == ENOENT) ? "ENOENT" :
           strerror(s), buflen);

    if (s != 0 || result == NULL) {
        printf("Call failed/record not found\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    printf("s_name=%s; s_proto=%s; s_port=%d; aliases=",
           result_buf.s_name, result_buf.s_proto,
           ntohs(result_buf.s_port));
    for (char **p = result_buf.s_aliases; *p != NULL; p++)
        printf("%s ", *p);
    printf("\n");

    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

```

**SEE ALSO****getservent(3), services(5)**