

NAME

getchar – read character

SYNOPSIS

getchar()

DESCRIPTION

Getchar provides the simplest means of reading characters from the standard input for C programs. It returns successive characters until end-of-file, when it returns “\0”.

Associated with this routine is an external variable called *fin*, which is a structure containing a buffer such as described under *getc(III)*.

Generally speaking, *getchar* should be used only for the simplest applications; *getc* is better when there are multiple input files.

Use the new "Standard I/O" instead.

SEE ALSO

getc(III)

A New Input-Output Package by D. M. Ritchie.

DIAGNOSTICS

Null character returned on EOF or error.

BUGS

–1 should be returned on EOF; null is a legitimate character.