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*get the effective group ID*

## Prolog

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## Synopsis

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

```
gid_t getegid(void);
```

## Description

The *getegid()* function shall return the effective group ID of the calling process. The *getegid()* function shall not modify *errno*.

## Return Value

The *getegid()* function shall always be successful and no return value is reserved to indicate an error.

## Errors

No errors are defined.

*The following sections are informative.*

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None.

## Application Usage

None.

## Rationale

In a conforming environment, *getegid()* will always succeed. It is possible for implementations to provide an extension where a process in a non-conforming environment will not be associated with a user or group ID. It is recommended that such implementations return (**gid\_t**)-1 and set *errno* to indicate such an environment; doing so does not violate this standard, since such an environment is already an extension.

## Future Directions

None.

## See Also

`geteuid()`, `getgid()`, `getuid()`, `setegid()`, `seteuid()`, `setgid()`,  
`setregid()`, `setreuid()`, `setuid()`

The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1-2017, `<sys_types.h>`, `<unistd.h>`

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## Referenced By

`geteuid(3p)`, `getgid(3p)`, `getgroups(3p)`, `getuid(3p)`, `setegid(3p)`, `seteuid(3p)`, `setgid(3p)`, `setregid(3p)`, `setreuid(3p)`, `setuid(3p)`, `unistd.h(0p)`.

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