get the process ID

### Prolog

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## Synopsis

```
#include <unistd.h>
pid_t getpid(void);
```

## **Description**

The *getpid()* function shall return the process ID of the calling process.

#### Return Value

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

#### **Errors**

No errors are defined.

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None.

### Application Usage

None.

#### Rationale

None.

#### **Future Directions**

None.

#### See Also

```
exec, fork(), getpgrp(), getppid(), kill(), mkdtemp(), setpgid(),
setsid()
```

The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1-2017, <sys\_types.h>, <unistd.h>

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## Referenced By

```
getpgid(3p), getpgrp(3p), getppid(3p), getsid(3p), kill(3p),
killpg(3p), mkdtemp(3p), setpgrp(3p), unistd.h(0p).
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