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get name of current host

Prolog

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Synopsis

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

```
int gethostname(char *name, size_t namelen);
```

Description

The *gethostname()* function shall return the standard host name for the current machine. The *namelen* argument shall specify the size of the array pointed to by the *name* argument. The returned name shall be null-terminated, except that if *namelen* is an insufficient length to hold the host name, then the returned name shall be truncated and it is unspecified whether the returned name is null-terminated.

Host names are limited to {HOST_NAME_MAX} bytes.

Return Value

Upon successful completion, 0 shall be returned; otherwise, -1 shall be returned.

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No errors are defined.

The following sections are informative.

Examples

None.

Application Usage

None.

Rationale

None.

Future Directions

None.

See Also

`gethostid()`, `uname()`

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

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