

NAME

getgrent_r, fgetgrent_r - get group file entry reentrantly

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <grp.h>
```

```
int getgrent_r(struct group *gbuf, char *buf,
               size_t buflen, struct group **gbufp);
```

```
int fgetgrent_r(FILE *fp, struct group *gbuf, char *buf,
                size_t buflen, struct group **gbufp);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

```
getgrent_r(): _GNU_SOURCE
fgetgrent_r(): _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The functions `getgrent_r()` and `fgetgrent_r()` are the reentrant versions of [getgrent\(3\)](#) and [fgetgrent\(3\)](#). The former reads the next group entry from the stream initialized by [setgrent\(3\)](#). The latter reads the next group entry from the stream `fp`.

The `group` structure is defined in `<grp.h>` as follows:

```
struct group {
    char *gr_name; /* group name */
    char *gr_passwd; /* group password */
    gid_t gr_gid; /* group ID */
    char **gr_mem; /* NULL-terminated array of pointers
                   to names of group members */
};
```

For more information about the fields of this structure, see [group\(5\)](#).

The nonreentrant functions return a pointer to static storage, where this static storage contains further pointers to group name, password and members. The reentrant functions described here return all of that in caller-provided buffers. First of all there is the buffer `gbuf` that can hold a `struct group`. And next the buffer `buf` of size `buflen` that can hold additional strings. The result of these functions, the `struct group` read from the stream, is stored in the provided buffer `*gbuf`, and a pointer to this `struct group` is returned in `*gbufp`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return 0 and `*gbufp` is a pointer to the `struct group`. On error, these functions return an error value and `*gbufp` is NULL.

ERRORS**ENOENT**

No more entries.

ERANGE

Insufficient buffer space supplied. Try again with larger buffer.

CONFORMING TO

These functions are GNU extensions, done in a style resembling the POSIX version of functions like [getpwnam_r\(3\)](#). Other systems use prototype

```
struct group *getgrent_r(struct group *grp, char *buf,
                        int buflen);
```

or, better,

```
int getgrent_r(struct group *grp, char *buf, int buflen,
               FILE **gr_fp);
```

NOTES

The function `getgrent_r()` is not really reentrant since it shares the reading position in the stream with all other threads.

EXAMPLE

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE
#include <grp.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define BUFLLEN 4096

int
main(void)
{
    struct group grp, *grpp;
    char buf[BUFLLEN];
    int i;

    setgrent();
    while (1) {
        i = getgrent_r(&grp, buf, BUFLLEN, &grpp);
        if (i)
            break;
        printf("%s (%d)", grpp->gr_name, grpp->gr_gid);
        for (i = 0; ; i++) {
            if (grpp->gr_mem[i] == NULL)
                break;
            printf( " %s", grpp->gr_mem[i]);
        }
        printf(n);
    }
    endgrent();
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

SEE ALSO

[fgetgrent\(3\)](#), [getgrent\(3\)](#), [getgrgid\(3\)](#), [getgrnam\(3\)](#), [putgrent\(3\)](#), [group\(5\)](#)

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