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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'getdtablesize.3' command**

**\$ man getdtablesize.3**

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### **NAME**

getdtablesize - get file descriptor table size

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <unistd.h>

int getdtablesize(void);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature\_test\_macros(7)):

getdtablesize():

Since glibc 2.12:

```
/* Glibc since 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE

|| /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE

|| !(_POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L)
```

Before glibc 2.12:

```
_BSD_SOURCE || _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

getdtablesize() returns the maximum number of files a process can have

open, one more than the largest possible value for a file descriptor.

### **RETURN VALUE**

The current limit on the number of open files per process.

### **ERRORS**

On Linux, getdtablesize() can return any of the errors described for  
getrlimit(2); see NOTES below.

### **ATTRIBUTES**

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at?

tributes(7).

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?getdtablesize() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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## CONFORMING TO

SVr4, 4.4BSD (the getdtablesize() function first appeared in 4.2BSD).

It is not specified in POSIX.1; portable applications should employ sysconf(\_SC\_OPEN\_MAX) instead of this call.

## NOTES

The glibc version of getdtablesize() calls getrlimit(2) and returns the current RLIMIT\_NOFILE limit, or OPEN\_MAX when that fails.

## SEE ALSO

close(2), dup(2), getrlimit(2), open(2)

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