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

**\$ man getfsent.3**

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### NAME

getfsent, getfsspec, getfsfile, setfsent, endfsent - handle fstab en?

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### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <fstab.h>

void endfsent(void);

struct fstab *getfsent(void);

struct fstab *getfsfile(const char *mount_point);

struct fstab *getfsspec(const char *special_file);

int setfsent(void);
```

### DESCRIPTION

These functions read from the file /etc/fstab. The struct fstab is de?

efined by:

```
struct fstab {

    char    *fs_spec;    /* block device name */

    char    *fs_file;    /* mount point */

    char    *fs_vfstype; /* file-system type */

    char    *fs_mntops;  /* mount options */

    const char *fs_type; /* rw/rq/ro/sw/xx option */

    int     fs_freq;     /* dump frequency, in days */

    int     fs_passno;   /* pass number on parallel dump */

};
```

Here the field `fs_type` contains (on a \*BSD system) one of the five strings "rw", "rq", "ro", "sw", "xx" (read-write, read-write with quota, read-only, swap, ignore).

The function `setfsent()` opens the file when required and positions it at the first line.

The function `getfsent()` parses the next line from the file. (After opening it when required.)

The function `endfsent()` closes the file when required.

The function `getfsspec()` searches the file from the start and returns the first entry found for which the `fs_spec` field matches the `special_file` argument.

The function `getfsfile()` searches the file from the start and returns the first entry found for which the `fs_file` field matches the `mount_point` argument.

## RETURN VALUE

Upon success, the functions `getfsent()`, `getfsfile()`, and `getfsspec()` return a pointer to a struct `fstab`, while `setfsent()` returns 1. Upon failure or end-of-file, these functions return NULL and 0, respectively.

## ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

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These functions are not in POSIX.1. Several operating systems have them, for example, \*BSD, SunOS, Digital UNIX, AIX (which also has a `getfstype()`). HP-UX has functions of the same names, that however use a struct checklist instead of a struct `fstab`, and calls these functions `obsolete`, superseded by `getmntent(3)`.

## NOTES

These functions are not thread-safe.

Since Linux allows mounting a block special device in several places, and since several devices can have the same mount point, where the last device with a given mount point is the interesting one, while `getfs?` `file()` and `getfsspec()` only return the first occurrence, these two functions are not suitable for use under Linux.

## SEE ALSO

`getmntent(3)`, `fstab(5)`

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