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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'getuid.2' command***

### ***\$ man getuid.2***

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#### NAME

getuid, geteuid - get user identity

#### SYNOPSIS

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

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
uid_t getuid(void);
```

```
uid_t geteuid(void);
```

#### DESCRIPTION

getuid() returns the real user ID of the calling process.

geteuid() returns the effective user ID of the calling process.

#### ERRORS

These functions are always successful.

#### CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, 4.3BSD.

#### NOTES

##### History

In UNIX V6 the getuid() call returned (euid << 8) + uid. UNIX V7 introduced separate calls getuid() and geteuid().

The original Linux getuid() and geteuid() system calls supported only 16-bit user IDs. Subsequently, Linux 2.4 added getuid32() and geteuid32(), supporting 32-bit IDs. The glibc getuid() and geteuid() wrapper functions transparently deal with the variations across kernel

versions.

On Alpha, instead of a pair of `getuid()` and `geteuid()` system calls, a single `getxuid()` system call is provided, which returns a pair of real and effective UIDs. The glibc `getuid()` and `geteuid()` wrapper functions transparently deal with this. See `syscall(2)` for details regarding register mapping.

#### SEE ALSO

`getresuid(2)`, `setreuid(2)`, `setuid(2)`, `credentials(7)`

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