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

**\$ man ptsname.3**

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NAME

ptsname, ptsname\_r - get the name of the slave pseudoterminal

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
char *ptsname(int fd);
```

```
int ptsname_r(int fd, char *buf, size_t buflen);
```

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

ptsname():

Since glibc 2.24:

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

```
(_XOPEN_SOURCE && _XOPEN_SOURCE_EXTENDED)
```

Glibc 2.23 and earlier:

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_XOPEN_SOURCE
```

ptsname\_r():

```
_GNU_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The ptsname() function returns the name of the slave pseudoterminal device corresponding to the master referred to by the file descriptor fd.

The ptsname\_r() function is the reentrant equivalent of ptsname(). It returns the name of the slave pseudoterminal device as a null-terminated string in the buffer pointed to by buf. The buflen argument specifies the number of bytes available in buf.

## RETURN VALUE

On success, ptsname() returns a pointer to a string in static storage which will be overwritten by subsequent calls. This pointer must not be freed. On failure, NULL is returned.

On success, ptsname\_r() returns 0. On failure, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

EINVAL (ptsname\_r() only) buf is NULL. (This error is returned only for glibc 2.25 and earlier.)

ENOTTY fd does not refer to a pseudoterminal master device.

ERANGE (ptsname\_r() only) buf is too small.

## VERSIONS

ptsname() is provided in glibc since version 2.1.

## ATTRIBUTES

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

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?ptsname\_r() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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## CONFORMING TO

ptsname():

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

ptsname() is part of the UNIX 98 pseudoterminal support (see pts(4)).

ptsname\_r() is a Linux extension, that is proposed for inclusion in the next major revision of POSIX.1 (Issue 8). A version of this function is documented on Tru64 and HP-UX, but on those implementations, -1 is returned on error, with errno set to indicate the error. Avoid using this function in portable programs.

## SEE ALSO

grantpt(3), posix\_openpt(3), ttyname(3), unlockpt(3), pts(4), pty(7)

## COLOPHON

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