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### ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'fgetws.3'***

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FGETWS(3) Linux Programmer's Manual FGETWS(3)

NAME

fgetws - read a wide-character string from a FILE stream

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <wchar.h>
```

```
wchar_t *fgetws(wchar_t *ws, int n, FILE *stream);
```

DESCRIPTION

The `fgetws()` function is the wide-character equivalent of the `fgets(3)` function. It reads a string of at most `n-1` wide characters into the wide-character array pointed to by `ws`, and adds a terminating null wide character (`L'\0'`). It stops reading wide characters after it has `en?` countered and stored a newline wide character. It also stops when end of stream is reached.

The programmer must ensure that there is room for at least `n` wide characters at `ws`.

For a nonlocking counterpart, see `unlocked_stdio(3)`.

RETURN VALUE

The `fgetws()` function, if successful, returns `ws`. If end of stream was

already reached or if an error occurred, it returns NULL.

## ATTRIBUTES

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

tributes(7).

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## CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, C99.

## NOTES

The behavior of fgetws() depends on the LC\_CTYPE category of the current locale.

In the absence of additional information passed to the fopen(3) call, it is reasonable to expect that fgetws() will actually read a multibyte string from the stream and then convert it to a wide-character string.

This function is unreliable, because it does not permit to deal properly with null wide characters that may be present in the input.

## SEE ALSO

fgetwc(3), unlocked\_stdio(3)

## COLOPHON

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