

NAME

getservent_r, getservbyname_r, getservbyport_r – get service entry (reentrant)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <netdb.h>

int getservent_r(struct servent *result_buf, char *buf,
                size_t buflen, struct servent **result);

int getservbyname_r(const char *name, const char *proto,
                   struct servent *result_buf, char *buf,
                   size_t buflen, struct servent **result);

int getservbyport_r(int port, const char *proto,
                   struct servent *result_buf, char *buf,
                   size_t buflen, struct servent **result);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

getservent_r(), **getservbyname_r()**, **getservbyport_r()**:

Since glibc 2.19:

`_DEFAULT_SOURCE`

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

`_BSD_SOURCE` || `_SVID_SOURCE`

DESCRIPTION

The **getservent_r()**, **getservbyname_r()**, and **getservbyport_r()** functions are the reentrant equivalents of, respectively, **getservent(3)**, **getservbyname(3)**, and **getservbyport(3)**. They differ in the way that the *servent* structure is returned, and in the function calling signature and return value. This manual page describes just the differences from the nonreentrant functions.

Instead of returning a pointer to a statically allocated *servent* structure as the function result, these functions copy the structure into the location pointed to by *result_buf*.

The *buf* array is used to store the string fields pointed to by the returned *servent* structure. (The nonreentrant functions allocate these strings in static storage.) The size of this array is specified in *buflen*. If *buf* is too small, the call fails with the error **ERANGE**, and the caller must try again with a larger buffer. (A buffer of length 1024 bytes should be sufficient for most applications.)

If the function call successfully obtains a service record, then **result* is set pointing to *result_buf*; otherwise, **result* is set to `NULL`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return 0. On error, they return one of the positive error numbers listed in [errors](#).

On error, record not found (**getservbyname_r()**, **getservbyport_r()**), or end of input (**getservent_r()**) *result* is set to `NULL`.

ERRORS**ENOENT**

(**getservent_r()**) No more records in database.

ERANGE

buf is too small. Try again with a larger buffer (and increased *buflen*).

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
getservent_r() , getservbyname_r() , getservbyport_r()	Thread safety	MT-Safe locale

CONFORMING TO

These functions are GNU extensions. Functions with similar names exist on some other systems, though typically with different calling signatures.

EXAMPLE

The program below uses `getservbyport_r()` to retrieve the service record for the port and protocol named in its first command-line argument. If a third (integer) command-line argument is supplied, it is used as the initial value for `buflen`; if `getservbyport_r()` fails with the error **ERANGE**, the program retries with larger buffer sizes. The following shell session shows a couple of sample runs:

```
$ ./a.out 7 tcp 1
ERANGE! Retrying with larger buffer
getservbyport_r() returned: 0 (success) (buflen=87)
s_name=echo; s_proto=tcp; s_port=7; aliases=
$ ./a.out 77777 tcp
getservbyport_r() returned: 0 (success) (buflen=1024)
Call failed/record not found
```

Program source

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE
#include <ctype.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <string.h>

#define MAX_BUF 10000

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int buflen, erange_cnt, port, s;
    struct servent result_buf;
    struct servent *result;
    char buf[MAX_BUF];
    char *protop;
    char **p;

    if (argc < 3) {
        printf("Usage: %s port-num proto-name [buflen]\n", argv[0]);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    port = htons(atoi(argv[1]));
    protop = (strcmp(argv[2], "null") == 0 ||
             strcmp(argv[2], "NULL") == 0) ? NULL : argv[2];

    buflen = 1024;
    if (argc > 3)
        buflen = atoi(argv[3]);

    if (buflen > MAX_BUF) {
        printf("Exceeded buffer limit (%d)\n", MAX_BUF);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
}
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    }

    erange_cnt = 0;
    do {
        s = getservbyport_r(port, protop, &result_buf,
                           buf, buflen, &result);
        if (s == ERANGE) {
            if (erange_cnt == 0)
                printf("ERANGE! Retrying with larger buffer\n");
            erange_cnt++;

            /* Increment a byte at a time so we can see exactly
               what size buffer was required */

            buflen++;

            if (buflen > MAX_BUF) {
                printf("Exceeded buffer limit (%d)\n", MAX_BUF);
                exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
            }
        }
    } while (s == ERANGE);

    printf("getservbyport_r() returned: %s (buflen=%d)\n",
           (s == 0) ? "0 (success)" : (s == ENOENT) ? "ENOENT" :
           strerror(s), buflen);

    if (s != 0 || result == NULL) {
        printf("Call failed/record not found\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    printf("s_name=%s; s_proto=%s; s_port=%d; aliases=",
           result_buf.s_name, result_buf.s_proto,
           ntohs(result_buf.s_port));
    for (p = result_buf.s_aliases; *p != NULL; p++)
        printf("%s ", *p);
    printf("\n");

    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

```

SEE ALSO

getservent(3), **services(5)**

COLOPHON

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