

**NAME**

`grantpt` – grant access to the slave pseudoterminal

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
int grantpt(int fd);
```

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

**grantpt()**:

Since glibc 2.24:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500 ||
(_XOPEN_SOURCE && _XOPEN_SOURCE_EXTENDED)
```

Glibc 2.23 and earlier:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **grantpt()** function changes the mode and owner of the slave pseudoterminal device corresponding to the master pseudoterminal referred to by *fd*. The user ID of the slave is set to the real UID of the calling process. The group ID is set to an unspecified value (e.g., *tty*). The mode of the slave is set to 0620 (crw--w----).

The behavior of **grantpt()** is unspecified if a signal handler is installed to catch **SIGCHLD** signals.

**RETURN VALUE**

When successful, **grantpt()** returns 0. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets *errno* appropriately.

**ERRORS****EACCES**

The corresponding slave pseudoterminal could not be accessed.

**EBADF**

The *fd* argument is not a valid open file descriptor.

**EINVAL**

The *fd* argument is valid but not associated with a master pseudoterminal.

**VERSIONS**

**grantpt()** is provided in glibc since version 2.1.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
<b>grantpt()</b>	Thread safety	MT-Safe locale

**CONFORMING TO**

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

**NOTES**

This is part of the UNIX 98 pseudoterminal support, see [pts\(4\)](#).

Many systems implement this function via a set-user-ID helper binary called "pt\_chown". On Linux systems with a devpts filesystem (present since Linux 2.2), the kernel normally sets the correct ownership and permissions for the pseudoterminal slave when the master is opened ([posix\\_openpt\(3\)](#)), so that nothing must be done by **grantpt()**. Thus, no such helper binary is required (and indeed it is configured to be absent during the glibc build that is typical on many systems).

**SEE ALSO**

[open\(2\)](#), [posix\\_openpt\(3\)](#), [ptsname\(3\)](#), [unlockpt\(3\)](#), [pts\(4\)](#), [pty\(7\)](#)

**COLOPHON**

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