

NAME

getpass — read a password

SYNOPSIS

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char *getpass (prompt)
char *prompt;
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DESCRIPTION

Getpass reads a password from the file */dev/ln*, or if that cannot be opened, from the standard input, after prompting with the null-terminated string *prompt* and disabling echoing. A pointer is returned to a null-terminated string of at most 8 characters.

FILES

/dev/ln

SEE ALSO

crypt(3C)

BUGS

The return value points to static data whose content is overwritten by each call.