

NAME

geterrno() - gets system error number

SYNOPSIS

int geterrno()

DESCRIPTION

geterrno() enables the programmer to find out exactly what the last failure was. This is often necessary since some subroutines just indicate success or failure, rather than directly return definitive error codes.

For example, comerr() uses geterrno() to retrieve the last error so that an appropriate message can be printed.

RETURNS

Returns the error code for the last system error that occurred in the current process, e.g., after a call to fopen() failed.

SEE ALSO

comerr(3), comerrno(3), error(3), errmsg(3)

NOTES

The value returned by geterrno() is only valid after the immediately preceding system call failed.