

**NAME****getsockname** - get socket name**LIBRARY**

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
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*int***getsockname**(*int s, struct sockaddr \* restrict name, socklen\_t \* restrict namelen*);**DESCRIPTION**

The **getsockname()** system call returns the current *name* for the specified socket. The *namelen* argument should be initialized to indicate the amount of space pointed to by *name*. On return it contains the actual size of the name returned (in bytes).

**RETURN VALUES**

The **getsockname()** function returns the value 0 if successful; otherwise the value -1 is returned and the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

**ERRORS**

The call succeeds unless:

[EBADF]	The argument <i>s</i> is not a valid descriptor.
[ECONNRESET]	The connection has been reset by the peer.
[EINVAL]	The value of the <i>namelen</i> argument is not valid.
[ENOTSOCK]	The argument <i>s</i> is a file, not a socket.
[ENOBUFS]	Insufficient resources were available in the system to perform the operation.
[EFAULT]	The <i>name</i> argument points to memory not in a valid part of the process address space.

**SEE ALSO**

**bind**(2), **getpeername**(2), **socket**(2)

## HISTORY

The **getsockname()** system call appeared in 4.2BSD.

## BUGS

Names bound to sockets in the UNIX domain are inaccessible; **getsockname()** returns a zero length name.