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## ftell

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## Synopsis

Obtain the current position in an open stream

## Syntax

```
Integer_Type ftell (File_Type fp)
```

## Description

The `ftell` function may be used to obtain the current position in the stream associated with the open file pointer `fp`. It returns the position of the pointer measured in bytes from the beginning of the file. Upon error, it returns `-1` and sets `errno`.

## See Also

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[clearerr](#), [fclose](#), [fdopen](#), [feof](#), [ferror](#), [fflush](#), [fgets](#), [fgetslines](#), [fileno](#), [fopen](#), [fputs](#), [fread](#), [fseek](#), [fwrite](#), [isatty](#), [lseek](#), [mkdir](#), [open](#), [popen](#)

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