

NAME

ppvitell - return tell value for pattern variable information

SYNOPSIS

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#include <ppsups.h>
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int pperrno; /* error type external */
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long ppvitell(headptr)
struct PPHEAD *headptr;
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DESCRIPTION

Ppvitell() returns the tell value for the start of the variable argument information part of the pattern file with header pointed to by headptr. If ppvitell() returns a (0L) and pperrno == (0L), then the pattern is not a variable pattern (i.e., no variable arguments required). This is the only case where a (0L) return value indicates a normal (no-error) termination. The tell value can be used by lseek(2) or fseek(3).

SEE ALSO

lseek(2), fseek(3), pattern(5L)

DIAGNOSTICS

Ppvitell() returns a (0L) value when an error occurs. The subroutine will set the value of pperrno to one of the following values (defined in <ppsups.h>) when a problem occurs.

PPBADPAT - The internal format of the pattern was not correct. This could occur if the pattern was not made by ppmpat(1L) or if the pattern had been scribbled.

PPNOVI - This error occurs when the pattern format type is not standard. Only standard format type patterns have variable argument information included in the pattern file.