

**NAME**

pcap\_geterr, pcap\_perror - get or print libpcap error message text

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <pcap/pcap.h>
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```
char *pcap_geterr(pcap_t *p);
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```
void pcap_perror(pcap_t *p, const char *prefix);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**pcap\_geterr()** returns the error text pertaining to the last pcap library error. **NOTE:** the pointer it returns will no longer point to a valid error message string after the **pcap\_t** passed to it is closed; you must use or copy the string before closing the **pcap\_t**.

**pcap\_perror()** prints the text of the last pcap library error on **stderr**, prefixed by *prefix*.

**SEE ALSO**

**pcap(3)**