

PERL TELL FUNCTION

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Description

This function returns the current position of read pointer *inbytes* within the specified FILEHANDLE. If FILEHANDLE is omitted, then it returns the position within the last file accessed.

Syntax

Following is the simple syntax for this function –

```
tell FILEHANDLE  
  
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```

Return Value

This function returns current file position in bytes.

Example

Following is the example code showing its basic usage, to check this function do the followings –

- Create a text file with "this is test" as content and store it into /tmp directory.
- Read 2 characters from this file.
- Now check the position of read pointer in the file.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w  
  
open( FILE, "</tmp/test.txt" ) || die "Enable to open test file";  
$char = getc( FILE );  
print "First Character is $char\n";  
$char = getc( FILE );  
print "Second Character is $char\n";  
# Now check the position of read pointer.  
$position = tell( FILE );  
print "Position with in file $position\n";  
close(FILE);
```

When above code is executed, it produces the following result –

```
First Character is T  
Second Character is h  
Position with in file 2
```

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