NAME

pprcpat - fork/exec RC:PAT command

SYNOPSIS

#include <ppsubs.h>   /* pattern definitions and struct */

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        int ppsleep;    /* sleep time between fork trys */
        int pptryagain; /* how many fork() tries */
        int pperrno;    /* pattern subs error depository */
        int errno;      /* system I/O error depository */

    int pprcpat(patname,ofctype,usrmsg)
        char *patname; /* initial default pattern name */
        char *ofctype; /* pointer to the office type character
                        * pair for example "01" = ESS1
                        */
        char *usrmsg;  /* pattern name for user message */
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DESCRIPTION

This is the pattern library subroutine which will fork() and ex-
ecve() the RC:PAT program so that the user can define a pattern.
The default name is initially set to 'patname' and the SPCS type
('ofctype') is passed by the environment to /dist/rcpat.

SEE ALSO

ppsleep(3L), pptryagain(3L), pperrno(3L), intro(2), pattern(5L)

DIAGNOSTICS

pprcpat() returns a NULL value when an error occurs, and sets the
value of the external variable **pperrno** to one of the following
values (defined in <ppsubs.h>):

PPSYSERR - A system call error occurred (usually fork(2) or
execve(2) failed). Check the value of the external
variable **errno**. The pattern was not read in.