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URL <https://github.com/eddelbuettel/gettz/>,
<https://dirk.eddelbuettel.com/code/gettz.html>

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Details

R has a function `Sys.timezone` which tries hard to retrieve the same information. However, we have found instances where it failed to provide an answer—whereas the simple code in this package does.

This package provides a single function `gettz` which looks at `/etc/timezone` (on Debian/Ubuntu), `/etc/sysconfig/clock` (on RedHat/CentOS/Fedora) or `/etc/TIMEZONE` (on Solaris). In case no information can be provided, NULL is returned.

Windows support is bare-bones: the package builds, but does not do anything. One could probably deploy custom code to query the registry but given that R already does, there is imminent need.

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References

<https://stackoverflow.com/a/33881726/143305>

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