

opendir/readdir(3)

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NAME

opendir – open a directory / readdir – read a directory

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
#include <dirent.h>
```

```
DIR *opendir(const char *name);
```

```
struct dirent *readdir(DIR *dir);
```

```
int readdir_r(DIR *dirp, struct dirent *entry, struct dirent **result);
```

DESCRIPTION

The `opendir()` function opens a directory stream corresponding to the directory *name*, and returns a pointer to the directory stream. The stream is positioned at the first entry in the directory.

RETURN VALUE

The `opendir()` function returns a pointer to the directory stream or `NULL` if an error occurred.

DESCRIPTION readdir

The `readdir()` function returns a pointer to a dirent structure representing the next directory entry in the directory stream pointed to by *dir*. It returns `NULL` on reaching the end-of-file or if an error occurred.

DESCRIPTION readdir_r

The `readdir_r()` function initializes the structure referenced by *entry* and stores a pointer to this structure in *result*. On successful return, the pointer returned at *result* will have the same value as the argument *entry*. Upon reaching the end of the directory stream, this pointer will have the value `NULL`.

The data returned by `readdir()` is overwritten by subsequent calls to `readdir()` for the same directory stream.

The *dirent* structure is defined as follows:

```
struct dirent {
    long      d_ino;           /* inode number */
    off_t     d_off;         /* offset to the next dirent */
    unsigned short d_reclen; /* length of this record */
    unsigned char  d_type;   /* type of file */
    char          d_name[256]; /* filename */
};
```

RETURN VALUE

The `readdir()` function returns a pointer to a dirent structure, or `NULL`, if an error occurs or end-of-file is reached.

`readdir_r()` returns 0 if successful or an error number to indicate failure.

ERRORS

EACCES

Permission denied.

ENOENT

Directory does not exist, or *name* is an empty string.

ENOTDIR

name is not a directory.

feof/ferror/fileno(3)

feof/ferror/fileno(3)

NAME

clearerr, feof, ferror, fileno – check and reset stream status

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void clearerr(FILE *stream);
```

```
int feof(FILE *stream);
```

```
int ferror(FILE *stream);
```

```
int fileno(FILE *stream);
```

DESCRIPTION

The function `clearerr()` clears the end-of-file and error indicators for the stream pointed to by *stream*.

The function `feof()` tests the end-of-file indicator for the stream pointed to by *stream*, returning non-zero if it is set. The end-of-file indicator can only be cleared by the function `clearerr()`.

The function `ferror()` tests the error indicator for the stream pointed to by *stream*, returning non-zero if it is set. The error indicator can only be reset by the `clearerr()` function.

The function `fileno()` examines the argument *stream* and returns its integer descriptor.

For non-locking counterparts, see `unlocked_stdio(3)`.

ERRORS

These functions should not fail and do not set the external variable *errno*. (However, in case `fileno()` detects that its argument is not a valid stream, it must return `-1` and set *errno* to `EBADF`.)

CONFORMING TO

The functions `clearerr()`, `feof()`, and `ferror()` conform to C89 and C99.

SEE ALSO

`open(2)`, `fdopen(3)`, `stdio(3)`, `unlocked_stdio(3)`

fopen/fdopen(3)

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NAME

fopen, fdopen, fileno – stream open functions

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
FILE *fopen(const char *path, const char *mode);  
FILE *fdopenint (files, const char *mode);  
int fileno(FILE *stream);
```

DESCRIPTION

The **fopen** function opens the file whose name is the string pointed to by *path* and associates a stream with it.

The argument *mode* points to a string beginning with one of the following sequences (Additional characters may follow these sequences):

r Open text file for reading. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

r+ Open for reading and writing. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

w Truncate file to zero length or create text file for writing. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

w+ Open for reading and writing. The file is created if it does not exist, otherwise it is truncated. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

a Open for appending (writing at end of file). The file is created if it does not exist. The stream is positioned at the end of the file.

a+ Open for reading and appending (writing at end of file). The file is created if it does not exist. The stream is positioned at the end of the file.

The **flopen** function associates a stream with the existing file descriptor, *files*. The *mode* of the stream (one of the values "r", "r+", "w", "w+", "a", "a+") must be compatible with the mode of the file descriptor. The file position indicator of the new stream is set to that belonging to *files*, and the error and end-of-file indicators are cleared. Modes "w" or "w+" do not cause truncation of the file. The file descriptor is not dup'ed, and will be closed when the stream created by **flopen** is closed. The result of applying **flopen** to a shared memory object is undefined.

The function **fileno()** examines the argument *stream* and returns its integer descriptor.

RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion **fopen**, **flopen** and **freopen** return a **FILE** pointer. Otherwise, **NULL** is returned and the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

EINVAL

The *mode* provided to **fopen**, **flopen**, or **freopen** was invalid.

The **fopen**, **flopen** and **freopen** functions may also fail and set *errno* for any of the errors specified for the routine **malloc(3)**.

The **fopen** function may also fail and set *errno* for any of the errors specified for the routine **open(2)**.

The **fdopen** function may also fail and set *errno* for any of the errors specified for the routine **fcntl(2)**.

SEE ALSO

open(2), **fclose(3)**, **fileno(3)**

getc/fgetc/pgetc(3)

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NAME

fgetc, fgets, getc, getchar, fputc, fputs, putc, putchar – input and output of characters and strings

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int fgetc(FILE *stream);  
char *fgets(char *s, int size, FILE *stream);  
int getc(FILE *stream);  
int getchar(void);  
int fputc(int c, FILE *stream);  
int fputs(const char *s, FILE *stream);  
int putc(int c, FILE *stream);  
int putchar(int c);
```

DESCRIPTION

fgetc() reads the next character from *stream* and returns it as an *unsigned char* cast to an *int*, or **EOF** on end of file or error.

getc() is equivalent to **fgetc()** except that it may be implemented as a macro which evaluates *stream* more than once.

getchar() is equivalent to **getc(stdin)**.

fgets() reads in at most one less than *size* characters from *stream* and stores them into the buffer pointed to by *s*. Reading stops after an **EOF** or a newline. If a newline is read, it is stored into the buffer. A '\0' is stored after the last character in the buffer.

fputc() writes the character *c*, cast to an *unsigned char*, to *stream*.

fputs() writes the string *s* to *stream*, without its terminating null byte ('\0').

putc() is equivalent to **fputc()** except that it may be implemented as a macro which evaluates *stream* more than once.

putchar(c); is equivalent to **putc(c, stdout)**.

Calls to the functions described here can be mixed with each other and with calls to other output functions from the *stdio* library for the same output stream.

RETURN VALUE

fgetc(), **getc()** and **getchar()** return the character read as an *unsigned char* cast to an *int* or **EOF** on end of file or error.

fgets() returns *s* on success, and **NULL** on error or when end of file occurs while no characters have been read. **fputc()**, **putc()** and **putchar()** return the character written as an *unsigned char* cast to an *int* or **EOF** on error.

fputs() returns a nonnegative number on success, or **EOF** on error.

SEE ALSO

read(2), **write(2)**, **feof(3)**, **fgetc(3)**, **fgets(3)**, **fopen(3)**, **fread(3)**, **fseek(3)**, **getline(3)**, **getwchar(3)**, **scanf(3)**, **ungetc(3)**, **write(2)**, **feof(3)**, **fopen(3)**, **fputc(3)**, **fputs(3)**, **fseek(3)**, **write(3)**, **gets(3)**, **putwchar(3)**, **scanf(3)**, **unlockd_stdio(3)**

`pthread_create(pthread_t(3))`

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NAME

`pthread_create` – create a new thread / `pthread_exit` – terminate the calling thread

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <pthread.h>
```

```
int pthread_create(pthread_t * thread, pthread_attr_t * attr, void * (*start_routine)(void *), void * arg);
```

```
void pthread_exit(void *retval);
```

DESCRIPTION

`pthread_create` creates a new thread of control that executes concurrently with the calling thread. The new thread applies the function *start_routine* passing it *arg* as first argument. The new thread terminates either explicitly, by calling `pthread_exit(3)`, or implicitly, by returning from the *start_routine* function. The latter case is equivalent to calling `pthread_exit(3)` with the result returned by *start_routine* as exit code.

The *attr* argument specifies thread attributes to be applied to the new thread. See `pthread_attr_t(3)` for a complete list of thread attributes. The *attr* argument can also be `NULL`, in which case default attributes are used: the created thread is joinable (not detached) and has default (non real-time) scheduling policy.

`pthread_exit` terminates the execution of the calling thread. All cleanup handlers that have been set for the calling thread with `pthread_cleanup_push(3)` are executed in reverse order (the most recently pushed handler is executed first). Finalization functions for thread-specific data are then called for all keys that have non-`NULL` values associated with them in the calling thread (see `pthread_key_create(3)`). Finally, execution of the calling thread is stopped.

The *retval* argument is the return value of the thread. It can be consulted from another thread using `pthread_join(3)`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, the identifier of the newly created thread is stored in the location pointed by the *thread* argument, and a 0 is returned. On error, a non-zero error code is returned.

The `pthread_exit` function never returns.

ERRORS

EAGAIN

not enough system resources to create a process for the new thread.

EAGAIN

more than `PTHREAD_THREADS_MAX` threads are already active.

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SEE ALSO

`pthread_join(3)`, `pthread_detach(3)`, `pthread_attr_t(3)`

`pthread_detach(3)`

`pthread_detach(3)`

NAME

`pthread_detach` – put a running thread in the detached state

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <pthread.h>
```

```
int pthread_detach(pthread_t th);
```

DESCRIPTION

`pthread_detach` put the thread *th* in the detached state. This guarantees that the memory resources consumed by *th* will be freed immediately when *th* terminates. However, this prevents other threads from synchronizing on the termination of *th* using `pthread_join`.

A thread can be created initially in the detached state, using the `detached` attribute to `pthread_create(3)`. In contrast, `pthread_detach` applies to threads created in the joinable state, and which need to be put in the detached state later.

After `pthread_detach` completes, subsequent attempts to perform `pthread_join` on *th* will fail. If another thread is already joining the thread *th* at the time `pthread_detach` is called, `pthread_detach` does nothing and leaves *th* in the joinable state.

RETURN VALUE

On success, 0 is returned. On error, a non-zero error code is returned.

ERRORS

ESRCH

No thread could be found corresponding to that specified by *th*

EINVAL

the thread *th* is already in the detached state

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SEE ALSO

`pthread_create(3)`, `pthread_join(3)`, `pthread_attr_setdetachstate(3)`

printf(3)

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NAME

printf, fprintf, sprintf, snprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, vsnprintf – formatted output conversion

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int printf(const char *format, ...);
int fprintf(FILE *stream, const char *format, ...);
int sprintf(char *str, const char *format, ...);
int snprintf(char *str, size_t size, const char *format, ...);
```

DESCRIPTION

The functions in the **printf()** family produce output according to a *format* as described below. The functions **printf()** and **vprintf()** write output to *stdout*, the standard output stream; **fprintf()** and **vfprintf()** write output to the given output *stream*; **sprintf()**, **snprintf()**, **vsprintf()** and **vsnprintf()** write to the character string *str*.

The functions **sprintf()** and **vsnprintf()** write at most *size* bytes (including the trailing null byte '\0') to *str*.

The functions **vprintf()**, **vfprintf()**, **vsprintf()**, **vsnprintf()** are equivalent to the functions **printf()**, **fprintf()**, **sprintf()**, **snprintf()**, respectively, except that they are called with a *va_list* instead of a variable number of arguments. These functions do not call the *va_end* macro. Because they invoke the *va_arg* macro, the value of *ap* is undefined after the call. See **stdarg(3)**.

These eight functions write the output under the control of a *format* string that specifies how subsequent arguments (or arguments accessed via the variable-length argument facilities of **stdarg(3)**) are converted for output.

Return value

Upon successful return, these functions return the number of characters printed (not including the trailing '\0' used to end output to strings).

The functions **sprintf()** and **vsnprintf()** do not write more than *size* bytes (including the trailing '\0'). If the output was truncated due to this limit then the return value is the number of characters (not including the trailing '\0') which would have been written to the final string if enough space had been available. Thus, a return value of *size* or more means that the output was truncated. (See also below under **NOTES**.)

If an output error is encountered, a negative value is returned.

Format of the format string

The format string is a character string, beginning and ending in its initial shift state, if any. The format string is composed of zero or more directives: ordinary characters (not '%'), which are copied unchanged to the output stream; and conversion specifications, each of which results in fetching zero or more subsequent arguments. Each conversion specification is introduced by the character '%', and ends with a *conversion specifier*. In between there may be (in this order) *zero* or more *flags*, an optional *minimum field width*, an optional *precision* and an optional *length modifier*.

The arguments must correspond properly (after type promotion) with the conversion specifier. By default, the arguments are used in the order given, where each '*' and each conversion specifier asks for the next argument (and it is an error if insufficiently many arguments are given). One can also specify explicitly which argument is taken, at each place where an argument is required, by writing "%*n*m" instead of "%" and "%*n*m" instead of "*", where the decimal integer *n* denotes the position in the argument list of the desired argument, indexed starting from 1. Thus,

```
printf("%*d", width, num);
```

and

```
printf("%2s%18d", width, num);
```

are equivalent. The second style allows repeated references to the same argument. The C99 standard does not include the style using '\$', which comes from the Single Unix Specification. If the style using '\$' is used, it must be used throughout for all conversions taking an argument and all width and precision arguments, but it may be mixed with "%%" formats which do not consume an argument. There may be no gaps in the numbers of arguments specified using '\$', for example, if arguments 1 and 3 are specified, argument 2 must also be specified somewhere in the format string.

For some numeric conversions a radix character ("decimal point") or thousands' grouping character is used. The actual character used depends on the **LC_NUMERIC** part of the locale. The POSIX locale uses ',' as radix character, and does not have a grouping character. Thus,

```
printf("%2f", 1234567.89);
```

results in "1234567.89" in the POSIX locale, in "1234567,89" in the n_LN locale, and in "1,234,567,89" in the da_DK locale.

The conversion specifier

A character that specifies the type of conversion to be applied. An example for a conversion specifier is:

s The *convst char* * argument is expected to be a pointer to an array of character type (pointer to a string). Characters from the array are written up to (but not including) a terminating null byte ('\0'); if a precision is specified, no more than the number specified are written. If a precision is given, no null byte need be present; if the precision is not specified, or is greater than the size of the array, the array must contain a terminating null byte.

SEE ALSO

printf(1), **asprintf(3)**, **dprintf(3)**, **scanf(3)**, **setlocale(3)**, **wctomb(3)**, **wprintf(3)**, **locale(5)**

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stat(2)

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NAME

stat, fstat, lstat – get file status

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int stat(const char *path, struct stat *buf);
int fstat(int fd, struct stat *buf);
int lstat(const char *path, struct stat *buf);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

```
lstat(): _BSD_SOURCE || _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions return information about a file. No permissions are required on the file itself, but — in the case of **stat()** and **lstat()** — execute (search) permission is required on all of the directories in *path* that lead to the file.

stat() stats the file pointed to by *path* and fills in *buf*.

lstat() is identical to **stat()**, except that if *path* is a symbolic link, then the link itself is stat-ed, not the file that it refers to.

fstat() is identical to **stat()**, except that the file to be stat-ed is specified by the file descriptor *fd*.

All of these system calls return a *stat* structure, which contains the following fields:

```
struct stat {
    dev_t  st_dev; /* ID of device containing file */
    ino_t  st_ino; /* inode number */
    mode_t st_mode; /* protection */
    nlink_t st_nlink; /* number of hard links */
    uid_t  st_uid; /* user ID of owner */
    gid_t  st_gid; /* group ID of owner */
    dev_t  st_rdev; /* device ID (if special file) */
    off_t  st_size; /* total size, in bytes */
    blkcnt_t st_blksize; /* blocksize for the system I/O */
    time_t st_atime; /* time of last access */
    time_t st_mtime; /* time of last modification */
    time_t st_ctime; /* time of last status change */
};
```

The *st_dev* field describes the device on which this file resides.

The *st_rdev* field describes the device that this file (inode) represents.

The *st_size* field gives the size of the file (if it is a regular file or a symbolic link) in bytes. The size of a symlink is the length of the pathname it contains, without a trailing null byte.

The *st_blocks* field indicates the number of blocks allocated to the file, 512-byte units. (This may be smaller than *st_size/512* when the file has holes.)

The *st_blksize* field gives the "preferred" blocksize for efficient file system I/O. (Writing to a file in smaller chunks may cause an inefficient read-modify-rewrite.)

Not all of the Linux file systems implement all of the time fields. Some file system types allow mounting in such a way that file accesses do not cause an update of the *st_atime* field. (See "noatime" in [mount\(8\)](#).)

The field *st_atime* is changed by file accesses, for example, by [execve\(2\)](#), [mknod\(2\)](#), [pipe\(2\)](#), [utime\(2\)](#) and [read\(2\)](#) (of more than zero bytes). Other routines, like [mmap\(2\)](#), may or may not update *st_atime*.

The field *st_mtime* is changed by file modifications, for example, by [mknod\(2\)](#), [truncate\(2\)](#), [utime\(2\)](#) and [write\(2\)](#) (of more than zero bytes). Moreover, *st_mtime* of a directory is changed by the creation or deletion of files in that directory. The *st_mtime* field is *not* changed for changes in owner, group, hard link count, or mode.

The field *st_ctime* is changed by writing or by setting inode information (i.e., owner, group, link count, mode, etc.).

The following POSIX macros are defined to check the file type using the *st_mode* field:

- S_ISREG(m)** is it a regular file?
- S_ISDIR(m)** directory?
- S_ISCHR(m)** character device?
- S_ISBLK(m)** block device?
- S_ISFIFO(m)** FIFO (named pipe)?
- S_ISLNK(m)** symbolic link? (Not in POSIX.1-1996.)
- S_ISSOCK(m)** socket? (Not in POSIX.1-1996.)

RETURN VALUE

On success, zero is returned. On error, **-1** is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

ERRORS

EACCES

Search permission is denied for one of the directories in the path prefix of *path*. (See also [path_resolution\(7\)](#).)

EBADF

fd is bad.

EFAULT

Bad address.

ELOOP

Too many symbolic links encountered while traversing the path.

ENAMETOOLONG

File name too long.

ENOENT

A component of the path *path* does not exist, or the path is an empty string.

ENOMEM

Out of memory (i.e., kernel memory).

ENOTDIR

A component of the path is not a directory.

SEE ALSO

[access\(2\)](#), [chmod\(2\)](#), [chown\(2\)](#), [fstatat\(2\)](#), [readlink\(2\)](#), [utime\(2\)](#), [capabilities\(7\)](#), [symlink\(7\)](#)

STRSTR(3)

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NAME

strsr – locate a substring

SYNOPSIS

#include <string.h>

char *strsr(const char *haystack, const char *needle);

DESCRIPTION

The `strsr()` function finds the first occurrence of the substring *needle* in the string *haystack*. The terminating null bytes ('\0') are not compared.

RETURN VALUE

This function returns a pointer to the beginning of the substring, or NULL if the substring is not found.

SEE ALSO

`index(3)`, `memchr(3)`, `rindex(3)`, `stracmp(3)`, `strchr(3)`, `string(3)`, `strpbrk(3)`, `strsep(3)`, `strspan(3)`, `strtok(3)`, `westr(3)`