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NAME

accept – accept a connection on a socket

SYNOPSIS

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

```
int accept(int s, struct sockaddr *addr, int *addrlen);
```

DESCRIPTION

The argument *s* is a socket that has been created with **socket(3N)** and bound to an address with **bind(3N)**, and that is listening for connections after a call to **listen(3N)**. The **accept()** function extracts the first connection from the queue of pending connections, creates a new socket with the properties of *s*, and allocates a new file descriptor, *ns*, for the socket. If no pending connections are present on the queue and the socket is not marked as non-blocking, **accept()** blocks the caller until a connection is present. If the socket is marked as non-blocking and no pending connections are present on the queue, **accept()** returns an error as described below. The **accept()** function uses the **netconfig(4)** file to determine the STREAMS device file name associated with *s*. This is the device on which the connect indication will be accepted. The accepted socket, *ns*, is used to read and write data to and from the socket that connected to *ns*; it is not used to accept more connections. The original socket (*s*) remains open for accepting further connections.

The argument *addr* is a result parameter that is filled in with the address of the connecting entity as it is known to the communications layer. The exact format of the *addr* parameter is determined by the domain in which the communication occurs.

The argument *addrlen* is a value-result parameter. Initially, it contains the amount of space pointed to by *addr*; on return it contains the length in bytes of the address returned.

The **accept()** function is used with connection-based socket types, currently with **SOCK_STREAM**.

It is possible to **select(3C)** or **poll(2)** a socket for the purpose of an **accept()** by selecting or polling it for a read. However, this will only indicate when a connect indication is pending; it is still necessary to call **accept()**.

RETURN VALUES

The **accept()** function returns **-1** on error. If it succeeds, it returns a non-negative integer that is a descriptor for the accepted socket.

ERRORS

accept() will fail if:

- EBADF** The descriptor is invalid.
- EINTR** The accept attempt was interrupted by the delivery of a signal.
- EMFILE** The per-process descriptor table is full.
- ENODEV** The protocol family and type corresponding to *s* could not be found in the **netconfig** file.
- ENOMEM** There was insufficient user memory available to complete the operation.
- EPROTO** A protocol error has occurred; for example, the STREAMS protocol stack has not been initialized or the connection has already been released.
- EWouldBlock** The socket is marked as non-blocking and no connections are present to be accepted.

SEE ALSO

poll(2), **bind(3N)**, **connect(3N)**, **listen(3N)**, **select(3C)**, **socket(3N)**, **netconfig(4)**, **attributes(5)**, **socket(5)**

bind(2)

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bind – bind a name to a socket

SYNOPSIS

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

```
int bind(int s, const struct sockaddr *name, int namelen);
```

DESCRIPTION

bind() assigns a name to an unnamed socket. When a socket is created with **socket(3N)**, it exists in a name space (address family) but has no name assigned. **bind()** requests that the name pointed to by *name* be assigned to the socket.

RETURN VALUES

If the bind is successful, **0** is returned. A return value of **-1** indicates an error, which is further specified in the global **errno**.

ERRORS

The **bind()** call will fail if:

- EACCES** The requested address is protected and the current user has inadequate permission to access it.
 - EADDRINUSE** The specified address is already in use.
 - EADDRNOTAVAIL** The specified address is not available on the local machine.
 - EBADF** *s* is not a valid descriptor.
 - EINVAL** *namelen* is not the size of a valid address for the specified address family.
 - EINVAL** The socket is already bound to an address.
 - ENOSR** There were insufficient STREAMS resources for the operation to complete.
 - ENOTSOCK** *s* is a descriptor for a file, not a socket.
- The following errors are specific to binding names in the UNIX domain:
- EACCES** Search permission is denied for a component of the path prefix of the pathname in *name*.
 - EIO** An I/O error occurred while making the directory entry or allocating the inode.
 - EISDIR** A null pathname was specified.
 - ELOOP** Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the pathname in *name*.
 - ENOENT** A component of the path prefix of the pathname in *name* does not exist.
 - ENOTDIR** A component of the path prefix of the pathname in *name* is not a directory.
 - EROFS** The inode would reside on a read-only file system.

SEE ALSO

unlink(2), **socket(3N)**, **attributes(5)**, **socket(5)**

NOTES

Binding a name in the UNIX domain creates a socket in the file system that must be deleted by the caller when it is no longer needed (using **unlink(2)**).

The rules used in name binding vary between communication domains.

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);
```

DESCRIPTION **opendir**

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. It is safe to use **readdir()** inside threads if the pointers passed as *dir* are created by distinct calls to **opendir()**.

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; not supported
                             by all filesystem types */
    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.

ERRORS

EACCES

Permission denied.

ENOENT

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

ENOTDIR

name is not a directory.

NAME

fopen, fdopen, fileno – stream open functions

SYNOPSIS

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

```
FILE *fopen(const char *path, const char *mode);
```

```
FILE *fdopen(int fildes, 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 **fdopen** function associates a stream with the existing file descriptor, *fildes*. 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 *fildes*, 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 **fdopen** is closed. The result of applying **fdopen** 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**, **fdopen** 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**, **fdopen**, or **freopen** was invalid.

The **fopen**, **fdopen** 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)**

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)**, **ferror(3)**, **fgetc(3)**, **fgetwc(3)**, **fgetws(3)**, **fopen(3)**, **fread(3)**, **fseek(3)**, **getline(3)**, **getwchar(3)**, **scanf(3)**, **ungetc(3)**, **write(2)**, **ferror(3)**, **fopen(3)**, **fputc(3)**, **fputwc(3)**, **fputws(3)**, **fseek(3)**, **fwrite(3)**, **gets(3)**, **putwchar(3)**, **scanf(3)**, **unlocked_stdio(3)**

NAME

ipv6, PF_INET6 – Linux IPv6 protocol implementation

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
```

```
tcp6_socket = socket(PF_INET6, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
raw6_socket = socket(PF_INET6, SOCK_RAW, protocol);
udp6_socket = socket(PF_INET6, SOCK_DGRAM, protocol);
```

DESCRIPTION

Linux 2.2 optionally implements the Internet Protocol, version 6. This man page contains a description of the IPv6 basic API as implemented by the Linux kernel and glibc 2.1. The interface is based on the BSD sockets interface; see **socket(7)**.

The IPv6 API aims to be mostly compatible with the **ip(7)** v4 API. Only differences are described in this man page.

To bind an **AF_INET6** socket to any process the local address should be copied from the *in6addr_any* variable which has *in6_addr* type. In static initializations **IN6ADDR_ANY_INIT** may also be used, which expands to a constant expression. Both of them are in network order.

IPv4 connections can be handled with the v6 API by using the v4-mapped-on-v6 address type; thus a program only needs only to support this API type to support both protocols. This is handled transparently by the address handling functions in *libc*.

IPv4 and IPv6 share the local port space. When you get an IPv4 connection or packet to a IPv6 socket its source address will be mapped to v6 and it will be mapped to v6.

Address Format

```
struct sockaddr_in6 {
    uint16_t    sin6_family; /* AF_INET6 */
    uint16_t    sin6_port;   /* port number */
    uint32_t    sin6_flowinfo; /* IPv6 flow information */
    struct in6_addr sin6_addr; /* IPv6 address */
    uint32_t    sin6_scope_id; /* Scope ID (new in 2.4) */
};

struct in6_addr {
    unsigned char s6_addr[16]; /* IPv6 address */
};
```

sin6_family is always set to **AF_INET6**; *sin6_port* is the protocol port (see *sin_port* in **ip(7)**); *sin6_flowinfo* is the IPv6 flow identifier; *sin6_addr* is the 128-bit IPv6 address. *sin6_scope_id* is an ID of depending on the scope of the address. It is new in Linux 2.4. Linux only supports it for link scope addresses, in that case *sin6_scope_id* contains the interface index (see **netdevice(7)**).

RETURN VALUES

-1 is returned if an error occurs. Otherwise the return value is a descriptor referencing the socket.

NOTES

The *sockaddr_in6* structure is bigger than the generic *sockaddr*. Programs that assume that all address types can be stored safely in a *struct sockaddr* need to be changed to use *struct sockaddr_storage* for that instead.

SEE ALSO

cmsg(3), **ip(7)**

listen(2)

listen(2)

NAME

listen – listen for connections on a socket

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/types.h>      /* See NOTES */
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
int listen(int sockfd, int backlog);
```

DESCRIPTION

listen() marks the socket referred to by *sockfd* as a passive socket, that is, as a socket that will be used to accept incoming connection requests using **accept(2)**.

The *sockfd* argument is a file descriptor that refers to a socket of type **SOCK_STREAM** or **SOCK_SEQPACKET**.

The *backlog* argument defines the maximum length to which the queue of pending connections for *sockfd* may grow. If a connection request arrives when the queue is full, the client may receive an error with an indication of **ECONNREFUSED** or, if the underlying protocol supports retransmission, the request may be ignored so that a later reattempt at connection succeeds.

RETURN VALUE

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

ERRORS

EADDRINUSE

Another socket is already listening on the same port.

EBADF

The argument *sockfd* is not a valid descriptor.

ENOTSOCK

The argument *sockfd* is not a socket.

NOTES

To accept connections, the following steps are performed:

1. A socket is created with **socket(2)**.
2. The socket is bound to a local address using **bind(2)**, so that other sockets may be **connect(2)**ed to it.
3. A willingness to accept incoming connections and a queue limit for incoming connections are specified with **listen()**.
4. Connections are accepted with **accept(2)**.

If the *backlog* argument is greater than the value in */proc/sys/net/core/somaxconn*, then it is silently truncated to that value; the default value in this file is 128.

EXAMPLE

See **bind(2)**.

SEE ALSO

accept(2), **bind(2)**, **connect(2)**, **socket(2)**, **socket(7)**

malloc(3)

malloc(3)

NAME

calloc, malloc, free, realloc – Allocate and free dynamic memory

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
void *calloc(size_t nmemb, size_t size);
void *malloc(size_t size);
void free(void *ptr);
void *realloc(void *ptr, size_t size);
```

DESCRIPTION

calloc() allocates memory for an array of *nmemb* elements of *size* bytes each and returns a pointer to the allocated memory. The memory is set to zero.

malloc() allocates *size* bytes and returns a pointer to the allocated memory. The memory is not cleared.

free() frees the memory space pointed to by *ptr*, which must have been returned by a previous call to **malloc()**, **calloc()** or **realloc()**. Otherwise, or if **free(ptr)** has already been called before, undefined behaviour occurs. If *ptr* is **NULL**, no operation is performed.

realloc() changes the size of the memory block pointed to by *ptr* to *size* bytes. The contents will be unchanged to the minimum of the old and new sizes; newly allocated memory will be uninitialized. If *ptr* is **NULL**, the call is equivalent to **malloc(size)**; if *size* is equal to zero, the call is equivalent to **free(ptr)**. Unless *ptr* is **NULL**, it must have been returned by an earlier call to **malloc()**, **calloc()** or **realloc()**.

RETURN VALUE

For **calloc()** and **malloc()**, the value returned is a pointer to the allocated memory, which is suitably aligned for any kind of variable, or **NULL** if the request fails.

free() returns no value.

realloc() returns a pointer to the newly allocated memory, which is suitably aligned for any kind of variable and may be different from *ptr*, or **NULL** if the request fails. If *size* was equal to 0, either **NULL** or a pointer suitable to be passed to **free()** is returned. If **realloc()** fails the original block is left untouched - it is not freed or moved.

CONFORMING TO

ANSI-C

SEE ALSO

brk(2), **posix_memalign(3)**

pthread_create/pthread_exit(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_init**(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_init**(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 **detachedstate** 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_setdetachedstate**(3).

sigaction(2)

sigaction(2)

NAME

sigaction – POSIX signal handling functions.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <signal.h>
```

```
int sigaction(int signal, const struct sigaction *act, struct sigaction *oldact);
```

DESCRIPTION

The **sigaction** system call is used to change the action taken by a process on receipt of a specific signal.

signal specifies the signal and can be any valid signal except **SIGKILL** and **SIGSTOP**.

If *act* is non-null, the new action for signal *signal* is installed from *act*. If *oldact* is non-null, the previous action is saved in *oldact*.

The **sigaction** structure is defined as something like

```
struct sigaction {
    void (*sa_handler)(int);
    void (*sa_sigaction)(int, siginfo_t *, void *);
    sigset_t sa_mask;
    int sa_flags;
    void (*sa_restorer)(void);
}
```

On some architectures a union is involved - do not assign to both *sa_handler* and *sa_sigaction*.

The *sa_restorer* element is obsolete and should not be used. POSIX does not specify a *sa_restorer* element.

sa_handler specifies the action to be associated with *signal* and may be **SIG_DFL** for the default action, **SIG_IGN** to ignore this signal, or a pointer to a signal handling function.

sa_mask gives a mask of signals which should be blocked during execution of the signal handler. In addition, the signal which triggered the handler will be blocked, unless the **SA_NODEFER** or **SA_NOMASK** flags are used.

sa_flags specifies a set of flags which modify the behaviour of the signal handling process. It is formed by the bitwise OR of zero or more of the following:

SA_NOCLDSTOP

If *signal* is **SIGCHLD**, do not receive notification when child processes stop (i.e., when child processes receive one of **SIGSTOP**, **SIGTSTP**, **SIGTTIN** or **SIGTTOU**).

SA_RESTART

Provide behaviour compatible with BSD signal semantics by making certain system calls restartable across signals.

RETURN VALUES

sigaction returns 0 on success and -1 on error.

ERRORS

EINVAL

An invalid signal was specified. This will also be generated if an attempt is made to change the action for **SIGKILL** or **SIGSTOP**, which cannot be caught.

SEE ALSO

kill(1), **kill(2)**, **killpg(2)**, **pause(2)**, **sigsetops(3)**,

sigsuspend/sigprocmask(2)

sigsuspend/sigprocmask(2)

NAME

sigprocmask – change and/or examine caller's signal mask

sigsuspend – install a signal mask and suspend caller until signal

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <signal.h>
```

```
int sigprocmask(int how, const sigset_t *set, sigset_t *oset);
```

```
int sigsuspend(const sigset_t *set);
```

DESCRIPTION sigprocmask

The **sigprocmask()** function is used to examine and/or change the caller's signal mask. If the value is **SIG_BLOCK**, the set pointed to by the argument *set* is added to the current signal mask. If the value is **SIG_UNBLOCK**, the set pointed by the argument *set* is removed from the current signal mask. If the value is **SIG_SETMASK**, the current signal mask is replaced by the set pointed to by the argument *set*. If the argument *oset* is not NULL, the previous mask is stored in the space pointed to by *oset*. If the value of the argument *set* is NULL, the value *how* is not significant and the caller's signal mask is unchanged; thus, the call can be used to inquire about currently blocked signals.

If there are any pending unblocked signals after the call to **sigprocmask()**, at least one of those signals will be delivered before the call to **sigprocmask()** returns.

It is not possible to block those signals that cannot be ignored this restriction is silently imposed by the system. See **sigaction(2)**.

If **sigprocmask()** fails, the caller's signal mask is not changed.

RETURN VALUES

On success, **sigprocmask()** returns 0. On failure, it returns -1 and sets **errno** to indicate the error.

ERRORS

sigprocmask() fails if any of the following is true:

EFAULT

set or *oset* points to an illegal address.

EINVAL

The value of the *how* argument is not equal to one of the defined values.

DESCRIPTION sigsuspend

sigsuspend() replaces the caller's signal mask with the set of signals pointed to by the argument *set* and then suspends the caller until delivery of a signal whose action is either to execute a signal catching function or to terminate the process.

If the action is to terminate the process, **sigsuspend()** does not return. If the action is to execute a signal catching function, **sigsuspend()** returns after the signal catching function returns. On return, the signal mask is restored to the set that existed before the call to **sigsuspend()**.

It is not possible to block those signals that cannot be ignored (see **signal(5)**); this restriction is silently imposed by the system.

RETURN VALUES

Since **sigsuspend()** suspends process execution indefinitely, there is no successful completion return value. On failure, it returns -1 and sets **errno** to indicate the error.

ERRORS

sigsuspend() fails if either of the following is true:

EFAULT

set points to an illegal address.

EINTR

A signal is caught by the calling process and control is returned from the signal catching function.

SEE ALSO

sigaction(2), **sigsetops(3C)**,

NAME

sigsetops, sigemptyset, sigfillset, sigaddset, sigdelset, sigismember – manipulate sets of signals

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <signal.h>
int sigemptyset(sigset_t *set);
int sigfillset(sigset_t *set);
int sigaddset(sigset_t *set, int signo);
int sigdelset(sigset_t *set, int signo);
int sigismember(sigset_t *set, int signo);
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions manipulate *sigset_t* data types, representing the set of signals supported by the implementation.

sigemptyset() initializes the set pointed to by *set* to exclude all signals defined by the system.

sigfillset() initializes the set pointed to by *set* to include all signals defined by the system.

sigaddset() adds the individual signal specified by the value of *signo* to the set pointed to by *set*.

sigdelset() deletes the individual signal specified by the value of *signo* from the set pointed to by *set*.

sigismember() checks whether the signal specified by the value of *signo* is a member of the set pointed to by *set*.

Any object of type *sigset_t* must be initialized by applying either **sigemptyset()** or **sigfillset()** before applying any other operation.

RETURN VALUES

Upon successful completion, the **sigismember()** function returns a value of one if the specified signal is a member of the specified set, or a value of 0 if it is not. Upon successful completion, the other functions return a value of 0. Otherwise a value of -1 is returned and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

sigaddset(), **sigdelset()**, and **sigismember()** will fail if the following is true:

EINVAL The value of the *signo* argument is not a valid signal number.

sigfillset() will fail if the following is true:

EFAULT The *set* argument specifies an invalid address.

SEE ALSO

sigaction(2), **sigpending(2)**, **sigprocmask(2)**, **sigsuspend(2)**, **attributes(5)**, **signal(5)**

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 */
    blksize_t st_blksize; /* blocksize for file system I/O */
    blkcnt_t st_blocks; /* number of blocks allocated */
    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)**

NAME

strcmp, strncmp – compare two strings

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <string.h>
```

```
int strcmp(const char *s1, const char *s2);
```

```
int strncmp(const char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n);
```

DESCRIPTION

The **strcmp()** function compares the two strings *s1* and *s2*. It returns an integer less than, equal to, or greater than zero if *s1* is found, respectively, to be less than, to match, or be greater than *s2*.

The **strncmp()** function is similar, except it only compares the first (at most) *n* characters of *s1* and *s2*.

RETURN VALUE

The **strcmp()** and **strncmp()** functions return an integer less than, equal to, or greater than zero if *s1* (or the first *n* bytes thereof) is found, respectively, to be less than, to match, or be greater than *s2*.

CONFORMING TO

SVr4, 4.3BSD, C89, C99.

SEE ALSO

bcmp(3), **memcmp(3)**, **strcasecmp(3)**, **strcoll(3)**, **strncasecmp(3)**, **wscmp(3)**, **wcscmp(3)**