

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.

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.

ERRORS**EACCES**

Permission denied.

EMFILE

Too many file descriptors in use by process.

ENFILE

Too many files are currently open in the system.

ENOENT

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

ENOMEM

Insufficient memory to complete the operation.

ENOTDIR

name is not a directory.

SEE ALSO

open(2), **readdir(3)**, **closedir(3)**, **rewinddir(3)**, **seekdir(3)**, **telldir(3)**, **scandir(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)**