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This book provides information on application programming interfaces to the operating system.

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a64I or I64a Subroutine

Purpose

Converts between long integers and base-64 ASCII strings.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
long a64I ( String )  
char *String;
```

```
char *I64a ( LongInteger )  
long LongInteger;
```

Description

The **a64I** and **I64a** subroutines maintain numbers stored in base-64 ASCII characters. This is a notation in which long integers are represented by up to 6 characters, each character representing a digit in a base-64 notation.

The following characters are used to represent digits:

.	Represents 0.
/	Represents 1.
0 -9	Represents the numbers 2-11.
A-Z	Represents the numbers 12-37.
a-z	Represents the numbers 38-63.

Parameters

<i>String</i>	Specifies the address of a null-terminated character string.
<i>LongInteger</i>	Specifies a long value to convert.

Return Values

The **a64I** subroutine takes a pointer to a null-terminated character string containing a value in base-64 representation and returns the corresponding **long** value. If the string pointed to by the *String* parameter contains more than 6 characters, the **a64I** subroutine uses only the first 6.

Conversely, the **I64a** subroutine takes a **long** parameter and returns a pointer to the corresponding base-64 representation. If the *LongInteger* parameter is a value of 0, the **I64a** subroutine returns a pointer to a null string.

The value returned by the **I64a** subroutine is a pointer into a static buffer, the contents of which are overwritten by each call.

If the **String* parameter is a null string, the **a64I** subroutine returns a value of 0L.

If *LongInteger* is 0L, the **I64a** subroutine returns a pointer to a null string.

Implementation Specifics

These a64l and I64a subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

List of Multithread Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

I64a_r Subroutine

Purpose

Converts base-64 long integers to strings.

Library

Thread-Safe C Library (**libc_r.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int I64a_r (Convert, Buffer, Length)  
long Convert;  
char * Buffer;  
int Length;
```

Description

The **I64a_r** subroutine converts a given long integer into a base-64 string.

For base-64 characters, the following ASCII characters are used:

.	Represents 0.
/	Represents 1.
0-9	Represents the numbers 2-11.
A-Z	Represents the numbers 12-37.
a-z	Represents the numbers 38-63.

The **I64a_r** subroutine places the converted base-64 string in the buffer pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter.

Parameters

<i>Convert</i>	Specifies the long integer that is to be converted into a base-64 ASCII string.
<i>Buffer</i>	Specifies a working buffer to hold the converted long integer.
<i>Length</i>	Specifies the length of the <i>Buffer</i> parameter.

Return Values

- 0 Indicates that the subroutine was successful.
- 1 Indicates that the subroutine was not successful. If the **i64a_r** subroutine is not successful, the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **i64a_r** subroutine is not successful, it returns the following error code:

EINVAL The *Buffer* parameter value is invalid or too small to hold the resulting ASCII string.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Programs using this subroutine must link to the **libpthreads.a** library.

Related Information

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

List of Multithread Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

abort Subroutine

Purpose

Sends a **SIGIOT** signal to end the current process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int abort (void)
```

Description

The **abort** subroutine sends a **SIGIOT** signal to the current process to terminate the process and produce a memory dump. If the signal is caught and the signal handler does not return, the **abort** subroutine does not produce a memory dump.

If the **SIGIOT** signal is neither caught nor ignored, and if the current directory is writable, the system produces a memory dump in the **core** file in the current directory and prints an error message.

The abnormal-termination processing includes the effect of the **fclose** subroutine on all open streams and message-catalog descriptors, and the default actions defined as the **SIGIOT** signal. The **SIGIOT** signal is sent in the same manner as that sent by the **raise** subroutine with the argument **SIGIOT**.

The status made available to the **wait** or **waitpid** subroutine by the **abort** subroutine is the same as a process terminated by the **SIGIOT** signal. The **abort** subroutine overrides blocking or ignoring the **SIGIOT** signal.

Note: The **SIGABRT** signal is the same as the **SIGIOT** signal.

Return Values

The **abort** subroutine does not return a value.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199), **atexit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199), or **_exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, **fclose** (“fclose or fflush Subroutine” on page 208) subroutine, **kill** (“kill or killpg Subroutine” on page 445), or **killpg** (“kill or killpg Subroutine” on page 445) subroutine, **raise** subroutine, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, **signal** subroutine, **wait** or **waitpid** subroutine.

The **dbx** command.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

abs, div, labs, ldiv, imul_dbl, umul_dbl, llabs, or lldiv Subroutine

Purpose

Computes absolute value, division, and double precision multiplication of integers.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int abs ( i )
int i;

#include <stdlib.h>
long labs ( i )
long i;

#include <stdlib.h>

div_t div ( Numerator, Denominator)
int Numerator: Denominator;

#include <stdlib.h>

void imul_dbl ( i, j, Result)
long i, j;
long *Result;

#include <stdlib.h>

ldiv_t ldiv (Numerator, Denominator)
long Numerator: Denominator;

#include <stdlib.h>

void umul_dbl (i, j, Result)
unsigned long i, j;
unsigned long *Result;
```

```

#include <stdlib.h>
long long int llabs(i)
long long int i;
#include <stdlib.h>
lldiv_t lldiv (Numerator, Denominator)
long long int Numerator, Denominator;

```

Description

The **abs** subroutine returns the absolute value of its integer operand.

Note: A twos-complement integer can hold a negative number whose absolute value is too large for the integer to hold. When given this largest negative value, the **abs** subroutine returns the same value.

The **div** subroutine computes the quotient and remainder of the division of the number represented by the *Numerator* parameter by that specified by the *Denominator* parameter. If the division is inexact, the sign of the resulting quotient is that of the algebraic quotient, and the magnitude of the resulting quotient is the largest integer less than the magnitude of the algebraic quotient. If the result cannot be represented (for example, if the denominator is 0), the behavior is undefined.

The **labs** and **ldiv** subroutines are included for compatibility with the ANSI C library, and accept long integers as parameters, rather than as integers.

The **imul_dbl** subroutine computes the product of two signed longs, *i* and *j*, and stores the double long product into an array of two signed longs pointed to by the *Result* parameter.

The **umul_dbl** subroutine computes the product of two unsigned longs, *i* and *j*, and stores the double unsigned long product into an array of two unsigned longs pointed to by the *Result* parameter.

The **llabs** and **lldiv** subroutines compute the absolute value and division of long long integers. These subroutines operate under the same restrictions as the **abs** and **div** subroutines.

Note: When given the largest negative value, the **llabs** subroutine (like the **abs** subroutine) returns the same value.

Parameters

<i>i</i>	Specifies, for the abs subroutine, some integer; for labs and imul_dbl , some long integer; for the umul_dbl subroutine, some unsigned long integer; for the llabs subroutine, some long long integer.
<i>Numerator</i>	Specifies, for the div subroutine, some integer; for the ldiv subroutine, some long integer; for lldiv , some long long integer.
<i>j</i>	Specifies, for the imul_dbl subroutine, some long integer; for the umul_dbl subroutine, some unsigned long integer.
<i>Denominator</i>	Specifies, for the div subroutine, some integer; for the ldiv subroutine, some long integer; for lldiv , some long long integer.
<i>Result</i>	Specifies, for the imul_dbl subroutine, some long integer; for the umul_dbl subroutine, some unsigned long integer.

Return Values

The **abs**, **labs**, and **llabs** subroutines return the absolute value. The **imul_dbl** and **umul_dbl** subroutines have no return values. The **div** subroutine returns a structure of type **div_t**. The **ldiv** subroutine returns a structure of type **ldiv_t**, comprising the quotient and the remainder. The structure is displayed as:

```

struct ldiv_t {
    int quot; /* quotient */
    int rem; /* remainder */
};

```

The `ldiv` subroutine returns a structure of type `ldiv_t`, comprising the quotient and the remainder.

access, accessx, or faccessx Subroutine

Purpose

Determines the accessibility of a file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int access ( PathName, Mode)
char *PathName;
int Mode;
```

```
int accessx (PathName, Mode, Who)
char *PathName;
int Mode, Who;
```

```
int faccessx ( FileDescriptor, Mode, Who)
int FileDescriptor;
int Mode, Who;
```

Description

The **access**, **accessx**, and **faccessx** subroutines determine the accessibility of a file system object. The **accessx** and **faccessx** subroutines allow the specification of a class of users or processes for whom access is to be checked.

The caller must have search permission for all components of the *PathName* parameter.

Parameters

<i>PathName</i>	Specifies the path name of the file. If the <i>PathName</i> parameter refers to a symbolic link, the access subroutine returns information about the file pointed to by the symbolic link.
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.
<i>Mode</i>	Specifies the access modes to be checked. This parameter is a bit mask containing 0 or more of the following values, which are defined in the sys/access.h file: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R_OK Check read permission. W_OK Check write permission. X_OK Check execute or search permission. F_OK Check the existence of a file. If none of these values are specified, the existence of a file is checked.

Who

Specifies the class of users for whom access is to be checked. This parameter must be one of the following values, which are defined in the **sys/access.h** file:

ACC_SELF

Determines if access is permitted for the current process. The effective user and group IDs, the concurrent group set and the privilege of the current process are used for the calculation.

ACC_INVOKER

Determines if access is permitted for the invoker of the current process. The real user and group IDs, the concurrent group set, and the privilege of the invoker are used for the calculation.

Note: The expression **access** (*PathName*, *Mode*) is equivalent to **accessx** (*PathName*, *Mode*, **ACC_INVOKER**).

ACC_OTHERS

Determines if the specified access is permitted for any user other than the object owner. The *Mode* parameter must contain only one of the valid modes. Privilege is not considered in the calculation.

ACC_ALL

Determines if the specified access is permitted for all users. The *Mode* parameter must contain only one of the valid modes. Privilege is not considered in the calculation .

Return Values

If the requested access is permitted, the **access**, **accessx**, and **factessx** subroutines return a value of 0. If the requested access is not permitted or the function call fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **access** and **accessx** subroutines fail if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>PathName</i> prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>PathName</i> parameter points to a location outside the allocated address space of the process.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>PathName</i> parameter.
ENOENT	A component of the <i>PathName</i> does not exist or the process has the disallow truncation attribute set.
ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>PathName</i> is not a directory.
ESTALE	The process root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.
ENOENT	The named file does not exist.
ENOENT	The <i>PathName</i> parameter was null.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>PathName</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters or the entire <i>PathName</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.

The **factessx** subroutine fails if the following is true:

EBADF The value of the *FileDescriptor* parameter is not valid.

The **access**, **accessx**, and **factessx** subroutines fail if one or more of the following is true:

EIO An I/O error occurred during the operation.
EACCES The file protection does not allow the requested access.

EROFS Write access is requested for a file on a read-only file system.

If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the **accessx** and **factessx** subroutines can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT The connection timed out.
ETXTBSY Write access is requested for a shared text file that is being executed.
EINVAL The value of the *Mode* argument is invalid.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acl_get** (“acl_get or acl_fget Subroutine” on page 11) subroutine, **chacl** (“chacl or fchacl Subroutine” on page 89) subroutine, **statx** subroutine, **statacl** subroutine.

The **aclget** command, **aclput** command, **chmod** command, **chown** command.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

acct Subroutine

Purpose

Enables and disables process accounting.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int acct ( Path )  
char *Path;
```

Description

The **acct** subroutine enables the accounting routine when the *Path* parameter specifies the path name of the file to which an accounting record is written for each process that terminates. When the *Path* parameter is a 0 or null value, the **acct** subroutine disables the accounting routine.

If the *Path* parameter refers to a symbolic link, the **acct** subroutine causes records to be written to the file pointed to by the symbolic link.

If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the accounting file can reside on another node.

Note: To ensure accurate accounting, each node must have its own accounting file. Although no two nodes should share accounting files, a node’s accounting files can be located on any node in the network.

The calling process must have root user authority to use the **acct** subroutine.

Parameters

Path Specifies a pointer to the path name of the file or a null pointer.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **acct** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the global variable **errno** is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **acct** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES Write permission is denied for the named accounting file.
EACCES The file named by the *Path* parameter is not an ordinary file.
EBUSY An attempt is made to enable accounting when it is already enabled.
ENOENT The file named by the *Path* parameter does not exist.
EPERM The calling process does not have root user authority.
EROFS The named file resides on a read-only file system.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **acct** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT The connection timed out.

acl_chg or acl_fchg Subroutine

Purpose

Changes the access control information on a file.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int acl_chg (Path, How, Mode, Who)
char * Path;
int How;
int Mode;
int Who;
```

```
int acl_fchg (FileDescriptor, How, Mode, Who)
int FileDescriptor;
int How;
int Mode;
int Who;
```

Description

The **acl_chg** and **acl_fchg** subroutines modify the access control information of a specified file.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.
<i>How</i>	Specifies how the permissions are to be altered for the affected entries of the Access Control List (ACL). This parameter takes one of the following values: ACC_PERMIT Allows the types of access included in the <i>Mode</i> parameter. ACC_DENY Denies the types of access included in the <i>Mode</i> parameter. ACC_SPECIFY Grants the access modes included in the <i>Mode</i> parameter and restricts the access modes not included in the <i>Mode</i> parameter.
<i>Mode</i>	Specifies the access modes to be changed. The <i>Mode</i> parameter is a bit mask containing zero or more of the following values: R_ACC Allows read permission. W_ACC Allows write permission. X_ACC Allows execute or search permission.
<i>Path</i>	Specifies a pointer to the path name of a file.
<i>Who</i>	Specifies which entries in the ACL are affected. This parameter takes one of the following values: ACC_OBJ_OWNER Changes the owner entry in the base ACL. ACC_OBJ_GROUP Changes the group entry in the base ACL. ACC_OTHERS Changes all entries in the ACL except the base entry for the owner. ACC_ALL Changes all entries in the ACL.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **acl_chg** and **acl_fchg** subroutines return a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **acl_chg** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>Path</i> prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters, or the entire <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	A component of the <i>Path</i> does not exist or has the disallow truncation attribute (see the ulimit subroutine).
ENOENT	The <i>Path</i> parameter was null.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> prefix is not a directory.

ESTALE The process' root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

The **acl_fchg** subroutine fails and the file permissions remain unchanged if the following is true:

EBADF The *FileDescriptor* value is not valid.

The **acl_chg** or **acl_fchg** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EINVAL The *How* parameter is not one of **ACC_PERMIT**, **ACC_DENY**, or **ACC_SPECIFY**.

EINVAL The *Who* parameter is not **ACC_OWNER**, **ACC_GROUP**, **ACC_OTHERS**, or **ACC_ALL**.

EROFS The named file resides on a read-only file system.

The **acl_chg** or **acl_fchg** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EIO An I/O error occurred during the operation.

EPERM The effective user ID does not match the ID of the owner of the file and the invoker does not have root user authority.

If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the **acl_chg** and **acl_fchg** subroutines can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT The connection timed out.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acl_get** (“acl_get or acl_fget Subroutine”) subroutine, **acl_put** (“acl_put or acl_fput Subroutine” on page 13) subroutine, **acl_set** (“acl_set or acl_fset Subroutine” on page 15) subroutine, **chacl** (“chacl or fchacl Subroutine” on page 89) subroutine, **chmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) subroutine, **stat** subroutine, **statacl** subroutine.

The **aclget** command, **aclput** command, **chmod** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

acl_get or acl_fget Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the access control information of a file.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *acl_get (Path)
char * Path;
```

```
char *acl_fget (FileDescriptor)
int FileDescriptor;
```

Description

The **acl_get** and **acl_fget** subroutines retrieve the access control information for a file system object. This information is returned in a buffer pointed to by the return value. The structure of the data in this buffer is unspecified. The value returned by these subroutines should be used only as an argument to the **acl_put** or **acl_fput** subroutines to copy or restore the access control information.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Specifies the path name of the file.
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **acl_get** and **acl_fget** subroutines return a pointer to the buffer containing the access control information. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **acl_get** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>Path</i> prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters, or the entire <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> prefix is not a directory.
ENOENT	A component of the <i>Path</i> does not exist or the process has the disallow truncation attribute (see the ulimit subroutine).
ENOENT	The <i>Path</i> parameter was null.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ESTALE	The process' root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

The **acl_fget** subroutine fails if the following is true:

EBADF The *FileDescriptor* parameter is not a valid file descriptor.

The **acl_get** or **acl_fget** subroutine fails if the following is true:

EIO An I/O error occurred during the operation.

If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the **acl_get** and **acl_fget** subroutines can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT The connection timed out.

Security

Access Control	The invoker must have search permission for all components of the <i>Path</i> prefix.
Audit Events	None.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acl_chg** or **acl_fchg** (“acl_chg or acl_fchg Subroutine” on page 9) subroutine, **acl_put** or **acl_fput** (“acl_put or acl_fput Subroutine”) subroutine, **acl_set** or **acl_fset** (“acl_set or acl_fset Subroutine” on page 15) subroutine, **chacl** (“chacl or fchacl Subroutine” on page 89) subroutine, **chmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) subroutine, **stat** subroutine, **statacl** subroutine.

The **aclget** command, **aclput** command, **chmod** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

acl_put or acl_fput Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the access control information of a file.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int acl_put (Path, Access, Free)
```

```
char * Path;
```

```
char * Access;
```

```
int Free;
```

```
int acl_fput (FileDescriptor, Access, Free)
```

```
int FileDescriptor;
```

```
char * Access;
```

```
int Free;
```

Description

The **acl_put** and **acl_fput** subroutines set the access control information of a file system object. This information is contained in a buffer returned by a call to the **acl_get** or **acl_fget** subroutine. The structure of the data in this buffer is unspecified. However, the entire Access Control List (ACL) for a file cannot exceed one memory page (4096 bytes) in size.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Specifies the path name of a file.
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.
<i>Access</i>	Specifies a pointer to the buffer containing the access control information.

Free Specifies whether the buffer space is to be deallocated. The following values are valid:

0	Space is not deallocated.
1	Space is deallocated.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **acl_put** and **acl_fput** subroutines return a value of 0. Otherwise, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **acl_put** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>Path</i> prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters, or the entire <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	A component of the <i>Path</i> does not exist or has the disallow truncation attribute (see the ulimit subroutine).
ENOENT	The <i>Path</i> parameter was null.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> prefix is not a directory.
ESTALE	The process' root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

The **acl_fput** subroutine fails and the file permissions remain unchanged if the following is true:

EBADF The *FileDescriptor* parameter is not a valid file descriptor.

The **acl_put** or **acl_fput** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EINVAL	The <i>Access</i> parameter does not point to a valid access control buffer.
EINVAL	The <i>Free</i> parameter is not 0 or 1.
EIO	An I/O error occurred during the operation.
EROFS	The named file resides on a read-only file system.

If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the **acl_put** and **acl_fput** subroutines can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT The connection timed out.

Security

Access Control: The invoker must have search permission for all components of the *Path* prefix.

Auditing Events:

Event	Information
chacl	<i>Path</i>

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acl_chg** (“acl_chg or acl_fchg Subroutine” on page 9) subroutine, **acl_get** (“acl_get or acl_fget Subroutine” on page 11) subroutine, **acl_set** (“acl_set or acl_fset Subroutine”) subroutine, **chacl** (“chacl or fchacl Subroutine” on page 89) subroutine, **chmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) subroutine, **stat** subroutine, **statacl** subroutine.

The **aclget** command, **aclput** command, **chmod** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

acl_set or acl_fset Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the access control information of a file.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int acl_set (Path, OwnerMode, GroupMode, DefaultMode)
char * Path;
int OwnerMode;
int GroupMode;
int DefaultMode;
```

```
int acl_fset (FileDescriptor, OwnerMode, GroupMode, DefaultMode)
int * FileDescriptor;
int OwnerMode;
int GroupMode;
int DefaultMode;
```

Description

The **acl_set** and **acl_fset** subroutines set the base entries of the Access Control List (ACL) of the file. All other entries are discarded. Other access control attributes are left unchanged.

Parameters

<i>DefaultMode</i>	Specifies the access permissions for the default class.
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.
<i>GroupMode</i>	Specifies the access permissions for the group of the file.
<i>OwnerMode</i>	Specifies the access permissions for the owner of the file.
<i>Path</i>	Specifies a pointer to the path name of a file.

The mode parameters specify the access permissions in a bit mask containing zero or more of the following values:

R_ACC Authorize read permission.
W_ACC Authorize write permission.
X_ACC Authorize execute or search permission.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **acl_set** and **acl_fset** subroutines return the value 0. Otherwise, the value -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **acl_set** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>Path</i> prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters, or the entire <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	A component of the <i>Path</i> does not exist or has the disallow truncation attribute (see the ulimit subroutine).
ENOENT	The <i>Path</i> parameter was null.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ENODIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> prefix is not a directory.
ESTALE	The process' root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

The **acl_fset** subroutine fails and the file permissions remain unchanged if the following is true:

EBADF The file descriptor *FileDescriptor* is not valid.

The **acl_set** or **acl_fset** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EIO An I/O error occurred during the operation.
EPERM The effective user ID does not match the ID of the owner of the file and the invoker does not have root user authority.
EROFS The named file resides on a read-only file system.

If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the **acl_set** and **acl_fset** subroutines can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT The connection timed out.

Security

Access Control: The invoker must have search permission for all components of the *Path* prefix.

Auditing Events:

Event	Information
chacl	<i>Path</i>
fchacl	<i>FileDescriptor</i>

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acl_chg** (“acl_chg or acl_fchg Subroutine” on page 9) subroutine, **acl_get** (“acl_get or acl_fget Subroutine” on page 11) subroutine, **acl_put** (“acl_put or acl_fput Subroutine” on page 13) subroutine, **chacl** (“chacl or fchacl Subroutine” on page 89) subroutine, **chmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) subroutine, **stat** subroutine, **statacl** subroutine.

The **aclget** command, **aclput** command, **chmod** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

addssys Subroutine

Purpose

Adds the **SRCsubsys** record to the subsystem object class.

Library

System Resource Controller Library (**libsrc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/srcobj.h>
#include <spc.h>
```

```
int addssys ( SRCSubsystem )
struct SRCsubsys *SRCSubsystem;
```

Description

The **addssys** subroutine adds a record to the subsystem object class. You must call the **defssys** subroutine to initialize the *SRCSubsystem* buffer before your application program uses the **SRCsubsys** structure. The **SRCsubsys** structure is defined in the */usr/include/sys/srcobj.h* file.

The executable running with this subroutine must be running with the group system.

Parameters

SRCSubsystem A pointer to the **SRCsubsys** structure.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **addssys** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and the **odmerrno** variable is set to indicate the error, or an SRC error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **addssys** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

SRC_BADFSIG	Invalid stop force signal.
SRC_BADNSIG	Invalid stop normal signal.
SRC_CMDARG2BIG	Command arguments too long.
SRC_GRPNAM2BIG	Group name too long.
SRC_NOCONTACT	Contact not signal, sockets, or message queue.
SRC_NONAME	No subsystem name specified.
SRC_NOPATH	No subsystem path specified.
SRC_PATH2BIG	Subsystem path too long.
SRC_STDERR2BIG	stderr path too long.
SRC_STDIN2BIG	stdin path too long.
SRC_STDOUT2BIG	stdout path too long.
SRC_SUBEXIST	New subsystem name already on file.
SRC_SUBSYS2BIG	Subsystem name too long.
SRC_SYNEXIST	New subsystem synonym name already on file.
SRC_SYN2BIG	Synonym name too long.

Security

Privilege Control: This command has the Trusted Path attribute. It has the following kernel privilege:

SET_PROC_AUDIT

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
644	/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsys

Auditing Events:

If the auditing subsystem has been properly configured and is enabled, the **addssys** subroutine generates the following audit record (event) each time the subroutine is executed:

Event	Information
SRC_addssys	Lists the SRCsubsys records added.

See "How to Set Up Auditing" in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Guide: Operating System and Devices* for details about selecting and grouping audit events, and configuring audit event data collection.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsys	SRC Subsystem Configuration object class.
/dev/SRC	Specifies the AF_UNIX socket file.
/dev/.SRC-unix	Specifies the location for temporary socket files.
/usr/include/spc.h	Defines external interfaces provided by the SRC subroutines.
/usr/include/sys/srcobj.h	Defines object structures used by the SRC.

Related Information

The **chssys** (“chssys Subroutine” on page 103) subroutine, **defssys** (“defssys Subroutine” on page 136) subroutine, **delssys** (“delssys Subroutine” on page 137) subroutine.

The **auditpr** command, **chssys** command, **mkssys** command, **rmssys** command.

Auditing Overview (“audit Subroutine” on page 57) and System Resource Controller Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

Defining Your Subsystem to the SRC, System Resource Controller (SRC) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

List of SRC Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

adjtime Subroutine

Purpose

Corrects the time to allow synchronization of the system clock.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/time.h>
int adjtime ( Delta, Olddelta)
struct timeval *Delta;
struct timeval *Olddelta;
```

Description

The **adjtime** subroutine makes small adjustments to the system time, as returned by the **gettimeofday** subroutine, advancing or retarding it by the time specified by the *Delta* parameter of the **timeval** structure. If the *Delta* parameter is negative, the clock is slowed down by incrementing it more slowly than normal until the correction is complete. If the *Delta* parameter is positive, a larger increment than normal is used. The skew used to perform the correction is generally a fraction of one percent. Thus, the time is always a monotonically increasing function, unless the clock is read more than 100 times per second. A time correction from an earlier call to the **adjtime** subroutine may not be finished when the **adjtime** subroutine is called again. If the *Olddelta* parameter is nonzero, then the structure pointed to will contain, upon return, the number of microseconds still to be corrected from the earlier call.

This call may be used by time servers that synchronize the clocks of computers in a local area network. Such time servers would slow down the clocks of some machines and speed up the clocks of others to bring them to the average network time.

The **adjtime** subroutine is restricted to the users with root user authority.

Parameters

<i>Delta</i>	Specifies the amount of time to be altered.
<i>Olddelta</i>	Contains the number of microseconds still to be corrected from an earlier call.

Return Values

A return value of 0 indicates that the **adjtime** subroutine succeeded. A return value of -1 indicates that an error occurred, and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **adjtime** subroutine fails if the following are true:

EFAULT
EPERM

An argument address referenced invalid memory.
The process's effective user ID does not have root user authority.

aio_cancel or aio_cancel64 Subroutine

Purpose

Cancels one or more outstanding asynchronous I/O requests.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <aio.h>
```

```
aio_cancel ( FileDescriptor, aiocbp )  
int FileDescriptor;  
struct aiocb *aiocbp;
```

```
aio_cancel64 ( FileDescriptor, aiocbp )  
int FileDescriptor;  
struct aiocb64 *aiocbp;
```

Description

The **aio_cancel** subroutine attempts to cancel one or more outstanding asynchronous I/O requests issued on the file associated with the *FileDescriptor* parameter. If the pointer to the **aiocb control block (aiocb)** structure (the *aiocbp* parameter) is not null, then an attempt is made to cancel the I/O request associated with this **aiocb**. The *aiocbp* parameter used by the thread calling **aio_cancel** must have had its request initiated by this same thread. Otherwise, a -1 is returned and **errno** is set to EINVAL. However, if the *aiocbp* parameter is null, then an attempt is made to cancel all outstanding asynchronous I/O requests associated with the *FileDescriptor* parameter without regard to the initiating thread.

The **aio_cancel64** subroutine is similar to the **aio_cancel** subroutine except that it attempts to cancel outstanding large file enabled asynchronous I/O requests. Large file enabled asynchronous I/O requests make use of the **aiocb64** structure instead of the **aiocb** structure. The **aiocb64** structure allows asynchronous I/O requests to specify offsets in excess of OFF_MAX (2 gigabytes minus 1).

In the large file enabled programming environment, **aio_cancel** is redefined to be **aio_cancel64**.

When an I/O request is canceled, the **aio_error** ("aio_error or aio_error64 Subroutine" on page 22) subroutine called with the handle to the corresponding **aiocb** structure returns **ECANCELED**.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Identifies the object to which the outstanding asynchronous I/O requests were originally queued.																		
<i>aiocbp</i>	Points to the aiocb structure associated with the I/O operation. The aiocb structure is defined in the <code>/usr/include/sys/aio.h</code> file and contains the following members: <table><tr><td>int</td><td>aio_whence</td></tr><tr><td>off_t</td><td>aio_offset</td></tr><tr><td>char</td><td>*aio_buf</td></tr><tr><td>size_t</td><td>aio_nbytes</td></tr><tr><td>int</td><td>aio_reqprio</td></tr><tr><td>struct event</td><td>aio_event</td></tr><tr><td>struct osigevent</td><td>aio_event</td></tr><tr><td>int</td><td>aio_flag</td></tr><tr><td>aiohandle_t</td><td>aio_handle</td></tr></table>	int	aio_whence	off_t	aio_offset	char	*aio_buf	size_t	aio_nbytes	int	aio_reqprio	struct event	aio_event	struct osigevent	aio_event	int	aio_flag	aiohandle_t	aio_handle
int	aio_whence																		
off_t	aio_offset																		
char	*aio_buf																		
size_t	aio_nbytes																		
int	aio_reqprio																		
struct event	aio_event																		
struct osigevent	aio_event																		
int	aio_flag																		
aiohandle_t	aio_handle																		

Execution Environment

The **aio_cancel** and **aio_cancel64** subroutines can be called from the process environment only.

Return Values

AIO_CANCELED	Indicates that all of the asynchronous I/O requests were canceled successfully. The aio_error subroutine call with the handle to the aiocb structure of the request will return ECANCELED .
AIO_NOTCANCELED	Indicates that the aio_cancel subroutine did not cancel one or more outstanding I/O requests. This may happen if an I/O request is already in progress. The corresponding error status of the I/O request is not modified.
AIO_ALLDONE	Indicates that none of the I/O requests is in the queue or in progress.
-1	Indicates that the subroutine was not successful. Sets the errno global variable to identify the error.

A return code can be set to the following **errno** value:

EBADF Indicates that the *FileDescriptor* parameter is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The **aio_cancel** or **aio_cancel64** subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **aio_error** or **aio_error64** (“aio_error or aio_error64 Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine, **aio_read** or **aio_read64** (“aio_read or aio_read64 Subroutine” on page 23) subroutine, **aio_return** or **aio_return64** (“aio_return or aio_return64 Subroutine” on page 25) subroutine, **aio_suspend** or **aio_suspend64** (“aio_suspend or aio_suspend64 Subroutine” on page 26) subroutine, **aio_write** or **aio_write64** (“aio_write or aio_write64 Subroutine” on page 28) subroutine, **lio_listio** or **lio_listio64** (“lio_listio or lio_listio64 Subroutine” on page 488) subroutine.

The Asynchronous I/O Subsystem and Communications I/O Subsystem in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Kernel Extensions and Device Support Programming Concepts*.

The Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* describes the files, commands, and subroutines used for low-level, stream, terminal, and asynchronous I/O interfaces.

aio_error or aio_error64 Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the error status of an asynchronous I/O request.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <aio.h>
```

```
int  
aio_error( handle)  
aio_handle_t handle;
```

```
int aio_error64( handle)  
aio_handle_t handle;
```

Description

The **aio_error** subroutine retrieves the error status of the asynchronous request associated with the *handle* parameter. The error status is the **errno** value that would be set by the corresponding I/O operation. The error status is **EINPROG** if the I/O operation is still in progress.

The **aio_error64** subroutine is similar to the **aio_error** subroutine except that it retrieves the error status associated with an **aiocb64** control block.

Parameters

handle The handle field of an **aio control block** (**aiocb** or **aiocb64**) structure set by a previous call of the **aio_read**, **aio_read64**, **aio_write**, **aio_write64**, **lio_listio**, **aio_listio64** subroutine. If a random memory location is passed in, random results are returned.

Execution Environment

The **aio_error** and **aio_error64** subroutines can be called from the process environment only.

Return Values

0 Indicates that the operation completed successfully.
ECANCELED Indicates that the I/O request was canceled due to an **aio_cancel** subroutine call.

EINPROG Indicates that the I/O request has not completed.

An **errno** value described in the **aio_read** (“aio_read or aio_read64 Subroutine”), **aio_write** (“aio_write or aio_write64 Subroutine” on page 28), and **lio_listio** (“lio_listio or lio_listio64 Subroutine” on page 488) subroutines:

Indicates that the operation was not queued successfully. For example, if the **aio_read** subroutine is called with an unusable file descriptor, it (**aio_read**) returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to **EBADF**. A subsequent call of the **aio_error** subroutine with the handle of the unsuccessful **aio control block (aiocb)** structure returns **EBADF**.

An **errno** value of the corresponding I/O operation:

Indicates that the operation was initiated successfully, but the actual I/O operation was unsuccessful. For example, calling the **aio_write** subroutine on a file located in a full file system returns a value of 0, which indicates the request was queued successfully. However, when the I/O operation is complete (that is, when the **aio_error** subroutine no longer returns **EINPROG**), the **aio_error** subroutine returns **ENOSPC**. This indicates that the I/O was unsuccessful.

Implementation Specifics

The **aio_error** and **aio_error64** subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **aio_cancel** or **aio_cancel64** (“aio_cancel or aio_cancel64 Subroutine” on page 20) subroutine, **aio_read** or **aio_read64** (“aio_read or aio_read64 Subroutine”) subroutine, **aio_return** or **aio_return64** (“aio_return or aio_return64 Subroutine” on page 25) subroutine, **aio_suspend** or **aio_suspend64** (“aio_suspend or aio_suspend64 Subroutine” on page 26) subroutine, **aio_write** or **aio_write64** (“aio_write or aio_write64 Subroutine” on page 28) subroutine, **lio_listio** (“lio_listio or lio_listio64 Subroutine” on page 488) or **lio_listio64** (“lio_listio or lio_listio64 Subroutine” on page 488) subroutine.

The Asynchronous I/O Overview and the Communications I/O Subsystem: Programming Introduction in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Kernel Extensions and Device Support Programming Concepts*.

The Input and Output Handling Programmer’s Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* describes the files, commands, and subroutines used for low-level, stream, terminal, and asynchronous I/O interfaces.

aio_read or aio_read64 Subroutine

Purpose

Reads asynchronously from a file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <aio.h>
```

```
int aio_read( FileDescriptor, aiocbp)
int FileDescriptor;
struct aiocb *aiocbp;
```

```
int aio_read64( FileDescriptor, aiocbp)
int FileDescriptor;
struct aiocb64 *aiocbp;
```

Description

The **aio_read** subroutine reads asynchronously from a file. Specifically, the **aio_read** subroutine reads from the file associated with the *FileDescriptor* parameter into a buffer.

The **aio_read64** subroutine is similar to the **aio_read** subroutine except that it takes an **aiocb64** reference parameter. This allows the **aio_read64** subroutine to specify offsets in excess of **OFF_MAX** (2 gigabytes minus 1).

In the large file enabled programming environment, **aio_read** is redefined to be **aio_read64** .

The details of the read are provided by information in the **aiocb** structure, which is pointed to by the *aiocbp* parameter. This information includes the following fields:

<i>aio_buf</i>	Indicates the buffer to use.
<i>aio_nbytes</i>	Indicates the number of bytes to read.

When the read request has been queued, the **aio_read** subroutine updates the file pointer specified by the *aio_whence* and *aio_offset* fields in the **aiocb** structure as if the requested I/O were already completed. It then returns to the calling program. The *aio_whence* and *aio_offset* fields have the same meaning as the *whence* and *offset* parameters in the **lseek** (“lseek, llseek or lseek64 Subroutine” on page 515) subroutine. The subroutine ignores them for file objects that are not capable of seeking.

If an error occurs during the call, the read request is not queued. To determine the status of a request, use the **aio_error** (“aio_error or aio_error64 Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine.

To have the calling process receive the **SIGIO** signal when the I/O operation completes, set the **AIO_SIGNAL** bit in the *aio_flag* field in the **aiocb** structure.

Note: The **SIGIO** signal is replaced by real-time signals when they are available. The **event** structure in the **aiocb** structure is currently not in use but is included for future compatibility.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Identifies the object to be read as returned from a call to open.												
<i>aiocbp</i>	Points to the asynchronous I/O control block structure associated with the I/O operation. The aiocb and the aiocb64 structures are defined in the aio.h file and contains the following members: <table><tr><td>int</td><td><i>aio_whence</i></td></tr><tr><td>off_t</td><td><i>aio_offset</i></td></tr><tr><td>char</td><td><i>*aio_buf</i></td></tr><tr><td>size_t</td><td><i>aio_nbytes</i></td></tr><tr><td>int</td><td><i>aio_flag</i></td></tr><tr><td>aio_handle_t</td><td><i>aio_handle</i></td></tr></table>	int	<i>aio_whence</i>	off_t	<i>aio_offset</i>	char	<i>*aio_buf</i>	size_t	<i>aio_nbytes</i>	int	<i>aio_flag</i>	aio_handle_t	<i>aio_handle</i>
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char	<i>*aio_buf</i>												
size_t	<i>aio_nbytes</i>												
int	<i>aio_flag</i>												
aio_handle_t	<i>aio_handle</i>												

Execution Environment

The **aio_read** and **aio_read64** subroutines can be called from the process environment only.

Return Values

When the read request queues successfully, the **aio_read** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and sets the global variable **errno** to identify the error.

Return codes can be set to the following **errno** values:

EAGAIN	Indicates that the system resources required to queue the request are not available. Specifically, the transmit queue may be full, or the maximum number of opens may be reached.
EBADF	Indicates that the <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not valid.
EFAULT	Indicates that the address specified by the <i>aiocbp</i> parameter is not valid.
EINVAL	Indicates that the <i>aio_whence</i> field does not have a valid value, or that the resulting pointer is not valid.

Note: Other error codes defined in the **sys/errno.h** file can be returned by **aio_error** if an error during the I/O operation is encountered.

Implementation Specifics

The **aio_read** and **aio_read64** subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **aio_cancel** or **aio_cancel64** (“aio_cancel or aio_cancel64 Subroutine” on page 20) subroutine, **aio_error** or **aio_error64** (“aio_error or aio_error64 Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine, **aio_return** or **aio_return64** (“aio_return or aio_return64 Subroutine”) subroutine, **aio_suspend** or **aio_suspend64** (“aio_suspend or aio_suspend64 Subroutine” on page 26) subroutine, **aio_write** (“aio_write or aio_write64 Subroutine” on page 28) subroutine, **lio_listio** or **lio_listio64** (“lio_listio or lio_listio64 Subroutine” on page 488) subroutine.

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aio_return or aio_return64 Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the return status of an asynchronous I/O request.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <aio.h>
```

```
int aio_return( handle)
aio_handle_t handle;
```

```
int aio_return64( handle)
aio_handle_t handle;
```

Description

The **aio_return** subroutine retrieves the return status of the asynchronous I/O request associated with the **aio_handle_t** handle if the I/O request has completed. The status returned is the same as the status that would be returned by the corresponding **read** or **write** function calls. If the I/O operation has not completed, the returned status is undefined.

The **aioreturn64** subroutine is similar to the **aioreturn** subroutine except that it retrieves the error status associated with an **aiocb64** control block.

Parameters

handle The *handle* field of an **aiocb** or **aiocb64** structure is set by a previous call of the **aioread**, **aioread64**, **aiowrite**, **aiowrite64**, **lio_listio**, **aiolistio64** subroutine. If a random memory location is passed in, random results are returned.

Execution Environment

The **aioreturn** and **aioreturn64** subroutines can be called from the process environment only.

Return Values

The **aioreturn** subroutine returns the status of an asynchronous I/O request corresponding to those returned by **read** or **write** functions. If the error status returned by the **aioreturn** subroutine call is **EINPROG**, the value returned by the **aioreturn** subroutine is undefined.

Examples

An **aioread** request to read 1000 bytes from a disk device eventually, when the **aioreturn** subroutine returns a 0, causes the **aioreturn** subroutine to return 1000. An **aioread** request to read 1000 bytes from a 500 byte file eventually causes the **aioreturn** subroutine to return 500. An **aiowrite** request to write to a read-only file system results in the **aioreturn** subroutine eventually returning **EROFS** and the **aioreturn** subroutine returning a value of -1.

Implementation Specifics

The **aioreturn** and **aioreturn64** subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **aiocancel** or **aiocancel64** (“**aiocancel** or **aiocancel64** Subroutine” on page 20) subroutine, **aioreturn** or **aioreturn64** (“**aioreturn** or **aioreturn64** Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine, **aioread** or **aioread64** (“**aioread** or **aioread64** Subroutine” on page 23) subroutine, **aiosuspend** or **aiosuspend64** (“**aiosuspend** or **aiosuspend64** Subroutine”) subroutine, **aiowrite** or **aiowrite64** (“**aiowrite** or **aiowrite64** Subroutine” on page 28) subroutine, **lio_listio** or **aiolistio64** (“**lio_listio** or **aiolistio64** Subroutine” on page 488) subroutine.

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aiosuspend or **aiosuspend64** Subroutine

Purpose

Suspends the calling process until one or more asynchronous I/O requests is completed.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <aio.h>
```

```
aio_suspend( count, aiocbpa)
int count;
struct aiocb *aiocbpa[ ];
```

```
aio_suspend64( count, aiocbpa)
int count;
struct aiocb64 *aiocbpa[ ];
```

Description

The **aio_suspend** subroutine suspends the calling process until one or more of the *count* parameter asynchronous I/O requests are completed or a signal interrupts the subroutine. Specifically, the **aio_suspend** subroutine handles requests associated with the **aio control block (aiocb)** structures pointed to by the *aiocbpa* parameter. A thread can only use **aio_suspend** to suspend on requests that it has initiated. If a thread tries to suspend on requests that it did not initiate, **aio_suspend** will return -1 and set **errno** to EINVAL.

The **aio_suspend64** subroutine is similar to the **aio_suspend** subroutine except that it takes an array of pointers to **aiocb64** structures. This allows the **aio_suspend64** subroutine to suspend on asynchronous I/O requests submitted by either the **aio_read64**, **aio_write64**, or the **lio_listio64** subroutines.

In the large file enabled programming environment, **aio_suspend** is redefined to be **aio_suspend64**.

The array of **aiocb** pointers may include null pointers, which will be ignored. If one of the I/O requests is already completed at the time of the **aio_suspend** call, the call immediately returns.

Parameters

<i>count</i>	Specifies the number of entries in the <i>aiocbpa</i> array.
<i>aiocbpa</i>	Points to the aiocb or aiocb64 structures associated with the asynchronous I/O operations. The aiocb structure is defined in the aio.h file and contains the following members:
	int aio_whence
	off_t aio_offset
	char *aio_buf
	size_t aio_nbytes
	int aio_reqprio
	struct event aio_event
	struct osigevent aio_event
	int aio_flag
	aio_handle_t aio_handle

The **aio_suspend** and **aio_suspend64** subroutines can be called from the process environment only.

Return Values

If one or more of the I/O requests completes, the **aio_suspend** subroutine returns the index into the *aiocbpa* array of one of the completed requests. The index of the first element in the *aiocbpa* array is 0. If more than one request has completed, the return value can be the index of any of the completed requests.

In the event of an error, the **aio_suspend** subroutine returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to identify the error. Return codes can be set to the following **errno** values:

EINTR	Indicates that a signal or event interrupted the aio_suspend subroutine call.
EINVAL	Indicates that the <i>aio_whence</i> field does not have a valid value or that the resulting pointer is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The `aio_suspend` or `aio_suspend64` subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `aio_cancel` or `aio_cancel64` (“`aio_cancel` or `aio_cancel64` Subroutine” on page 20) subroutine, `aio_error` or `aio_error64` (“`aio_error` or `aio_error64` Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine, `aio_read` or `aio_read64` (“`aio_read` or `aio_read64` Subroutine” on page 23) subroutine, `aio_return` or `aio_return64` (“`aio_return` or `aio_return64` Subroutine” on page 25) subroutine, `aio_write` or `aio_write64` (“`aio_write` or `aio_write64` Subroutine”) subroutine, `lio_listio` or `lio_listio64` (“`lio_listio` or `lio_listio64` Subroutine” on page 488) subroutine.

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`aio_write` or `aio_write64` Subroutine

Purpose

Writes to a file asynchronously.

Library

Standard C Library (`libc.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <aio.h>
```

```
int aio_write( FileDescriptor, aiocbp)
int FileDescriptor;
struct aiocb *aiocbp;
```

```
int aio_write64( FileDescriptor, aiocbp)
int FileDescriptor;
struct aiocb64 *aiocbp;
```

Description

The `aio_write` subroutine writes asynchronously to a file. Specifically, the `aio_write` subroutine writes to the file associated with the `FileDescriptor` parameter from a buffer. To handle this, the subroutine uses information from the **aio control block (aiocb)** structure, which is pointed to by the `aiocbp` parameter. This information includes the following fields:

<code>aio_buf</code>	Indicates the buffer to use.
<code>aio_nbytes</code>	Indicates the number of bytes to write.

The `aio_write64` subroutine is similar to the `aio_write` subroutine except that it takes an `aiocb64` reference parameter. This allows the `aio_write64` subroutine to specify offsets in excess of `OFF_MAX` (2 gigabytes minus 1).

In the large file enabled programming environment, **aio_read** is redefined to be **aio_read64**.

When the write request has been queued, the **aio_write** subroutine updates the file pointer specified by the `aio_whence` and `aio_offset` fields in the **aio_cb** structure as if the requested I/O completed. It then returns to the calling program. The `aio_whence` and `aio_offset` fields have the same meaning as the *whence* and *offset* parameters in the **lseek** (“lseek, llseek or lseek64 Subroutine” on page 515) subroutine. The subroutine ignores them for file objects that are not capable of seeking.

If an error occurs during the call, the write request is not initiated or queued. To determine the status of a request, use the **aio_error** (“aio_error or aio_error64 Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine.

To have the calling process receive the **SIGIO** signal when the I/O operation completes, set the `AIO_SIGNAL` bit in the `aio_flag` field in the **aio_cb** structure.

Note: The **SIGIO** signal will be replaced by real-time signals when they are available. The **event** structure in the **aio_cb** structure is currently not in use but is included for future compatibility.

Parameters

FileDescriptor Identifies the object to be written as returned from a call to open.
aio_cbp Points to the asynchronous I/O control block structure associated with the I/O operation.

The **aio_cb** structure is defined in the **aio.h** file and contains the following members:

```
int          aio_whence
off_t       aio_offset
char        *aio_buf
size_t      aio_nbytes
int         aio_reqprio
struct event aio_event
struct osigevent aio_event
int         aio_flag
aio_handle_t aio_handle
```

The **aio_write** and **aio_write64** subroutines can be called from the process environment only.

Return Values

When the write request queues successfully, the **aio_write** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to identify the error.

Return codes can be set to the following **errno** values:

EAGAIN Indicates that the system resources required to queue the request are not available. Specifically, the transmit queue may be full, or the maximum number of opens may have been reached.
EBADF Indicates that the *FileDescriptor* parameter is not valid.
EFAULT Indicates that the address specified by the *aio_cbp* parameter is not valid.
EINVAL Indicates that the `aio_whence` field does not have a valid value or that the resulting pointer is not valid.

Note: Other error codes defined in the `/usr/include/sys/errno.h` file may be returned by the **aio_error** subroutine if an error during the I/O operation is encountered.

Implementation Specifics

The **aio_write** or **aio_write64** subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **aio_cancel** or **aio_cancel64** (“aio_cancel or aio_cancel64 Subroutine” on page 20) subroutine, **aio_error** or **aio_error64** (“aio_error or aio_error64 Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine, **aio_read** or **aio_read64** (“aio_read or aio_read64 Subroutine” on page 23) subroutine, **aio_return** or **aio_return64** (“aio_return or aio_return64 Subroutine” on page 25) subroutine, **aio_suspend** or **aio_suspend64** (“aio_suspend or aio_suspend64 Subroutine” on page 26) subroutine, **lio_listio** or **lio_listio64** (“lio_listio or lio_listio64 Subroutine” on page 488) subroutine.

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arm_end Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_end** subroutine is used to mark the end of an application. This subroutine call must always be called when a program that issued an **arm_init** (“arm_init Subroutine” on page 38) subroutine call terminates. In the PTX implementation of ARM, application data structures may persist after **arm_end** is issued. See “Implementation Specifics” on page 31.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_ret_stat_t ARM_API arm_end( arm_appl_id_t appl_id,      /* application id
*/
    arm_flag_t   flags,          /* Reserved = 0          */
    arm_data_t   *data,          /* Reserved = NULL      */
    arm_data_sz_t data_size);    /* Reserved = 0          */
```

Description

By calling the **arm_end** subroutine, an application program signals to the ARM library that it has ceased issuing ARM subroutine calls for the application specified and that the library code can remove references to the application. As far as the calling program is concerned, all references to transactions defined for the named application can be removed as well.

Parameters

appl_id

The identifier is returned by an earlier call to **arm_init**, “arm_init Subroutine” on page 38. The PTX implementation does not require that the **arm_init** subroutine call was issued by the same program or process now issuing the **arm_end** subroutine call. However, each time the **arm_end** subroutine call is issued against an *appl_id*, the use-count of the transaction structure is decremented. When the count reaches zero, the application structure and all associated transaction structures are marked as inactive. Subsequent **arm_init** calls can reactivate the application structure but transaction structures formerly associated with the application are not automatically activated. Each transaction must be reactivated through the **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Subroutine” on page 34) subroutine call.

The *appl_id* is used to look for an application structure. If none is found, no action is taken and the function returns -1. If one is found, the use-count of the application structure is decremented. If that makes the counter zero, the use-counts of all associated transaction structures are set to zero. The total number of application structures that have been initialized for the calling process but not ended is decremented. If this count reaches zero, access to the shared memory from the process is released and the count of users of the shared memory area is decremented. If the count of users of the shared memory segment reaches zero, the shared memory segment is deleted.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns zero. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Note that, in the PTX implementation of ARM, multiple processes can issue **arm_init** (“arm_init Subroutine” on page 38) subroutine calls for a given application with the effect that multiple simultaneous definitions of the application are effective. The ARM library code points all these definitions to a single application structure in the ARM private shared memory area. A use-count keeps track of the number of simultaneous definitions. Each time **arm_init** is issued for the application name, the counter is incremented and each time the **arm_end** subroutine call is issued for the associated *appl_id*, the counter is decremented. No call to **arm_end** is permitted to decrement the counter less than zero.

Only when the counter reaches zero is the application structure inactivated. As long as the counter is non-zero, transactions defined for the application remain active and new transactions can be defined for the application. It does not matter which process created the definition of the application.

This implementation was chosen because it makes perfect sense in a PTX environment. Any more restrictive implementation would have increased memory use significantly and would be useless for PTX monitoring purposes.

Files

/usr/include/arm.h

Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

772, **arm_init** (“arm_init Subroutine” on page 38) subroutine, **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Subroutine” on page 34) subroutine.

arm_end Dual Call Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_end** subroutine is used to mark the end of an application. This subroutine call must always be called when a program that issued an **arm_init** (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40) subroutine call terminates. In the PTX implementation of ARM, application data structures may persist after **arm_end** is issued. See “Implementation Specifics” on page 31. This may not be the case for the *lower library* implementation.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_ret_stat_t ARM_API arm_end(  arm_appl_id_t appl_id,      /* application id
*/
    arm_flag_t   flags,          /* Reserved = 0           */
    arm_data_t   *data,          /* Reserved = NULL        */
    arm_data_sz_t data_size);    /* Reserved = 0           */
```

Description

By calling the **arm_end** subroutine, an application program signals to the ARM library that it has ceased issuing ARM subroutine calls for the application specified and that the library code can remove references to the application. As far as the calling program is concerned, all references to transactions defined for the named application can be removed as well.

Before the PTX implementation code is executed, the *lower library* is called. If this call returns a value of zero, that return value is passed to the caller. If the value returned by the *lower library* is non-zero, the return value is the one generated by the PTX library code.

Parameters

appl_id

The identifier returned by an earlier call to **arm_init** (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40). The identifier is passed to the **arm_end** function of the *lower library*. If the *lower library* returns a zero, a zero is returned to the caller. After the invocation of the *lower library*, the PTX implementation attempts to translate the *appl_id* argument to its own identifier from the cross-reference table created by **arm_init** (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40). If one can be found, it is used for the PTX implementation; if no cross reference is found, the *appl_id* is used as passed in. The PTX implementation does not require that the **arm_init** subroutine call was issued by the same program or process now issuing the **arm_end** subroutine call. However, each time the **arm_end** subroutine call is issued against an *appl_id*, the use-count of the transaction structure is decremented. When the count reaches zero, the application structure and all associated transaction structures are marked as inactive. Subsequent **arm_init** calls can reactivate the application structure but transaction structures formerly associated with the application are not automatically activated. Each transaction must be reactivated through the **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine” on page 36) subroutine call.

In the PTX implementation, the *appl_id* (as retrieved from the cross-reference table) is used to look for an application structure. If none is found, no action is taken and the PTX function is considered to have failed. If one is found, the use-count of the application structure is decremented. If that makes the counter zero, the use-counts of all associated transaction structures are set to zero. The total number of application structures that have been initialized for

the calling process but not ended is decremented. If this count reaches zero, access to the shared memory from the process is released and the count of users of the shared memory area is decremented. If the count of users of the shared memory segment reaches zero, the shared memory segment is deleted.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns zero. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned. If the call to the *lower library* was successful, a zero is returned. If the subroutine call to the *lower library* failed but the PTX implementation didn't fail, a zero is returned. If both implementations failed, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Note that, in the PTX implementation of ARM, multiple processes can issue **arm_init** (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40) subroutine calls for a given application with the effect that multiple simultaneous definitions of the application are effective. The ARM library code points all these definitions to a single application structure in the ARM private shared memory area. A use-count keeps track of the number of simultaneous definitions. Each time **arm_init** is issued for the application name, the counter is incremented and each time the **arm_end** subroutine call is issued for the associated *appl_id*, the counter is decremented. No call to **arm_end** is permitted to decrement the counter less than zero.

Only when the counter reaches zero is the application structure inactivated. As long as the counter is non-zero, transactions defined for the application remain active and new transactions can be defined for the application. It does not matter which process created the definition of the application.

This implementation was chosen because it makes perfect sense in a PTX environment. Any more restrictive implementation would have increased memory use significantly and would be useless for PTX monitoring purposes.

For the implementation of **arm_end** in the *lower library*, other restrictions may exist.

Files

/usr/include/arm.h	Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.
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Related Information

- “arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40
- “arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine” on page 36

arm_getid Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_getid** subroutine is used to register a transaction as belonging to an application and assign a unique identifier to the application/transaction pair. In the PTX implementation of ARM, multiple instances of a transaction within one application can't be defined. See "Implementation Specifics" on page 35. A transaction must be registered before any ARM measurements can begin.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_tran_id_t arm_getid(      arm_appl_id_t appl_id,      /* application handle
*/
    arm_ptr_t      *tran_name,      /* transaction name          */
    arm_ptr_t      *tran_detail,    /* transaction additional info */
    arm_flag_t      flags,          /* Reserved = 0              */
    arm_data_t      *data,          /* Reserved = NULL           */
    arm_data_sz_t   data_size);    /* Reserved = 0              */
```

Description

Each transaction needs to be defined by a unique name within an application. Transactions can be defined so they best fit the application environment. For example, if a given environment has thousands of unique transactions, it may be feasible to define groups of similar transactions to prevent data overload. In other situations, you may want to use generated transaction names that reflect what data a transaction carries along with the transaction type. For example, the type of SQL query could be analyzed to group customer query transactions according to complexity, such as *customer_simple*, *customer*, *customer_complex*. Whichever method is used to name transactions, in the PTX implementation of the ARM API, measurements are always collected for each unique combination of:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Parameters

appl_id

The identifier returned by an earlier call to **arm_init** ("arm_init Subroutine" on page 38). The PTX implementation does not require that the **arm_init** subroutine call was issued by the same program or process now issuing the **arm_getid** subroutine call. However, the number of issued **arm_init** subroutine calls for the application name must exceed the number of issued **arm_end** subroutine calls for this *appl_id*.

The *appl_id* is used to look for an application structure. If one is not found or if the use-count of the one found is zero, no action is taken and the function returns -1.

tran_name

A unique transaction name. The name only needs to be unique within the *appl_id*. The maximum length is 128 characters including the terminating zero. The argument is converted to a key by removing all blanks and truncating the string to 32 characters, including a terminating zero. This key is used to look for a transaction structure (that belongs to the application identified in the first argument) in the library's private shared memory area. If a transaction structure is found, its use-count is set to one and the transaction ID stored in the structure is returned to the caller. If the

structure is not found, one is created and assigned the next free transaction ID, given a use-count of one and added to the application's linked list of transactions. The new assigned transaction ID is returned to the caller.

Up-to 64 bytes, including the terminating zero, of the *tran_name* parameter is saved as the description of the **SpmiCx context** that represents the transaction in the Spmi hierarchy. The key is used as the short name of the context.

tran_detail

Can be passed in as NULL or some means of specifying a unique instance of the transaction. In the PTX implementation of the ARM API, this parameter is ignored. Consequently, it is not possible to define unique instances of a transaction. If specified as non-NULL, this parameter must be a string not exceeding 128 bytes in length, including the terminating zero.

For the implementation to take this argument in use, another context level would have to be defined between the application context and the transaction context. This was deemed excessive.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns an **tran_id** application identifier. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned. In compliance with the ARM API specifications, the error return value can be passed to the **arm_start** ("arm_start Subroutine" on page 42) subroutine, which will cause **arm_start** to function as a no-operation.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Note that the use-count for a transaction structure is either one or zero. This ensures that as long as the application structure is active, so are all transactions for which an **arm_getid** call was issued after the application was activated by an **arm_init** ("arm_init Subroutine" on page 38) call. The transaction use-count is reset to zero by the **arm_end** ("arm_end Subroutine" on page 30) call if this call causes the application use-count to go to zero.

Note that the implementation of **arm_getid** doesn't allow unique instances of a transaction to be defined. The **tran_id** associated with a transaction is stored in the ARM shared memory area and will remain constant throughout the life of the shared memory area. Consequently, subsequent executions of a program that defines one or more transactions under a given application will usually have the same ID returned for the transactions each time. The same is true when different programs define the same transaction within an application: As long as the shared memory area exists, they will all have the same ID returned. This is done to minimize the use of memory for transaction definitions and because it makes no difference from a PTX point of view.

If this is not acceptable from an application point of view, programs can dynamically generate transaction names to pass on the **arm_getid** subroutine call.

Files

`/usr/include/arm.h` Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

`arm_init` (“`arm_init Subroutine`” on page 38) subroutine, `arm_end` (“`arm_end Subroutine`” on page 30) subroutine.

arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine

Purpose

The `arm_getid` subroutine is used to register a transaction as belonging to an application and assign a unique identifier to the application/transaction pair. In the PTX implementation of ARM, multiple instances of a transaction within one application can't be defined. The *lower library* implementation of this subroutine may provide support for instances of transactions. A transaction must be registered before any ARM measurements can begin.

Library

ARM Library (`libarm.a`).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_tran_id_t arm_getid(      arm_appl_id_t appl_id,      /* application handle
*/
    arm_ptr_t   *tran_name,    /* transaction name          */
    arm_ptr_t   *tran_detail,  /* transaction additional info */
    arm_flag_t  flags,         /* Reserved = 0              */
    arm_data_t  *data,         /* Reserved = NULL           */
    arm_data_sz_t data_size); /* Reserved = 0              */
```

Description

Each transaction needs to be defined by a unique name within an application. Transactions can be defined so they best fit the application environment. For example, if a given environment has thousands of unique transactions, it may be feasible to define groups of similar transactions to prevent data overload. In other situations, you may want to use generated transaction names that reflect what data a transaction carries along with the transaction type. For example, the type of SQL query could be analyzed to group customer query transactions according to complexity, such as *customer_simple*, *customer*, *customer_complex*. Whichever method is used to name transactions, in the PTX implementation of the ARM API, measurements are always collected for each unique combination of:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Before the PTX implementation code is executed, the *lower library* is called. If this call returns a value greater than zero, that return value is passed to the caller as the transaction ID. If the returned value from the *lower library* is zero or negative, the return value is the one generated by the PTX library code.

Parameters

`appl_id`

The identifier returned by an earlier call to **arm_init** (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40). The identifier is passed to the **arm_getid** function of the *lower library*. If the *lower library* returns an identifier greater than zero, that identifier is the one that’ll eventually be returned to the caller. After the invocation of the *lower library*, the PTX implementation attempts to translate the *appl_id* argument to its own identifier by consulting the cross-reference table created by **arm_init**. If one can be found, it is used for the PTX implementation; if no cross reference is found, the *appl_id* is used as passed in. The PTX implementation does not require that the **arm_init** subroutine call was issued by the same program or process now issuing the **arm_getid** subroutine call. However, the number of issued **arm_init** subroutine calls for the application name must exceed the number of issued **arm_end** subroutine calls for this *appl_id*.

In the PTX implementation, the *appl_id* (as retrieved from the cross-reference table) is used to look for an application structure. If one is not found or if the use-count of the one found is zero, the PTX implementation is considered to have failed and no action is taken by the PTX library.

tran_name

A unique transaction name. The name only needs to be unique within the *appl_id*. The maximum length is 128 characters including the terminating zero. In the PTX implementation, the argument is converted to a key by removing all blanks and truncating the string to 32 characters, including a terminating zero. This key is used to look for a transaction structure (that belongs to the application identified in the first argument) in the library’s private shared memory area. If a transaction structure is found, its use-count is set to one and the transaction ID stored in the structure is saved. If the structure is not found, one is created and assigned the next free transaction ID, given a use-count of one and added to the application’s linked list of transactions. The new assigned transaction ID is saved. If the call to the *lower library* was successful, a cross-reference is created from the *lower library*’s transaction ID to the PTX library’s transaction ID for use by **arm_start** (“arm_start Dual Call Subroutine” on page 43).

Up-to 64 bytes, including the terminating zero, of the *tran_name* parameter is saved as the description of the **SpmiCx context** that represents the transaction in the Spmi hierarchy. The key is used as the short name of the context.

tran_detail

Can be passed in as NULL or some means of specifying a unique instance of the transaction. In the PTX implementation of the ARM API, this parameter is ignored. Consequently, it is not possible to define unique instances of a transaction. If specified as non-NULL, this parameter must be a string not exceeding 128 bytes in length, including the terminating zero.

For the implementation to take this argument in use, another context level would have to be defined between the application context and the transaction context. This was deemed excessive.

For the *lower library* implementation of this subroutine call, the *tran_detail* argument may have significance. If so, it’s transparent to the PTX implementation.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation. In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns an **tran_id** application identifier. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned. In compliance with the ARM API specifications, the error return value can be passed to the **arm_start** (“arm_start Dual Call Subroutine” on page 43) subroutine, which will cause **arm_start** to function as a no-operation.

If the call to the *lower library* was successful, the **tran_id** transaction identifier returned is the one assigned by the *lower library*. If the subroutine call to the *lower library* failed but the PTX implementation

didn't fail, the **tran_id** returned is the one assigned by the PTX library. If both implementations fail, a value less than zero is returned. In compliance with the ARM API specification, an error return value can be passed to the **arm_start** ("arm_start Dual Call Subroutine" on page 43) subroutine, which will cause **arm_start** to function as a no-operation.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Note that the use-count for a transaction structure is either one or zero. This ensures that as long as the application structure is active, so are all transactions for which an **arm_getid** call was issued after the application was activated by an **arm_init** ("arm_init Dual Call Subroutine" on page 40) call. The transaction use-count is reset to zero by the **arm_end** ("arm_end Dual Call Subroutine" on page 32) call if this call causes the application use-count to go to zero.

Note that the implementation of **arm_getid** doesn't allow unique instances of a transaction to be defined. The **tran_id** associated with a transaction is stored in the ARM shared memory area and will remain constant throughout the life of the shared memory area. Consequently, subsequent executions of a program that defines one or more transactions under a given application will usually have the same ID returned for the transactions each time. The same is true when different programs define the same transaction within an application: As long as the shared memory area exists, they will all have the same ID returned. This is done to minimize the use of memory for transaction definitions and because it makes no difference from a PTX point of view.

If this is not acceptable from an application point of view, programs can dynamically generate transaction names to pass on the **arm_getid** subroutine call.

Regardless of the implementation restrictions of the PTX library, the *lower library* may or may not have its own implementation restrictions.

Files

/usr/include/arm.h Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

arm_init ("arm_init Dual Call Subroutine" on page 40) subroutine, **arm_end** ("arm_end Dual Call Subroutine" on page 32) subroutine.

arm_init Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_init** subroutine is used to define an application or a unique instance of an application to the ARM library. In the PTX implementation of ARM, instances of applications can't be defined. See "Implementation Specifics" on page 40. An application must be defined before any other ARM subroutine is issued.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_appl_id_t arm_init( arm_ptr_t      *appname,      /* application name
*/
    arm_ptr_t      *appl_user_id, /* Name of the application user */
    arm_flag_t     flags,         /* Reserved = 0 */
    arm_data_t     *data,         /* Reserved = NULL */
    arm_data_sz_t  data_size);    /* Reserved = 0 */
```

Description

Each application needs to be defined by a unique name. An application can be defined as loosely or as rigidly as required. It may be defined as a single execution of one program, multiple (possibly simultaneous) executions of one program, or multiple executions of multiple programs that together constitute an application. Any one user of ARM may define the application so it best fits the measurement granularity desired. Measurements are always collected for each unique combination of:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Parameters

appname

A unique application name. The maximum length is 128 characters including the terminating zero. The argument is converted to a key by removing all blanks and truncating the string to 32 characters, including a terminating zero. This key is used to look for an application structure in the library's private shared memory area. If a structure is found, its use-count is incremented and the application ID stored in the structure is returned to the caller. If the structure is not found, one is created, assigned the next free application ID and given a use-count of one. The new assigned application ID is returned to the caller.

Up-to 64 bytes, including the terminating zero, of the *appname* parameter is saved as the description of the **SpmiCx context** that represents the application in the Spmi hierarchy. The key is used as the short name of the context.

appl_user_id

Can be passed in as NULL or some means of specifying a user ID for the application. This allows the calling program to define unique instances of an application. In the PTX implementation of the ARM API, this parameter is ignored. Consequently, it is not possible to define unique instances of an application. If specified as non-NULL, this parameter must be a string not exceeding 128 bytes in length, including the terminating zero.

For the implementation to take this argument in use, another context level would have to be defined between the application context and the transaction context. This was deemed excessive.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns an **appl_id** application identifier. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Note that the implementation of **arm_init** doesn't allow unique instances of an application to be defined. The **appl_id** associated with an application is stored in the ARM shared memory area and will remain constant throughout the life of the shared memory area. Consequently, subsequent executions of a program that defines one or more applications will usually have the same ID returned for the application each time. The same is true when different programs define the same application: As long as the shared memory area exists, they will all have the same ID returned. This is done to minimize the use of memory for application definitions and because it makes no difference from a PTX point of view.

If this is not acceptable from an application point of view, programs can dynamically generate application names to pass on the **arm_init** subroutine call.

Files

/usr/include/arm.h Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

arm_init Dual Call Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_init** subroutine is used to define an application or a unique instance of an application to the ARM library. While, in the PTX implementation of ARM, instances of applications can't be defined, the ARM implementation in the *lower library* may permit this. An application must be defined before any other ARM subroutine is issued.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_appl_id_t arm_init( arm_ptr_t    *appname,    /* application name
*/
    arm_ptr_t    *appl_user_id, /* Name of the application user */
    arm_flag_t    flags,        /* Reserved = 0 */
    arm_data_t    *data,        /* Reserved = NULL */
    arm_data_sz_t data_size);   /* Reserved = 0 */
```

Description

Each application needs to be defined by a unique name. An application can be defined as loosely or as rigidly as required. It may be defined as a single execution of one program, multiple (possibly simultaneous) executions of one program, or multiple executions of multiple programs that together constitute an application. Any one user of ARM may define the application so it best fits the measurement granularity desired. For the PTX implementation, measurements are always collected for each unique combination of:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Before the PTX implementation code is executed, the *lower library* is called. If this call returns a value greater than zero, that return value is passed to the caller as the application ID. If the returned value from the *lower library* is zero or negative, the return value is the one generated by the PTX library code.

Parameters

appname

A unique application name. The maximum length is 128 characters including the terminating zero. The PTX library code converts this value to a key by removing all blanks and truncating the string to 32 characters, including a terminating zero. This key is used to look for an application structure in the library's private shared memory area. If a structure is found, its use-count is incremented and the application ID stored in the structure is saved. If the structure is not found, one is created, assigned the next free application ID and given a use-count of one. The new assigned application ID is saved. If the call to the *lower library* was successful, a cross-reference is created from the *lower library's* application ID to the PTX library's application ID for use by **arm_getid** ("arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine" on page 36) and **arm_end** ("arm_end Dual Call Subroutine" on page 32).

Up-to 64 bytes, including the terminating zero, of the *appname* parameter is saved as the description of the **SpmiCx context** that represents the application in the Spmi hierarchy. The key is used as the short name of the context.

appl_user_id

Can be passed in as NULL or some means of specifying a user ID for the application. This allows the calling program to define unique instances of an application. In the PTX implementation of the ARM API, this parameter is ignored. Consequently, it is not possible to define unique instances of an application. If specified as non-NULL, this parameter must be a string not exceeding 128 bytes in length, including the terminating zero.

For the PTX implementation to take this argument in use, another context level would have to be defined between the application context and the transaction context. This was deemed excessive.

For the *lower library* implementation of this subroutine call, the *appl_user_id* argument may have significance. If so, it's transparent to the PTX implementation.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If the call to the *lower library* was successful, the subroutine returns an **appl_id** application identifier as returned from the *lower library*. If the subroutine call to the *lower library* fails but the PTX implementation doesn't fail, the **appl_id** returned is the one assigned by the PTX library. If both implementations fail, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Note that the implementation of **arm_init** doesn't allow unique instances of an application to be defined. The **appl_id** associated with an application is stored in the ARM shared memory area and will remain constant throughout the life of the shared memory area. Consequently, subsequent executions of a program that defines one or more applications will usually have the same ID returned for the application each time. The same is true when different programs define the same application: As long as the shared

memory area exists, they will all have the same ID returned. This is done to minimize the use of memory for application definitions and because it makes no difference from a PTX point of view.

If this is not acceptable from an application point of view, programs can dynamically generate application names to pass on the **arm_init** subroutine call.

Regardless of the implementation restrictions of the PTX library, the *lower library* may or may not have its own implementation restrictions.

Files

/usr/include/arm.h Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

arm_start Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_start** subroutine is used to mark the beginning of the execution of a transaction. Measurement of the transaction response time starts at the execution of this subroutine.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_start_handle_t arm_start( arm_tran_id_t tran_id, /* transaction name identifier
*/
    arm_flag_t flags, /* Reserved = 0 */
    arm_data_t *data, /* Reserved = NULL */
    arm_data_sz_t data_size); /* Reserved = 0 */
```

Description

Each **arm_start** subroutine call marks the beginning of another instance of a transaction within an application. Multiple instances (simultaneous executions of the transaction) may exist. Control information for the transaction instance is held until the execution of a matching **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Subroutine” on page 45) subroutine call, at which time the elapsed time is calculated and used to update transaction measurement metrics for the transaction. Metrics are accumulated for each unique combination of the following three components:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Parameters

tran_id

The identifier is returned by an earlier call to **arm_getid**, “arm_getid Subroutine” on page 34. The PTX implementation does not require that the **arm_getid** subroutine call was issued by the same program or process now issuing the **arm_start** subroutine call. However, the transaction’s application structure must be active, which means that the number of issued **arm_init** subroutine calls for the application name must exceed the number of issued **arm_end** subroutine calls for the application’s **appl_id**. If an application was inactivated by issuing a sufficient number of **arm_end**

calls, all transactions defined for that application will have their `use_count` set to zero. The count remains zero (and the transaction inactive) until a new **arm_getid** subroutine is issued for the transaction.

The `tran_id` argument is used to look for a transaction structure. If one is not found or if the use-count of the one found is zero, no action is taken and the function returns -1. If one is found, a transaction instance structure (called a *slot structure*) is allocated, assigned the next free instance ID, and updated with the start time of the transaction instance. The assigned instance ID is returned to the caller.

In compliance with the ARM API specifications, if the `tran_id` passed is one returned from a previous **arm_getid** subroutine call that failed, the **arm_start** subroutine call functions as a no-operation function. It will return a NULL **start_handle**, which can be passed to subsequent **arm_update** (“arm_update Subroutine” on page 49) and **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Subroutine” on page 45) subroutine calls with the effect that those calls are no-operation functions.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns a **start_handle**, which uniquely defines this transaction execution instance. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned. In compliance with the ARM API specifications, the error return value can be passed to the **arm_update** (“arm_update Subroutine” on page 49) and **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Subroutine” on page 45) subroutines, which will cause those subroutines to operate as no-operation functions.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Files

`/usr/include/arm.h`

Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

arm_init (“arm_init Subroutine” on page 38) subroutine, **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Subroutine” on page 34) subroutine, **arm_end** (“arm_end Subroutine” on page 30) subroutine.

arm_start Dual Call Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_start** subroutine is used to mark the beginning of the execution of a transaction. Measurement of the transaction response time starts at the execution of this subroutine.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_start_handle_t arm_start( arm_tran_id_t tran_id,      /* transaction name identifier
*/
    arm_flag_t    flags,          /* Reserved = 0          */
    arm_data_t    *data,          /* Reserved = NULL      */
    arm_data_sz_t data_size);    /* Reserved = 0          */
```

Description

Each **arm_start** subroutine call marks the beginning of another instance of a transaction within an application. Multiple instances (simultaneous executions of the transaction) may exist. Control information for the transaction instance is held until the execution of a matching **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Dual Call Subroutine” on page 47) subroutine call, at which time the elapsed time is calculated and used to update transaction measurement metrics for the transaction. Metrics are accumulated for each unique combination of the following three components:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Before the PTX implementation code is executed, the *lower library* is called. If this call returns a value greater than zero, that return value is passed to the caller as the start handle. If the value returned by the *lower library* is zero or negative, the return value is the one generated by the PTX library code.

Parameters

tran_id

The identifier is returned by an earlier call to **arm_getid**, “arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine” on page 36. The identifier is passed to the **arm_start** function of the *lower library*. If the *lower library* returns an identifier greater than zero, that identifier is the one that’ll eventually be returned to the caller. After the invocation of the *lower library*, the PTX implementation attempts to translate the *tran_id* argument to its own identifier from the cross-reference table created by **arm_getid**. If one can be found, it is used for the PTX implementation; if no cross reference is found, the *tran_id* is used as passed in. The PTX implementation does not require that the **arm_getid** subroutine call was issued by the same program or process now issuing the **arm_start** subroutine call. However, the transaction’s application structure must be active, which means that the number of issued **arm_init** subroutine calls for the application name must exceed the number of issued **arm_end** subroutine calls for the application’s *appl_id*. If an application was inactivated by issuing a sufficient number of **arm_end** calls, all transactions defined for that application will have their *use_count* set to zero. The count remains zero (and the transaction inactive) until a new **arm_getid** subroutine is issued for the transaction.

In the PTX implementation, the *tran_id* (as retrieved from the cross-reference table) is used to look for a transaction structure. If one is not found or if the use-count of the one found is zero, the PTX implementation is considered to have failed and no action is taken by the PTX library. If one is found, a transaction instance structure (called a *slot structure*) is allocated, assigned the next free instance ID, and updated with the start time of the transaction instance. The assigned instance ID is saved as the **start_handle**. If the call to the *lower library* was successful, a cross-reference is created from the *lower library*’s *start_handle* to the PTX library’s *start_handle* for use by **arm_update** (“arm_update Dual Call Subroutine” on page 50) and **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Dual Call Subroutine” on page 47).

In compliance with the ARM API specifications, if the *tran_id* passed is one returned from a previous **arm_getid** subroutine call that failed, the **arm_start** subroutine call functions as a no-operation function. It will return a NULL **start_handle**, which can be passed to subsequent

arm_update (“arm_update Dual Call Subroutine” on page 50) and **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Dual Call Subroutine” on page 47) subroutine calls with the effect that those calls are no-operation functions.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation. In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns a **start_handle**, which uniquely defines this transaction execution instance. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned. In compliance with the ARM API specifications, the error return value can be passed to the **arm_update** (“arm_update Dual Call Subroutine” on page 50) and **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Dual Call Subroutine” on page 47) subroutines, which will cause those subroutines to operate as no-operation functions.

If the call to the *lower library* was successful, the **start_handle** instance ID returned is the one assigned by the *lower library*. If the subroutine call to the *lower library* failed but the PTX implementation didn't fail, the **start_handle** returned is the one assigned by the PTX library. If both implementations fail, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Files

`/usr/include/arm.h` Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

arm_init (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40) subroutine, **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine” on page 36) subroutine, **arm_end** (“arm_end Dual Call Subroutine” on page 32) subroutine.

arm_stop Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_stop** subroutine is used to mark the end of the execution of a transaction. Measurement of the transaction response time completes at the execution of this subroutine.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h
```

```
arm_ret_stat_t arm_stop( arm_start_handle_t arm_handle,  
                        const arm_status_t comp_status,
```



```
arm_flag_t flags,  
arm_data_t * data,  
arm_data_sz_t data_size);
```

Description

Each **arm_stop** subroutine call marks the end of an instance of a transaction within an application. Multiple instances (simultaneous executions of the transaction) may exist. Control information for the transaction instance is held from the execution of the **arm_start** (“arm_start Subroutine” on page 42) subroutine call and until the execution of a matching **arm_stop** subroutine call, at which time the elapsed time is calculated and used to update transaction measurement metrics for the transaction. Metrics are accumulated for each unique combination of the following three components:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Parameters

arm_handle

The identifier is returned by an earlier call to **arm_start**, “arm_start Subroutine” on page 42. The *arm_handle* argument is used to look for a *slot structure* created by the **arm_start** (“arm_start Subroutine” on page 42) call, which returned this *arm_handle*. If one is not found, no action is taken and the function returns -1. If one is found, a *post structure* is allocated and added to the linked list of post structures used to pass data to the **SpmiArmd** daemon. The post structure is updated with the start time from the slot structure, the path to the transaction context, and the stop time of the transaction instance.

In compliance with the ARM API specifications, if the *start_handle* passed is one returned from a previous **arm_start** subroutine call that failed, or from an **arm_start** subroutine operating as a no-operation function, the **arm_stop** subroutine call executes as a no-operation function. It will return a zero to indicate successful completion.

comp_status

User supplied transaction completion code. The following codes are defined:

- **ARM_GOOD** - successful completion. Response time is calculated. The response time is calculated as a fixed point value in milliseconds and saved in the metric **resptime**. In addition, the weighted average response time is calculated as a floating point value using a variable *weight* that defaults to 75%. The average response time is calculated as *weight* percent of the previous value of the average plus (100 - *weight*) percent of the latest response time observation. The value of *weight* can be changed from the **SpmiArmd** daemon’s configuration file **/etc/perf/SpmiArmd.cf**. In addition, the maximum and minimum response time for this transaction is updated, if required. Finally the **count** of successful transaction executions is incremented.
- **ARM_ABORT** - transaction aborted. The **aborted** counter is incremented. No other updates occur.
- **ARM_FAILED** - transaction failed. The **failed** counter is incremented. No other updates occur.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns zero. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Files

`/usr/include/arm.h` Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

arm_init (“arm_init Subroutine” on page 38) subroutine, **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Subroutine” on page 34) subroutine, **arm_start** (“arm_start Subroutine” on page 42) subroutine, **arm_end** (“arm_end Subroutine” on page 30) subroutine.

arm_stop Dual Call Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_stop** subroutine is used to mark the end of the execution of a transaction. Measurement of the transaction response time completes at the execution of this subroutine.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_ret_stat_t arm_stop( arm_start_handle_t arm_handle, /* unique transaction handle
*/
    const arm_status_t comp_status, /* Good=0, Abort=1, Failed=2 */
    arm_flag_t flags, /* Reserved = 0 */
    arm_data_t *data, /* Reserved = NULL */
    arm_data_sz_t data_size); /* Reserved = 0 */
```

Description

Each **arm_stop** subroutine call marks the end of an instance of a transaction within an application. Multiple instances (simultaneous executions of the transaction) may exist. Control information for the transaction instance is held from the execution of the **arm_start** (“arm_start Dual Call Subroutine” on page 43) subroutine call and until the execution of a matching **arm_stop** subroutine call, at which time the elapsed time is calculated and used to update transaction measurement metrics for the transaction. Metrics are accumulated for each unique combination of the following three components:

1. Hostname of the machine where the instrumented application executes.
2. Unique application name.
3. Unique transaction name.

Before the PTX implementation code is executed, the *lower library* is called. If this call returns a value of zero, that return value is passed to the caller. If the value returned by the *lower library* is non-zero, the return value is the one generated by the PTX library code.

Parameters

arm_handle

The identifier is returned by an earlier call to **arm_start**, “arm_start Dual Call Subroutine” on page 43. The identifier is passed to the **arm_stop** function of the *lower library*. If the *lower library* returns a zero return code, that return code is returned to the caller. After the invocation of the *lower library*, the PTX implementation attempts to translate the *arm_handle* argument to its own identifier from the cross-reference table created by **arm_start**. If one can be found, it is used for the PTX implementation; if no cross reference is found, the *arm_handle* is used as passed in. The PTX implementation uses the *start_handle* argument to look for the *slot structure* created by the **arm_start** subroutine call. If one is found, a *post structure* is allocated and added to the linked list of post structures used to pass data to the **SpmiArmd** daemon. The post structure is updated with the start time from the slot structure, the path to the transaction context, and the stop time of the transaction instance. If no *slot structure* was found, the PTX implementation is considered to have failed.

In compliance with the ARM API specifications, if the *start_handle* passed is one returned from a previous **arm_start** subroutine call that failed, or from an **arm_start** subroutine operating as a no-operation function, the **arm_stop** subroutine call executes as a no-operation function. It will return a zero to indicate successful completion.

comp_status

User supplied transaction completion code. The following codes are defined:

- **ARM_GOOD** - successful completion. Response time is calculated. The response time is calculated as a fixed point value in milliseconds and saved in the metric **resptime**. In addition, the weighted average response time (in **respavg**) is calculated as a floating point value using a variable *weight*, that defaults to 75%. The average response time is calculated as *weight* percent of the previous value of the average plus (100 - *weight*) percent of the latest response time observation. The value of *weight* can be changed from the **SpmiArmd** daemon's configuration file **/etc/perf/SpmiArmd.cf**. In addition, the maximum and minimum response time for this transaction is updated, if required. Finally the **count** of successful transaction executions is incremented.
- **ARM_ABORT** - transaction aborted. The **aborted** counter is incremented. No other updates occur.
- **ARM_FAILED** - transaction failed. The **failed** counter is incremented. No other updates occur.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation. In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns zero. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned. If the call to the *lower library* was successful, a zero is returned. If the subroutine call to the *lower library* failed but the PTX implementation didn't fail, a zero is returned. If both implementations failed, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product.

Files

`/usr/include/arm.h` Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

arm_init (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40) subroutine, **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine” on page 36) subroutine, **arm_start** (“arm_start Dual Call Subroutine” on page 43) subroutine, **arm_end** (“arm_end Dual Call Subroutine” on page 32) subroutine.

arm_update Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_update** subroutine is used to collect information about a transaction's progress. It is a no-operation subroutine in the PTX implementation.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_ret_stat_t arm_update( arm_start_handle_t arm_handle, /* unique transaction handle
*/
    arm_flag_t      flags,      /* Reserved = 0          */
    arm_data_t      *data,      /* Reserved = NULL     */
    arm_data_sz_t   data_size); /* Reserved = 0          */
```

Description

The **arm_update** subroutine is implemented as a no-operation in the PTX version of the ARM API. It is intended to be used for providing status information for a long-running transaction. Because there's no feasible way to display such information in current PTX monitors, the subroutine is a NULL function.

Parameters

start_handle

The identifier is returned by an earlier call to **arm_start**, “arm_start Subroutine” on page 42. The *start_handle* argument is used to look for the *slot structure* created by the **arm_start** subroutine call. If one is not found, no action is taken and the function returns -1. Otherwise a zero is returned.

In compliance with the ARM API specifications, if the *start_handle* passed is one returned from a previous **arm_start** subroutine call that failed, or from an **arm_start** subroutine operating as a no-operation function, the **arm_update** subroutine call executes as a no-operation function. It will return a zero to indicate successful completion.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns zero. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product. It is implemented as a NULL subroutine call.

Files

`/usr/include/arm.h` Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

arm_init (“arm_init Subroutine” on page 38) subroutine, **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Subroutine” on page 34) subroutine, **arm_start** (“arm_start Subroutine” on page 42) subroutine, **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Subroutine” on page 45) subroutine, **arm_end** (“arm_end Subroutine” on page 30) subroutine.

arm_update Dual Call Subroutine

Purpose

The **arm_update** subroutine is used to collect information about a transaction's progress. It is a no-operation subroutine in the PTX implementation but may be fully implemented by the *lower library*.

Library

ARM Library (**libarm.a**).

Syntax

```
#include arm.h

arm_ret_stat_t arm_update( arm_start_handle_t arm_handle, /* unique transaction handle
*/
    arm_flag_t      flags,      /* Reserved = 0          */
    arm_data_t      *data,      /* Reserved = NULL      */
    arm_data_sz_t   data_size); /* Reserved = 0          */
```

Description

The **arm_update** subroutine is implemented as a no-operation in the PTX version of the ARM API. It is intended to be used for providing status information for a long-running transaction. Because there's no feasible way to display such information in current PTX monitors, the subroutine is a NULL function.

The *lower library* implementation of the **arm_update** subroutine is always invoked.

Parameters

start_handle

The identifier is returned by an earlier call to **arm_start**, “arm_start Dual Call Subroutine” on page 43. The identifier is passed to the **arm_update** function of the *lower library*. If the *lower library* returns a zero return code., that return code is returned to the caller. After the invocation of the *lower library*, the PTX implementation attempts to translate the *arm_handle* argument to its own identifier from the cross-reference table created by **arm_start**. If one can be found, it is used for the PTX implementation; if no cross reference is found, the *arm_handle* is used as passed in. The PTX implementation uses the *start_handle* argument to look for the *slot structure* created by

the **arm_start** subroutine call. If one is found the PTX implementation is considered to have succeeded, otherwise it is considered to have failed.

In compliance with the ARM API specifications, if the *start_handle* passed is one returned from a previous **arm_start** subroutine call that failed, or from an **arm_start** subroutine operating as a no-operation function, the **arm_update** subroutine call executes as a no-operation function. It will return a zero to indicate successful completion.

flags, data, data_size

In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation. In the current API definition, the last three arguments are for future use and they are ignored in the implementation.

Return Values

If successful, the subroutine returns zero. If the subroutine fails, a value less than zero is returned. If the call to the *lower library* was successful, a zero is returned. If the subroutine call to the *lower library* failed but the PTX implementation didn't fail, a zero is returned. If both implementations failed, a value less than zero is returned.

Error Codes

No error codes are defined by the PTX implementation of the ARM API.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the implementation of the ARM API in the Performance Toolbox for AIX licensed product. It is implemented as a NULL subroutine call.

Files

`/usr/include/arm.h`

Declares the subroutines, data structures, handles, and macros that an application program can use to access the ARM library.

Related Information

arm_init (“arm_init Dual Call Subroutine” on page 40) subroutine, **arm_getid** (“arm_getid Dual Call Subroutine” on page 36) subroutine, **arm_start** (“arm_start Dual Call Subroutine” on page 43) subroutine, **arm_stop** (“arm_stop Dual Call Subroutine” on page 47) subroutine, **arm_end** (“arm_end Dual Call Subroutine” on page 32) subroutine.

asin, asinl, acos, acosl, atan, atanl, atan2, or atan2l Subroutine

Purpose

Computes inverse trigonometric functions.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
double asin ( x )
double x;
long double asinl ( x )
long double x;
```

```

double acos (x)
double x;
long double acosl (x)
long double x;
double atan (x)
double x;
long double atanl (x)
long double x;

double atan2 ( y, x)
double y, x;
long double atan2l (x,y)
long double y, x;

```

Description

The **asin** and **asinl** subroutines return the principal value of the arc sine of x , in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.

The **acos** and **acosl** subroutines return the principal value of the arc cosine of x , in the range $[0, \pi]$.

The **atan** and **atanl** subroutines return the principal value of the arc tangent of x , in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.

The **atan2** and **atan2l** subroutines return the principal value of the arc tangent of y/x , using the signs of both parameters to determine the quadrant of the return value. The return values are in the range $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Parameters

- x Specifies a double-precision floating-point value. For the **asinl**, **acosl**, **atanl**, and **atan2l** subroutines, specifies a long double-precision floating-point value.
- y Specifies a double-precision floating-point value. For the **asinl**, **acosl**, **atanl**, and **atan2l** subroutines, specifies long double-precision floating-point value.

Error Codes

When using the **libm.a (-lm)** library:

asin, asinl, acos, acosl	Return a NaNQ and set the errno global variable to EDOM if the absolute value of the parameter is greater than 1.
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When using **libmsaa.a (-lmsaa)**:

asin, acos, atan2,	If the absolute value of the parameter of asin or acos is greater than 1, or if both parameters of atan2 are 0, then 0 is returned and errno is set to EDOM . In addition, a message indicating DOMAIN error is printed on the standard output.
asinl, acosl, atan2l	Return a NaNQ and set the errno global variable to EDOM if the absolute value of the parameter is greater than 1.

These error-handling procedures may be changed with the **matherr** subroutine when using the **libmsaa.a (-lmsaa)** library.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **asinh**, **acosh**, or **atanh** (“asinh, acosh, or atanh Subroutine”) subroutine, **matherr** (“matherr Subroutine” on page 535) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

128-Bit long double Floating-Point Format in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

asinh, acosh, or atanh Subroutine

Purpose

Computes inverse hyperbolic functions.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**) or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double asinh ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
double acosh ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
double atanh ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

Description

The **asinh**, **acosh**, and **atanh** subroutines compute the inverse hyperbolic functions.

The **asinh** subroutine returns the hyperbolic arc sine specified by the *x* parameter, in the range of the **-HUGE_VAL** value to the **+HUGE_VAL** value. The **acosh** subroutine returns the hyperbolic arc cosine specified by the *x* parameter, in the range 1 to the **+HUGE_VAL** value. The **atanh** subroutine returns the hyperbolic arc tangent specified by the *x* parameter, in the range of the **-HUGE_VAL** value to the **+HUGE_VAL** value.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. For example: to compile the **asinh.c** file, enter:

```
cc asinh.c -lm
```

Parameters

x Specifies a double-precision floating-point value.

Error Codes

The **acosh** subroutine returns **NaNQ** (not-a-number) and sets **errno** to **EDOM** if the *x* parameter is less than the value of 1.

The **atanh** subroutine returns **NaNQ** and sets **errno** to **EDOM** if the absolute value of *x* is greater than 1.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **copysign**, **nextafter**, **scalb**, **logb**, or **ilogb** (“copysign, nextafter, scalb, logb, or ilogb Subroutine” on page 121) subroutine, **exp**, **expm1**, **log**, **log10**, or **pow** (“exp, expl, expm1, log, logl, log10, log10l, log1p, pow, or powl Subroutine” on page 202) subroutine, **sinh**, **cosh**, or **tanh** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

assert Macro

Purpose

Verifies a program assertion.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <assert.h>
```

```
void assert ( Expression )
```

```
int Expression;
```

Description

The **assert** macro puts error messages into a program. If the specified expression is false, the **assert** macro writes the following message to standard error and stops the program:

```
Assertion failed: Expression, file FileName, line LineNumber
```

In the error message, the *FileName* value is the name of the source file and the *LineNumber* value is the source line number of the **assert** statement.

Parameters

Expression Specifies an expression that can be evaluated as true or false. This expression is evaluated in the same manner as the C language IF statement.

Implementation Specifics

This macro is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **assert** macro uses the **_assert** subroutine.

Related Information

The **abort** (“abort Subroutine” on page 3) subroutine.

The **cpp** command.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

atof, strtod, strtold, atof, or strtod Subroutine

Purpose

Converts an ASCII string to a floating-point or double floating-point number.

Libraries

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdlib.h>

double atof (NumberPointer)
const char *NumberPointer;

double strtod ( NumberPointer, EndPointer)
const char *NumberPointer
char**EndPointer;

long double strtold (NumberPointer, EndPointer)
char *NumberPointer, **EndPointer;

float atof (NumberPointer)
char *NumberPointer;

float strtod (NumberPointer, EndPointer)
char *NumberPointer, **EndPointer;
```

Description

The **atof** subroutine and **strtod** subroutine convert a character string, pointed to by the *NumberPointer* parameter, to a double-precision floating-point number. Similarly, the **strtold** subroutine converts a character string to a long double-precision floating-point number. The **atoff** subroutine and **strtod** subroutine convert a character string, pointed to by the *NumberPointer* parameter, to a single-precision floating-point number. The first unrecognized character ends the conversion.

Except for behavior on error, the **atof** subroutine is equivalent to the **strtod** subroutine call, with the *EndPointer* parameter set to (**char****) NULL.

Except for behavior on error, the **atoff** subroutine is equivalent to the **strtod** subroutine call, with the *EndPointer* parameter set to (**char****) NULL.

These subroutines recognize a character string when the characters are in one of two formats: numbers or numeric symbols.

- For a string to be recognized as a number, it should contain the following pieces in the following order:
 1. An optional string of white-space characters
 2. An optional sign
 3. A nonempty string of digits optionally containing a radix character
 4. An optional exponent in E-format or e-format followed by an optionally signed integer.
- For a string to be recognized as a numeric symbol, it should contain the following pieces in the following order:
 1. An optional string of white-space characters
 2. An optional sign
 3. One of the strings: **INF**, **infinity**, **NaNQ**, **NaNS**, or **NaN** (case insensitive)

Parameters

<i>NumberPointer</i>	Specifies a character string to convert.
<i>EndPoint</i>	Specifies a pointer to the character that ended the scan or a null value.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **atof**, **atoff**, **strtod**, **strtold**, and **strtof** subroutines return the converted value. If no conversion could be performed, a value of 0 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

Note: Because a value of 0 can indicate either an error or a valid result, an application that checks for errors with the **strtod**, **strtof**, and **strtold** subroutines should set the **errno** global variable equal to 0 prior to the subroutine call. The application can check the **errno** global variable after the subroutine call.

If the string pointed to by *NumberPointer* is empty or begins with an unrecognized character, a value of 0 is returned for the **strtod**, **strtof**, and **strtold** subroutines.

If the conversion cannot be performed, a value of 0 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

If the conversion causes an overflow (that is, the value is outside the range of representable values), **+/- HUGE_VAL** is returned with the sign indicating the direction of the overflow, and the **errno** global variable is set to **ERANGE**.

If the conversion would cause an underflow, a properly signed value of 0 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to **ERANGE**.

For the **strtod**, **strtof**, and **strtold** subroutines, if the value of the *EndPoint* parameter is not (**char****) NULL, a pointer to the character that stopped the subroutine is stored in **EndPoint*. If a floating-point value cannot be formed, **EndPoint* is set to *NumberPointer*.

The **atoff** and **strtof** subroutines have only one rounding error. (If the **atof** or **strtod** subroutines are used to create a double-precision floating-point number and then that double-precision number is converted to a floating-point number, two rounding errors could occur.)

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **atoff** and **strtof** subroutines are not part of the ANSI C Library. These subroutines are at least as accurate as required by the *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*. The **atof** and **strtod** subroutines accept at least 17 significant decimal digits. The **atoff** and **strtof** subroutines accept at least 9 leading 0's. Leading 0's are not counted as significant digits.

Related Information

The **scanf** subroutine, **strtoul**, **strtoul**, **atol**, or **atoi** subroutine, **wstrtoul**, **watol**, or **watoi** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

128-Bit long double Floating-Point Format in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

audit Subroutine

Purpose

Enables and disables system auditing.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int audit ( Command, Argument )
int Command;
int Argument;
```

Description

The **audit** subroutine enables or disables system auditing.

When auditing is enabled, audit records are created for security-relevant events. These records can be collected through the **auditbin** (“auditbin Subroutine” on page 59) subroutine, or through the **/dev/audit** special file interface.

Parameters

Command Defined in the **sys/audit.h** file, can be one of the following values:

AUDIT_QUERY

Returns a mask indicating the state of the auditing subsystem. The mask is a logical ORing of the **AUDIT_ON**, **AUDIT_OFF**, and **AUDIT_PANIC** flags. The *Argument* parameter is ignored.

AUDIT_ON

Enables auditing. If auditing is already enabled, only the failure-mode behavior changes. The *Argument* parameter specifies recovery behavior in the event of failure and may be either 0 or the value **AUDIT_PANIC**.

Note: If **AUDIT_PANIC** is specified, bin-mode auditing must be enabled before the **audit** subroutine call.

AUDIT_OFF

Disables the auditing system if auditing is enabled. If the auditing system is disabled, the **audit** subroutine does nothing. The *Argument* parameter is ignored.

AUDIT_RESET

Disables the auditing system (as does **AUDIT_OFF**) and resets the auditing system. If auditing is already disabled, only the system configuration is reset. Resetting the audit configuration involves clearing the audit events and audited objects table, and terminating bin and stream auditing. The *Argument* parameter is ignored.

AUDIT_EVENT_THRESHOLD

Audit event records will be buffered until a total of *Argument* records have been saved, at which time the audit event records will be flushed to disk. An *Argument* value of zero disables this functionality. This parameter only applies to AIX 4.1.4 and later.

AUDIT_BYTE_THRESHOLD

Audit event data will be buffered until a total of *Argument* bytes of data have been saved, at which time the audit event data will be flushed to disk. An *Argument* value of zero disables this functionality. This parameter only applies to AIX 4.1.4 and later.

Argument Specifies the behavior when a bin write fails (for **AUDIT_ON**) or specifies the size of the audit event buffer (for **AUDIT_EVENT_THRESHOLD** and **AUDIT_BYTE_THRESHOLD**). For all other commands, the value of *Argument* is ignored. The valid values are:

AUDIT_PANIC

The operating system shuts down if an audit record cannot be written to a bin.

Note: If **AUDIT_PANIC** is specified, bin-mode auditing must be enabled before the **audit** subroutine call.

BufferSize

The number of bytes or audit event records which will be buffered. This parameter is valid only with the command **AUDIT_BYTE_THRESHOLD** and **AUDIT_EVENT_THRESHOLD**. A value of zero will disable either byte (for **AUDIT_BYTE_THRESHOLD**) or event (for **AUDIT_EVENT_THRESHOLD**) buffering.

Return Values

For a *Command* value of **AUDIT_QUERY**, the **audit** subroutine returns, upon successful completion, a mask indicating the state of the auditing subsystem. The mask is a logical ORing of the **AUDIT_ON**, **AUDIT_OFF**, **AUDIT_PANIC**, and **AUDIT_NO_PANIC** flags. For any other *Command* value, the **audit** subroutine returns 0 on successful completion.

If the **audit** subroutine fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **audit** subroutine fails if either of the following is true:

- EINVAL** The *Command* parameter is not one of **AUDIT_ON**, **AUDIT_OFF**, **AUDIT_RESET**, or **AUDIT_QUERY**.
- EINVAL** The *Command* parameter is **AUDIT_ON** and the *Argument* parameter specifies values other than **AUDIT_PANIC**.
- EPERM** The calling process does not have root user authority.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

dev/audit Specifies the audit pseudo-device from which the audit records are read.

Related Information

The **auditbin** (“auditbin Subroutine” on page 59) subroutine, **auditevents** (“auditevents Subroutine” on page 60) subroutine, **auditlog** (“auditlog Subroutine” on page 62) subroutine, **auditobj** (“auditobj Subroutine” on page 64) subroutine, **auditproc** (“auditproc Subroutine” on page 67) subroutine.

The **audit** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

auditbin Subroutine

Purpose

Defines files to contain audit records.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int auditbin (Command, Current, Next, Threshold)
int  Command;
int  Current;
int  Next;
int  Threshold;
```

Description

The **auditbin** subroutine establishes an audit bin file into which the kernel writes audit records. Optionally, this subroutine can be used to establish an overflow bin into which records are written when the current bin reaches the size specified by the *Threshold* parameter.

Parameters

Command

If nonzero, this parameter is a logical ORing of the following values, which are defined in the **sys/audit.h** file:

AUDIT_EXCL

Requests exclusive rights to the audit bin files. If the file specified by the *Current* parameter is not the kernel's current bin file, the **auditbin** subroutine fails immediately with the **errno** variable set to **EBUSY**.

AUDIT_WAIT

The **auditbin** subroutine should not return until:

bin full The kernel writes the number of bytes specified by the *Threshold* parameter to the file descriptor specified by the *Current* parameter. Upon successful completion, the **auditbin** subroutine returns a 0. The kernel writes subsequent audit records to the file descriptor specified by the *Next* parameter.

bin failure

An attempt to write an audit record to the file specified by the *Current* parameter fails. If this occurs, the **auditbin** subroutine fails with the **errno** variable set to the return code from the **auditwrite** subroutine.

bin contention

Another process has already issued a successful call to the **auditbin** subroutine. If this occurs, the **auditbin** subroutine fails with the **errno** variable set to **EBUSY**.

system shutdown

The auditing system was shut down. If this occurs, the **auditbin** subroutine fails with the **errno** variable set to **EINTR**.

Current

A file descriptor for a file to which the kernel should immediately write audit records.

Next

Specifies the file descriptor that will be used as the current audit bin if the value of the *Threshold* parameter is exceeded or if a write to the current bin fails. If this value is -1, no switch occurs.

Threshold Specifies the maximum size of the current bin. If 0, the auditing subsystem will not switch bins. If it is nonzero, the kernel begins writing records to the file specified by the *Next* parameter, if writing a record to the file specified by the *Cur* parameter would cause the size of this file to exceed the number of bytes specified by the *Threshold* parameter. If no next bin is defined and **AUDIT_PANIC** was specified when the auditing subsystem was enabled, the system is shut down. If the size of the *Threshold* parameter is too small to contain a bin header and a bin tail, the **auditbin** subroutine fails and the **errno** variable is set to **EINVAL**.

Return Values

If the **auditbin** subroutine is successful, a value of 0 returns.

If the **auditbin** subroutine fails, a value of -1 returns and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error. If this occurs, the result of the call does not indicate whether any records were written to the bin.

Error Codes

The **auditbin** subroutine fails if any of the following is true:

EBADF	The <i>Current</i> parameter is not a file descriptor for a regular file open for writing, or the <i>Next</i> parameter is neither -1 nor a file descriptor for a regular file open for writing.
EBUSY	The <i>Command</i> parameter specifies AUDIT_EXCL and the kernel is not writing audit records to the file specified by the <i>Current</i> parameter.
EBUSY	The <i>Command</i> parameter specifies AUDIT_WAIT and another process has already registered a bin.
EINTR	The auditing subsystem is shut down.
EINVAL	The <i>Command</i> parameter specifies a nonzero value other than AUDIT_EXCL or AUDIT_WAIT .
EINVAL	The <i>Threshold</i> parameter value is less than the size of a bin header and trailer.
EPERM	The caller does not have root user authority.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **audit** (“audit Subroutine” on page 57) subroutine, **auditevents** (“auditevents Subroutine”) subroutine, **auditlog** (“auditlog Subroutine” on page 62) subroutine, **auditobj** (“auditobj Subroutine” on page 64) subroutine, **auditproc** (“auditproc Subroutine” on page 67) subroutine.

The **audit** command.

The **audit** file format.

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auditevents Subroutine

Purpose

Gets or sets the status of system event auditing.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int auditevents ( Command, Classes, NClasses)  
int Command;  
struct audit_class *Classes;  
int NClasses;
```

Description

The **auditevents** subroutine queries or sets the audit class definitions that control event auditing. Each audit class is a set of one or more audit events.

System auditing need not be enabled before calling the **auditevents** subroutine. The **audit** (“audit Subroutine” on page 57) subroutine can be directed with the **AUDIT_RESET** command to clear all event lists.

Parameters

<i>Command</i>	Specifies whether the event lists are to be queried or set. The values, defined in the sys/audit.h file, for the <i>Command</i> parameter are: AUDIT_SET Sets the lists of audited events after first clearing all previous definitions. AUDIT_GET Queries the lists of audited events. AUDIT_LOCK Queries the lists of audited events. This value also blocks any other process attempting to set or lock the list of audit events. The lock is released when the process holding the lock dies or calls the auditevents subroutine with the <i>Command</i> parameter set to AUDIT_SET .
<i>Classes</i>	Specifies the array of a_event structures for the AUDIT_SET operation, or after an AUDIT_GET or AUDIT_LOCK operation. The audit_class structure is defined in the sys/audit.h file and contains the following members: ae_name A pointer to the name of the audit class. ae_list A pointer to a list of null-terminated audit event names for this audit class. The list is ended by a null name (a leading null byte or two consecutive null bytes). Note: Event and class names are limited to 15 significant characters. ae_len The length of the event list in the ae_list member. This length includes the terminating null bytes. On an AUDIT_SET operation, the caller must set this member to indicate the actual length of the list (in bytes) pointed to by ae_list . On an AUDIT_GET or AUDIT_LOCK operation, the auditevents subroutine sets this member to indicate the actual size of the list.
<i>NClasses</i>	Serves a dual purpose. For AUDIT_SET , the <i>NClasses</i> parameter specifies the number of elements in the events array. For AUDIT_GET and AUDIT_LOCK , the <i>NClasses</i> parameter specifies the size of the buffer pointed to by the <i>Classes</i> parameter.

Attention: Only 32 audit classes are supported. One class is implicitly defined by the system to include all audit events (ALL). The administrator of your system should not attempt to define more than 31 audit classes.

Security

The calling process must have root user authority in order to use the **auditevents** subroutine.

Return Codes

If the **auditevents** subroutine completes successfully, the number of audit classes is returned if the *Command* parameter is **AUDIT_GET** or **AUDIT_LOCK**. A value of 0 is returned if the *Command* parameter is **AUDIT_SET**. If this call fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **auditevents** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

EPERM	The calling process does not have root user authority.
EINVAL	The value of <i>Command</i> is not AUDIT_SET , AUDIT_GET , or AUDIT_LOCK .
EINVAL	The <i>Command</i> parameter is AUDIT_SET , and the value of the <i>NClasses</i> parameter is greater than or equal to 32.
EINVAL	A class name or event name is longer than 15 significant characters.
ENOSPC	The value of <i>Command</i> is AUDIT_GET or AUDIT_LOCK and the size of the buffer specified by the <i>NClasses</i> parameter is not large enough to hold the list of event structures and names. If this occurs, the first word of the buffer is set to the required buffer size.
EFAULT	The <i>Classes</i> parameter points outside of the process' address space.
EFAULT	The <i>ae_list</i> member of one or more audit_class structures passed for an AUDIT_SET operation points outside of the process' address space.
EFAULT	The <i>Command</i> value is AUDIT_GET or AUDIT_LOCK and the size of the <i>Classes</i> buffer is not large enough to hold an integer.
EBUSY	Another process has already called the auditevents subroutine with AUDIT_LOCK .
ENOMEM	Memory allocation failed.

Implementation Specifications

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **audit** (“audit Subroutine” on page 57) subroutine, **auditbin** (“auditbin Subroutine” on page 59) subroutine, **auditlog** (“auditlog Subroutine”) subroutine, **auditobj** (“auditobj Subroutine” on page 64) subroutine, **auditproc** (“auditproc Subroutine” on page 67) subroutine, **auditread** (“auditread, auditread_r Subroutines” on page 69) subroutine, **auditwrite** (“auditwrite Subroutine” on page 70) subroutine.

The **audit** command.

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auditlog Subroutine

Purpose

Appends an audit record to the audit trail file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int auditlog ( Event, Result, Buffer, BufferSize)  
char *Event;
```



```
int Result;
char *Buffer;
int BufferSize;
```

Description

The **auditlog** subroutine generates an audit record. The kernel audit-logging component appends a record for the specified *Event* if system auditing is enabled, process auditing is not suspended, and the *Event* parameter is in one or more of the audit classes for the current process.

The audit logger generates the audit record by adding the *Event* and *Result* parameters to the audit header and including the resulting information in the *Buffer* parameter as the audit tail.

Parameters

<i>Event</i>	The name of the audit event to be generated. This parameter should be the name of an audit event. Audit event names are truncated to 15 characters plus null.
<i>Result</i>	Describes the result of this event. Valid values are defined in the sys/audit.h file and include the following: AUDIT_OK The event was successful. AUDIT_FAIL The event failed. AUDIT_FAIL_ACCESS The event failed because of any access control denial. AUDIT_FAIL_DAC The event failed because of a discretionary access control denial. AUDIT_FAIL_PRIV The event failed because of a privilege control denial. AUDIT_FAIL_AUTH The event failed because of an authentication denial.
<i>Buffer</i>	Other nonzero values of the <i>Result</i> parameter are converted into the AUDIT_FAIL value. Points to a buffer containing the tail of the audit record. The format of the information in this buffer depends on the event name.
<i>BufferSize</i>	Specifies the size of the <i>Buffer</i> parameter, including the terminating null.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **auditlog** subroutine returns a value of 0. If **auditlog** fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

The **auditlog** subroutine does not return any indication of failure to write the record where this is due to inappropriate tailoring of auditing subsystem configuration files or user-written code. Accidental omissions and typographical errors in the configuration are potential causes of such a failure.

Error Codes

The **auditlog** subroutine fails if any of the following are true:

EFAULT	The <i>Event</i> or <i>Buffer</i> parameter points outside of the process' address space.
EINVAL	The auditing system is either interrupted or not initialized.
EINVAL	The length of the audit record is greater than 32 kilobytes.
EPERM	The process does not have root user authority.
ENOMEM	Memory allocation failed.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **audit** (“audit Subroutine” on page 57) subroutine, **auditbin** (“auditbin Subroutine” on page 59) subroutine, **auditevents** (“auditevents Subroutine” on page 60) subroutine, **auditobj** (“auditobj Subroutine”) subroutine, **auditproc** (“auditproc Subroutine” on page 67) subroutine, **auditwrite** (“auditwrite Subroutine” on page 70) subroutine.

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auditobj Subroutine

Purpose

Gets or sets the auditing mode of a system data object.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int auditobj ( Command, Obj_Events, ObjSize)
int Command;
struct o_event *Obj_Events;
int ObjSize;
```

Description

The **auditobj** subroutine queries or sets the audit events to be generated by accessing selected objects. For each object in the file system name space, it is possible to specify the event generated for each access mode. Using the **auditobj** subroutine, an administrator can define new audit events in the system that correspond to accesses to specified objects. These events are treated the same as system-defined events.

System auditing need not be enabled to set or query the object audit events. The **audit** subroutine can be directed with the **AUDIT_RESET** command to clear the definitions of object audit events.

Parameters

Command Specifies whether the object audit event lists are to be read or written. The valid values, defined in the **sys/audit.h** file, for the *Command* parameter are:

AUDIT_SET

Sets the list of object audit events, after first clearing all previous definitions.

AUDIT_GET

Queries the list of object audit events.

AUDIT_LOCK

Queries the list of object audit events and also blocks any other process attempting to set or lock the list of audit events. The lock is released when the process holding the lock dies or calls the **auditobj** subroutine with the *Command* parameter set to **AUDIT_SET**.

Obj_Events Specifies the array of **o_event** structures for the **AUDIT_SET** operation or for after the **AUDIT_GET** or **AUDIT_LOCK** operation. The **o_event** structure is defined in the **sys/audit.h** file and contains the following members:

o_type Specifies the type of the object, in terms of naming space. Currently, only one object-naming space is supported:

AUDIT_FILE

Denotes the file system naming space.

o_name Specifies the name of the object.

o_event

Specifies any array of event names to be generated when the object is accessed. Note that event names are currently limited to 16 bytes, including the trailing null. The index of an event name in this array corresponds to an access mode. Valid indexes are defined in the **audit.h** file and include the following:

- **AUDIT_READ**
- **AUDIT_WRITE**
- **AUDIT_EXEC**

ObjSize For an **AUDIT_SET** operation, the *ObjSize* parameter specifies the number of object audit event definitions in the array pointed to by the *Obj_Events* parameter. For an **AUDIT_GET** or **AUDIT_LOCK** operation, the *ObjSize* parameter specifies the size of the buffer pointed to by the *Obj_Events* parameter.

Return Values

If the **auditobj** subroutine completes successfully, the number of object audit event definitions is returned if the *Command* parameter is **AUDIT_GET** or **AUDIT_LOCK**. A value of 0 is returned if the *Command* parameter is **AUDIT_SET**. If this call fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **auditobj** subroutine fails if any of the following are true:

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| EFAULT | The <i>Obj_Events</i> parameter points outside the address space of the process. |
| EFAULT | The <i>Command</i> parameter is AUDIT_SET , and one or more of the <i>o_name</i> members points outside the address space of the process. |
| EFAULT | The <i>Command</i> parameter is AUDIT_GET or AUDIT_LOCK , and the buffer size of the <i>Obj_Events</i> parameter is not large enough to hold the integer. |
| EINVAL | The value of the <i>Command</i> parameter is not AUDIT_SET , AUDIT_GET or AUDIT_LOCK . |
| EINVAL | The <i>Command</i> parameter is AUDIT_SET , and the value of one or more of the <i>o_type</i> members is not AUDIT_FILE . |
| EINVAL | An event name was longer than 15 significant characters. |
| ENOENT | The <i>Command</i> parameter is AUDIT_SET , and the parent directory of one of the file-system objects does not exist. |
| ENOSPC | The value of the <i>Command</i> parameter is AUDIT_GET or AUDIT_LOCK , and the size of the buffer as specified by the <i>ObjSize</i> parameter is not large enough to hold the list of event structures and names. If this occurs, the first word of the buffer is set to the required buffer size. |
| ENOMEM | Memory allocation failed. |
| EBUSY | Another process has called the auditobj subroutine with AUDIT_LOCK . |
| EPERM | The caller does not have root user authority. |

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **audit** (“audit Subroutine” on page 57) subroutine, **auditbin** (“auditbin Subroutine” on page 59) subroutine, **auditevents** (“auditevents Subroutine” on page 60) subroutine, **auditlog** (“auditlog Subroutine” on page 62) subroutine, **auditproc** (“auditproc Subroutine” on page 67) subroutine.

The **audit** command.

The **audit.h** file.

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auditpack Subroutine

Purpose

Compresses and uncompresses audit bins.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/audit.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
char *auditpack ( Expand, Buffer)
int Expand;
char *Buffer;
```

Description

The **auditpack** subroutine can be used to compress or uncompress bins of audit records.

Parameters

Expand Specifies the operation. Valid values, as defined in the **sys/audit.h** header file, are one of the following:

AUDIT_PACK

Performs standard compression on the audit bin.

AUDIT_UNPACK

Unpacks the compressed audit bin.

Buffer Specifies the buffer containing the bin to be compressed or uncompressed. This buffer must contain a standard bin as described in the **audit.h** file.

Return Values

If the **auditpack** subroutine is successful, a pointer to a buffer containing the processed audit bin is returned. If unsuccessful, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **auditpack** subroutine fails if one or more of the following values is true:

- EINVAL** The *Expand* parameter is not one of the valid values (**AUDIT_PACK** or **AUDIT_UNPACK**).
- EINVAL** The *Expand* parameter is **AUDIT_UNPACK** and the packed data in *Buffer* does not unpack to its original size.
- EINVAL** The *Expand* parameter is **AUDIT_PACK** and the bin in the *Buffer* parameter is already compressed, or the *Expand* parameter is **AUDIT_UNPACK** and the bin in the *Buffer* parameter is already unpacked.
- ENOSPC** The **auditpack** subroutine is unable to allocate space for a new buffer.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **auditread** (“auditread, auditread_r Subroutines” on page 69) subroutine.

The **auditcat** command.

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auditproc Subroutine

Purpose

Gets or sets the audit state of a process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int auditproc (ProcessID, Command, Argument, Length)
int ProcessID;
int Command;
char * Argument;
int Length;
```

Description

The **auditproc** subroutine queries or sets the auditing state of a process. There are two parts to the auditing state of a process:

- The list of classes to be audited for this process. Classes are defined by the **auditevents** (“auditevents Subroutine” on page 60) subroutine. Each class includes a set of audit events. When a process causes an audit event, that event may be logged in the audit trail if it is included in one or more of the audit classes of the process.
- The audit status of the process. Auditing for a process may be suspended or resumed. Functions that generate an audit record can first check to see whether auditing is suspended. If process auditing is suspended, no audit events are logged for a process. For more information, see the **auditlog** (“auditlog Subroutine” on page 62) subroutine.

Parameters

<i>ProcessID</i>	The process ID of the process to be affected. If <i>ProcessID</i> is 0, the auditproc subroutine affects the current process.
<i>Command</i>	The action to be taken. Defined in the audit.h file, valid values include: AUDIT_KLIST_EVENTS Sets the list of audit classes to be audited for the process and also sets the user's default audit classes definition within the kernel. The <i>Argument</i> parameter is a pointer to a list of null-terminated audit class names. The <i>Length</i> parameter is the length of this list, including null bytes. AUDIT_QEVENTS Returns the list of audit classes defined for the current process if <i>ProcessID</i> is 0. Otherwise, it returns the list of audit classes defined for the specified process ID. The <i>Argument</i> parameter is a pointer to a character buffer. The <i>Length</i> parameter specifies the size of this buffer. On return, this buffer contains a list of null-terminated audit class names. A null name terminates the list. AUDIT_EVENTS Sets the list of audit classes to be audited for the process. The <i>Argument</i> parameter is a pointer to a list of null-terminated audit class names. The <i>Length</i> parameter is the length of this list, including null bytes. AUDIT_QSTATUS Returns the audit status of the current process. You can only check the status of the current process. If the <i>ProcessID</i> parameter is nonzero, a -1 is returned and the errno global variable is set to EINVAL . The <i>Length</i> and <i>Argument</i> parameters are ignored. A return value of AUDIT_SUSPEND indicates that auditing is suspended. A return value of AUDIT_RESUME indicates normal auditing for this process. AUDIT_STATUS Sets the audit status of the current process. The <i>Length</i> parameter is ignored, and the <i>ProcessID</i> parameter must be zero. If <i>Argument</i> is AUDIT_SUSPEND , the audit status is set to suspend event auditing for this process. If the <i>Argument</i> parameter is AUDIT_RESUME , the audit status is set to resume event auditing for this process.
<i>Argument</i>	A character pointer for the audit class buffer for an AUDIT_EVENT or AUDIT_QEVENTS value of the <i>Command</i> parameter or an integer defining the audit status to be set for an AUDIT_STATUS operation.
<i>Length</i>	Size of the audit class character buffer.

Return Values

The **auditproc** subroutine returns the following values upon successful completion:

- The previous audit status (**AUDIT_SUSPEND** or **AUDIT_RESUME**), if the call queried or set the audit status (the *Command* parameter specified **AUDIT_QSTATUS** or **AUDIT_STATUS**)
- A value of 0 if the call queried or set audit events (the *Command* parameter specified **AUDIT_QEVENTS** or **AUDIT_EVENTS**)

Error Codes

If the **auditproc** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

EINVAL	An invalid value was specified for the <i>Command</i> parameter.
EINVAL	The <i>Command</i> parameter is set to the AUDIT_QSTATUS or AUDIT_STATUS value and the pid value is nonzero.
EINVAL	The <i>Command</i> parameter is set to the AUDIT_STATUS value and the <i>Argument</i> parameter is not set to AUDIT_SUSPEND or AUDIT_RESUME .
ENOSPC	The <i>Command</i> parameter is AUDIT_QEVENTS , and the buffer size is insufficient. In this case, the first word of the <i>Argument</i> parameter is set to the required size.

- EFAULT** The *Command* parameter is **AUDIT_QEVENTS** or **AUDIT_EVENTS** and the *Argument* parameter points to a location outside of the process' allocated address space.
- ENOMEM** Memory allocation failed.
- EPERM** The caller does not have root user authority.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **audit** (“audit Subroutine” on page 57) subroutine, **auditbin** (“auditbin Subroutine” on page 59) subroutine, **auditevents** (“auditevents Subroutine” on page 60) subroutine, **auditlog** (“auditlog Subroutine” on page 62) subroutine, **auditobj** (“auditobj Subroutine” on page 64) subroutine, **auditwrite** (“auditwrite Subroutine” on page 70) subroutine.

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auditread, auditread_r Subroutines

Purpose

Reads an audit record.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/audit.h>
#include <stdio.h>
char *auditread ( FilePointer, AuditRecord)
FILE *FilePointer;
struct aud_rec *AuditRecord;
```

```
char *auditread_r ( FilePointer, AuditRecord, RecordSize, StreamInfo)
FILE *FilePointer;
struct aud_rec *AuditRecord;
size_t RecordSize;
void **StreamInfo;
```

Description

The **auditread** subroutine reads the next audit record from the specified file descriptor. Bins on this input stream are unpacked and uncompressed if necessary.

The **auditread** subroutine can not be used on more than one *FilePointer* as the results can be unpredictable. Use the **auditread_r** subroutine instead.

The **auditread_r** subroutine reads the next audit from the specified file descriptor. This subroutine is thread safe and can be used to handle multiple open audit files simultaneously by multiple threads of execution.

The **auditread_r** subroutine is able to read multiple versions of audit records. The version information contained in an audit record is used to determine the correct size and format of the record. When an input record header is larger than *AuditRecord*, an error is returned. In order to provide for binary compatibility with previous versions, if *RecordSize* is the same size as the original (**struct aud_rec**), the input record is converted to the original format and returned to the caller.

Parameters

<i>FilePointer</i>	Specifies the file descriptor from which to read.
<i>AuditRecord</i>	Specifies the buffer to contain the header. The first short in this buffer must contain a valid number for the header.
<i>RecordSize</i>	The size of the buffer referenced by <i>AuditRecord</i> .
<i>StreamInfo</i>	A pointer to an opaque datatype used to hold information related to the current value of <i>FilePointer</i> . For each new value of <i>FilePointer</i> , a new <i>StreamInfo</i> pointer must be used. <i>StreamInfo</i> must be initialized to NULL by the user and is initialized by auditread_r when first used. When <i>FilePointer</i> has been closed, the value of <i>StreamInfo</i> can be passed to the free subroutine to be deallocated.

Return Values

If the **auditread** subroutine completes successfully, a pointer to a buffer containing the tail of the audit record is returned. The length of this buffer is returned in the *ah_length* field of the header file. If this subroutine is unsuccessful, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **auditread** subroutine fails if one or more of the following is true:

EBADF	The <i>FilePointer</i> value is not valid.
ENOSPC	The auditread subroutine is unable to allocate space for the tail buffer.

Other error codes are returned by the **read** subroutine.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **auditpack** (“auditpack Subroutine” on page 66) subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

auditwrite Subroutine

Purpose

Writes an audit record.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/audit.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int auditwrite (Event, Result, Buffer1, Length1, Buffer2, Length2, ...)
char * Event;
int Result;
char * Buffer1, *Buffer2 ...;
int Length1, Length2 ...;
```

Description

The **auditwrite** subroutine builds the tail of an audit record and then writes it with the **auditlog** subroutine. The tail is built by gathering the specified buffers. The last buffer pointer must be a null.

If the **auditwrite** subroutine is to be called from a program invoked from the **inittab** file, the **setpcred** subroutine should be called first to establish the process' credentials.

Parameters

<i>Event</i>	Specifies the name of the event to be logged.
<i>Result</i>	Specifies the audit status of the event. Valid values are defined in the sys/audit.h file and are listed in the auditlog subroutine.
<i>Buffer1, Buffer2</i>	Specifies the character buffers containing audit tail information. Note that numerical values must be passed by reference. The correct size can be computed with the sizeof C function.
<i>Length1, Length2</i>	Specifies the lengths of the corresponding buffers.

Return Values

If the **auditwrite** subroutine completes successfully, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **auditwrite** subroutine fails if the following is true:

ENOSPC The **auditwrite** subroutine is unable to allocate space for the tail buffer.

Other error codes are returned by the **auditlog** subroutine.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **auditlog** (“auditlog Subroutine” on page 62) subroutine, **setpcred** subroutine.

The **inittab** file.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

authenticate Subroutine

Purpose

Verifies a user's name and password.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stddef.h>
```

```
int authenticate ( UserName, Response, Reenter, Message)  
wchar_t *UserName;  
wchar_t *Response;  
int *Reenter;  
wchar_t **Message;
```

Description

The **authenticate** subroutine maintains requirements users must satisfy to be authenticated to the system. It is a callable interface that prompts for the user's name and password. The user must supply a character string at the prompt issued by the *Message* parameter. The *Response* parameter returns the user's response to the **authenticate** subroutine. The calling program makes no assumptions about the number of prompt messages the user must satisfy for authentication.

The *Reenter* parameter remains a nonzero value until the user satisfies all prompt messages or answers incorrectly. Once the *Reenter* parameter is zero, the return code signals whether authentication passed or failed.

The **authenticate** subroutine ascertains the authentication domains the user can attempt. The subroutine reads the **SYSTEM** line from the user's stanza in the **/etc/security/user** file. Each token that appears in the **SYSTEM** line corresponds to a method that can be dynamically loaded and processed. Likewise, the system can provide multiple or alternate authentication paths.

The **authenticate** routine maintains internal state information concerning the next prompt message presented to the user. If the calling program supplies a different user name before all prompts are complete for the user, the internal state information is reset and prompt messages begin again.

If the user has no defined password, or the **SYSTEM** grammar explicitly specifies no authentication required, the user is not required to respond to any prompt messages. Otherwise, the user is always initially prompted to supply a password.

The **authenticate** subroutine can be called initially with the cleartext password in the *Response* parameter. If the user supplies a password during the initial invocation but does not have a password, authentication fails. If the user wants the **authenticate** subroutine to supply a prompt message, the *Response* parameter is a null pointer on initial invocation.

The **authenticate** subroutine sets the **AUTHSTATE** environment variable used by name resolution subroutines, such as the **getpwnam** subroutine. This environment variable indicates the registry to which to user authenticated. Values for the **AUTHSTATE** environment variable include **DCE**, **compat**, and token names that appear in a **SYSTEM** grammar. A null value can exist if the **cron** daemon or other utilities that do not require authentication is called.

Parameters

<i>UserName</i>	Points to the user's name that is to be authenticated.
<i>Response</i>	Specifies a character string containing the user's response to an authentication prompt.
<i>Reenter</i>	Points to a Boolean value that signals whether the authenticate subroutine has completed processing. If the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is a nonzero value, the authenticate subroutine expects the user to satisfy the prompt message provided by the <i>Message</i> parameter. If the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is 0, the authenticate subroutine has completed processing.
<i>Message</i>	Points to a pointer that the authenticate subroutine allocates memory for and fills in. This string is suitable for printing and issues prompt messages (if the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is a nonzero value). It also issues informational messages such as why the user failed authentication (if the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is 0). The calling application is responsible for freeing this memory.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **authenticate** subroutine returns a value of 0. If this subroutine fails, it returns a value of 1.

Error Codes

The **authenticate** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following values is true:

ENOENT	Indicates that the user is unknown to the system.
ESAD	Indicates that authentication is denied.
EINVAL	Indicates that the parameters are not valid.
ENOMEN	Indicates that memory allocation (malloc) failed.

Note: The DCE mechanism requires credentials on successful authentication that apply only to the authenticate process and its children.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ckuserID** ("ckuserID Subroutine" on page 107) subroutine.

basename Subroutine

Purpose

Return the last element of a path name.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libgen.h>
```

```
char *basename (char *path)
```

Description

Given a pointer to a character string that contains a path name, the **basename** subroutine deletes trailing "/" characters from *path*, and then returns a pointer to the last component of *path*. The "/" character is defined as trailing if it is not the first character in the string.

If *path* is a null pointer or points to an empty string, a pointer to a static constant "." is returned.

Return Values

The **basename** function returns a pointer to the last component of *path*.

The **basename** function returns a pointer to a static constant "." if *path* is a null pointer or points to an empty string.

The **basename** function may modify the string pointed to by *path* and may return a pointer to static storage that may then be overwritten by a subsequent call to the **basename** subroutine.

Examples

Input string	Output string
"/usr/lib"	"lib"
"/usr/"	"usr"
"/"	"/"

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **dirname** ("dirname Subroutine" on page 138) subroutine.

bcopy, bcmp, bzero or ffs Subroutine

Purpose

Performs bit and byte string operations.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <strings.h>
```

```
void bcopy (Source, Destination, Length)  
const void *Source,  
char *Destination;  
size_t Length;
```

```
int bcmp (String1, String2, Length)  
const void *String1, *String2;  
size_t Length;
```

```
void bzero (String,Length)
char *String;
int Length;
```

```
int ffs (Index)
int Index;
```

Description

Note: The **bcopy** subroutine takes parameters backwards from the **strcpy** subroutine.

The **bcopy**, **bcmp**, and **bzero** subroutines operate on variable length strings of bytes. They do not check for null bytes as do the **string** routines.

The **bcopy** subroutine copies the value of the *Length* parameter in bytes from the string in the *Source* parameter to the string in the *Destination* parameter.

The **bcmp** subroutine compares the byte string in the *String1* parameter against the byte string of the *String2* parameter, returning a zero value if the two strings are identical and a nonzero value otherwise. Both strings are assumed to be *Length* bytes long.

The **bzero** subroutine zeroes out the string in the *String* parameter for the value of the *Length* parameter in bytes.

The **ffs** subroutine finds the first bit set in the *Index* parameter passed to it and returns the index of that bit. Bits are numbered starting at 1. A return value of 0 indicates that the value passed is 0.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **memcmp**, **memccpy**, **memchr**, **memcpy**, **memmove**, **memset** (“**memccpy**, **memchr**, **memcmp**, **memcpy**, **memset** or **memmove** Subroutine” on page 554) subroutines, **strcat**, **strncat**, **strxfrm**, **strcpy**, **strncpy**, or **strdup** subroutine, **strcmp**, **strncmp**, **strcasecmp**, **strncasecmp**, or **strcoll** subroutine, **strlen**, **strchr**, **strrchr**, **strpbrk**, **strspn**, **strcspn**, **strstr**, or **strtok** subroutine, **swab** subroutine.

List of String Manipulation Subroutines and Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

bessel: j0, j1, jn, y0, y1, or yn Subroutine

Purpose

Computes Bessel functions.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double j0 (x)
double x;
```

```
double j1 (x)
double x;
```

```
double jn (n, x)
int n;
double x;
```

```
double y0 (x)
double x;
```

```
double y1 (x)
double x;
```

```
double yn (n, x)
int n;
double x;
```

Description

Bessel functions are used to compute wave variables, primarily in the field of communications.

The **j0** subroutine and **j1** subroutine return Bessel functions of x of the first kind, of orders 0 and 1, respectively. The **jn** subroutine returns the Bessel function of x of the first kind of order n .

The **y0** subroutine and **y1** subroutine return the Bessel functions of x of the second kind, of orders 0 and 1, respectively. The **yn** subroutine returns the Bessel function of x of the second kind of order n . The value of x must be positive.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. To compile the **j0.c** file, for example:

```
cc j0.c -lm
```

Parameters

x Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.
 n Specifies some integer value.

Return Values

When using **libm.a** (**-lm**), if x is negative, **y0**, **y1**, and **yn** return the value NaNQ. If x is 0, **y0**, **y1**, and **yn** return the value **-HUGE_VAL**.

When using **libmsaa.a** (**-lmsaa**), values too large in magnitude cause the functions **j0**, **j1**, **y0**, and **y1** to return 0 and to set the **errno** global variable to ERANGE. In addition, a message indicating TLOSS error is printed on the standard error output.

Nonpositive values cause **y0**, **y1**, and **yn** to return the value **-HUGE** and to set the **errno** global variable to EDOM. In addition, a message indicating argument DOMAIN error is printed on the standard error output.

These error-handling procedures may be changed with the **matherr** subroutine when using **libmsaa.a** (**-lmsaa**).

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **matherr** (“matherr Subroutine” on page 535) subroutine.

bindprocessor Subroutine

Purpose

Binds kernel threads to a processor.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int bindprocessor ( What, Who, Where )  
int What;  
int Who;  
cpu_t Where;
```

Description

The **bindprocessor** subroutine binds a single kernel thread, or all kernel threads in a process, to a processor, forcing the bound threads to be scheduled to run on that processor. It is important to understand that a process itself is not bound, but rather its kernel threads are bound. Once kernel threads are bound, they are always scheduled to run on the chosen processor, unless they are later unbound. When a new thread is created, it has the same bind properties as its creator. This applies to the initial thread in the new process created by the **fork** subroutine: the new thread inherits the bind properties of the thread which called **fork**. When the **exec** subroutine is called, thread properties are left unchanged.

Parameters

What Specifies whether a process or a thread is being bound to a processor. The *What* parameter can take one of the following values:

BINDPROCESS

A process is being bound to a processor.

BINDTHREAD

A thread is being bound to a processor.

Who Indicates a process or thread identifier, as appropriate for the *What* parameter, specifying the process or thread which is to be bound to a processor.

Where If the *Where* parameter is a logical processor identifier, it specifies the processor to which the process or thread is to be bound. A value of **PROCESSOR_CLASS_ANY** unbinds the specified process or thread, which will then be able to run on any processor.

The **sysconf** subroutine can be used to retrieve information about the number of processors in the system.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **bindprocessor** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **bindprocessor** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

- EINVAL** The *What* parameter is invalid, or the *Where* parameter indicates an invalid processor number or a processor class which is not currently available.
- ESRCH** The specified process or thread does not exist.
- EPERM** The caller does not have root user authority, and the *Who* parameter specifies either a process, or a thread belonging to a process, having a real or effective user ID different from that of the calling process.

Implementation Specifics

The **bindprocessor** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **bindprocessor** command.

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **sysconf** subroutine, **thread_self** subroutine.

Controlling Processor Use in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

brk or sbrk Subroutine

Purpose

Changes data segment space allocation.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int brk ( EndDataSegment)  
char *EndDataSegment;
```

```
void *sbrk ( Increment)  
intptr_t Increment;
```

Description

The **brk** and **sbrk** subroutines dynamically change the amount of space allocated for the data segment of the calling process. (For information about segments, see the **exec** subroutine. For information about the maximum amount of space that can be allocated, see the **ulimit** and **getrlimit** subroutines.)

The change is made by resetting the break value of the process, which determines the maximum space that can be allocated. The break value is the address of the first location beyond the current end of the data region. The amount of available space increases as the break value increases. The available space is initialized to a value of 0 at the time it is used. The break value can be automatically rounded up to a size appropriate for the memory management architecture.

The **brk** subroutine sets the break value to the value of the *EndDataSegment* parameter and changes the amount of available space accordingly.

The **sbrk** subroutine adds to the break value the number of bytes contained in the *Increment* parameter and changes the amount of available space accordingly. The *Increment* parameter can be a negative number, in which case the amount of available space is decreased.

Parameters

<i>EndDataSegment</i>	Specifies the effective address of the maximum available data.
<i>Increment</i>	Specifies any integer.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **brk** subroutine returns a value of 0, and the **sbrk** subroutine returns the old break value. If either subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **brk** subroutine and the **sbrk** subroutine are unsuccessful and the allocated space remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

- ENOMEM** The requested change allocates more space than is allowed by a system-imposed maximum. (For information on the system-imposed maximum on memory space, see the **ulimit** system call.)
- ENOMEM** The requested change sets the break value to a value greater than or equal to the start address of any attached shared-memory segment. (For information on shared memory operations, see the **shmat** subroutine.)

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“**exec**: **execl**, **execle**, **execlp**, **execv**, **execve**, **execvp**, or **exec** Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **getrlimit** (“**getrlimit**, **getrlimit64**, **setrlimit**, **setrlimit64**, or **vlimit** Subroutine” on page 343) subroutine, **shmat** subroutine, **shmdt** subroutine, **ulimit** subroutine.

The **_end** (“**_end**, **_etext**, or **_edata** Identifier” on page 155), **_etext** (“**_end**, **_etext**, or **_edata** Identifier” on page 155), or **_edata** (“**_end**, **_etext**, or **_edata** Identifier” on page 155) identifier.

Subroutine Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

bsearch Subroutine

Purpose

Performs a binary search.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
void *bsearch ( Key, Base, NumberOfElements, Size, ComparisonPointer)  
const void *Key;  
const void *Base;  
size_t NumberOfElements;  
size_t Size;  
int (*ComparisonPointer) (const void *, const void *);
```

Description

The **bsearch** subroutine is a binary search routine.

The **bsearch** subroutine searches an array of *NumberOfElements* objects, the initial member of which is pointed to by the *Base* parameter, for a member that matches the object pointed to by the *Key* parameter. The size of each member in the array is specified by the *Size* parameter.

The array must already be sorted in increasing order according to the provided comparison function *ComparisonPointer* parameter.

Parameters

<i>Key</i>	Points to the object to be sought in the array.
<i>Base</i>	Points to the element at the base of the table.
<i>NumberOfElements</i>	Specifies the number of elements in the array.
<i>ComparisonPointer</i>	Points to the comparison function, which is called with two arguments that point to the <i>Key</i> parameter object and to an array member, in that order.
<i>Size</i>	Specifies the size of each member in the array.

Return Values

If the *Key* parameter value is found in the table, the **bsearch** subroutine returns a pointer to the element found.

If the *Key* parameter value is not found in the table, the **bsearch** subroutine returns the null value. If two members compare as equal, the matching member is unspecified.

For the *ComparisonPointer* parameter, the comparison function compares its parameters and returns a value as follows:

- If the first parameter is less than the second parameter, the *ComparisonPointer* parameter returns a value less than 0.
- If the first parameter is equal to the second parameter, the *ComparisonPointer* parameter returns a value of 0.
- If the first parameter is greater than the second parameter, the *ComparisonPointer* parameter returns a value greater than 0.

The comparison function need not compare every byte, so arbitrary data can be contained in the elements in addition to the values being compared.

The *Key* and *Base* parameters should be of type pointer-to-element and cast to type pointer-to-character. Although declared as type pointer-to-character, the value returned should be cast into type pointer-to-element.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **hsearch** (“hsearch, hcreate, or hdestroy Subroutine” on page 393) subroutine, **lsearch** (“lsearch or lfind Subroutine” on page 514) subroutine, **qsort** subroutine.

Knuth, Donald E.; *The Art of Computer Programming*, Volume 3. Reading, Massachusetts, Addison-Wesley, 1981.

Searching and Sorting Example Program and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

btowc Subroutine

Purpose

Single-byte to wide-character conversion.

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <wchar.h>
wint_t btowc (intc);
```

Description

The *btowc* function determines whether *c* constitutes a valid (one-byte) character in the initial shift state.

The behavior of this function is affected by the LC_CTYPE category of the current locale.

Return Values

The *btowc* function returns WEOF if *c* has the value EOF or if (unsigned char) *c* does not constitute a valid (one-byte) character in the initial shift state. Otherwise, it returns the wide-character representation of that character.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) subroutine.

Related Information

The *wctob* subroutine, the **wchar.h** file.

_check_lock Subroutine

Purpose

Conditionally updates a single word variable atomically.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
boolean_t _check_lock ( word_addr, old_val, new_val )  
atomic_p word_addr;  
int old_val;  
int new_val;
```

Parameters

<i>word_addr</i>	Specifies the address of the single word variable.
<i>old_val</i>	Specifies the old value to be checked against the value of the single word variable.
<i>new_val</i>	Specifies the new value to be conditionally assigned to the single word variable.

Description

The **_check_lock** subroutine performs an atomic (uninterruptible) sequence of operations. The **compare_and_swap** subroutine is similar, but does not issue synchronization instructions and therefore is inappropriate for updating lock words.

Note: The word variable must be aligned on a full word boundary.

Return Values

FALSE	Indicates that the single word variable was equal to the old value and has been set to the new value.
TRUE	Indicates that the single word variable was not equal to the old value and has been left unchanged.

Related Information

The **_clear_lock** (“_clear_lock Subroutine”) subroutine, **_safe_fetch** subroutine.

_clear_lock Subroutine

Purpose

Stores a value in a single word variable atomically.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
void _clear_lock ( word_addr, value )  
atomic_p word_addr;  
int value
```

Parameters

<i>word_addr</i>	Specifies the address of the single word variable.
<i>value</i>	Specifies the value to store in the single word variable.

Description

The `_clear_lock` subroutine performs an atomic (uninterruptible) sequence of operations.

This subroutine has no return values.

Note: The word variable must be aligned on a full word boundary.

Related Information

The `_check_lock` (“_check_lock Subroutine” on page 81) subroutine, `_safe_fetch` subroutine.

catclose Subroutine

Purpose

Closes a specified message catalog.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <nl_types.h>
```

```
int catclose ( CatalogDescriptor)  
nl_catd CatalogDescriptor;
```

Description

The **catclose** subroutine closes a specified message catalog. If your program accesses several message catalogs and you reach the maximum number of opened catalogs (specified by the **NL_MAXOPEN** constant), you must close some catalogs before opening additional ones. If you use a file descriptor to implement the **nl_catd** data type, the **catclose** subroutine closes that file descriptor.

The **catclose** subroutine closes a message catalog only when the number of calls it receives matches the total number of calls to the **catopen** subroutine in an application. All message buffer pointers obtained by prior calls to the **catgets** subroutine are not valid when the message catalog is closed.

Parameters

CatalogDescriptor Points to the message catalog returned from a call to the **catopen** subroutine.

Return Values

The **catclose** subroutine returns a value of 0 if it closes the catalog successfully, or if the number of calls it receives is fewer than the number of calls to the **catopen** subroutine.

The **catclose** subroutine returns a value of -1 if it does not succeed in closing the catalog. The **catclose** subroutine is unsuccessful if the number of calls it receives is greater than the number of calls to the **catopen** subroutine, or if the value of the *CatalogDescriptor* parameter is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **catgets** (“catgets Subroutine”) subroutine, **catopen** (“catopen Subroutine” on page 85) subroutine.

For more information about the Message Facility, see Message Facility Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

For more information about subroutines and libraries, see Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

catgets Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves a message from a catalog.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <nl_types>
```

```
char *catgets (CatalogDescriptor, SetNumber, MessageNumber, String)
nl_catd CatalogDescriptor;
int SetNumber, MessageNumber;
const char * String;
```

Description

The **catgets** subroutine retrieves a message from a catalog after a successful call to the **catopen** subroutine. If the **catgets** subroutine finds the specified message, it loads it into an internal character string buffer, ends the message string with a null character, and returns a pointer to the buffer.

The **catgets** subroutine uses the returned pointer to reference the buffer and display the message. However, the buffer can not be referenced after the catalog is closed.

Parameters

<i>CatalogDescriptor</i>	Specifies a catalog description that is returned by the catopen subroutine.
<i>SetNumber</i>	Specifies the set ID.
<i>MessageNumber</i>	Specifies the message ID. The <i>SetNumber</i> and <i>MessageNumber</i> parameters specify a particular message to retrieve in the catalog.
<i>String</i>	Specifies the default character-string buffer.

Return Values

If the **catgets** subroutine is unsuccessful for any reason, it returns the user-supplied default message string specified by the *String* parameter.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **catclose** (“catclose Subroutine” on page 83) subroutine, **catopen** (“catopen Subroutine”) subroutine.

For more information about the Message Facility, see Message Facility Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

For more information about subroutines and libraries, see Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

catopen Subroutine

Purpose

Opens a specified message catalog.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <nl_types.h>
```

```
nl_catd catopen ( CatalogName, Parameter)  
const char *CatalogName;  
int Parameter;
```

Description

The **catopen** subroutine opens a specified message catalog and returns a catalog descriptor used to retrieve messages from the catalog. The contents of the catalog descriptor are complete when the **catgets** subroutine accesses the message catalog. The **nl_catd** data type is used for catalog descriptors and is defined in the **nl_types.h** file.

If the catalog file name referred to by the *CatalogName* parameter contains a leading / (slash), it is assumed to be an absolute path name. If the catalog file name is not an absolute path name, the user environment determines which directory paths to search. The **NLSPATH** environment variable defines the directory search path. When this variable is used, the **setlocale** subroutine must be called before the **catopen** subroutine.

A message catalog descriptor remains valid in a process until that process or a successful call to one of the **exec** functions closes it.

You can use two special variables, **%N** and **%L**, in the **NLSPATH** environment variable. The **%N** variable is replaced by the catalog name referred to by the call that opens the message catalog. The **%L** variable is replaced by the value of the **LC_MESSAGES** category.

The value of the **LC_MESSAGES** category can be set by specifying values for the **LANG**, **LC_ALL**, or **LC_MESSAGES** environment variable. The value of the **LC_MESSAGES** category indicates which locale-specific directory to search for message catalogs. For example, if the **catopen** subroutine specifies a catalog with the name **mycmd**, and the environment variables are set as follows:

```
NLSPATH=../%N:../%N:/system/nls/%L/%N:/system/nls/%N LANG=fr_FR
```

then the application searches for the catalog in the following order:

```
../mycmd
./mycmd
/system/nls/fr_FR/mycmd
/system/nls/mycmd
```

If you omit the **%N** variable in a directory specification within the **NLSPATH** environment variable, the application assumes that it defines a catalog name and opens it as such and will not traverse the rest of the search path.

If the **NLSPATH** environment variable is not defined, the **catopen** subroutine uses the default path. See the **/etc/environment** file for the **NLSPATH** default path. If the **LC_MESSAGES** category is set to the default value **C**, and the **LC_FASTMSG** environment variable is set to **true**, then subsequent calls to the **catgets** subroutine generate pointers to the program-supplied default text.

The **catopen** subroutine treats the first file it finds as a message file. If you specify a non-message file in a **NLSPATH**, for example, **/usr/bin/ls**, **catopen** treats **/usr/bin/ls** as a message catalog. Thus no messages are found and default messages are returned. If you specify **/tmp** in a **NLSPATH**, **/tmp** is opened and searched for messages and default messages are displayed.

Parameters

<i>CatalogName</i>	Specifies the catalog file to open.
<i>Parameter</i>	Determines the environment variable to use in locating the message catalog. If the value of the <i>Parameter</i> parameter is 0 , use the LANG environment variable without regard to the LC_MESSAGES category to locate the catalog. If the value of the <i>Parameter</i> parameter is the NL_CAT_LOCALE macro, use the LC_MESSAGES category to locate the catalog.

Return Values

The **catopen** subroutine returns a catalog descriptor. If the **LC_MESSAGES** category is set to the default value **C**, and the **LC_FASTMSG** environment variable is set to **true**, the **catopen** subroutine returns a value of **-1**.

If the **LC_MESSAGES** category is not set to the default value **C** but the **catopen** subroutine returns a value of **-1**, an error has occurred during creation of the structure of the **nl_catd** data type or the catalog name referred to by the *CatalogName* parameter does not exist.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **catclose** (“catclose Subroutine” on page 83) subroutine, **catgets** (“catgets Subroutine” on page 84) subroutine, **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **setlocale** subroutine.

The **environment** file.

For more information about the Message Facility, see the Message Facility Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

For more information about subroutines and libraries, see the Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ccsidtoocs or cstoccsid Subroutine

Purpose

Provides conversion between coded character set IDs (CCSID) and code set names.

Library

The iconv Library (**libiconv.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <iconv.h>
```

```
CCSID cstoccsid (* Codeset)  
const char *Codeset;
```

```
char *ccsidtoocs ( CCSID)  
CCSID CCSID;
```

Description

The **cstoccsid** subroutine returns the CCSID of the code set specified by the *Codeset* parameter. The **ccsidtoocs** subroutine returns the code set name of the CCSID specified by *CCSID* parameter. CCSIDs are registered IBM coded character set IDs.

Parameters

Codeset Specifies the code set name to be converted to its corresponding CCSID.
CCSID Specifies the CCSID to be converted to its corresponding code set name.

Return Values

If the code set is recognized by the system, the **cstoccsid** subroutine returns the corresponding CCSID. Otherwise, null is returned.

If the CCSID is recognized by the system, the **ccsidtoocs** subroutine returns the corresponding code set name. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

For more information about code set conversion, see *Converters Overview for Programming in AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

The *National Language Support Overview for Programming in AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs.

cfgetospeed, cfsetospeed, cfgetispeed, or cfsetispeed Subroutine

Purpose

Gets and sets input and output baud rates.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <termios.h>
```

```
speed_t cfgetospeed ( TermiosPointer)
const struct termios *TermiosPointer;
```

```
int cfsetospeed (TermiosPointer, Speed)
struct termios *TermiosPointer;
speed_t Speed;
```

```
speed_t cfgetispeed (TermiosPointer)
const struct termios *TermiosPointer;
```

```
int cfsetispeed (TermiosPointer, Speed)
struct termios *TermiosPointer;
speed_t Speed;
```

Description

The baud rate subroutines are provided for getting and setting the values of the input and output baud rates in the **termios** structure. The effects on the terminal device described below do not become effective and not all errors are detected until the **tcsetattr** function is successfully called.

The input and output baud rates are stored in the **termios** structure. The supported values for the baud rates are shown in the table that follows this discussion.

The **termios.h** file defines the type **speed_t** as an unsigned integral type.

The **cfgetospeed** subroutine returns the output baud rate stored in the **termios** structure pointed to by the *TermiosPointer* parameter.

The **cfsetospeed** subroutine sets the output baud rate stored in the **termios** structure pointed to by the *TermiosPointer* parameter to the value specified by the *Speed* parameter.

The **cfgetispeed** subroutine returns the input baud rate stored in the **termios** structure pointed to by the *TermiosPointer* parameter.

The **cfsetispeed** subroutine sets the input baud rate stored in the **termios** structure pointed to by the *TermiosPointer* parameter to the value specified by the *Speed* parameter.

Certain values for speeds have special meanings when set in the **termios** structure and passed to the **tcsetattr** function. These values are discussed in the **tcsetattr** subroutine.

The following table lists possible baud rates:

Baud Rate Values			
Name	Description	Name	Description
B0	Hang up	B600	600 baud

B5	50 baud	B1200	1200 baud
B75	75 baud	B1800	1800 baud
B110	110 baud	B2400	2400 baud
B134	134 baud	B4800	4800 baud
B150	150 baud	B9600	9600 baud
B200	200 baud	B19200	19200 baud
B300	300 baud	B38400	38400 baud

The **termios.h** file defines the name symbols of the table.

Parameters

TermiosPointer Points to a **termios** structure.
Speed Specifies the baud rate.

Return Values

The **cfgetospeed** and **cfgetispeed** subroutines return exactly the value found in the **termios** data structure, without interpretation.

Both the **cfsetospeed** and **cfsetispeed** subroutines return a value of 0 if successful and -1 if unsuccessful.

Examples

To set the output baud rate to 0 (which forces modem control lines to stop being asserted), enter:

```
cfsetospeed (&my_termios, B0);
tcsetattr (stdout, TCSADRAIN, &my_termios);
```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **tcsetattr** subroutine.

The **termios.h** file.

Input and Output Handling Programmer's Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

chacl or fchacl Subroutine

Purpose

Changes the permissions on a file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/acl.h>
#include <sys/mode.h>
```

```
int chacl ( Path, ACL, ACLSize)
char *Path;
struct acl *ACL;
int ACLSize;
```

```
int fchacl ( FileDescriptor, ACL, ACLSize)
int FileDescriptor;
struct acl *ACL;
int ACLSize;
```

Description

The **chacl** and **fchacl** subroutines set the access control attributes of a file according to the Access Control List (ACL) structure pointed to by the *ACL* parameter.

Parameters

Path Specifies the path name of the file.

ACL

Specifies the ACL to be established on the file. The format of an ACL is defined in the **sys/acl.h** file and contains the following members:

acl_len

Specifies the size of the ACL (Access Control List) in bytes, including the base entries.

Note: The entire ACL for a file cannot exceed one memory page (4096 bytes).

acl_mode

Specifies the file mode.

The following bits in the **acl_mode** member are defined in the **sys/mode.h** file and are significant for this subroutine:

S_ISUID

Enables the **setuid** attribute on an executable file.

S_ISGID

Enables the **setgid** attribute on an executable file. Enables the group-inheritance attribute on a directory.

S_ISVTX

Enables linking restrictions on a directory.

S_IXACL

Enables extended ACL entry processing. If this attribute is not set, only the base entries (owner, group, and default) are used for access authorization checks.

Other bits in the mode, including the following, are ignored:

u_access

Specifies access permissions for the file owner.

g_access

Specifies access permissions for the file group.

o_access

Specifies access permissions for the default class of *others*.

acl_ext[]

Specifies an array of the extended entries for this access control list.

The members for the base ACL (owner, group, and others) can contain the following bits, which are defined in the **sys/access.h** file:

R_ACC

Allows read permission.

W_ACC

Allows write permission.

X_ACC Allows execute or search permission.

FileDescriptor
ACLSize

Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.

Specifies the size of the buffer containing the ACL.

Note: The **chacl** subroutine requires the *Path*, *ACL*, and *ACLSize* parameters. The **fchacl** subroutine requires the *FileDescriptor*, *ACL*, and *ACLSize* parameters.

ACL Data Structure for chacl

Each access control list structure consists of one **struct acl** structure containing one or more **struct acl_entry** structures with one or more **struct ace_id** structures.

If the **struct ace_id** structure has *id_type* set to **ACEID_USER** or **ACEID_GROUP**, there is only one *id_data* element. To add multiple IDs to an ACL you must specify multiple **struct ace_id** structures when *id_type* is set to **ACEID_USER** or **ACEID_GROUP**. In this case, no error is returned for the multiple elements, and the access checking examines only the first element. Specifically, the **errno** value **EINVAL** is not returned for *acl_len* being incorrect in the ACL structure although more than one uid or gid is specified.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **chacl** and **fchacl** subroutines return a value of 0. If the **chacl** or **fchacl** subroutine fails, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **chacl** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> prefix is not a directory.
ENOENT	A component of the <i>Path</i> does not exist or has the disallow truncation attribute (see the ulimit subroutine).
ENOENT	The <i>Path</i> parameter was null.
EACCESS	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>Path</i> prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
ESTALE	The process' root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters, or the entire <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.

The **chacl** or **fchacl** subroutine fails and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EROFS	The file specified by the <i>Path</i> parameter resides on a read-only file system.
EFAULT	The <i>ACL</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EINVAL	The <i>ACL</i> parameter does not point to a valid ACL.
EINVAL	The <i>acl_len</i> member in the ACL is not valid.
EIO	An I/O error occurred during the operation.
ENOSPC	The size of the <i>ACL</i> parameter exceeds the system limit of one memory page (4KB).
EPERM	The effective user ID does not match the ID of the owner of the file, and the invoker does not have root user authority.

The **fchacl** subroutine fails and the file permissions remain unchanged if the following is true:

EBADF	The file descriptor <i>FileDescriptor</i> is not valid.
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If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the **chacl** and **fchacl** subroutines can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT	The connection timed out.
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Security

Access Control: The invoker must have search permission for all components of the *Path* prefix.

Auditing Events:

Event	Information
chacl	<i>Path</i>
fchacl	<i>FileDescriptor</i>

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acl_chg** (“acl_chg or acl_fchg Subroutine” on page 9) subroutine, **acl_get** (“acl_get or acl_fget Subroutine” on page 11) subroutine, **acl_put** (“acl_put or acl_fput Subroutine” on page 13) subroutine, **acl_set** (“acl_set or acl_fset Subroutine” on page 15) subroutine, **chmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) subroutine, **stat** subroutine, **statacl** subroutine.

The **aclget** command, **aclput** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

chdir Subroutine

Purpose

Changes the current directory.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int chdir ( Path )  
const char *Path;
```

Description

The **chdir** subroutine changes the current directory to the directory indicated by the *Path* parameter.

Parameters

Path A pointer to the path name of the directory. If the *Path* parameter refers to a symbolic link, the **chdir** subroutine sets the current directory to the directory pointed to by the symbolic link. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on the system, this path can cross into another node.

The current directory, also called the current working directory, is the starting point of searches for path names that do not begin with a / (slash). The calling process must have search access to the directory specified by the *Path* parameter.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **chdir** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

The **chdir** subroutine fails and the current directory remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	Search access is denied for the named directory.
ENOENT	The named directory does not exist.
ENOTDIR	The path name is not a directory.

The **chdir** subroutine can also be unsuccessful for other reasons. See Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution (“Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution” on page 881) for a list of additional error codes.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **chdir** subroutine can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT	The connection timed out.
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Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **chroot** (“chroot Subroutine” on page 102) subroutine.

The **cd** command.

“Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution” on page 881 .

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

chmod or fchmod Subroutine

Purpose

Changes file access permissions.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int chmod ( Path, Mode)
const char *Path;
mode_t Mode;
```

```
int fchmod ( FileDescriptor, Mode)
int FileDescriptor;
mode_t Mode;
```


Description

The **chmod** subroutine sets the access permissions of the file specified by the *Path* parameter. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, this path can cross into another node.

Use the **fchmod** subroutine to set the access permissions of an open file pointed to by the *FileDescriptor* parameter.

The access control information is set according to the *Mode* parameter.

Parameters

FileDescriptor Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.

Mode

Specifies the bit pattern that determines the access permissions. The *Mode* parameter is constructed by logically ORing one or more of the following values, which are defined in the **sys/mode.h** file:

S_ISUID

Enables the **setuid** attribute for an executable file. A process executing this program acquires the access rights of the owner of the file.

S_ISGID

Enables the **setgid** attribute for an executable file. A process executing this program acquires the access rights of the group of the file. Also, enables the group-inheritance attribute for a directory. Files created in this directory have a group equal to the group of the directory.

The following attributes apply only to files that are directly executable. They have no meaning when applied to executable text files such as shell scripts and **awk** scripts.

S_ISVTX

Enables the **link/unlink** attribute for a directory. Files cannot be linked to in this directory. Files can only be unlinked if the requesting process has write permission for the directory and is either the owner of the file or the directory.

S_ISVTX

Enables the **save text** attribute for an executable file. The program is not unmapped after usage.

S_ENFMT

Enables enforcement-mode record locking for a regular file. File locks requested with the **lockf** subroutine are enforced.

S_IRUSR

Permits the file's owner to read it.

S_IWUSR

Permits the file's owner to write to it.

S_IXUSR

Permits the file's owner to execute it (or to search the directory).

S_IRGRP

Permits the file's group to read it.

S_IWGRP

Permits the file's group to write to it.

S_IXGRP

Permits the file's group to execute it (or to search the directory).

S_IROTH

Permits others to read the file.

S_IWOTH

Permits others to write to the file.

S_IXOTH

Permits others to execute the file (or to search the directory).

Other mode values exist that can be set with the **mknod** subroutine but not with the **chmod** subroutine.

Path

Specifies the full path name of the file.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **chmod** subroutine and **fchmod** subroutines return a value of 0. If the **chmod** subroutine or **fchmod** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

The **chmod** subroutine is unsuccessful and the file permissions remain unchanged if one of the following is true:

ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> prefix is not a directory.
EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>Path</i> prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENOENT	The named file does not exist.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters, or the entire <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.

The **fchmod** subroutine is unsuccessful and the file permissions remain unchanged if the following is true:

EBADF	The value of the <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not valid.
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The **chmod** or **fchmod** subroutine is unsuccessful and the access control information for a file remains unchanged if one of the following is true:

EPERM	The effective user ID does not match the owner of the file, and the process does not have appropriate privileges.
EROFS	The named file resides on a read-only file system.
EIO	An I/O error occurred during the operation.

If NFS is installed on your system, the **chmod** and **fchmod** subroutines can also be unsuccessful if the following is true:

ESTALE	The root or current directory of the process is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.
ETIMEDOUT	The connection timed out.

Security

Access Control: The invoker must have search permission for all components of the *Path* prefix.

If you receive the **EBUSY** error, toggle the **enforced locking** attribute in the *Mode* parameter and retry your operation. The **enforced locking** attribute should never be used on a file that is part of the Trusted Computing Base.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acl_chg** (“acl_chg or acl_fchg Subroutine” on page 9) subroutine, **acl_get** (“acl_get or acl_fget Subroutine” on page 11) subroutine, **acl_put** (“acl_put or acl_fput Subroutine” on page 13) subroutine, **acl_set** (“acl_set or acl_fset Subroutine” on page 15) subroutine, **chacl** (“chacl or fchacl Subroutine” on page 89) subroutine, **statacl** subroutine, **stat** subroutine.

The **aclget** command, **aclput** command, **chmod** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

chown, fchown, lchown, chownx, or fchownx Subroutine

Purpose

Changes file ownership.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

Syntax for the **chown**, **fchown**, and **lchown** Subroutines:

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

```
int chown ( Path, Owner, Group)
const char *Path;
uid_t Owner;
gid_t Group;
```

```
int fchown ( FileDescriptor, Owner, Group)
```

```
int FileDescriptor;
uid_t Owner;
gid_t Group;
```

```
int lchown ( Path, Owner, Group)
```

```
const char *fname
uid_t uid
gid_t gid
```

Syntax for the **chownx** and **fchownx** Subroutines:

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

```
int chownx (Path, Owner, Group, Flags)
```

```
char *Path;
uid_t Owner;
gid_t Group;
int Flags;
```

```
int fchownx (FileDescriptor, Owner, Group, Flags)
```

```
int FileDescriptor;
uid_t Owner;
gid_t Group;
int Flags;
```

Description

The **chown**, **chownx**, **fchown**, **fchownx**, and **lchown** subroutines set the file owner and group IDs of the specified file system object. Root user authority is required to change the owner of a file.

A function **lchown** function sets the owner ID and group ID of the named file similarly to **chown** function except in the case where the named file is a symbolic link. In this case **lchown** function changes the ownership of the symbolic link file itself, while **chown** function changes the ownership of the file or directory to which the symbolic link refers.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies the file descriptor of an open file.
<i>Flags</i>	Specifies whether the file owner ID or group ID should be changed. This parameter is constructed by logically ORing the following values: T_OWNER_AS_IS Ignores the value specified by the <i>Owner</i> parameter and leaves the owner ID of the file unaltered. T_GROUP_AS_IS Ignores the value specified by the <i>Group</i> parameter and leaves the group ID of the file unaltered.
<i>Group</i>	Specifies the new group of the file. If this value is -1, the group is not changed. (A value of -1 indicates only that the group is not changed; it does not indicate a group that is not valid. An owner or group ID cannot be invalid.)
<i>Owner</i>	Specifies the new owner of the file. If this value is -1, the owner is not changed. (A value of -1 indicates only that the group is not changed; it does not indicate a group that is not valid. An owner or group ID cannot be invalid.)
<i>Path</i>	Specifies the full path name of the file. If <i>Path</i> resolves to a symbolic link, the ownership of the file or directory pointed to by the symbolic link is changed.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **chown**, **chownx**, **fchown**, **fchownx**, and **lchown** subroutines return a value of 0. If the **chown**, **chownx**, **fchown**, **fchownx**, or **lchown** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **chown**, **chownx**, or **lchown** subroutine is unsuccessful and the owner and group of a file remain unchanged if one of the following is true:

EACCESS	Search permission is denied on a component of the <i>Path</i> parameter.
EDQUOT	The new group for the file system object cannot be set because the group's quota of disk blocks or i-nodes has been exhausted on the file system.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EINVAL	The owner or group ID supplied is not valid.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 255 characters, or the entire <i>Path</i> parameter exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist; or a component of the <i>Path</i> parameter does not exist; or the process has the disallow truncation attribute set; or the <i>Path</i> parameter is null.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
EPERM	The effective user ID does not match the owner of the file, and the calling process does not have the appropriate privileges.
EROFS	The named file resides on a read-only file system.
ESTALE	The root or current directory of the process is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

The **fchown** or **fchownx** subroutine is unsuccessful and the file owner and group remain unchanged if one of the following is true:

EBADF	The named file resides on a read-only file system.
EDQUOT	The new group for the file system object cannot be set because the group's quota of disk blocks or i-nodes has been exhausted on the file system.

EIO An I/O error occurred during the operation.

Security

Access Control: The invoker must have search permission for all components of the *Path* parameter.

chpass Subroutine

Purpose

Changes user passwords.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Thread Safe Security Library (**libs_r.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stddef.h>
```

```
int chpass ( UserName, Response, Reenter, Message)
char *UserName;
char_t *Response;
int *Reenter;
char_t **Message;
```

Description

The **chpass** subroutine maintains the requirements that the user must meet to change a password. This subroutine is the basic building block for changing passwords and handles password changes for local, NIS, and DCE user passwords.

The *Message* parameter provides a series of messages asking for old and new passwords, or providing informational messages, such as the reason for a password change failing. The first *Message* prompt is a prompt for the old password. This parameter does not prompt for the old password if the user has a real user ID of 0 (zero) and is changing a local user, or if the user has no current password. The **chpass** subroutine does not prompt a user with root authority for an old password. It informs the program that no message was sent and that it should invoke **chpass** again. If the user satisfies the first *Message* parameter's prompt, the system prompts the user to enter the new password. Each message is contained in the *Message* parameter and is displayed to the user. The *Response* parameter returns the user's response to the **chpass** subroutine.

The *Reenter* parameter remains a nonzero value until the user satisfies all of the prompt messages or until the user incorrectly responds to a prompt message. Once the *Reenter* parameter is 0, the return code signals whether the password change completed or failed.

The **chpass** subroutine maintains internal state information concerning the next prompt message to present to the user. If the calling program supplies a different user name before all prompt messages are complete for the user, the internal state information is reset and prompt messages begin again.

The **chpass** subroutine determines the administration domain to use during password changes. It determines if the user is defined locally, defined in Network Information Service (NIS), or defined in Distributed Computing Environment (DCE). Password changes occur only in these domains. System administrators may override this convention with the registry value in the **/etc/security/user** file. If the registry value is defined, the password change can only occur in the specified domain. System

administrators can use this registry value if the user is administered on a remote machine that periodically goes down. If the user is allowed to log in through some other authentication method while the server is down, password changes remain to follow only the primary server.

The **chpass** subroutine allows the user to change passwords in two ways. For normal (non-administrative) password changes, the user must supply the old password, either on the first call to the **chpass** subroutine or in response to the first message from **chpass**. If the user is root, real user ID of 0, local administrative password changes are handled by supplying a null pointer for the *Response* parameter during the initial call

Users that are not administered locally are always queried for their old password.

The **chpass** subroutine is always in one of three states, entering the old password, entering the new password, or entering the new password again. If any of these states need do not need to be complied with, the **chpass** subroutine returns a null challenge.

Parameters

<i>UserName</i>	Specifies the user's name whose password is to be changed.
<i>Response</i>	Specifies a character string containing the user's response to the last prompt.
<i>Reenter</i>	Points to a Boolean value used to signal whether chpass subroutine has completed processing. If the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is a nonzero value, the chpass subroutine expects the user to satisfy the prompt message provided by the <i>Message</i> parameter. If the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is 0, the chpass subroutine has completed processing.
<i>Message</i>	Points to a pointer that the chpass subroutine allocates memory for and fills in. This replacement string is then suitable for printing and issues challenge messages (if the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is a nonzero value). The string can also issue informational messages such as why the user failed to change the password (if the <i>Reenter</i> parameter is 0). The calling application is responsible for freeing this memory.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **chpass** subroutine returns a value of 0. If the **chpass** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns the following values:

- 1 Indicates the call failed in the thread safe library **libs_r.a**. **ERRNO** will indicate the failure code.
- 1 Indicates that the password change was unsuccessful and the user should attempt again. This return value occurs if a password restriction is not met, such as if the password is not long enough.
- 2 Indicates that the password change was unsuccessful and the user should not attempt again. This return value occurs if the user enters an incorrect old password or if the network is down (the password change cannot occur).

Error Codes

The **chpass** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following values is true:

ENOENT	Indicates that the user cannot be found.
ESAD	Indicates that the user did not meet the criteria to change the password.
EPERM	Indicates that the user did not have permission to change the password.
EINVAL	Indicates that the parameters are not valid.
ENOMEM	Indicates that memory allocation (malloc) failed.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine.

chroot Subroutine

Purpose

Changes the effective root directory.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int chroot (const char * Path)
char *Path;
```

Description

The **chroot** subroutine causes the directory named by the *Path* parameter to become the effective root directory. If the *Path* parameter refers to a symbolic link, the **chroot** subroutine sets the effective root directory to the directory pointed to by the symbolic link. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, this path can cross into another node.

The effective root directory is the starting point when searching for a file’s path name that begins with / (slash). The current directory is not affected by the **chroot** subroutine.

The calling process must have root user authority in order to change the effective root directory. The calling process must also have search access to the new effective root directory.

The .. (double period) entry in the effective root directory is interpreted to mean the effective root directory itself. Thus, this directory cannot be used to access files outside the subtree rooted at the effective root directory.

Parameters

Path Pointer to the new effective root directory.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **chroot** subroutine fails and the effective root directory remains unchanged if one or more of the following are true:

ENOENT The named directory does not exist.
EACCES The named directory denies search access.
EPERM The process does not have root user authority.

The **chroot** subroutine can be unsuccessful for other reasons. See Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services that Require Path-Name Resolution (“Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution” on page 881) for a list of additional errors.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **chroot** subroutine can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT The connection timed out.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **chdir** (“chdir Subroutine” on page 93) subroutine.

The **chroot** command.

“Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution” on page 881.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

chssys Subroutine

Purpose

Modifies the subsystem objects associated with the *SubsystemName* parameter.

Library

System Resource Controller Library (**libsrc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/srcobj.h>
#include <spc.h>
```

```
int chssys( SubsystemName, SRCSubsystem)
char *SubsystemName;
struct SRCsubsys *SRCSubsystem;
```

Description

The **chssys** subroutine modifies the subsystem objects associated with the specified subsystem with the values in the **SRCsubsys** structure. This action modifies the objects associated with subsystem in the following object classes:

- Subsystem Environment
- Subserver Type
- Notify

The Subserver Type and Notify object classes are updated only if the subsystem name has been changed.

The **SRCsubsys** structure is defined in the **/usr/include/sys/srcobj.h** file.

The program running with this subroutine must be running with the group system.

Parameters

<i>SRCSubsystem</i>	Points to the SRCsubsys structure.
<i>SubsystemName</i>	Specifies the name of the subsystem.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **chssys** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and the **odmerrno** variable is set to indicate the error, or a System Resource Controller (SRC) error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **chssys** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more of the following are true:

SRC_NONAME	No subsystem name is specified.
SRC_NOPATH	No subsystem path is specified.
SRC_BADNSIG	Invalid stop normal signal.
SRC_BADFSIG	Invalid stop force signal.
SRC_NOCONTACT	Contact not signal, sockets, or message queues.
SRC_SSME	Subsystem name does not exist.
SRC_SUBEXIST	New subsystem name is already on file.
SRC_SYNEXIST	New subsystem synonym name is already on file.
SRC_NOREC	The specified SRCsubsys record does not exist.
SRC_SUBSYS2BIG	Subsystem name is too long.
SRC_SYN2BIG	Synonym name is too long.
SRC_CMDARG2BIG	Command arguments are too long.
SRC_PATH2BIG	Subsystem path is too long.
SRC_STDIN2BIG	stdin path is too long.
SRC_STDOUT2BIG	stdout path is too long.
SRC_STDERR2BIG	stderr path is too long.
SRC_GRPNAM2BIG	Group name is too long.

Security

Privilege Control: This command has the Trusted Path attribute. It has the following kernel privilege:

SET_PROC_AUDIT kernel privilege

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
644	/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsys
644	/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsvr
644	/etc/objrepos/SRCnotify

Auditing Events:

Event	Information
SRC_Chssys	

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsys	SRC Subsystem Configuration object class.
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<code>/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsvr</code>	SRC Subserver Configuration object class.
<code>/etc/objrepos/SRCnotify</code>	SRC Notify Method object class.
<code>/dev/SRC</code>	Specifies the AF_UNIX socket file.
<code>/dev/.SRC-unix</code>	Specifies the location for temporary socket files.

Related Information

The **addsys** (“addsys Subroutine” on page 17) subroutine, **delssys** (“delssys Subroutine” on page 137) subroutine.

The **chssys** command, **mkssys** command, **rmssys** command.

System Resource Controller Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

Defining Your Subsystem to the SRC, List of SRC Subroutines, System Resource Controller (SRC) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ckuseracct Subroutine

Purpose

Checks the validity of a user account.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <login.h>
```

```
int ckuseracct ( Name, Mode, TTY)
char *Name;
int Mode;
char *TTY;
```

Description

Note: This subroutine is obsolete and is provided only for backwards compatibility. Use the **loginrestrictions** subroutine, which performs a superset of the functions of the **ckuseracct** subroutine, instead.

The **ckuseracct** subroutine checks the validity of the user account specified by the *Name* parameter. The *Mode* parameter gives the mode of the account usage, and the *TTY* parameter defines the terminal being used for the access. The **ckuseracct** subroutine checks for the following conditions:

- Account existence
- Account expiration

The *Mode* parameter specifies other mode-specific checks.

Parameters

Name Specifies the login name of the user whose account is to be validated.

Mode Specifies the manner of usage. Valid values as defined in the **login.h** file are listed below. The *Mode* parameter must be one of these or 0:

S_LOGIN
Verifies that local logins are permitted for this account.

S_SU Verifies that the **su** command is permitted and that the current process has a group ID that can invoke the **su** command to switch to the account.

S_DAEMON
Verifies the account can be used to invoke daemon or batch programs using the **src** or **cron** subsystems.

S_RLOGIN
Verifies the account can be used for remote logins using the **rlogind** or **telnetd** programs.

TTY Specifies the terminal of the originating activity. If this parameter is a null pointer or a null string, no TTY origin checking is done.

Security

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
r	/etc/passwd
r	/etc/security/user

Return Values

If the account is valid for the specified usage, the **ckuseracct** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the appropriate error code.

Error Codes

The **ckuseracct** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

ENOENT The user specified in the *Name* parameter does not have an account.

ESTALE The user's account is expired.

EACCES The specified terminal does not have access to the specified account.

EACCES The *Mode* parameter is **S_SU**, and the current process is not permitted to use the **su** command to access the specified user.

EACCES Access to the account is not permitted in the specified *Mode*.

EINVAL The *Mode* parameter is not one of **S_LOGIN**, **S_SU**, **S_DAEMON**, **S_RLOGIN**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ckuserID** ("ckuserID Subroutine" on page 107) subroutine, **getpcred** ("getpcred Subroutine" on page 327) subroutine, **getpenv** ("getpenv Subroutine" on page 329) subroutine, **setpcred** subroutine, **setpenv** subroutine.

The **login** command, **rlogin** command, **su** command, **telnet** command.

The **cron** daemon.

ckuserID Subroutine

Purpose

Authenticates the user.

Note: This subroutine is obsolete and is provided for backwards compatibility. Use the **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine, instead.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <login.h>
int ckuserID ( User, Mode)
int Mode;
char *User;
```

Description

The **ckuserID** subroutine authenticates the account specified by the *User* parameter. The mode of the authentication is given by the *Mode* parameter. The **login** and **su** commands continue to use the **ckuserID** subroutine to process the **/etc/security/user auth1** and **auth2** authentication methods.

The **ckuserID** subroutine depends on the **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine to process the **SYSTEM** attribute in the **/etc/security/user** file. If authentication is successful, the **passwdexpired** (“passwdexpired Subroutine” on page 643) subroutine is called.

Errors caused by grammar or load modules during a call to the **authenticate** subroutine are displayed to the user if the user was authenticated. These errors are audited with the **USER_Login** audit event if the user failed authentication.

Parameters

User Specifies the name of the user to be authenticated.
Mode Specifies the mode of authentication. This parameter is a bit mask and may contain one or more of the following values, which are defined in the **login.h** file:

S_PRIMARY

The primary authentication methods defined for the *User* parameter are checked. All primary authentication checks must be passed.

S_SECONDARY

The secondary authentication methods defined for the *User* parameter are checked. Secondary authentication checks are not required to be successful.

Primary and secondary authentication methods for each user are set in the **/etc/security/user** file by defining the **auth1** and **auth2** attributes. If no primary methods are defined for a user, the **SYSTEM** attribute is assumed. If no secondary methods are defined, there is no default.

Security

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
r	/etc/passwd
r	/etc/security/passwd
r	/etc/security/user
r	/etc/security/login.cfg

Return Values

If the account is valid for the specified usage, the **ckuserID** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **ckuserID** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

ESAD	Security authentication failed for the user.
EINVAL	The <i>Mode</i> parameter is neither S_PRIMARY nor S_SECONDARY or the <i>Mode</i> parameter is both S_PRIMARY and S_SECONDARY .

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine, **ckuseracct** (“ckuseracct Subroutine” on page 105) subroutine, **getpcred** (“getpcred Subroutine” on page 327) subroutine, **getpenv** (“getpenv Subroutine” on page 329) subroutine, **passwdexpired** (“passwdexpired Subroutine” on page 643) subroutine, **setpcred** subroutine, **setpenv** subroutine.

The **login** command, **su** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

class, _class, finite, isnan, or unordered Subroutines

Purpose

Determines classifications of floating-point numbers.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
#include <float.h>
```

```
int
class( x)
double x;
#include <math.h>
#include <float.h>
```

```

int
_class( x)
double x;
#include <math.h>
int finite(x)
double x;
#include <math.h>
int isnan(x)
double x;
#include <math.h>

int unordered(x, y)
double x, y;

```

Description

The **class** subroutine, **_class** subroutine, **finite** subroutine, **isnan** subroutine, and **unordered** subroutine determine the classification of their floating-point value. The **unordered** subroutine determines if a floating-point comparison involving *x* and *y* would generate the IEEE floating-point unordered condition (such as whether *x* or *y* is a NaN).

The **class** subroutine returns an integer that represents the classification of the floating-point *x* parameter. Since **class** is a reserved key word in C++. The **class** subroutine can not be invoked in a C++ program. The **_class** subroutine is an interface for C++ program using the **class** subroutine. The interface and the return value for **class** and **_class** subroutines are identical. The values returned by the **class** subroutine are defined in the **float.h** header file. The return values are the following:

FP_PLUS_NORM	Positive normalized, nonzero <i>x</i>
FP_MINUS_NORM	Negative normalized, nonzero <i>x</i>
FP_PLUS_DENORM	Positive denormalized, nonzero <i>x</i>
FP_MINUS_DENORM	Negative denormalized, nonzero <i>x</i>
FP_PLUS_ZERO	<i>x</i> = +0.0
FP_MINUS_ZERO	<i>x</i> = -0.0
FP_PLUS_INF	<i>x</i> = +INF
FP_MINUS_INF	<i>x</i> = -INF
FP_NANS	<i>x</i> = Signaling Not a Number (NaNS)
FP_NANQ	<i>x</i> = Quiet Not a Number (NaNQ)

Since **class** is a reserved keyword in C++, the **class** subroutine cannot be invoked in a C++ program. The **_class** subroutine is an interface for the C++ program using the **class** subroutine. The interface and the return values for **class** and **_class** subroutines are identical.

The **finite** subroutine returns a nonzero value if the *x* parameter is a finite number; that is, if *x* is not +-, INF, NaNQ, or NaNS.

The **isnan** subroutine returns a nonzero value if the *x* parameter is an NaNS or a NaNQ. Otherwise, it returns 0.

The **unordered** subroutine returns a nonzero value if a floating-point comparison between *x* and *y* would be unordered. Otherwise, it returns 0.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. To compile the **class.c** file, for example, enter:

```
cc class.c -lm
```

Parameters

- x* Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.
- y* Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.

Error Codes

The **finite**, **isnan**, and **unordered** subroutines neither return errors nor set bits in the floating-point exception status, even if a parameter is an NaNs.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

List of Numerical Manipulation Services and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

clock Subroutine

Purpose

Reports central processing unit (CPU) time used.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <time.h>
clock_t clock (void);
```

Description

The **clock** subroutine reports the amount of CPU time used. The reported time is the sum of the CPU time of the calling process and its terminated child processes for which it has executed **wait**, **system**, or **pclose** subroutines. To measure the amount of time used by a program, the **clock** subroutine should be called at the beginning of the program, and that return value should be subtracted from the return value of subsequent calls to the **clock** subroutine. To find the time in seconds, divide the value returned by the **clock** subroutine by the value of the macro **CLOCKS_PER_SEC**, which is defined in the **time.h** file.

Return Values

The **clock** subroutine returns the amount of CPU time used.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getrusage**, **times** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347) subroutine, **pclose** (“pclose Subroutine” on page 666) subroutine, **system** subroutine, **vtimes** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347) subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, **wait3** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

close Subroutine

Purpose

Closes the file associated with a file descriptor.

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>

int close (
    FileDescriptor)
int FileDescriptor;
```

Description

The **close** subroutine closes the file associated with the *FileDescriptor* parameter. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, this file can reside on another node.

All file regions associated with the file specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter that this process has previously locked with the **lockf** or **fcntl** subroutine are unlocked. This occurs even if the process still has the file open by another file descriptor.

If the *FileDescriptor* parameter resulted from an **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine that specified **O_DEFER**, and this was the last file descriptor, all changes made to the file since the last **fsync** subroutine are discarded.

If the *FileDescriptor* parameter is associated with a mapped file, it is unmapped. The **shmat** subroutine provides more information about mapped files.

The **close** subroutine attempts to cancel outstanding asynchronous I/O requests on this file descriptor. If the asynchronous I/O requests cannot be canceled, the application is blocked until the requests have completed.

The **close** subroutine is blocked until all subroutines which use the file descriptor return to **usr** space. For example, when a thread is calling **close** and another thread is calling **select** with the same file descriptor, the **close** subroutine does not return until the **select** call returns.

When all file descriptors associated with a pipe or FIFO special file have been closed, any data remaining in the pipe or FIFO is discarded. If the link count of the file is 0 when all file descriptors associated with the file have been closed, the space occupied by the file is freed, and the file is no longer accessible.

Note: If the *FileDescriptor* parameter refers to a device and the **close** subroutine actually results in a device **close**, and the device **close** routine returns an error, the error is returned to the application. However, the *FileDescriptor* parameter is considered closed and it may not be used in any subsequent calls.

All open file descriptors are closed when a process exits. In addition, file descriptors may be closed during the **exec** subroutine if the **close-on-exec** flag has been set for that file descriptor.

Parameters

FileDescriptor Specifies a valid open file descriptor.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to identify the error. If the **close** subroutine is interrupted by a signal that is caught, it returns a value of -1, the **errno** global variable is set to **EINTR** and the state of the *FileDescriptor* parameter is closed.

Error Codes

The **close** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

- EBADF** The *FileDescriptor* parameter does not specify a valid open file descriptor.
- EINTR** Specifies that the **close** subroutine was interrupted by a signal.

The **close** subroutine may also be unsuccessful if the file being closed is NFS-mounted and the server is down under the following conditions:

- The file is on a hard mount.
- The file is locked in any manner.

The **close** subroutine may also be unsuccessful if NFS is installed and the following is true:

- ETIMEDOUT** The connection timed out.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execlp, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **fcntl** (“fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine” on page 210) subroutine, **ioctl** (“ioctl, ioctlx, ioctl32, or ioctl32x Subroutine” on page 433) subroutine, **lockf** (“lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505) subroutine, **open**, **openx**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **pipe** (“pipe Subroutine” on page 676) subroutine, **socket** subroutine.

The Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

compare_and_swap Subroutine

Purpose

Conditionally updates or returns a single word variable atomically.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
boolean_t compare_and_swap ( word_addr, old_val_addr, new_val )
atomic_p word_addr;
int *old_val_addr;
int new_val;
```

Description

The **compare_and_swap** subroutine performs an atomic operation which compares the contents of a single word variable with a stored old value. If the values are equal, a new value is stored in the single word variable and **TRUE** is returned; otherwise, the old value is set to the current value of the single word variable and **FALSE** is returned.

The **compare_and_swap** subroutine is useful when a word value must be updated only if it has not been changed since it was last read.

Note: The word containing the single word variable must be aligned on a full word boundary.

Note: If **compare_and_swap** is used as a locking primitive, insert an **isync** at the start of any critical sections.

Parameters

<i>word_addr</i>	Specifies the address of the single word variable.
<i>old_val_addr</i>	Specifies the address of the old value to be checked against (and conditionally updated with) the value of the single word variable.
<i>new_val</i>	Specifies the new value to be conditionally assigned to the single word variable.

Return Values

TRUE	Indicates that the single word variable was equal to the old value, and has been set to the new value.
FALSE	Indicates that the single word variable was not equal to the old value, and that its current value has been returned in the location where the old value was previously stored.

Implementation Specifics

The **compare_and_swap** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fetch_and_add** (“fetch_and_add Subroutine” on page 218) subroutine, **fetch_and_and** (“fetch_and_and or fetch_and_or Subroutine” on page 219) subroutine, **fetch_and_or** (“fetch_and_and or fetch_and_or Subroutine” on page 219) subroutine.

compile, step, or advance Subroutine

Purpose

Compiles and matches regular-expression patterns.

Note: Commands use the **regcomp**, **regexexec**, **regfree**, and **regerror** subroutines for the functions described in this article.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#define INIT declarations
#define GETC( ) getc_code
#define PEEKC( ) peekc_code
#define UNGETC(c) ungetc_code
#define RETURN(pointer) return_code
#define ERROR(val) error_code

#include <regexp.h>
#include <NLregexp.h>

char *compile (InString, ExpBuffer, EndBuffer, EndOfFile)
char * ExpBuffer;
char * InString, * EndBuffer;
int EndOfFile;

int step (String, ExpBuffer)
const char * String, *ExpBuffer;

int advance (String, ExpBuffer)
const char *String, *ExpBuffer;
```

Description

The `/usr/include/regexp.h` file contains subroutines that perform regular-expression pattern matching. Programs that perform regular-expression pattern matching use this source file. Thus, only the `regexp.h` file needs to be changed to maintain regular expression compatibility between programs.

The interface to this file is complex. Programs that include this file define the following six macros before the `#include <regexp.h>` statement. These macros are used by the `compile` subroutine:

INIT	This macro is used for dependent declarations and initializations. It is placed right after the declaration and opening { (left brace) of the <code>compile</code> subroutine. The definition of the <code>INIT</code> buffer must end with a ; (semicolon). <code>INIT</code> is frequently used to set a register variable to point to the beginning of the regular expression so that this register variable can be used in the declarations for the <code>GETC</code> , <code>PEEKC</code> , and <code>UNGETC</code> macros. Otherwise, you can use <code>INIT</code> to declare external variables that <code>GETC</code> , <code>PEEKC</code> , and <code>UNGETC</code> require.
GETC()	This macro returns the value of the next character in the regular expression pattern. Successive calls to the <code>GETC</code> macro should return successive characters of the pattern.
PEEKC()	This macro returns the next character in the regular expression. Successive calls to the <code>PEEKC</code> macro should return the same character, which should also be the next character returned by the <code>GETC</code> macro.
UNGETC(c)	This macro causes the parameter <code>c</code> to be returned by the next call to the <code>GETC</code> and <code>PEEKC</code> macros. No more than one character of pushback is ever needed, and this character is guaranteed to be the last character read by the <code>GETC</code> macro. The return value of the <code>UNGETC</code> macro is always ignored.
RETURN(pointer)	This macro is used for normal exit of the <code>compile</code> subroutine. The <code>pointer</code> parameter points to the first character immediately following the compiled regular expression. This is useful for programs that have memory allocation to manage.

ERROR(*val*)

This macro is used for abnormal exit from the **compile** subroutine. It should never contain a **return** statement. The *val* parameter is an error number. The error values and their meanings are:

Error	Meaning
11	Interval end point too large
16	Bad number
25	\ <i>digit</i> out of range
36	Illegal or missing delimiter
41	No remembered search String
42	\ (?\) imbalance
43	Too many \.(
44	More than two numbers given in \{ \}
45	} expected after \.
46	First number exceeds second in \{ \}
49	[] imbalance
50	Regular expression overflow
70	Invalid endpoint in range

The **compile** subroutine compiles the regular expression for later use. The *InString* parameter is never used explicitly by the **compile** subroutine, but you can use it in your macros. For example, you can use the **compile** subroutine to pass the string containing the pattern as the *InString* parameter to **compile** and use the **INIT** macro to set a pointer to the beginning of this string. The example in the “Examples” on page 116 section uses this technique. If your macros do not use *InString*, then call **compile** with a value of **((char *) 0)** for this parameter.

The *ExpBuffer* parameter points to a character array where the compiled regular expression is to be placed. The *EndBuffer* parameter points to the location that immediately follows the character array where the compiled regular expression is to be placed. If the compiled expression cannot fit in (*EndBuffer-ExpBuffer*) bytes, the call **ERROR(50)** is made.

The *EndOfFile* parameter is the character that marks the end of the regular expression. For example, in the **ed** command, this character is usually / (slash).

The **regexp.h** file defines other subroutines that perform actual regular-expression pattern matching. One of these is the **step** subroutine.

The *String* parameter of the **step** subroutine is a pointer to a null-terminated string of characters to be checked for a match.

The *Expbuffer* parameter points to the compiled regular expression, obtained by a call to the **compile** subroutine.

The **step** subroutine returns the value 1 if the given string matches the pattern, and 0 if it does not match. If it matches, then **step** also sets two global character pointers: **loc1**, which points to the first character that matches the pattern, and **loc2**, which points to the character immediately following the last character that matches the pattern. Thus, if the regular expression matches the entire string, **loc1** points to the first character of the *String* parameter and **loc2** points to the null character at the end of the *String* parameter.

The **step** subroutine uses the global variable **circf**, which is set by the **compile** subroutine if the regular expression begins with a $\hat{\text{}}$ (circumflex). If this variable is set, **step** only tries to match the regular expression to the beginning of the string. If you compile more than one regular expression before executing the first one, save the value of **circf** for each compiled expression and set **circf** to that saved value before each call to **step**.

Using the same parameters that were passed to it, the **step** subroutine calls a subroutine named **advance**. The **step** function increments through the *String* parameter and calls the **advance** subroutine until it returns a 1, indicating a match, or until the end of *String* is reached. To constrain the *String* parameter to the beginning of the string in all cases, call the **advance** subroutine directly instead of calling the **step** subroutine.

When the **advance** subroutine encounters an * (asterisk) or a $\{ \}$ sequence in the regular expression, it advances its pointer to the string to be matched as far as possible and recursively calls itself, trying to match the rest of the string to the rest of the regular expression. As long as there is no match, the **advance** subroutine backs up along the string until it finds a match or reaches the point in the string that initially matched the * or $\{ \}$. You can stop this backing-up before the initial point in the string is reached. If the **locs** global character is equal to the point in the string sometime during the backing-up process, the **advance** subroutine breaks out of the loop that backs up and returns 0. This is used for global substitutions on the whole line so that expressions such as *s/y*/g* do not loop forever.

Note: In 64-bit mode, these interfaces are not supported: they fail with a return code of 0. In order to use the 64-bit version of this functionality, applications should migrate to the **fnmatch**, **glob**, **regcomp**, and **regexc** functions which provide full internationalized regular expression functionality compatible with ISO 9945-1:1996 (IEEE POSIX 1003.1) and with the UNIX98 specification.

Parameters

<i>InString</i>	Specifies the string containing the pattern to be compiled. The <i>InString</i> parameter is not used explicitly by the compile subroutine, but it may be used in macros.
<i>ExpBuffer</i>	Points to a character array where the compiled regular expression is to be placed.
<i>EndBuffer</i>	Points to the location that immediately follows the character array where the compiled regular expression is to be placed.
<i>EndOfFile</i>	Specifies the character that marks the end of the regular expression.
<i>String</i>	Points to a null-terminated string of characters to be checked for a match.

Examples

The following is an example of the regular expression macros and calls:

```
#define INIT      register char *sp=instring;
#define GETC()    (*sp++)
#define PEEKC()  (*sp)
#define UNGETC(c) (--sp)
#define RETURN(c) return;
#define ERROR(c) regerr()

#include <regexp.h>
. . .
compile (patstr,expbuf, &expbuf[ESIZE], '\0');
. . .
if (step (linebuf, expbuf))
    succeed( );
. . .
```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **regcmp** or **regex** subroutine, **regcomp** subroutine, **regerror** subroutine, **regexec** subroutine, **regfree** subroutine.

List of String Manipulation Services, National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

confstr Subroutine

Purpose

Gets configurable variables.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
size_t confstr (int name, char * buf, size_t len );
```

Description

The **confstr** subroutine determines the current setting of certain system parameters, limits, or options that are defined by a string value. It is mainly used by applications to find the system default value for the **PATH** environment variable. Its use and purpose are similar to those of the **sysconf** subroutine, but it returns string values rather than numeric values.

If the *Len* parameter is not 0 and the *Name* parameter has a system-defined value, the **confstr** subroutine copies that value into a *Len*-byte buffer pointed to by the *Buf* parameter. If the string returns a value longer than the value specified by the *Len* parameter, including the terminating null byte, then the **confstr** subroutine truncates the string to *Len*-1 bytes and adds a terminating null byte to the result. The application can detect that the string was truncated by comparing the value returned by the **confstr** subroutine with the value specified by the *Len* parameter.

Parameters

- Name* Specifies the system variable setting to be returned. Valid values for the *Name* parameter are defined in the **unistd.h** file.
- Buf* Points to the buffer into which the **confstr** subroutine copies the value of the *Name* parameter.
- Len* Specifies the size of the buffer storing the value of the *Name* parameter.

Return Values

If the value specified by the *Name* parameter is system-defined, the **confstr** subroutine returns the size of the buffer needed to hold the entire value. If this return value is greater than the value specified by the *Len* parameter, the string returned as the *Buf* parameter is truncated.

If the value of the *Len* parameter is set to 0 and the *Buf* parameter is a null value, the **confstr** subroutine returns the size of the buffer needed to hold the entire system-defined value, but does not copy the string value. If the value of the *Len* parameter is set to 0 but the *Buf* parameter is not a null value, the result is unspecified.

Error Codes

The **confstr** subroutine will fail if:

EINVAL The value of the name argument is invalid.

Example

To find out what size buffer is needed to store the string value of the *Name* parameter, enter:

```
confstr(_CS_PATH, NULL, (size_t) 0)
```

The **confstr** subroutine returns the size of the buffer.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/usr/include/limits.h

Contains system-defined limits.

/usr/include/unistd.h

Contains system-defined environment variables.

Related Information

The **pathconf** (“pathconf or fpathconf Subroutine” on page 644) subroutine, **sysconf** subroutine.

The **unistd.h** header file.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

conv Subroutines

Purpose

Translates characters.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <ctype.h>
```

```
int toupper ( Character )  
int Character;
```

```
int tolower (Character )  
int Character;
```

```
int _toupper (Character )  
int Character;
```

```
int _tolower (Character )  
int Character;
```



```

int toascii (Character)
int Character;

int NCesc (Pointer, CharacterPointer)
NLchar *Pointer;
char *CharacterPointer;

int Nctoupper (Xcharacter)
int Xcharacter;

int Nctolower (Xcharacter)
int Xcharacter;

int _Nctoupper (Xcharacter)
int Xcharacter;

int _Nctolower (Xcharacter)
int Xcharacter;

int NCtoNLchar (Xcharacter)
int Xcharacter;

int NCunescc (CharacterPointer, Pointer)
char *CharacterPointer;
NLchar *Pointer;

int NCflatchr (Xcharacter)
int Xcharacter;

```

Description

The **toupper** and the **tolower** subroutines have as domain an **int**, which is representable as an unsigned **char** or the value of **EOF**: -1 through 255.

If the parameter of the **toupper** subroutine represents a lowercase letter and there is a corresponding uppercase letter (as defined by **LC_CTYPE**), the result is the corresponding uppercase letter. If the parameter of the **tolower** subroutine represents an uppercase letter, and there is a corresponding lowercase letter (as defined by **LC_CTYPE**), the result is the corresponding lowercase letter. All other values in the domain are returned unchanged. If case-conversion information is not defined in the current locale, these subroutines determine character case according to the "C" locale.

The **_toupper** and **_tolower** subroutines accomplish the same thing as the **toupper** and **tolower** subroutines, but they have restricted domains. The **_toupper** routine requires a lowercase letter as its parameter; its result is the corresponding uppercase letter. The **_tolower** routine requires an uppercase letter as its parameter; its result is the corresponding lowercase letter. Values outside the domain cause undefined results.

The **NCxxxxxx** subroutines translate all characters, including extended characters, as code points. The other subroutines translate traditional ASCII characters only. The **NCxxxxxx** subroutines are obsolete and should not be used if portability and future compatibility are a concern.

The value of the *Xcharacter* parameter is in the domain of any legal **NLchar** data type. It can also have a special value of -1, which represents the end of file (**EOF**).

If the parameter of the **Nctoupper** subroutine represents a lowercase letter according to the current collating sequence configuration, the result is the corresponding uppercase letter. If the parameter of the

NCtlower subroutine represents an uppercase letter according to the current collating sequence configuration, the result is the corresponding lowercase letter. All other values in the domain are returned unchanged.

The **_NCtoupper** and **_NCtlower** routines are macros that perform the same function as the **NCtoupper** and **NCtlower** subroutines, but have restricted domains and are faster. The **_NCtoupper** macro requires a lowercase letter as its parameter; its result is the corresponding uppercase letter. The **_NCtlower** macro requires an uppercase letter as its parameter; its result is the corresponding lowercase letter. Values outside the domain cause undefined results.

The **NCtoNLchar** subroutine yields the value of its parameter with all bits turned off that are not part of an **NLchar** data type.

The **NCesc** subroutine converts the **NLchar** value of the *Pointer* parameter into one or more ASCII bytes stored in the character array pointed to by the *CharacterPointer* parameter. If the **NLchar** data type represents an extended character, it is converted into a printable ASCII escape sequence that uniquely identifies the extended character. **NCesc** returns the number of bytes it wrote. The display symbol table lists the escape sequence for each character.

The opposite conversion is performed by the **NCunes** macro, which translates an ordinary ASCII byte or escape sequence starting at *CharacterPointer* into a single **NLchar** at *Pointer*. **NCunes** returns the number of bytes it read.

The **NCflatchr** subroutine converts its parameter value into the single ASCII byte that most closely resembles the parameter character in appearance. If no ASCII equivalent exists, it converts the parameter value to a ? (question mark).

Note: The **setlocale** subroutine may affect the conversion of the decimal point symbol and the thousands separator.

Parameters

<i>Character</i>	Specifies the character to be converted.
<i>Xcharacter</i>	Specifies an NLchar value to be converted.
<i>CharacterPointer</i>	Specifies a pointer to a single-byte character array.
<i>Pointer</i>	Specifies a pointer to an escape sequence.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The Japanese **conv** (“Japanese conv Subroutines” on page 440) subroutines, **ctype** (“ctype, isalpha, isupper, islower, isdigit, isxdigit, isalnum, isspace, ispunct, isprint, isgraph, iscntrl, or isascii Subroutines” on page 133) subroutines, **getc**, **fgetc**, **getchar**, or **getw** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine.

List of Character Manipulation Services, National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

copysign, nextafter, scalb, logb, or ilogb Subroutine

Purpose

Computes certain binary floating-point arithmetic functions.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
#include <float.h>

double copysign ( x, y)
double x, y;
double nextafter (x, y)
double x, y;
double scalb(x, y)
double x, y;
double logb(x)
double x;
int ilogb (x)
double x;
```

Description

These subroutines compute certain functions recommended in the *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*. The other such recommended function is provided in the **class** subroutine.

The **copysign** subroutine returns the *x* parameter with the same sign as the *y* parameter.

The **nextafter** subroutine returns the next representable neighbor of the *x* parameter in the direction of the *y* parameter. If *x* equals *y*, the result is the *x* parameter.

The **scalb** subroutine returns the value of the *x* parameter times 2 to the power of the *y* parameter.

The **logb** subroutine returns a floating-point double that is equal to the unbiased exponent of the *x* parameter. Special cases are:

```
logb (NaN) = NaNQ
logb (infinity) = +INF
logb (0) = -INF
```

Note: When the *x* parameter is finite and not zero, then the **logb** (*x*) subroutine satisfies the following equation:

$$1 < = \text{scalb} (|x|, -(\text{int}) \text{logb} (x)) < 2$$

The **ilogb** subroutine returns an integer that is equal to the unbiased exponent of the *x* parameter. Special cases are:

```
ilogb (NaN) = LONG_MIN
ilogb (INF) = LONG_MAX
ilogb (0) = LONG_MIN
```

Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. For example: to compile the **copysign.c** file, enter:

cc copysign.c -lm

Parameters

x Specifies a double-precision floating-point value.
y Specifies a double-precision floating-point value.

Return Values

The **nextafter** subroutine sets the overflow bit in the floating-point exception status when the *x* parameter is finite but the **nextafter** (*x*, *y*) subroutine is infinite. Similarly, when the **nextafter** subroutine is denormalized, the underflow exception status flag is set.

The **logb(0)** subroutine returns an **-INF** value and sets the division-by-zero exception status flag.

The **ilogb(0)** subroutine returns a **LONG_MIN** value and sets the division-by-zero exception status flag.

Error Codes

If the correct value would overflow, the **scalb** subroutine returns +/-INF (depending on a negative or positive value of the *x* parameter) and sets **errno** to **ERANGE**.

If the correct value would underflow, the **scalb** subroutine returns a value of 0 and sets **errno** to **ERANGE**.

The **logb** function returns **-HUGE_VAL** when the *x* parameter is set to a value of 0 and sets **errno** to **EDOM**.

For the **nextafter** subroutine, if the *x* parameter is finite and the correct function value would overflow, **HUGE_VAL** is returned and **errno** is set to **ERANGE**.

coredump Subroutine

Purpose

Creates a **core** file without terminating the calling process.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <core.h>
```

```
int coredump( coredumpinfo)  
struct coredumpinfo *coredumpinfo ;
```

Description

The **coredump** subroutine creates a **core** file of the calling process without terminating the calling process. The created **core** file contains the memory image of the process, and this can be used with the **dbx** command for debugging purposes. In multithreaded processes, only one thread at a time should attempt to call this subroutine. Subsequent calls to **coredump** while a core dump (initiated by another thread) is in progress will fail.

Applications expected to use this facility need to be built with the **-bM:UR binder** flag, otherwise the routine will fail with an error code of **ENOTSUP**.

The **coredumpinfo** structure has the following fields:

Member Type	Member Name	Description
unsigned int	length	Length of the core file name
char *	name	Points to a character string that contains the name of the core file
int	reserved[8]	Reserved fields for future use

Parameters

coredumpinfo Points to the **coredumpinfo** structure

If a NULL pointer is passed as an argument, the default file named **core** in the current directory is used.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **coredump** subroutine returns a value of 1. If the **coredump** subroutine is not successful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error

Error Codes

EINVAL	Invalid argument.
EACCESS	Search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix, the file exists and the pwrite permission is denied, or the file does not exist and write permission is denied for the parent directory of the file to be created.
EINPROGRESS	A core dump is already in progress.
ENOMEM	Not enough memory.
ENOTSUP	Routine not supported.
EFAULT	Invalid user address.

Related Information

The adb command, dbx command.

The core file format.

crypt, encrypt, or setkey Subroutine

Purpose

Encrypts or decrypts data.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
char *crypt (PW, Salt)
const char * PW, * Salt;
```

```
void encrypt (Block, EdFlag)
char Block[64];
int EdFlag;
```

```
void setkey (Key)
const char * Key;
```

Description

The **crypt** and **encrypt** subroutines encrypt or decrypt data. The **crypt** subroutine performs a one-way encryption of a fixed data array with the supplied *PW* parameter. The subroutine uses the *Salt* parameter to vary the encryption algorithm.

The **encrypt** subroutine encrypts or decrypts the data supplied in the *Block* parameter using the key supplied by an earlier call to the **setkey** subroutine. The data in the *Block* parameter on input must be an array of 64 characters. Each character must be an char 0 or char 1.

If you need to statically bind functions from **libc.a** for **crypt** do the following:

1. Create a file and add the following:

```
#!
__setkey
__encrypt
__crypt
```

2. Perform the linking.
3. Add the following to the make file:

```
-bI:YourFileName
```

where *YourFileName* is the name of the file you created in step 1. It should look like the following:

```
LDFLAGS=bnoautoimp -bI:/lib/syscalls.exp -bI:YourFileName -lc
```

Parameters

<i>Block</i>	Identifies a 64-character array containing the values (char) 0 and (char) 1. Upon return, this buffer contains the encrypted or decrypted data.
<i>EdFlag</i>	Determines whether the subroutine encrypts or decrypts the data. If this parameter is 0, the data is encrypted. If this is a nonzero value, the data is decrypted. If the /usr/lib/libdes.a file does not exist and the <i>EdFlag</i> parameter is set to nonzero, the encrypt subroutine returns the ENOSYS error code.
<i>Key</i>	Specifies an 64-element array of 0's and 1's cast as a const char data type. The <i>Key</i> parameter is used to encrypt or decrypt data.
<i>PW</i>	Specifies an 8-character string used to change the encryption algorithm. The first two characters of the <i>PW</i> parameter are the same as the <i>Salt</i> parameter.
<i>Salt</i>	Specifies a 2-character string chosen from the following:

A-Z Uppercase alpha characters

0-9 Numeric characters

. Period

/ Slash

The *Salt* parameter is used to vary the hashing algorithm in one of 4096 different ways.

Return Values

The **crypt** subroutine returns a pointer to the encrypted password. The static area this pointer indicates may be overwritten by subsequent calls.

Error Codes

The **encrypt** subroutine returns the following:

ENOSYS The **encrypt** subroutine was called with the *EdFlag* parameter which was set to a nonzero value. Also, the */usr/lib/libdes.a* file does not exist.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

These subroutines are provided for compatibility with UNIX system implementations.

Related Information

The **newpass** (“newpass Subroutine” on page 600) subroutine.

The **login** command, **passwd** command, **su** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

cs Subroutine

Purpose

Compares and swaps data.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int cs ( Destination, Compare, Value)
int *Destination;
int Compare;
int Value;
```

Description

Note: The **cs** subroutine is only provided to support binary compatibility with AIX Version 3 applications. When writing new applications, it is not recommended to use this subroutine; it may cause reduced performance in the future. Applications should use the **compare_and_swap** (“compare_and_swap Subroutine” on page 112) subroutine, unless they need to use unaligned memory locations.

The **cs** subroutine compares the *Compare* value with the integer pointed to by *Destination* address. If they are equal, *Value* is stored in the integer pointed to by the *Destination* address and **cs** returns 0. If the values are different, the **cs** subroutine returns 1, and the value pointed to by *Destination* address is not affected. The compare and store operations are executed atomically. Therefore, no process switches occur between them.

The **cs** subroutine can be used to implement interprocess communication facilities or to manipulate data structures shared among several processes, such as linked lists stored in shared memory.

The following example shows how a new element can be inserted in a null-terminated list that is stored in shared memory and maintained by several processes:

```

struct elem {
    struct elem *next;
    ...
};
struct elem *list, *new_elem;
do
    new_elem->next = list;
while (cs((int *)&list, (int)(new_elem->next),
        (int)new_elem));

```

Parameters

<i>Destination</i>	Specifies the address of the integer to be compared with the <i>Compare</i> value, and if need be, where <i>Value</i> will be stored.
<i>Compare</i>	Specifies the value to be compared with the integer pointed by <i>Destination</i> parameter address.
<i>Value</i>	Specifies the value stored in the integer pointed to by the <i>Destination</i> address if the <i>Destination</i> and <i>Compare</i> values are equal.

Return Codes

The **cs** subroutine returns a value of 0 if the two values compared are equal. If the values are not equal, the **cs** subroutine returns a value of 1.

Error Codes

If the integer pointed by the *Destination* parameter references memory that does not belong to the process address space, the **SIGSEGV** signal is sent to the process.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **shmat** subroutine, **shmctl** subroutine, **shmdt** subroutine, **shmget** subroutine, **sigaction**, **signal**, or **sigvec**.

Program Address Space Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

csid Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the character set ID (charsetID) of a multibyte character.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int csid ( String)
const char *String;
```


Description

The **csid** subroutine returns the charsetID of the multibyte character pointed to by the *String* parameter. No validation of the character is performed. The parameter must point to a value in the character range of the current code set defined in the current locale.

Parameters

String Specifies the character to be tested.

Return Values

Successful completion returns an integer value representing the charsetID of the character. This integer can be a number from 0 through *n*, where *n* is the maximum character set defined in the CHARSETID field of the **charmap**. See "Understanding the Character Set Description (charmap) Source File" in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices* for more information.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbstowcs** ("mbstowcs Subroutine" on page 551) subroutine, **wcsid** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming and Understanding the Character Set Description (charmap) Source File in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ctermid Subroutine

Purpose

Generates the path name of the controlling terminal.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
char *ctermid ( String)
char *String;
```

Description

The **ctermid** subroutine generates the path name of the controlling terminal for the current process and stores it in a string.

Note: File access permissions depend on user access. Access to a file whose path name the **ctermid** subroutine has returned is not guaranteed.

The difference between the **ctermid** and **ttyname** subroutines is that the **ttyname** subroutine must be handed a file descriptor and returns the actual name of the terminal associated with that file descriptor.

The **ctermid** subroutine returns a string (the **/dev/tty** file) that refers to the terminal if used as a file name. Thus, the **ttyname** subroutine is useful only if the process already has at least one file open to a terminal.

Parameters

String If the *String* parameter is a null pointer, the string is stored in an internal static area and the address is returned. The next call to the **ctermid** subroutine overwrites the contents of the internal static area.

If the *String* parameter is not a null pointer, it points to a character array of at least `L_ctermid` elements as defined in the **stdio.h** file. The path name is placed in this array and the value of the *String* parameter is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **isatty** or **ttyname** subroutine.

Input and Output Handling Programmer's Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine

Purpose

Converts the formats of date and time representations.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <time.h>
```

```
char *ctime ( Clock)
const time_t *Clock;
```

```
struct tm *localtime (Clock)
const time_t *Clock;
```

```
struct tm *gmtime (Clock)
const time_t *Clock;
```

```
time_t mktime( Timeptr)
struct tm *Timeptr;
```

```
double difftime( Time1, Time0)
time_t Time0, Time1;
```

```
char *asctime ( Tm)
const struct tm *Tm;
```

```
void tzset ( )
extern long int timezone;
extern int daylight;
extern char *tzname[];
```

Description

Attention: Do not use the **tzset** subroutine when linking with both **libc.a** and **libbsd.a**. The **tzset** subroutine sets the global external variable called **timezone**, which conflicts with the **timezone** subroutine in **libbsd.a**. This name collision may cause unpredictable results.

Attention: Do not use the **ctime**, **localtime**, **gmtime**, or **asctime** subroutine in a multithreaded environment. See the multithread alternatives in the **ctime_r** (“**ctime_r**, **localtime_r**, **gmtime_r**, or **asctime_r** Subroutine” on page 131), **localtime_r**, **gmtime_r**, or **asctime_r** subroutine article.

The **ctime** subroutine converts a time value pointed to by the *Clock* parameter, which represents the time in seconds since 00:00:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), January 1, 1970, into a 26-character string in the following form:

```
Sun Sept 16 01:03:52 1973\n\0
```

The width of each field is always the same as shown here.

The **ctime** subroutine adjusts for the time zone and daylight saving time, if it is in effect.

The **localtime** subroutine converts the long integer pointed to by the *Clock* parameter, which contains the time in seconds since 00:00:00 UTC, 1 January 1970, into a **tm** structure. The **localtime** subroutine adjusts for the time zone and for daylight-saving time, if it is in effect. Use the time-zone information as though **localtime** called **tzset**.

The **gmtime** subroutine converts the long integer pointed to by the *Clock* parameter into a **tm** structure containing the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), which is the time standard the operating system uses.

Note: UTC is the international time standard intended to replace GMT.

The **tm** structure is defined in the **time.h** file, and it contains the following members:

```
int tm_sec;      /* Seconds (0 - 59) */
int tm_min;      /* Minutes (0 - 59) */
int tm_hour;     /* Hours (0 - 23) */
int tm_mday;     /* Day of month (1 - 31) */
int tm_mon;      /* Month of year (0 - 11) */
int tm_year;     /* Year - 1900 */
int tm_wday;     /* Day of week (Sunday = 0) */
int tm_yday;     /* Day of year (0 - 365) */
int tm_isdst;    /* Nonzero = Daylight saving time */
```

The **mktime** subroutine is the reverse function of the **localtime** subroutine. The **mktime** subroutine converts the **tm** structure into the time in seconds since 00:00:00 UTC, 1 January 1970. The **tm_wday** and **tm_yday** fields are ignored, and the other components of the **tm** structure are not restricted to the ranges specified in the **/usr/include/time.h** file. The value of the **tm_isdst** field determines the following actions of the **mktime** subroutine:

- 0** Initially presumes that Daylight Savings Time (DST) is not in effect.
- >0** Initially presumes that DST is in effect.
- 1** Actively determines whether DST is in effect from the specified time and the local time zone. Local time zone information is set by the **tzset** subroutine.

Upon successful completion, the **mktime** subroutine sets the values of the **tm_wday** and **tm_yday** fields appropriately. Other fields are set to represent the specified time since January 1, 1970. However, the values are forced to the ranges specified in the **/usr/include/time.h** file. The final value of the **tm_mday** field is not set until the values of the **tm_mon** and **tm_year** fields are determined.

Note: The **mktime** subroutine cannot convert time values before 00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970 and after 03:14:07 UTC, January 19, 2038.

The **difftime** subroutine computes the difference between two calendar times: the *Time1* and *-Time0* parameters.

The **asctime** subroutine converts a **tm** structure to a 26-character string of the same format as **ctime**.

If the **TZ** environment variable is defined, then its value overrides the default time zone, which is the U.S. Eastern time zone. The **environment** facility contains the format of the time zone information specified by **TZ**. **TZ** is usually set when the system is started with the value that is defined in either the **/etc/environment** or **/etc/profile** files. However, it can also be set by the user as a regular environment variable for performing alternate time zone conversions.

The **tzset** subroutine sets the **timezone**, **daylight**, and **tzname** external variables to reflect the setting of **TZ**. The **tzset** subroutine is called by **ctime** and **localtime**, and it can also be called explicitly by an application program.

The **timezone** external variable contains the difference, in seconds, between UTC and local standard time. For example, the value of **timezone** is $5 * 60 * 60$ for U.S. Eastern Standard Time.

The **daylight** external variable is nonzero when a daylight-saving time conversion should be applied. By default, this conversion follows the standard U.S. conventions; other conventions can be specified. The default conversion algorithm adjusts for the peculiarities of U.S. daylight saving time in 1974 and 1975.

The **tzname** external variable contains the name of the standard time zone (**tzname[0]**) and of the time zone when Daylight Savings Time is in effect (**tzname[1]**). For example:

```
char *tzname[2] = {"EST", "EDT"};
```

The **time.h** file contains declarations of all these subroutines and externals and the **tm** structure.

Parameters

<i>Clock</i>	Specifies the pointer to the time value in seconds.
<i>Timeptr</i>	Specifies the pointer to a tm structure.
<i>Time1</i>	Specifies the pointer to a time_t structure.
<i>Time0</i>	Specifies the pointer to a time_t structure.
<i>Tm</i>	Specifies the pointer to a tm structure.

Return Values

Attention: The return values point to static data that is overwritten by each call.

The **tzset** subroutine returns no value.

The **mktime** subroutine returns the specified time in seconds encoded as a value of type **time_t**. If the time cannot be represented, the function returns the value **(time_t)-1**.

The **localtime** and **gmtime** subroutines return a pointer to the **struct tm**.

The **ctime** and **asctime** subroutines return a pointer to a 26-character string.

The **difftime** subroutine returns the difference expressed in seconds as a value of type **double**.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getenv** (“getenv Subroutine” on page 298) subroutine, **gettimer** (“gettimer, settimer, restimer, stime, or time Subroutine” on page 363) subroutine, **strftime** subroutine.

List of Time Data Manipulation Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ctime_r, localtime_r, gmtime_r, or asctime_r Subroutine

Purpose

Converts the formats of date and time representations.

Library

Thread-Safe C Library (**libc_r.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <time.h>
```

```
char *ctime_r(Timer, BufferPointer)
const time_t * Timer;
char * BufferPointer;
```

```
struct tm *localtime_r(Timer, CurrentTime)
const time_t * Timer;
struct tm * CurrentTime;
```

```
struct tm *gmtime_r(Timer, XTime)
const time_t * Timer;
struct tm * XTime;
```

```
char *asctime_r(TimePointer, BufferPointer)
const struct tm * TimePointer;
char * BufferPointer;
```

Description

The **ctime_r** subroutine converts a time value pointed to by the *Timer* parameter, which represents the time in seconds since 00:00:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), January 1, 1970, into the character array pointed to by the *BufferPointer* parameter. The character array should have a length of at least 26 characters so the converted time value fits without truncation. The converted time value string takes the form of the following example:

```
Sun Sep 16 01:03:52 1973\n\n0
```

The width of each field is always the same as shown here.

The **ctime_r** subroutine adjusts for the time zone and daylight saving time, if it is in effect.

The **localtime_r** subroutine converts the **time_t** structure pointed to by the *Timer* parameter, which contains the time in seconds since 00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970, into the **tm** structure pointed to by the *CurrentTime* parameter. The **localtime_r** subroutine adjusts for the time zone and for daylight saving time, if it is in effect.

The **gmtime_r** subroutine converts the **time_t** structure pointed to by the *Timer* parameter into the **tm** structure pointed to by the *XTime* parameter.

The **tm** structure is defined in the **time.h** header file. The **time.h** file contains declarations of these subroutines, externals, and the **tm** structure.

The **asctime_r** subroutine converts the **tm** structure pointed to by the *TimePointer* parameter into a 26-character string in the same format as the **ctime_r** subroutine. The results are placed into the character array, *BufferPointer*. The *BufferPointer* parameter points to the resulting character array, which takes the form of the following example:

```
char *tzname[2] = {"EST", "EDT"};
```

Parameters

<i>Timer</i>	Points to a time_t structure, which contains the number of seconds since 00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970.
<i>BufferPointer</i>	Points to a character array at least 26 characters long.
<i>CurrentTime</i>	Points to a tm structure. The result of the localtime_r subroutine is placed here.
<i>XTime</i>	Points to a tm structure used for the results of the gmtime_r subroutine.
<i>TimePointer</i>	Points to a tm structure used as input to the asctime_r subroutine.

Return Values

Attention: The return values point to static data that is overwritten by each call.

The **localtime_r** and **gmtime_r** subroutines return a pointer to the **tm** structure.

The **ctime_r** and **asctime_r** subroutines return a pointer to a 26-character string.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Programs using this subroutine must link to the **libpthreads.a** library.

Files

/usr/include/time.h

Defines time macros, data types, and structures.

Related Information

The **ctime**, **localtime**, **gmtime**, **mktime**, **difftime**, **asctime**, or **tzset** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries, List of Multi-threaded Programming Subroutines, and National Language Support in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ctype, isalpha, isupper, islower, isdigit, isxdigit, isalnum, isspace, ispunct, isprint, isgraph, iscntrl, or isascii Subroutines

Purpose

Classifies characters.

Library

Standard Character Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <ctype.h>
```

```
int isalpha ( Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isupper (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int islower (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isdigit (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isxdigit (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isalnum (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isspace (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int ispunct (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isprint (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isgraph (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int iscntrl (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

```
int isascii (Character)
```

```
int Character;
```

Description

The **ctype** subroutines classify character-coded integer values specified in a table. Each of these subroutines returns a nonzero value for True and 0 for False.

Note: The **ctype** subroutines should only be used on character data that can be represented by a single byte value (0 through 255). Attempting to use the **ctype** subroutines on multi-byte locale data may give inconsistent results. Wide character classification routines (such as **iswprint**, **iswlower**, etc.) should be used with dealing with multi-byte character data.

Locale Dependent Character Tests

The following subroutines return nonzero (True) based upon the character class definitions for the current locale.

isalnum

Returns nonzero for any character for which the **isalpha** or **isdigit** subroutine would return nonzero. The **isalnum** subroutine tests whether the character is of the **alpha** or **digit** class.

isalpha	Returns nonzero for any character for which the isupper or islower subroutines would return nonzero. The isalpha subroutine also returns nonzero for any character defined as an alphabetic character in the current locale, or for a character for which <i>none</i> of the isctrl , isdigit , ispunct , or isspace subroutines would return nonzero. The isalpha subroutine tests whether the character is of the alpha class.
isupper	Returns nonzero for any uppercase letter [A through Z]. The isupper subroutine also returns nonzero for any character defined to be uppercase in the current locale. The isupper subroutine tests whether the character is of the upper class.
islower	Returns nonzero for any lowercase letter [a through z]. The islower subroutine also returns nonzero for any character defined to be lowercase in the current locale. The islower subroutine tests whether the character is of the lower class.
isspace	Returns nonzero for any white-space character (space, form feed, new line, carriage return, horizontal tab or vertical tab). The isspace subroutine tests whether the character is of the space class.
ispunct	Returns nonzero for any character for which the isprint subroutine returns nonzero, except the space character and any character for which the isalnum subroutine would return nonzero. The ispunct subroutine also returns nonzero for any locale-defined character specified as a punctuation character. The ispunct subroutine tests whether the character is of the punct class.
isprint	Returns nonzero for any printing character. Returns nonzero for any locale-defined character that is designated a printing character. This routine tests whether the character is of the print class.
isgraph	Returns nonzero for any character for which the isprint character returns nonzero, except the space character. The isgraph subroutine tests whether the character is of the graph class.
isctrl	Returns nonzero for any character for which the isprint subroutine returns a value of False (0) and any character that is designated a control character in the current locale. For the C locale, control characters are the ASCII delete character (0177 or 0x7F), or an ordinary control character (less than 040 or 0x20). The isctrl subroutine tests whether the character is of the ctrl class.

Locale Independent Character Tests

The following subroutines return nonzero for the same characters, regardless of the locale:

isdigit	<i>Character</i> is a digit in the range [0 through 9].
isxdigit	<i>Character</i> is a hexadecimal digit in the range [0 through 9], [A through F], or [a through f].
isascii	<i>Character</i> is an ASCII character whose value is in the range 0 through 0177 (0 through 0x7F), inclusive.

Parameter

Character Indicates the character to be tested (integer value).

Return Codes

The **ctype** subroutines return nonzero (True) if the character specified by the *Character* parameter is a member of the selected character class; otherwise, a 0 (False) is returned.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **setlocale** subroutine.

List of Character Manipulation Services and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

cuserid Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the alphanumeric user name associated with the current process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Use the **libc_r.a** library to access the thread-safe version of this subroutine.

Syntax

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

```
char *cuserid ( Name )  
char *Name ;
```

Description

The **cuserid** subroutine gets the alphanumeric user name associated with the current process. This subroutine generates a character string representing the name of a process's owner.

Note: The **cuserid** subroutine duplicates functionality available with the **getpwuid** and **getuid** subroutines. Present applications should use the **getpwuid** and **getuid** subroutines.

If the *Name* parameter is a null pointer, then a character string of size `L_cuserid` is dynamically allocated with **malloc**, and the character string representing the name of the process owner is stored in this area. The **cuserid** subroutine then returns the address of this area. Multithreaded application programs should use this functionality to obtain thread specific data, and then continue to use this pointer in subsequent calls to the **cuserid** subroutine. In any case, the application program must deallocate any dynamically allocated space with the **free** subroutine when the data is no longer needed.

If the *Name* parameter is not a null pointer, the character string is stored into the array pointed to by the *Name* parameter. This array must contain at least the number of characters specified by the constant `L_cuserid`. This constant is defined in the **stdio.h** file.

If the user name cannot be found, the **cuserid** subroutine returns a null pointer; if the *Name* parameter is not a null pointer, a null character (`'\0'`) is stored in *Name* [0].

Parameter

Name Points to a character string representing a user name.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **endpwent** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341) subroutine, **getlogin** (“getlogin Subroutine” on page 319), **getpwent** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341), **getpwnam** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341), **getpwuid** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341), or **putpwent** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341) subroutine.

defssys Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes the **SRCsubsys** structure with default values.

Library

System Resource Controller Library (**libsrc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/srcobj.h>
#include <src.h>
```

```
void defssys( SRCSubsystem)
struct SRCsubsys *SRCSubsystem;
```

Description

The **defssys** subroutine initializes the **SRCsubsys** structure of the `/usr/include/sys/srcobj.h` file with the following default values:

Field	Value
display	SRCYES
multi	SRCNO
contact	SRC SOCKET
waittime	TIMELIMIT
priority	20
action	ONCE
stderr	/dev/console
stdin	/dev/console
stdout	/dev/console

All other numeric fields are set to 0, and all other alphabetic fields are set to an empty string.

This function must be called to initialize the **SRCsubsys** structure before an application program uses this structure to add records to the subsystem object class.

Parameters

SRCSubsystem Points to the **SRCsubsys** structure.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **addssys** (“addssys Subroutine” on page 17) subroutine.

Defining Your Subsystem to the SRC, List of SRC Subroutines, System Resource Controller (SRC) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

delssys Subroutine

Purpose

Removes the subsystem objects associated with the *SubsystemName* parameter.

Library

System Resource Controller Library (**libsrc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/srcobj.h>
#include <spc.h>
```

```
int delssys ( SubsystemName )
char *SubsystemName;
```

Description

The **delssys** subroutine removes the subsystem objects associated with the specified subsystem. This removes all objects associated with that subsystem from the following object classes:

- Subsystem
- Subserver Type
- Notify

The program running with this subroutine must be running with the group **system**.

Parameter

SubsystemName Specifies the name of the subsystem.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **delssys** subroutine returns a positive value. If no record is found, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to indicate the error. See "Appendix B. ODM Error Codes ("Appendix B. ODM Error Codes" on page 883)" for a description of possible **odmerrno** values.

Security

Privilege Control:

SET_PROC_AUDIT kernel privilege

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
644	/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsys
644	/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsvr
644	/etc/objrepos/SRCnotify

Auditing Events:

Event	Information
SRC_Delssys	Lists in an audit log the name of the subsystem being removed.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

<code>/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsys</code>	SRC Subsystem Configuration object class.
<code>/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsvr</code>	SRC Subsystem Configuration object class.
<code>/etc/objrepos/SRCnotify</code>	SRC Notify Method object class.
<code>/dev/SRC</code>	Specifies the AF_UNIX socket file.
<code>/dev/.SRC-unix</code>	Specifies the location for temporary socket files.
<code>/usr/include/sys/srcobj.h</code>	Defines object structures used by the SRC.
<code>/usr/include/spc.h</code>	Defines external interfaces provided by the SRC subroutines.

Related Information

The **addsys** (“addsys Subroutine” on page 17) subroutine, **chssys** (“chssys Subroutine” on page 103) subroutine.

The **chssys** command, **mkssys** command, **rmssys** command.

List of SRC Subroutines and System Resource Controller (SRC) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

dirname Subroutine

Purpose

Report the parent directory name of a file path name.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libgen.h>
```

```
char *dirname (path)
```

```
char *path
```

Description

Given a pointer to a character string that contains a file system path name, the **dirname** subroutine returns a pointer to a string that is the parent directory of that file. Trailing “/” characters in the path are not counted as part of the path.

If *path* is a null pointer or points to an empty string, a pointer to a static constant “.” is returned.

The **dirname** and **basename** subroutines together yield a complete path name. **dirname** (*path*) is the directory where **basename** (*path*) is found.

Parameters

path Character string containing a file system path name.

Return Values

The **dirname** subroutine returns a pointer to a string that is the parent directory of *path*. If *path* or **path* is a null pointer or points to an empty string, a pointer to a string "." is returned. The **dirname** subroutine may modify the string pointed to by *path* and may return a pointer to static storage that may then be overwritten by sequent calls to the **dirname** subroutine.

Examples

A simple file name and the strings "." and ".." all have "." as their return value.

Input string	Output string
/usr/lib	/usr
/usr/	/
usr	.
/	/
.	.
..	.

The following code reads a path name, changes directory to the appropriate directory, and opens the file.

```
char path [MAXPATHEN], *pathcopy;
int fd;
fgets (path, MAXPATHEN, stdin);
pathcopy = strdup (path);
chdir (dirname (pathcopy) );
fd = open (basename (path), O_RDONLY);
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **basename** ("basename Subroutine" on page 73) or **chdir** ("chdir Subroutine" on page 93) subroutine.

disclaim Subroutine

Purpose

Disclaims the content of a memory address range.

Syntax

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

```
int disclaim ( Address, Length, Flag)
char *Address;
unsigned int Length, Flag;
```

Description

The **disclaim** subroutine marks an area of memory having content that is no longer needed. The system then stops paging the memory area. This subroutine cannot be used on memory that is mapped to a file by the **shmat** subroutine.

Parameters

Address Points to the beginning of the memory area.

Length Specifies the length of the memory area in bytes.
Flag Must be the value **ZERO_MEM**, which indicates that each memory location in the address range should be set to 0.

Return Values

When successful, the **disclaim** subroutine returns a value of 0.

Error Codes

If the **disclaim** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error. The **disclaim** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more of the following are true:

EFAULT The calling process does not have write access to the area of memory that begins at the *Address* parameter and extends for the number of bytes specified by the *Length* parameter.
EINVAL The value of the *Flag* parameter is not valid.
EINVAL The memory area is mapped to a file.

dladdr Subroutine

Purpose

Translates address to symbolic information.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>

int dladdr(void *address, Dl_info *dlip);
```

Description

dladdr allows a process to obtain information about the symbol that most closely defines a given *address*. **dladdr** first determines whether the specified *address* is located within one of the mapped objects (executable or shared objects) that make up the process' address space. An address is deemed to fall within a mapped object when it is between the base address at which the object was mapped and the highest virtual address mapped for that object, inclusive. If a mapped object fits this criteria, its dynamic symbol table is searched to locate the nearest symbol to the specified *address*. The nearest symbol is the one whose value is equal to, or closest to but less than, the specified *address*.

dlip is a pointer to a **DI_info** structure. The structure must be allocated by the user. The structure members are set by **dladdr** if the specified *address* falls within one of the mapped objects. The **DI_info** structure contains at least the following members:

```
const char *dli_fname;
void *dli_fbase;
const char *dli_sname;
void *dli_saddr;
size_t dli_size;
int dli_bind;
int dli_type;
```

Descriptions of these members appear below:

dli_fname

Contains a pointer to the filename of the mapped object containing *address*.

dli_fbase

Contains the base address of the mapped object containing *address*.

dli_sname

Contains a pointer to the name of the nearest symbol to the specified *address*. This symbol either has the same address, or is the nearest symbol with a lower address.

dli_saddr

Contains the actual address of the nearest symbol.

dli_size

Contains the size of the nearest symbol as defined in the dynamic symbol table.

dli_bind

Contains the binding attribute of the nearest symbol as defined in the dynamic symbol table. The values are those used for a symbol's binding in the ELF symbol table [see *<elf.h>* and *Symbol table*], in *Object files in Programming in standard C and C++*.

dli_type

Contains the type attribute of the nearest symbol as defined in the dynamic symbol table. The values are those used for a symbol's type in the ELF symbol table [see *<elf.h>* and *Symbol table*], in *Object files in Programming in standard C and C++*.

If no symbol is found within the object containing *address* whose value is less than or equal to *address*, the *dli_sname*, *dli_saddr* and *dli_size* members are set to **0**; the *dli_bind* member is set to **STB_LOCAL**, and the *dli_type* member is set to **STT_NOTYPE**.

For the **a.out**, the symbol table created by **ld** for use by the dynamic linker might contain only a subset of the symbols defined in the **a.out** [see **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144)]. This could cause **dladdr** to return information for a symbol that is actually unrelated to the specified *address*.

The addresses and the strings pointed to by the members of the **DI_info** structure refer to locations within mapped objects. These may become invalid if the objects are unmapped from the address space [see **dlclose** (“dlclose Subroutine”)]

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is valid only on the Itanium-based platform.

Return values

If the specified *address* does not fall within one of the mapped objects, **0** is returned; the contents of the **DI_info** structure are unspecified. Otherwise, a non-zero value is returned and the associated **DI_info** elements are set.

Related Information

The **dlclose** (“dlclose Subroutine”) subroutine, **dlderror** (“dlderror Subroutine” on page 143) subroutine, **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144) subroutine, and **dlsym** (“dladdr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine.

dlclose Subroutine

The **dlclose** subroutine includes information for **dlclose** subroutine on a POWER-based platform and on **dlclose** subroutine on an Itanium-based platform.

dlclose Subroutine on POWER-based Platform

Purpose

Closes and unloads a module loaded by the **dlopen** subroutine.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>
int dlclose(Data);
void *Data;
```

Description

The **dlclose** subroutine is used to remove access to a module loaded with the **dlopen** subroutine. In addition, access to dependent modules of the module being unloaded is removed as well.

Modules being unloaded with the **dlclose** subroutine will not be removed from the process's address space if they are still required by other modules. Nevertheless, subsequent uses of *Data* are invalid, and further uses of symbols that were exported by the module being unloaded result in undefined behavior.

Parameters

Data A loaded module reference returned from a previous call to **dlopen**.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 (zero) is returned. Otherwise, **errno** is set to **EINVAL**, and the return value is also **EINVAL**. Even if the **dlclose** subroutine succeeds, the specified module may still be part of the process's address space if the module is still needed by other modules.

Error Codes

EINVAL The *Data* parameter does not refer to a module opened by **dlopen** that is still open. The parameter may be corrupt or the module may have been unloaded by a previous call to **dlclose**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **dlerror** (“dlerror Subroutine” on page 143) subroutine, **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144) subroutine, **dlsym** (“dladdr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine, **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, **loadquery** (“loadquery Subroutine” on page 498) subroutine, **unload** subroutine, **loadbind** (“loadbind Subroutine” on page 497) subroutine.

The **ld** command.

The Shared Libraries and Shared Memory Overview and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

dlclose Subroutine on Itanium-based Platform

Purpose

Closes a shared object.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>
int dlclose(void *handle);
```


Description

dlclose disassociates a shared object previously opened by **dlopen** from the current process. Once an object has been closed using **dlclose**, its symbols are no longer available to **dlsym**. All objects loaded automatically as a result of invoking **dlopen** on the referenced object [see **dlopen**] (“**dlopen** Subroutine” on page 144)] are also closed. *handle* is the value returned by a previous invocation of **dlopen**.

A successful invocation of **dlclose** does not guarantee that the objects associated with *handle* have actually been removed from the address space of the process. Objects loaded by one invocation of **dlopen** may also be loaded by another invocation of **dlopen**. The same object may also be opened multiple times. An object is not removed from the address space until all references to that object through an explicit **dlopen** invocation have been closed and all other objects implicitly referencing that object have also been closed.

Once an object has been closed by **dlclose**, referencing symbols contained in that object can cause undefined behavior.

Return values

If the referenced object was successfully closed, **dlclose** returns 0. If the object could not be closed, or if *handle* does not refer to an open object, **dlclose** returns a non-0 value. More detailed diagnostic information is available through **dlerror**.

Related Information

The **dlerror** (“**dlerror** Subroutine”) subroutine, **dlopen** (“**dlopen** Subroutine” on page 144) subroutine, and **dlsym** (“**dladdr** Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine.

dlerror Subroutine

The **dlerror** subroutine includes information for **dlerror** subroutine on a POWER-based platform and on **dlerror** subroutine on an Itanium-based platform.

dlerror Subroutine on a POWER-based Platform

Purpose

Return a pointer to information about the last **dlopen**, **dlsym**, or **dlclose** error.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>
char *dlerror(void);
```

Description

The **dlerror** subroutine is used to obtain information about the last error that occurred in a dynamic loading routine (that is, **dlopen**, **dlsym**, or **dlclose**). The returned value is a pointer to a null-terminated string without a final newline. Once a call is made to this function, subsequent calls without any intervening dynamic loading errors will return NULL.

Applications can avoid calling the **dlerror** subroutine, in many cases, by examining **errno** after a failed call to a dynamic loading routine. If **errno** is **ENOEXEC**, the **dlerror** subroutine will return additional information. In all other cases, **dlerror** will return the string corresponding to the value of **errno**.

The **dlerror** function may invoke **loadquery** to ascertain reasons for a failure. If a call is made to **load** or **unload** between calls to **dlopen** and **dlerror**, incorrect information may be returned.

Return Values

A pointer to a static buffer is returned; a NULL value is returned if there has been no error since the last call to **dlderror**. Applications should not write to this buffer; they should make a copy of the buffer if they wish to preserve the buffer's contents.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, **loadbind** (“loadbind Subroutine” on page 497) subroutine, **loadquery** (“loadquery Subroutine” on page 498) subroutine, **unload** subroutine, **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine”) subroutine, **dldclose** (“dldclose Subroutine” on page 141) subroutine, **dldsym** (“dldaddr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine.

The **ld** command.

The Shared Libraries and Shared Memory Overview and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

dlderror Subroutine on an Itanium-based Platform

Purpose

Gets diagnostic information.

Syntax

```
#include <dldfcn.h>

char *dlderror(void);
```

Description

The **dlderror** subroutine returns a null-terminated character string (with no trailing newline) that describes the last error that occurred during dynamic linking processing. If no dynamic linking errors have occurred since the last invocation of **dlderror**, **dlderror** returns **NULL**. Thus, invoking **dlderror** a second time, immediately following a prior invocation, results in **NULL** being returned.

The messages returned by **dlderror** may reside in a static buffer that is overwritten on each call to **dlderror**. Application code should not write to this buffer. Programs wishing to preserve an error message should make their own copies of that message.

Related Information

The **dldaddr** (“dldaddr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine, **dldclose** (“dldclose Subroutine” on page 141) subroutine, **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine”) subroutine, and **dldsym** (“dldaddr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine.

dlopen Subroutine

The **dlopen** subroutine includes information for **dlopen** subroutine on a POWER-based platform and on **dlopen** subroutine on an Itanium-based platform.

dlopen Subroutine on POWER-based Platform

Purpose

Dynamically load a module into the calling process.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>
void *dlopen (FilePath, Flags);
const char *FilePath;
int Flags;
```

Description

The **dlopen** subroutine loads the module specified by *FilePath* into the executing process's address space. Dependents of the module are automatically loaded as well. If the module is already loaded, it is not loaded again, but a new, unique value will be returned by the **dlopen** subroutine.

The value returned by **dlopen** may be used in subsequent calls to **dlsym** and **dlclose**. If an error occurs during the operation, **dlopen** returns NULL.

If the main application was linked with the **-brtl** option, then the runtime linker is invoked by **dlopen**. If the module being loaded was linked with runtime linking enabled, both intra-module and inter-module references are overridden by any symbols available in the main application. If runtime linking was enabled, but the module was not built enabled, then all inter-module references will be overridden, but some intra-module references will not be overridden.

If the module being opened with **dlopen** or any of its dependents is being loaded for the first time, initialization routines for these newly-loaded routines are called (after runtime linking, if applicable) before **dlopen** returns. Initialization routines are the functions specified with the **-binitfini** linker option when the module was built. (Refer to the **ld** command for more information about this option.)

Notes:

1. The initialization functions need not have any special names, and multiple functions per module are allowed.
2. If the module being loaded has read-only permission, the module is loaded into the global shared library segment. Modules loaded into the global shared library segment are not unloaded even if they are no longer being used. Use the **slibclean** command to remove unused modules from the global shared library segment.

Use the environment variable *LIBPATH* to specify a list of directories in which **dlopen** searches for the named module. The running application also contains a set of library search paths that were specified when the application was linked; these paths are searched after any paths found in *LIBPATH*. Also, the **setenv** subroutine

FilePath Specifies the name of a file containing the loadable module. This parameter can contain an absolute path, a relative path, or no path component. If *FilePath* contains a slash character, *FilePath* is used directly, and no directories are searched.

If the *FilePath* parameter is */unix*, **dlopen** returns a value that can be used to look up symbols in the current kernel image, including those symbols found in any kernel extension that was available at the time the process began execution.

If the value of *FilePath* is NULL, a value for the main application is returned. This allows dynamically loaded objects to look up symbols in the main executable, or for an application to examine symbols available within itself.

Flags

Specifies variations of the behavior of **dlopen**. Either **RTLD_NOW** or **RTLD_LAZY** must always be specified. Other flags may be OR'ed with **RTLD_NOW** or **RTLD_LAZY**.

RTLD_NOW	Load all dependents of the module being loaded and resolve all symbols.
RTLD_LAZY	Specifies the same behavior as RTLD_NOW . In a future release of the operating system, the behavior of the RTLD_LAZY may change so that loading of dependent modules is deferred of resolution of some symbols is deferred.
RTLD_GLOBAL	Allows symbols in the module being loaded to be visible when resolving symbols used by other dlopen calls. These symbols will also be visible when the main application is opened with dlopen(NULL, mode) .
RTLD_LOCAL	Prevent symbols in the module being loaded from being used when resolving symbols used by other dlopen calls. Symbols in the module being loaded can only be accessed by calling dlsym subroutine. If neither RTLD_GLOBAL nor RTLD_LOCAL is specified, the default is RTLD_LOCAL . If both flags are specified, RTLD_LOCAL is ignored.
RTLD_MEMBER	The dlopen subroutine can be used to load a module that is a member of an archive. The L_LOADMEMBER flag is used when the load subroutine is called. The module name <i>FilePath</i> names the archive and archive member according to the rules outlined in the load subroutine.
RTLD_NOAUTODEFER	Prevents deferred imports in the module being loaded from being automatically resolved by subsequent loads. The L_NOAUTODEFER flag is used when the load subroutine is called. Ordinarily, modules built for use by the dlopen and dlsym sub routines will not contain deferred imports. However, deferred imports can be still used. A module opened with dlopen may provide definitions for deferred imports in the main application, for modules loaded with the load subroutine (if the L_NOAUTODEFER flag was not used), and for other modules loaded with the dlopen subroutine (if the RTLD_NOAUTODEFER flag was not used).

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **dlopen** returns a value that can be used in calls to the **dlsym** and **dlclose** subroutines. The value is not valid for use with the **loadbind** and **unload** subroutines.

If the **dlopen** call fails, NULL (a value of 0) is returned and the global variable **errno** is set. If **errno** contains the value ENOEXEC, further information is available via the **dlerror** function.

Error Codes

See the **load** subroutine for a list of possible **errno** values and their meanings.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **dlclose** (“dlclose Subroutine” on page 141) subroutine, **dlerror** (“dlerror Subroutine” on page 143) subroutine, **dlsym** (“dladdr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine, **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, **loadbind** (“loadbind Subroutine” on page 497) subroutine, **loadquery** (“loadquery Subroutine” on page 498) subroutine, **unload** subroutine.

The **ld** command.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

dlopen Subroutine on Itanium-based Platform

Purpose

Opens a shared object.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>

void *dlopen(const char *file, int mode);
```

Description

The **dlopen** subroutine is one of a family of routines that give the user direct access to the dynamic linking facilities. **dlopen** makes a shared object specified by *file* available to a running process. A shared object may specify other objects that it “needs” in order to execute properly. These dependencies are specified by **DT_NEEDED** entries in the **.dynamic** section of the original object. Each needed object may, in turn, specify other needed objects. All such objects are loaded along with the original object as a result of the call to **dlopen**.

A successful **dlopen** call returns to the process a *handle* the process may use on subsequent calls to **dlsym** and **dlclose**. This value should not be interpreted in any way by the process.

file is used to construct a pathname to the object file. If *file* contains a slash character, the *file* argument, itself, is used as the pathname. Otherwise, a series of directories is searched for *file*. First, any directories specified by a **DT_RPATH** entry in the **.dynamic** section of the original program object are searched. Then, any directories specified by the environment variable **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** are searched. Finally, the directory */usr/lib* is searched.

If the value of *file* is **0**, **dlopen** provides a *handle* on a global symbol object. This object provides access to the symbols from an ordered set of objects consisting of the original **a.out**, all of the objects that were loaded at program startup along with the **a.out**, and all objects loaded using a **dlopen** operation along with the **RTLD_GLOBAL** flag. As the latter set of objects can change during execution, the set identified by *handle* can also change dynamically.

Only a single copy of an object file is brought into the address space, even if **dlopen** is invoked multiple times in reference to the file, and even if different pathnames are used to reference the file.

When a shared object is brought into the address space of a process, it may contain references to symbols whose addresses are not known until the object is loaded. These references must be relocated before the symbols can be accessed. The *mode* parameter governs when these relocations take place and may have the following values:

RTLD_LAZY

Under this *mode*, only references to data symbols are relocated when the object is loaded. References to functions are not relocated until a given function is invoked for the first time. This *mode* should result in better performance, since a process may not reference all of the functions in any given shared object.

RTLD_NOW

Under this *mode*, all necessary relocations are performed when the object is first loaded. This may result in some wasted effort, if relocations are performed for functions that are never referenced, but is useful for applications that need to know as soon as an object is loaded that all symbols referenced during execution will be available.

Any object loaded by **dlopen** that requires relocations against global symbols can reference the symbols in the original **a.out**, any objects loaded at program startup, from the object itself as well as any other object included in the same **dlopen** invocation, and any objects that were loaded in any **dlopen** invocation

that specified the **RTLD_GLOBAL** flag. To determine the scope of visibility for the symbols loaded with a **dlopen** invocation, the *mode* parameter should be bitwise or'ed with one of the following values:

RTLD_GLOBAL

The object's symbols are made available for the relocation processing of any other object. In addition, symbol lookup using **dlopen(0, mode)** and an associated **dlsym()** allows objects loaded with **RTLD_GLOBAL** to be searched.

RTLD_LOCAL

The object's symbols are made available for relocation processing only to objects loaded in the same **dlopen** invocation.

If neither **RTLD_GLOBAL** nor **RTLD_LOCAL** are specified, the default is **RTLD_LOCAL**.

If a *file* is specified in multiple **dlopen** invocations, *mode* is interpreted at each invocation. Note, however, that once **RTLD_NOW** has been specified, all relocations will have been completed, rendering any further **RTLD_NOW** operations redundant and any further **RTLD_LAZY** operations irrelevant. Similarly note that once **RTLD_GLOBAL** has been specified, the object will maintain the **RTLD_GLOBAL** status regardless of any previous or future specification of **RTLD_LOCAL**, so long as the object remains in the address space [see **dlclose** ("dlclose Subroutine" on page 141)].

If a *file* is specified in multiple **dlopen** invocations, *mode* is interpreted at each invocation. Note, however, that once **RTLD_NOW** has been specified, all relocations will have been completed, rendering any further **RTLD_NOW** operations redundant and any further **RTLD_LAZY** operations irrelevant. Similarly note that once **RTLD_GLOBAL** has been specified, the object will maintain the **RTLD_GLOBAL** status regardless of any previous or future specification of **RTLD_LOCAL**, so long as the object remains in the address space [see **>dlclose** ("dlclose Subroutine" on page 141)].

Symbols introduced into a program through calls to **dlopen** may be used in relocation activities. Symbols so introduced may duplicate symbols already defined by the program or previous **dlopen** operations. To resolve the ambiguities such a situation might present, the resolution of a symbol reference to symbol definition is based on a symbol resolution order. Two such resolution orders are defined: *load* and *dependency* ordering. Load order establishes an ordering among symbol definitions using the temporal order in which the objects containing the definitions were loaded, such that the definition first loaded has priority over definitions added later. Load ordering is used in relocation processing. Dependency ordering uses a "breadth-first" order starting with a given object, then all of its dependencies, then any dependents of those, iterating until all dependencies are satisfied. With the exception of the global symbol object obtained via a **dlopen** operation on a *file* with value **0**, dependency ordering is used by the **dlsym** function. Load ordering is used in **dlsym** operations upon the global symbol object.

When an object is first made accessible via **dlopen**, it and its dependent objects are added in dependency order. Once all the objects are added, relocations are performed using load order. Note that if an object or its dependencies had been loaded by a previous **dlopen** invocation or on startup, the load and dependency orders may yield different resolutions.

The symbols introduced by **dlopen** operations and available through **dlsym** are those which are "exported" as symbols of global scope by the object. For shared objects, such symbols will typically be those that were specified in (for example) C source code as having *extern* linkage. For **a.outs**, only a subset of externally visible symbols are typically exported: specifically those referenced by the shared objects with which the **a.out** is linked. The exact set of exported symbols for any shared object or the **a.out** can be controlled using the linker [see **ld**].

The environment variable **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** should contain a colon-separated list of directories in the same format as the **PATH** variable [see **sh**]. **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** is ignored if the process' real user id is different from its effective user id or its real group id is different from its effective group id [see **exec** ("exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine" on page 193)] or if the process has acquired any privileges

Return values

If *file* cannot be found, cannot be opened for reading, is not a shared object, or if an error occurs during the process of loading *file* or relocating its symbolic references, **dlopen** returns **NULL**. More detailed diagnostic information is available through **dlerror**.

Related Information

The **cc** command, **ld** command, and **sh** command.

The **dladdr** (“dladdr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine, **dlclose** (“dlclose Subroutine” on page 141) subroutine, **dlerror** (“dlerror Subroutine” on page 143) subroutine, **dlsym** (“dladdr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine, and **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine.

dlsym Subroutine

The **dlsym** subroutine includes information for **dlsym** subroutine on a POWER-based platform and on **dlsym** subroutine on an Itanium-based platform.

dlsym Subroutine on POWER-based Platform

Purpose

Looks up the location of a symbol in a module that is loaded with **dlsym**.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>
void *dlsym(Data, Symbol);
void *Data;
const char *Symbol;
```

Description

The **dlsym** subroutine looks up a named symbol exported from a module loaded by a previous call to the **dlopen** subroutine. Only exported symbols are found by **dlsym**. See the **ld** command to see how to export symbols from a module.

Data Specifies a value returned by a previous call to **dlopen**.
Symbol Specifies the name of a symbol exported from the referenced module. The form should be a NULL-terminated string.

Note: C++ symbol names should be passed to **dlsym** in mangled form; **dlsym** does not perform any name demangling on behalf of the calling application.

A search for the named symbol is based upon breadth-first ordering of the module and its dependants. If the module was constructed using the **-G** or **-brtl** linker option, the module’s dependants will include all modules named on the **ld** command line, in the original order. The dependants of a module that was not linked with the **-G** or **-brtl** linker option will be listed in an unspecified order.

Return Values

If the named symbol is found, its address is returned. If the named symbol is not found, **NULL** is returned and **errno** is set to 0. If *Data* or *Symbol* are invalid, **NULL** is returned and **errno** is set to **EINVAL**.

If the first definition found is an export of an imported symbol, this definition will satisfy the search. The address of the imported symbol is returned. If the first definition is a deferred import, the definition is ignored and the search continues.

If the named symbol refers to a BSS symbol (uninitialized data structure), the search continues until an initialized instance of the symbol is found or the module and all of its dependants have been searched. If an initialized instance is found, its address is returned; otherwise, the address of the first uninitialized instance is returned.

Error Codes

EINVAL If the *Data* parameter does not refer to a module opened by **dlopen** that is still loaded or if the *Symbol* parameter points to an invalid address, the **dlsym** subroutine returns NULL and **errno** is set to **EINVAL**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **dlclose** (“dlclose Subroutine” on page 141) subroutine, **dlerror** (“dlerror Subroutine” on page 143) subroutine, **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144) subroutine, **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, **loadbind** (“loadbind Subroutine” on page 497) subroutine, **loadquery** (“loadquery Subroutine” on page 498) subroutine, **unload** subroutine.

The **ld** command.

dlsym Subroutine on Itanium-based Platform

Purpose

Gets the address of a symbol in shared object.

Syntax

```
#include <dlfcn.h>

void *dlsym(void *handle, const char *name);
```

Description

The **dlsym** subroutine allows a process to obtain the address of a symbol defined within a shared object previously opened by **dlopen**. *handle* is either the value returned by a call to **dlopen** or is the special flag **RTLD_NEXT**. In the former case, the corresponding shared object must not have been closed using **dlclose**. *name* is the symbol’s name as a character string.

dlsym searches for the named symbol in all shared objects loaded automatically as a result of loading the object referenced by *handle* [see **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144)]. The symbol resolution algorithm used is described in **dlopen**.

If *handle* is **RTLD_NEXT**, the search begins with the “next” object after the object from which **dlsym** was invoked. Objects are searched using a *load* order symbol resolution algorithm [see **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144)]. The *next* object, and all other objects searched, are either of global scope (because they were loaded at startup or as part of a **dlopen** operation with the **RTLD_GLOBAL** flag) or are objects loaded by the same **dlopen** operation that loaded the caller of **dlsym**.

Usage

RTLD_NEXT can be used to navigate an intentionally created hierarchy of multiply defined symbols created through *interposition*. For example, if a program wished to create an implementation of **malloc** that embedded some statistics gathering about memory allocations, such an implementation could define its own **malloc** which would gather the necessary information, and use **dlsym** with **RTLD_NEXT** to find the “real” **malloc**, which would perform the actual memory allocation. Of course, this “real” **malloc** could be another user-defined interface that added its own value and then used **RTLD_NEXT** to find the system **malloc**.

Return values

If *handle* does not refer to a valid object opened by **dlopen** or is not the special value **RTLD_NEXT**, or if the named symbol cannot be found within any of the objects associated with *handle*, **dlsym** returns **NULL**. More detailed diagnostic information is available through **dlderror**.

Examples

The following example shows how one can use **dlopen** and **dlsym** to access either function or data objects. For simplicity, error checking has been omitted.

```
void *handle;
int i, *iptr;
int (*fptr)(int);

/* open the needed object */
handle = dlopen("/usr/mydir/mylib.so", RTLD_LAZY);

/* find address of function and data objects */
fptr = (int (*)(int))dlsym(handle, "some_function");

iptr = (int *)dlsym(handle, "int_object");

/* invoke function, passing value of integer as a parameter */
i = (*fptr)(*iptr);
```

The next example shows how one can use **dlsym** with **RTLD_NEXT** to add functionality to an existing interface. Again, error checking has been omitted.

```
extern void record_malloc(void *, size_t);

void *
malloc(size_t sz)
{
    void *ptr;
    void *(*real_malloc)(size_t);

    real_malloc = (void * (*)(size_t))dlsym(RTLD_NEXT, "malloc");
    ptr = (*real_malloc)(sz);
    record_malloc(ptr, sz);
    return ptr;
}
```

Related Information

The **dladdr** (“dladdr Subroutine” on page 140) subroutine, **dlclose** (“dlclose Subroutine” on page 141) subroutine, **dlderror** (“dlderror Subroutine” on page 143) subroutine, and **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144) subroutine.

drand48, erand48, jrand48, lcong48, lrand48, mrand48, nrand48, seed48, or srand48 Subroutine

Purpose

Generate uniformly distributed pseudo-random number sequences.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
double drand48 (void)
```

```
double erand48 ( xsubi)
```

```
unsigned short int xsubi[3];
```

```
long int jrand48 (xsubi)
```

```
unsigned short int xsubi[3];
```

```
void lcong48 ( Parameter)
```

```
unsigned short int Parameter[7];
```

```
long int lrand48 (void)
```

```
long int mrand48 (void)
```

```
long int nrand48 (xsubi)
```

```
unsigned short int xsubi[3];
```

```
unsigned short int *seed48 ( Seed16v)
```

```
unsigned short int Seed16v[3];
```

```
void srand48 ( SeedValue)
```

```
long int SeedValue;
```

Description

Attention: Do not use the **drand48**, **erand48**, **jrand48**, **lcong48**, **lrand48**, **mrand48**, **nrand48**, **seed48**, or **srand48** subroutine in a multithreaded environment.

This family of subroutines generates pseudo-random numbers using the linear congruential algorithm and 48-bit integer arithmetic.

The **drand48** subroutine and the **erand48** subroutine return positive double-precision floating-point values uniformly distributed over the interval [0.0, 1.0).

The **lrand48** subroutine and the **nrand48** subroutine return positive long integers uniformly distributed over the interval [0,2**31).

The **mrand48** subroutine and the **jrand48** subroutine return signed long integers uniformly distributed over the interval [-2**31, 2**31).

The **srand48** subroutine, **seed48** subroutine, and **lcong48** subroutine initialize the random-number generator. Programs must call one of them before calling the **drand48**, **lrand48** or **mrand48** subroutines. (Although it is not recommended, constant default initializer values are supplied if the **drand48**, **lrand48** or **mrand48** subroutines are called without first calling an initialization subroutine.) The **erand48**, **nrand48**, and **jrand48** subroutines do not require that an initialization subroutine be called first.

The previous value pointed to by the **seed48** subroutine is stored in a 48-bit internal buffer, and a pointer to the buffer is returned by the **seed48** subroutine. This pointer can be ignored if it is not needed, or it can be used to allow a program to restart from a given point at a later time. In this case, the pointer is accessed to retrieve and store the last value pointed to by the **seed48** subroutine, and this value is then used to reinitialize, by means of the **seed48** subroutine, when the program is restarted.

All the subroutines work by generating a sequence of 48-bit integer values, $x[i]$, according to the linear congruential formula:

$$x[n+1] = (ax[n] + c) \bmod m, \quad n \text{ is } \geq 0$$

The parameter $m = 248$; hence 48-bit integer arithmetic is performed. Unless the **lcong48** subroutine has been called, the multiplier value a and the addend value c are:

$a = 5DEECE66D$ base 16 = 273673163155 base 8

$c = B$ base 16 = 13 base 8

Parameters

<i>xsubi</i>	Specifies an array of three shorts, which, when concatenated together, form a 48-bit integer.
<i>SeedValue</i>	Specifies the initialization value to begin randomization. Changing this value changes the randomization pattern.
<i>Seed16v</i>	Specifies another seed value; an array of three unsigned shorts that form a 48-bit seed value.
<i>Parameter</i>	Specifies an array of seven shorts, which specifies the initial <i>xsubi</i> value, the multiplier value a and the add-in value c .

Return Values

The value returned by the **drand48**, **erand48**, **jrand48**, **lrand48**, **nrand48**, and **mrand48** subroutines is computed by first generating the next 48-bit $x[i]$ in the sequence. Then the appropriate number of bits, according to the type of data item to be returned, are copied from the high-order (most significant) bits of $x[i]$ and transformed into the returned value.

The **drand48**, **lrand48**, and **mrand48** subroutines store the last 48-bit $x[i]$ generated into an internal buffer; this is why they must be initialized prior to being invoked.

The **erand48**, **jrand48**, and **nrand48** subroutines require the calling program to provide storage for the successive $x[i]$ values in the array pointed to by the *xsubi* parameter. This is why these routines do not have to be initialized; the calling program places the desired initial value of $x[i]$ into the array and pass it as a parameter.

By using different parameters, the **erand48**, **jrand48**, and **nrand48** subroutines allow separate modules of a large program to generate independent sequences of pseudo-random numbers. In other words, the sequence of numbers that one module generates does not depend upon how many times the subroutines are called by other modules.

The **lcong48** subroutine specifies the initial $x[i]$ value, the multiplier value a , and the addend value c . The *Parameter* array elements *Parameter*[0-2] specify $x[i]$, *Parameter*[3-5] specify the multiplier a , and *Parameter*[6] specifies the 16-bit addend c . After **lcong48** has been called, a subsequent call to either the **srand48** or **seed48** subroutine restores the standard a and c specified before.

The initializer subroutine **seed48** sets the value of $x[i]$ to the 48-bit value specified in the array pointed to by the *Seed16v* parameter. In addition, **seed48** returns a pointer to a 48-bit internal buffer that contains the previous value of $x[i]$ that is used only by **seed48**. The returned pointer allows you to restart the pseudo-random sequence at a given point. Use the pointer to copy the previous $x[i]$ value into a temporary array. Then call **seed48** with a pointer to this array to resume processing where the original sequence stopped.

The initializer subroutine **srand48** sets the high-order 32 bits of $x[i]$ to the 32 bits contained in its parameter. The low order 16 bits of $x[i]$ are set to the arbitrary value 330E16.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **rand**, **srand** subroutine, **random**, **srandom**, **initstate**, or **setstate** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

drem or remainder Subroutine

Purpose

Computes the IEEE Remainder as defined in the IEEE Floating-Point Standard.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double drem ( x, y)
```

```
double x, y;
```

```
double remainder (double x, double y);
```

Description

The **drem** or **remainder** subroutines calculate the remainder r equal to x minus n to the x power multiplied by y ($r = x - n * y$), where the n parameter is the integer nearest the exact value of x divided by y (x/y). If $|n - x/y| = 1/2$, then the n parameter is an even value. Therefore, the remainder is computed exactly, and the absolute value of r ($|r|$) is less than or equal to the absolute value of y divided by 2 ($|y|/2$).

The IEEE Remainder differs from the **fmod** subroutine in that the IEEE Remainder always returns an r parameter such that $|r|$ is less than or equal to $|y|/2$, while **FMOD** returns an r such that $|r|$ is less than or equal to $|y|$. The IEEE Remainder is useful for argument reduction for transcendental functions.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. For example: compile the **drem.c** file:

```
cc drem.c -lm
```

Parameters

x Specifies double-precision floating-point value.
 y Specifies a double-precision floating-point value.

Return Values

The **drem** or **remainder** subroutines return a NaNQ value for $(x, 0)$ and $(+/-INF, y)$.

Error Codes

The **remainder** subroutine returns a NaNQ value for (x, 0.0) [x not equal to NaN] and (+/-INF, y) [y not equal to NaN] and set **errno** to **EDOM**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Note: For new development, the **remainder** subroutine is the preferred interface.

Related Information

The **copysign**, **nextafter**, **scalb**, **logb**, or **ilog** (“copysign, nextafter, scalb, logb, or ilogb Subroutine” on page 121) subroutine, **floor**, **ceil**, **nearest**, **trunc**, **rint**, **itrunc**, **fmod**, **fabs**, or **uitrunc** (“floor, floorl, ceil, ceill, nearest, trunc, rint, itrunc, uitrunc, fmod, fmodl, fabs, or fabsl Subroutine” on page 223) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

_end, **_etext**, or **_edata** Identifier

Purpose

Define the first addresses following the program, initialized data, and all data.

Syntax

```
extern _end;  
extern _etext;  
extern _edata;
```

Description

The external names **_end**, **_etext**, and **_edata** are defined by the loader for all programs. They are not subroutines but identifiers associated with the following addresses:

_etext	The first address following the program text.
_edata	The first address following the initialized data region.
_end	The first address following the data region that is not initialized. The name end (with no underscore) defines the same address as does _end (with underscore).

The break value of the program is the first location beyond the data. When a program begins running, this location coincides with **end**. However, many factors can change the break value, including:

- The **brk** or **sbrk** subroutine
- The **malloc** subroutine
- The standard I/O subroutines
- The **-p** flag with the **cc** command

Therefore, use the **brk** or **sbrk(0)** subroutine, not the **end** address, to determine the break value of the program.

Implementation Specifics

These identifiers are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **brk** or **sbrk** (“brk or sbrk Subroutine” on page 78) subroutine, **malloc** (“malloc, free, realloc, calloc, malloc, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine” on page 528) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ecvt, fcvt, or gcvt Subroutine

Purpose

Converts a floating-point number to a string.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *ecvt ( Value, NumberOfDigits, DecimalPointer, Sign;)
```

```
double Value;
```

```
int NumberOfDigits, *DecimalPointer, *Sign;
```

```
char *fcvt (Value, NumberOfDigits, DecimalPointer, Sign;)
```

```
double Value;
```

```
int NumberOfDigits, *DecimalPointer, *Sign;
```

```
char *gcvt (Value, NumberOfDigits, Buffer;)
```

```
double Value;
```

```
int NumberOfDigits;
```

```
char *Buffer;
```

Description

The **ecvt**, **fcvt**, and **gcvt** subroutines convert floating-point numbers to strings.

The **ecvt** subroutine converts the *Value* parameter to a null-terminated string and returns a pointer to it. The *NumberOfDigits* parameter specifies the number of digits in the string. The low-order digit is rounded according to the current rounding mode. The **ecvt** subroutine sets the integer pointed to by the *DecimalPointer* parameter to the position of the decimal point relative to the beginning of the string. (A negative number means the decimal point is to the left of the digits given in the string.) The decimal point itself is not included in the string. The **ecvt** subroutine also sets the integer pointed to by the *Sign* parameter to a nonzero value if the *Value* parameter is negative and sets a value of 0 otherwise.

The **fcvt** subroutine operates identically to the **ecvt** subroutine, except that the correct digit is rounded for C or FORTRAN F-format output of the number of digits specified by the *NumberOfDigits* parameter.

Note: In the F-format, the *NumberOfDigits* parameter is the number of digits desired after the decimal point. Large numbers produce a long string of digits before the decimal point, and then *NumberOfDigits* digits after the decimal point. Generally, the **gcvt** and **ecvt** subroutines are more useful for large numbers.

The **gcvt** subroutine converts the *Value* parameter to a null-terminated string, stores it in the array pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter, and then returns the *Buffer* parameter. The **gcvt** subroutine attempts to produce a string of the *NumberOfDigits* parameter significant digits in FORTRAN F-format. If this is not possible, the E-format is used. The **gcvt** subroutine suppresses trailing zeros. The string is ready for

printing, complete with minus sign, decimal point, or exponent, as appropriate. The radix character is determined by the current locale (see **setlocale** subroutine). If the **setlocale** subroutine has not been called successfully, the default locale, POSIX, is used. The default locale specifies a . (period) as the radix character. The **LC_NUMERIC** category determines the value of the radix character within the current locale.

The **ecvt**, **fcvt**, and **gcvt** subroutines represent the following special values that are specified in ANSI/IEEE standards 754-1985 and 854-1987 for floating-point arithmetic:

Quiet NaN	Indicates a quiet not-a-number (NaNQ)
Signalling NaN	Indicates a signaling NaNs
Infinity	Indicates a INF value

The sign associated with each of these values is stored in the *Sign* parameter.

Note: A value of 0 can be positive or negative. In the IEEE floating-point, zeros also have signs and set the *Sign* parameter appropriately.

Attention: All three subroutines store the strings in a static area of memory whose contents are overwritten each time one of the subroutines is called.

Parameters

<i>Value</i>	Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.
<i>NumberOfDigits</i>	Specifies the number of digits in the string.
<i>DecimalPointer</i>	Specifies the position of the decimal point relative to the beginning of the string.
<i>Sign</i>	Specifies that the sign associated with the return value is placed in the <i>Sign</i> parameter. In IEEE floating-point, since 0 can be signed, the <i>Sign</i> parameter is set appropriately for signed 0.
<i>Buffer</i>	Specifies a character array for the string.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **atof**, **strtod**, **atoff**, or **strtod** (“atof, strtod, strtold, atoff, or strtod Subroutine” on page 55) subroutine, **fp_read_rnd**, or **fp_swap_rnd** (“fp_read_rnd or fp_swap_rnd Subroutine” on page 245) subroutine, **printf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **scanf** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Introduction to ELF Subroutines

Functions in the **ELF** access library let a program manipulate ELF (Executable and Linking Format) object files, archive files, and archive members. The header file provides type and function declarations for all library services.

Programs communicate with many of the higher-level routines using an ELF descriptor. That is, when the program starts working with a file, **elf_begin** creates an ELF descriptor through which the program manipulates the structures and information in the file. These ELF descriptors can be used both to read and to write files. After the program establishes an ELF descriptor for a file, it may then obtain *section* descriptors to manipulate the sections of the file [see the **elf_getscn** subroutine]. Sections hold the bulk of

an object file's real information, such as text, data, the symbol table, and so on. A section descriptor belongs to a particular ELF descriptor, just as a section belongs to a file. Finally, *data* descriptors are available through section descriptors, allowing the program to manipulate the information associated with a section. A data descriptor belongs to a section descriptor.

Descriptors provide private handles to a file and its pieces. In other words, a data descriptor is associated with one section descriptor, which is associated with one ELF descriptor, which is associated with one file. Although descriptors are private, they give access to data that may be shared. Consider programs that combine input files, using incoming data to create or update another file. Such a program might get data descriptors for an input and an output section. It then could update the output descriptor to reuse the input descriptor's data. That is, the descriptors are distinct, but they could share the associated data bytes. This sharing avoids the space overhead for duplicate buffers and the performance overhead for copying data unnecessarily.

Special Notice

Information in the ELF header files is separated into common parts and processor-specific parts. A program can make a processor's information available by including the appropriate header file: `sys/elf_NAME.h` where *NAME* matches the processor name as used in the ELF file header.

Symbol	Processor
386	Intel 80386
IA_64	Itanium-based platform

To illustrate, a program could use the following code to see the processor-specific information for the Itanium-based platform:

```
#include <libelf.h>
#include <sys/elf_IA_64.h>
```

Without the `sys/elf_IA_64.h` definition, only the common ELF information would be visible.

File Classes

ELF provides a framework in which to define a family of object files, supporting multiple processors and architectures. An important distinction among object files is the *class*, or capacity, of the file. The 32-bit class supports architectures in which a 32-bit object can represent addresses, file sizes, and so forth. The 64-bit class similarly supports architectures in which a 64-bit object is required to represent addresses, file sizes, etc.

32-bit Data Types	64-bit Data Types	Purpose
Elf32_Addr	Elf64_Addr	Unsigned address
Elf32_Half	Elf64_Half	Unsigned medium integer
Elf32_Off	Elf64_Off	Unsigned file offset
Elf32_Sword	Elf64_Sword	Signed integer
Elf32_Word	Elf64_Word	Unsigned integer
unsigned char	unsigned char	Unsigned small integer
	Elf64_Sxword	Signed long integer
	Elf64_Xword	Unsigned long integer

Other classes will be defined as necessary, to support larger (or smaller) machines. Some library services deal only with data objects for a specific class, while others are class-independent. To make this distinction clear, library function names reflect their status, as described below.

Data Representations

Conceptually, two parallel sets of objects support cross compilation environments. One set corresponds to file contents, while the other set corresponds to the native memory image of the program manipulating the file. Type definitions supplied by the header files work on the native machine, which may have different data encodings (size, byte order, and so forth) than the target machine. Although native memory objects should be at least as big as the file objects (to avoid information loss), they may be bigger if that is more natural for the host machine.

Translation facilities exist to convert between file and memory representations. Some library routines convert data automatically, while others leave conversion as the program's responsibility. Either way, programs that create object files must write file-typed objects to those files; programs that read object files must take a similar view. See **elf32_xlatetof** and **elf32_fsize** for more information.

Programs may translate data explicitly, taking full control over the object file layout and semantics. If the program prefers not to have and exercise complete control, the library provides a higher-level interface that hides many object file details. **elf_begin** and related functions let a program deal with the native memory types, converting between memory objects and their file equivalents automatically when reading or writing an object file.

ELF Versions

Object file versions allow ELF to adapt to new requirements. Three independent versions can be important to a program, these version are:

1. an application program knows about a particular version by virtue of being compiled with certain header files.
2. the access library similarly is compiled with header files that control what versions it understands.
3. an ELF object file holds a value identifying its version, determined by the ELF version known by the file's creator.

Ideally, all three versions would be the same, but they may differ.

- If a program's version is newer than the access library, the program might use information unknown to the library. Translation routines might not work properly, leading to undefined behavior. This condition merits installing a new library.
- The library's version might be newer than the program's and the file's. The library understands old versions, thus avoiding compatibility problems in this case.
- Finally, a file's version might be newer than either the program or the library understands. The program might or might not be able to process the file properly, depending on whether the file has extra information and whether that information can be safely ignored. Again, the safe alternative is to install a new library that understands the file's version.

To accommodate these differences, a program must use **elf_version** to pass its version to the library, thus establishing the working version for the process. Using this, the library accepts data from and presents data to the program in the proper representations. When the library reads object files, it uses each file's version to interpret the data. When writing files or converting memory types to the file equivalents, the library uses the program's working version for the file data.

System Services

As mentioned above, **elf_begin** and related routines provide a higher-level interface to ELF files, performing input and output on behalf of the application program. These routines assume a program can hold entire files in memory, without explicitly using temporary files. When reading a file, the library routines bring the data into memory and perform subsequent operations on the memory copy. Programs that read or write large object files with this model must execute on a machine with a large process virtual address space. If the underlying operating system limits the number of open files, a program can use **elf_cntl** to retrieve all necessary data from the file, allowing the program to close the file descriptor and reuse it.

Although the **elf_begin** interfaces are convenient and efficient for many programs, they might be inappropriate for some. In those cases, an application may invoke the **elf32_xlatetof** or **elf64_xlatetof** data translation routines directly. These routines perform no input or output, leaving that as the application's responsibility. By assuming a larger share of the job, an application controls its input and output model.

Library Names

Names associated with the library take several forms.

elf_name	These class-independent names perform some service, <i>name</i> , for the program.
elf32_name or elf64_name	Service names with an embedded class, indicate they work only for the designated class of files.
Elf_Type	Data types can be class-independent as well, distinguished by <i>Type</i> .
Elf32_Type or Elf64_Type	Class-dependent data types have an embedded class name. Here the class is denoted by 32 or 64.
ELF_C_CMD	Several functions take commands that control their actions. These values are members of the Elfelf_Cmd enumeration; they range from zero through ELF_C_NUM-1 .
ELF_F_FLAG	Several functions take flags that control library status and/or actions. Flags are bits that may be combined.
ELF32_FSZ_TYPE or ELF64_FSZ_TYPE	These constants give the file sizes in bytes of the basic ELF types for the specified class of files. See elf_fsize for more information.
ELF_K_KIND	The function elf_kind identifies the <i>KIND</i> of file associated with an ELF descriptor. These values are members of the Elf_Kind enumeration; they range from zero through ELF_K_NUM-1 .
ELF_T_TYPE	When a service function, such as elf_getshdr , deals with multiple types, names of this form specify the desired <i>TYPE</i> . Thus, for example, ELF_T_EHDR is directly related to Elf32_Ehdr or Elf64_Ehdr . These values are members of the Elf_Type enumeration; they range from zero through ELF_T_NUM-1 .

Related Information

The **elf_version** ("elf_version Subroutine" on page 189) subroutine.

elf32_fsize, elf64_fsize Subroutine

Purpose

Return the size of an object file type

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
size_t elf32_fsize(Elf_Type type , size_tcount, unsigned ver);  
size_t elf64_fsize(Elf_Type type, size_tcount , unsigned ver);
```

Description

elf32_fsize gives the size in bytes of the 32-bit file representation of *count* data objects with the given *type*. **elf64_fsize** gives the size in bytes of the 64-bit file representation of *count* data objects with the given *type*. The library uses version *ver* to calculate the size [see the **elf_version** subroutine].

Constant values are available for the sizes of fundamental types.

Elf_Type	File Size	Memory Size
ELF_T_ADDR	ELF32_FSZ_ADDR	sizeof(Elf32_Addr)
ELF_T_BYTE	1	sizeof(unsigned char)
ELF_T_HALF	ELF32_FSZ_HALF	sizeof(Elf32_Half)
ELF_T_OFF	ELF32_FSZ_OFF	sizeof(Elf32_Off)
ELF_T_SWORD	ELF32_FSZ_SWORD	sizeof(Elf32_Sword)
ELF_T_WORD	ELF32_FSZ_WORD	sizeof(Elf32_Word)

Elf_Type	File Size	Memory Size
ELF_T_ADDR	ELF64_FSZ_ADDR	sizeof(Elf64_Addr)
ELF_T_BYTE	1	sizeof(unsigned char)
ELF_T_HALF	ELF64_FSZ_HALF	sizeof(Elf64_Half)
ELF_T_OFF	ELF64_FSZ_OFF	sizeof(Elf64_Off)
ELF_T_SWORD	ELF64_FSZ_SWORD	sizeof(Elf64_Sword)
ELF_T_WORD	ELF64_FSZ_WORD	sizeof(Elf64_Word)
ELF_T_SXWORD	ELF64_FSZ_SXWORD	sizeof(Elf64_Sxword)
ELF_T_XWORD	ELF64_FSZ_XWORD	sizeof(Elf64_Xword)

Return Values

elf32_fsize and **elf64_fsize** return zero if the value of *type* or *ver* is unknown.

Related Information

The **elf_version** subroutine.

elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieve class-dependent object file header

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf32_Ehdr *elf32_getehdr(Elf * elf);  
Elf32_Ehdr *elf32_newehdr(Elf * elf);  
Elf64_Ehdr *elf64_getehdr(Elf * elf);  
Elf64_Ehdr *elf64_newehdr(Elf * elf);
```

Description

For a 32-bit class file, **elf32_getehdr** returns a pointer to an ELF header, if one is available for the ELF descriptor *elf*. If no header exists for the descriptor, **elf32_newehdr** allocates a clean one, but it otherwise behaves the same as **elf32_getehdr**. It does not allocate a new header if one exists already. If no header exists (for **elf_getehdr**), one cannot be created (for **elf_newehdr**), a system error occurs, the file is not a 32-bit class file, or *elf* is null, both functions return a null pointer.

The header includes the following members.

```
unsigned char e_ident[EI_NIDENT];  
Elf32_Half e_type;  
Elf32_Half e_machine;
```

```

Elf32_Word e_version;
Elf32_Addr e_entry;
Elf32_Off e_phoff;
Elf32_Off e_shoff;
Elf32_Word e_flags;
Elf32_Half e_ehsize;
Elf32_Half e_phentsize;
Elf32_Half e_phnum;
Elf32_Half e_shentsize;
Elf32_Half e_shnum;
Elf32_Half e_shstrndx;

```

elf32_newehdr automatically sets the **ELF_F_DIRTY** bit [see the **elf_flagdata** subroutine]. A program may use **elf_getident** to inspect the identification bytes from a file.

For a 64-bit class file, **elf64_getehdr** returns a pointer to an ELF header, if one is available for the ELF descriptor *elf*. If no header exists for the descriptor, **elf64_newehdr** allocates a clean one, but it otherwise behaves the same as **elf64_getehdr**. It does not allocate a new header if one exists already. If no header exists (for **elf_getehdr**), one cannot be created (for **elf_newehdr**), a system error occurs, the file is not a 64-bit class file, or *elf* is null, both functions return a null pointer.

The header includes the following members.

```

unsigned char e_ident[EI_NIDENT];
Elf64_Half e_type;
Elf64_Half e_machine;
Elf64_Word e_version;
Elf64_Addr e_entry;
Elf64_Off e_phoff;
Elf64_Off e_shoff;
Elf64_Word e_flags;
Elf64_Half e_ehsize;
Elf64_Half e_phentsize;
Elf64_Half e_phnum;
Elf64_Half e_shentsize;
Elf64_Half e_shnum;
Elf64_Half e_shstrndx;

```

elf64_newehdr automatically sets the **ELF_F_DIRTY** bit [see the **elf_flagdata** subroutine]. A program may use **elf_getident** to inspect the identification bytes from a file.

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_flagdata** (“elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagsfcn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine” on page 173) subroutine, **elf_getident** (“elf_getident Subroutine” on page 179) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf32_getphdr, elf32_newphdr, elf64_getphdr, elf64_newphdr Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieve class-dependent program header table

Library

```

cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...
#include <libelf.h>

```

Syntax

```
Elf32_Phdr *elf32_getphdr(Elf * elf);
Elf32_Phdr *elf32_newphdr(Elf * elf, size_t count);
Elf64_Phdr *elf64_getphdr(Elf * elf);
Elf64_Phdr *elf64_newphdr(Elf * elf, size_t count);
```

Description

For a 32-bit class file, **elf32_getphdr** returns a pointer to the program execution header table, if one is available for the ELF descriptor *elf*.

elf32_newphdr allocates a new table with *count* entries, regardless of whether one existed previously, and sets the **ELF_F_DIRTY** bit for the table [see the **elf_flagdata** subroutine]. Specifying a zero *count* deletes an existing table. Note this behavior differs from that of **elf32_newehdr** [see the **elf32_getehdr** subroutine], allowing a program to replace or delete the program header table, changing its size if necessary.

If no program header table exists, the file is not a 32-bit class file, an error occurs, or *elf* is null, both functions return a null pointer. Additionally, **elf32_newphdr** and **elf64_newphdr** return a null pointer if *count* is zero.

The table is an array of **Elf32_Phdr** structures, each of which includes the following members.

```
Elf32_Word p_type;
Elf32_Off p_offset;
Elf32_Addr p_vaddr;
Elf32_Addr p_paddr;
Elf32_Word p_filesz;
Elf32_Word p_memsz;
Elf32_Word p_flags;
Elf32_Word p_align;
```

elf64_getphdr and **elf64_newphdr** provide the same functionality for 64-bit class files. The table is an array of **Elf64_Phdr** structures, each of which includes the following members.

```
Elf64_Word p_type;
Elf64_Word p_flags;
Elf64_Off p_offset;
Elf64_Addr p_vaddr;
Elf64_Addr p_paddr;
Elf64_Xword p_filesz;
Elf64_Xword p_memsz;
Elf64_Xword p_align;
```

The ELF headers *e_phnum* member tells how many entries the program header table has [see the **elf64_getehdr** subroutine]. A program may inspect this value to determine the size of an existing table; **elf32_newphdr** and **elf64_newphdr** automatically set the member's value to *count*. If the program is building a new file, it is responsible for creating the file's ELF header before creating the program header table.

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_flagdata** (“elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagsfcn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine” on page 173) subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf64_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf32_getshdr, elf64_getshdr Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieve class-dependent section header

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf32_Shdr *elf32_getshdr(Elf_Scn * scn);  
Elf64_Shdr *elf64_getshdr(Elf * elf);
```

Description

For a 32-bit class file, **elf32_getshdr** returns a pointer to a section header for the section descriptor *scn*. Otherwise, the file is not a 32-bit class file, *scn* was null, or an error occurred; **elf32_getshdr** then returns **NULL**.

The header includes the following members:

```
Elf32_Word sh_name;  
Elf32_Word sh_type;  
Elf32_Word sh_flags;  
Elf32_Addr sh_addr;  
Elf32_Off sh_offset;  
Elf32_Word sh_size;  
Elf32_Word sh_link;  
Elf32_Word sh_info;  
Elf32_Word sh_addralign;  
Elf32_Word sh_entsize;
```

elf64_getshdr provides the same functionality for 64-bit class files using the section descriptor *elf*. The header includes the following members:

```
Elf64_Word sh_name;  
Elf64_Word sh_type;  
Elf64_Word sh_flags;  
Elf64_Addr sh_addr;  
Elf64_Off sh_offset;  
Elf64_Xword sh_size;  
Elf64_Word sh_link;  
Elf64_Word sh_info;  
Elf64_Xword sh_addralign;  
Elf64_Xword sh_entsize;
```

If the program is building a new file, it is responsible for creating the file's ELF header before creating sections.

Related Information

The **elf_flagdata** (“elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagscn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine” on page 173) subroutine, **elf_getscn** (“elf_getscn, elf_ndxscn, elf_newscn, elf_nextscn Subroutine” on page 180) subroutine, **elf_strptr** (“elf_strptr Subroutine” on page 185) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine

Purpose

Class-dependent data translation

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf_Data *elf32_xlatetof(Elf_Data * dst, const Elf_Data * src, unsigned encode);  
Elf_Data *elf32_xlatetom(Elf_Data * dst, const Elf_Data * src, unsigned encode);  
Elf_Data *elf64_xlatetof(Elf_Data * dst, const Elf_Data * src, unsigned encode);  
Elf_Data *elf64_xlatetom(Elf_Data * dst, const Elf_Data * src, unsigned encode);
```

Description

elf32_xlatetom translates various data structures from their 32-bit class file representations to their memory representations; **elf32_xlatetof** provides the inverse. **elf64_xlatetom** and **elf64_xlatetof** provide the same functionality for 64-bit class files. This conversion is particularly important for cross development environments.

src is a pointer to the source buffer that holds the original data;

dst is a pointer to a destination buffer that will hold the translated copy.

encode gives the byte encoding in which the file objects are (to be) represented and must have one of the encoding values defined for the ELF headers **e_ident[EI_DATA]** entry [see **elf_getident** (“elf_getident Subroutine” on page 179) subroutine].

If the data can be translated, the functions return *dst*. Otherwise, they return null because an error occurred, such as incompatible types, destination buffer overflow, and so forth.

elf_getdata (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine describes the **Elf_Data** descriptor, which the translation routines use as follows.

- Both the source and destination must have valid buffer pointers.
- This member’s value specifies the type of the data to which **d_buf** points and the type of data to be created in the destination. The program supplies a **d_type** value in the source; the library sets the destination’s **d_type** to the same value. These values are summarized below.
- This member holds the total size, in bytes, of the memory occupied by the source data and the size allocated for the destination data. If the destination buffer is not large enough, the routines do not change its original contents. The translation routines reset the destination’s **d_size** member to the actual size required, after the translation occurs. The source and destination sizes may differ.
- This member holds version number of the objects (desired) in the buffer. The source and destination versions are independent.

Translation routines allow the source and destination buffers to coincide. That is, **dst->d_buf** may equal **src->d_buf**. Other cases where the source and destination buffers overlap give undefined behavior.

ELF_Type	32-Bit Memory Type	64-Bit Memory Type
ELF_T_ADDR	Elf32_Addr	Elf64_Addr
ELF_T_BYTE	unsigned char	unsigned char
ELF_T_DYN	Elf32_Dyn	Elf64_Dyn

ELF_Type	32-Bit Memory Type	64-Bit Memory Type
ELF_T_EHDR	Elf32_Ehdr	Elf64_Ehdr
ELF_T_HALF	Elf32_Half	Elf64_Half
ELF_T_OFF	Elf32_Off	Elf64_Off
ELF_T_PHDR	Elf32_Phdr	Elf64_Phdr
ELF_T_REL	Elf32_Rel	Elf64_Rel
ELF_T_RELA	Elf32_Rela	Elf64_Rela
ELF_T_SHDR	Elf32_Shdr	Elf64_Shdr
ELF_T_SWORD	Elf32_Sword	Elf64_Sword
ELF_T_SYM	Elf32_Sym	Elf64_Sym
ELF_T_WORD	Elf32_Word	Elf64_Word
ELF_T_XWORD		Elf64_Xword
ELF_T_SXWORD		Elf64_Sxword

Translating buffers of type **ELF_T_BYTE** does not change the byte order.

Related Information

The **elf32_fsize** (“elf32_fsize, elf64_fsize Subroutine” on page 160) subroutine, **elf64_fsize** (“elf32_fsize, elf64_fsize Subroutine” on page 160) subroutine, **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf_getident** (“elf_getident Subroutine” on page 179) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_begin Subroutine

Purpose

Makes a file descriptor

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library] ...
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf *elf_begin(int fildes, Elf_Cmd cmd, Elf * ref);
```

Description

elf_begin, **elf_next**, **elf_rand**, and **elf_end** work together to process ELF object files, either individually or as members of archives. After obtaining an ELF descriptor from **elf_begin**, the program may read an existing file, update an existing file, or create a new file. *fildes* is an open file descriptor that **elf_begin** uses for reading or writing. The initial file offset [see the **lseek** subroutine] is unconstrained, and the resulting file offset is undefined.

COFF is an object file format that preceded ELF on some computer architectures (Intel, for example). For these architectures, when a program calls **elf_begin** on a COFF file, the library translates COFF structures to their ELF equivalents, allowing programs to read (but not to write) a COFF file as if it were ELF. This conversion happens only to the memory image and not to the file itself. After the initial **elf_begin**, file offsets and addresses in the ELF header, the program headers, and the section headers retain the original COFF values [see the **elf_getehdr**, **elf_getphdr**, and **elf_getshdr** subroutines]. A program may call **elf_update** to adjust these values (without writing the file), and the library will then present a consistent, ELF view of the file. Data obtained through **elf_getdata** are translated (the COFF symbol table is presented as ELF, and so on). Data viewed through **elf_rawdata** undergo no conversion, allowing the program to view the bytes from the file itself.

Some COFF debugging information is not translated, though this does not affect the semantics of a running program.

Although the ELF library supports COFF, programmers are strongly encouraged to recompile their programs, obtaining ELF object files.

Parameters

cmd Specifies the action to take and can be set to any of the following values.

ELF_C_NULL

Causes **elf_begin** to return a null pointer, without opening a new descriptor. *ref* is ignored for this command. See the **elf_next** subroutine and the examples below for more information.

ELF_C_READ

Enables a program to read the contents of an existing file.

Depending on the value of *ref*, this command examines archive members or entire files. Three cases can occur.

1. if *ref* is a null pointer, **elf_begin** allocates a new ELF descriptor and prepares to process the entire file. If the file being read is an archive, **elf_begin** also prepares the resulting descriptor to examine the initial archive member on the next call to **elf_begin**, as if the program had used **elf_next** or **elf_rand** to move to the initial member.
2. if *ref* is a non-null descriptor associated with an archive file, **elf_begin** lets a program obtain a separate ELF descriptor associated with an individual member. The program should have used **elf_next** or **elf_rand** to position *ref* appropriately (except for the initial member, which **elf_begin** prepares; see the example below). In this case, *files* should be the same file descriptor used for the parent archive.
3. if *ref* is a non-null ELF descriptor that is not an archive, **elf_begin** increments the number of activations for the descriptor and returns *ref*, without allocating a new descriptor and without changing the descriptor's read/write permissions. To terminate the descriptor for *ref*, the program must call **elf_end** once for each activation. See the **elf_next** subroutine and the examples below for more information.

ELF_C_RDWR

Duplicates the actions of **ELF_C_READ** and additionally enables the program to update the file image [see the **elf_update** subroutine]. That is, using **ELF_C_READ** gives a read-only view of the file, while **ELF_C_RDWR** lets the program read and write the file. **ELF_C_RDWR** is not valid for archive members. If *ref* is non-null, it must have been created with the **ELF_C_RDWR** command.

ELF_C_WRITE

Ignores the previous file's content, presumably to create a new file. *ref* is ignored for this command.

elf_begin works on all files (including files with zero bytes), providing it can allocate memory for its internal structures and read any necessary information from the file. Programs reading object files thus may call **elf_kind** or **elf_getehdr** to determine the file type (only object files have an ELF header). If the file is an archive with no more members to process, or an error occurs, **elf_begin** returns a null pointer. Otherwise, the return value is a non-null ELF descriptor.

Before the first call to **elf_begin**, a program must call **elf_version** to coordinate versions.

System Services

When processing a file, the library decides when to read or write the file, depending on the program's requests. Normally, the library assumes the file descriptor remains usable for the life of the ELF descriptor. If, however, a program must process many files simultaneously and the underlying operating system limits the number of open files, the program can use **elf_cntl** to let it reuse file descriptors. After calling **elf_cntl** with appropriate arguments, the program may close the file descriptor without interfering with the library.

All data associated with an ELF descriptor remain allocated until **elf_end** terminates the descriptor's last activation. After the descriptors have been terminated, the storage is released; attempting to reference such data gives undefined behavior. Consequently, a program that deals with multiple input (or output) files must keep the ELF descriptors active until it finishes with them.

Examples

1. A prototype for reading a file is shown below. If the file is a simple object file, the program executes the loop one time, receiving a null descriptor in the second iteration. In this case, both **elf** and **arf** will have the same value, the activation count will be two, and the program calls **elf_end** twice to terminate the descriptor. If the file is an archive, the loop processes each archive member in turn, ignoring those that are not object files.

```

if (elf_version(EV_CURRENT) == EV_NONE)
{
    /* library out of date */
    /* recover from error */
}
cmd = ELF_C_READ;
arf = elf_begin(fildev, cmd, (Elf *)0);
while ((elf = elf_begin(fildev, cmd, arf)) != 0)
{
    if ((ehdr = elf32_getehdr(elf)) != 0)
    {
        /* process the file...*/
    }
    cmd = elf_next(elf);
    elf_end(elf);
}
elf_end(arf);

```

2. A prototype for random archive processing is shown below. After identifying the file as an archive, the program repeatedly processes archive members of interest. For clarity, this example omits error checking and ignores simple object files. Additionally, this fragment preserves the ELF descriptors for all archive members, because it does not call **elf_end** to terminate them.

```

elf_version(EV_CURRENT);
arf = elf_begin(fildev, ELF_C_READ, (Elf *)0);
if (elf_kind(arf) != ELF_K_AR)
{
    /* not an archive */
}
/* initial processing */
/* set offset =...for desired member header */
while (elf_rand(arf, offset) == offset)
{
    if ((elf = elf_begin(fildev, ELF_C_READ, arf)) == 0)
        break;
    if ((ehdr = elf32_getehdr(elf)) != 0)
    {
        /* process archive member...*/
    }
    /* set offset =...for desired member header */
}

```

3. A prototype that illustrates how to create a new ELF file is shown below. This example is simplified to show the overall flow.

```

elf_version(EV_CURRENT);
fildev = open("path/name", O_RDWR|O_TRUNC|O_CREAT, 0666);
if ((elf = elf_begin(fildev, ELF_C_WRITE, (Elf *)0)) == 0)
    return;
ehdr = elf32_newehdr(elf);
phdr = elf32_newphdr(elf, count);
scn = elf_newscn(elf);

```

```

shdr = elf32_getshdr(scn);
data = elf_newdata(scn);
elf_update(elf, ELF_C_WRITE);
elf_end(elf);

```

4. A prototype that illustrates how to update an existing ELF file is shown below. This example is simplified to show the overall flow.

```

elf_version(EV_CURRENT);
filides = open("path/name", O_RDWR);
elf = elf_begin(filides, ELF_C_RDWR, (Elf *)0);

/* add new or delete old information...*/

close(creat("path/name", 0666));
elf_update(elf, ELF_C_WRITE);
elf_end(elf);

```

In the example above, the call to **creat** truncates the file, thus ensuring the resulting file will have the right size. Without truncation, the updated file might be as big as the original, even if information were deleted. The library truncates the file, if it can, with **ftruncate** (see the **truncate** subroutine). Some systems, however, do not support **ftruncate**, and the call to **creat** protects against this.

Notice that both file creation examples open the file with write and read permissions. On systems that support **mmap**, the library uses it to enhance performance, and **mmap** requires a readable file descriptor. Although the library can use a write-only file descriptor, the application will not obtain the performance advantages of **mmap**.

Related Information

The **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **elf_cntl** (“elf_cntl Subroutine”) subroutine, **elf_end** (“elf_end Subroutine” on page 170) subroutine, **elf_getarhdr** (“elf_getarhdr Subroutine” on page 174) subroutine, **elf_getbase** (“elf_getbase Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf64_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf32_getphdr** (“elf32_getphdr, elf32_newphdr, elf64_getphdr, elf64_newphdr Subroutine” on page 162) subroutine, **elf32_getphdr** (“elf32_getphdr, elf32_newphdr, elf64_getphdr, elf64_newphdr Subroutine” on page 162) subroutine, **elf_getscn** (“elf_getscn, elf_ndxscn, elf_newscn, elf_nextscn Subroutine” on page 180) subroutine, **elf_kind** (“elf_kind Subroutine” on page 182) subroutine, **elf_next** (“elf_next Subroutine” on page 183) subroutine, **elf_rand** (“elf_rand Subroutine” on page 184) subroutine, **elf_rawfile** (“elf_rawfile Subroutine” on page 184) subroutine, **elf_update** (“elf_update Subroutine” on page 186) subroutine, **elf_version** (“elf_version Subroutine” on page 189) subroutine, **lseek** (“lseek, llseek or lseek64 Subroutine” on page 515) subroutine, **mmap** (“mmap or mmap64 Subroutine” on page 562) subroutine, **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **truncate** subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157,

elf_cntl Subroutine

Purpose

Control a file descriptor

Library

```

cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...
#include <libelf.h>

```

Syntax

```
int elf_cntl(Elf * elf, Elf_Cmd cmd);
```

Description

elf_cntl instructs the library to modify its behavior with respect to an ELF descriptor, *elf*. Just as with **elf_begin**, an ELF descriptor can have multiple activations, and multiple ELF descriptors may share a single file descriptor. Generally, **elf_cntl** commands apply to all activations of *elf*. Moreover, if the ELF descriptor is associated with an archive file, descriptors for members within the archive will also be affected as described below. Unless stated otherwise, operations on archive members do not affect the descriptor for the containing archive.

If the program wishes to use the raw operations [see the **elf_rawdata** and **elf_rawfile** subroutines] after disabling the file descriptor with **ELF_C_FDDONE** or **ELF_C_FDREAD**, it must execute the raw operations explicitly beforehand. Otherwise, the raw file operations will fail. Calling **elf_rawfile** makes the entire image available, thus supporting subsequent **elf_rawdata** calls.

Parameters

cmd Specifies the action to take and can be set to any of the following values.

ELF_C_FDDONE

Specifies to the library not to use the file descriptor associated with *elf*. A program should use this command when it has requested all the information it cares to use and wishes to avoid the overhead of reading the rest of the file. The memory for all completed operations remains valid, but later file operations, such as the initial **elf_getdata** for a section, will fail if the data is not in memory already.

ELF_C_FDREAD

Specifies to the library not to use the file descriptor associated with *elf*, but in addition it also forces the library to read the rest of the file. A program should use this command when it must close the file descriptor but has not yet read everything it needs from the file. After **elf_cntl** completes the **ELF_C_FDREAD** command, future operations, such as **elf_getdata**, will use the memory version of the file without needing to use the file descriptor.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **elf_cntl** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global value is set to indicate an error.

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf_rawfile** (“elf_rawfile Subroutine” on page 184) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_end Subroutine

Purpose

Finish using an object file

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
int elf_end(Elf * elf);
```

Description

A program uses **elf_end** to terminate an ELF descriptor, *elf*, and to deallocate data associated with the descriptor. Until the program terminates a descriptor, the data remain allocated.

Parameters

elf should be a value previously returned by **elf_begin**; a null pointer is allowed as an argument, to simplify error handling. If the program wishes to write data associated with the ELF descriptor to the file, it must use **elf_update** before calling **elf_end**.

Return Values

As described for the **elf_begin** subroutine, a descriptor can have more than one activation. Calling **elf_end** removes one activation and returns the remaining activation count. The library does not terminate the descriptor until the activation count reaches zero. Consequently, a zero return value indicates the ELF descriptor is no longer valid.

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_update** (“elf_update Subroutine” on page 186) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_errmsg, elf_errno Subroutine

Purpose

Error handling

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
const char *elf_errmsg(int err);  
int elf_errno(void);
```

Description

If an ELF library function fails, a program may call **elf_errno** to retrieve the library’s internal error number. As a side effect, this function resets the internal error number to zero, which indicates no error.

Parameters

err

specifies the error number to **elf_errmsg** for which a null-terminated error message (with no trailing new-line) should be returned. If *err* is set to zero the most recent error message is returned.

Return Values

If no error has occurred, the return value is a null pointer (not a pointer to the null string). Using *err* of -1 also retrieves the most recent error, except it guarantees a non-null return value, even when no error has occurred. If no message is available for the given number, **elf_errmsg** returns a pointer to an appropriate message. This function does not have the side effect of clearing the internal error number.

Examples

The following code fragment clears the internal error number and checks it later for errors. Providing no error occurs after the first call to **elf_errno**, the next call will return zero.

```
(void)elf_errno();
while (more_to_do)
{
    /* processing ... */
    if ((err = elf_errno()) != 0)
    {
        msg = elf_errmsg(err);
        /* print msg */
    }
}
```

Related Information

The **elf_version** (“elf_version Subroutine” on page 189) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_fill Subroutine

Purpose

Set fill byte

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
void elf_fill(int fill);
```

Description

Alignment constraints for ELF files sometimes require the presence of “holes”. For example, if the data for one section are required to begin on an eight-byte boundary, but the preceding section is too “short”, the library must fill the intervening bytes. These bytes are set to the *fill* character. The library uses zero bytes unless the application supplies a value. See the **elf_getdata** subroutine for more information about these holes.

An application can assume control of the object file organization by setting the **ELF_F_LAYOUT** bit [see the **elf_flagdata** subroutine]. When this is done, the library does not fill holes.

Related Information

The **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf_flagdata** (“elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagscn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine” on page 173) subroutine, **elf_update** (“elf_update Subroutine” on page 186) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagscn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine

Purpose

Manipulate flags

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Description

Syntax

```
unsigned elf_flagdata(elf_Data * data, elf_Cmd cmd, unsigned flags);  
unsigned elf_flagehdr(Elf * elf, elf_Cmd cmd, unsigned flags);  
unsigned elf_flagelf(Elf * elf, elf_Cmd cmd, unsigned flags);  
unsigned elf_flagphdr(Elf * elf, elf_Cmd cmd, unsigned flags);  
unsigned elf_flagscn(elf_Scn * scn, elf_Cmd cmd, unsigned flags);  
unsigned elf_flagshdr(elf_Scn * scn, elf_Cmd cmd, unsigned flags);
```

Description

These functions manipulate the flags associated with various structures of an ELF file. Given an ELF descriptor *elf*, a data descriptor *data*, or a section descriptor *scn*, the functions may set or clear the associated status bits, returning the updated bits. A null descriptor is allowed, to simplify error handling; all functions return zero for this degenerate case.

Parameters

cmd Specifies the bit action to perform on *flags*.

ELF_C_CLR

Clears the bits are asserted in *flags*. Only non-zero bits in *flags* are cleared; zero bits do not change the status of the descriptor.

ELF_C_SET

Sets the bits that are asserted in *flags*. Only the non-zero bits in *flags* are set; zero bits do not change the status of the descriptor.

flags Can be set to any of the below.

ELF_F_DIRTY

Asserts that information added by a program to an ELF file must be written to the file. For example, a program that wished to update the ELF header of an existing file would call **elf_flagehdr** with this bit set in *flags* and *cmd* equal to **ELF_C_SET**. A later call to **elf_update** would write the marked header to the file.

ELF_F_LAYOUT

Normally, the library decides how to arrange an output file. That is, it automatically decides where to place sections, how to align them in the file, etc. If this bit is set for an ELF descriptor, the program assumes responsibility for determining all file positions. This bit is meaningful only for **elf_flagelf** and applies to the entire file associated with the descriptor.

When a flag bit is set for an item, it affects all the sub-items as well. Thus, for example, if the program sets the **ELF_F_DIRTY** bit with **elf_flagelf**, the entire logical file is dirty.

Examples

The following code fragment shows how to mark the ELF header is it is written to the output file.

```
ehdr = elf32_getehdr(elf);
/* dirty ehdr...*/
elf_flagehdr(elf, ELF_C_SET, ELF_F_DIRTY);
```

Related Information

The **elf_end** subroutine, **elf_getdata** subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** subroutine, **elf64_getehdr** subroutine, **elf_update** subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_getarhdr Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieve archive member header

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
elf_Arhdr *elf_getarhdr(Elf * elf);
```

Description

elf_getarhdr returns a pointer to an archive member header, if one is available for the ELF descriptor *elf*. Otherwise, no archive member header exists, an error occurred, or *elf* was null; **elf_getarhdr** then returns a null value. The header includes the following members.

char	*ar_name;
time_t	ar_date;
long	ar_uid;
long	ar_gid;
unsigned long	ar_mode;
off_t	ar_size;
char	*ar_rawname;

An archive member name, available through *ar_name*, is a null-terminated string, with the **ar** format control characters removed. The *ar_rawname* member holds a null-terminated string that represents the original name bytes in the file, including the terminating slash and trailing blanks as specified in the archive format.

In addition to regular archive members, the archive format defines some special members. All special member names begin with a slash (/), distinguishing them from regular members (whose names may not contain a slash). These special members have the names (*ar_name*) defined below.

- This is the archive symbol table. If present, it will be the first archive member. A program may access the archive symbol table through **elf_getarsym**. The information in the symbol table is useful for random archive processing [see the **elf_rand** subroutine].
- This member, if present, holds a string table for long archive member names. An archive member's header contains a 16-byte area for the name, which may be exceeded in some file systems. The library automatically retrieves long member names from the string table, setting *ar_name* to the appropriate value.

Under some error conditions, a member's name might not be available. Although this causes the library to set *ar_name* to a null pointer, the *ar_rawname* member will be set as usual.

Related Information

The **ar** file format.

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_getarsym** (“elf_getarsym Subroutine”) subroutine, **elf_rand** (“elf_rand Subroutine” on page 184) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_getarsym Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieve archive symbol table

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
elf_Arsym *elf_getarsym(Elf * elf, size_t * ptr);
```

Description

elf_getarsym returns a pointer to the archive symbol table, if one is available for the ELF descriptor *elf*. Otherwise, the archive does not have a symbol table, an error occurred, or *elf* was null; **elf_getarsym** then returns a null value. The symbol table is an array of structures that include the following members.

```
char          *as_name;  
size_t       as_off;  
unsigned long as_hash;
```

These members have the following semantics.

as_name	A pointer to a null-terminated symbol name resides here.
as_off	This value is a byte offset from the beginning of the archive to the member’s header. The archive member residing at the given offset defines the associated symbol. Values in as_off may be passed as arguments to elf_rand to access the desired archive member.
as_hash	This is a hash value for the name, as computed by elf_hash .

If *ptr* is non-null, the library stores the number of table entries in the location to which *ptr* points. This value is set to zero when the return value is null. The tables last entry, which is included in the count, has a null as_name, a zero value for as_off, and 0UL for as_hash.

Related Information

The **ar** file format.

The **elf_getarhdr** (“elf_getarhdr Subroutine” on page 174) subroutine, **elf_hash** (“elf_hash Subroutine” on page 181) subroutine, **elf_rand** (“elf_rand Subroutine” on page 184) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_getbase Subroutine

Purpose

Get the base offset for an object file

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
off_t elf_getbase(Elf * elf);
```

Description

elf_getbase returns the file offset of the first byte of the file or archive member associated with *elf*, if it is known or obtainable, and -1 otherwise. A null *elf* is allowed, to simplify error handling; the return value in this case is -1. The base offset of an archive member is the beginning of the member's information, not the beginning of the archive member header.

Related Information

The **ar** file format.

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine

Purpose

Get section data

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf_Data *elf_getdata(Elf_Scn * scn, Elf_Data * data);  
Elf_Data *elf_newdata(Elf_Scn * scn);  
Elf_Data *elf_rawdata(Elf_Scn * scn, Elf_Data * data);
```

Description

These functions access and manipulate the data associated with a section descriptor, *scn*. When reading an existing file, a section will have a single data buffer associated with it. A program may build a new section in pieces, however, composing the new data from multiple data buffers. For this reason, the data for a section should be viewed as a list of buffers, each of which is available through a data descriptor.

Parameters

elf_getdata lets a program step through a sections data list. If the incoming data descriptor, *data*, is null, the function returns the first buffer associated with the section. Otherwise, *data* should be a data descriptor associated with *scn*, and the function gives the program access to the next data element for the section. If *scn* is null or an error occurs, **elf_getdata** returns a null pointer.

elf_getdata translates the data from file representations into memory representations [see the **elf32_xlatetof** and **elf32_xlatetom** subroutines] and presents objects with memory data types to the program, based on the file's *class* [see **Introduction to elf Subroutines**]. The working library version [see the **elf_version** subroutine] specifies what version of the memory structures the program wishes **elf_getdata** to present.

elf_newdata creates a new data descriptor for a section, appending it to any data elements already associated with the section. As described below, the new data descriptor appears empty, indicating the element holds no data. For convenience, the descriptor's type (**d_type** below) is set to **ELF_T_BYTE**, and the version (**d_version** below) is set to the working version. The program is responsible for setting (or changing) the descriptor members as needed. This function implicitly sets the **ELF_F_DIRTY** bit for the sections data [see the **elf_flagdata** subroutine]. If *scn* is null or an error occurs, **elf_newdata** returns a null pointer.

elf_rawdata differs from **elf_getdata** by returning only uninterpreted bytes, regardless of the section type. This function typically should be used only to retrieve a section image from a file being read, and then only when a program must avoid the automatic data translation described below. Moreover, a program may not close or disable [see the **elf_cntl** subroutine] the file descriptor associated with *elf* before the initial raw operation, because **elf_rawdata** might read the data from the file to ensure it doesn't interfere with **elf_getdata**. See the **elf_rawfile** subroutine for a related facility that applies to the entire file. When **elf_getdata** provides the right translation, its use is recommended over **elf_rawdata**. If *scn* is null or an error occurs, **elf_rawdata** returns a null pointer.

The **Elf_Data** structure includes the following members.

```
void          *d_buf;
Elf_Type      d_type;
size_t        d_size;
off_t         d_off;
size_t        d_align;
unsigned      d_version;
```

These members are available for direct manipulation by the program. Descriptions appear below.

d_buf	A pointer to the data buffer resides here. A data element with no data has a null pointer.
d_type	This member's value specifies the type of the data to which d_buf points. A sections type determines how to interpret the section contents, as summarized below.
d_size	This member holds the total size, in bytes, of the memory occupied by the data. This may differ from the size as represented in the file. The size will be zero if no data exist. [See the discussion of SHT_NOBITS below for more information.]
d_off	This member gives the offset, within the section, at which the buffer resides. This offset is relative to the file's section, not the memory object's.
d_align	This member holds the buffer's required alignment, from the beginning of the section. That is, d_off will be a multiple of this member's value. For example, if this member's value is four, the beginning of the buffer will be four-byte aligned within the section. Moreover, the entire section will be aligned to the maximum of its constituents, thus ensuring appropriate alignment for a buffer within the section and within the file.
d_version	This member holds the version number of the objects in the buffer. When the library originally read the data from the object file, it used the working version to control the translation to memory objects.

Data Alignment

As mentioned above, data buffers within a section have explicit alignment constraints. Consequently, adjacent buffers sometimes will not abut, causing holes within a section. Programs that create output files have two ways of dealing with these holes.

First, the program can use `elf_fill` to tell the library how to set the intervening bytes. When the library must generate gaps in the file, it uses the fill byte to initialize the data there. The library's initial fill value is zero, and `elf_fill` lets the application change that.

Second, the application can generate its own data buffers to occupy the gaps, filling the gaps with values appropriate for the section being created. A program might even use different fill values for different sections. For example, it could set text sections' bytes to no-operation instructions, while filling data section holes with zero. Using this technique, the library finds no holes to fill, because the application eliminated them.

Section and Memory Types

`elf_getdata` interprets sections' data according to the section type, as noted in the section header available through `elf_getshdr`. The following table shows the section types and how the library represents them with memory data types for the 32-bit and 64-bit file classes. Other classes would have similar tables. By implication, the memory data types control translation by `elf32_xlatetof`, `elf32_xlatetom`, `elf64_xlatetof` and `elf64_xlatetom`.

Section Type	Elf_Type	32-Bit Type	64-Bit Type
SHT_DYNAMIC	ELF_T_DYN	Elf32_Dyn	Elf64_Dyn
SHT_DYNSYM	ELF_T_SYM	Elf32_Sym	Elf64_Sym
SHT_HASH	ELF_T_WORD	Elf32_Word	Elf64_Word
SHT_NOBITS	ELF_T_BYTE	unsigned char	unsigned char
SHT_NOTE	ELF_T_BYTE	unsigned char	unsigned char
SHT_NULL	none	none	none
SHT_PROGBITS	ELF_T_BYTE	unsigned char	unsigned char
SHT_REL	ELF_T_REL	Elf32_Rel	Elf64_Rel
SHT_RELA	ELF_T_RELA	Elf32_Rela	Elf64_Rela
SHT_STRTAB	ELF_T_BYTE	unsigned char	unsigned char
SHT_SYMTAB	ELF_T_SYM	Elf32_Sym	Elf64_Sym
other	ELF_T_BYTE	unsigned char	unsigned char

`elf_rawdata` creates a buffer with type `ELF_T_BYTE`.

As mentioned above, the program's working version controls what structures the library creates for the application. The library similarly interprets section types according to the versions. If a section type belongs to a version newer than the application's working version, the library does not translate the section data. Because the application cannot know the data format in this case, the library presents an untranslated buffer of type `ELF_T_BYTE`, just as it would for an unrecognized section type.

A section with a special type, `SHT_NOBITS`, occupies no space in an object file, even when the section header indicates a non-zero size. `elf_getdata` and `elf_rawdata` work on such a section, setting the `data` structure to have a null buffer pointer and the type indicated above. Although no data is present, the `d_size` value is set to the size from the section header. When a program is creating a new section of type `SHT_NOBITS`, it should use `elf_newdata` to add data buffers to the section. These empty data buffers should have the `d_size` members set to the desired size and the `d_buf` members set to null.

Examples

The following fragment obtains the string table that holds section names (ignoring error checking). See the `elf_strptr` subroutine for a variation of string table handling.

```
ehdr = elf32_getehdr(elf);
scn = elf_getscn(elf, (size_t)ehdr->e_shstrndx);
shdr = elf32_getshdr(scn);
if (shdr->sh_type != SHT_STRTAB)
{
    /* not a string table */
}
```

```

data = 0;
if ((data = elf_getdata(scnc, data)) == 0 || data->d_size == 0)
{
    /* error or no data */
}

```

The `e_shstrndx` member in an ELF header holds the section table index of the string table. The program gets a section descriptor for that section, verifies it is a string table, and then retrieves the data. When this fragment finishes, `data->d_buf` points at the first byte of the string table, and `data->d_size` holds the string tables size in bytes.

Related Information

The **elf_cnl** (“elf_cnl Subroutine” on page 169) subroutine, **elf_fill** (“elf_fill Subroutine” on page 172) subroutine, **elf_flagdata** (“elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagscn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine” on page 173) subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf_getscn** (“elf_getscn, elf_ndxscn, elf_newscn, elf_nextscn Subroutine” on page 180) subroutine, **elf32_getshdr** (“elf32_getshdr, elf64_getshdr Subroutine” on page 164) subroutine, **elf_rawfile** (“elf_rawfile Subroutine” on page 184) subroutine, **elf_strptr** (“elf_strptr Subroutine” on page 185) subroutine, **elf_version** (“elf_version Subroutine” on page 189) subroutine, **elf32_xlatetof** (“elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine” on page 165) subroutine, **elf32_xlatetom** (“elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine” on page 165) subroutine, **elf64_xlatetof** (“elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine” on page 165) subroutine, **elf64_xlatetom** (“elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine” on page 165) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_getident Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieve file identification data

Library

```

cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...
#include <libelf.h>

```

Syntax

```

char *elf_getident(Elf * elf, size_t * ptr);

```

Description

As the **Introduction to elf subroutines** explains, ELF provides a framework for various classes of files, where basic objects may have 32 bits, 64 bits, and so forth. To accommodate these differences, without forcing the larger sizes on smaller machines, the initial bytes in an ELF file hold identification information common to all file classes. Every ELF header `e_ident` has **EI_NIDENT** bytes with the following interpretation.

e_ident Index	Value	Purpose
EI_MAG0	ELFMAG0	File identification
EI_MAG1	ELFMAG1	
EI_MAG2	ELFMAG2	
EI_MAG3	ELFMAG3	
EI_CLASS	ELFCLASSNONE	File class
	ELFCLASS32	

e_ident Index	Value	Purpose
EI_DATA	ELFCLASS64 ELFDATANONE ELFDATA2LSB ELFDATA2MSB	Data encoding
EI_VERSION	EV_CURRENT	File version
EI_OSABI	ELFOSABI_NONE	Vendor extension identification
EI_OSABIVERSION	0	Vendor extension version
9-15	0	Unused, set to zero

Other kinds of files [see the **elf_kind** subroutine] also may have identification data, though they would not conform to **e_ident**.

elf_getident returns a pointer to the file's initial bytes. If the library recognizes the file, a conversion from the file image to the memory image may occur. In any case, the identification bytes are guaranteed not to have been modified, though the size of the unmodified area depends on the file type. If *ptr* is non-null, the library stores the number of identification bytes in the location to which *ptr* points. If no data is present, *elf* is null, or an error occurs, the return value is a null pointer, with zero optionally stored through *ptr*.

Related Information

The **elf_begin** ("elf_begin Subroutine" on page 166) subroutine, **elf_kind** ("elf_kind Subroutine" on page 182) subroutine, **elf_rawfile** ("elf_rawfile Subroutine" on page 184) subroutine.

"Introduction to ELF Subroutines" on page 157.

elf_getscn, elf_ndxscn, elf_newscn, elf_nextscn Subroutine

Purpose

Get section information

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf_Scn *elf_getscn(Elf * elf, size_t index);
size_t elf_ndxscn(Elf_Scn * scn);
Elf_Scn *elf_newscn(Elf * elf);
Elf_Scn *elf_nextscn(Elf * elf, Elf_Scn * scn);
```

Description

These functions provide indexed and sequential access to the sections associated with the ELF descriptor *elf*. If the program is building a new file, it is responsible for creating the file's ELF header before creating sections; see the **elf32_getehdr** and **elf64_getehdr** subroutines.

elf_getscn returns a section descriptor, given an *index* into the file's section header table (the first real section has index 1). Although a program can get a section descriptor for the section whose *index* is 0 (**SHN_UNDEF**, the undefined section), the section has no data and the section header is empty (though present).

elf_newscn creates a new section and appends it to the list for *elf*. Because the **SHN_UNDEF** section is required and not interesting to applications, the library creates it automatically. Thus the first call to **elf_newscn** for an ELF descriptor with no existing sections returns a descriptor for section 1.

After creating a new section descriptor, the program can use **elf32_getshdr** to retrieve the newly created, clean section header. The new section descriptor will have no associated data [see the **elf_getdata** subroutine]. When creating a new section in this way, the library updates the *e_shnum* member of the ELF header and sets the **ELF_F_DIRTY** bit for the section [see the **elf_flagdata** subroutine]. If the program is building a new file, it is responsible for creating the file's ELF header [see the **elf32_getehdr** and **elf64_getehdr** subroutines] before creating new sections.

elf_nextscn takes an existing section descriptor, *scn*, and returns a section descriptor for the next higher section. One may use a null *scn* to obtain a section descriptor for the section whose index is 1 (skipping the section whose index is **SHN_UNDEF**).

elf_ndxscn takes an existing section descriptor, *scn*, and returns its section table index.

Return Values

If the specified section does not exist, an error occurs, or *elf* is null, **elf_getscn** returns a null pointer.

If an error occurs or *elf* is null, **elf_newscn** returns a null pointer.

If no further sections are present or an error occurs, **elf_nextscn** returns a null pointer.

If *scn* is null or an error occurs, **elf_ndxscn** returns **SHN_UNDEF**.

Examples

An example of sequential access is shown below. Each pass through the loop processes the next section in the file; the loop terminates when all sections have been processed.

```
scn = 0;
while ((scn = elf_nextscn(elf, scn)) != 0)
{
    /* process section */
}
```

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_flagdata** (“elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagscn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine” on page 173) subroutine, **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf64_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf32_getshdr** (“elf32_getshdr, elf64_getshdr Subroutine” on page 164) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_hash Subroutine

Purpose

Compute hash value

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
unsigned long elf_hash(const char * name);
```

Description

elf_hash computes a hash value, given a null terminated string, *name*. The returned hash value, *h*, can be used as a bucket index, typically after computing $h \bmod x$ to ensure appropriate bounds.

Hash tables may be built on one machine and used on another because **elf_hash** uses unsigned arithmetic to avoid possible differences in various machines' signed arithmetic. Although *name* is shown as `char*` above, **elf_hash** treats it as `unsigned char*` to avoid sign extension differences. Using `char*` eliminates type conflicts with expressions such as `elf_hash("name")`.

ELF files' symbol hash tables are computed using this function [see the **elf_getdata** and **elf32_xlatetof** subroutines]. The hash value returned is guaranteed not to be the bit pattern of all ones (`~0UL`).

Related Information

The **elf_getdata** ("elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine" on page 176) subroutine, **elf32_xlatetof** ("elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine" on page 165) subroutine.

"Introduction to ELF Subroutines" on page 157.

elf_kind Subroutine

Purpose

Determine file type

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf_Kind elf_kind(Elf * elf);
```

Description

This function returns a value identifying the kind of file associated with an ELF descriptor *elf*. The currently defined values are shown below.

ELF_K_AR	The file is an archive [see the ar file format]. An ELF descriptor may also be associated with an archive <i>member</i> , not the archive itself, and then elf_kind identifies the member's type.
ELF_K_COFF	The file is a COFF object file. elf_begin describes the library's handling for COFF files.
ELF_K_ELF	The file is an ELF file. The program may use elf_getident to determine the class. Other functions, such as elf32_getehdr and elf64_getehdr , are available to retrieve other file information.
ELF_K_NONE	This indicates a kind of file unknown to the library.

Other values are reserved, to be assigned as needed to new kinds of files. *elf* should be a value previously returned by **elf_begin**. A null pointer is allowed, to simplify error handling, and causes **elf_kind** to return **ELF_K_NONE**.

Parameters

elf An ELF descriptor previously returned from **elf_begin**.

Related Information

The **ar** file format.

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf64_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf_getident** (“elf_getident Subroutine” on page 179) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_next Subroutine

Purpose

Sequential archive member access

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
Elf_Cmd elf_next(Elf * elf);
```

Description

elf_next, **elf_rand**, and **elf_begin** manipulate simple object files and archives.

elf_next provides sequential access to the next archive member. That is, having an ELF descriptor, *elf*, associated with an archive member, **elf_next** prepares the containing archive to access the following member when the program calls **elf_begin**.

Parameters

elf an ELF descriptor previously returned from **elf_begin**.

Return Values

After successfully positioning an archive for the next member, **elf_next** returns the value **ELF_C_READ**. Otherwise, the open file was not an archive, *elf* was null, or an error occurred, and the return value is **ELF_C_NULL**. In either case, the return value can be passed as an argument to **elf_begin**, specifying the appropriate action.

Related Information

The **ar** file format.

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_getarsym** (“elf_getarsym Subroutine” on page 175) subroutine, **elf_rand** (“elf_rand Subroutine” on page 184) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_rand Subroutine

Purpose

Random archive member access

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
size_t elf_rand(Elf * elf, size_t offset);
```

Description

elf_rand, **elf_next**, and **elf_begin** manipulate simple object files and archives. *elf* is an ELF descriptor previously returned from **elf_begin**.

Parameters

elf_rand provides random archive processing, preparing *elf* to access an arbitrary archive member. *elf* must be a descriptor for the archive itself, not a member within the archive. *offset* gives the byte offset from the beginning of the archive to the archive header of the desired member. See the **elf_getarsym** subroutine for more information about archive member offsets. When **elf_rand** works, it returns *offset*. Otherwise it returns 0, because an error occurred, *elf* was null, or the file was not an archive (no archive member can have a zero offset). A program may mix random and sequential archive processing.

Examples

An archive starts with a magic string that has **SARMAG** bytes; the initial archive member follows immediately. An application could provide the following function to rewind an archive (the function returns -1 for errors and 0 otherwise).

```
#include <ar.h>  
#include <libelf.h>  
  
int  
rewindelf(Elf *elf)  
{  
    if (elf_rand(elf, (size_t)SARMAG) == SARMAG)  
        return 0;  
    return -1;  
}
```

Related Information

The **ar** file format.

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_getarsym** (“elf_getarsym Subroutine” on page 175) subroutine, **elf_next** (“elf_next Subroutine” on page 183) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_rawfile Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieve uninterpreted file contents

Library

cc [*flag...*] *file...* **-lelf** [*library*]...
#include <libelf.h>

Syntax

```
char *elf_rawfile(Elf * elf, size_t * ptr);
```

Description

elf_rawfile returns a pointer to an uninterpreted byte image of the file. This function should be used only to retrieve a file being read. For example, a program might use **elf_rawfile** to retrieve the bytes for an archive member.

A program that uses **elf_rawfile** and that also interprets the same file as an object file potentially has two copies of the bytes in memory. If such a program requests the raw image first, before it asks for translated information (through such functions as **elf32_getehdr**, **elf_getdata**, and so on), the library freezes its original memory copy for the raw image. It then uses this frozen copy as the source for creating translated objects, without reading the file again. Consequently, the application should view the raw file image returned by **elf_rawfile** as a read-only buffer, unless it wants to alter its own view of data subsequently translated. In any case, the application may alter the translated objects without changing bytes visible in the raw image.

Multiple calls to **elf_rawfile** with the same ELF descriptor return the same value; the library does not create duplicate copies of the file.

Parameters

A program may not close or disable [see the **elf_cntl** subroutine] the file descriptor associated with *elf* before the initial call to **elf_rawfile**, because **elf_rawfile** might have to read the data from the file if it does not already have the original bytes in memory. Generally, this function is more efficient for unknown file types than for object files. The library implicitly translates object files in memory, while it leaves unknown files unmodified. Thus asking for the uninterpreted image of an object file may create a duplicate copy in memory.

elf_rawdata [see the **elf_getdata** subroutine] is a related function, providing access to sections within a file.

If *ptr* is non-null, the library also stores the file's size, in bytes, in the location to which *ptr* points. If no data is present, *elf* is null, or an error occurs, the return value is a null pointer, with zero optionally stored through *ptr*.

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_cntl** (“elf_cntl Subroutine” on page 169) subroutine, **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf_getident** (“elf_getident Subroutine” on page 179) subroutine, **elf_kind** (“elf_kind Subroutine” on page 182) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_strptr Subroutine

Purpose

Make a string pointer

Library

cc [*flag...*] *file...* **-lelf** [*library*]...
#include <libelf.h>

Syntax

```
char *elf_strptr(Elf * elf, size_t section, size_t offset);
```

Description

This function converts a string section *offset* to a string pointer. *elf* identifies the file in which the string section resides, and *section* gives the section table index for the strings. **elf_strptr** normally returns a pointer to a string, but it returns a null pointer when *elf* is null, *section* is invalid or is not a section of type **SHT_STRTAB**, the section data cannot be obtained, *offset* is invalid, or an error occurs.

A program can call **elf_getdata** to retrieve an entire string table section. For some applications, that would be both more efficient and more convenient than using **elf_strptr**.

Examples

A prototype for retrieving section names appears below. The file header specifies the section name string table in the *e_shstrndx* member. The following code loops through the sections, printing their names.

```
if ((ehdr = elf32_getehdr(elf)) == 0)
{
    /* handle the error */
    return;
}
ndx = ehdr->e_shstrndx;
scn = 0;
while ((scn = elf_nextscn(elf, scn)) != 0)
{
    char *name = 0;
    if ((shdr = elf32_getshdr(scn)) != 0)
        name = elf_strptr(elf, ndx, (size_t)shdr->sh_name);
    printf("%s\n", name? name: "(null)");
}
```

Related Information

The **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine,
elf32_getshdr (“elf32_getshdr, elf64_getshdr Subroutine” on page 164) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_update Subroutine

Purpose

Update an ELF descriptor

Library

cc [*flag...*] *file...* **-lelf** [*library*]...
#include <libelf.h>

Syntax

```
off_t elf_update(Elf * elf, Elf_Cmd cmd);
```

Description

elf_update causes the library to examine the information associated with an ELF descriptor, *elf*, and to recalculate the structural data needed to generate the file's image.

The **ELF_C_WRITE** and **ELF_C_IMPURE_WRITE** (shown below) commands translate data as necessary, before writing them to the file. This translation is not always transparent to the application program. If a program has obtained pointers to data associated with a file [for example, see the **elf32_getehdr** and **elf_getdata** subroutines], the program should reestablish the pointers after calling **elf_update**.

As **elf_begin** describes, a program may update a COFF file to make the image consistent for ELF. (COFF is an object file format that preceded ELF on some computer architectures [Intel, for example]). When a program calls **elf_begin** on a COFF file, the library translates COFF structures to their ELF equivalents, allowing programs to read (but not to write) a COFF file as if it were ELF. This conversion happens only to the memory image and not to the file itself. The **ELF_C_NULL** command updates only the memory image; you can use the **ELF_C_WRITE** command to modify the file as well. Absolute executable files (*a.out* files) require special alignment, which cannot normally be preserved between COFF and ELF. Consequently, you cannot update an executable COFF file with the **ELF_C_WRITE** command (though **ELF_C_NULL** is allowed).

Parameters

cmd Specifies the action to take and can be set to any of the following values.

ELF_C_NULL

Specifies that various values must be recalculate, updating only the ELF descriptor's memory structures. Any modified structures are flagged with the **ELF_F_DIRTY** bit. A program thus can update the structural information and then reexamine them without changing the file associated with the ELF descriptor. Because this does not change the file, the ELF descriptor may allow reading, writing, or both reading and writing [see the **elf_begin** subroutine].

ELF_C_WRITE

Specifies the same as **ELF_C_NULL** but also writes any dirty information associated with the ELF descriptor to the file. That is, when a program has used **elf_getdata** or the **elf_flagdata** facilities to supply new (or update existing) information for an ELF descriptor, those data will be examined, coordinated, translated if necessary [see the **elf32_xlatetof** subroutine], and written to the file. When portions of the file are written, any **ELF_F_DIRTY** bits are reset, indicating those items no longer need to be written to the file [see the **elf_flagdata** subroutine]. The sections' data is written in the order of their section header entries, and the section header table is written to the end of the file.

When the ELF descriptor was created with **elf_begin**, it must have allowed writing the file. That is, the **elf_begin** command must have been either **ELF_C_RDWR** or **ELF_C_WRITE**.

ELF_C_IMPURE_WRITE

Attempts to write an image of the entire output file in memory either by allocating storage from the heap or by mapping an image of the output file. This allocation, and the **elf_update** call, can fail if there is insufficient memory to hold the entire file (or even the largest sections' data after translation). If **ELF_C_IMPURE_WRITE** is used instead, **elf_update** will, if necessary, perform in place the memory-to-file translation in an attempt to use the least amount of extra memory. Thus, **ELF_C_IMPURE_WRITE** should only be used when the data will not be examined after the call to **elf_update**.

When updating the internal structures, **elf_update** sets some members itself. Members listed below are the application's responsibility and retain the values given by the program.

	Member	Notes
ELF Header	<code>e_ident[EI_DATA]</code> <code>e_type</code> <code>e_machine</code> <code>e_version</code>	Library controls other <code>e_ident</code> values

	Member	Notes
	e_entry	
	e_phoff	Only when ELF_F_LAYOUT asserted
	e_shoff	Only when ELF_F_LAYOUT asserted
	e_flags	
	e_shstrndx	
	Member	Notes
Program Header	p_type	The application controls all
	p_offset	program header entries
	p_vaddr	
	p_paddr	
	p_filesz	
	p_memsz	
	p_flags	
	p_align	
	Member	Notes
Section Header	sh_name	
	sh_type	
	sh_flags	
	sh_addr	
	sh_offset	Only when ELF_F_LAYOUT asserted
	sh_size	Only when ELF_F_LAYOUT asserted
	sh_link	
	sh_info	
	sh_addralign	Only when ELF_F_LAYOUT asserted
	sh_entsize	
	Member	Notes
Data Descriptor	d_buf	
	d_type	
	d_size	
	d_off	Only when ELF_F_LAYOUT asserted
	d_align	
	d_version	

The program is responsible for two particularly important members (among others) in the ELF header. The `e_version` member controls the version of data structures written to the file. If the version is **EV_NONE**, the library uses its own internal version. The `e_ident[EI_DATA]` entry controls the data encoding used in the file. As a special case, the value may be **ELFDATANONE** to request the native data encoding for the host machine. An error occurs in this case if the native encoding does not match a file encoding known by the library.

Further note that the program is responsible for the `sh_entsize` section header member. Although the library sets it for sections with known types, it cannot reliably know the correct value for all sections. Consequently, the library relies on the program to provide the values for unknown section type. If the entry size is unknown or not applicable, the value should be set to zero.

When deciding how to build the output file, `elf_update` obeys the alignments of individual data buffers to create output sections. A sections most strictly aligned data buffer controls the sections alignment. The library also inserts padding between buffers, as necessary, to ensure the proper alignment of each buffer.

Return Values

If **elf_update** succeeds, it returns the total size of the file image (not the memory image), in bytes. Otherwise an error occurred, and the function returns -1.

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf_flagdata** (“elf_flagdata, elf_flagehdr, elf_flagelf, elf_flagphdr, elf_flagscn, elf_flagshdr Subroutine” on page 173) subroutine, **elf32_fsize** (“elf32_fsize, elf64_fsize Subroutine” on page 160) subroutine, **elf_getdata** (“elf_getdata, elf_newdata, elf_rawdata Subroutine” on page 176) subroutine, **elf32_getehdr** (“elf32_getehdr, elf32_newehdr, elf64_getehdr, elf64_newehdr Subroutine” on page 161) subroutine, **elf32_getshdr** (“elf32_getshdr, elf64_getshdr Subroutine” on page 164) subroutine, **elf32_xlatetof** (“elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine” on page 165) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

elf_version Subroutine

Purpose

Coordinate ELF library and application versions

Library

```
cc [flag...] file... -lelf [library]...  
#include <libelf.h>
```

Syntax

```
unsigned elf_version(unsigned ver);
```

Description

As the “Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157 explains, the program, the library, and an object file have independent notions of the latest ELF version. **elf_version** lets a program determine the ELF library’s internal version. It further lets the program specify what memory types it uses by giving its own working version, *ver*, to the library. Every program that uses the ELF library must coordinate versions as described below.

The header file *libelf.h* supplies the version to the program with the macro **EV_CURRENT**. If the library’s internal version (the highest version known to the library) is lower than that known by the program itself, the library may lack semantic knowledge assumed by the program. Accordingly, **elf_version** will not accept a working version unknown to the library.

The working version should be the same for all operations on a particular elf descriptor. Changing the version between operations on a descriptor will probably not give the expected results.

Parameters

Passing *ver* equal to **EV_NONE** causes **elf_version** to return the library’s internal version, without altering the working version. If *ver* is a version known to the library, **elf_version** returns the previous (or initial) working version number. Otherwise, the working version remains unchanged and **elf_version** returns **EV_NONE**.

Examples

The following excerpt from an application program protects itself from using an older library.

```

if (elf_version(EV_CURRENT) == EV_NONE)
{
/* library out of date */
/* recover from error */
}

```

Related Information

The **elf_begin** (“elf_begin Subroutine” on page 166) subroutine, **elf32_xlatetof** (“elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine” on page 165) subroutine, **elf64_xlatetof** (“elf32_xlatetof, elf32_xlatetom, elf64_xlatetof, elf64_xlatetom Subroutine” on page 165) subroutine.

“Introduction to ELF Subroutines” on page 157.

erf, erfl, erfc, or erfc1 Subroutine

Purpose

Computes the error and complementary error functions.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double erf ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
long double erfl ( x )
```

```
long double x;
```

```
double erfc ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
long double erfc1 ( x )
```

```
long double x;
```

Description

The **erf** and **erfl** subroutines return the error function of the *x* parameter, defined for the **erf** subroutine as the following:

$$\text{erf}(x) = (2/\sqrt{\pi}) * (\text{integral } [0 \text{ to } x] \text{ of } \exp(-t^2)) \text{ dt}$$

$$\text{erfc}(x) = 1.0 - \text{erf}(x)$$

The **erfc** and **erfc1** subroutines are provided because of the extreme loss of relative accuracy if $\text{erf}(x)$ is called for large values of the *x* parameter and the result is subtracted from 1. For example, 12 decimal places are lost when calculating $(1.0 - \text{erf}(5))$.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. To compile the **erf.c** file, for example, enter:

```
cc erf.c -lm
```

Parameters

x Specifies a double-precision floating-point value.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exp**, **expm1**, **log**, **log10**, **log1p**, or **pow** (“exp, expl, expm1, log, logl, log10, log10l, log1p, pow, or powl Subroutine” on page 202) subroutine, **sqrt** or **cbrt** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

128-Bit long double Floating-Point Format in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

errlog Subroutine

Purpose

Logs an application error to the system error log.

Library

Run-Time Services Library (**librts.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/errids.h>
int errlog ( ErrorStructure, Length)
void *ErrorStructure;
unsigned int Length;
```

Description

The **errlog** subroutine writes an error log entry to the **/dev/error** file. The **errlog** subroutine is used by application programs.

The transfer from the **err_rec** structure to the error log is by a **write** subroutine to the **/dev/error** special file.

The **errdemon** process reads from the **/dev/error** file and writes the error log entry to the system error log. The timestamp, machine ID, node ID, and Software Vital Product Data associated with the resource name (if any) are added to the entry before going to the log.

Parameters

ErrorStructure

Points to an error record structure containing an error record. Valid error record structures are typed in the `/usr/include/sys/err_rec.h` file. The two error record structures available are `err_rec` and `err_rec0`. The `err_rec` structure is used when the `detail_data` field is required. When the `detail_data` field is not required, the `err_rec0` structure is used.

```
struct err_rec0 {
    unsigned int error_id;
    char resource_name[ERR_NAMESIZE];
};
struct err_rec {
    unsigned int error_id;
    char resource_name[ERR_NAMESIZE];
    char detail_data[1];
};
```

The fields of the structures `err_rec` and `err_rec0` are:

error_id

Specifies an index for the system error template database, and is assigned by the `errupdate` command when adding an error template. Use the `errupdate` command with the `-h` flag to get a `#define` statement for this 8-digit hexadecimal index.

resource_name

Specifies the name of the resource that has detected the error. For software errors, this is the name of a software component or an executable program. For hardware errors, this is the name of a device or system component. It does not indicate that the component is faulty or needs replacement instead, it is used to determine the appropriate diagnostic modules to be used to analyze the error.

detail_data

Specifies an array from 0 to `ERR_REC_MAX` bytes of user-supplied data. This data may be displayed by the `errpt` command in hexadecimal, alphanumeric, or binary form, according to the `data_encoding` fields in the error log template for this `error_id` field.

Length

Specifies the length in bytes of the `err_rec` structure, which is equal to the size of the `error_id` and `resource_name` fields plus the length in bytes of the `detail_data` field.

Return Values

- 0 The entry was logged successfully.
- 1 The entry was not logged.

Implementation Specifics

The `errlog` subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

<code>/dev/error</code>	Provides standard device driver interfaces required by the error log component.
<code>/usr/include/sys/errids.h</code>	Contains definitions for error IDs.
<code>/usr/include/sys/err_rec.h</code>	Contains structures defined as arguments to the <code>errsave</code> kernel service and the <code>errlog</code> subroutine.
<code>/var/adm/ras/errlog</code>	Maintains the system error log.

Related Information

The **errclear** command, **errdead** command, **errinstall** command, **errlogger** command, **errmsg** command, **errpt** command, **errstop** command, **errupdate** command.

The **/dev/error** special file.

The **errdemon** daemon.

The **errsave** kernel service.

Error Logging Overview in *Messages Guide and Reference*.

exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine

Purpose

Executes a file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
extern
```

```
char **environ;
```

```
int execl (  
    Path,  
    Argument0 [, Argument1, ...], 0)  
const char *Path, *Argument0, *Argument  
1, ...;
```

```
int execl (  
    Path,  
    Argument0 [, Argument1, ...], 0,  
  
    EnvironmentPointer)  
const  
char *Path, *Argument0, *Argum  
ent  
1, ...;  
char *const EnvironmentPointer[ ];
```

```
int execlp (  
    File,  
    Argument0 [, Argument1  
, ...], 0)  
const char *File, *Argument0, *Argument  
1, ...;
```

```
int execv (  
    Path,
```

```

    ArgumentV)
const char *Path;
char *const ArgumentV[ ];

int execve (
    Path,
    ArgumentV,

    EnvironmentPointer)
const char *Path;
char
*const ArgumentV[ ], *EnvironmentPointer
[ ];

int execvp (
    File,
    ArgumentV)
const char *File;
char *const ArgumentV[ ];

int exec (
    Path,
    ArgumentV,
    EnvironmentPointer)
char *Path, *ArgumentV, *EnvironmentPointer [ ];

```

Description

The **exec** subroutine, in all its forms, executes a new program in the calling process. The **exec** subroutine does not create a new process, but overlays the current program with a new one, which is called the *new-process image*. The new-process image file can be one of three file types:

- An executable binary file in XCOFF file format. .
- An executable text file that contains a shell procedure (only the **execlp** and **execvp** subroutines allow this type of new-process image file).
- A file that names an executable binary file or shell procedure to be run.

The new-process image inherits the following attributes from the calling process image: session membership, supplementary group IDs, process signal mask, and pending signals.

The last of the types mentioned is recognized by a header with the following syntax:

```
#! Path [String]
```

The **#!** is the file *magic number*, which identifies the file type. The path name of the file to be executed is specified by the *Path* parameter. The *String* parameter is an optional character string that contains no tab or space characters. If specified, this string is passed to the new process as an argument in front of the name of the new-process image file. The header must be terminated with a new-line character. When called, the new process passes the *Path* parameter as *ArgumentV*[0]. If a *String* parameter is specified in the new process image file, the **exec** subroutine sets *ArgumentV*[0] to the *String* and *Path* parameter values concatenated together. The rest of the arguments passed are the same as those passed to the **exec** subroutine.

The **exec** subroutine attempts to cancel outstanding asynchronous I/O requests by this process. If the asynchronous I/O requests cannot be canceled, the application is blocked until the requests have completed.

The **exec** subroutine is similar to the **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, except that the **exec** subroutine does not have an explicit library path parameter. Instead, the **exec** subroutine uses the **LIBPATH** environment variable. The **LIBPATH** variable is ignored when the program that the **exec** subroutine is run on has more privilege than the calling program, for example, the **suid** program.

The **exec** subroutine is included for compatibility with older programs being traced with the **ptrace** command. The program being executed is forced into hardware single-step mode.

Note: **exec** is not supported in 64-bit mode.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Specifies a pointer to the path name of the new-process image file. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, this path can cross into another node. Data is copied into local virtual memory before proceeding.
<i>File</i>	Specifies a pointer to the name of the new-process image file. Unless the <i>File</i> parameter is a full path name, the path prefix for the file is obtained by searching the directories named in the PATH environment variable. The initial environment is supplied by the shell.
	Note: The execlp subroutine and the execvp subroutine take <i>File</i> parameters, but the rest of the exec subroutines take <i>Path</i> parameters. (For information about the environment, see the environment miscellaneous facility and the sh command.)
<i>Argument0</i> [, <i>Argument1</i> , ...]	Point to null-terminated character strings. The strings constitute the argument list available to the new process. By convention, at least the <i>Argument0</i> parameter must be present, and it must point to a string that is the same as the <i>Path</i> parameter or its last component.
<i>ArgumentV</i>	Specifies an array of pointers to null-terminated character strings. These strings constitute the argument list available to the new process. By convention, the <i>ArgumentV</i> parameter must have at least one element, and it must point to a string that is the same as the <i>Path</i> parameter or its last component. The last element of the <i>ArgumentV</i> parameter is a null pointer.
<i>EnvironmentPointer</i>	An array of pointers to null-terminated character strings. These strings constitute the environment for the new process. The last element of the <i>EnvironmentPointer</i> parameter is a null pointer.

When a C program is run, it receives the following parameters:

```
main (ArgumentCount, ArgumentV, EnvironmentPointer)
int ArgumentCount;
char *ArgumentV[ ], *EnvironmentPointer[
];
```

In this example, the *ArgumentCount* parameter is the argument count, and the *ArgumentV* parameter is an array of character pointers to the arguments themselves. By convention, the value of the *ArgumentCount* parameter is at least 1, and the *ArgumentV*[0] parameter points to a string containing the name of the new-process image file.

The **main** routine of a C language program automatically begins with a runtime start-off routine. This routine sets the **environ** global variable so that it points to the environment array passed to the program in *EnvironmentPointer*. You can access this global variable by including the following declaration in your program:

```
extern char **environ;
```

The **execl**, **execv**, **execlp**, and **execvp** subroutines use the **environ** global variable to pass the calling process current environment to the new process.

File descriptors open in the calling process remain open, except for those whose **close-on-exec** flag is set. For those file descriptors that remain open, the file pointer is unchanged. (For information about file control, see the **fcntl.h** file.)

The state-of-conversion descriptors and message-catalog descriptors in the new process image are undefined. For the new process, an equivalent of the **setlocale** subroutine, specifying the **LC_ALL** value for its category and the "C" value for its locale, is run at startup.

If the new program requires shared libraries, the **exec** subroutine finds, opens, and loads each of them into the new-process address space. The referenced counts for shared libraries in use by the issuer of the **exec** are decremented. Shared libraries are searched for in the directories listed in the **LIBPATH** environment variable. If any of these files is remote, the data is copied into local virtual memory.

The **exec** subroutines reset all caught signals to the default action. Signals that cause the default action continue to do so after the **exec** subroutines. Ignored signals remain ignored, the signal mask remains the same, and the signal stack state is reset. (For information about signals, see the **sigaction** subroutine.)

If the *SetUserID* mode bit of the new-process image file is set, the **exec** subroutine sets the effective user ID of the new process to the owner ID of the new-process image file. Similarly, if the *SetGroupID* mode bit of the new-process image file is set, the effective group ID of the new process is set to the group ID of the new-process image file. The real user ID and real group ID of the new process remain the same as those of the calling process. (For information about the *SetID* modes, see the **chmod** subroutine.)

At the end of the **exec** operation the saved user ID and saved group ID of the process are always set to the effective user ID and effective group ID, respectively, of the process.

When one or both of the set ID mode bits is set and the file to be executed is a remote file, the file user and group IDs go through outbound translation at the server. Then they are transmitted to the client node where they are translated according to the inbound translation table. These translated IDs become the user and group IDs of the new process.

Note: **setuid** and **setgid** bids on shell scripts do not affect user or group IDs of the process finally executed.

Profiling is disabled for the new process.

The new process inherits the following attributes from the calling process:

- Nice value (see the **getpriority** subroutine, **setpriority** subroutine, **nice** subroutine)
- Process ID
- Parent process ID
- Process group ID
- **semadj** values (see the **semop** subroutine)
- tty group ID (see the **exit**, **atexit**, or **_exit** subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine)
- **trace** flag (see request 0 of the **ptrace** subroutine)

- Time left until an alarm clock signal (see the **incinterval** subroutine, **setitimer** subroutine, and **alarm** subroutine)
- Current directory
- Root directory
- File-mode creation mask (see the **umask** subroutine)
- File size limit (see the **ulimit** subroutine)
- Resource limits (see the **getrlimit** subroutine, **setrlimit** subroutine, and **vlimit** subroutine)
- `tms_utime`, `tms_stime`, `tms_cutime`, and `tms_ctime` fields of the **tms** structure (see the **times** subroutine)
- Login user ID

Upon successful completion, the **exec** subroutines mark for update the `st_atime` field of the file.

Examples

1. To run a command and pass it a parameter, enter:

```
execlp("ls", "ls", "-al", 0);
```

The **execlp** subroutine searches each of the directories listed in the **PATH** environment variable for the **ls** command, and then it overlays the current process image with this command. The **execlp** subroutine is not returned, unless the **ls** command cannot be executed.

Note: This example does not run the shell command processor, so operations interpreted by the shell, such as using wildcard characters in file names, are not valid.

2. To run the shell to interpret a command, enter:

```
execl("/usr/bin/sh", "sh", "-c", "ls -l *.c", 0);
```

This runs the **sh** command with the **-c** flag, which indicates that the following parameter is the command to be interpreted. This example uses the **execl** subroutine instead of the **execlp** subroutine because the full path name **/usr/bin/sh** is specified, making a path search unnecessary.

Running a shell command in a child process is generally more useful than simply using the **exec** subroutine, as shown in this example. The simplest way to do this is to use the **system** subroutine.

3. The following is an example of a new-process file that names a program to be run:

```
#!/usr/bin/awk -f
{ for (i = NF; i > 0; --i) print $i }
```

If this file is named `reverse`, entering the following command on the command line:

```
reverse chapter1 chapter2
```

This command runs the following command:

```
/usr/bin/awk -f reverse chapter1 chapter2
```

Note: The **exec** subroutines use only the first line of the new-process image file and ignore the rest of it. Also, the **awk** command interprets the text that follows a **#** (pound sign) as a comment.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **exec** subroutines do not return because the calling process image is overlaid by the new-process image. If the **exec** subroutines return to the calling process, the value of `-1` is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

If the **exec** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EACCES	The new-process image file is not an ordinary file.
EACCES	The mode of the new-process image file denies execution permission.
ENOEXEC	The exec subroutine is neither an execlp subroutine nor an execvp subroutine. The new-process image file has the appropriate access permission, but the magic number in its header is not valid.
ENOEXEC	The new-process image file has a valid magic number in its header, but the header is damaged or is incorrect for the machine on which the file is to be run.
ETXTBSY	The new-process image file is a pure procedure (shared text) file that is currently open for writing by some process.
ENOMEM	The new process requires more memory than is allowed by the system-imposed maximum, the MAXMEM compiler option.
E2BIG	The number of bytes in the new-process argument list is greater than the system-imposed limit. This limit is a system configurable value that can be set by superusers or system group users using SMIT. Refer to Kernel Tunable Parameters for details.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> , <i>ArgumentV</i> , or <i>EnvironmentPointer</i> parameter points outside of the process address space.
EPERM	The <i>SetUserID</i> or <i>SetGroupID</i> mode bit is set on the process image file. The translation tables at the server or client do not allow translation of this user or group ID.

If the **exec** subroutine is unsuccessful because of a condition requiring path name resolution, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix. Access could be denied due to a secure mount.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EIO	An input/output (I/O) error occurred during the operation.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of a path name exceeded 255 characters and the process has the disallow truncation attribute (see the ulimit subroutine), or an entire path name exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	A component of the path prefix does not exist.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ENOENT	The path name is null.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
ESTALE	The root or current directory of the process is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

In addition, some errors can occur when using the new-process file after the old process image has been overwritten. These errors include problems in setting up new data and stack registers, problems in mapping a shared library, or problems in reading the new-process file. Because returning to the calling process is not possible, the system sends the **SIGKILL** signal to the process when one of these errors occurs.

If an error occurred while mapping a shared library, an error message describing the reason for error is written to standard error before the signal **SIGKILL** is sent to the process. If a shared library cannot be mapped, the subroutine returns one of the following error codes:

ENOENT	One or more components of the path name of the shared library file do not exist.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix of the shared library file is not a directory.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of a path name prefix of a shared library file exceeded 255 characters, or an entire path name exceeded 1023 characters.
EACCES	Search permission is denied for a directory listed in the path prefix of the shared library file.

EACCES	The shared library file mode denies execution permission.
ENOEXEC	The shared library file has the appropriate access permission, but a magic number in its header is not valid.
ETXTBSY	The shared library file is currently open for writing by some other process.
ENOMEM	The shared library requires more memory than is allowed by the system-imposed maximum.
ESTALE	The process root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **exec** subroutine can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT	The connection timed out.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Note: Currently, a Graphics Library program cannot be overlaid with another Graphics Library program. The overlaying program can be a nongraphics program. For additional information, see the `/usr/lpp/GL/README` file.

Related Information

The **alarm** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) or **incinterval** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine, **chmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) or **fchmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) subroutine, **exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine”) subroutine, **fcntl** (“fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine” on page 210) subroutine, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **getrusage** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347) or **times** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347) subroutine, **nice** (“getpriority, setpriority, or nice Subroutine” on page 336) subroutine, **profil** (“profil Subroutine” on page 753) subroutine, **ptrace** (“ptrace, ptracex, ptrace64 Subroutine” on page 857) subroutine.

The **semop** subroutine, **settiter** (“gettiter, settiter, restiter, stime, or time Subroutine” on page 363) subroutine, **sigaction**, **signal**, or **sigvec** subroutine, **shmat** subroutine, **system** subroutine, **ulimit** subroutine, **umask** subroutine.

The **awk** command, **ksh** command, **sh** command.

The **environment** file.

The XCOFF object (**a.out**) file format.

The **varargs** macros.

Asynchronous I/O Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Kernel Extensions and Device Support Programming Concepts*.

exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine

Purpose

Terminates a process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
void exit ( Status)  
int Status;
```

```
void _exit ( Status)  
int Status;
```

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

```
int atexit ( Function)  
void (*Function) (void);
```

Description

The **exit** subroutine terminates the calling process after calling the standard I/O library **_cleanup** function to flush any buffered output. Also, it calls any functions registered previously for the process by the **atexit** subroutine. The **atexit** subroutine registers functions called at normal process termination for cleanup processing. Normal termination occurs as a result of either a call to the **exit** subroutine or a **return** statement in the **main** function.

Each function a call to the **atexit** subroutine registers must return. This action ensures that all registered functions are called.

Finally, the **exit** subroutine calls the **_exit** subroutine, which completes process termination and does not return. The **_exit** subroutine terminates the calling process and causes the following to occur:

- The **_exit** subroutine attempts to cancel outstanding asynchronous I/O requests by this process. If the asynchronous I/O requests cannot be canceled, the application is blocked until the requests have completed.
- All of the file descriptors open in the calling process are closed. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, some of these files can be remote. Because the **_exit** subroutine terminates the process, any errors encountered during these close operations go unreported.
- If the parent process of the calling process is running a **wait** call, it is notified of the termination of the calling process and the low-order 8 bits (that is, bits 0377 or 0xFF) of the *Status* parameter are made available to it.
- If the parent process is not running a **wait** call when the child process terminates, it may still do so later on, and the child's status is returned to it at that time.
- The parent process is sent a **SIGCHLD** signal when a child process terminates; however, since the default action for this signal is to ignore it, the signal is usually not seen.
- Terminating a process by exiting does not terminate its child processes.
- Each attached shared memory segment is detached and the **shm_nattch** value in the data structure associated with its shared memory identifier is decremented by 1.
- For each semaphore for which the calling process has set a **semadj** value, that **semadj** value is added to the **semval** of the specified semaphore. (The **semop** subroutine provides information about semaphore operations.)
- If the process has a process lock, text lock, or data lock, an **unlock** routine is performed. (See the **plock** ("plock Subroutine" on page 677) subroutine.)
- An accounting record is written on the accounting file if the system accounting routine is enabled. (The **acct** subroutine provides information about enabling accounting routines.)

- Locks set by the **fcntl** (“fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine” on page 210), **lockf** (“lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505), and **flock** (“lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505) subroutines are removed.
- If the parent process of the calling process is not ignoring a **SIGCHLD** signal, the calling process is transformed into a zombie process, and its parent process is sent a **SIGCHLD** signal to notify it of the end of a child process.
- A zombie process occupies a slot in the process table, but has no other space allocated to it either in user or kernel space. The process table slot that it occupies is partially overlaid with time-accounting information to be used by the **times** subroutine. (See the **sys/proc.h** file.)
- A process remains a zombie until its parent issues one of the **wait** subroutines. At this time, the zombie is *laid to rest* (deleted), and its process table entry is released.
- Terminating a process does not terminate its child processes. Instead, the parent process ID of all of the calling-process child processes and zombie child processes is set to the process ID of **init**. The **init** process inherits each of these processes, and catches their **SIGCHLD** signals and calls the **wait** subroutine for each of them.
- If the process is a controlling process, the **SIGHUP** signal is sent to each process in the foreground process group of the controlling terminal belonging to the calling process.
- If the process is a controlling process, the controlling terminal associated with the session is disassociated from the session, allowing it to be acquired by a new controlling process.
- If the exit of the process causes a process group to become orphaned, and if any member of the newly orphaned process group is stopped, a **SIGHUP** signal followed by a **SIGCONT** signal will be sent to each process in the newly orphaned process group.

Note: The system **init** process is used to assist cleanup of terminating processes. If the code for the **init** process is replaced, the program must be prepared to accept **SIGCHLD** signals and issue a **wait** call for each.

Parameters

<i>Status</i>	Indicates the status of the process.
<i>Function</i>	Specifies a function to be called at normal process termination for cleanup processing. You may specify a number of functions to the limit set by the ATEXIT_MAX function, which is defined in the sys/limits.h file. A pushdown stack of functions is kept so that the last function registered is the first function called.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **atexit** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a nonzero value is returned. The **exit** and **_exit** subroutines do not return a value.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **acct** (“acct Subroutine” on page 8) subroutine, **lockfx** (“lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505), **lockf** (“lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505), or **flock** (“lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505) subroutines, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutine, **times** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347) subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, or **wait3** subroutine.

Asynchronous I/O Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Kernel Extensions and Device Support Programming Concepts*.

exp, expl, expm1, log, logl, log10, log10l, log1p, pow, or powl Subroutine

Purpose

Computes exponential, logarithm, and power functions.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double exp ( x )  
double x;
```

```
long double expl ( x )  
long double x;
```

```
double expm1 ( x )  
double x;
```

```
double log ( x )  
double x;
```

```
long double logl ( x )  
long double x;
```

```
double log10 ( x )  
double x;
```

```
long double log10l ( x )  
long double x;
```

```
double log1p ( x )  
double x;
```

```
double pow ( x, y )  
double x, y;
```

```
long double powl ( x, y )  
long double x, y;
```

Description

These subroutines are used to compute exponential, logarithm, and power functions.

The **exp** and **expl** subroutines returns $\exp(x)$.

The **expm1** subroutine returns $\exp(x)-1$.

The **log** and **logl** subroutines return the natural logarithm of the x parameter. The value of the x parameter must be positive.

The **log10** and **log10l** subroutines return the logarithm base 10 of the x parameter . The value of x must be positive.

The **log1p** subroutine returns $\log(1+x)$.

The **pow** and **powl** subroutines return x^y . If the x parameter is negative or 0, then the y parameter must be an integer. If the y parameter is 0, then the **pow** and **powl** subroutines return 1.0 for all the x parameters.

The **expm1** and **log1p** subroutines are useful to guarantee that financial calculations of $(1+x^n) - 1 / x$, are accurate when the x parameter is small (for example, when calculating small daily interest rates).

`expm1(n * log1p(x))/x`

These subroutines also simplify writing accurate inverse hyperbolic functions.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flags. For example: to compile the **pow.c** file, enter:

```
cc pow.c -lm
```

Parameters

x Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.
 y Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.

Error Codes

When using the **libm.a** library:

exp If the correct value would overflow, the **exp** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value and the **errno** global variable is set to a **ERANGE** value.

log If the x parameter is less than 0, the **log** subroutine returns a **NaNQ** value and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. If $x=0$, the **log** subroutine returns a **-HUGE_VAL** value but does not modify **errno**.

log10 If the x parameter is less than 0, the **log10** subroutine returns a **NaNQ** value and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. If $x=0$, the **log10** subroutine returns a **-HUGE_VAL** value but does not modify **errno**.

pow If the correct value overflows, the **pow** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value and sets **errno** to **ERANGE**. If the x parameter is negative and the y parameter is not an integer, the **pow** subroutine returns a **NaNQ** value and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. If $x=0$ and the y parameter is negative, the **pow** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value but does not modify **errno**.

powl If the correct value overflows, the **powl** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value and sets **errno** to **ERANGE**. If the x parameter is negative and the y parameter is not an integer, the **powl** subroutine returns a **NaNQ** value and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. If $x=0$ and the y parameter is negative, the **powl** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value but does not modify **errno**.

When using **libmsaa.a(-lmsaa)**:

exp If the correct value would overflow, the **exp** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value. If the correct value would underflow, the **exp** subroutine returns 0. In both cases **errno** is set to **ERANGE**.

expl If the correct value would overflow, the **expl** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value. If the correct value would underflow, the **expl** subroutine returns 0. In both cases **errno** is set to **ERANGE**.

log If the x parameter is not positive, the **log** subroutine returns a **-HUGE_VAL** value, and sets **errno** to a **EDOM** value. A message indicating DOMAIN error (or SING error when $x = 0$) is output to standard error.

logl If the x parameter is not positive, the **logl** subroutine returns the **-HUGE_VAL** value, and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. A message indicating DOMAIN error (or SING error when $x = 0$) is output to standard error.

log10 If the x parameter is not positive, the **log10** subroutine returns a **-HUGE_VAL** value and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. A message indicating DOMAIN error (or SING error when $x = 0$) is output to standard error.

log10l If the x parameter is not positive, the **log10l** subroutine returns a **-HUGE_VAL** value and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. A message indicating DOMAIN error (or SING error when $x = 0$) is output to standard error.

pow If $x=0$ and the y parameter is not positive, or if the x parameter is negative and the y parameter is not an integer, the **pow** subroutine returns 0 and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. In these cases a message indicating DOMAIN error is output to standard error. When the correct value for the **pow** subroutine would overflow or underflow, the **pow** subroutine returns:

+HUGE_VAL

OR

-HUGE_VAL

OR

0

When using either the **libm.a** library or the **libsaa.a** library:

expl If the correct value overflows, the **expl** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value and **errno** is set to **ERANGE**.

logl If $x < 0$, the **logl** subroutine returns a **NaNQ** value

log10l If $x < 0$, **log10l** returns the value **NaNQ** and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. If x equals 0, **log10l** returns the value **-HUGE_VAL** but does not modify **errno**.

powl If the correct value overflows, **powl** returns **HUGE_VAL** and **errno** to **ERANGE**. If x is negative and y is not an integer, **powl** returns **NaNQ** and sets **errno** to **EDOM**. If $x = 0$ and y is negative, **powl** returns a **HUGE_VAL** value but does not modify **errno**.

These error-handling procedures may be changed with the **matherr** subroutine when using the **libmsaa.a** library.

Implementation Specifics

The **exp**, **expl**, **expm1**, **log**, **logl**, **log10**, **log10l**, **log1p**, **pow**, or **powl** subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **expm1** and **log1p** subroutines are not part of the ANSI C Library.

Related Information

The **hypot** or **cabs** (“hypot Subroutine” on page 395) subroutine, **matherr** (“matherr Subroutine” on page 535) subroutine, **sinh**, **cosh**, or **tanh** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

128-Bit long double Floating-Point Format in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fattach Subroutine

Purpose

Attaches a STREAMS-based file descriptor to a file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stropts.h>
int fattach(int fildev, const char *path);
```

Description

The **fattach** subroutine attaches a STREAMS-based file descriptor to a file, effectively associating a pathname with *fildev*. The *fildev* argument must be a valid open file descriptor associated with a STREAMS file. The *path* argument points to a pathname of an existing file. The process must have appropriate privileges, or must be the owner of the file named by *path* and have write permission. A successful call to **fattach** subroutine causes all pathnames that name the file named by *path* to name the STREAMS file associated with *fildev*, until the STREAMS file is detached from the file. A STREAMS file can be attached to more than one file and can have several pathnames associated with it.

The attributes of the named STREAMS file are initialized as follows: the permissions, user ID, group ID, and times are set to those of the file named by *path*, the number of links is set to 1, and the size and device identifier are set to those of the STREAMS file associated with *fildev*. If any attributes of the named STREAMS file are subsequently changed (for example, by **chmod** subroutine), neither the attributes of the underlying file nor the attributes of the STREAMS file to which *fildev* refers are affected.

File descriptors referring to the underlying file, opened prior to an **fattach** subroutine, continue to refer to the underlying file.

Parameters

fildev A file descriptor identifying an open STREAMS-based object.
path An existing pathname which will be associated with *fildev*.

Return Value

0 Successful completion.
-1 Not successful and *errno* set to one of the following.

Errno Value

EACCES	Search permission is denied for a component of the path prefix, or the process is the owner of <i>path</i> but does not have write permission on the file named by <i>path</i> .
EBADF	The file referred to by <i>fildev</i> is not an open file descriptor.
ENOENT	A component of <i>path</i> does not name an existing file or <i>path</i> is an empty string.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
EPERM	The effective user ID of the process is not the owner of the file named by <i>path</i> and the process does not have appropriate privilege.
EBUSY	The file named by <i>path</i> is currently a mount point or has a STREAMS file attached to it.
ENAMETOOLONG	The size of <i>path</i> exceeds {PATH_MAX} , or a component of <i>path</i> is longer than {NAME_MAX} .
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in resolving <i>path</i> .
EINVAL	The <i>fildev</i> argument does not refer to a STREAMS file.
ENOMEM	Insufficient storage space is available.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Specifics

The **fdetach** (“fdetach Subroutine” on page 216) subroutine, **isastream** subroutine.

fchdir Subroutine

Purpose

Directory pointed to by the file descriptor becomes the current working directory.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int fchdir (int Fildes)
```

Description

The **fchdir** subroutine causes the directory specified by the *Fildes* parameter to become the current working directory.

Parameter

Fildes A file descriptor identifying an open directory obtained from a call to the **open** subroutine.

Return Values

0 Successful completion
-1 Not successful and **errno** set to one of the following.

Error Codes

EACCES Search access if denied.
EBADF The file referred to by *Fildes* is not an open file descriptor.
ENOTDIR The open file descriptor does not refer to a directory.

Related Information

The **chdir** (“chdir Subroutine” on page 93) subroutine, **chroot** (“chroot Subroutine” on page 102) subroutine, **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine.

fclear or fclear64 Subroutine

Purpose

Makes a hole in a file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
off_t fclear ( FileDescriptor, NumberOfBytes )  
int FileDescriptor;  
off_t NumberOfBytes;
```


Note: The **fclear64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

```
off64_t fclear64 ( FileDescriptor, NumberOfBytes)
int FileDescriptor;
off64_t NumberOfBytes;
```

Description

Note: The **fclear64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

The **fclear** and **fclear64** subroutines zero the number of bytes specified by the *NumberOfBytes* parameter starting at the current file pointer for the file specified in the *FileDescriptor* parameter. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, this file can reside on another node.

The **fclear** subroutine can only clear up to **OFF_MAX** bytes of the file while **fclear64** can clear up to the maximum file size.

The **fclear** and **fclear64** subroutines cannot be applied to a file that a process has opened with the **O_DEFER** mode.

Successful completion of the **fclear** and **fclear64** subroutines clear the SetUserID bit (**S_ISUID**) of the file if any of the following are true:

- The calling process does not have root user authority.
- The effective user ID of the calling process does not match the user ID of the file.
- The file is executable by the group (**S_IXGRP**) or others (**S_IXOTH**).

This subroutine also clears the SetGroupID bit (**S_ISGID**) if:

- The file does not match the effective group ID or one of the supplementary group IDs of the process,
OR
- The file is executable by the owner (**S_IXUSR**) or others (**S_IXOTH**).

Note: Clearing of the SetUserID and SetGroupID bits can occur even if the subroutine fails because the data in the file was modified before the error was detected.

In the large file enabled programming environment, **fclear** is redefined to be **fclear64**.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Indicates the file specified by the <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter must be open for writing. The <i>FileDescriptor</i> is a small positive integer used instead of the file name to identify a file. This function differs from the logically equivalent write operation in that it returns full blocks of binary zeros to the file system, constructing holes in the file.
<i>NumberOfBytes</i>	Indicates the number of bytes that the seek pointer is advanced. If you use the fclear and fclear64 subroutines past the end of a file, the rest of the file is cleared and the seek pointer is advanced by <i>NumberOfBytes</i> . The file size is updated to include this new hole, which leaves the current file position at the byte immediately beyond the new end-of-file pointer.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of *NumberOfBytes* is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **fclose** and **fclose64** subroutines fail if one or more of the following are true:

- EIO** I/O error.
 - EBADF** The *FileDescriptor* value is not a valid file descriptor open for writing.
 - EINVAL** The file is not a regular file.
 - EMFILE** The file is mapped **O_DEFER** by one or more processes.
 - EAGAIN** The write operation in the **fclose** subroutine failed due to an enforced write lock on the file.
-
- EFBIG** The current offset plus *NumberOfBytes* exceeds the offset maximum established in the open file description associated with *FileDescriptor*.
-
- EFBIG** An attempt was made to write a file that exceeds the process' file size limit or the maximum file size. If the user has set the environment variable **XPG_SUS_ENV=ON** prior to execution of the process, then the **SIGXFSZ** signal is posted to the process when exceeding the process' file size limit.

If NFS is installed on the system the **fclose** and **fclose64** subroutines can also fail if the following is true:

- ETIMEDOUT** The connection timed out.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **open**, **openx**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **truncate** or **truncate** subroutines.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fclose or fflush Subroutine

Purpose

Closes or flushes a stream.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>

int fclose ( Stream)
FILE *Stream;

int fflush ( Stream)
FILE *Stream;
```

Description

The **fclose** subroutine writes buffered data to the stream specified by the *Stream* parameter, and then closes the stream. The **fclose** subroutine is automatically called for all open files when the **exit** subroutine is invoked.

The **fflush** subroutine writes any buffered data for the stream specified by the *Stream* parameter and leaves the stream open. The **fflush** subroutine marks the `st_ctime` and `st_mtime` fields of the underlying file for update.

If the *Stream* parameter is a null pointer, the **fflush** subroutine performs this flushing action on all streams for which the behavior is defined.

Parameters

Stream Specifies the output stream.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **fclose** and **fflush** subroutines return a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of EOF is returned.

Error Codes

If the **fclose** and **fflush** subroutines are unsuccessful, the following errors are returned through the **errno** global variable:

EAGAIN	The O_NONBLOCK flag is set for the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter and the process would be delayed in the write operation.
EBADF	The file descriptor underlying <i>Stream</i> is not valid.
EFBIG	An attempt was made to write a file that exceeds the process' file size limit or the maximum file size. See the ulimit subroutine.
EFBIG	The file is a regular file and an attempt was made to write at or beyond the offset maximum associated with the corresponding stream.
EINTR	The fflush subroutine was interrupted by a signal.
EIO	The process is a member of a background process group attempting to write to its controlling terminal, the TOSTOP signal is set, the process is neither ignoring nor blocking the SIGTTOU signal and the process group of the process is orphaned. This error may also be returned under implementation-dependent conditions.
ENOSPC	No free space remained on the device containing the file.
EPIPE	An attempt is made to write to a pipe or FIFO that is not open for reading by any process. A SIGPIPE signal is sent to the process.
ENXIO	A request was made of a non-existent device, or the request was outside the capabilities of the device

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **close** (“close Subroutine” on page 111) subroutine, **exit**, **atexit**, or **_exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **setbuf**, **setvbuf**, **setbuffer**, or **setlinebuf** subroutine.

Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine

Purpose

Controls open file descriptors.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fcntl.h>
```

```
int fcntl ( FileDescriptor, Command, Argument)
```

```
int FileDescriptor, Command, Argument;
```

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int dup2( Old, New)
```

```
int Old, New;
```

```
int dup( FileDescriptor)
```

```
int FileDescriptor;
```

Description

The **fcntl** subroutine performs controlling operations on the open file specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, the open file can reside on another node. The **fcntl** subroutine is used to:

- Duplicate open file descriptors.
- Set and get the file-descriptor flags.
- Set and get the file-status flags.
- Manage record locks.
- Manage asynchronous I/O ownership.
- Close multiple files.

The **fcntl** subroutine can provide the same functions as the **dup** and **dup2** subroutines.

General Record Locking Information

A lock is either an *enforced* or *advisory lock* and either a *read* or a *write lock*.

Attention: Buffered I/O does not work properly when used with file locking. Do not use the standard I/O package routines on files that are going to be locked.

For a lock to be an enforced lock, the Enforced Locking attribute of the file must be set; for example, the **S_ENFMT** bit must be set, but the **S_IXGRP**, **S_IXUSR**, and **S_IXOTH** bits must be clear. Otherwise, the lock is an advisory lock. A given file can have advisory or enforced locks, but not both. The description of the **sys/mode.h** file includes a description of file attributes.

When a process holds an enforced lock on a section of a file, no other process can access that section of the file with the **read** or **write** subroutine. In addition, the **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) and **ftruncate** subroutines cannot truncate the locked section of the file, and the **fclear** (“fclear or fclease64 Subroutine” on page 206) subroutine cannot modify the locked section of the file. If another process attempts to read or modify the locked section of the file, the process either sleeps until the section is unlocked or returns with an error indication.

When a process holds an advisory lock on a section of a file, no other process can lock that section of the file (or an overlapping section) with the **fcntl** subroutine. (No other subroutines are affected.) As a result, processes must voluntarily call the **fcntl** subroutine in order to make advisory locks effective.

When a process holds a read lock on a section of a file, other processes can also set read locks on that section or on subsets of it. Read locks are also called *shared* locks.

A read lock prevents any other process from setting a write lock on any part of the protected area. If the read lock is also an enforced lock, no other process can modify the protected area.

The file descriptor on which a read lock is being placed must have been opened with read access.

When a process holds a write lock on a section of a file, no other process can set a read lock or a write lock on that section. Write locks are also called *exclusive* locks. Only one write lock and no read locks can exist for a specific section of a file at any time.

If the lock is also an enforced lock, no other process can read or modify the protected area.

The following general rules about file locking apply:

- Changing or unlocking part of a file in the middle of a locked section leaves two smaller sections locked at each end of the originally locked section.
- If the calling process holds a lock on a file, that lock can be replaced by later calls to the **fcntl** subroutine.
- All locks associated with a file for a given process are removed when the process closes *any* file descriptor for that file.
- Locks are not inherited by a child process after a **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine is run.

Note: Deadlocks due to file locks in a distributed system are not always detected. When such deadlocks can possibly occur, the programs requesting the locks should set time-out timers.

Locks can start and extend beyond the current end of a file but cannot be negative relative to the beginning of the file. A lock can be set to extend to the end of the file by setting the `l_len` field to 0. If such a lock also has the `l_start` and `l_whence` fields set to 0, the whole file is locked. The `l_len`, `l_start`, and `l_whence` locking fields are part of the **flock** structure.

Note: The following description applies to AIX 4.3 and later releases.

When an application locks a region of a file using the 32 bit locking interface (F_SETLK), and the last byte of the lock range includes MAX_OFF (2 Gb - 1), then the lock range for the unlock request will be extended to include MAX_END (2⁶³ - 1).

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies an open file descriptor obtained from a successful call to the open , fcntl , or pipe (“pipe Subroutine” on page 676) subroutine. File descriptors are small positive integers used (instead of file names) to identify files.
<i>Argument</i>	Specifies a variable whose value sets the function specified by the <i>Command</i> parameter. When dealing with file locks, the <i>Argument</i> parameter must be a pointer to the FLOCK structure.
<i>Command</i>	Specifies the operation performed by the fcntl subroutine. The fcntl subroutine can duplicate open file descriptors, set file-descriptor flags, set file descriptor locks, set process IDs, and close open file descriptors.

Duplicating File Descriptors

- F_DUPFD** Returns a new file descriptor as follows:
- Lowest-numbered available file descriptor greater than or equal to the *Argument* parameter
 - Same object references as the original file
 - Same file pointer as the original file (that is, both file descriptors share one file pointer if the object is a file)
 - Same access mode (read, write, or read-write)
 - Same file status flags (That is, both file descriptors share the same file status flags.)
 - The **close-on-exec** flag (**FD_CLOEXEC** bit) associated with the new file descriptor is cleared

Setting File-Descriptor Flags

F_GETFD Gets the **close-on-exec** flag (**FD_CLOEXEC** bit) that is associated with the file descriptor specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. The *Argument* parameter is ignored. File descriptor flags are associated with a single file descriptor, and do not affect others associated with the same file.

F_SETFD Assigns the value of the *Argument* parameter to the **close-on-exec** flag (**FD_CLOEXEC** bit) that is associated with the *FileDescriptor* parameter. If the **FD_CLOEXEC** flag value is 0, the file remains open across any calls to **exec** subroutines; otherwise, the file will close upon the successful execution of an **exec** subroutine.

F_GETFL Gets the file-status flags and file-access modes for the open file description associated with the file descriptor specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. The open file description is set at the time the file is opened and applies only to those file descriptors associated with that particular call to the file. This open file descriptor does not affect other file descriptors that refer to the same file with different open file descriptions.

The file-status flags have the following values:

O_APPEND

Set append mode.

O_NONBLOCK

No delay.

The file-access modes have the following values:

O_RDONLY

Open for reading only.

O_RDWR

Open for reading and writing.

O_WRONLY

Open for writing only.

The file access flags can be extracted from the return value using the **O_ACCMODE** mask, which is defined in the **fcntl.h** file.

F_SETFL Sets the file status flags from the corresponding bits specified by the *Argument* parameter. The file-status flags are set for the open file description associated with the file descriptor specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. The following flags may be set:

- **O_APPEND** or **FAPPEND**
- **O_NDELAY** or **FNDELAY**
- **O_NONBLOCK** or **FNONBLOCK**
- **O_SYNC** or **FSYNC**
- **FASYNC**

The **O_NDELAY** and **O_NONBLOCK** flags affect only operations against file descriptors derived from the same **open** subroutine. In BSD, these operations apply to all file descriptors that refer to the object.

Setting File Locks

- F_GETLK** Gets information on the first lock that blocks the lock described in the **flock** structure. The *Argument* parameter should be a pointer to a type **struct flock**, as defined in the **flock.h** file. The information retrieved by the **fcntl** subroutine overwrites the information in the **struct flock** pointed to by the *Argument* parameter. If no lock is found that would prevent this lock from being created, the structure is left unchanged, except for lock type (*l_type*) which is set to **F_UNLCK**.
- F_SETLK** Sets or clears a file-segment lock according to the lock description pointed to by the *Argument* parameter. The *Argument* parameter should be a pointer to a type **struct flock**, which is defined in the **flock.h** file. The **F_SETLK** option is used to establish read (or shared) locks (**F_RDLCK**), or write (or exclusive) locks (**F_WRLCK**), as well as to remove either type of lock (**F_UNLCK**). The lock types are defined by the **fcntl.h** file. If a shared or exclusive lock cannot be set, the **fcntl** subroutine returns immediately.
- F_SETLKW** Performs the same function as the **F_SETLK** option unless a read or write lock is blocked by existing locks, in which case the process sleeps until the section of the file is free to be locked. If a signal that is to be caught is received while the **fcntl** subroutine is waiting for a region, the **fcntl** subroutine is interrupted, returns a -1, sets the **errno** global variable to **EINTR**. The lock operation is not done.

Note: **F_GETLK64**, **F_SETLK64**, and **F_SETLKW64** apply to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

- F_GETLK64** Gets information on the first lock that blocks the lock described in the **flock64** structure. The *Argument* parameter should be a pointer to an object of the type **struct flock64**, as defined in the **flock.h** file. The information retrieved by the **fcntl** subroutine overwrites the information in the **struct flock64** pointed to by the *Argument* parameter. If no lock is found that would prevent this lock from being created, the structure is left unchanged, except for lock type (*l_type*) which is set to **F_UNLCK**.
- F_SETLK64** Sets or clears a file-segment lock according to the lock description pointed to by the *Argument* parameter. The *Argument* parameter should be a pointer to a type **struct flock64**, which is defined in the **flock.h** file. The **F_SETLK** option is used to establish read (or shared) locks (**F_RDLCK**), or write (or exclusive) locks (**F_WRLCK**), as well as to remove either type of lock (**F_UNLCK**). The lock types are defined by the **fcntl.h** file. If a shared or exclusive lock cannot be set, the **fcntl** subroutine returns immediately.
- F_SETLKW64** Performs the same function as the **F_SETLK** option unless a read or write lock is blocked by existing locks, in which case the process sleeps until the section of the file is free to be locked. If a signal that is to be caught is received while the **fcntl** subroutine is waiting for a region, the **fcntl** subroutine is interrupted, returns a -1, sets the **errno** global variable to **EINTR**. The lock operation is not done.

Setting Process ID

- F_GETOWN** Gets the process ID or process group currently receiving **SIGIO** and **SIGURG** signals. Process groups are returned as negative values.
- F_SETOWN** Sets the process or process group to receive **SIGIO** and **SIGURG** signals. Process groups are specified by supplying a negative *Argument* value. Otherwise, the *Argument* parameter is interpreted as a process ID.

Closing File Descriptors

- F_CLOSEM** Closes all file descriptors from *FileDescriptor* up to the number specified by the **OPEN_MAX** value.
- Old* Specifies an open file descriptor.
- New* Specifies an open file descriptor that is returned by the **dup2** subroutine.

Compatibility Interfaces

The **lockfx** Subroutine

The **fcntl** subroutine functions similar to the **lockfx** subroutine, when the *Command* parameter is **F_SETLK**, **F_SETLKW**, or **F_GETLK**, and when used in the following way:

fcntl (*FileDescriptor*, *Command*, *Argument*)

is equivalent to:

lockfx (*FileDescriptor*, *Command*, *Argument*)

The **dup** and **dup2** Subroutines

The **fcntl** subroutine functions similar to the **dup** and **dup2** subroutines, when used in the following way:

dup (*FileDescriptor*)

is equivalent to:

fcntl (*FileDescriptor*, **F_DUPFD**, 0)

dup2 (*Old*, *New*)

is equivalent to:

close (*New*);

fcntl (*Old*, **F_DUPFD**, *New*)

The **dup** and **dup2** subroutines differ from the **fcntl** subroutine in the following ways:

- If the file descriptor specified by the *New* parameter is greater than or equal to **OPEN_MAX**, the **dup2** subroutine returns a -1 and sets the **errno** variable to **EBADF**.
- If the file descriptor specified by the *Old* parameter is valid and equal to the file descriptor specified by the *New* parameter, the **dup2** subroutine will return the file descriptor specified by the *New* parameter, without closing it.
- If the file descriptor specified by the *Old* parameter is not valid, the **dup2** subroutine will be unsuccessful and will not close the file descriptor specified by the *New* parameter.
- The value returned by the **dup** and **dup2** subroutines is equal to the *New* parameter upon successful completion; otherwise, the return value is -1.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the value returned depends on the value of the *Command* parameter, as follows:

Command	Return Value
F_DUPFD	A new file descriptor
F_GETFD	The value of the flag (only the FD_CLOEXEC bit is defined)
F_SETFD	A value other than -1
F_GETFL	The value of file flags
F_SETFL	A value other than -1
F_GETOWN	The value of descriptor owner
F_SETOWN	A value other than -1
F_GETLK	A value other than -1
F_SETLK	A value other than -1
F_SETLKW	A value other than -1
F_CLOSEM	A value other than -1.

If the **fcntl** subroutine fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **fcntl** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	The <i>Command</i> argument is F_SETLK ; the type of lock is a shared or exclusive lock and the segment of a file to be locked is already exclusively-locked by another process, or the type is an exclusive lock and some portion of the segment of a file to be locked is already shared-locked or exclusively-locked by another process.
EBADF	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not a valid open file descriptor.
EDEADLK	The <i>Command</i> argument is F_SETLKW ; the lock is blocked by some lock from another process and putting the calling process to sleep, waiting for that lock to become free would cause a deadlock.
EMFILE	The <i>Command</i> parameter is F_DUPFD , and the maximum number of file descriptors are currently open (OPEN_MAX).
EINVAL	The <i>Command</i> parameter is F_DUPFD , and the <i>Argument</i> parameter is negative or greater than or equal to OPEN_MAX .
EINVAL	An illegal value was provided for the <i>Command</i> parameter.
EINVAL	An attempt was made to lock a fifo or pipe.
ESRCH	The value of the <i>Command</i> parameter is F_SETOWN , and the process ID specified as the <i>Argument</i> parameter is not in use.
EINTR	The <i>Command</i> parameter was F_SETLKW and the process received a signal while waiting to acquire the lock.
EOVERFLOW	The <i>Command</i> parameter was F_GETLK and the block lock could not be represented in the flock structure.

The **dup** and **dup2** subroutines fail if one or both of the following are true:

EBADF	The <i>Old</i> parameter specifies an invalid open file descriptor or the <i>New</i> parameter specifies a file descriptor that is out of range.
EMFILE	The number of file descriptors exceeds the OPEN_MAX value or there is no file descriptor above the value of the <i>New</i> parameter.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **fcntl** subroutine can fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT	The connection timed out.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

If *FileDescriptor* refers to a terminal device or socket, then asynchronous I/O facilities can be used. These facilities are normally enabled by using the **ioctl** subroutine with the **FIOASYNC**, **FIOSETOWN**, and **FIOGETOWN** commands. However, a BSD-compatible mechanism is also available if the application is linked with the **libbsd.a** library.

When using the **libbsd.a** library, asynchronous I/O is enabled by using the **F_SETFL** command with the **FASYNC** flag set in the *Argument* parameter. The **F_GETOWN** and **F_SETOWN** commands get the current asynchronous I/O owner and set the asynchronous I/O owner.

All applications containing the **fcntl** subroutine must be compiled with **_BSD** set to a specific value. Acceptable values are 43 and 44. In addition, all socket applications must include the BSD **libbsd.a** library.

Related Information

The **close** (“close Subroutine” on page 111) subroutine, **execl**, **execv**, **execle**, **execve**, **execlp**, **execvp**, or **exec** (“exec: execl, execle, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193)

subroutines, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **ioctl** or **ioctlx** (“ioctl, ioctlx, ioctl32, or ioctl32x Subroutine” on page 433) subroutine, **lockf** (“lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505) subroutine, **open**, **openx**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutines, **read** subroutine, **write** subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fdetach Subroutine

Purpose

Detaches STREAMS-based file from the file to which it was attached.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stropts.h>
int fdetach(const char *path);
```

Parameters

path Pathname of a file previous associated with a STREAMS-based object using the **fattach** subroutine.

Description

The **fdetach** subroutine detaches a STREAMS-based file from the file to which it was attached by a previous call to **fattach** subroutine. The *path* argument points to the pathname of the attached STREAMS file. The process must have appropriate privileges or be the owner of the file. A successful call to **fdetach** subroutine causes all pathnames that named the attached STREAMS file to again name the file to which the STREAMS file was attached. All subsequent operations on *path* will operate on the underlying file and not on the STREAMS file.

All open file descriptors established while the STREAMS file was attached to the file referenced by *path* will still refer to the STREAMS file after the **fdetach** subroutine has taken effect.

If there are no open file descriptors or other references to the STREAMS file, then a successful call to **fdetach** subroutine has the same effect as performing the last **close** subroutine on the attached file.

The **umount** command may be used to detach a file name if an I application exits before performing **fdetach** subroutine.

Return Value

0 Successful completion.
-1 Not successful and **errno** set to one of the following.

Errno Value

EACCES Search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix.
EPERM The effective user ID is not the owner of *path* and the process does not have appropriate privileges.

ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
ENOENT	A component of <i>path</i> parameter does not name an existing file or <i>path</i> is an empty string.
EINVAL	The <i>path</i> parameter names a file that is not currently attached.
ENAMETOOLONG	The size of <i>path</i> parameter exceeds { PATH_MAX }, or a component of <i>path</i> is longer than { NAME_MAX }.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in resolving the <i>path</i> parameter.
ENOMEM	Insufficient storage space is available.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fattach** (“fattach Subroutine” on page 204) subroutine, **isastream** subroutine.

feof, ferror, clearerr, or fileno Macro

Purpose

Checks the status of a stream.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>

int feof ( Stream)
FILE *Stream;

int ferror (Stream)
FILE *Stream;

void clearerr (Stream)
FILE *Stream;

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

Description

The **feof** macro inquires about the end-of-file character (EOF). If EOF has previously been detected reading the input stream specified by the *Stream* parameter, a nonzero value is returned. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The **ferror** macro inquires about input or output errors. If an I/O error has previously occurred when reading from or writing to the stream specified by the *Stream* parameter, a nonzero value is returned. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The **clearerr** macro inquires about the status of a stream. The **clearerr** macro resets the error indicator and the EOF indicator to a value of 0 for the stream specified by the *Stream* parameter.

The **fileno** macro inquires about the status of a stream. The **fileno** macro returns the integer file descriptor associated with the stream pointed to by the *Stream* parameter. Otherwise a value of -1 is returned.

Parameters

Stream Specifies the input or output stream.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine.

Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fetch_and_add Subroutine

Purpose

Updates a single word variable atomically.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int fetch_and_add ( word_addr, value)
atomic_p word_addr;
int value;
```

Description

The **fetch_and_add** subroutine increments one word in a single atomic operation. This operation is useful when a counter variable is shared between several threads or processes. When updating such a counter variable, it is important to make sure that the fetch, update, and store operations occur atomically (are not interruptible). For example, consider the sequence of events which could occur if the operations were interruptible:

1. A process fetches the counter value and adds one to it.
2. A second process fetches the counter value, adds one, and stores it.
3. The first process stores its value.

The result of this is that the update made by the second process is lost.

Traditionally, atomic access to a shared variable would be controlled by a mechanism such as semaphores. Compared to such mechanisms, the **fetch_and_add** subroutine requires very little overhead, and provided that the counter variable fits in a single machine word, this subroutine provides a highly efficient way of performing this operation.

Note: The word containing the counter variable must be aligned on a full word boundary.

Parameters

word_addr Specifies the address of the word variable to be incremented.
value Specifies the value to be added to the word variable.

Return Values

This subroutine returns the original value of the word.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fetch_and_and** (“fetch_and_and or fetch_and_or Subroutine”) subroutine, **fetch_and_or** (“fetch_and_and or fetch_and_or Subroutine”) subroutine, **compare_and_swap** (“compare_and_swap Subroutine” on page 112) subroutine.

fetch_and_and or fetch_and_or Subroutine

Purpose

Sets or clears bits in a single word variable atomically.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
uint fetch_and_and ( word_addr, mask)  
atomic_p word_addr;  
int mask;
```

```
uint fetch_and_or ( word_addr, mask)  
atomic_p word_addr;  
int mask;
```

Description

The **fetch_and_and** and **fetch_and_or** subroutines respectively clear and set bits in one word, according to a bit mask, in a single atomic operation. The **fetch_and_and** subroutine clears bits in the word which correspond to clear bits in the bit mask, and the **fetch_and_or** subroutine sets bits in the word which correspond to set bits in the bit mask.

These operations are useful when a variable containing bit flags is shared between several threads or processes. When updating such a variable, it is important that the fetch, bit clear or set, and store operations occur atomically (are not interruptible). For example, consider the sequence of events which could occur if the operations were interruptible:

1. A process fetches the flags variable and sets a bit in it.
2. A second process fetches the flags variable, sets a different bit, and stores it.
3. The first process stores its value.

The result is that the update made by the second process is lost.

Traditionally, atomic access to a shared variable would be controlled by a mechanism such as semaphores. Compared to such mechanisms, the **fetch_and_and** and **fetch_and_or** subroutines require very little overhead, and provided that the flags variable fits in a single machine word, they provide a highly efficient way of performing this operation.

Note: The word containing the flag bits must be aligned on a full word boundary.

Parameters

word_addr Specifies the address of the single word variable whose bits are to be cleared or set.
mask Specifies the bit mask which is to be applied to the single word variable.

Return Values

These subroutines return the original value of the word.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fetch_and_add** (“fetch_and_add Subroutine” on page 218) subroutine, **compare_and_swap** (“compare_and_swap Subroutine” on page 112) subroutine.

finfo or ffinfo Subroutine

Purpose

Returns file information.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/finfo.h>
int finfo(Path1, cmd, buffer, length)
const char *Path1;
int cmd;
void *buffer;
int length;
int ffinfo (fd, cmd, buffer, length)
int fd;
int cmd;
void *buffer;
int length;
```

Description

The **finfo** and **ffinfo** subroutines return specific file information for the specified file.

Parameters

Path1 Path name of a file system object to query.
fd File descriptor for an open file to query.
cmd Specifies the type of file information to be returned.

buffer User supplied buffer which contains the file information upon successful return. /usr/include/sys/finfo.h describes the buffer.

length Length of the query buffer.

Commands

F_PATHCONF

When the **F_PATHCONF** command is specified, a file's implementation information is returned.

Note: The operating system provides another subroutine that retrieves file implementation characteristics, **pathconf** ("pathconf or fpathconf Subroutine" on page 644) command. While the **finfo** and **ffinfo** subroutines can be used to retrieve file information, it is preferred that programs use the **pathconf** interface.

F_DIOCAP

When the **F_DIOCAP** command is specified, the file's direct I/O capability information is returned. The buffer supplied by the application is of type **struct diocapbuf ***.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **finfo** and **ffinfo** subroutines return a value of 0 and the user supplied buffer is correctly filled in with the file information requested. If the **finfo** or **ffinfo** subroutines were unsuccessful, a value of **-1** is returned and the global **errno** variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

EACCES

Search permission is denied for a component of the path prefix.

EINVAL

If the length specified for the user buffer is greater than **MAX_FINFO_BUF**.

If the command argument is not supported. If **F_DIOCAP** command is specified and the file object does not support Direct I/O.

ENAMETOOLONG

The length of the Path parameter string exceeds the **PATH_MAX** value.

ENOENT

The named file does not exist or the Path parameter points to an empty string.

ENOTDIR

A component of the path prefix is not a directory.

EBADF

File descriptor provided is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pathconf** ("pathconf or fpathconf Subroutine" on page 644) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

flockfile, frylockfile, funlockfile Subroutine

Purpose

Provides for explicit application-level locking of stdio (FILE*) objects.

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
void flockfile (FILE * file)
int  ftrylockfile (FILE * file)
void funlockfile (FILE * file)
```

Description

The **flockfile**, **ftrylockfile** and **funlockfile** functions provide for explicit application-level locking of **stdio** (**FILE***) objects. These functions can be used by a thread to delineate a sequence of I/O statements that are to be executed as a unit.

The **flockfile** function is used by a thread to acquire ownership of a (**FILE***) object.

The **ftrylockfile** function is used by a thread to acquire ownership of a (**FILE***) object if the object is available; **ftrylockfile** is a non-blocking version of **flockfile**.

The **funlockfile** function is used to relinquish the ownership granted to the thread. The behavior is undefined if a thread other than the current owner calls the **funlockfile** function.

Logically, there is a lock count associated with each (**FILE***) object. This count is implicitly initialised to zero when the (**FILE***) object is created. The (**FILE***) object is unlocked when the count is zero. When the count is positive, a single thread owns the (**FILE***) object. When the **flockfile** function is called, if the count is zero or if the count is positive and the caller owns the (**FILE***) object, the count is incremented. Otherwise, the calling thread is suspended, waiting for the count to return to zero. Each call to **funlockfile** decrements the count. This allows matching calls to **flockfile** (or successful calls to **ftrylockfile**) and **funlockfile** to be nested.

All functions that reference (**FILE***) objects behave as if they use **flockfile** and **funlockfile** internally to obtain ownership of these (**FILE***) objects.

Return Values

None for **flockfile** and **funlockfile**. The function **ftrylock** returns zero for success and non-zero to indicate that the lock cannot be acquired.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) subroutines.

Realtime applications may encounter priority inversion when using FILE locks. The problem occurs when a high priority thread locks a file that is about to be unlocked by a low priority thread, but the low priority thread is preempted by a medium priority thread. This scenario leads to priority inversion; a high priority thread is blocked by lower priority threads for an unlimited period of time. During system design, realtime programmers must take into account the possibility of this kind of priority inversion. They can deal with it in a number of ways, such as by having critical sections that are guarded by file locks execute at a high priority, so that a thread cannot be preempted while executing in its critical section.

Related Information

The **getc_unlocked**, **getchar_unlocked**, **putc_unlocked**, **putchar_unlocked** (“**getc_unlocked**, **getchar_unlocked**, **putc_unlocked**, **putchar_unlocked** Subroutines” on page 286) subroutine.

floor, floorl, ceil, ceill, nearest, trunc, rint, itrunc, uitrunc, fmod, fmodl, fabs, or fabsl Subroutine

Purpose

The **floor** subroutine, **floorl** subroutine, **ceil** subroutine, **ceill** subroutine, **nearest** subroutine, **trunc** subroutine, and **rint** subroutine round floating-point numbers to floating-point integer values.

The **itrunc** subroutine and **uitrunc** subroutine round floating-point numbers to signed and unsigned integers, respectively.

The **fmod** subroutine and **fmodl** subroutine compute the modulo remainder. The **fabs** subroutine and **fabsl** subroutine compute the floating-point absolute value.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)
Standard C Library (**libc.a**) (separate syntax follows)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double floor ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
long double floorl ( x )
```

```
long double x;
```

```
double ceil ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
long double ceill ( x )
```

```
long double x;
```

```
double nearest ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
double trunc ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
double fmod ( x, y )
```

```
double x, y;
```

```
long double fmodl ( x )
```

```
long double x, y;
```

```
double fabs ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
long double fabsl ( x )
```

```
long double x;
```

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

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

```
#include <limits.h>
```

```
double rint ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
int itrunc ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

```
unsigned int uitrunc ( x )
```

```
double x;
```

Description

The **floor** subroutine and **floorl** subroutines return the largest floating-point integer value not greater than the x parameter.

The **ceil** subroutine and **ceil** subroutine return the smallest floating-point integer value not less than the x parameter.

The **nearest** subroutine returns the nearest floating-point integer value to the x parameter. If x lies exactly halfway between the two nearest floating-point integer values, an even floating-point integer is returned.

The **trunc** subroutine returns the nearest floating-point integer value to the x parameter in the direction of 0. This is equivalent to truncating off the fraction bits of the x parameter.

The **rint** subroutine returns one of the two nearest floating-point integer values to the x parameter. To determine which integer is returned, use the current floating-point rounding mode as described in the *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*.

If the current rounding mode is *round toward -INF*, **rint**(x) is identical to **floor**(x).

If the current rounding mode is *round toward +INF*, **rint**(x) is identical to **ceil**(x).

If the current rounding mode is *round to nearest*, **rint**(x) is identical to **nearest**(x).

If the current rounding mode is *round toward zero*, **rint**(x) is identical to **trunc**(x).

Note: The default floating-point rounding mode is *round to nearest*. All C main programs begin with the rounding mode set to *round to nearest*.

The **itrunc** subroutine returns the nearest signed integer to the x parameter in the direction of 0. This is equivalent to truncating the fraction bits from the x parameter and then converting x to a signed integer.

The **uitrunc** subroutine returns the nearest unsigned integer to the x parameter in the direction of 0. This action is equivalent to truncating off the fraction bits of the x parameter and then converting x to an unsigned integer.

The **fmod** subroutine and **fmodl** subroutine compute the modulo floating-point remainder of x/y . The **fmod** and **fmodl** subroutines return the value $x-iy$ for a i such that if y is nonzero, the result has the same sign as x and magnitude less than the magnitude of y .

The **fabs** and **fabsl** subroutines return the absolute value of x , $|x|$.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. To compile the `floor.c` file, for example, enter:

```
cc floor.c -lm
```

Parameters

- x Specifies a double-precision floating-point value. For the **floorl**, **ceil**, **fmodl**, and **fabsl** subroutines, specifies a long double-precision floating-point value.
- y Specifies a double-precision floating-point value. For the **floorl**, **ceil**, **fmodl**, and **fabsl** subroutines, specifies some long double-precision floating-point value.

Error Codes

The **itrunc** and **utrunc** subroutines return the **INT_MAX** value if x is greater than or equal to the **INT_MAX** value and the **INT_MIN** value if x is equal to or less than the **INT_MIN** value. The **itrunc** subroutine returns the **INT_MIN** value if x is a Quiet NaN(not-a-number) or Silent NaN. The **utrunc** subroutine returns 0 if x is a Quiet NaN or Silent NaN. (The **INT_MAX** and **INT_MIN** values are defined in the **limits.h** file.) The **utrunc** subroutine **INT_MAX** if x is greater than **INT_MAX** and 0 if x is less than or equal 0.0

The **fmod** and **fmodl** subroutines for $(x/0)$ return a Quiet NaN and set the **errno** global variable to a **EDOM** value.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **itrunc**, **utrunc**, **trunc**, **nearest**, and **rint** subroutines are not part of the ANSI C Library.

Files

float.h Contains the ANSI C **FLT_ROUNDS** macro.

Related Information

The **fp_read_rnd** or **fp_swap_rnd** (“**fp_read_rnd** or **fp_swap_rnd** Subroutine” on page 245) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

128-Bit long double Floating-Point Format in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fmtmsg Subroutine

Purpose

Display a message in the specified format on standard error, the console, or both.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fmtmsg.h>
```

```
int fmtmsg (long Classification,  
const char *Label,  
int Severity,  
const char *Text;  
const char *Action,  
const char *Tag)
```

Description

The **fmtmsg** subroutine can be used to display messages in a specified format instead of the traditional **printf** subroutine interface.

Base on a message's classification component, the **fmtmsg** subroutine either writes a formatted message to standard error, the console, or both.

A formatted message consists of up to five parameters. The *Classification* parameter is not part of a message displayed to the user, but defines the source of the message and directs the display of the formatted message.

Parameters

<i>Classification</i>	<p>Contains identifiers from the following groups of major classifications and subclassifications. Any one identifier from a subclass may be used in combination with a single identifier from a different subclass. Two or more identifiers from the same subclass should not be used together, with the exception of identifiers from the display subclass. (Both display subclass identifiers may be used so that messages can be displayed to both standard error and system console).</p> <p>major classifications Identifies the source of the condition. Identifiers are: MM_HARD (hardware), MM_SOFT (software), and MM_FIRM (firmware).</p> <p>message source subclassifications Identifies the type of software in which the problem is detected. Identifiers are: MM_APPL (application), MM_UTIL (utility), and MM OPSYS (operating system).</p> <p>display subclassification Indicates where the message is to be displayed. Identifiers are: MM_PRINT to display the message on the standard error stream, MM_CONSOLE to display the message on the system console. One or both identifiers may be used.</p> <p>status subclassifications Indicates whether the application will recover from the condition. Identifiers are: MM_RECOVER (recoverable) and MM_RECOV (non-recoverable).</p> <p>An additional identifier, MM_NULLMC, identifies that no classification component is supplied for the message.</p>
<i>Label</i>	Identifies the source to the message. The format is two fields separated by a colon. The first field is up to 10 bytes, the second field is up to 14 bytes.
<i>Severity</i>	
<i>Text</i>	Describes the error condition that produced the message. The character string is not limited to a specific size. If the character string is null then a message will be issued stating that no text has been provided.
<i>Action</i>	Describes the first step to be taken in the error-recovery process. The fmtmsg subroutine precedes the action string with the prefix: T0 FIX:. The <i>Action</i> string is not limited to a specific size.
<i>Tag</i>	An identifier which references online documentation for the message. Suggested usage is that <i>tag</i> includes the <i>Label</i> and a unique identifying number. A sample <i>tag</i> is UX:cat:146.

Environment Variables

The **MSGVERB** (message verbosity) environment variable controls the behavior of the **fmtmsg** subroutine.

MSGVERB tells the **fmtmsg** subroutine which message components it is to select when writing messages to standard error. The value of **MSGVERB** is a colon-separated list of optional keywords. **MSGVERB** can be set as follows:

```
MSGVERB=[keyword[:keyword[:...]]]
export MSGVERB
```

Valid keywords are: *Label*, *Severity*, *Text*, *Action*, and *Tag*. If **MSGVERB** contains a keyword for a component and the component's value is not the component's null value, **fmtmsg** subroutine includes that component in the message when writing the message to standard error. If **MSGVERB** does not include a

keyword for a message component, that component is not included in the display of the message. The keywords may appear in any order. If **MSGVERB** is not defined, if its value is the null string, if its value is not of the correct format, or if it contains keywords other than the valid ones listed previously, the **fmtmsg** subroutine selects all components.

MSGVERB affects only which components are selected for display to standard error. All message components are included in console messages.

Application Usage

One or more message components may be systematically omitted from messages generated by an application by using the null value of the parameter for that component. The table below indicates the null values and identifiers for **fmtmsg** subroutine parameters.

Parameter	Type	Null-Value	Identifier
<i>label</i>	char*	(char*)0	MM_NULLLBL
<i>severity</i>	int	0	MM_NULLSEV
<i>class</i>	long	0L	MM_NULLMC
<i>text</i>	char*	(char*)0	MM_NULLTXT
<i>action</i>	char*	(char*)0	MM_NULLACT
<i>tag</i>	char*	(char*)0	MM_NULLTAG

Another means of systematically omitting a component is by omitting the component keywords when defining the **MSGVERB** environment variable.

Return Values

The exit codes for the **fmtmsg** subroutine are the following:

MM_OK	The function succeeded.
MM_NOTOK	The function failed completely.
MM_MOMSG	The function was unable to generate a message on standard error.
MM_NOCON	The function was unable to generate a console message.

Examples

- The following example of the **fmtmsg** subroutine:

```
fmtmsg(MM_PRINT, "UX:cat", MM_ERROR, "illegal option",
"refer tp cat in user's reference manual", "UX:cat:001")
```

produces a complete message in the specified message format:

```
UX:cat ERROR: illegal option
TO FIX: refer to cat in user's reference manual UX:cat:001
```

- When the environment variable **MSGVERB** is set as follows:

```
MSGVERB=severity:text:action
```

and the Example 1 is used, the **fmtmsg** subroutine produces:

```
ERROR: illegal option
TO FIX: refer to cat in user's reference manual UX:cat:001
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **printf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine.

fnmatch Subroutine

Purpose

Matches file name patterns.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc. a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fnmatch.h>
```

```
int fnmatch ( Pattern, String, Flags);  
int Flags;  
const char *Pattern, *String;
```

Description

The **fnmatch** subroutine checks the string specified by the *String* parameter to see if it matches the pattern specified by the *Pattern* parameter.

The **fnmatch** subroutine can be used by an application or command that needs to read a dictionary and apply a pattern against each entry; the **find** command is an example of this. It can also be used by the **pax** command to process its *Pattern* variables, or by applications that need to match strings in a similar manner.

Parameters

<i>Pattern</i>	Contains the pattern to which the <i>String</i> parameter is to be compared. The <i>Pattern</i> parameter can include the following special characters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* (asterisk) Matches zero, one, or more characters.? (question mark) Matches any single character, but will not match 0 (zero) characters.[] (brackets) Matches any one of the characters enclosed within the brackets. If a pair of characters separated by a dash are contained within the brackets, the pattern matches any character that lexically falls between the two characters in the current locale.
<i>String</i>	Contains the string to be compared against the <i>Pattern</i> parameter.

Flags Contains a bit flag specifying the configurable attributes of the comparison to be performed by the **fnmatch** subroutine.

The *Flags* parameter modifies the interpretation of the *Pattern* and *String* parameters. It is the bitwise inclusive OR of zero or more of the following flags (defined in the **fnmatch.h** file):

FNM_PATHNAME

Indicates the / (slash) in the *String* parameter matches a / in the *Pattern* parameter.

FNM_PERIOD

Indicates a leading period in the *String* parameter matches a period in the *Pattern* parameter.

FNM_NOESCAPE

Enables quoting of special characters using the \ (backslash).

FNM_IGNORECASE

Ignores uppercase and lowercase when matching alphabetic characters (available only in AIX 5.1 or later).

If the **FNM_PATHNAME** flag is set in the *Flags* parameter, a / (slash) in the *String* parameter is explicitly matched by a / in the *Pattern* parameter. It is not matched by either the * (asterisk) or ? (question-mark) special characters, nor by a bracket expression. If the **FNM_PATHNAME** flag is not set, the / is treated as an ordinary character.

If the **FNM_PERIOD** flag is set in the *Flags* parameter, then a leading period in the *String* parameter only matches a period in the *Pattern* parameter; it is not matched by either the asterisk or question-mark special characters, nor by a bracket expression. The setting of the **FNM_PATHNAME** flag determines a period to be leading, according to the following rules:

- If the **FNM_PATHNAME** flag is set, a . (period) is leading only if it is the first character in the *String* parameter or if it immediately follows a /.
- If the **FNM_PATHNAME** flag is not set, a . (period) is leading only if it is the first character of the *String* parameter. If **FNM_PERIOD** is not set, no special restrictions are placed on matching a period.

If the **FNM_NOESCAPE** flag is not set in the *Flags* parameter, a \ (backslash) character in the *Pattern* parameter, followed by any other character, will match that second character in the *String* parameter. For example, \\ will match a backslash in the *String* parameter. If the **FNM_NOESCAPE** flag is set, a \ (backslash) will be treated as an ordinary character.

Return Values

If the value in the *String* parameter matches the pattern specified by the *Pattern* parameter, the **fnmatch** subroutine returns 0. If there is no match, the **fnmatch** subroutine returns the **FNM_NOMATCH** constant, which is defined in the **fnmatch.h** file. If an error occurs, the **fnmatch** subroutine returns a nonzero value.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/usr/include/fnmatch.h

Contains system-defined flags and constants.

Related Information

The **glob** (“glob Subroutine” on page 389) subroutine, **globfree** (“globfree Subroutine” on page 392) subroutine, **regcomp** subroutine, **regfree** subroutine, **regerror** subroutine, **regexec** subroutine.

The **find** command, **pax** command.

fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine

Purpose

Opens a stream.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
FILE *fopen ( Path, Type)  
const char *Path, *Type;
```

```
FILE *fopen64 ( Path, Type)  
char *Path, *Type;
```

```
FILE *freopen (Path, Type, Stream)  
const char *Path, *Type;  
FILE *Stream;
```

```
FILE *freopen64 (Path, Type, Stream)  
char *Path, *Type;  
FILE *Stream;
```

```
FILE *fdopen ( FileDescriptor, Type)  
int FileDescriptor;  
const char *Type;
```

Description

The **fopen** and **fopen64** subroutines open the file named by the *Path* parameter and associate a stream with it and return a pointer to the **FILE** structure of this stream.

When you open a file for update, you can perform both input and output operations on the resulting stream. However, an output operation cannot be directly followed by an input operation without an intervening **fflush** subroutine call or a file positioning operation (**fseek**, **fseeko**, **fseeko64**, **fsetpos**, **fsetpos64** or **rewind** subroutine). Also, an input operation cannot be directly followed by an output operation without an intervening flush or file positioning operation, unless the input operation encounters the end of the file.

When you open a file for appending (that is, when the *Type* parameter is set to **a**), it is impossible to overwrite information already in the file.

If two separate processes open the same file for append, each process can write freely to the file without destroying the output being written by the other. The output from the two processes is intermixed in the order in which it is written to the file.

Note: If the data is buffered, it is not actually written until it is flushed.

The **freopen** and **freopen64** subroutines first attempt to flush the stream and close any file descriptor associated with the *Stream* parameter. Failure to flush the stream or close the file descriptor is ignored.

The **freopen** and **freopen64** subroutines substitute the named file in place of the open stream. The original stream is closed regardless of whether the subsequent open succeeds. The **freopen** and **freopen64** subroutines returns a pointer to the **FILE** structure associated with the *Stream* parameter. The **freopen** and **freopen64** subroutines is typically used to attach the pre-opened streams associated with standard input (**stdin**), standard output (**stdout**), and standard error (**stderr**) streams to other files.

The **fdopen** subroutine associates a stream with a file descriptor obtained from an **openx** subroutine, **dup** subroutine, **creat** subroutine, or **pipe** subroutine. These subroutines open files but do not return pointers to **FILE** structures. Many of the standard I/O package subroutines require pointers to **FILE** structures.

The *Type* parameter for the **fdopen** subroutine specifies the mode of the stream, such as **r** to open a file for reading, or **a** to open a file for appending (writing at the end of the file). The mode value of the *Type* parameter specified with the **fdopen** subroutine must agree with the mode of the file specified when the file was originally opened or created.

The largest value that can be represented correctly in an object of type **off_t** will be established as the offset maximum in the open file description.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Points to a character string that contains the name of the file to be opened.
<i>Type</i>	Points to a character string that has one of the following values: r Opens a text file for reading. w Creates a new text file for writing, or opens and truncates a file to 0 length. a Appends (opens a text file for writing at the end of the file, or creates a file for writing). rb Opens a binary file for reading. wb Creates a binary file for writing, or opens and truncates a file to 0. ab Appends (opens a binary file for writing at the end of the file, or creates a file for writing). r+ Opens a file for update (reading and writing). w+ Truncates or creates a file for update. a+ Appends (opens a text file for writing at end of file, or creates a file for writing). r+b , rb+ Opens a binary file for update (reading and writing). w+b , wb+ Creates a binary file for update, or opens and truncates a file to 0 length. a+b , ab+ Appends (opens a binary file for update, writing at the end of the file, or creates a file for writing). Note: The operating system does not distinguish between text and binary files. The b value in the <i>Type</i> parameter value is ignored.
<i>Stream</i>	Specifies the input stream.
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies a valid open file descriptor.

Return Values

If the **fdopen**, **fopen**, **fopen64**, **freopen** or **freopen64** subroutine is unsuccessful, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **fopen**, **fopen64**, **freopen** and **freopen64** subroutines are unsuccessful if the following is true:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix, the file exists and the permissions specified by the mode are denied, or the file does not exist and write permission is denied for the parent directory of the file to be created.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in resolving path.
EINTR	A signal was received during the process.
EISDIR	The named file is a directory and the process does not have write access to it.
ENAMETOOLONG	The length of the filename exceeds PATH_MAX or a pathname component is longer than NAME_MAX .
ENFILE	The maximum number of files allowed are currently open.
ENOENT	The named file does not exist or the <i>File Descriptor</i> parameter points to an empty string.
ENOSPC	The file is not yet created and the directory or file system to contain the new file cannot be expanded.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
ENXIO	The named file is a character- or block-special file, and the device associated with this special file does not exist.
E_OVERFLOW	The named file is a regular file and the size of the file cannot be represented correctly in an object of type <i>off_t</i> .
EROFS	The named file resides on a read-only file system and does not have write access.
ETXTBSY	The file is a pure-procedure (shared-text) file that is being executed and the process does not have write access.

The **fdopen**, **fopen**, **fopen64**, **freopen** and **freopen64** subroutines are unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL	The value of the <i>Type</i> argument is not valid.
EINVAL	The value of the <i>mode</i> argument is not valid.
EMFILE	FOPEN_MAX streams are currently open in the calling process.
EMFILE	STREAM_MAX streams are currently open in the calling process.
ENAMETOOLONG	Pathname resolution of a symbolic link produced an intermediate result whose length exceeds PATH_MAX .
ENOMEM	Insufficient storage space is available.

The **freopen** and **fopen** subroutines are unsuccessful if the following is true:

E_OVERFLOW	The named file is a size larger than 2 Gigabytes.
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The **fdopen** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EBADF	The value of the <i>File Descriptor</i> parameter is not valid.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

POSIX

- w** Truncates to 0 length or creates text file for writing.
- w+** Truncates to 0 length or creates text file for update.
- a** Opens or creates text file for writing at end of file.
- a+** Opens or creates text file for update, writing at end of file.

SAA

At least eight streams, including three standard text streams, can open simultaneously. Both binary and text modes are supported.

Related Information

The **fclose** or **fflush** (“fclose or fflush Subroutine” on page 208) subroutine, **fseek**, **fseeko**, **fseeko64**, **rewind**, **ftell**, **ftello**, **ftello64**, **fgetpos**, **fgetpos64** or **fsetpos** (“fseek, fseeko, fseeko64, rewind, ftell, ftello, ftello64, fgetpos, fgetpos64, fsetpos, or fsetpos64 Subroutine” on page 259) subroutine, **open**, **open64**, **openx**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **setbuf**, **setvbuf**, **setbuffer**, or **setlinebuf** subroutine.

The Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine

Purpose

Creates a new process.

Libraries

fork, **f_fork**, and **vfork**: Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
pid_t fork(void)
pid_t f_fork(void)
int vfork(void)
```

Description

The **fork** subroutine creates a new process. The new process (child process) is an almost exact copy of the calling process (parent process). The child process inherits the following attributes from the parent process:

- Environment
- Close-on-exec flags (described in the **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine)
- Signal handling settings (such as the **SIG_DFL** value, the **SIG_IGN** value, and the *Function Address* parameter)
- Set user ID mode bit
- Set group ID mode bit
- Profiling on and off status
- Nice value
- All attached shared libraries

- Process group ID
- **tty** group ID (described in the **exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199), **atexit**, or **_exit** subroutine, **signal** subroutine, and **raise** subroutine)
- Current directory
- Root directory
- File-mode creation mask (described in the **umask** subroutine)
- File size limit (described in the **ulimit** subroutine)
- Attached shared memory segments (described in the **shmat** subroutine)
- Attached mapped file segments (described in the **shmat** subroutine)
- Debugger process ID and multiprocess flag if the parent process has multiprocess debugging enabled (described in the **ptrace** (“ptrace, ptracex, ptrace64 Subroutine” on page 857) subroutine).

The child process differs from the parent process in the following ways:

- The child process has only one user thread; it is the one that called the **fork** subroutine.
- The child process has a unique process ID.
- The child process ID does not match any active process group ID.
- The child process has a different parent process ID.
- The child process has its own copy of the file descriptors for the parent process. However, each file descriptor of the child process shares a common file pointer with the corresponding file descriptor of the parent process.
- All **semadj** values are cleared. For information about **semadj** values, see the **semop** subroutine.
- Process locks, text locks, and data locks are not inherited by the child process. For information about locks, see the **plock** (“plock Subroutine” on page 677) subroutine.
- If multiprocess debugging is turned on, the **trace** flags are inherited from the parent; otherwise, the **trace** flags are reset. For information about request 0, see the **ptrace** (“ptrace, ptracex, ptrace64 Subroutine” on page 857) subroutine.
- The child process **utime**, **stime**, **cutime**, and **cstime** subroutines are set to 0. (For more information, see the **getrusage** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347), **times**, and **vtimes** subroutines.)
- Any pending alarms are cleared in the child process. (For more information, see the **incinterval** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313), **setitimer** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313), and **alarm** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutines.)
- The set of signals pending for the child process is initialized to the empty set.
- The child process can have its own copy of the message catalogue for the parent process.
- The set of signals pending for the child process is initialized as an empty set.

Attention: If you are using the **fork** or **vfork** subroutines with an Enhanced X-Windows, X Toolkit, or Motif application, open a separate display connection (socket) for the forked process. If the child process uses the same display connection as the parent, the X Server will not be able to interpret the resulting data. See the “Implementation Specifics” section for more information.

The **f_fork** subroutine is similar to **fork**, except for:

- It is required that the child process calls one of the **exec** functions immediately after it is created. Since the **fork** handlers are never called, the application data, mutexes and the locks are all undefined in the child process.

Implementation Specifics

Note: The information about the environment variable only applies to the Itanium-based platform.

The **vfork** subroutine is supported as a compatibility interface for older Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) system programs and can be used by compiling with the Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**).

In the Version 4 of the operating system, the parent process does not have to wait until the child either exits or executes, as it does in BSD systems. The child process is given a new address space, as in the **fork** subroutine. The child process does not share any parent address space.

Attention: When using the **fork** or **vfork** subroutines with an Enhanced X-Windows, X Toolkit, or Motif application, a separate display connection (socket) should be opened for the forked process. The child process should never use the same display connection as the parent. Display connections are embodied with sockets, and sockets are inherited by the child process. Any attempt to have multiple processes writing to the same display connection results in the random interleaving of X protocol packets at the word level. The resulting data written to the socket will not be valid or undefined X protocol packets, and the X Server will not be able to interpret it.

Attention: Although the **fork** and **vfork** subroutine may be used with Graphics Library applications, the child process must not make any additional Graphics Library subroutine calls. The child application inherits some, but not all of the graphics hardware resources of the parent. Drawing by the child process may hang the graphics adapter, the Enhanced X Server, or may cause unpredictable results and place the system into an unpredictable state.

Note: Some Graphics Library subroutines, such as the **winopen** subroutine, implicitly create an X display connection. This connection may be obtained with the **getXdpy** subroutine.

For additional information, see the **/usr/lpp/GL/README** file.

Environment Variables

The default size of the register stack engine is 384K. If your application is core dumping with a **SIGSEGV** due to a register stack engine fault, you may need to increase the size of the register stack.

The size of the register stack can be changed via an environment variable. The size is specified in multiples of 1K. The change takes effect for any new processes, but it does not affect the current process' register stack. A value of zero reverts to the default stack size.

A value that is larger than the process limits allow causes a core dump when attempting to exec a new process.

Example:

```
export RSESTKSIZE=500
```

All child processes are now created with a 500K register stack size.

Note: The information about the environment variable only applies to the Itanium-based platform.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **fork** subroutine returns a value of 0 to the child process and returns the process ID of the child process to the parent process. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned to the parent process, no child process is created, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **fork** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more of the following are true:

EAGAIN Exceeds the limit on the total number of processes running either systemwide or by a single user, or the system does not have the resources necessary to create another process.

ENOMEM

Not enough space exists for this process.

Related Information

The **alarm** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine, **bindprocessor** (“bindprocessor Subroutine” on page 77) subroutine, **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **exit**, **atexit**, or **_exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, **getrusage** or **times** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347) subroutine, **getXdpy** subroutine, **incinterval** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine, **nice** (“getpriority, setpriority, or nice Subroutine” on page 336) subroutine, **plock** (“plock Subroutine” on page 677) subroutine, **pthread_atfork** (“pthread_atfork Subroutine” on page 783) subroutine, **ptrace** (“ptrace, ptracex, ptrace64 Subroutine” on page 857) subroutine, **raise** subroutine, **semop** subroutine, **setitimer** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine, **shmat** subroutine, **setpriority** or **getpriority** (“getpriority, setpriority, or nice Subroutine” on page 336) subroutine, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutine, **ulimit** subroutine, **umask** subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, or **wait3** subroutine, **winopen** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Process Duplication and Termination in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*LK provides more information about forking a multi-threaded process.

fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine

Purpose

These subroutines allow operations on the floating-point trap control.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fptrap.h>
```

```
int fp_any_enable()
int fp_is_enabled( Mask)
fptrap_t Mask;
void fp_enable_all()
void fp_enable(Mask)
fptrap_t Mask;
void fp_disable_all()
void fp_disable(Mask)
fptrap_t Mask;
```

Description

Floating point traps must be enabled before traps can be generated. These subroutines aid in manipulating floating-point traps and identifying the trap state and type.

In order to take traps on floating point exceptions, the **fp_trap** subroutine must first be called to put the process in serialized state, and the **fp_enable** subroutine or **fp_enable_all** subroutine must be called to enable the appropriate traps.

The header file **fptrap.h** defines the following names for the individual bits in the floating-point trap control:

TRP_INVALID	Invalid Operation Summary
TRP_DIV_BY_ZERO	Divide by Zero
TRP_OVERFLOW	Overflow
TRP_UNDERFLOW	Underflow
TRP_INEXACT	Inexact Result

Parameters

Mask A 32-bit pattern that identifies floating-point traps.

Return Values

The **fp_any_enable** subroutine returns 1 if any floating-point traps are enabled. Otherwise, 0 is returned.

The **fp_is_enabled** subroutine returns 1 if the floating-point traps specified by the *Mask* parameter are enabled. Otherwise, 0 is returned.

The **fp_enable_all** subroutine enables all floating-point traps.

The **fp_enable** subroutine enables all floating-point traps specified by the *Mask* parameter.

The **fp_disable_all** subroutine disables all floating-point traps.

The **fp_disable** subroutine disables all floating-point traps specified by the *Mask* parameter.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fp_clr_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, **fp_swap_flag** (“fp_clr_flag, fp_set_flag, fp_read_flag, or fp_swap_flag Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine, **fp_invalid_op**, **fp_divbyzero**, **fp_overflow**, **fp_underflow**, **fp_inexact**, **fp_any_xcp** (“fp_invalid_op, fp_divbyzero, fp_overflow, fp_underflow, fp_inexact, fp_any_xcp Subroutine” on page 242) subroutines, **fp_iop_snan**, **fp_iop_infsinf**, **fp_iop_infdinf**, **fp_iop_zrdzr**, **fp_iop_infmzr**, **fp_iop_invcmp** (“fp_iop_snan, fp_iop_infsinf, fp_iop_infdinf, fp_iop_zrdzr, fp_iop_infmzr, fp_iop_invcmp, fp_iop_sqrt, fp_iop_convert, or fp_iop_vxsoft Subroutines” on page 243) subroutines, **fp_read_rnd**, and **fp_swap_rnd** (“fp_read_rnd or fp_swap_rnd Subroutine” on page 245) subroutines, **fp_trap** (“fp_trap Subroutine” on page 249) subroutine.

Floating-Point Processor Overview in *POWERstation and POWERserver Hardware Technical Information-General Architectures*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fp_clr_flag, fp_set_flag, fp_read_flag, or fp_swap_flag Subroutine

Purpose

Allows operations on the floating-point exception flags.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <float.h>
#include <fpxcp.h>

void fp_clr_flag( Mask)
fpflag_t Mask;
void fp_set_flag(Mask)
fpflag_t Mask;
fpflag_t fp_read_flag( )
fpflag_t fp_swap_flag(Mask)
fpflag_t Mask;
```

Description

These subroutines aid in determining both when an exception has occurred and the exception type. These subroutines can be called explicitly around blocks of code that may cause a floating-point exception.

According to the *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*, the following types of floating-point operations must be signaled when detected in a floating-point operation:

- Invalid operation
- Division by zero
- Overflow
- Underflow
- Inexact

An invalid operation occurs when the result cannot be represented (for example, a **sqrt** operation on a number less than 0).

The *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic* states: "For each type of exception, the implementation shall provide a status flag that shall be set on any occurrence of the corresponding exception when no corresponding trap occurs. It shall be reset only at the user's request. The user shall be able to test and to alter the status flags individually, and should further be able to save and restore all five at one time."

Floating-point operations can set flags in the floating-point exception status but cannot clear them. Users can clear a flag in the floating-point exception status using an explicit software action such as the **fp_swap_flag** (0) subroutine.

The **fp_xcp.h** file defines the following names for the flags indicating floating-point exception status:

FP_INVALID	Invalid operation summary
FP_OVERFLOW	Overflow
FP_UNDERFLOW	Underflow
FP_DIV_BY_ZERO	Division by 0
FP_INEXACT	Inexact result

In addition to these flags, the operating system supports additional information about the cause of an invalid operation exception. The following flags also indicate floating-point exception status and defined in the **fp_xcp.h** file. The flag number for each exception type varies, but the mnemonics are the same for all ports. The following invalid operation detail flags are not required for conformance to the IEEE floating-point exceptions standard:

FP_INV_SNaN	Signaling NaN
FP_INV_ISI	INF - INF
FP_INV_IDI	INF / INF
FP_INV_ZDZ	0 / 0
FP_INV_IMZ	INF x 0
FP_INV_CMP	Unordered compare
FP_INV_SQRT	Square root of a negative number
FP_INV_CVI	Conversion to integer error
FP_INV_VXSOFT	Software request

Parameters

Mask A 32-bit pattern that identifies floating-point exception flags.

Return Values

The **fp_clr_flag** subroutine resets the exception status flags defined by the *Mask* parameter to 0 (false). The remaining flags in the exception status are unchanged.

The **fp_set_flag** subroutine sets the exception status flags defined by the *Mask* parameter to 1 (true). The remaining flags in the exception status are unchanged.

The **fp_read_flag** subroutine returns the current floating-point exception status. The flags in the returned exception status can be tested using the flag definitions above. You can test individual flags or sets of flags.

The **fp_swap_flag** subroutine writes the *Mask* parameter into the floating-point status and returns the floating-point exception status from before the write.

Users set or reset multiple exception flags using **fp_set_flag** and **fp_clr_flag** by ANDing or ORing definitions for individual flags. For example, the following resets both the overflow and inexact flags:

```
fp_clr_flag (FP_OVERFLOW | FP_INEXACT)
```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable**, or **fp_disable_all** (“fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_any_xcp**, **fp_divbyzero**, **fp_inexact**, **fp_invalid_op**, **fp_overflow**, **fp_underflow** (“fp_invalid_op, fp_divbyzero, fp_overflow, fp_underflow, fp_inexact, fp_any_xcp Subroutine” on page 242) subroutines, **fp_iop_infdinf**, **fp_iop_infmzr**, **fp_iop_infsinf**, **fp_iop_invcmp**, **fp_iop_snan**, or **fp_iop_zrdzr** (“fp_iop_snan, fp_iop_infsinf, fp_iop_infdinf, fp_iop_zrdzr, fp_iop_infmzr, fp_iop_invcmp, fp_iop_sqrt, fp_iop_convert, or fp_iop_vxsoft Subroutines” on page 243) subroutines, **fp_read_rnd** or **fp_swap_rnd** (“fp_read_rnd or fp_swap_rnd Subroutine” on page 245) subroutine.

fp_cpusync Subroutine

Purpose

Queries or changes the floating-point exception enable (FE) bit in the Machine Status register (MSR).

Note: This subroutine has been replaced by the **fp_trapstate** (“fp_trapstate Subroutine” on page 251) subroutine. The **fp_cpusync** subroutine is supported for compatibility, but the **fp_trapstate** subroutine should be used for development.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fptrap.h>
```

```
int fp_cpusync ( Flag );  
int Flag;
```

Description

The **fp_cpusync** subroutine is a service routine used to query, set, or reset the Machine Status Register (MSR) floating-point exception enable (FE) bit. The MSR FE bit determines whether a processor runs in pipeline or serial mode. Floating-point traps can only be generated by the hardware when the processor is in synchronous mode.

The **fp_cpusync** subroutine changes only the MSR FE bit. It is a service routine for use in developing custom floating-point exception-handling software. If you are using the **fp_enable** or **fp_enable_all** (“fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine or the **fp_sh_trap_info** or **fp_sh_set_stat** (“fp_sh_info, fp_sh_trap_info, or fp_sh_set_stat Subroutine” on page 246) subroutine, you must use the **fp_trap** (“fp_trap Subroutine” on page 249) subroutine to place the process in serial mode.

Parameters

Flag Specifies to query or modify the MSR FE bit:

FP_SYNC_OFF

Sets the FE bit in the MSR to Off, which disables floating-point exception processing immediately.

FP_SYNC_ON

Sets the FE bit in the MSR to On, which enables floating-exception processing for the next floating-point operation.

FP_SYNC_QUERY

Returns the current state of the process (either **FP_SYNC_ON** or **FP_SYNC_OFF**) without modifying it.

If called with any other value, the **fp_cpusync** subroutine returns **FP_SYNC_ERROR**.

Return Values

If called with the **FP_SYNC_OFF** or **FP_SYNC_ON** flag, the **fp_cpusync** subroutine returns a value indicating which flag was in the previous state of the process.

If called with the **FP_SYNC_QUERY** flag, the **fp_cpusync** subroutine returns a value indicating the current state of the process, either the **FP_SYNC_OFF** or **FP_SYNC_ON** flag.

Error Codes

If the **fp_cpusync** subroutine is called with an invalid parameter, the subroutine returns **FP_SYNC_ERROR**. No other errors are reported.

Related Information

The **fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** (“**fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_clr_flag**, **fpset_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** (“**fp_clr_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutine.

Floating-Point Processor Overview in *POWERstation and POWERserver Hardware Technical Information-General Architectures*.

Floating-Point Exceptions in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fp_flush_imprecise Subroutine

Purpose

Forces imprecise signal delivery.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fptrap.h>
void fp_flush_imprecise ()
```

Description

The **fp_flush_imprecise** subroutine forces any imprecise interrupts to be reported. To ensure that no signals are lost when a program voluntarily exits, use this subroutine in combination with the **atexit** (“**exit**, **atexit**, or **_exit** Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine.

Example

The following example illustrates using the **atexit** subroutine to run the **fp_flush_imprecise** subroutine before a program exits:

```
#include <fptrap.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
if (0!=atexit(fp_flush_imprecise))
    puts ("Failure in atexit(fp_flush_imprecise) ");
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **atexit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, **fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** (“fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_clr_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, **fp_swap_flag**, or **fpset_flag** (“fp_clr_flag, fp_set_flag, fp_read_flag, or fp_swap_flag Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine, **fp_cpusync** (“fp_cpusync Subroutine” on page 240) subroutine, **fp_trap** (“fp_trap Subroutine” on page 249) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine.

Floating-Point Exceptions in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fp_invalid_op, **fp_divbyzero**, **fp_overflow**, **fp_underflow**, **fp_inexact**, **fp_any_xcp** Subroutine

Purpose

Tests to see if a floating-point exception has occurred.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <float.h>
#include <fp_xcp.h>

int
fp_invalid_op()
int fp_divbyzero()

int fp_overflow()
int fp_underflow()

int
fp_inexact()
int fp_any_xcp()
```

Description

These subroutines aid in determining when an exception has occurred and the exception type. These subroutines can be called explicitly after blocks of code that may cause a floating-point exception.

Return Values

The **fp_invalid_op** subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The **fp_divbyzero** subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point divide-by-zero exception status flag is set. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The **fp_overflow** subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point overflow exception status flag is set. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The **fp_underflow** subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point underflow exception status flag is set. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The **fp_inexact** subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point inexact exception status flag is set. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The **fp_any_xcp** subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid operation, divide-by-zero, overflow, underflow, or inexact exception status flag is set. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** (“fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_clr_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** (“fp_clr_flag, fp_set_flag, fp_read_flag, or fp_swap_flag Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine, **fp_read_rnd** or **fp_swap_rnd** (“fp_read_rnd or fp_swap_rnd Subroutine” on page 245) subroutine.

Floating-Point Processor Overview in *POWERstation and POWERserver Hardware Technical Information-General Architectures*.

Floating-Point Exceptions Overview and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fp_iop_snan, fp_iop_infsinf, fp_iop_infdfinf, fp_iop_zrdzr, fp_iop_infmzr, fp_iop_invcmp, fp_iop_sqrt, fp_iop_convert, or fp_iop_vxsoft Subroutines

Purpose

Tests to see if a floating-point exception has occurred.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <float.h>
#include <fp_xcp.h>

int fp_iop_snan()
int fp_iop_infsinf()

int
fp_iop_infdfinf()
int fp_iop_zrdzr()

int
fp_iop_infmzr()
int fp_iop_invcmp()

int
fp_iop_sqrt()
int fp_iop_convert()

int
fp_iop_vxsoft ();
```

Description

These subroutines aid in determining when an exception has occurred and the exception type. These subroutines can be called explicitly after blocks of code that may cause a floating-point exception.

Return Values

The `fp_iop_snan` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to a signaling NaN (NaNs) flag. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_infsinf` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to an INF-INF flag. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_infdir` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to an INF/INF flag. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_zrdzr` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to a 0.0/0.0 flag. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_infmzr` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to an INF*0.0 flag. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_invcmp` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to a compare involving a NaN. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_sqrt` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to the calculation of a square root of a negative number. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_convert` subroutine returns a value of 1 if a floating-point invalid-operation exception status flag is set due to the conversion of a floating-point number to an integer, where the floating-point number was a NaN, an INF, or was outside the range of the integer. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

The `fp_iop_vxsoft` subroutine returns a value of 1 if the VXSOFT detail bit is on. Otherwise, a value of 0 is returned.

fp_raise_xcp Subroutine

Purpose

Generates a floating-point exception.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fp_xcp.h>
```

```
int fp_raise_xcp( mask)
fpflag_t mask;
```

Description

The `fp_raise_xcp` subroutine causes any floating-point exceptions defined by the `mask` parameter to be raised immediately. If the exceptions defined by the `mask` parameter are enabled and the program is running in serial mode, the signal for floating-point exceptions, **SIGFPE**, is raised.

If more than one exception is included in the `mask` variable, the exceptions are raised in the following order:

1. Invalid
2. Dividebyzero

3. Underflow
4. Overflow
5. Inexact

Thus, if the user exception handler does not disable further exceptions, one call to the **fp_raise_xcp** subroutine can cause the exception handler to be entered many times.

Parameters

mask Specifies a 32-bit pattern that identifies floating-point traps.

Return Values

The **fp_raise_xcp** subroutine returns 0 for normal completion and returns a nonzero value if an error occurs.

Related Information

The **fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** (“**fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_clr_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, **fp_swap_flag**, or **fpset_flag** (“**fp_clr_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine, **fp_cpusync** (“**fp_cpusync** Subroutine” on page 240) subroutine, **fp_trap** (“**fp_trap** Subroutine” on page 249) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine.

fp_read_rnd or fp_swap_rnd Subroutine

Purpose

Read and set the IEEE floating-point rounding mode.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <float.h>
```

```
fprnd_t fp_read_rnd()
fprnd_t fp_swap_rnd( RoundMode)
fprnd_t RoundMode;
```

Description

The **fp_read_rnd** subroutine returns the current rounding mode. The **fp_swap_rnd** subroutine changes the rounding mode to the *RoundMode* parameter and returns the value of the rounding mode before the change.

Floating-point rounding occurs when the infinitely precise result of a floating-point operation cannot be represented exactly in the destination floating-point format (such as double-precision format).

The *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic* allows floating-point numbers to be rounded in four different ways: round toward zero, round to nearest, round toward +INF, and round toward -INF. Once a rounding mode is selected it affects all subsequent floating-point operations until another rounding mode is selected.

Note: The default floating-point rounding mode is round to nearest. All C main programs begin with the rounding mode set to round to nearest.

The encodings of the rounding modes are those defined in the *ANSI C Standard*. The **float.h** file contains definitions for the rounding modes. Below is the **float.h** definition, the *ANSI C Standard* value, and a description of each rounding mode.

float.h Definition	ANSI Value	Description
FP_RND_RZ	0	Round toward 0
FP_RND_RN	1	Round to nearest
FP_RND_RP	2	Round toward +INF
FP_RND_RM	3	Round toward -INF

The **fp_swap_rnd** subroutine can be used to swap rounding modes by saving the return value from **fp_swap_rnd(RoundMode)**. This can be useful in functions that need to force a specific rounding mode for use during the function but wish to restore the caller's rounding mode on exit. Below is a code fragment that accomplishes this action:

```
save_mode = fp_swap_rnd (new_mode);  
...desired code using new_mode  
(void) fp_swap_rnd(save_mode); /*restore caller's mode*/
```

Parameters

RoundMode Specifies one of the following modes: **FP_RND_RZ**, **FP_RND_RN**, **FP_RND_RP**, or **FP_RND_RM**.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **floor**, **ceil**, **nearest**, **trunc**, **rint**, **itrunc**, **uitrunc**, **fmod**, or **fabs** (“**floor**, **floorl**, **ceil**, **ceilf**, **nearest**, **trunc**, **rint**, **itrunc**, **uitrunc**, **fmod**, **fmodl**, **fabs**, or **fabsf** Subroutine” on page 223) subroutine, **fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** (“**fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_clr_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** (“**fp_clr_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fp_sh_info, fp_sh_trap_info, or fp_sh_set_stat Subroutine

Purpose

From within a floating-point signal handler, determines any floating-point exception that caused the trap in the process and changes the state of the Floating-Point Status and Control register (FPSCR) in the user process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fp MCP.h>
#include <fp trap.h>
#include <signal.h>
```

```
void fp_sh_info( scp, fcp, struct_size)
struct sigcontext *scp;
struct fp_sh_info *fcp;
size_t struct_size;
```

```
void fp_sh_trap_info( scp, fcp)
struct sigcontext *scp;
struct fp_ctx *fcp;
```

```
void fp_sh_set_stat( scp, fpscr)
struct sigcontext *scp;
fpstat_t fpscr;
```

Description

These subroutines are for use within a user-written signal handler. They return information about the process that was running at the time the signal occurred, and they update the Floating-Point Status and Control register for the process.

Note: The `fp_sh_trap_info` subroutine is maintained for compatibility only. It has been replaced by the `fp_sh_info` subroutine, which should be used for development.

These subroutines operate only on the state of the user process that was running at the time the signal was delivered. They read and write the **sigcontext** structure. They do not change the state of the signal handler process itself.

The state of the signal handler process can be modified by the `fp_any_enable`, `fp_is_enabled`, `fp_enable_all`, `fp_enable`, `fp_disable_all`, or `fp_disable` subroutine.

fp_sh_info

The `fp_sh_info` subroutine returns information about the process that caused the trap by means of a floating-point context (**fp_sh_info**) structure. This structure contains the following information:

```
typedef struct fp_sh_info {
fpstat_t      fpscr;
fpflag_t      trap;
short         trap_mode;
char          flags;
char          extra;
} fp_sh_info_t;
```

The fields are:

<code>fpscr</code>	The Floating-Point Status and Control register (FPSCR) in the user process at the time the interrupt occurred.
<code>trap</code>	A mask indicating the trap or traps that caused the signal handler to be entered. This mask is the logical OR operator of the enabled floating-point exceptions that occurred to cause the trap. This mask can have up to two exceptions; if there are two, the INEXACT signal must be one of them. If the mask is 0, the SIGFPE signal was raised not by a floating-point operation, but by the kill or raise subroutine or the kill command.

trap_mode	The trap mode in effect in the process at the time the signal handler was entered. The values returned in the fp_sh_info.trap_mode file use the following argument definitions: FP_TRAP_OFF Trapping off FP_TRAP_SYNC Precise trapping on FP_TRAP_IMP_REC Recoverable imprecise trapping on FP_TRAP_IMP Non-recoverable imprecise trapping on
flags	This field is interpreted as an array of bits and should be accessed with masks. The following mask is defined: FP_IAR_STAT If the value of the bit at this mask is 1, the exception was precise and the IAR points to the instruction that caused the exception. If the value bit at this mask is 0, the exception was imprecise.

fp_sh_trap_info

The **fp_sh_trap_info** subroutine is maintained for compatibility only. The **fp_sh_trap_info** subroutine returns information about the process that caused the trap by means of a floating-point context (**fp_ctx**) structure. This structure contains the following information:

```
fpstat_t fpscr;
fpflag_t trap;
```

The fields are:

fpscr	The Floating-Point Status and Control register (FPSCR) in the user process at the time the interrupt occurred.
trap	A mask indicating the trap or traps that caused the signal handler to be entered. This mask is the logical OR operator of the enabled floating-point exceptions that occurred to cause the trap. This mask can have up to two exceptions; if there are two, the INEXACT signal must be one of them. If the mask is 0, the SIGFPE signal was raised not by a floating-point operation, but by the kill or raise subroutine or the kill command.

fp_sh_set_stat

The **fp_sh_set_stat** subroutine updates the Floating-Point Status and Control register (FPSCR) in the user process with the value in the **fpscr** field.

The signal handler must either clear the exception bit that caused the trap to occur or disable the trap to prevent a recurrence. If the instruction generated more than one exception, and the signal handler clears only one of these exceptions, a signal is raised for the remaining exception when the next floating-point instruction is executed in the user process.

Parameters

<i>fcx</i>	Specifies a floating-point context structure.
<i>scp</i>	Specifies a sigcontext structure for the interrupt.
<i>struct_size</i>	Specifies the size of the fp_sh_info structure.
<i>fpscr</i>	Specifies which Floating-Point Status and Control register to update.

Related Information

The **fp_any_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, **fp_disable**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, or **fp_is_enabled** (“fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_clr_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** (“fp_clr_flag, fp_set_flag, fp_read_flag, or fp_swap_flag Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine, **fp_trap** (“fp_trap Subroutine”) subroutine.

Floating-Point Exceptions in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fp_trap Subroutine

Purpose

Queries or changes the mode of the user process to allow floating-point exceptions to generate traps.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fptrap.h>
```

```
int fp_trap( flag)
int flag;
```

Description

The **fp_trap** subroutine queries and changes the mode of the user process to allow or disallow floating-point exception trapping. Floating-point traps can only be generated when a process is executing in a traps-enabled mode.

The default state is to execute in pipelined mode and not to generate floating-point traps.

Note: The **fp_trap** routines only change the execution state of the process. To generate floating-point traps, you must also enable traps. Use the **fp_enable** (“fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine” on page 236) and **fp_enable_all** subroutines to enable traps.

Before calling the **fp_trap(FP_TRAP_SYNC)** routine, previous floating-point operations can set to True certain exception bits in the Floating-Point Status and Control register (FPSCR). Enabling these Cexceptions and calling the **fp_trap(FP_TRAP_SYNC)** routine does not cause an immediate trap to occur. That is, the operation of these traps is edge-sensitive, not level-sensitive.

The **fp_trap** subroutine does not clear the exception history. You can query this history by using any of the following subroutines:

- **fp_any_xcp**
- **fp_divbyzero**
- **fp_iop_convert**
- **fp_iop_infdinf**
- **fp_iop_infmzr**
- **fp_iop_infsinf**
- **fp_iop_invcmp**
- **fp_iop_snan**

- `fp_iop_sqrt`
- `fp_iop_vxsoft`
- `fp_iop_zrdzr`
- `fp_inexact`
- `fp_invalid_op`
- `fp_overflow`
- `fp_underflow`

Parameters

flag Specifies a query of or change in the mode of the user process:

FP_TRAP_OFF

Puts the user process into trapping-off mode and returns the previous mode of the process, either **FP_TRAP_SYNC**, **FP_TRAP_IMP**, **FP_TRAP_IMP_REC**, or **FP_TRAP_OFF**.

FP_TRAP_QUERY

Returns the current mode of the user process.

FP_TRAP_SYNC

Puts the user process into precise trapping mode and returns the previous mode of the process.

FP_TRAP_IMP

Puts the user process into non-recoverable imprecise trapping mode and returns the previous mode.

FP_TRAP_IMP_REC

Puts the user process into recoverable imprecise trapping mode and returns the previous mode.

FP_TRAP_FASTMODE

Puts the user process into the fastest trapping mode available on the hardware platform.

Note: Some hardware models do not support all modes. If an unsupported mode is requested, the `fp_trap` subroutine returns **FP_TRAP_UNIMPL**.

Return Values

If called with the **FP_TRAP_OFF**, **FP_TRAP_IMP**, **FP_TRAP_IMP_REC**, or **FP_TRAP_SYNC** flag, the `fp_trap` subroutine returns a value indicating which flag was in the previous mode of the process if the hardware supports the requested mode. If the hardware does not support the requested mode, the `fp_trap` subroutine returns **FP_TRAP_UNIMPL**.

If called with the **FP_TRAP_QUERY** flag, the `fp_trap` subroutine returns a value indicating the current mode of the process, either the **FP_TRAP_OFF**, **FP_TRAP_IMP**, **FP_TRAP_IMP_REC**, or **FP_TRAP_SYNC** flag.

If called with **FP_TRAP_FASTMODE**, the `fp_trap` subroutine sets the fastest mode available and returns the mode selected.

Error Codes

If the `fp_trap` subroutine is called with an invalid parameter, the subroutine returns **FP_TRAP_ERROR**.

If the requested mode is not supported on the hardware platform, the subroutine returns **FP_TRAP_UNIMPL**.

fp_trapstate Subroutine

Purpose

Queries or changes the trapping mode in the Machine Status register (MSR).

Note: This subroutine replaces the **fp_cpusync** (“fp_cpusync Subroutine” on page 240) subroutine. The **fp_cpusync** subroutine is supported for compatibility, but the **fp_trapstate** subroutine should be used for development.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fptrap.h>
int fp_trapstate (int)
```

Description

The **fp_trapstate** subroutine is a service routine used to query or set the trapping mode. The trapping mode determines whether floating-point exceptions can generate traps, and can affect execution speed. See Floating-Point Exceptions Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for a description of precise and imprecise trapping modes. Floating-point traps can be generated by the hardware only when the processor is in a traps-enabled mode.

The **fp_trapstate** subroutine changes only the trapping mode. It is a service routine for use in developing custom floating-point exception-handling software. If you are using the **fp_enable** (“fp_any_enable, fp_is_enabled, fp_enable_all, fp_enable, fp_disable_all, or fp_disable Subroutine” on page 236) or **fp_enable_all** subroutine or the **fp_sh_info** (“fp_sh_info, fp_sh_trap_info, or fp_sh_set_stat Subroutine” on page 246) or **fp_sh_set_stat** subroutine, you must use the **fp_trap** (“fp_trap Subroutine” on page 249) subroutine to change the process’ trapping mode.

Parameters

flag Specifies a query of, or change in, the trap mode:

FP_TRAPSTATE_OFF

Sets the trapping mode to Off and returns the previous mode.

FP_TRAPSTATE_QUERY

Returns the current trapping mode without modifying it.

FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP

Puts the process in non-recoverable imprecise trapping mode and returns the previous state.

FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP_REC

Puts the process in recoverable imprecise trapping mode and returns the previous state.

FP_TRAPSTATE_PRECISE

Puts the process in precise trapping mode and returns the previous state.

FP_TRAPSTATE_FASTMODE

Puts the process in the fastest trap-generating mode available on the hardware platform and returns the state selected.

Note: Some hardware models do not support all modes. If an unsupported mode is requested, the **fp_trapstate** subroutine returns **FP_TRAP_UNIMPL** and the trapping mode is not changed.

Return Values

If called with the **FP_TRAPSTATE_OFF**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP_REC**, or **FP_TRAPSTATE_PRECISE** flag, the **fp_trapstate** subroutine returns a value indicating the previous mode of the process. The value may be **FP_TRAPSTATE_OFF**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP_REC**, or **FP_TRAPSTATE_PRECISE**. If the hardware does not support the requested mode, the **fp_trapstate** subroutine returns **FP_TRAP_UNIMPL**.

If called with the **FP_TRAP_QUERY** flag, the **fp_trapstate** subroutine returns a value indicating the current mode of the process. The value may be **FP_TRAPSTATE_OFF**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP_REC**, or **FP_TRAPSTATE_PRECISE**.

If called with the **FP_TRAPSTATE_FASTMODE** flag, the **fp_trapstate** subroutine returns a value indicating which mode was selected. The value may be **FP_TRAPSTATE_OFF**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP**, **FP_TRAPSTATE_IMP_REC**, or **FP_TRAPSTATE_PRECISE**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fp_any_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, **fp_disable**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, or **fp_is_enabled** (“**fp_any_enable**, **fp_is_enabled**, **fp_enable_all**, **fp_enable**, **fp_disable_all**, or **fp_disable** Subroutine” on page 236) subroutine, **fp_clr_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, **fpset_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** (“**fp_clr_flag**, **fp_set_flag**, **fp_read_flag**, or **fp_swap_flag** Subroutine” on page 238) subroutine, **sigaction**, **signal**, or **sigvec** subroutine.

The Floating-Point Processor in *POWERstation and POWERserver Hardware Technical Information-General Architectures*.

Floating-Point Exceptions in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fread or fwrite Subroutine

Purpose

Reads and writes binary files.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
size_t fread ( (void *) Pointer, Size, NumberOfItems, Stream ("Parameters" on page 253))
size_t Size, NumberOfItems ("Parameters" on page 253);
FILE *Stream ("Parameters" on page 253);
size_t fwrite (Pointer, Size, NumberOfItems, Stream ("Parameters" on page 253))
const void *Pointer ("Parameters" on page 253);
size_t Size, NumberOfItems ("Parameters" on page 253);
FILE *Stream ("Parameters" on page 253);
```

Description

The **fread** subroutine copies the number of data items specified by the *NumberOfItems* parameter from the input stream into an array beginning at the location pointed to by the *Pointer* parameter. Each data item has the form **Pointer*.

The **fread** subroutine stops copying bytes if an end-of-file (EOF) or error condition is encountered while reading from the input specified by the *Stream* parameter, or when the number of data items specified by the *NumberOfItems* parameter have been copied. This subroutine leaves the file pointer of the *Stream* parameter, if defined, pointing to the byte following the last byte read. The **fread** subroutine does not change the contents of the *Stream* parameter.

The *st_atime* field will be marked for update by the first successful run of the **fgetc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353), **fgetwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385), **fgetws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387), **fread**, **fscanf**, **getc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **getchar** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **gets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353), or **scanf** subroutine using a stream that returns data not supplied by a prior call to the **ungetc** or **ungetwc** subroutine.

Note: The **fread** subroutine is a buffered **read** subroutine library call. It reads data in 4KB blocks. For tape block sizes greater than 4KB, use the **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine and **read** subroutine.

The **fwrite** subroutine writes items from the array pointed to by the *Pointer* parameter to the stream pointed to by the *Stream* parameter. Each item’s size is specified by the *Size* parameter. The **fwrite** subroutine writes the number of items specified by the *NumberOfItems* parameter. The file-position indicator for the stream is advanced by the number of bytes successfully written. If an error occurs, the resulting value of the file-position indicator for the stream is indeterminate.

The **fwrite** subroutine appends items to the output stream from the array pointed to by the *Pointer* parameter. The **fwrite** subroutine appends as many items as specified in the *NumberOfItems* parameter.

The **fwrite** subroutine stops writing bytes if an error condition is encountered on the stream, or when the number of items of data specified by the *NumberOfItems* parameter have been written. The **fwrite** subroutine does not change the contents of the array pointed to by the *Pointer* parameter.

The *st_ctime* and *st_mtime* fields will be marked for update between the successful run of the **fwrite** subroutine and the next completion of a call to the **fflush** (“fclose or fflush Subroutine” on page 208) or **fclose** subroutine on the same stream, the next call to the **exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, or the next call to the **abort** (“abort Subroutine” on page 3) subroutine.

Parameters

<i>Pointer</i>	Points to an array.
<i>Size</i>	Specifies the size of the variable type of the array pointed to by the <i>Pointer</i> parameter. The <i>Size</i> parameter can be considered the same as a call to sizeof subroutine.
<i>NumberOfItems</i>	Specifies the number of items of data.
<i>Stream</i>	Specifies the input or output stream.

Return Values

The **fread** and **fwrite** subroutines return the number of items actually transferred. If the *NumberOfItems* parameter contains a 0, no characters are transferred, and a value of 0 is returned. If the *NumberOfItems* parameter contains a negative number, it is translated to a positive number, since the *NumberOfItems* parameter is of the unsigned type.

Error Codes

If the **fread** subroutine is unsuccessful because the I/O stream is unbuffered or data needs to be read into the I/O stream's buffer, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

- EAGAIN** Indicates that the **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set for the file descriptor specified by the *Stream* parameter, and the process would be delayed in the **fread** operation.
- EBADF** Indicates that the file descriptor specified by the *Stream* parameter is not a valid file descriptor open for reading.
- EINTR** Indicates that the read operation was terminated due to receipt of a signal, and no data was transferred.

Note: Depending upon which library routine the application binds to, this subroutine may return **EINTR**. Refer to the **signal** subroutine regarding **sa_restart**.

- EIO** Indicates that the process is a member of a background process group attempting to perform a read from its controlling terminal, and either the process is ignoring or blocking the **SIGTTIN** signal or the process group has no parent process.
- ENOMEM** Indicates that insufficient storage space is available.
- ENXIO** Indicates that a request was made of a nonexistent device.

If the **fwrite** subroutine is unsuccessful because the I/O stream is unbuffered or the I/O stream's buffer needs to be flushed, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

- EAGAIN** Indicates that the **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set for the file descriptor specified by the *Stream* parameter, and the process is delayed in the write operation.
- EBADF** Indicates that the file descriptor specified by the *Stream* parameter is not a valid file descriptor open for writing.
- EFBIG** Indicates that an attempt was made to write a file that exceeds the file size of the process limit or the systemwide maximum file size.
- EINTR** Indicates that the write operation was terminated due to the receipt of a signal, and no data was transferred.
- EIO** Indicates that the process is a member of a background process group attempting to perform a write to its controlling terminal, the **TOSTOP** signal is set, the process is neither ignoring nor blocking the **SIGTTOU** signal, and the process group of the process is orphaned.
- ENOSPC** Indicates that there was no free space remaining on the device containing the file.
- EPIPE** Indicates that an attempt is made to write to a pipe or first-in-first-out (FIFO) process that is not open for reading by any process. A **SIGPIPE** signal is sent to the process.

The **fwrite** subroutine is also unsuccessful due to the following error conditions:

- ENOMEM** Indicates that insufficient storage space is available.
- ENXIO** Indicates that a request was made of a nonexistent device, or the request was outside the capabilities of the device.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **abort** ("abort Subroutine" on page 3) subroutine, **exit** ("exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine" on page 199) subroutine, **fflush** or **fclose** ("fclose or fflush Subroutine" on page 208) subroutine, **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** ("fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine" on page 230) subroutine, **getc**, **getchar**, **fgetc**, or **getw** ("getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine" on page 284) subroutine, **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** ("getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine" on page 385) subroutine, **gets** or **fgets** ("gets or fgets Subroutine" on page 353) subroutine, **getws** or **fgetws** ("getws or fgetws Subroutine" on page 387)

page 386) subroutine, **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **print**, **fprintf**, or **sprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **putc**, **putchar**, **fputc**, or **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **putwc**, **putwchar**, or **fputwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **puts** or **fputs** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **putws** or **fputws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine, **read** subroutine, **scanf**, **fscanf**, **sscanf**, or **wscanf** subroutine, **ungetc** or **ungetwc** subroutine, **write** subroutine.

The Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

freeaddrinfo Subroutine

Purpose

To free memory allocated by **getaddrinfo**. This includes the **addrinfo** structures, the socket address structures, and canonical host name strings pointed to by the **addrinfo** structures.

Library

Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
void freeaddrinfo (ai)
struct addrinfo *ai;
```

Description

This function frees any dynamic storage pointed to by elements of **ai**, as well as the space for **ai** itself. Also, it will descend the linked list, repeating this process for all nodes in the list until a NULL **ai_next** pointer is encountered.

Related Information

The **getaddrinfo** (“getaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 279) subroutine, **gai_strerror** (“gai_strerror Subroutine” on page 277), and **getnameinfo** (“getnameinfo Subroutine” on page 321) subroutine.

freehostent Subroutine

Purpose

To free memory allocated by **getipnodebyname** and **getipnodebyaddr**.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <netdb.h>
void freehostent (ptr)
struct hostent * ptr;
```

Description

The **freehostent** subroutine frees any dynamic storage pointed to by elements of *ptr*. This includes the **hostent** structure and the data areas pointed to by the *h_name*, *h_addr_list*, and *h_aliases* members of the **hostent** structure.

Related Information

The **getipnodebyaddr** subroutine and **getipnodebyname** subroutine.

frevoke Subroutine

Purpose

Revokes access to a file by other processes.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int frevoke ( FileDescriptor )
int FileDescriptor;
```

Description

The **frevoke** subroutine revokes access to a file by other processes.

All accesses to the file are revoked, except through the file descriptor specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter to the **frevoke** subroutine. Subsequent attempts to access the file, using another file descriptor established before the **frevoke** subroutine was called, fail and cause the process to receive a return value of -1, and the **errno** global variable is set to **EBADF**.

A process can revoke access to a file only if its effective user ID is the same as the file owner ID or if the invoker has root user authority.

Note: The **frevoke** subroutine has no affect on subsequent attempts to open the file. To ensure exclusive access to the file, the caller should change the mode of the file before issuing the **frevoke** subroutine. Currently the **frevoke** subroutine works only on terminal devices.

Parameters

FileDescriptor A file descriptor returned by a successful **open** subroutine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **frevoke** subroutine returns a value of 0.

If the **frevoke** subroutine fails, it returns a value of -1 and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **frevoke** subroutine fails if the following is true:

EBADF The *FileDescriptor* value is not the valid file descriptor of a terminal.
EPERM The effective user ID of the calling process is not the same as the file owner ID.

EINVAL Revocation of access rights is not implemented for this file.

frexp, frexpl, ldexp, ldexpl, modf, or modfl Subroutine

Purpose

Manipulates floating-point numbers.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double frexp (Value, Exponent)
```

```
double Value;
```

```
int * Exponent;
```

```
long double frexpl (Value, Exponent)
```

```
long double Value;
```

```
int Exponent;
```

```
double ldexp (Mantissa, Exponent)
```

```
double Mantissa;
```

```
int Exponent ;
```

```
long double ldexpl (Mantissa, Exponent)
```

```
long double Mantissa;
```

```
int Exponent;
```

```
double modf (Value, IntegerPointer)
```

```
double Value, * IntegerPointer;
```

```
long double modfl (Value, IntegerPointer)
```

```
long double Value, *IntegerPointer;
```

Description

Every nonzero number can be written uniquely as $x * 2^{**n}$, where the mantissa (fractional part) x is in the range $0.5 \leq |x| < 1.0$, and the exponent n is an integer.

The **frexp** subroutine breaks a floating-point number into a normalized fraction and an integral power of 2. It stores the integer in the object pointed to by the *Exponent* parameter and returns the fraction part. The **frexpl** subroutine performs the same function for numbers in the long double data type.

The **ldexp** subroutine multiplies a floating-point number by an integral power of 2. The **ldexpl** subroutine performs the same function for numbers in the long double data type.

The **modf** subroutine breaks the *Value* parameter into an integral and fractional part, each of which has the same sign as the value. It stores the integral part in a **double** variable at the location pointed to by the *IntegerPointer* parameter. The **modfl** subroutine performs the same function for numbers in the long double data type.

Parameters

Value Specifies a double-precision floating-point value.

<i>Exponent</i>	For the frexp subroutine, specifies an integer pointer to store the exponent; for the ldexp subroutine, specifies an integer value.
<i>Mantissa</i>	Specifies a double-precision floating-point value.
<i>IntegerPointer</i>	Specifies a pointer to the double variable in which to store the signed integral part.

Return Values

The **frexp** and **frexpl** subroutines return a value x such that x is in the range $0.5 \leq |x| < 1.0$ or is 0, and the *Value* parameter equals $x * 2^{**}(*Exponent)$. If the *Value* parameter is 0, the object pointed to by the **Exponent* parameter and x are also 0. If the *Value* parameter is a NaN (not-a-number), x is a NaNQ, and the object pointed to by the **Exponent* parameter is set to **LONG_MIN**. If the *Value* parameter is +INF, then +INF is returned and the object pointed to by the **Exponent* parameter is set to **INT_MAX**. If the *Value* parameter is -INF, then -INF is returned and the object pointed to by the **Exponent* parameter is set to **INT_MIN**.

The **ldexp** and **ldexpl** subroutines return the value $x * 2^{**}(Exponent)$.

The **modf** and **modfl** subroutines return the signed fractional part of the *Value* parameter and stores the signed integral part in the object pointed to by the *IntegerPointer* parameter. If the *Value* parameter is a NaN value, then a NaNQ value is returned, and a NaNQ is stored in the object pointed to by the *IntegerPointer* parameter. If the *Value* parameter is +/-INF, then +/- 0.0 is returned, and +/-INF is stored in the object pointed to by the *IntegerPointer* parameter.

Error Codes

If the result of the **ldexp** or **ldexpl** subroutine overflows, then +/- **HUGE_VAL** is returned, and the global variable **errno** is set to **ERANGE**.

If the result of the **ldexp** or **ldexpl** subroutine underflows, 0 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to a **ERANGE** value.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **scanf**, **fscanf**, or **sscanf** subroutine, **sgetl** or **sputl** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

128-Bit long Double Floating-Point Format in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fscntl Subroutine

Purpose

Controls file system control operations.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int fscntl ( vfs_id, Command, Argument, ArgumentSize)
int vfs_id;
int Command;
char *Argument;
int ArgumentSize;
```

Description

The **fscntl** subroutine performs a variety of file system-specific functions. These functions typically require root user authority.

At present, only one file system, the Journaled File System, supports any commands via the **fscntl** subroutine.

Note: Application programs should not call this function, which is reserved for system management commands such as the **chfs** command.

Parameters

<i>vfs_id</i>	Identifies the file system to be acted upon. This information is returned by the stat subroutine in the <i>st_vfs</i> field of the stat.h file.
<i>Command</i>	Identifies the operation to be performed.
<i>Argument</i>	Specifies a pointer to a block of file system specific information that defines how the operation is to be performed.
<i>ArgumentSize</i>	Defines the size of the buffer pointed to by the <i>Argument</i> parameter.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **fscntl** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **fscntl** subroutine fails if one or both of the following are true:

- EINVAL** The *vfs_id* parameter does not identify a valid file system.
- EINVAL** The *Command* parameter is not recognized by the file system.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **chfs** command.

The **stat.h** file.

Understanding File-System Helpers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* explains file system helpers and examines file system-helper execution syntax.

fseek, fseeko, fseeko64, rewind, ftell, ftello, ftello64, fgetpos, fgetpos64, fsetpos, or fsetpos64 Subroutine

Purpose

Repositions the file pointer of a stream.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int fseek ( Stream, Offset, Whence)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
long int Offset;
```

```
int Whence;
```

```
void rewind (Stream)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
long int ftell (Stream)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
int fgetpos (Stream, Position)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
fpos_t *Position;
```

```
int fsetpos (Stream, Position)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
const fpos_t *Position;
```

Note: The **fseeko**, **fseeko64**, **ftello**, **ftello64**, **fgetpos64**, and **fsetpot64** subroutines apply to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

```
int fseeko ( Stream, Offset, Whence)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
off_t Offset;
```

```
int Whence;
```

```
int fseeko64 ( Stream, Offset, Whence)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
off64_t Offset;
```

```
int Whence;
```

```
off_t int ftello (Stream)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
off64_t int ftello64 (Stream)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
int fgetpos64 (Stream, Position)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
fpos64_t *Position;
```

```
int fsetpos64 (Stream, Position)
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
const fpos64_t *Position;
```

Description

Note: The **fseeko**, **fseeko64**, **ftello**, **ftello64**, **fgetpos64**, and **fsetpot64** subroutines apply to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

The **fseek**, **fseeko** and **fseeko64** subroutines set the position of the next input or output operation on the I/O stream specified by the *Stream* parameter. The position if the next operation is determined by the *Offset* parameter, which can be either positive or negative.

The **fseek**, **fseeko** and **fseeko64** subroutines set the file pointer associated with the specified *Stream* as follows:

- If the *Whence* parameter is set to the **SEEK_SET** value, the pointer is set to the value of the *Offset* parameter.
- If the *Whence* parameter is set to the **SEEK_CUR** value, the pointer is set to its current location plus the value of the *Offset* parameter.
- If the *Whence* parameter is set to the **SEEK_END** value, the pointer is set to the size of the file plus the value of the *Offset* parameter.

The **fseek**, **fseeko**, and **fseeko64** subroutine are unsuccessful if attempted on a file that has not been opened using the **fopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine. In particular, the **fseek** subroutine cannot be used on a terminal or on a file opened with the **popen** (“popen Subroutine” on page 745) subroutine. The **fseek** and **fseeko** subroutines will also fail when the resulting offset is larger than can be properly returned.

The **rewind** subroutine is equivalent to calling the **fseek** subroutine using parameter values of (*Stream*,**SEEK_SET**,**SEEK_SET**), except that the **rewind** subroutine does not return a value.

The **fseek**, **fseeko**, **fseeko64** and **rewind** subroutines undo any effects of the **ungetc** and **ungetwc** subroutines and clear the end-of-file (EOF) indicator on the same stream.

The **fseek**, **fseeko**, and **fseeko64** function allows the file-position indicator to be set beyond the end of existing data in the file. If data is written later at this point, subsequent reads of data in the gap will return bytes of the value 0 until data is actually written into the gap.

A successful calls to the **fsetpos** or **fsetpos64** subroutines clear the **EOF** indicator and undoes any effects of the **ungetc** and **ungetwc** subroutines.

After an **fseek**, **fseeko**, **fseeko64** or a **rewind** subroutine, the next operation on a file opened for update can be either input or output.

ftell, **ftello** and **ftello64** subroutines return the position current value of the file-position indicator for the stream pointed to by the *Stream* parameter. **ftell** and **ftello** will fail if the resulting offset is larger than can be properly returned.

The **fgetpos** and **fgetpos64** subroutines store the current value of the file-position indicator for the stream pointed to by the *Stream* parameter in the object pointed to by the *Position* parameter. The **fsetpos** and **fsetpos64** set the file-position indicator for *Stream* according to the value of the *Position* parameter, which must be the result of a prior call to **fgetpos** or **fgetpos64** subroutine. **fgetpos** and **fsetpos** will fail if the resulting offset is larger than can be properly returned.

Parameters

<i>Stream</i>	Specifies the input/output (I/O) stream.
<i>Offset</i>	Determines the position of the next operation.
<i>Whence</i>	Determines the value for the file pointer associated with the <i>Stream</i> parameter.
<i>Position</i>	Specifies the value of the file-position indicator.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **fseek**, **fseeko** and **fseeko64** subroutine return a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1.

Upon successful completion, the **ftell**, **ftello** and **ftello64** subroutine return the offset of the current byte relative to the beginning of the file associated with the named stream. Otherwise, a **long int** value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set.

Upon successful completion, the **fgetpos**, **fgetpos64**, **fsetpos** and **fsetpos64** subroutines return a value of 0. Otherwise, a nonzero value is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the specific error.

The **errno** global variable is used to determine if an error occurred during a **rewind** subroutine call.

Error Codes

If the **fseek**, **fseeko**, **fseeko64**, **ftell**, **ftello**, **ftello64** or **rewind** subroutine are unsuccessful because the stream is unbuffered or the stream buffer needs to be flushed and the call to the subroutine causes an underlying **lseek** or **write** subroutine to be invoked, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EAGAIN	Indicates that the O_NONBLOCK flag is set for the file descriptor, delaying the process in the write operation.
EBADF	Indicates that the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is not open for writing.
EFBIG	Indicates that an attempt has been made to write to a file that exceeds the file-size limit of the process or the maximum file size.
EFBIG	Indicates that the file is a regular file and that an attempt was made to write at or beyond the offset maximum associated with the corresponding stream.
EINTR	Indicates that the write operation has been terminated because the process has received a signal, and either no data was transferred, or the implementation does not report partial transfers for this file.
EIO	Indicates that the process is a member of a background process group attempting to perform a write subroutine to its controlling terminal, the TOSTOP flag is set, the process is not ignoring or blocking the SIGTTOU signal, and the process group of the process is orphaned. This error may also be returned under implementation-dependent conditions.
ENOSPC	Indicates that no remaining free space exists on the device containing the file.
EPIPE	Indicates that an attempt has been made to write to a pipe or FIFO that is not open for reading by any process. A SIGPIPE signal will also be sent to the process.
EINVAL	Indicates that the <i>Whence</i> parameter is not valid. The resulting file-position indicator will be set to a negative value. The EINVAL error code does not apply to the ftell and rewind subroutines.
ESPIPE	Indicates that the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is associated with a pipe or FIFO.
EOVERFLOW	Indicates that for <i>fseek</i> , the resulting file offset would be a value that cannot be represented correctly in an object of type <i>long</i> .
EOVERFLOW	Indicates that for <i>fseeko</i> , the resulting file offset would be a value that cannot be represented correctly in an object of type <i>off_t</i> .
ENXIO	Indicates that a request was made of a non-existent device, or the request was outside the capabilities of the device.

The **fgetpos** and **fsetpos** subroutines are unsuccessful due to the following conditions:

EINVAL	Indicates that either the <i>Stream</i> or the <i>Position</i> parameter is not valid. The EINVAL error code does not apply to the fgetpos subroutine.
EBADF	Indicates that the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is not open for writing.
ESPIPE	Indicates that the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is associated with a pipe or FIFO.

The **fseek**, **fseeko**, **ftell**, **ftello**, **fgetpos**, and **fsetpos** subroutines are unsuccessful under the following condition:

EOVERFLOW	The resulting could not be returned properly.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating system (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **closedir** (“opendir, readdir, telldir, seekdir, rewinddir, or closedir Subroutine” on page 640) subroutine, **fopen**, **fopen64**, **freopen**, **freopen64** or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **lseek** or **lseek64** (“lseek, llseek or lseek64 Subroutine” on page 515) subroutine, **opendir**, **readdir**, **rewinddir**, **seekdir**, or **telldir** (“opendir, readdir, telldir, seekdir, rewinddir, or closedir Subroutine” on page 640) subroutine, **popen** (“popen Subroutine” on page 745) subroutine, **ungetc** or **ungetwc** subroutine, **write**, **writex**, **writev**, or **writevx** subroutine.

Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fsync Subroutine

Purpose

Writes changes in a file to permanent storage.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int fsync ( FileDescriptor )
int FileDescriptor;
```

Description

The **fsync** subroutine causes all modified data in the open file specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter to be saved to permanent storage. On return from the **fsync** subroutine, all updates have been saved on permanent storage.

Data written to a file that a process has opened for deferred update (with the **O_DEFER** flag) is not written to permanent storage until another process issues an **fsync** subroutine against this file or runs a synchronous **write** subroutine (with the **O_SYNC** flag) on this file. See the **fcntl.h** file and the **open** subroutine for descriptions of the **O_DEFER** and **O_SYNC** flags respectively.

Note: The file identified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter must be open for writing when the **fsync** subroutine is issued or the call is unsuccessful. This restriction was not enforced in BSD systems.

Parameters

FileDescriptor A valid, open file descriptor.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **fsync** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **fsync** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more of the following are true:

EIO	An I/O error occurred while reading from or writing to the file system.
EBADF	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not a valid file descriptor open for writing.
EINVAL	The file is not a regular file.
EINTR	The fsync subroutine was interrupted by a signal.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **open**, **openx**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **sync** subroutine, **write**, **writex**, **writev**, or **writevx** subroutine.

The **fcntl.h** file.

Files, Directories, and File Systems Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* contains information about i-nodes, file descriptors, file-space allocation, and more.

ftok Subroutine

Purpose

Generates a standard interprocess communication key.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
key_t ftok ( Path, ID)
char *Path;
int ID;
```

Description

Attention: If the *Path* parameter of the **ftok** subroutine names a file that has been removed while keys still refer to it, the **ftok** subroutine returns an error. If that file is then re-created, the **ftok** subroutine will probably return a key different from the original one.

Attention: Each installation should define standards for forming keys. If standards are not adhered to, unrelated processes may interfere with each other’s operation.

The **ftok** subroutine returns a key, based on the *Path* and *ID* parameters, to be used to obtain interprocess communication identifiers. The **ftok** subroutine returns the same key for linked files if called with the same *ID* parameter. Different keys are returned for the same file if different *ID* parameters are used.

All interprocess communication facilities require you to supply a key to the **msgget**, **semget**, and **shmget** subroutines in order to obtain interprocess communication identifiers. The **ftok** subroutine provides one method for creating keys, but other methods are possible. For example, you can use the project ID as the most significant byte of the key, and use the remaining portion as a sequence number.

Parameters

Path Specifies the path name of an existing file that is accessible to the process.
ID Specifies a character that uniquely identifies a project.

Return Values

When successful, the **ftok** subroutine returns a key that can be passed to the **msgget**, **semget**, or **shmget** subroutine.

Error Codes

The **ftok** subroutine returns the value **(key_t)-1** if one or more of the following are true:

- The file named by the *Path* parameter does not exist.
- The file named by the *Path* parameter is not accessible to the process.
- The *ID* parameter has a value of 0.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msgget** (“msgget Subroutine” on page 585) subroutine, **semget** subroutine, **shmget** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview and Understanding Memory Mapping in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ftw or ftw64 Subroutine

Purpose

Walks a file tree.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <ftw.h>
```

```
int ftw ( Path, Function, Depth)
char *Path;
int (*Function)(const char*, const struct stat*, int);
int Depth;

int ftw64 ( Path, Function, Depth)
char *Path;
int (*Function)(const char*, const struct stat64*, int);
int Depth;
```

Description

The **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines recursively searches the directory hierarchy that descends from the directory specified by the *Path* parameter.

For each file in the hierarchy, the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines call the function specified by the *Function* parameter. **ftw** passes it a pointer to a null-terminated character string containing the name of the file, a pointer to a *stat* structure containing information about the file, and an integer. **ftw64** passes it a pointer to a null-terminated character string containing the name of the file, a pointer to a **stat64** structure containing information about the file, and an integer.

The integer passed to the *Function* parameter identifies the file type with one of the following values:

FTW_F	Regular file
FTW_D	Directory
FTW_DNR	Directory that cannot be read
FTW_SL	Symbolic Link
FTW_NS	File for which the stat structure could not be executed successfully

If the integer is **FTW-DNR**, the files and subdirectories contained in that directory are not processed.

If the integer is **FTW-NS**, the **stat** structure contents are meaningless. An example of a file that causes **FTW-NS** to be passed to the *Function* parameter is a file in a directory for which you have read permission but not execute (search) permission.

The **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines finish processing a directory before processing any of its files or subdirectories.

The **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines continue the search until the directory hierarchy specified by the *Path* parameter is completed, an invocation of the function specified by the *Function* parameter returns a nonzero value, or an error is detected within the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines, such as an I/O error.

The **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines traverse symbolic links encountered in the resolution of the *Path* parameter, including the final component. Symbolic links encountered while walking the directory tree rooted at the *Path* parameter are not traversed.

The **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines use one file descriptor for each level in the tree. The *Depth* parameter specifies the maximum number of file descriptors to be used. In general, the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines runs faster if the value of the *Depth* parameter is at least as large as the number of levels in the tree. However, the value of the *Depth* parameter must not be greater than the number of file descriptors currently available for use. If the value of the *Depth* parameter is 0 or a negative number, the effect is the same as if it were 1.

Because the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines are recursive, it is possible for it to terminate with a memory fault due to stack overflow when applied to very deep file structures.

The **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines use the **malloc** subroutine to allocate dynamic storage during its operation. If the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines is terminated prior to its completion, such as by the **longjmp** subroutine being executed by the function specified by the *Function* parameter or by an interrupt routine, the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines cannot free that storage. The storage remains allocated. A safe way to handle interrupts is to store the fact that an interrupt has occurred, and arrange to have the function specified by the *Function* parameter return a nonzero value the next time it is called.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Specifies the directory hierarchy to be searched.
<i>Function</i>	Specifies the file type.
<i>Depth</i>	Specifies the maximum number of file descriptors to be used. <i>Depth</i> cannot be greater than OPEN_MAX which is described in the sys/limits.h header file.

Return Values

If the tree is exhausted, the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines returns a value of 0. If the subroutine pointed to by **fn** returns a nonzero value, **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines stops its tree traversal and returns whatever value was returned by the subroutine pointed to by **fn**. If the **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutines detects an error, it returns a -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **ftw** or **ftw64** subroutines detect an error, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

The **ftw** and **ftw64** subroutine are unsuccessful if:

EACCES	Search permission is denied for any component of the <i>Path</i> parameter or read permission is denied for <i>Path</i> .
ENAMETOOLONG	The length of the path exceeds PATH_MAX while _POSIX_NO_TRUNC is in effect.
ENOENT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to the name of a file that does not exist or points to an empty string.
ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter is not a directory.

The **ftw** subroutine is unsuccessful if:

EOVERFLOW	A file in <i>Path</i> is of a size larger than 2 Gigabytes.
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Implementation Specifics

This subroutines is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **malloc**, **free**, **realloc**, **calloc**, **malloc**, **mallinfo**, or **alloca** (“malloc, free, realloc, calloc, malloc, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine” on page 528) subroutine, **setjmp** or **longjmp** subroutine, **signal** subroutine, **stat** subroutine.

Searching and Sorting Example Program and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

fwide Subroutine

Purpose

Set stream orientation.

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <wchar.h>
int fwid (FILE * stream, int mode),
```

Description

The **fwid** function determines the orientation of the stream pointed to by *stream*. If *mode* is greater than zero, the function first attempts to make the stream wide-oriented. If *mode* is less than zero, the function first attempts to make the stream byte-oriented. Otherwise, *mode* is zero and the function does not alter the orientation of the stream.

If the orientation of the stream has already been determined, **fwid** does not change it.

Because no return value is reserved to indicate an error, an application wishing to check for error situations should set `errno` to 0, then call **fwid**, then check `errno` and if it is non-zero, assume an error has occurred.

Return Values

The **fwid** function returns a value greater than zero if, after the call, the stream has wide-orientation, a value less than zero if the stream has byte-orientation, or zero if the stream has no orientation.

Errors

The **fwid** function may fail if:

EBADF The *stream* argument is not a valid stream.

Implementation Specifics

A call to **fwid** with *mode* set to zero can be used to determine the current orientation of a stream.

Related Information

The `wchar.h` file

fwprintf, wprintf, swprintf Subroutines

Purpose

Print formatted wide-character output.

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <wchar.h>
int fwprintf ( FILE * stream, const wchar_t * format, . . . )
int wprintf (const wchar_t * format, . . . )
int swprintf (wchar_t *s, size_t n, const wchar_t * format, . . . )
```

Description

The **fwprintf** function places output on the named output stream. The **wprintf** function places output on the standard output stream **stdout**. The **swprintf** function places output followed by the null

wide-character in consecutive wide-characters starting at ***s**; no more than **n** wide-characters are written, including a terminating null wide-character, which is always added (unless **n** is zero).

Each of these functions converts, formats and prints its arguments under control of the **format** wide-character string. The **format** is composed of zero or more directives: **ordinary wide-characters**, which are simply copied to the output stream and **conversion specifications**, each of which results in the fetching of zero or more arguments. The results are undefined if there are insufficient arguments for the **format**. If the **format** is exhausted while arguments remain, the excess arguments are evaluated but are otherwise ignored.

EX Conversions can be applied to the **nth** argument after the **format** in the argument list, rather than to the next unused argument. In this case, the conversion wide-character % (see below) is replaced by the sequence **%n\$**, where **n** is a decimal integer in the range [1, {NL_ARGMAX}], giving the position of the argument in the argument list. This feature provides for the definition of format wide-character strings that select arguments in an order appropriate to specific languages (see the EXAMPLES section).

In format wide-character strings containing the **%n\$** form of conversion specifications, numbered arguments in the argument list can be referenced from the format wide-character string as many times as required.

In format wide-character strings containing the % form of conversion specifications, each argument in the argument list is used exactly once.

All forms of the **fwprintf** functions allow for the insertion of a language-dependent radix character in the output string, output as a wide-character value. The radix character is defined in the program's locale (category LC_NUMERIC). In the POSIX locale, or in a locale where the radix character is not defined, the radix character defaults to a period (.).

EX Each conversion specification is introduced by the % wide-character or by the wide-character sequence **%n\$**, after which the following appear in sequence:

- Zero or more **flags** (in any order), which modify the meaning of the conversion specification.
- An optional minimum **field width**. If the converted value has fewer wide-characters than the field width, it will be padded with spaces by default on the left; it will be padded on the right, if the left-adjustment flag (-), described below, is given to the field width. The field width takes the form of an asterisk (*), described below, or a decimal integer.
- An optional **precision** that gives the minimum number of digits to appear for the **d**, **i**, **o**, **u**, **x** and **X** conversions; the number of digits to appear after the radix character for the **e**, **E** and **f** conversions; the maximum number of significant digits for the **g** and **G** conversions; or the maximum number of wide-characters to be printed from a string in **s** conversions. The precision takes the form of a period (.) followed either by an asterisk (*), described below, or an optional decimal digit string, where a null digit string is treated as 0. If a precision appears with any other conversion wide-character, the behaviour is undefined.
- An optional **l** (ell) specifying that a following **c** conversion wide-character applies to a **wint_t** argument; an optional **l** specifying that a following **s** conversion wide-character applies to a **wchar_t** argument; an optional **h** specifying that a following **d**, **i**, **o**, **u**, **x** or **X** conversion wide-character applies to a type **short int** or type **unsigned short int** argument (the argument will have been promoted according to the integral promotions, and its value will be converted to type **short int** or **unsigned short int** before printing); an optional **h** specifying that a following **n** conversion wide-character applies to a pointer to a type **short int** argument; an optional **l** (ell) specifying that a following **d**, **i**, **o**, **u**, **x** or **X** conversion wide-character applies to a type **long int** or **unsigned long int** argument; an optional **l** (ell) specifying that a following **n** conversion wide-character applies to a pointer to a type **long int** argument; or an optional **L** specifying that a following **e**, **E**, **f**, **g** or **G** conversion wide-character applies to a type **long double** argument. If an **h**, **l** or **L** appears with any other conversion wide-character, the behavior is undefined.
- A **conversion wide-character** that indicates the type of conversion to be applied.

A field width, or precision, or both, may be indicated by an asterisk (*). In this case an argument of type int supplies the field width or precision. Arguments specifying field width, or precision, or both must appear in that order before the argument, if any, to be converted. A negative field width is taken as a - flag followed by a positive field width. A negative precision is taken as if EX the precision were omitted. In format wide-character strings containing the %n\$ form of a conversion specification, a field width or precision may be indicated by the sequence *m\$, where m is a decimal integer in the range [1, {NL_ARGMAX}] giving the position in the argument list (after the format argument) of an integer argument containing the field width or precision, for example:

```
wprintf(L"%1$d:%2$.*3$d:%4$.*3$d\n", hour, min, precision, sec);
```

The **format** can contain either numbered argument specifications (that is, %n\$ and *m\$), or unnumbered argument specifications (that is, % and *), but normally not both. The only exception to this is that %% can be mixed with the %n\$ form. The results of mixing numbered and unnumbered argument specifications in a **format** wide-character string are undefined. When numbered argument specifications are used, specifying the Nth argument requires that all the leading arguments, from the first to the (N-1)th, are specified in the format wide-character string.

The flag wide-characters and their meanings are:

- ' The integer portion of the result of a decimal conversion (%i, %d, %u, %f, %g or %G) will be formatted with thousands' grouping wide-characters. For other conversions the behaviour is undefined. The non-monetary grouping wide-character is used.
- The result of the conversion will be left-justified within the field. The conversion will be right-justified if this flag is not specified.
- + The result of a signed conversion will always begin with a sign (+ or -). The conversion will begin with a sign only when a negative value is converted if this flag is not specified.
- space** If the first wide-character of a signed conversion is not a sign or if a signed conversion results in no wide-characters, a space will be prefixed to the result. This means that if the space and + flags both appear, the space flag will be ignored.
- # This flag specifies that the value is to be converted to an alternative form. For o conversion, it increases the precision (if necessary) to force the first digit of the result to be 0. For x or X conversions, a non-zero result will have 0x (or 0X) prefixed to it. For e, E, f, g or G conversions, the result will always contain a radix character, even if no digits follow it. Without this flag, a radix character appears in the result of these conversions only if a digit follows it. For g and G conversions, trailing zeros will **not** be removed from the result as they normally are. For other conversions, the behavior is undefined.
- 0** For d, i, o, u, x, X, e, E, f, g and G conversions, leading zeros (following any indication of sign or base) are used to pad to the field width; no space padding is performed. If the 0 and - flags both appear, the 0 flag will be ignored. For d, i, o, u, x and X conversions, if a precision is specified, the 0 flag will be ignored. If the 0 and ' flags both appear, the grouping wide-characters are inserted before zero padding. For other conversions, the behavior is undefined.

The conversion wide-characters and their meanings are:

- d,i** The **int** argument is converted to a signed decimal in the style [-] **dddd**. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear; if the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it will be expanded with leading zeros. The default precision is 1. The result of converting 0 with an explicit precision of 0 is no wide-characters.
- o** The **unsigned int** argument is converted to unsigned octal format in the style **dddd**. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear; if the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it will be expanded with leading zeros. The default precision is 1. The result of converting 0 with an explicit precision of 0 is no wide-characters.
- u** The **unsigned int** argument is converted to unsigned decimal format in the style **dddd**. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear; if the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it will be expanded with leading zeros. The default precision is 1. The result of converting 0 with an explicit precision of 0 is no wide-characters.

- x** The **unsigned int** argument is converted to unsigned hexadecimal format in the style **dddd**; the letters abcdef are used. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear; if the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it will be expanded with leading zeros. The default precision is 1. The result of converting 0 with an explicit precision of 0 is no wide-characters.
- X** Behaves the same as the x conversion wide-character except that letters ABCDEF are used instead of abcdef.
- f** The **double** argument is converted to decimal notation in the style **[-] ddd.ddd**, where the number of digits after the radix character is equal to the precision specification. If the precision is missing, it is taken as 6; if the precision is explicitly 0 and no # flag is present, no radix character appears. If a radix character appears, at least one digit appears before it. The value is rounded to the appropriate number of digits. The **fwprintf** family of functions may make available wide-character string representations for infinity and NaN.
- e, E** The **double** argument is converted in the style **[-] d.ddde +/- dd**, where there is one digit before the radix character (which is non-zero if the argument is non-zero) and the number of digits after it is equal to the precision; if the precision is missing, it is taken as 6; if the precision is 0 and no # flag is present, no radix character appears. The value is rounded to the appropriate number of digits. The E conversion wide-character will produce a number with E instead of e introducing the exponent. The exponent always contains at least two digits. If the value is 0, the exponent is 0. The **fwprintf** family of functions may make available wide-character string representations for infinity and NaN.
- g, G** The **double** argument is converted in the style f or e (or in the style E in the case of a G conversion wide-character), with the precision specifying the number of significant digits. If an explicit precision is 0, it is taken as 1. The style used depends on the value converted; style e (or E) will be used only if the exponent resulting from such a conversion is less than -4 or greater than or equal to the precision. Trailing zeros are removed from the fractional portion of the result; a radix character appears only if it is followed by a digit. The **fwprintf** family of functions may make available wide-character string representations for infinity and NaN.
- c** If no l (ell) qualifier is present, the **int** argument is converted to a wide-character as if by calling the **btowc** function and the resulting wide-character is written. Otherwise the **wint_t** argument is converted to **wchar_t**, and written.
- s** If no l (ell) qualifier is present, the argument must be a pointer to a character array containing a character sequence beginning in the initial shift state. Characters from the array are converted as if by repeated calls to the **mbrtowc** function, with the conversion state described by an **mbstate_t** object initialised to zero before the first character is converted, and written up to (but not including) the terminating null wide-character. If the precision is specified, no more than that many wide-characters are written. If the precision is not specified or is greater than the size of the array, the array must contain a null wide-character. If an l (ell) qualifier is present, the argument must be a pointer to an array of type **wchar_t**. Wide characters from the array are written up to (but not including) a terminating null wide-character. If no precision is specified or is greater than the size of the array, the array must contain a null wide-character. If a precision is specified, no more than that many wide-characters are written.
- p** The argument must be a pointer to void. The value of the pointer is converted to a sequence of printable wide-characters, in an implementation-dependent manner. The argument must be a pointer to an integer into which is written the number of wide-characters written to the output so far by this call to one of the **fwprintf** functions. No argument is converted.
- C** Same as lc.
- S** Same as ls.
- %** Output a % wide-character; no argument is converted. The entire conversion specification must be %%.

If a conversion specification does not match one of the above forms, the behavior is undefined.

In no case does a non-existent or small field width cause truncation of a field; if the result of a conversion is wider than the field width, the field is simply expanded to contain the conversion result. Characters generated by **fwprintf** and **wprintf** are printed as if **fputc** had been called.

The **st_ctime** and **st_mtime** fields of the file will be marked for update between the call to a successful execution of **fwprintf** or **wprintf** and the next successful completion of a call to **fflush** or **fclose** on the same stream or a call to **exit** or **abort**.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, these functions return the number of wide-characters transmitted excluding the terminating null wide-character in the case of **swprintf** or a negative value if an output error was encountered.

Error Codes

For the conditions under which **fwprintf** and **wprintf** will fail and may fail, refer to **fputwc**. In addition, all forms of **fwprintf** may fail if:

- EILSEQ** A wide-character code that does not correspond to a valid character has been detected
- EINVAL** There are insufficient arguments.
In addition, **wprintf** and **fwprintf** may fail if:
- ENOMEM** Insufficient storage space is available.

Examples

To print the language-independent date and time format, the following statement could be used:

```
wprintf (format, weekday, month, day, hour, min);
```

For American usage, format could be a pointer to the wide-character string:

```
L"%s, %s %d, %d:%.2d\n"
```

producing the message:

```
Sunday, July 3, 10:02
```

whereas for German usage, format could be a pointer to the wide-character string:

```
L"%1$s, %3$d. %2$s, %4$d:%5$.2d\n"
```

producing the message:

```
Sonntag, 3. July, 10:02
```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) subroutines.

Related Information

The **btowc** (“btowc Subroutine” on page 81) subroutine, **fputwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **fwscanf** (“fwscanf, wscanf, swscanf Subroutines”) subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine, **mbrtowc** (“mbrtowc Subroutine” on page 540) subroutine.

The **wchar.h** file.

fwscanf, wscanf, swscanf Subroutines

Purpose

Convert formatted wide-character input

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

int fwscanf (FILE * stream, const wchar_t * format, ...);
int wscanf (const wchar_t * format, ...);
int swscanf (const wchar_t * s, const wchar_t * format, ...);
```

Description

The **fwscanf** function reads from the named input stream. The **wscanf** function reads from the standard input stream stdin. The **swscanf** function reads from the wide-character string s. Each function reads wide-characters, interprets them according to a format, and stores the results in its arguments. Each expects, as arguments, a control wide-character string format described below, and a set of pointer arguments indicating where the converted input should be stored. The result is undefined if there are insufficient arguments for the format. If the format is exhausted while arguments remain, the excess arguments are evaluated but are otherwise ignored.

Conversions can be applied to the **nth** argument after the **format** in the argument list, rather than to the next unused argument. In this case, the conversion wide-character % (see below) is replaced by the sequence **%n\$**, where **n** is a decimal integer in the range [1, {NL_ARGMAX}]. This feature provides for the definition of format wide-character strings that select arguments in an order appropriate to specific languages. In format wide-character strings containing the **%n\$** form of conversion specifications, it is unspecified whether numbered arguments in the argument list can be referenced from the format wide-character string more than once.

The format can contain either form of a conversion specification, that is, % or **%n\$**, but the two forms cannot normally be mixed within a single format wide-character string. The only exception to this is that %% or %* can be mixed with the **%n\$** form.

The **fwscanf** function in all its forms allows for detection of a language-dependent radix character in the input string, encoded as a wide-character value. The radix character is defined in the program's locale (category LC_NUMERIC). In the POSIX locale, or in a locale where the radix character is not defined, the radix character defaults to a period (.).

The format is a wide-character string composed of zero or more directives. Each directive is composed of one of the following: one or more white-space wide-characters (space, tab, newline, vertical-tab or form-feed characters); an ordinary wide-character (neither % nor a white-space character); or a conversion specification. Each conversion specification is introduced by a % or the sequence **%n\$** after which the following appear in sequence:

- An optional assignment-suppressing character *.
- An optional non-zero decimal integer that specifies the maximum field width.
- An optional size modifier h, l (ell) or L indicating the size of the receiving object. The conversion wide-characters c, s and [must be preceded by l (ell) if the corresponding argument is a pointer to **wchar_t** rather than a pointer to a character type. The conversion wide-characters d, i and n must be preceded by h if the corresponding argument is a pointer to **short int** rather than a pointer to **int**, or by l (ell) if it is a pointer to **long int**. Similarly, the conversion wide-characters o, u and x must be preceded by h if the corresponding argument is a pointer to **unsigned short int** rather than a pointer to **unsigned int**, or by l (ell) if it is a pointer to **unsigned long int**. The conversion wide-characters e, f and g must be preceded by l (ell) if the corresponding argument is a pointer to **double** rather than a pointer to **float**, or by L if it is a pointer to long double. If an h, l (ell) or L appears with any other conversion wide-character, the behavior is undefined.
- A conversion wide-character that specifies the type of conversion to be applied. The valid conversion wide-characters are described below.

The **fwscanf** functions execute each directive of the format in turn. If a directive fails, as detailed below, the function returns. Failures are described as input failures (due to the unavailability of input bytes) or matching failures (due to inappropriate input).

A directive composed of one or more white-space wide-characters is executed by reading input until no more valid input can be read, or up to the first wide-character which is not a white-space wide-character, which remains unread.

A directive that is an ordinary wide-character is executed as follows. The next wide-character is read from the input and compared with the wide-character that comprises the directive; if the comparison shows that they are not equivalent, the directive fails, and the differing and subsequent wide-characters remain unread.

A directive that is a conversion specification defines a set of matching input sequences, as described below for each conversion wide-character. A conversion specification is executed in the following steps:

Input white-space wide-characters (as specified by **iswspace**) are skipped, unless the conversion specification includes a **[, c** or **n** conversion character.

An item is read from the input, unless the conversion specification includes an **n** conversion wide-character. An input item is defined as the longest sequence of input wide-characters, not exceeding any specified field width, which is an initial subsequence of a matching sequence. The first wide-character, if any, after the input item remains unread. If the length of the input item is 0, the execution of the conversion specification fails; this condition is a matching failure, unless end-of-file, an encoding error, or a read error prevented input from the stream, in which case it is an input failure.

Except in the case of a **%** conversion wide-character, the input item (or, in the case of a **%n** conversion specification, the count of input wide-characters) is converted to a type appropriate to the conversion wide-character. If the input item is not a matching sequence, the execution of the conversion specification fails; this condition is a matching failure. Unless assignment suppression was indicated by a *****, the result of the conversion is placed in the object pointed to by the first argument following the **format** argument that has not already received a conversion result if the conversion specification is introduced by **%**, or in the **nth** argument if introduced by the wide-character sequence **%n\$**. If this object does not have an appropriate type, or if the result of the conversion cannot be represented in the space provided, the behavior is undefined.

The following conversion wide-characters are valid:

- d** Matches an optionally signed decimal integer, whose format is the same as expected for the subject sequence of **wcstol** with the value 10 for the base argument. In the absence of a size modifier, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to **int**.
- i** Matches an optionally signed integer, whose format is the same as expected for the subject sequence of **wcstol** with 0 for the base argument. In the absence of a size modifier, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to **int**.
- o** Matches an optionally signed octal integer, whose format is the same as expected for the subject sequence of **wcstoul** with the value 8 for the base argument. In the absence of a size modifier, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to **unsigned int**.
- u** Matches an optionally signed decimal integer, whose format is the same as expected for the subject sequence of **wcstoul** with the value 10 for the base argument. In the absence of a size modifier, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to **unsigned int**.
- x** Matches an optionally signed hexadecimal integer, whose format is the same as expected for the subject sequence of **wcstoul** with the value 16 for the base argument. In the absence of a size modifier, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to **unsigned int**.
- e, f, g** Matches an optionally signed floating-point number, whose format is the same as expected for the subject sequence of **wcstod**. In the absence of a size modifier, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to float.

If the **fwprintf** family of functions generates character string representations for infinity and NaN (a 7858 symbolic entity encoded in floating-point format) to support the ANSI/IEEE Std 754:1985 standard, the **fwscanf5** family of functions will recognise them as input.

- s** Matches a sequence of non white-space wide-characters. If no l (ell) qualifier is present, characters from the input field are converted as if by repeated calls to the **wcrtomb** function, with the conversion state described by an **mbstate_t** object initialised to zero before the first wide-character is converted. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a character array large enough to accept the sequence and the terminating null character, which will be added automatically.
Otherwise, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to an array of **wchar_t** large enough to accept the sequence and the terminating null wide-character, which will be added automatically.
- [** Matches a non-empty sequence of wide-characters from a set of expected wide-characters (the **scanset**). If no l (ell) qualifier is present, wide-characters from the input field are converted as if by repeated calls to the **wcrtomb** function, with the conversion state described by an **mbstate_t** object initialised to zero before the first wide-character is converted. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a character array large enough to accept the sequence and the terminating null character, which will be added automatically.
If an l (ell) qualifier is present, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to an array of **wchar_t** large enough to accept the sequence and the terminating null wide-character, which will be added automatically.
The conversion specification includes all subsequent wide characters in the **format** string up to and including the matching right square bracket (]). The wide-characters between the square brackets (the **scanset**) comprise the scanset, unless the wide-character after the left square bracket is a circumflex (^), in which case the scanset contains all wide-characters that do not appear in the scanlist between the circumflex and the right square bracket. If the conversion specification begins with [] or [^], the right square bracket is included in the scanlist and the next right square bracket is the matching right square bracket that ends the conversion specification; otherwise the first right square bracket is the one that ends the conversion specification. If a - is in the scanlist and is not the first wide-character, nor the second where the first wide-character is a ^, nor the last wide-character, the behavior is implementation-dependent.
- c** Matches a sequence of wide-characters of the number specified by the field width (1 if no field width is present in the conversion specification). If no l (ell) qualifier is present, wide-characters from the input field are converted as if by repeated calls to the **wcrtomb** function, with the conversion state described by an **mbstate_t** object initialised to zero before the first wide-character is converted. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a character array large enough to accept the sequence. No null character is added.
Otherwise, the corresponding argument must be a pointer to an array of **wchar_t** large enough to accept the sequence. No null wide-character is added.
- p** Matches an implementation-dependent set of sequences, which must be the same as the set of sequences that is produced by the %p conversion of the corresponding **fwprintf** functions. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a pointer to void. The interpretation of the input item is implementation-dependent. If the input item is a value converted earlier during the same program execution, the pointer that results will compare equal to that value; otherwise the behavior of the %p conversion is undefined.
- n** No input is consumed. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to the integer into which is to be written the number of wide-characters read from the input so far by this call to the **fwscanf** functions. Execution of a %n conversion specification does not increment the assignment count returned at the completion of execution of the function.
- C** Same as lc.
- S** Same as ls.
- %** Matches a single %; no conversion or assignment occurs. The complete conversion specification must be %%.

If a conversion specification is invalid, the behavior is undefined.

The conversion characters E, G and X are also valid and behave the same as, respectively, e, g and x.

If end-of-file is encountered during input, conversion is terminated. If end-of-file occurs before any wide-characters matching the current conversion specification (except for %n) have been read (other than

leading white-space, where permitted), execution of the current conversion specification terminates with an input failure. Otherwise, unless execution of the current conversion specification is terminated with a matching failure, execution of the following conversion specification (if any) is terminated with an input failure.

Reaching the end of the string in **wsscanf** is equivalent to encountering end-of-file for **fwscanf**.

If conversion terminates on a conflicting input, the offending input is left unread in the input. Any trailing white space (including newline) is left unread unless matched by a conversion specification. The success of literal matches and suppressed assignments is only directly determinable via the `%n` conversion specification.

The **fwscanf** and **wsscanf** functions may mark the **st_atime** field of the file associated with stream for update. The **st_atime** field will be marked for update by the first successful execution of **fgetc**, **fgetwc**, **fgets**, **fgetws**, **fread**, **getc**, **getwc**, **getchar**, **getwchar**, **gets**, **fscanf** or **fwscanf** using stream that returns data not supplied by a prior call to **ungetc**.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, these functions return the number of successfully matched and assigned input items; this number can be 0 in the event of an early matching failure. If the input ends before the first matching failure or conversion, EOF is returned. If a read error occurs the error indicator for the stream is set, EOF is returned, and `errno` is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

For the conditions under which the **fwscanf** functions will fail and may fail, refer to **fgetwc**. In addition, **fwscanf** may fail if:

EILSEQ Input byte sequence does not form a valid character.
EINVAL There are insufficient arguments.

Examples

The call:

```
int i, n; float x; char name[50];
n = wscanf(L"%d%f%s", &i, &x, name);
```

with the input line:

```
25 54.32E-1 Hamster
```

will assign to `n` the value 3, to `i` the value 25, to `x` the value 5.432, and `name` will contain the string Hamster.

The call:

```
int i; float x; char name[50];
(void) wscanf(L"%2d%f%d %[0123456789]", &i, &x, name);
```

with input:

```
56789 0123 56a72
```

will assign 56 to `i`, 789.0 to `x`, skip 0123, and place the string 56\0 in `name`. The next call to **getchar** will return the character `a`.

Implementation Specifics

In format strings containing the % form of conversion specifications, each argument in the argument list is used exactly once.

Related Information

The **getwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **fwprintf** (“fwprintf, wprintf, swprintf Subroutines” on page 268) subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine, **wcstod** subroutine, **wcstol** subroutine, **wcstoul** subroutine, **wctomb** subroutine.

The **wchar.h** file.

gai_strerror Subroutine

Purpose

Facilitates consistent error information from EAI_* values returned by **getaddrinfo** (“getaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 279).

Library

Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
char *
gai_strerror (ecode)
int ecode;
int
gai_strerror_r (ecode, buf, buflen)
int ecode;
char *buf;
int buflen;
```

Description

Facilitates consistent error information from EAI_* values returned by **getaddrinfo** (“getaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 279).

For multithreaded environments, the second version should be used. In **gai_strerror_r**, *buf* is a pointer to a data area to be filled in. *buflen* is the length (in bytes) available in *buf*.

It is the caller’s responsibility to insure that *buf* is sufficiently large to store the requested information, including a trailing null character. It is the responsibility of the function to insure that no more than *buflen* bytes are written into *buf*.

Return Values

If successful, a pointer to a string containing an error message appropriate for the EAI_* errors is returned. If *ecode* is not one of the EAI_* values, a pointer to a string indicating an unknown error is returned.

Related Information

The **getaddrinfo** (“getaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 279) subroutine, **freeaddrinfo** (“freeaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 255) subroutine, and **getnameinfo** (“getnameinfo Subroutine” on page 321) subroutine.

get_speed, set_speed, or reset_speed Subroutines

Purpose

Set and get the terminal baud rate.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/str_tty.h>
int get_speed (FileDescriptor)
int FileDescriptor;
int set_speed (FileDescriptor, Speed)
int FileDescriptor;
int Speed;
int reset_speed (FileDescriptor)
int FileDescriptor;
```

Description

The baud rate functions **set_speed** subroutine and **get_speed** subroutine are provided to allow the user applications to program any value of the baud rate that is supported by the asynchronous adapter, but that cannot be expressed using the termios subroutines **cfsetospeed**, **cfsetispeed**, **cfgetospeed**, and **cfgetispeed**. Those subroutines are indeed limited to the set values {BO, B50, ..., B38400} described in **<termios.h>**.

Interaction with the termios Baud flags:

If the terminal's device driver supports these subroutines, it has two interfaces for baud rate manipulation.

Operation for Baud Rate:

normal mode: This is the default mode, in which a termios supported speed is in use.

speed-extended mode: This mode is entered either by calling **set_speed** subroutine a non-termios supported speed at the configuration of the line.

In this mode, all the calls to **tcgetattr** subroutine or **TCGETS ioctl** subroutine will have B50 in the returned termios structure.

If **tcsetattr** subroutine or **TCSETS**, **TCSETAF**, or **TCSETAW ioctl** subroutines is called and attempt to set B50, the actual baud rate is not changed. If it attempts to set any other termios-supported speed, the driver will switch back to the normal mode and the requested baud rate is set. Calling **reset_speed** subroutine is another way to switch back to the normal mode.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies an open file descriptor.
<i>Speed</i>	The integer value of the requested speed.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **set_speed** and **reset_speed** return a value of 0, and **get_speed** returns a positive integer specifying the current speed of the line. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL The *FileDescriptor* parameter does not specify a valid file descriptor for a **tty** the recognizes the **set_speed**, **get_speed** and **reset_speed** subroutines, or the *Speed* parameter of **set_speed** is not supported by the terminal.

Plus all the **errno** codes that may be set in case of failure in an **ioctl** subroutine issued to a streams based **tty**.

Related Information

cfgetospeed, **cfsetospeed**, **cfgetispeed**, or **cfsetispeed** (“*cfgetospeed*, *cfsetospeed*, *cfgetispeed*, or *cfsetispeed* Subroutine” on page 88) subroutines.

getaddrinfo Subroutine

Purpose

Protocol-independent hostname-to-address translation.

Note: Hostname-to-address translation is done in a protocol-independent fashion using this function.

Attention: This specification is taken from IEEE POSIX 1003.1g (Protocol Independent Interfaces) DRAFT 6.3. This function may be modified to match that specification as it develops. Should there be any discrepancies between this description and the POSIX description, the POSIX description takes precedence.

Library

Library (**libinet.x**)

Syntax

```
#include<sys/socket.h>
#include<netdb.h>
int getaddrinfo (hostname, servname, hints, res)
const char *hostname;
const char *servname;
const struct addrinfo *hints
struct addrinfo **res;
```

Description

The first two arguments describe the hostname and/or service name to be referenced. 0 (zero) or 1 (one) of these arguments may be NULL. A non-NULL hostname may be either a hostname or a numeric host address string (a dotted-decimal for IPv4 or hex for IPv6). A non-NULL servname may be either a service name or a decimal port number.

The third argument specifies hints concerning the desired return information. To be valid, the hints structure must contain zero (or NULL) values for all members, with the exceptions of: *ai_flags*, *ai_family*, *ai_socktype*, and *ai_protocol*. These members may be set to a specific value to indicate desired results (*ai_family* may be set to *PF_INET6* to indicate only IPv6 sockets), or to zero (or the appropriate unspecified value (*PF_UNSPEC* for *ai_family*)) to indicate that any type will be accepted.

The `addrinfo` structure is defined as:

```
struct addrinfo {
    int          ai_flags;           /* AI_PASSIVE, AI_CANONNAME */
    int          ai_family;         /* PF_xxx */
    int          ai_socktype;       /* SOCK_xxx */
    int          ai_protocol;       /* 0 or IP=PROTO_xxx for IPv4 and IPv6 */
    size_t       ai_addrlen;        /* length of ai_addr */
    char         *ai_canonname;     /* canonical name for hostname */
    struct sockaddr *ai_addr;       /* binary address */
    struct addrinfo *ai_next;      /* next structure in linked list */
}
```

Return Values

If the query is successful, a pointer to a linked list of one or more `addrinfo` structures is returned via the fourth argument. If the query fails, a non-zero error code will be returned.

Error Codes

The following names are the non-zero error codes. See *netdb.h* for further definition.

EAI_ADDRFAMILY	address family for hostname not supported
EAI_AGAIN	temporary failure in name resolution
EAI_BADFLAGS	invalid value for <code>ai_flags</code>
EAI_FAIL	non-recoverable failure in name resolution
EAI_FAMILY	<code>ai_family</code> not supported
EAI_MEMORY	memory allocation failure
EAI_NODATA	no address associated with hostname
EAI_NONAME	hostname nor servname provided, or not known
EAI_SERVICE	servname not supported for <code>ai_socktype</code>
EAI_SOCKTYPE	<code>ai_socktype</code> not supported
EAI_SYSTEM	system error returned in <code>errno</code>

Implementation Specifics

The `hostname` and `servname` arguments are pointers to null-terminated strings or `NULL`. One or both of these two arguments must be a non-`NULL` pointer. In the normal client scenario, both the `hostname` and `servname` are specified. In the normal server scenario, only the `servname` is specified. A non-`NULL` `hostname` string can be either a host name or a numeric host address string (i.e., a dotted-decimal IPv4 address or an IPv6 hex address). A non-`NULL` `servname` string can be either a service name or a decimal port number.

The caller can optionally pass an `addrinfo` structure, pointed to by the third argument, to provide hints concerning the type of socket that the caller supports. In this hints structure all members other than `ai_flags`, `ai_family`, `ai_socktype`, and `ai_protocol` must be zero or a `NULL` pointer. A value of `PF_UNSPEC` for `ai_family` means the caller will accept any protocol family. A value of 0 for `ai_socktype` means the caller will accept any socket type. A value of 0 for `ai_protocol` means the caller will accept any protocol. For example, if the caller handles only TCP and not UDP, then the `ai_socktype` member of the hints structure should be set to `SOCK_STREAM` when `getaddrinfo()` is called. If the caller handles only IPv4 and not IPv6, then the `ai_family` member of the hints structure should be set to `PF_INET` when `getaddrinfo()` is called. If the third argument to `getaddrinfo()` is a `NULL` pointer, this is the same as if the caller had filled in an `addrinfo` structure initialized to zero with `ai_family` set to `PF_UNSPEC`.

Upon successful return a pointer to a linked list of one or more `addrinfo` structures is returned through the final argument. The caller can process each `addrinfo` structure in this list by following the `ai_next` pointer, until a `NULL` pointer is encountered. In each returned `addrinfo` structure the three members `ai_family`, `ai_socktype`, and `ai_protocol` are the corresponding arguments for a call to the `socket()` function. In each `addrinfo` structure the `ai_addr` member points to a filled-in socket address structure whose length is specified by the `ai_addrlen` member.

If the `AI_PASSIVE` bit is set in the `ai_flags` member of the hints structure, then the caller plans to use the returned socket address structure in a call to `bind()`. In this case, if the `hostname` argument is a `NULL` pointer, then the IP address portion of the socket address structure will be set to `INADDR_ANY` for an IPv4 address or `IN6ADDR_ANY_INIT` for an IPv6 address.

If the `AI_PASSIVE` bit is not set in the `ai_flags` member of the hints structure, then the returned socket address structure will be ready for a call to `connect()` (for a connection-oriented protocol) or either `connect()`, `sendto()`, or `sendmsg()` (for a connectionless protocol). In this case, if the `hostname` argument is a `NULL` pointer, then the IP address portion of the socket address structure will be set to the loopback address.

If the `AI_CANONNAME` bit is set in the `ai_flags` member of the hints structure, then upon successful return the `ai_canonname` member of the first `addrinfo` structure in the linked list will point to a null-terminated string containing the canonical name of the specified hostname.

All of the information returned by `getaddrinfo()` is dynamically allocated: the `addrinfo` structures, the socket address structures, and canonical host name strings pointed to by the `addrinfo` structures. To return this information to the system the function `freeaddrinfo` (“`freeaddrinfo Subroutine`” on page 255) is called.

Related Information

The `freeaddrinfo` (“`freeaddrinfo Subroutine`” on page 255) subroutine.

getargs Subroutine

Purpose

Gets arguments of a process.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int getargs (processBuffer, bufferLen, argsBuffer, argsLen)
struct procsinfo *processBuffer
or struct procsinfo64 *processBuffer;
int bufferLen;
char *argsBuffer;
int argsLen;
```

Description

The **getargs** subroutine returns a list of parameters that were passed to a command when it was started. Only one process can be examined per call to **getargs**.

The **getargs** subroutine uses the `pi_pid` field of `processBuffer` to determine which process to look for. `bufferLen` should be set to the size of **struct procsinfo** or **struct procsinfo64**. Parameters are returned in `argsBuffer`, which should be allocated by the caller. The size of this array must be given in `argsLen`.

On return, `argsBuffer` consists of a succession of strings, each terminated with a null character (ascii `'\0'`). Hence, two consecutive `NULL`s indicate the end of the list.

Note: The arguments may be changed asynchronously by the process, but results are not guaranteed to be consistent.

Parameters

processBuffer

Specifies the address of a **procsinfo** or **procentry64** structure, whose *pi_pid* field should contain the pid of the process that is to be looked for.

bufferLen

Specifies the size of a single **procsinfo** or **procentry64** structure.

argsBuffer

Specifies the address of an array of characters to be filled with a series of strings representing the parameters that are needed. An extra NULL character marks the end of the list. This array must be allocated by the caller.

argsLen

Specifies the size of the *argsBuffer* array. No more than *argsLen* characters are returned.

Return Values

If successful, the **getargs** subroutine returns zero. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getargs** subroutine does not succeed if the following are true:

EBADF	The specified process does not exist.
EFAULT	The copy operation to the buffer was not successful or the <i>processBuffer</i> or <i>argsBuffer</i> parameters are invalid.
EINVAL	The <i>bufferLen</i> parameter does not contain the size of a single procsinfo or procentry64 structure.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getevars** (“getevars Subroutine” on page 299), **getpid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getpgrp** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getppid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getprocs** or **getthrds** (“getthrds Subroutine” on page 360) subroutines.

The **ps** command.

getauditostattr, IDtohost, hosttoid, nexthost or putauditostattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the host information in the audit host database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>

int getaudithostattr (Hostname, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *Hostname;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;

char *IDtohost (ID);
char *ID;

char *hosttoID (Hostname, Count);
char *Hostname;
int Count;

char *nexthost (void);

int putaudithostattr (Hostname, Attribute, Value, Type);
char *Hostname;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;
```

Description

These subroutines access the audit host information.

The **getaudithostattr** subroutine reads a specified attribute from the host database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading.

Similarly the **putaudithostattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute into the host database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading and writing. Data changed by the **putaudithostattr** must be explicitly committed by calling the **putaudithostattr** subroutine with a Type of **SEC_COMMIT**. Until all the data is committed, only these subroutines within the process return written data.

New entries in the host database must first be created by invoking **putaudithostattr** with the **SEC_NEW** type.

The **IDtohost** subroutine converts an 8 byte host identifier into a hostname.

The **hosttoID** subroutine converts a hostname to a pointer to an array of valid 8 byte host identifiers. A pointer to the array of identifiers is returned on success. A **NULL** pointer is returned on failure. The number of known host identifiers is returned in ***Count**.

The **nexthost** subroutine returns a pointer to the name of the next host in the audit host database.

Parameters

Attribute

Specifies which attribute is read. The following possible attributes are defined in the **usersec.h** file:

S_AUD_CPUID

Host identifier list. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

Count

Specifies the number of 8 byte host identifier entries that are available in the *IDarray* parameter or that have been returned in the *IDarray* parameter.

Hostname

Specifies the name of the host for the operation.

<i>ID</i>	An 8 byte host identifier.
<i>IDarray</i>	Specifies a pointer to an array of 1 or more 8 byte host identifiers.
<i>Type</i>	Specifies the type of attribute expected. Valid types are defined in usersec.h . The only valid Type value is SEC_LIST .
<i>Value</i>	The return value for read operations and the new value for write operations.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **getaudithostattr**, **IDtohost**, **hosttoid**, **nexthost**, or **putaudithostattr** subroutine returns 0. If unsuccessful, the subroutine returns non-zero.

Error Codes

The **getaudithostattr**, **IDtohost**, **hosttoid**, **nexthost**, or **putaudithostattr** subroutine fails if the following is true:

EINVAL	If invalid attribute <i>Name</i> or if <i>Count</i> is equal to zero for the hosttoid subroutine.
ENOENT	If there is no matching <i>Hostname</i> entry in the database.

Related Information

The **auditmerge** command, **auditpr** command, **auditselect** command, **auditstream** command.

The **auditread** (“auditread, auditread_r Subroutines” on page 69) subroutine, **setaudithostdb** or **endaudithostdb** subroutine.

getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a character or word from an input stream.

Library

Standard I/O Package (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>

int getc ( Stream)
FILE *Stream;

int fgetc (Stream)
FILE *Stream;

int getchar (void)

int getw (Stream)
FILE *Stream;
```

Description

The **getc** macro returns the next byte as an **unsigned char** data type converted to an **int** data type from the input specified by the *Stream* parameter and moves the file pointer, if defined, ahead one byte in the *Stream* parameter. The **getc** macro cannot be used where a subroutine is necessary; for example, a subroutine pointer cannot point to it.

Because it is implemented as a macro, the **getc** macro does not work correctly with a *Stream* parameter value that has side effects. In particular, the following does not work:

```
getc(*f++)
```

In such cases, use the **fgetc** subroutine.

The **fgetc** subroutine performs the same function as the **getc** macro, but **fgetc** is a true subroutine, not a macro. The **fgetc** subroutine runs more slowly than **getc** but takes less disk space.

The **getchar** macro returns the next byte from **stdin** (the standard input stream). The **getchar** macro is equivalent to **getc(stdin)**.

The first successful run of the **fgetc**, **fgets**, **fgetwc**, **fgetws**, **fread**, **fscanf**, **getc**, **getchar**, **gets** or **scanf** subroutine using a stream that returns data not supplied by a prior call to the **ungetc** or **ungetwc** subroutine marks the `st_atime` field for update.

The **getc** and **getchar** macros have also been implemented as subroutines for ANSI compatibility. To access the subroutines instead of the macros, insert **#undef getc** or **#undef getchar** at the beginning of the source file.

The **getw** subroutine returns the next word (**int**) from the input specified by the *Stream* parameter and increments the associated file pointer, if defined, to point to the next word. The size of a word varies from one machine architecture to another. The **getw** subroutine returns the constant **EOF** at the end of the file or when an error occurs. Since **EOF** is a valid integer value, the **feof** and **ferror** subroutines should be used to check the success of **getw**. The **getw** subroutine assumes no special alignment in the file.

Because of additional differences in word length and byte ordering from one machine architecture to another, files written using the **putw** subroutine are machine-dependent and may not be readable using the **getw** macro on a different type of processor.

Parameters

Stream Points to the file structure of an open file.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getc**, **fgetc**, **getchar**, and **getw** subroutines return the next byte or **int** data type from the input stream pointed by the *Stream* parameter. If the stream is at the end of the file, an end-of-file indicator is set for the stream and the integer constant **EOF** is returned. If a read error occurs, the **errno** global variable is set to reflect the error, and a value of **EOF** is returned. The **ferror** and **feof** subroutines should be used to distinguish between the end of the file and an error condition.

Error Codes

If the stream specified by the *Stream* parameter is unbuffered or data needs to be read into the stream's buffer, the **getc**, **getchar**, **fgetc**, or **getw** subroutine is unsuccessful under the following error conditions:

EAGAIN Indicates that the **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set for the file descriptor underlying the stream specified by the *Stream* parameter. The process would be delayed in the **fgetc** subroutine operation.

EBADF	Indicates that the file descriptor underlying the stream specified by the <i>Stream</i> parameter is not a valid file descriptor opened for reading.
EFBIG	Indicates that an attempt was made to read a file that exceeds the process' file-size limit or the maximum file size. See the ulimit subroutine.
EINTR	Indicates that the read operation was terminated due to the receipt of a signal, and either no data was transferred, or the implementation does not report partial transfer for this file. Note: Depending upon which library routine the application binds to, this subroutine may return EINTR . Refer to the signal subroutine regarding sa_restart .
EIO	Indicates that a physical error has occurred, or the process is in a background process group attempting to perform a read subroutine call from its controlling terminal, and either the process is ignoring (or blocking) the SIGTTIN signal or the process group is orphaned.
EPIPE	Indicates that an attempt is made to read from a pipe or first-in-first-out (FIFO) that is not open for reading by any process. A SIGPIPE signal will also be sent to the process.
EOVERFLOW	Indicates that the file is a regular file and an attempt was made to read at or beyond the offset maximum associated with the corresponding stream.

The **getc**, **getchar**, **fgetc**, or **getw** subroutine is also unsuccessful under the following error conditions:

ENOMEM	Indicates insufficient storage space is available.
ENXIO	Indicates either a request was made of a nonexistent device or the request was outside the capabilities of the device.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **feof**, **ferror**, **clearerr**, or **fileno** (“feof, ferror, clearerr, or fileno Macro” on page 217) subroutine, **freopen**, **fopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fread** or **fwrite** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **get** or **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **putc**, **putchar**, **fputc**, or **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **scanf**, **sscanf**, **fscanf**, or **wscanf** subroutine.

List of Character Manipulation Services, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getc_unlocked, getchar_unlocked, putc_unlocked, putchar_unlocked Subroutines

Purpose

stdio with explicit client locking.

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>

int getc_unlocked (FILE * stream);
int getchar_unlocked (void);
int putc_unlocked (int c, FILE * stream);
int putchar_unlocked (int c);
```


Description

Versions of the functions **getc**, **getchar**, **putc**, and **putchar** respectively named **getc_unlocked**, **getchar_unlocked**, **putc_unlocked**, and **putchar_unlocked** are provided which are functionally identical to the original versions with the exception that they are not required to be implemented in a thread-safe manner. They may only safely be used within a scope protected by **flockfile** (or **ftrylockfile**) and **funlockfile**. These functions may safely be used in a multi-threaded program if and only if they are called while the invoking thread owns the (FILE*) object, as is the case after a successful call of the **flockfile** or **ftrylockfile** functions.

Return Values

See **getc**, **getchar**, **putc**, and **putchar**.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) subroutine.

Related Information

The **getc** or **getchar** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **putc** or **putchar** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine.

getconfattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the system information in the user database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
#include <userconf.h>
```

```
int getconfattr (sys, Attribute, Value, Type)
char * sys;
char * Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;
```

```
int putconfattr (sys, Attribute, Value, Type)
char * sys;
char * Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;
```

Description

The **getconfattr** subroutine reads a specified attribute from the user database. The **putconfattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute to the user database.

Parameters

sys System attribute. The following possible attributes are defined in the **userconf.h** file.

- SC_SYS_LOGIN

- SC_SYS_USER
- SC_SYS_ADMUSER
- SC_SYS_AUDIT SEC_LIST
- SC_SYS_AUSERS SEC_LIST
- SC_SYS_ASYS SEC_LIST
- SC_SYS_ABIN SEC_LIST
- SC_SYS_ASTREAM SEC_LIST

Attribute

Specifies which attribute is read. The following possible attributes are defined in the **usersec.h** file:

S_ID User ID. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_PGRP

Principle group name. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_GROUPS

Groups to which the user belongs. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_ADMGROUPS

Groups for which the user is an administrator. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_ADMIN

Administrative status of a user. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_AUDITCLASSES

Audit classes to which the user belongs. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_AUTHSYSTEM

Defines the user's authentication method. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_HOME

Home directory. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_SHELL

Initial program run by a user. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_GECOS

Personal information for a user. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_USRENV

User-state environment variables. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_SYSENV

Protected-state environment variables. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_LOGINCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be used for local logins. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_HISTEXPIRE

Defines the period of time (in weeks) that a user cannot reuse a password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_HISTSIZ

Specifies the number of previous passwords that the user cannot reuse. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MAXREPEAT

Defines the maximum number of times a user can repeat a character in a new password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINAGE

Defines the minimum age in weeks that the user's password must exist before the user can change it. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_PWDCHECKS

Defines the password restriction methods for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_MINALPHA

Defines the minimum number of alphabetic characters required in a new user's password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINDIFF

Defines the minimum number of characters required in a new password that were not in the old password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINLEN

Defines the minimum length of a user's password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINOTHER

Defines the minimum number of non-alphabetic characters required in a new user's password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_DICTIIONLIST

Defines the password dictionaries for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_SUCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be accessed with the **su** command. Type **SEC_BOOL**.

S_REGISTRY

Defines the user's authentication registry. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_RLOGINCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be used for remote logins using the **telnet** or **rlogin** commands. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_DAEMONCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be used for daemon execution of programs and subsystems using the **cron** daemon or **src**. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_TPATH

Defines how the account may be used on the trusted path. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**. This attribute must be one of the following values:

nosak The secure attention key is not enabled for this account.

notsh The trusted shell cannot be accessed from this account.

always

This account may only run trusted programs.

on

Normal trusted-path processing applies.

S_TTYS

List of ttys that can or cannot be used to access this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_SUGROUPS

Groups that can or cannot access this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_EXPIRATION

Expiration date for this account, in seconds since the epoch. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_AUTH1

Primary authentication methods for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_AUTH2

Secondary authentication methods for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_UFSIZE

Process file size soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UCPU

Process CPU time soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UDATA

Process data segment size soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_USTACK

Process stack segment size soft limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_URSS

Process real memory size soft limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_UCORE

Process core file size soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_PWD

Specifies the value of the passwd field in the **/etc/passwd** file. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_UMASK

File creation mask for a user. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_LOCKED

Specifies whether the user's account can be logged into. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_UFSIZE_HARD

Process file size hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UCPU_HARD

Process CPU time hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UDATA_HARD

Process data segment size hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_USTACK_HARD

Process stack segment size hard limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_URSS_HARD

Process real memory size hard limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_UCORE_HARD

Process core file size hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

Note: These values are string constants that should be used by applications both for convenience and to permit optimization in latter implementations.

Type Specifies the type of attribute expected. Valid types are defined in the **usersec.h** file and include:

SEC_INT

The format of the attribute is an integer.

For the **getuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined integer variable. For the **putuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply an integer.

SEC_CHAR

The format of the attribute is a null-terminated character string.

SEC_LIST

The format of the attribute is a series of concatenated strings, each null-terminated. The last string in the series is terminated by two successive null characters.

SEC_BOOL

The format of the attribute from **getuserattr** is an integer with the value of either 0 (false) or 1 (true). The format of the attribute for **putuserattr** is a null-terminated string containing one of the following strings: true, false, yes, no, always, or never.

SEC_COMMIT

For the **putuserattr** subroutine, this value specified by itself indicates that changes to the named user are to be committed to permanent storage. The *Attribute* and *Value* parameters are ignored. If no user is specified, the changes to all modified users are committed to permanent storage.

SEC_DELETE

The corresponding attribute is deleted from the database.

SEC_NEW

Updates all the user database files with the new user name when using the **putuserattr** subroutine.

Security

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
rw	/etc/security/user
rw	/etc/security/limits
rw	/etc/security/login.cfg

Return Values

If successful, returns 0

If unsuccessful, returns -1

Error Codes

ENOENT The specified User parameter does not exist or the attribute is not defined for this user.

Files

/etc/passwd Contains user IDs.

Related Information

The **getuserattr** (“getuserattr, IDtouser, nextuser, or putuserattr Subroutine” on page 370) subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getcontext or setcontext Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes the structure pointed to by *ucp* to the context of the calling process.

Library

(libc.a)

Syntax

```
#include <ucontext.h>
```

```
int getcontext (ucontext_t *ucp);
```

```
int setcontext (const ucontext_t *ucp);
```

Description

The **getcontext** subroutine initializes the structure pointed to by *ucp* to the current user context of the calling process. The **ucontext_t** type that *ucp* points to defines the user context and includes the contents of the calling process' machine registers, the signal mask, and the current execution stack.

The **setcontext** subroutine restores the user context pointed to by *ucp*. A successful call to **setcontext** subroutine does not return; program execution resumes at the point specified by the *ucp* argument passed to **setcontext** subroutine. The *ucp* argument should be created either by a prior call to **getcontext** subroutine, or by being passed as an argument to a signal handler. If the *ucp* argument was created with **getcontext** subroutine, program execution continues as if the corresponding call of **getcontext** subroutine had just returned. If the *ucp* argument was created with **makecontext** subroutine, program execution continues with the function passed to **makecontext** subroutine. When that function returns, the process continues as if after a call to **setcontext** subroutine with the *ucp* argument that was input to **makecontext** subroutine. If the *ucp* argument was passed to a signal handler, program execution continues with the program instruction following the instruction interrupted by the signal. If the *uc_link* member of the **ucontext_t** structure pointed to by the *ucp* argument is equal to 0, then this context is the main context, and the process will exit when this context returns.

Parameters

ucp A pointer to a user structure.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **setcontext** subroutine does not return and **getcontext** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, a value -1 is returned.

-1 Not successful and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following error codes.

Related Information

The **makecontext** ("makecontext or swapcontext Subroutine" on page 534) subroutine, **setjmp** subroutine, **sigaltstack** subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine, **sigprocmask** subroutine, and **sigsetjmp** subroutine.

getcwd Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the path name of the current directory.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
char *getcwd ( Buffer, Size)
char *Buffer;
size_t Size;
```

Description

The **getcwd** subroutine places the absolute path name of the current working directory in the array pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter, and returns that path name. The *size* parameter specifies the size in bytes of the character array pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter.

Parameters

Buffer Points to string space that will contain the path name. If the *Buffer* parameter value is a null pointer, the **getcwd** subroutine, using the **malloc** subroutine, obtains the number of bytes of free space as specified by the *Size* parameter. In this case, the pointer returned by the **getcwd** subroutine can be used as the parameter in a subsequent call to the **free** subroutine. Starting the **getcwd** subroutine with a null pointer as the *Buffer* parameter value is not recommended.

Size Specifies the length of the string space. The value of the *Size* parameter must be at least 1 greater than the length of the path name to be returned.

Return Values

If the **getcwd** subroutine is unsuccessful, a null value is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error. The **getcwd** subroutine is unsuccessful if the *Size* parameter is not large enough or if an error occurs in a lower-level function.

Error Codes

If the **getcwd** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EACCES Indicates that read or search permission was denied for a component of the path name
EINVAL Indicates that the *Size* parameter is 0 or a negative number.
ENOMEM Indicates that insufficient storage space is available.
ERANGE Indicates that the *Size* parameter is greater than 0, but is smaller than the length of the path name plus 1.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getwd** (“getwd Subroutine” on page 386) subroutine, **malloc** (“malloc, free, realloc, calloc, malloc, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine” on page 528) subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getdate Subroutine

Purpose

Convert user format date and time.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <time.h>
```

```
struct tm *getdate (const char *string)
extern int getdate_err
```

Description

The **getdate** subroutine converts user definable date and/or time specifications pointed to by *string*, into a **struct tm**. The structure declaration is in the **time.h** header file (see **ctime** subroutine).

User supplied templates are used to parse and interpret the input string. The templates are contained in text files created by the user and identified by the environment variable **DATEMSK**. The **DATEMSK** variable should be set to indicate the full pathname of the file that contains the templates. The first line in the template that matches the input specification is used for interpretation and conversion into the internal time format.

The templates should follow a format where complex field descriptors are preceded by simpler ones. For example:

```
%M
%H:%M
%m/%d/%y
%m/%d/%y %H:%M:%S
```

The following field descriptors are supported:

%%	Same as %.
%a	Abbreviated weekday name.
%A	Full weekday name.
%b	Abbreviated month name.
%B	Full month name.
%c	Locale's appropriate date and time representation.
%C	Century number (00-99; leading zeros are permitted but not required)
%d	Day of month (01 - 31: the leading zero is optional).
%e	Same as %d.
%D	Date as %m/%d/%y.
%h	Abbreviated month name.
%H	Hour (00 - 23)
%I	Hour (01 - 12)
%m	Month number (01 - 12)

%M	Minute (00 - 59)
%n	Same as \n.
%p	Locale's equivalent of either AM or PM.
%r	Time as %l:%M:%S %p
%R	Time as %H: %M
%S	Seconds (00 - 61) Leap seconds are allowed but are not predictable through use of algorithms.
%t	Same as tab.
%T	Time as %H: %M:%S
%w	Weekday number (Sunday = 0 - 6)
%x	Locale's appropriate date representation.
%X	Locale's appropriate time representation.
%y	Year within century.

Note: When the environment variable **XPG_TIME_FMT=ON**, **%y** is the year within the century. When a century is not otherwise specified, values in the range 69-99 refer to years in the twentieth century (1969 to 1999, inclusive); values in the range 00-68 refer to 2000 to 2068, inclusive.

%Y	Year as ccy (such as 1986)
%Z	Time zone name or no characters if no time zone exists. If the time zone supplied by %Z is not the same as the time zone getdate subroutine expects, an invalid input specification error will result. The getdate subroutine calculates an expected time zone based on information supplied to the interface (such as hour, day, and month).

The match between the template and input specification performed by the **getdate** subroutine is case sensitive.

The month and weekday names can consist of any combination of upper and lower case letters. The user can request that the input date or time specification be in a specific language by setting the **LC_TIME** category (See the **setlocale** subroutine).

Leading zero's are not necessary for the descriptors that allow leading zero's. However, at most two digits are allowed for those descriptors, including leading zero's. Extra whitespace in either the template file or in *string* is ignored.

The field descriptors **%c**, **%x**, and **%X** will not be supported if they include unsupported field descriptors.

Example 1 is an example of a template. Example 2 contains valid input specifications for the template. Example 3 shows how local date and time specifications can be defined in the template.

The following rules apply for converting the input specification into the internal format:

- If only the weekday is given, today is assumed if the given month is equal to the current day and next week if it is less.
- If only the month is given, the current month is assumed if the given month is equal to the current month and next year if it is less and no year is given (the first day of month is assumed if no day is given).
- If no hour, minute, and second are given, the current hour, minute and second are assumed.
- If no date is given, today is assumed if the given hour is greater than the current hour and tomorrow is assumed if it is less.

See Example 4 for examples illustrating the use of the above rules.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getdate** subroutine returns a pointer to **struct tm**; otherwise, it returns a null pointer and the external variable **getdate_err** is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

Upon failure, a null pointer is returned and the variable `getdate_err` is set to indicate the error.

The following is a complete list of the `getdate_err` settings and their corresponding descriptions:

- 1 The **DATMSK** environment variable is null or undefined.
- 2 The template file cannot be opened for reading.
- 3 Failed to get file status information.
- 4 The template file is not a regular file.
- 5 An error is encountered while reading the template file.
- 6 Memory allocation failed (not enough memory available).
- 7 There is no line in the template that matches the input.
- 8 Invalid input specification, Example: February 31 or a time is specified that can not be represented in a `time_t` (representing the time in seconds since 00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970).

Examples

1. The following example shows the possible contents of a template:

```
%m
%A %B %d, %Y, %H:%M:%S
%A
%B
%m/%d/%y %I %p
%d, %m, %Y %H:%M
at %A the %dst of %B in %Y
run job at %I %p, %B %dnd
&A den %d. %B %Y %H.%M Uhr
```

2. The following are examples of valid input specifications for the template in Example 1:

```
getdate ("10/1/87 4 PM")
getdate ("Friday")
getdate ("Friday September 18, 1987, 10:30:30")
getdate ("24,9,1986 10:30")
getdate ("at monday the 1st of december in 1986")
getdate ("run job at 3 PM. december 2nd")
```

If the `LC_TIME` category is set to a German locale that includes `freitag` as a weekday name and `oktober` as a month name, the following would be valid:

```
getdate ("freitag den 10. oktober 1986 10.30 Uhr")
```

3. The following examples shows how local date and time specification can be defined in the template.

Invocation	Line in Template
<code>getdate ("11/27/86")</code>	<code>%m/%d/%y</code>
<code>getdate ("27.11.86"0</code>	<code>%d.%m.%y</code>
<code>getdate ("86-11-27")</code>	<code>%y-%m-%d</code>
<code>getdate ("Friday 12:00:00")</code>	<code>%A %H:%M:%S</code>

4. The following examples help to illustrate the above rules assuming that the current date Mon Sep 22 12:19:47 EDT 1986 and the `LC_TIME` category is set to the default "C" locale.

Input	Line in Template	Date
Mon	<code>%a</code>	Mon Sep 22 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Sun	<code>%a</code>	Sun Sep 28 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Fri	<code>%a</code>	Fri Sep 26 12:19:47 EDT 1986
September	<code>%B</code>	Mon Sep1 12:19:47 EDT 1986

January	%B	Thu Jan 1 12:19:47 EDT 1986
December	%B	Mon Dec 1 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Sep Mon	%b %a	Mon Sep 1 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Jan Fri	%b %a	Fri Jan 2 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Dec Mon	%b %a	Mon Dec 1 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Jan Wed 1989	%b %a %Y	Wed Jan 4 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Fri 9	%a %H	Fri Sep 26 12:19:47 EDT 1986
Feb 10:30	%b %H: %S	Sun Feb 1 12:19:47 EDT 1986
10:30	%H: %M	Tue Sep 23 12:19:47 EDT 1986
13:30	%H: %M	Mon Sep 22 12:19:47 EDT 1986

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ctime** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128), **ctype** (“ctype, isalpha, isupper, islower, isdigit, isxdigit, isalnum, isspace, ispunct, isprint, isgraph, iscntrl, or isascii Subroutines” on page 133), **setlocale**, **strftime**, and **times** (“getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine” on page 347) subroutines.

getdtablesize Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the descriptor table size.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int getdtablesize (void)
```

Description

The **getdtablesize** subroutine is used to determine the size of the file descriptor table.

The size of the file descriptor table for a process is set by the **ulimit** command or by the **setrlimit** subroutine. The **getdtablesize** subroutine returns the current size of the table as reported by the **getrlimit** subroutine. If **getrlimit** reports that the table size is unlimited, **getdtablesize** instead returns the value of **OPEN_MAX**, which is the largest possible size of the table.

Note: The **getdtablesize** subroutine returns a runtime value that is specific to the version of the operating system on which the application is running. In AIX 4.3.1, **getdtablesize** returns a value that is set in the **limits** file, which can be different from system to system.

Return Values

The **getdtablesize** subroutine returns the size of the descriptor table.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **close** (“close Subroutine” on page 111) subroutine, **open** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **select** subroutine.

getenv Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the value of an environment variable.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *getenv ( Name )  
const char *Name;
```

Description

The **getenv** subroutine searches the environment list for a string of the form *Name=Value*. Environment variables are sometimes called shell variables because they are frequently set with shell commands.

Parameters

Name Specifies the name of an environment variable. If a string of the proper form is not present in the current environment, the **getenv** subroutine returns a null pointer.

Return Values

The **getenv** subroutine returns a pointer to the value in the current environment, if such a string is present. If such a string is not present, a null pointer is returned. The **getenv** subroutine normally does not modify the returned string. The **putenv** subroutine, however, may overwrite or change the returned string. Do not attempt to free the returned pointer. The **getenv** subroutine returns a pointer to the user’s copy of the environment (which is static), until the first invocation of the **putenv** subroutine that adds a new environment variable. The **putenv** subroutine allocates an area of memory large enough to hold both the user’s environment and the new variable. The next call to the **getenv** subroutine returns a pointer to this newly allocated space that is not static. Subsequent calls by the **putenv** subroutine use the **realloc** subroutine to make space for new variables. Unsuccessful completion returns a null pointer.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **putenv** (“putenv Subroutine” on page 871) subroutine.

getenvvars Subroutine

Purpose

Gets environment of a process.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int getenvvars (processBuffer, bufferLen, argsBuffer, argsLen)
struct procsinfo *processBuffer
or struct procsinfo64 *processBuffer;
int bufferLen;
char *argsBuffer;
int argsLen;
```

Description

The **getenvvars** subroutine returns the environment that was passed to a command when it was started. Only one process can be examined per call to **getenvvars**.

The **getenvvars** subroutine uses the `pi_pid` field of `processBuffer` to determine which process to look for. `bufferLen` should be set to size of **struct procsinfo** or **struct procsinfo64**. Parameters are returned in `argsBuffer`, which should be allocated by the caller. The size of this array must be given in `argsLen`.

On return, `argsBuffer` consists of a succession of strings, each terminated with a null character (ascii `'\0'`). Hence, two consecutive NULLs indicate the end of the list.

Note: The arguments may be changed asynchronously by the process, but results are not guaranteed to be consistent.

Parameters

processBuffer

Specifies the address of a **procsinfo** or **procsinfo64** structure, whose `pi_pid` field should contain the pid of the process that is to be looked for.

bufferLen

Specifies the size of a single **procsinfo** or **procsinfo64** structure.

argsBuffer

Specifies the address of an array of characters to be filled with a series of strings representing the parameters that are needed. An extra NULL character marks the end of the list. This array must be allocated by the caller.

argsLen

Specifies the size of the `argsBuffer` array. No more than `argsLen` characters are returned.

Return Values

If successful, the **getenvvars** subroutine returns zero. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getevars** subroutine does not succeed if the following are true:

EBADF

The specified process does not exist.

EFAULT

The copy operation to the buffer was not successful or the *processBuffer* or *argsBuffer* parameters are invalid.

EINVAL

The *bufferLen* parameter does not contain the size of a single **procsinfo** or **procentry64** structure.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getargs** (“getargs Subroutine” on page 281), **getpid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getpgrp** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getppid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getprocs** or **getthrds** (“getthrds Subroutine” on page 360) subroutines.

The **ps** command.

getfsent, getfsspec, getfsfile, getfstype, setfsent, or endfsent Subroutine

Purpose

Gets information about a file system.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fstab.h>
struct fstab *getfsent( )

struct fstab *getfsspec ( Special)
char *Special;

struct fstab *getfsfile( File)
char *File;

struct fstab *getfstype( Type)
char *Type;
void setfsent( )
void endfsent( )
```

Description

The **getfsent** subroutine reads the next line of the **/etc/filesystems** file, opening the file if necessary.

The **setfsent** subroutine opens the **/etc/filesystems** file and positions to the first record.

The **endfsent** subroutine closes the **/etc/filesystems** file.

The **getfsspec** and **getfsfile** subroutines sequentially search from the beginning of the file until a matching special file name or file-system file name is found, or until the end of the file is encountered. The **getfstype** subroutine does likewise, matching on the file-system type field.

Note: All information is contained in a static area, which must be copied to be saved.

Parameters

<i>Special</i>	Specifies the file-system file name.
<i>File</i>	Specifies the file name.
<i>Type</i>	Specifies the file-system type.

Return Values

The **getfsent**, **getfsspec**, **getfstype**, and **getfsfile** subroutines return a pointer to a structure that contains information about a file system. The header file **fstab.h** describes the structure. A null pointer is returned when the end of file (EOF) is reached or if an error occurs.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/filesystems Centralizes file system characteristics.

Related Information

The **getvfsent**, **getvfsbytype**, **getvfsbyname**, **getvfsbyflag**, **setvfsent**, or **endvfsent** (“getvfsent, getvfsbytype, getvfsbyname, getvfsbyflag, setvfsent, or endvfsent Subroutine” on page 383) subroutine.

The **filesystems** file.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getgid or getegid Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the process group IDs.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
gid_t getgid (void);
gid_t getegid (void);
```

Description

The **getgid** subroutine returns the real group ID of the calling process.

The **getegid** subroutine returns the effective group ID of the calling process.

Return Values

The **getgid** and **getegid** subroutines return the requested group ID. The **getgid** and **getegid** subroutines are always successful.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getgroups** (“getgroups Subroutine” on page 309) subroutine, **initgroups** (“initgroups Subroutine” on page 429) subroutine, **setgid** subroutine, **setgroups** subroutine.

The **groups** command, **setgroups** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the basic group information in the user database.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
struct group *getgrent ( );
```

```
struct group *getgrgid (GID)
gid_t GID;
```

```
struct group *getgrnam (Name)
const char * Name;
void setgrent ( );
void endgrent ( );
```

Description

Attention: The information returned by the **getgrent**, **getgrnam**, and **getgrgid** subroutines is stored in a static area and is overwritten on subsequent calls. You must copy this information to save it.

Attention: These subroutines should not be used with the **getgroupattr** subroutine. The results are unpredictable.

The **setgrent** subroutine opens the user database if it is not already open. Then, this subroutine sets the cursor to point to the first group entry in the database.

The **getgrent**, **getgrnam**, and **getgrgid** subroutines return information about the requested group. The **getgrent** subroutine returns the next group in the sequential search. The **getgrnam** subroutine returns the first group in the database whose name matches that of the *Name* parameter. The **getgrgid** subroutine returns the first group in the database whose group ID matches the *GID* parameter. The **endgrent** subroutine closes the user database.

Note: An ! (exclamation mark) is written into the *gr_passwd* field. This field is ignored and is present only for compatibility with older versions of UNIX.

The Group Structure

The **group** structure is defined in the **grp.h** file and has the following fields:

<i>gr_name</i>	Contains the name of the group.
<i>gr_passwd</i>	Contains the password of the group.
	Note: This field is no longer used.
<i>gr_gid</i>	Contains the ID of the group.
<i>gr_mem</i>	Contains the members of the group.

If the Network Information Service (NIS) is enabled on the system, these subroutines attempt to retrieve the group information from the NIS authentication server.

Parameters

GID Specifies the group ID.
Name Specifies the group name.

Group Specifies the basic group information to enter into the user database.

Return Values

If successful, the **getgrent**, **getgrnam**, and **getgrgid** subroutines return a pointer to a valid group structure. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned.

Error Codes

These subroutines fail if one or more of the following are returned:

EIO	Indicates that an input/output (I/O) error has occurred.
EINTR	Indicates that a signal was caught during the getgrnam or getgrgid subroutine.
EMFILE	Indicates that the maximum number of file descriptors specified by the OPEN_MAX value are currently open in the calling process.
ENFILE	Indicates that the maximum allowable number of files is currently open in the system.

To check an application for error situations, set the **errno** global variable to a value of 0 before calling the **getgrgid** subroutine. If the **errno** global variable is set on return, an error occurred.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

File

/etc/group Contains basic group attributes.

Related Information

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getgrgid_r Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a group database entry for a group ID.

Library

Thread-Safe C Library (**libc_r.a**)

Syntax

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

int getgrgid_r(gid_t gid,
struct group *grp,
char *buffer,
size_t bufsize,
struct group **result);
```

Description

The **getgrgid_r** subroutine updates the **group** structure pointed to by *grp* and stores a pointer to that structure at the location pointed to by *result*. The structure contains an entry from the group database with a matching *gid*. Storage referenced by the group structure is allocated from the memory provided with the *buffer* parameter, which is *bufsize* characters in size. The maximum size needed for this buffer can be determined with the `{_SC_GETGR_R_SIZE_MAX}` *sysconf* parameter. A NULL pointer is returned at the location pointed to by *result* on error or if the requested entry is not found.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **getgrgid_r** returns a pointer to a **struct group** with the structure defined in `<grp.h>` with a matching entry if one is found. The **getgrgid_r** function returns a null pointer if either the requested entry was not found, or an error occurred. On error, *errno* will be set to indicate the error.

The return value points to a static area that is overwritten by a subsequent call to the **getgrent**, **getgrgid**, or **getgrnam** subroutine.

If successful, the **getgrgid_r** function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getgrgid_r** function fails if:

ERANGE Insufficient storage was supplied via *buffer* and *bufsize* to contain the data to be referenced by the resulting **group** structure.

Applications wishing to check for error situations should set *errno* to 0 before calling **getgrgid_r**. If *errno* is set on return, an error occurred.

Related Information

The **getgrent**, **getgrgid**, **getgrnam**, **setgrent**, **endgrent** (“getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine” on page 302) subroutine.

The `<grp.h>`, `<limits.h>`, and `<sys/types.h>` header files.

getgrnam_r Subroutine

Purpose

Search a group database for a name.

Library

Thread-Safe C Library (**libc_r.a**)

Syntax

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

int getgrnam_r (const char **name,
                struct group *grp,
                char *buffer,
                size_t bufsize,
                struct group **result);
```

Description

The **getgrnam_r** function updates the **group** structure pointed to by *grp* and stores pointer to that structure at the location pointed to by *result*. The structure contains an entry from the group database with a matching *gid* or *name*. Storage referenced by the group structure is allocated from the memory provided with the *buffer* parameter, which is *bufsize* characters in size. The maximum size needed for this buffer can be determined with the `{_SC_GETGR_R_SIZE_MAX}` *sysconf* parameter. A NULL pointer is returned at the location pointed to by *result* on error or if the requested entry is not found.

Return Values

The **getgrnam_r** function returns a pointer to a **struct group** with the structure defined in `<grp.h>` with a matching entry if one is found. The **getgrnam_r** function returns a null pointer if either the requested entry was not found, or an error occurred. On error, *errno* will be set to indicate the error.

The return value points to a static area that is overwritten by a subsequent call to the **getgrent**, **getgrgid**, or **getgrnam** subroutine.

If successful, the **getgrnam_r** function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getgrnam_r** function fails if:

ERANGE Insufficient storage was supplied via *buffer* and *bufsize* to contain the data to be referenced by the resulting **group** structure.

Applications wishing to check for error situations should set *errno* to 0 before calling **getgrnam_r**. If *errno* is set on return, an error occurred.

Related Information

The **getgrent**, **getgrgid**, **getgrnam**, **setgrent**, **endgrent** (“getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine” on page 302) subroutine.

The `<grp.h>`, `<limits.h>`, and `<sys/types.h>` header files.

getgroupattr, IDtogroup, nextgroup, or putgroupattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the group information in the user database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
```

```
int getgroupattr (Group, Attribute, Value, Type)
```

```
char * Group;
```

```
char * Attribute;
```

```
void * Value;
```

```
int Type;
```

```
int putgroupattr (Group, Attribute, Value, Type)
```

```
char *Group;
```

```
char *Attribute;
```

```
void *Value;
```

```
int Type;
```

```
char *IDtogroup ( GID)
```

```
gid_t GID;
```

```
char *nextgroup ( Mode, Argument)
```

```
int Mode, Argument;
```

Description

Attention: These subroutines and the **setpwent** and **setgrent** subroutines should not be used simultaneously. The results can be unpredictable.

These subroutines access group information. Because of their greater granularity and extensibility, you should use them instead of the **getgrent**, **putgrent**, **getgrnam**, **getgrgid**, **setgrent**, and **endgrent** subroutines.

The **getgroupattr** subroutine reads a specified attribute from the group database. If the database is not already open, the subroutine will do an implicit open for reading.

Similarly, the **putgroupattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute into the group database. If the database is not already open, the subroutine does an implicit open for reading and writing. Data changed by **putgroupattr** must be explicitly committed by calling the **putgroupattr** subroutine with a *Type* parameter specifying the **SEC_COMMIT** value. Until the data is committed, only **get** subroutine calls within the process will return the written data.

New entries in the user and group databases must first be created by invoking **putgroupattr** with the **SEC_NEW** type.

The **IDtogroup** subroutine translates a group ID into a group name.

The **nextgroup** subroutine returns the next group in a linear search of the group database. The consistency of consecutive searches depends upon the underlying storage-access mechanism and is not guaranteed by this subroutine.

The **setuserdb** and **enduserdb** subroutines should be used to open and close the user database.

Parameters

Argument

Presently unused and must be specified as null.

Attribute

Specifies which attribute is read. The following possible values are defined in the **usersec.h** file:

S_ID Group ID. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_USERS

Members of the group. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_ADMS

Administrators of the group. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_ADMIN

Administrative status of a group. Type: **SEC_BOOL**.

S_GRPEXPORT

Specifies if the DCE registry can overwrite the local group information with the DCE group information during a DCE export operation. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

Additional user-defined attributes may be used and will be stored in the format specified by the *Type* parameter.

GID

Specifies the group ID to be translated into a group name.

Group

Specifies the name of the group for which an attribute is to be read.

Mode

Specifies the search mode. Also can be used to delimit the search to one or more user credential databases. Specifying a non-null *Mode* value implicitly rewinds the search. A null mode continues the search sequentially through the database. This parameter specifies one of the following values as a bit mask (defined in the **usersec.h** file):

S_LOCAL

The local database of groups are included in the search.

S_SYSTEM

All credentials servers for the system are searched.

<i>Type</i>	<p>Specifies the type of attribute expected. Valid values are defined in the usersec.h file and include:</p> <p>SEC_INT The format of the attribute is an integer. The buffer returned by the getgroupattr subroutine and the buffer supplied by the putgroupattr subroutine are defined to contain an integer.</p> <p>SEC_CHAR The format of the attribute is a null-terminated character string.</p> <p>SEC_LIST The format of the attribute is a series of concatenated strings, each null-terminated. The last string in the series is terminated by two successive null characters.</p> <p>SEC_BOOL A pointer to an integer (int *) that has been cast to a null pointer.</p> <p>SEC_COMMIT For the putgroupattr subroutine, this value specified by itself indicates that changes to the named group are committed to permanent storage. The <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Value</i> parameters are ignored. If no group is specified, changes to all modified groups are committed to permanent storage.</p> <p>SEC_DELETE The corresponding attribute is deleted from the database.</p> <p>SEC_NEW If using the putgroupattr subroutine, updates all the group database files with the new group name.</p>
<i>Value</i>	<p>Specifies the address of a pointer for the getgroupattr subroutine. The getgroupattr subroutine will return the address of a buffer in the pointer. For the putgroupattr subroutine, the <i>Value</i> parameter specifies the address of a buffer in which the attribute is stored. See the <i>Type</i> parameter for more details.</p>

Security

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
rw	/etc/group (write access for putgroupattr)
rw	/etc/security/group (write access for putgroupattr)

Return Values

The **getgroupattr** and **putgroupattr** subroutines, when successfully completed, return a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

The **IDtogroup** and **nextgroup** subroutines return a character pointer to a buffer containing the requested group name, if successfully completed. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

Note: All of these subroutines return errors from other subroutines.

These subroutines fail if the following is true:

EACCES Access permission is denied for the data request.

The **getgroupattr** and **putgroupattr** subroutines fail if one or more of the following are true:

- EINVAL** The *Value* parameter does not point to a valid buffer or to valid data for this type of attribute. Limited testing is possible and all errors may not be detected.
- EINVAL** The *Group* parameter is null or contains a pointer to a null string.
- EINVAL** The *Type* parameter contains more than one of the **SEC_INT**, **SEC_BOOL**, **SEC_CHAR**, **SEC_LIST**, or **SEC_COMMIT** attributes.
- EINVAL** The *Type* parameter specifies that an individual attribute is to be committed, and the *Group* parameter is null.
- ENOENT** The specified *Group* parameter does not exist or the attribute is not defined for this group.
- EPERM** Operation is not permitted.

The **IDtogroup** subroutine fails if the following is true:

- ENOENT** The *GID* parameter could not be translated into a valid group name on the system.

The **nextgroup** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

- EINVAL** The *Mode* parameter is not null, and does not specify either **S_LOCAL** or **S_SYSTEM**.
- EINVAL** The *Argument* parameter is not null.
- ENOENT** The end of the search was reached.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getuserattr** (“getuserattr, IDtouser, nextuser, or putuserattr Subroutine” on page 370) subroutine, **getuserpw** (“getuserpw, putuserpw, or putuserpw hist Subroutine” on page 377) subroutine, **setpwdb** subroutine, **setuserdb** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getgroups Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the supplementary group ID of the current process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int getgroups (NGroups, GIDSet)
int NGroups;
gid_t GIDSet [ ];
```

Description

The **getgroups** subroutine gets the supplementary group ID of the process. The list is stored in the array pointed to by the *GIDSet* parameter. The *NGroups* parameter indicates the number of entries that can be stored in this array. The **getgroups** subroutine never returns more than the number of entries specified by the **NGROUPS_MAX** constant. (The **NGROUPS_MAX** constant is defined in the **limits.h** file.) If the value in the *NGroups* parameter is 0, the **getgroups** subroutine returns the number of groups in the supplementary group.

Parameters

GIDSet Points to the array in which the supplementary group ID of the user's process is stored.
NGroups Indicates the number of entries that can be stored in the array pointed to by the *GIDSet* parameter.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getgroups** subroutine returns the number of elements stored into the array pointed to by the *GIDSet* parameter. If the **getgroups** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getgroups** subroutine is unsuccessful if either of the following error codes is true:

EFAULT The *NGroups* and *GIDSet* parameters specify an array that is partially or completely outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EINVAL The *NGroups* parameter is smaller than the number of groups in the supplementary group.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getgid** (“getgid or getegid Subroutine” on page 301) subroutine, **initgroups** (“initgroups Subroutine” on page 429) subroutine, **setgid** subroutine, **setgroups** subroutine.

The **groups** command, **setgroups** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getgrpaclattr, nextgrpacl, or putgrpaclattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the group screen information in the SMIT ACL database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
```



```

int getgrpaclattr (Group, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *User;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;
char *nextgrpacl(void)
int putgrpaclattr (Group, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *User;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;

```

Description

The **getgrpaclattr** subroutine reads a specified group attribute from the SMIT ACL database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading.

Similarly, the **putgrpaclattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute into the user SMIT ACL database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading and writing. Data changed by the **putgrpaclattr** subroutine must be explicitly committed by calling the **putgrpaclattr** subroutine with a *Type* parameter specifying **SEC_COMMIT**. Until all the data is committed, only the **getgrpaclattr** subroutine within the process returns written data.

The **nextgrpacl** subroutine returns the next group in a linear search of the group SMIT ACL database. The consistency of consecutive searches depends upon the underlying storage-access mechanism and is not guaranteed by this subroutine.

The **setacldb** and **endacldb** subroutines should be used to open and close the database.

Parameters

<i>Attribute</i>	Specifies which attribute is read. The following possible attributes are defined in the usersec.h file: S_SCREEN String of SMIT screens. The attribute type is SEC_LIST .
<i>Type</i>	Specifies the type of attribute expected. Valid types are defined in the usersec.h file and include: SEC_LIST The format of the attribute is a series of concatenated strings, each null-terminated. The last string in the series must be an empty (zero character count) string. For the getgrpaclattr subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined character pointer variable. For the putgrpaclattr subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer. SEC_COMMIT For the putgrpaclattr subroutine, this value specified by itself indicates that changes to the named group are to be committed to permanent storage. The <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Value</i> parameters are ignored. If no group is specified, the changes to all modified groups are committed to permanent storage. SEC_DELETE The corresponding attribute is deleted from the group SMIT ACL database. SEC_NEW Updates the group SMIT ACL database file with the new group name when using the putgrpaclattr subroutine.
<i>Value</i>	Specifies a buffer, a pointer to a buffer, or a pointer to a pointer depending on the <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Type</i> parameters. See the <i>Type</i> parameter for more details.

Return Values

If successful, the **getgrpaclattr** returns 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

Possible return codes are:

EACCES	Access permission is denied for the data request.
ENOENT	The specified <i>Group</i> parameter does not exist or the attribute is not defined for this group.
ENOATTR	The specified user attribute does not exist for this group.
EINVAL	The <i>Attribute</i> parameter does not contain one of the defined attributes or null.
EINVAL	The <i>Value</i> parameter does not point to a valid buffer or to valid data for this type of attribute.
EPERM	Operation is not permitted.

Related Information

The **getgrpaclattr**, **nextgrpacl**, or **putgrpaclattr** (“getgrpaclattr, nextgrpacl, or putgrpaclattr Subroutine” on page 310) subroutine, **setacldb**, or **endacldb** subroutine.

getgrset Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the concurrent group set information in the user database.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
char *getgrset (User)  
const char * User;
```

Description

The **getgrset** subroutine returns a pointer to the comma separated list of concurrent group identifiers for the named user.

If the Network Information Service (NIS) is enabled on the system, these subroutines attempt to retrieve the user information from the NIS authentication server.

Parameters

User Specifies the user name.

Return Values

If successful, the **getgrset** subroutine returns a pointer to a list of supplementary groups. This pointer must be freed by the user.

Error Codes

A **NULL** pointer is returned on error. The value of the **errno** global variable is undefined on error.

File

`/etc/group` Contains basic group attributes.

Related Information

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine

Purpose

Manipulates the expiration time of interval timers.

Library

Standard C Library (`libc.a`)

Syntax

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

int getinterval ( TimerID, Value)
timer_t TimerID;
struct itimerstruc_t *Value;

int incinterval (TimerID, Value, OValue)
timer_t TimerID;
struct itimerstruc_t *Value, *OValue;

int absinterval (TimerID, Value, OValue)
timer_t TimerID;
struct itimerstruc_t *Value, *OValue;

int resabs (TimerID, Resolution, Maximum)
timer_t TimerID;
struct timestruc_t *Resolution, *Maximum;

int resinc (TimerID, Resolution, Maximum)
timer_t TimerID;
struct timestruc_t *Resolution, *Maximum;
#include <unistd.h>

unsigned int alarm ( Seconds)
unsigned int Seconds;

useconds_t ualarm (Value, Interval)
useconds_t Value, Interval;

int setitimer ( Which, Value, OValue)
int Which;
struct itimerval *Value, *OValue;
```

```
int getitimer (Which, Value)
int Which;
struct itimerval *Value;
```

Description

The **getinterval**, **incinterval**, and **absinterval** subroutines manipulate the expiration time of interval timers. These functions use a timer value defined by the **struct itimerstruc_t** structure, which includes the following fields:

```
struct timestruc_t it_interval; /* timer interval period */
struct timestruc_t it_value; /* timer interval expiration */
```

If the `it_value` field is nonzero, it indicates the time to the next timer expiration. If `it_value` is 0, the per-process timer is disabled. If the `it_interval` member is nonzero, it specifies a value to be used in reloading the `it_value` field when the timer expires. If `it_interval` is 0, the timer is to be disabled after its next expiration (assuming `it_value` is nonzero).

The **getinterval** subroutine returns a value from the **struct itimerstruc_t** structure to the *Value* parameter. The `it_value` field of this structure represents the amount of time in the current interval before the timer expires, should one exist for the per-process timer specified in the *TimerID* parameter. The `it_interval` field has the value last set by the **incinterval** or **absinterval** subroutine. The fields of the *Value* parameter are subject to the resolution of the timer.

The **incinterval** subroutine sets the value of a per-process timer to a given offset from the current timer setting. The **absinterval** subroutine sets the value of the per-process timer to a given absolute value. If the specified absolute time has already expired, the **absinterval** subroutine will succeed and the expiration notification will be made. Both subroutines update the interval timer period. Time values smaller than the resolution of the specified timer are rounded up to this resolution. Time values larger than the maximum value of the specified timer are rounded down to the maximum value.

The **resinc** and **resabs** subroutines return the resolution and maximum value of the interval timer contained in the *TimerID* parameter. The resolution of the interval timer is contained in the *Resolution* parameter, and the maximum value is contained in the *Maximum* parameter. These values might not be the same as the values returned by the corresponding system timer, the **gettimer** subroutine. In addition, it is likely that the maximum values returned by the **resinc** and **resabs** subroutines will be different.

Note: If a nonprivileged user attempts to submit a fine granularity timer (that is, a timer request of less than 10 milliseconds), the timer request is raised to 10 milliseconds.

The **alarm** subroutine causes the system to send the calling thread's process a **SIGALRM** signal after the number of real-time seconds specified by the *Seconds* parameter have elapsed. Since the signal is sent to the process, in a multi-threaded process another thread than the one that called the **alarm** subroutine may receive the **SIGALRM** signal. Processor scheduling delays may prevent the process from handling the signal as soon as it is generated. If the value of the *Seconds* parameter is 0, a pending alarm request, if any, is canceled. Alarm requests are not stacked. Only one **SIGALRM** generation can be scheduled in this manner. If the **SIGALRM** signal has not yet been generated, the call results in rescheduling the time at which the **SIGALRM** signal is generated. If several threads in a process call the **alarm** subroutine, only the last call will be effective.

The **ualarm** subroutine sends a **SIGALRM** signal to the invoking process in a specified number of seconds. The **getitimer** subroutine gets the value of an interval timer. The **setitimer** subroutine sets the value of an interval timer.

Parameters

TimerID Specifies the ID of the interval timer.

<i>Value</i>	Points to a struct itimerstruc_t structure.
<i>OValue</i>	Represents the previous time-out period.
<i>Resolution</i>	Resolution of the timer.
<i>Maximum</i>	Indicates the maximum value of the interval timer.
<i>Seconds</i>	Specifies the number of real-time seconds to elapse before the first SIGALRM signal.
<i>Interval</i>	Specifies the number of microseconds between subsequent periodic SIGALRM signals. If a nonprivileged user attempts to submit a fine granularity timer (that is, a timer request of less than 10 milliseconds), the timer request interval is automatically raised to 10 milliseconds.
<i>Which</i>	Identifies the type of timer. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITIMER_REAL Decrements in real time. A SIGALRM signal occurs when this timer expires. ITIMER_VIRTUAL Decrements in process virtual time. It runs only during process execution. A SIGVTALRM signal occurs when it expires. ITIMER_PROF Decrements in process virtual time and when the system runs on behalf of the process. It is designed for use by interpreters in statistically profiling the execution of interpreted programs. Each time the ITIMER_PROF timer expires, the SIGPROF signal occurs. Because this signal may interrupt in-progress system calls, programs using this timer must be prepared to restart interrupted system calls.

Return Values

If these subroutines are successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set.

The **alarm** subroutine returns the amount of time (in seconds) remaining before the system is scheduled to generate the **SIGALARM** signal from the previous call to **alarm**. It returns a 0 if there was no previous **alarm** request.

The **ualarm** subroutine returns the number of microseconds previously remaining in the alarm clock.

Error Codes

If the **getinterval**, **incinterval**, **absinterval**, **resinc**, **resabs**, **setitimer**, **getitimer**, or **setitimer** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following error codes:

EINVAL	Indicates that the <i>TimerID</i> parameter does not correspond to an ID returned by the gettimerid subroutine, or a value structure specified a nanosecond value less than 0 or greater than or equal to one thousand million (1,000,000,000).
EIO	Indicates that an error occurred while accessing the timer device.
EFAULT	Indicates that a parameter address has referenced invalid memory.

The **alarm** subroutine is always successful. No return value is reserved to indicate an error for it.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **gettimer** (“gettimer, settimer, restimer, stime, or time Subroutine” on page 363) subroutine, **gettimerid** (“gettimerid Subroutine” on page 365) subroutine, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutine.

List of Time Data Manipulation Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Signal Management in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* provides more information about signal management in multi-threaded processes.

getipnodebyaddr Subroutine

Purpose

Address-to-nodename translation.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

(**libaixinet**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
struct hostent *getipnodebyaddr(src, len, af, error_num)
const void *src;
size_t len;
int af;
int *error_num;
```

Description

The **getipnodebyaddr** subroutine has the same arguments as the **gethostbyaddr** subroutine but adds an error number. It is thread-safe.

The **getipnodebyaddr** subroutine is similar in its name query to the **gethostbyaddr** subroutine except in one case. If *af* equals AF_INET6 and the IPv6 address is an IPv4-mapped IPv6 address or an IPv4-compatible address, then the first 12 bytes are skipped over and the last 4 bytes are used as an IPv4 address with *af* equal to AF_INET to lookup the name.

If the **getipnodebyaddr** subroutine is returning success, then the single address that is returned in the **hostent** structure is a copy of the first argument to the function with the same address family and length that was passed as arguments to this function.

All of the information returned by **getipnodebyaddr** is dynamically allocated: the **hostent** structure and the data areas pointed to by the *h_name*, *h_addr_list*, and *h_aliases* members of the **hostent** structure. To return this information to the system the function **freehostent** is called.

Parameters

<i>src</i>	Specifies a node address. It is a pointer to either a 4-byte (IPv4) or 16-byte (IPv6) binary format address.
<i>af</i>	Specifies the address family which is either AF_INET or AF_INET6.
<i>len</i>	Specifies the length of the node binary format address.
<i>error_num</i>	Returns argument to the caller with the appropriate error code.

Return Values

The **getipnodebyaddr** subroutine returns a pointer to a **hostent** structure on success.

The **getipnodebyaddr** subroutine returns a null pointer if an error occurs. The *error_num* parameter is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

HOST_NOT_FOUND	The host specified by the <i>name</i> parameter was not found.
TRY_AGAIN	The local server did not receive a response from an authoritative server. Try again later.
NO_RECOVERY	This error code indicates an unrecoverable error.
NO_ADDRESS	The requested <i>name</i> is valid but does not have an Internet address at the name server.

Related Information

The **freehostent** subroutine and **getipnodebyname** subroutine.

getipnodebyname Subroutine

Purpose

Nodename-to-address translation.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

(**libaixinet**)

Syntax

```
#include <libc.a>
#include <netdb.h>
struct hostent *getipnodebyname(name, af, flags, error_num)
const char *name;
int af;
int flags;
int *error_num;
```

Description

The commonly used functions **gethostbyname** and **gethostbyname2** are inadequate for many applications. You could not specify the type of addresses desired in **gethostbyname**. In **gethostbyname2**, a global option (RES_USE_INET6) is required when IPV6 addresses are used. Also, **gethostbyname2** needed more control over the type of addresses required.

The **getipnodebyname** subroutine gives the caller more control over the types of addresses required and is thread safe. It also does not need a global option like RES_USE_INET6.

The name argument can be either a node name or a numeric (either a dotted-decimal IPv4 or colon-separated IPv6) address.

The *flags* parameter values include AI_DEFAULT, AI_V4MAPPED, AI_ALL and AI_ADDRCONFIG. The special flags value AI_DEFAULT is designed to handle most applications. Its definition is:

```
#define AI_DEFAULT (AI_V4MAPPED | AI_ADDRCONFIG)
```

When porting simple applications to use IPv6, simply replace the call:

```
hp = gethostbyname(name);
```

with

```
hp = getipnodebyname(name, AF_INET6, AI_DEFAULT, &error_num);
```

To modify the behavior of the **getipnodebyname** subroutine, constant values can be logically-ORed into the *flags* parameter.

A *flags* value of 0 implies a strict interpretation of the *af* parameter. If *af* is AF_INET then only IPv4 addresses are searched for and returned. If *af* is AF_INET6 then only IPv6 addresses are searched for and returned.

If the AI_V4MAPPED flag is specified along with an *af* of AF_INET6, then the caller accepts IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses. That is, if a query for IPv6 addresses fails, then a query for IPv4 addresses is made and if any are found, then they are returned as IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses. The AI_V4MAPPED flag is only valid with an *af* of AF_INET6.

If the AI_ALL flag is used in conjunction the AI_V4MAPPED flag and *af* is AF_INET6, then the caller wants all addresses. The addresses returned are IPv6 addresses and/or IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses. Only if both queries (IPv6 and IPv4) fail does **getipnodebyname** return NULL. Again, the AI_ALL flag is only valid with an *af* of AF_INET6.

The AI_ADDRCONFIG flag is used to specify that a query for IPv6 addresses should only occur if the node has at least one IPv6 source address configured and a query for IPv4 addresses should only occur if the node has at least one IPv4 source address configured. For example, if the node only has IPv4 addresses configured, *af* equals AF_INET6, and the node name being looked up has both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses, then if only the AI_ADDRCONFIG flag is specified, **getipnodebyname** will return NULL. If the AI_V4MAPPED flag is specified with the AI_ADDRCONFIG flag (AI_DEFAULT), then any IPv4 addresses found will be returned as IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses.

There are 4 different situations when the name argument is a literal address string:

1. *name* is a dotted-decimal IPv4 address and *af* is AF_INET. If the query is successful, then *h_name* points to a copy of *name*, *h_addrtype* is the *af* argument, *h_length* is 4, *h_aliases* is a NULL pointer, *h_addr_list[0]* points to the 4-byte binary address and *h_addr_list[1]* is a NULL pointer.
2. *name* is a colon-separated IPv6 address and *af* is AF_INET6. If the query is successful, then *h_name* points to a copy of *name*, *h_addrtype* is the *af* parameter, *h_length* is 16, *h_aliases* is a NULL pointer, *h_addr_list[0]* points to the 16-byte binary address and *h_addr_list[1]* is a NULL pointer.
3. *name* is a dotted-decimal IPv4 address and *af* is AF_INET6. If the AI_V4MAPPED flag is specified and the query is successful, then *h_name* points to an IPv4-mapped IPv6 address string, *h_addrtype* is the *af* argument, *h_length* is 16, *h_aliases* is a NULL pointer, *h_addr_list[0]* points to the 16-byte binary address and *h_addr_list[1]* is a NULL pointer.
4. *name* is a colon-separated IPv6 address and *af* is AF_INET. This is an error, **getipnodebyname** returns a NULL pointer and *error_num* equals HOST_NOT_FOUND.

Parameters

<i>name</i>	Specifies either a node name or a numeric (either a dotted-decimal IPv4 or colon-separated IPv6) address.
<i>af</i>	Specifies the address family which is either AF_INET or AF_INET6.
<i>flags</i>	Controls the types of addresses searched for and the types of addresses returned.

<code>error_num</code>	Returns argument to the caller with the appropriate error code.
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Return Values

The `getipnodebyname` subroutine returns a pointer to a `hostent` structure on success.

The `getipnodebyname` subroutine returns a null pointer if an error occurs. The `error_num` parameter is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

<code>HOST_NOT_FOUND</code>	The host specified by the <code>name</code> parameter was not found.
<code>TRY_AGAIN</code>	The local server did not receive a response from an authoritative server. Try again later.
<code>NO_RECOVERY</code>	The host specified by the <code>name</code> parameter was not found. This error code indicates an unrecoverable error.
<code>NO_ADDRESS</code>	The requested <code>name</code> is valid but does not have an Internet address at the name server.

Related Information

The `freehostent` subroutine and `getipnodebyaddr` subroutine.

getlogin Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a user's login name.

Library

Standard C Library (`libc.a`)

Syntax

```
include <sys/types.h>
include <unistd.h>
include <limits.h>
char *getlogin (void)
```

Description

Attention: Do not use the `getlogin` subroutine in a multithreaded environment. To access the thread-safe version of this subroutines, see the `getlogin_r` (“`getlogin_r` Subroutine” on page 320) subroutine.

Attention: The `getlogin` subroutine returns a pointer to an area that may be overwritten by successive calls.

The `getlogin` subroutine returns a pointer to the login name in the `/etc/utmp` file. You can use the `getlogin` subroutine with the `getpwnam` (“`getpwent`, `getpwuid`, `getpwnam`, `putpwent`, `setpwent`, or `endpwent` Subroutine” on page 341) subroutine to locate the correct password file entry when the same user ID is shared by several login names.

If the **getlogin** subroutine cannot find the login name in the **/etc/utmp** file, it returns the process **LOGNAME** environment variable. If the **getlogin** subroutine is called within a process that is not attached to a terminal, it returns the value of the **LOGNAME** environment variable. If the **LOGNAME** environment variable does not exist, a null pointer is returned.

Return Values

The return value can point to static data whose content is overwritten by each call. If the login name is not found, the **getlogin** subroutine returns a null pointer.

Error Codes

If the **getlogin** function is unsuccessful, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EMFILE Indicates that the **OPEN_MAX** file descriptors are currently open in the calling process.
ENFILE Indicates that the maximum allowable number of files is currently open in the system.
ENXIO Indicates that the calling process has no controlling terminal.

Files

/etc/utmp Contains a record of users logged into the system.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getgrent**, **getgrgid**, **getgrnam**, **putgrent**, **setgrent**, or **endgrent** (“getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine” on page 302) subroutine, **getlogin_r** (“getlogin_r Subroutine”) subroutine, **getpwent**, **getpwuid**, **setpwent**, or **endpwent** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341) subroutine, **getpwnam** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341) subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getlogin_r Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a user's login name.

Library

Thread-Safe C Library (**libc_r.a**)

Syntax

```
int getlogin_r (Name, Length)
char * Name;
size_t Length;
```

Description

The **getlogin_r** subroutine gets a user's login name from the **/etc/utmp** file and places it in the *Name* parameter. Only the number of bytes specified by the *Length* parameter (including the ending null value) are placed in the *Name* parameter.

Applications that call the **getlogin_r** subroutine must allocate memory for the login name before calling the subroutine. The name buffer must be the length of the *Name* parameter plus an ending null value.

If the **getlogin_r** subroutine cannot find the login name in the **utmp** file or the process is not attached to a terminal, it places the **LOGNAME** environment variable in the name buffer. If the **LOGNAME** environment variable does not exist, the *Name* parameter is set to null and the **getlogin_r** subroutine returns a -1.

Parameters

Name Specifies a buffer for the login name. This buffer should be the length of the *Length* parameter plus an ending null value.

Length Specifies the total length in bytes of the *Name* parameter. No more bytes than the number specified by the *Length* parameter are placed in the *Name* parameter, including the ending null value.

Return Values

0 Indicates that the subroutine was successful.

-1 Indicates that the subroutine was not successful.

Error Codes

If the **getlogin_r** subroutine does not succeed, it returns one of the following error codes:

EMFILE Indicates that the **OPEN_MAX** file descriptors are currently open in the calling process.

ENFILE Indicates that the maximum allowable number of files are currently open in the system.

ENXIO Indicates that the calling process has no controlling terminal.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime. Programs using this subroutine must link to the **libpthreads.a** library.

File

/etc/utmp Contains a record of users logged into the system.

Related Information

The **getgrent_r**, **getgrgid_r**, **getgrnam_r**, **setgrent_r**, or **endgrent_r** (“getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine” on page 302) subroutine, **getlogin** (“getlogin Subroutine” on page 319) subroutine, **getpwent_r**, **getpwnam_r**, **putpwent_r**, **getpwuid_r**, **setpwent_r**, or **endpwent_r** (“getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine” on page 341) subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, List of Multithread Subroutines, and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getnameinfo Subroutine

Purpose

Hostname-to-service name translation [given the binary address and port].

Note: This is the reverse functionality of **getaddrinfo** (“getaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 279): hostname-to-address translation.

Attention: This is not a POSIX (1003.1g) specified function.

Library

Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
int
getnameinfo (sa, salen, host, hostlen,
serv, servlen, flags)
const struct sockaddr *sa;
char *host;
size_t hostlen;
char *serv;
size_t servlen;
int flags;
```

Description

The first argument, *sa*, points to either a *sockaddr_in* structure (for IPv4) or a *sockaddr_in6* structure (for IPv6) that holds the IP address and port number. The argument, *salen*, gives the length of the *sockaddr_in* or *sockaddr_in6* structure.

Note: A reverse lookup is performed on the IP address and port number provided in *sa*.

The argument, *host*, copies the hostname associated with the IP address into a buffer. The argument, *hostlen*, provides the length of this buffer. The service name associated with the port number is copied into the buffer pointed to by the argument *serv*. The argument, *servlen*, provides the length of this buffer.

The final argument defines flags that may be used to modify the default actions of this function. By default, the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) for the host is looked up in the DNS and returned.

NI_NOFQDN	If set, return only the hostname portion of the FQDN. If clear, return the FQDN.
NI_NUMERICHOST	If set, return the numeric form of the host address. If clear, return the name.
NI_NAMEREQD	If set, return an error if the host's name cannot be determined. If clear, return the numeric form of the host's address (as if NI_NUMERICHOST had been set).
NI_NUMERICSERV	If set, return the numeric form of the desired service. If clear, return the service name.
NI_DGRAM	If set, consider the desired service to be a datagram service, (i.e., call <code>getservbyport</code> with an argument of udp). If clear, consider the desired service to be a stream service (i.e., call <code>getserbyport</code> with an argument of tcp).

Return Values

If successful, the strings for hostname and service are copied into *host* and *serv*, respectively. If unsuccessful, zero values for either *hostlen* or *servlen* will suppress the associated lookup; in this case no data is copied into the applicable buffer.

Related Information

The **getaddrinfo** (“getaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 279) subroutine, **freeaddrinfo** (“freeaddrinfo Subroutine” on page 255) subroutine, and **gai_strerror** (“gai_strerror Subroutine” on page 277) subroutine.

getopt Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the next flag letter specified on the command line.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int getopt (ArgumentC, ArgumentV, OptionString)
int ArgumentC;
char *const ArgumentV [ ];
const char *OptionString;
```

```
extern int optind;
extern int optopt;
extern int opterr;
extern char *optarg;
```

Description

The *optind* parameter indexes the next element of the *ArgumentV* parameter to be processed. It is initialized to 1 and the **getopt** subroutine updates it after calling each element of the *ArgumentV* parameter.

The **getopt** subroutine returns the next flag letter in the *ArgumentV* parameter list that matches a letter in the *OptionString* parameter. If the flag takes an argument, the **getopt** subroutine sets the *optarg* parameter to point to the argument as follows:

- If the flag was the last letter in the string pointed to by an element of the *ArgumentV* parameter, the *optarg* parameter contains the next element of the *ArgumentV* parameter and the *optind* parameter is incremented by 2. If the resulting value of the *optind* parameter is not less than the *ArgumentC* parameter, this indicates a missing flag argument, and the **getopt** subroutine returns an error message.
- Otherwise, the *optarg* parameter points to the string following the flag letter in that element of the *ArgumentV* parameter and the *optind* parameter is incremented by 1.

Parameters

<i>ArgumentC</i>	Specifies the number of parameters passed to the routine.
<i>ArgumentV</i>	Specifies the list of parameters passed to the routine.
<i>OptionString</i>	Specifies a string of recognized flag letters. If a letter is followed by a : (colon), the flag is expected to take a parameter that may or may not be separated from it by white space.
<i>optind</i>	Specifies the next element of the <i>ArgumentV</i> array to be processed.
<i>optopt</i>	Specifies any erroneous character in the <i>OptionString</i> parameter.
<i>opterr</i>	Indicates that an error has occurred when set to a value other than 0.
<i>optarg</i>	Points to the next option flag argument.

Return Values

The **getopt** subroutine returns the next flag letter specified on the command line. A value of -1 is returned when all command line flags have been parsed. When the value of the *ArgumentV* [*optind*] parameter is null, **ArgumentV* [*optind*] is not the - (minus) character, or *ArgumentV* [*optind*] points to the "-" (minus) string, the **getopt** subroutine returns a value of -1 without changing the value. If *ArgumentV* [*optind*] points to the "- -" (double minus) string, the **getopt** subroutine returns a value of -1 after incrementing the value of the *optind* parameter.

Error Codes

If the **getopt** subroutine encounters an option character that is not specified by the *OptionString* parameter, a ? (question mark) character is returned. If it detects a missing option argument and the first character of *OptionString* is a : (colon), then a : (colon) character is returned. If this subroutine detects a missing option argument and the first character of *OptionString* is not a colon, it returns a ? (question mark). In either case, the **getopt** subroutine sets the *optopt* parameter to the option character that caused the error. If the application has not set the *opterr* parameter to 0 and the first character of *OptionString* is not a : (colon), the **getopt** subroutine also prints a diagnostic message to standard error.

Examples

The following code fragment processes the flags for a command that can take the mutually exclusive flags **a** and **b**, and the flags **f** and **o**, both of which require parameters.

```
#include <unistd.h> /*Needed for access subroutine constants*/
main (argc, argv)
int argc;
char **argv;
{
    int c;
    extern int optind;
    extern char *optarg;
    .
    .
    .
    while ((c = getopt(argc, argv, "abf:o:")) != EOF)
    {
        switch (c)
        {
            case 'a':
                if (bflg)
                    errflg++;
                else
                    aflg++;
                break;
            case 'b':
                if (aflg)
                    errflg++;
                else
                    bflg++;
                break;
            case 'f':
                ifile = optarg;
                break;
            case 'o':
                ofile = optarg;
                break;
            case '?':
                errflg++;
        } /* case */
    }
}
```

```

    if (errflg)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "usage: . . . ");
        exit(2);
    }
} /* while */
for ( ; optind < argc; optind++)
{
    if (access(argv[optind], R_OK))
    {
        .
        .
        .
    }
} /* for */
} /* main */

```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getopt** command.

List of Executable Program Creation Subroutines, Subroutines Overview, and List of Multithread Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getpagesize Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the system page size.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int getpagesize( )
```

Description

The **getpagesize** subroutine returns the number of bytes in a page. Page granularity is the granularity for many of the memory management calls.

The page size is determined by the system and may not be the same as the underlying hardware page size.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **brk** or **sbrk** (“brk or sbrk Subroutine” on page 78) subroutine.

The **pagesize** command.

getpass Subroutine

Purpose

Reads a password.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *getpass ( Prompt)  
char *Prompt;
```

Description

Attention: The characters are returned in a static data area. Subsequent calls to this subroutine overwrite the static data area.

The **getpass** subroutine does the following:

- Opens the controlling terminal of the current process.
- Writes the characters specified by the *Prompt* parameter to that device.
- Reads from that device the number of characters up to the value of the **PASS_MAX** constant until a new-line or end-of-file (EOF) character is detected.
- Restores the terminal state and closes the controlling terminal.

During the read operation, character echoing is disabled.

The **getpass** subroutine is not safe in a multithreaded environment. To use the **getpass** subroutine in a threaded application, the application must keep the integrity of each thread.

Parameters

Prompt Specifies a prompt to display on the terminal.

Return Values

If this subroutine is successful, it returns a pointer to the string. If an error occurs, the subroutine returns a null pointer and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **getpass** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

- EINTR** Indicates that an interrupt occurred while the **getpass** subroutine was reading the terminal device. If a **SIGINT** or **SIGQUIT** signal is received, the **getpass** subroutine terminates input and sends the signal to the calling process.
- ENXIO** Indicates that the process does not have a controlling terminal.

Note: Any subroutines called by the **getpass** subroutine may set other error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getuserpw** (“getuserpw, putuserpw, or putuserpw Subroutine” on page 377) subroutine, **newpass** (“newpass Subroutine” on page 600) subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getpcred Subroutine

Purpose

Reads the current process credentials.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
```

```
char **getpcred ( Which)  
int Which;
```

Description

The **getpcred** subroutine reads the specified process security credentials and returns them in a character buffer. It is the calling application’s responsibility to free this memory.

The **getpcred** subroutine reads the specified process security credentials and returns them in a character buffer.

Parameters

Which Specifies which credentials are read. This parameter is a bit mask and can contain one or more of the following values, as defined in the **usersec.h** file:

CRED_RUID

Real user name

CRED_LUID

Login user name

CRED_RGID

Real group name

CRED_GROUPS

Supplementary group ID

CRED_AUDIT

Audit class of the current process

Note: A process must have root user authority to retrieve this credential. Otherwise, the **getpcred** subroutine returns a null pointer and the **errno** global variable is set to **EPERM**.

CRED_RLIMITS

BSD resource limits

Note: Use the **getrlimit** (“getrlimit, getrlimit64, setrlimit, setrlimit64, or vlimit Subroutine” on page 343) subroutine to control resource consumption.

CRED_UMASK

The umask.

If the *Which* parameter is null, all credentials are returned.

Return Values

When successful, the **getpcred** subroutine returns a pointer to a string containing the requested values. If the **getpcred** subroutine is unsuccessful, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getpcred** subroutine fails if either of the following are true:

EINVAL The *Which* parameter contains invalid credentials requests.

EPERM The process does not have the proper authority to retrieve the requested credentials.

Other errors can also be set by any subroutines invoked by the **getpcred** subroutine.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ckuseracct** (“ckuseracct Subroutine” on page 105) subroutine, **ckuserID** (“ckuserID Subroutine” on page 107) subroutine, **getpenv** (“getpenv Subroutine” on page 329) subroutine, **setpenv** subroutine, **setpcred** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getpenv Subroutine

Purpose

Reads the current process environment.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
```

```
char **getpenv ( Which)  
int Which;
```

Description

The **getpenv** subroutine reads the specified environment variables and returns them in a character buffer.

Parameters

Which Specifies which environment variables are to be returned. This parameter is a bit mask and may contain one or more of the following values, as defined in the **usersec.h** file:

PENV_USR

The normal user-state environment. Typically, the shell variables are contained here.

PENV_SYS

The system-state environment. This data is located in system space and protected from unauthorized access.

All variables are returned by setting the *Which* parameter to logically OR the **PENV_USER** and **PENV_SYSTEM** values.

The variables are returned in a null-terminated array of character pointers in the form `var=val`. The user-state environment variables are prefaced by the string **USRENVIRON:**, and the system-state variables are prefaced with **SYSENVIRON:**. If a user-state environment is requested, the current directory is always returned in the **PWD** variable. If this variable is not present in the existing environment, the **getpenv** subroutine adds it to the returned string.

Return Values

Upon successful return, the **getpenv** subroutine returns the environment values. If the **getpenv** subroutine fails, a null value is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Note: This subroutine can partially succeed, returning only the values that the process permits it to read.

Error Codes

The **getpenv** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

EINVAL The *Which* parameter contains values other than **PENV_USR** or **PENV_SYS**.

Other errors can also be set by subroutines invoked by the **getpenv** subroutine.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ckuseracct** (“ckuseracct Subroutine” on page 105) subroutine, **ckuserID** (“ckuserID Subroutine” on page 107) subroutine, **getpcred** (“getpcred Subroutine” on page 327) subroutine, **setpenv** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getpgid Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the process group ID of the calling process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
pid_t getpgid (Pid)
(pid_ Pid)
```

Description

The **getpgid** subroutine returns the process group ID of the process whose process ID is equal to that specified by the *Pid* parameter. If the value of the *Pid* parameter is equal to **(pid_t)0**, the **getpgid** subroutine returns the process group ID of the calling process.

Parameter

Pid The process ID of the process to return the process group ID for.

Return Values

id The process group ID of the requested process
-1 Not successful and **errno** set to one of the following.

Error Code

ESRCH There is no process with a process ID equal to *Pid*.

EPERM The process whose process ID is equal to *Pid* is not in the same session as the calling process.

EINVAL The value of the *Pid* argument is invalid.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **getpid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine”) subroutine, **getsid** (“getsid Subroutine” on page 355) subroutine, **setpgid** subroutine, **setsid** subroutine.

getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the process ID, process group ID, and parent process ID.

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
pid_t getpid (void)
pid_t getpgrp (void)
pid_t getppid (void)
```

Description

The **getpid** subroutine returns the process ID of the calling process.

The **getpgrp** subroutine returns the process group ID of the calling process.

The **getppid** subroutine returns the process ID of the calling process' parent process.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **setpgid** subroutine, **setpgrp** subroutine, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getportattr or putportattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the port information in the port database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>

int getportattr (Port, Attribute, Value, Type)
char * Port;
```

```
char * Attribute;
void * Value;
int Type;
int putportattr (Port, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *Port;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;
```

Description

The **getportattr** or **putportattr** subroutine accesses port information. The **getportattr** subroutine reads a specified attribute from the port database. If the database is not already open, the **getportattr** subroutine implicitly opens the database for reading. The **putportattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute into the port database. If the database is not already open, the **putportattr** subroutine implicitly opens the database for reading and writing. The data changed by the **putportattr** subroutine must be explicitly committed by calling the **putportattr** subroutine with a *Type* parameter equal to the **SEC_COMMIT** value. Until all the data is committed, only these subroutines within the process return the written data.

Values returned by these subroutines are in dynamically allocated buffers. You do not need to move the values prior to the next call.

Use the **setuserdb** or **enduserdb** subroutine to open and close the port database.

Parameters

Port Specifies the name of the port for which an attribute is read.

Attribute

Specifies the name of the attribute read. This attribute can be one of the following values defined in the **usersec.h** file:

S_HERALD

Defines the initial message printed when the **getty** or **login** command prompts for a login name. This value is of the type **SEC_CHAR**.

S_SAKENABLED

Indicates whether or not trusted path processing is allowed on this port. This value is of the type **SEC_BOOL**.

S_SYNONYM

Defines the set of ports that are **synonym** attributes for the given port. This value is of the type **SEC_LIST**.

S_LOGTIMES

Defines when the user can access the port. This value is of the type **SEC_LIST**.

S_LOGDISABLE

Defines the number of unsuccessful login attempts that result in the system locking the port. This value is of the type **SEC_INT**.

S_LOGINTERVAL

Defines the time interval in seconds within which **S_LOGDISABLE** number of unsuccessful login attempts must occur before the system locks the port. This value is of the type **SEC_INT**.

S_LOGREENABLE

Defines the time interval in minutes after which a system-locked port is unlocked. This value is of the type **SEC_INT**.

S_LOGDELAY

Defines the delay factor in seconds between unsuccessful login attempts. This value is of the type **SEC_INT**.

S_LOCKTIME

Defines the time in seconds since the epoch (zero time, January 1, 1970) that the port was locked. This value is of the type **SEC_INT**.

S_ULOGTIMES

Lists the times in seconds since the epoch (midnight, January 1, 1970) when unsuccessful login attempts occurred. This value is of the type **SEC_LIST**.

Value

Specifies the address of a buffer in which the attribute is stored with **putportattr** or is to be read **getportattr**.

<i>Type</i>	Specifies the type of attribute expected. The following types are valid and defined in the usersec.h file:
SEC_INT	Indicates the format of the attribute is an integer. The buffer returned by the getportattr subroutine and the buffer supplied by the putportattr subroutine are defined to contain an integer.
SEC_CHAR	Indicates the format of the attribute is a null-terminated character string.
SEC_LIST	Indicates the format of the attribute is a list of null-terminated character strings. The list itself is null terminated.
SEC_BOOL	An integer with a value of either 0 or 1, or a pointer to a character pointing to one of the following strings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True • Yes • Always • False • No • Never
SEC_COMMIT	Indicates that changes to the specified port are committed to permanent storage if specified alone for the putportattr subroutine. The <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Value</i> parameters are ignored. If no port is specified, changes to all modified ports are committed.
SEC_DELETE	Deletes the corresponding attribute from the database.
SEC_NEW	Updates all of the port database files with the new port name when using the putportattr subroutine.

Security

Access Control: The calling process must have access to the port information in the port database.

File Accessed:

Modes	File
rw	/etc/security/login.cfg
rw	/etc/security/portlog

Return Values

The **getportattr** and **putportattr** subroutines return a value of 0 if completed successfully. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global value is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

These subroutines are unsuccessful if the following values are true:

EACCESS	Indicates that access permission is denied for the data requested.
ENOENT	Indicates that the <i>Port</i> parameter does not exist or the attribute is not defined for the specified port.
ENOATTR	Indicates that the specified port attribute does not exist for the specified port.
EINVAL	Indicates that the <i>Attribute</i> parameter does not contain one of the defined attributes or is a null value.

EINVAL Indicates that the *Value* parameter does not point to a valid buffer or to valid data for this type of attribute.

EPERM Operation is not permitted.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **setuserdb** or **enduserdb** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getpri Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the scheduling priority of a process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int getpri ( ProcessID)
pid_t ProcessID;
```

Description

The **getpri** subroutine returns the scheduling priority of a process.

Parameters

ProcessID Specifies the process ID. If this value is 0, the current process scheduling priority is returned.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getpri** subroutine returns the scheduling priority of a thread in the process. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getpri** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EPERM A process was located, but its effective and real user ID did not match those of the process executing the **getpri** subroutine, and the calling process did not have root user authority.

ESRCH No process can be found corresponding to that specified by the *ProcessID* parameter.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **setpri** subroutine.

Performance-Related Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Performance Management Guide*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getpriority, setpriority, or nice Subroutine

Purpose

Gets or sets the nice value.

Libraries

getpriority, **setpriority**: Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

nice: Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int getpriority( Which, Who)
int Which;
int Who;
```

```
int setpriority(Which, Who, Priority)
int Which;
int Who;
int Priority;
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int nice( Increment)
int Increment;
```

Description

The nice value of the process, process group, or user, as indicated by the *Which* and *Who* parameters is obtained with the **getpriority** subroutine and set with the **setpriority** subroutine.

The **getpriority** subroutine returns the highest priority nice value (lowest numerical value) pertaining to any of the specified processes. The **setpriority** subroutine sets the nice values of all of the specified processes to the specified value. If the specified value is less than -20, a value of -20 is used; if it is greater than 20, a value of 20 is used. Only processes that have root user authority can lower nice values.

The **nice** subroutine increments the nice value by the value of the *Increment* parameter.

Note: Nice values are only used for the scheduling policy **SCHED_OTHER**, where they are combined with a calculation of recent cpu usage to determine the priority value.

Parameters

<i>Which</i>	Specifies one of PRIO_PROCESS , PRIO_PGRP , or PRIO_USER .
<i>Who</i>	Interpreted relative to the <i>Which</i> parameter (a process identifier, process group identifier, and a user ID, respectively). A zero value for the <i>Who</i> parameter denotes the current process, process group, or user.
<i>Priority</i>	Specifies a value in the range -20 to 20. Negative nice values cause more favorable scheduling.
<i>Increment</i>	Specifies a value that is added to the current process nice value. Negative values can be specified, although values exceeding either the high or low limit are truncated.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **getpriority** subroutine returns an integer in the range -20 to 20. A return value of -1 can also indicate an error, and in this case the **errno** global variable is set.

On successful completion, the **setpriority** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, -1 is returned and the global variable **errno** is set to indicate the error.

On successful completion, the **nice** subroutine returns the new nice value minus {NZERO}. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Note: A value of -1 can also be returned. In that case, the calling process should also check the **errno** global variable.

Error Codes

The **getpriority** and **setpriority** subroutines are unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

ESRCH	No process was located using the <i>Which</i> and <i>Who</i> parameter values specified.
EINVAL	The <i>Which</i> parameter was not recognized.

In addition to the errors indicated above, the **setpriority** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EPERM	A process was located, but neither the effective nor real user ID of the caller of the process executing the setpriority subroutine has root user authority.
EACCESS	The call to setpriority would have changed the priority of a process to a value lower than its current value, and the effective user ID of the process executing the call did not have root user authority.

The **nice** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EPERM	The <i>Increment</i> parameter is negative or greater than $2 * \{\text{NZERO}\}$ and the calling process does not have appropriate privileges.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

To provide upward compatibility with older programs, the **nice** interface, originally found in AT&T System V, is supported.

Note: Process priorities in AT&T System V are defined in the range of 0 to 39, rather than -20 to 20 as in BSD, and the **nice** library routine is supported by both. Accordingly, two versions of the **nice** are supported by AIX Version 3. The default version behaves like the AT&T System V version, with

the *Increment* parameter treated as the modifier of a value in the range of 0 to 39 (0 corresponds to -20, 39 corresponds to 9, and priority 20 is not reachable with this interface).

If the behavior of the BSD version is desired, compile with the Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**). The *Increment* parameter is treated as the modifier of a value in the range -20 to 20.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execlp, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or execv” on page 193) subroutines.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getprocs Subroutine

Purpose

Gets process table entries.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int
getprocs ( ProcessBuffer, ProcessSize, FileBuffer, FileSize, IndexPointer, Count)
struct procsinfo *ProcessBuffer;
or struct procsinfo64 *ProcessBuffer;
int ProcessSize;
struct fdsinfo *FileBuffer;
int FileSize;
pid_t *IndexPointer;
int Count;
```

```
int
getprocs64 ( ProcessBuffer, ProcessSize, FileBuffer, FileSize, IndexPointer, Count)
struct procsinfo64 *ProcessBuffer;
int ProcessSize;
struct fdsinfo64 *FileBuffer;
int FileSize;
pid_t *IndexPointer;
int Count;
```

Description

The **getprocs** subroutine returns information about processes, including process table information defined by the **procsinfo** structure, and information about the per-process file descriptors defined by the **fdsinfo** structure.

The **getprocs** subroutine retrieves up to *Count* process table entries, starting with the process table entry corresponding to the process identifier indicated by *IndexPointer*, and places them in the array of **procsinfo** structures indicated by the *ProcessBuffer* parameter. File descriptor information corresponding to the retrieved processes are stored in the array of **fdsinfo** structures indicated by the *FileBuffer* parameter.

On return, the process identifier referenced by *IndexPointer* is updated to indicate the next process table entry to be retrieved. The **getprocs** subroutine returns the number of process table entries retrieved.

The **getprocs** subroutine is normally called repeatedly in a loop, starting with a process identifier of zero, and looping until the return value is less than *Count*, indicating that there are no more entries to retrieve.

Note: The process table may change while the **getprocs** subroutine is accessing it. Returned entries will always be consistent, but since processes can be created or destroyed while the **getprocs** subroutine is running, there is no guarantee that retrieved entries will still exist, or that all existing processes have been retrieved.

When used in 32-bit mode, limits larger than can be represented in 32 bits are truncated to RLIM_INFINITY. Large **rusage** and other values are truncated to INT_MAX. Alternatively, the **struct procsinfo64** and *sizeof (struct procsinfo64)* can be used by 32-bit **getprocs** to return full 64-bit process information. Note that the **procsinfo** structure not only increases certain **procsinfo** fields from 32 to 64 bits, but that it contains additional information not present in **procsinfo**. The **struct procsinfo64** contains the same data as **struct procsinfo** when compiled in a 64-bit program.

In AIX 5.1 and later, 64-bit applications are required to use **getprocs64()** and **procentry64**. Note that **struct procentry64** contains the same information as **struct procsinfo64**, with the addition of support for the 64-bit *time_t* and *dev_t*, and the 256-bit *sigset_t*. The **procentry64** structure also contains a new version of **struct ucred** (**struct ucred_ext**) and a new, expanded **struct rusage** (**struct trusage64**) as described in *<sys/cred.h>* and *<sys/resource.h>* respectively. Application developers are also encouraged to use **getprocs64()** in 32-bit applications to obtain 64-bit process information as this interface provides the new, larger types. The **getprocs()** interface will still be supported for 32-bit applications using **struct procsinfo** or **struct procsinfo64** but will not be available to 64-bit applications.

Parameters

ProcessBuffer

Specifies the starting address of an array of **procsinfo**, **procsinfo64**, or **procentry64** structures to be filled in with process table entries. If a value of **NULL** is passed for this parameter, the **getprocs** subroutine scans the process table and sets return values as normal, but no process entries are retrieved.

Note: The *ProcessBuffer* parameter of **getprocs** subroutine contains two struct *rusage* fields named **pi_ru** and **pi_cru**. Each of these fields contains two struct *timeval* fields named **ru_utime** and **ru_stime**. The **tv_usec** field in both of the struct *timeval* contain nanoseconds instead of microseconds. These values come from the struct *user* fields named **U_ru** and **U_cru**.

ProcessSize

Specifies the size of a single **procsinfo**, **procsinfo64**, or **procentry64** structure.

FileBuffer

Specifies the starting address of an array of **fdsinfo**, or **fdsinfo64** structures to be filled in with per-process file descriptor information. If a value of **NULL** is passed for this parameter, the **getprocs** subroutine scans the process table and sets return values as normal, but no file descriptor entries are retrieved.

FileSize

Specifies the size of a single **fdsinfo**, or **fdsinfo64** structure.

IndexPointer

Specifies the address of a process identifier which indicates the required process table entry. A process identifier of zero selects the first entry in the table. The process identifier is updated to indicate the next entry to be retrieved.

Note: The *IndexPointer* does not have to correspond to an existing process, and may in fact correspond to a different process than the one you expect. There is no guarantee that the process slot pointed to by *IndexPointer* will contain the same process between successive calls to **getprocs()** or **getprocs64()**.

Count Specifies the number of process table entries requested.

Return Values

If successful, the **getprocs** subroutine returns the number of process table entries retrieved; if this is less than the number requested, the end of the process table has been reached. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getprocs** subroutine does not succeed if the following are true:

- EINVAL** The *ProcessSize* or *FileSize* parameters are invalid, or the *IndexPointer* parameter does not point to a valid process identifier, or the *Count* parameter is not greater than zero.
- EFAULT** The copy operation to one of the buffers was not successful.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getpid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getpgrp** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), or **getppid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331) subroutines, the **getthrds** (“getthrds Subroutine” on page 360) subroutine

The **ps** command.

getpw Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves a user’s `/etc/passwd` file entry.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int getpw (UserID, Buffer)
```

```
uid_t UserID  
char *Buffer
```

Description

The **getpw** subroutine opens the `/etc/passwd` file and returns, in the *Buffer* parameter, the `/etc/passwd` file entry of the user specified by the *UserID* parameter.

Parameters

Buffer Specifies a character buffer large enough to hold any */etc/passwd* entry.
UserID Specifies the ID of the user for which the entry is desired.

Return Values

The **getpw** subroutine returns:

0 Successful completion
-1 Not successful.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of AIX Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

getpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, putpwent, setpwent, or endpwent Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the basic user information in the user database.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <pwd.h>
struct passwd *getpwent ( )

struct passwd *getpwuid ( UserID)
uid_t UserID;

struct passwd *getpwnam ( Name)
char *Name;

int putpwent ( Password, File)
struct passwd *Password;
FILE *File;
void setpwent ( )
void endpwent ( )
```

Description

Attention: All information generated by the **getpwent**, **getpwnam**, and **getpwuid** subroutines is stored in a static area. Subsequent calls to these subroutines overwrite this static area. To save the information in the static area, applications should copy it.

These subroutines access the basic user attributes.

The **setpwent** subroutine opens the user database if it is not already open. Then, this subroutine sets the cursor to point to the first user entry in the database. The **endpwent** subroutine closes the user database.

The **getpwent**, **getpwnam**, and **getpwuid** subroutines return information about a user. These subroutines do the following:

getpwent	Returns the next user entry in the sequential search.
getpwnam	Returns the first user entry in the database whose name matches the <i>Name</i> parameter.
getpwuid	Returns the first user entry in the database whose ID matches the <i>UserID</i> parameter.

The **putpwent** subroutine writes a password entry into a file in the colon-separated format of the **/etc/passwd** file.

The user Structure

The **getpwent**, **getpwnam**, and **getpwuid** subroutines return a **user** structure. This structure The **user** structure is defined in the **pwd.h** file and has the following fields:

<code>pw_name</code>	Contains the name of the user name.
<code>pw_passwd</code>	Contains the user's encrypted password. Note: If the password is not stored in the /etc/passwd file and the invoker does not have access to the shadow file that contains passwords, this field contains an undecryptable string, usually an * (asterisk).
<code>pw_uid</code>	Contains the user's ID.
<code>pw_gid</code>	Identifies the user's principal group ID.
<code>pw_gecos</code>	Contains general user information.
<code>pw_dir</code>	Identifies the user's home directory.
<code>pw_shell</code>	Identifies the user's login shell.

Note: If Network Information Services (NIS) is enabled on the system, these subroutines attempt to retrieve the information from the NIS authentication server before attempting to retrieve the information locally.

Parameters

<i>File</i>	Points to an open file whose format is similar to the /etc/passwd file format.
<i>Name</i>	Specifies the user name.
<i>Password</i>	Points to a password structure. This structure contains user attributes.
<i>UserID</i>	Specifies the user ID.

Security

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
rw	/etc/passwd (write access for the putpwent subroutine only)
r	/etc/security/passwd (if the password is desired)

Return Values

The **getpwent**, **getpwnam**, and **getpwuid** subroutines return a pointer to a valid password structure if successful. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned.

The **getpwent** subroutine will return a null pointer and an **errno** value of **ENOATTR** when it detects a corrupt entry. To get subsequent entries following the corrupt entry, call the **getpwent** subroutine again.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

`/etc/passwd` Contains user IDs and their passwords

Related Information

The **getgrent** (“getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine” on page 302) subroutine, **getgroupattr** (“getgroupattr, IDtogroup, nextgroup, or putgroupattr Subroutine” on page 306) subroutine, **getuserattr** (“getuserattr, IDtouser, nextuser, or putuserattr Subroutine” on page 370) subroutine, **getuserpw**, **putuserpw**, or **putuserpwhist** (“getuserpw, putuserpw, or putuserpwhist Subroutine” on page 377) subroutine, **setuserdb** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getrlimit, getrlimit64, setrlimit, setrlimit64, or vlimit Subroutine

Purpose

Controls maximum system resource consumption.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/time.h>
#include <sys/resource.h>

int setrlimit( Resource1, RLP)
int Resource1;
struct rlimit *RLP;

int setrlimit64 ( Resource1, RLP)
int Resource1;
struct rlimit64 *RLP;

int getrlimit ( Resource1, RLP)
int Resource1;
struct rlimit *RLP;

int getrlimit64 ( Resource1, RLP)
int Resource1;
struct rlimit64 *RLP;

#include <sys/vlimit.h>

vlimit ( Resource2, Value)
int Resource2, Value;
```

Description

The **getrlimit** subroutine returns the values of limits on system resources used by the current process and its children processes. The **setrlimit** subroutine sets these limits. The **vlimit** subroutine is also supported, but the **getrlimit** subroutine replaces it.

A resource limit is specified as either a soft (current) or hard limit. A calling process can raise or lower its own soft limits, but it cannot raise its soft limits above its hard limits. A calling process must have root user authority to raise a hard limit.

The **rlimit** structure specifies the hard and soft limits for a resource, as defined in the **sys/resource.h** file. The **RLIM_INFINITY** value defines an infinite value for a limit.

When compiled in 32-bit mode, **RLIM_INFINITY** is a 32-bit value; when compiled in 64-bit mode, it is a 64-bit value. 32-bit routines should use **RLIM64_INFINITY** when setting 64-bit limits with the **setrlimit64** routine, and recognize this value when returned by **getrlimit64**.

This information is stored as per-process information. This subroutine must be executed directly by the shell if it is to affect all future processes created by the shell.

Note: Raising the data limit does not raise the program break value. Use the **brk/sbrk** subroutines to raise the break value. If the proper memory segments are not initialized at program load time, raising your memory limit will not allow access to this memory. Use the **-bmaxdata** flag of the **ld** command to set up these segments at load time.

When compiled in 32-bit mode, the **struct rlimit** values may be returned as **RLIM_SAVED_MAX** or **RLIM_SAVED_CUR** when the actual resource limit is too large to represent as a 32-bit **rlim_t**.

These values can be used by library routines which set their own **rlimits** to save off potentially 64-bit **rlimit** values (and prevent them from being truncated by the 32-bit **struct rlimit**). Unless the library routine intends to permanently change the **rlimits**, the **RLIM_SAVED_MAX** and **RLIM_SAVED_CUR** values can be used to restore the 64-bit **rlimits**.

Parameters

<i>Resource1</i>	Can be one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none">RLIMIT_AS The maximum size of a process' total available memory, in bytes. This limit is not enforced.RLIMIT_CORE The largest size, in bytes, of a core file that can be created. This limit is enforced by the kernel. If the value of the RLIMIT_FSIZE limit is less than the value of the RLIMIT_CORE limit, the system uses the RLIMIT_FSIZE limit value as the soft limit.RLIMIT_CPU The maximum amount of central processing unit (CPU) time, in seconds, to be used by each process. If a process exceeds its soft CPU limit, the kernel will send a SIGXCPU signal to the process.RLIMIT_DATA The maximum size, in bytes, of the data region for a process. This limit defines how far a program can extend its break value with the sbrk subroutine. This limit is enforced by the kernel.RLIMIT_FSIZE The largest size, in bytes, of any single file that can be created. When a process attempts to write, truncate, or clear beyond its soft RLIMIT_FSIZE limit, the operation will fail with errno set to EFBIG. If the environment variable XPG_SUS_ENV=ON is set in the user's environment before the process is executed, then the SIGXFSZ signal is also generated.RLIMIT_NOFILE This is a number one greater than the maximum value that the system may assign to a newly-created descriptor.RLIMIT_STACK The maximum size, in bytes, of the stack region for a process. This limit defines how far a program stack region can be extended. Stack extension is performed automatically by the system. This limit is enforced by the kernel. When the stack limit is reached, the process receives a SIGSEGV signal. If this signal is not caught by a handler using the signal stack, the signal ends the process.RLIMIT_RSS The maximum size, in bytes, to which the resident set size of a process can grow. This limit is not enforced by the kernel. A process may exceed its soft limit size without being ended.
<i>RLP</i>	Points to the rlimit or rlimit64 structure, which contains the soft (current) and hard limits. For the getrlimit subroutine, the requested limits are returned in this structure. For the setrlimit subroutine, the desired new limits are specified here.
<i>Resource2</i>	The flags for this parameter are defined in the sys/vlimit.h , and are mapped to corresponding flags for the setrlimit subroutine.
<i>Value</i>	Specifies an integer used as a soft-limit parameter to the vlimit subroutine.

Return Values

On successful completion, a return value of 0 is returned, changing or returning the resource limit. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getrlimit**, **getrlimit64**, **setrlimit**, **setrlimit64**, or **vlimit** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EFAULT	The address specified for the <i>RLP</i> parameter is not valid.
EINVAL	The <i>Resource1</i> parameter is not a valid resource, or the limit specified in the <i>RLP</i> parameter is invalid.

EPERM The limit specified to the **setrlimit** subroutine would have raised the maximum limit value, and the caller does not have root user authority.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Application limits may be further constrained by available memory or implementation defined constants such as **OPEN_MAX** (maximum available open files).

Related Information

The **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutines, **sigstack** subroutine, **ulimit** subroutine.

getrpcent, getrpcbyname, getrpcbynumber, setrpcent, or endrpcent Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the */etc/rpc* file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <netdb.h>
```

```
struct rpcent *getrpcent ()
struct rpcent *getrpcbyname ( Name)
char *Name;
struct rpcent *getrpcbynumber ( Number)
int Number;
void setrpcent (StayOpen)
int StayOpen
void endrpcent
```

Description

Attention: Do not use the **getrpcent**, **getrpcbyname**, **getrpcbynumber**, **setrpcent**, or **endrpcent** subroutine in a multithreaded environment.

Attention: The information returned by the **getrpcbyname**, and **getrpcbynumber** subroutines is stored in a static area and is overwritten on subsequent calls. Copy the information to save it.

The **getrpcbyname** and **getrpcbynumber** subroutines each return a pointer to an object with the **rpcent** structure. This structure contains the broken-out fields of a line from the */etc/rpc* file. The **getrpcbyname** and **getrpcbynumber** subroutines searches the **rpc** file sequentially from the beginning of the file until it finds a matching RPC program name or number, or until it reaches the end of the file. The **getrpcent** subroutine reads the next line of the file, opening the file if necessary.

The **setrpcent** subroutine opens and rewinds the */etc/rpc* file. If the *StayOpen* parameter does not equal 0, the **rpc** file is not closed after a call to the **getrpcent** subroutine.

The **setrpcent** subroutine rewinds the **rpc** file. The **endrpcent** subroutine closes it.

The **rpc** file contains information about Remote Procedure Call (RPC) programs. The **rpcent** structure is in the **/usr/include/sys/rpcent.h** file and contains the following fields:

<code>r_name</code>	Contains the name of the server for an RPC program
<code>r_aliases</code>	Contains an alternate list of names for RPC programs. This list ends with a 0.
<code>r_number</code>	Contains a number associated with an RPC program.

Parameters

<i>Name</i>	Specifies the name of a server for rpc program.
<i>Number</i>	Specifies the rpc program number for service.
<i>StayOpen</i>	Contains a value used to indicate whether to close the rpc file.

Return Values

These subroutines return a null pointer when they encounter the end of a file or an error.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/rpc Contains information about Remote Procedure Call (RPC) programs.

Related Information

Remote Procedure Call (RPC) for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

getrusage, getrusage64, times, or vtimes Subroutine

Purpose

Displays information about resource use.

Libraries

getrusage, getrusage64, times: Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

vtimes: Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/times.h>
#include <sys/resource.h>
```

```
int getrusage ( Who, RUsage)
int Who;
struct rusage *RUsage;
```

```
int getrusage64 ( Who, RUsage)
int Who;
struct rusage64 *RUsage;
```

```

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

clock_t times ( Buffer)
struct tms *Buffer;
#include <sys/times.h>

vtimes ( ParentVM, ChildVM)
struct vtimes *ParentVm, ChildVm;

```

Description

The **getrusage** subroutine displays information about how resources are used by the current process or all completed child processes.

When compiled in 64-bit mode, **rusage** counters are 64 bits. If **getrusage** is compiled in 32-bit mode, **rusage** counters are 32 bits. If the kernel's value of a **usage** counter has exceeded the capacity of the corresponding 32-bit **rusage** value being returned, the **rusage** value is set to INT_MAX.

The **getrusage64** subroutine can be called to make 64-bit **rusage** counters explicitly available in a 32-bit environment.

In AIX AIX 5.1 and later, 64-bit quantities are also available to 64-bit applications through the **getrusage()** interface in the ru_utime and ru_stime fields of **struct rusage**.

The **times** subroutine fills the structure pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter with time-accounting information. All time values reported by the **times** subroutine are measured in terms of the number of clock ticks used. Applications should use **sysconf** (_SC_CLK_TCK) to determine the number of clock ticks per second.

The **tms** structure defined in the */usr/include/sys/times.h* file contains the following fields:

```

time_t  tms_utime;
time_t  tms_stime;
time_t  tms_cutime;
time_t  tms_cstime;

```

This information is read from the calling process as well as from each completed child process for which the calling process executed a **wait** subroutine.

tms_utime	The CPU time used for executing instructions in the user space of the calling process
tms_stime	The CPU time used by the system on behalf of the calling process.
tms_cutime	The sum of the tms_utime and the tms_cutime values for all the child processes.
tms_cstime	The sum of the tms_stime and the tms_cstime values for all the child processes.

Note: The system measures time by counting clock interrupts. The precision of the values reported by the **times** subroutine depends on the rate at which the clock interrupts occur.

Parameters

Who Specifies a value of **RUSAGE_THREAD**, **RUSAGE_SELF**, or **RUSAGE_CHILDREN**.

RUsage

Points to a buffer described in the `/usr/include/sys/resource.h` file. The fields are interpreted as follows:

ru_utime

The total amount of time running in user mode.

ru_stime

The total amount of time spent in the system executing on behalf of the processes.

ru_maxrss

The maximum size, in kilobytes, of the used resident set size.

ru_ixrss

An integral value indicating the amount of memory used by the text segment that was also shared among other processes. This value is expressed in units of kilobytes * seconds-of-execution and is calculated by adding the number of shared memory pages in use each time the internal system clock ticks, and then averaging over one-second intervals.

ru_idrss

An integral value of the amount of unshared memory in the data segment of a process (expressed in units of kilobytes * seconds-of-execution).

ru_minflt

The number of page faults serviced without any I/O activity. In this case, I/O activity is avoided by reclaiming a page frame from the list of pages awaiting reallocation.

ru_majflt

The number of page faults serviced that required I/O activity.

ru_nswap

The number of times a process was swapped out of main memory.

ru_inblock

The number of times the file system performed input.

ru_oublock

The number of times the file system performed output.

Note: The numbers that the `ru_inblock` and `ru_oublock` fields display account for real I/O only; data supplied by the caching mechanism is charged only to the first process to read or write the data.

ru_msgsnd

The number of IPC messages sent.

ru_msgrcv

The number of IPC messages received.

ru_nsignals

The number of signals delivered.

ru_nvcsw

The number of times a context switch resulted because a process voluntarily gave up the processor before its time slice was completed. This usually occurs while the process waits for availability of a resource.

ru_nivcsw

The number of times a context switch resulted because a higher priority process ran or because the current process exceeded its time slice.

Buffer

Points to a **tms** structure.

ParentVm

Points to a **vtimes** structure that contains the accounting information for the current process.

ChildVm

Points to a **vtimes** structure that contains the accounting information for the terminated child processes of the current process.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getrusage** and **getrusage64** subroutines return a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Upon successful completion, the **times** subroutine returns the elapsed real time in units of ticks, whether profiling is enabled or disabled. This reference time does not change from one call of the **times** subroutine to another. If the **times** subroutine fails, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getrusage** and **getrusage64** subroutines do not run successfully if either of the following is true:

EINVAL	The <i>Who</i> parameter is not a valid value.
EFAULT	The address specified for <i>RUsage</i> is not valid.

The **times** subroutine does not run successfully if the following is true:

EFAULT	The address specified by the <i>buffer</i> parameter is not valid.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **vtimes** subroutine is supported to provide compatibility with earlier programs.

The **vtimes** subroutine returns accounting information for the current process and for the completed child processes of the current process. Either the *ParentVm* parameter, the *ChildVm* parameter, or both may be 0. In that case, only the information for the nonzero pointers is returned.

After a call to the **vtimes** subroutine, each buffer contains information as defined by the contents of the `/usr/include/sys/vtimes.h` file.

Related Information

The **gettimer**, **settimer**, **restimer**, **stime**, or **time** (“gettimer, settimer, restimer, stime, or time Subroutine” on page 363) subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, or **wait3** subroutine.

Performance-Related Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Performance Management Guide*.

getroleattr, nextrole or putroleattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the role information in the roles database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
```

```
int getroleattr(Role, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *Role;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;
```



```

char *nextrole(void)
int putroleattr(Role, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *Role;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;

```

Description

The **getroleattr** subroutine reads a specified attribute from the role database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading.

Similarly, the **putroleattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute into the role database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading and writing. Data changed by the **putroleattr** subroutine must be explicitly committed by calling the **putroleattr** subroutine with a Type parameter specifying SEC_COMMIT. Until all the data is committed, only the **getroleattr** subroutine within the process returns written data.

The **nextrole** subroutine returns the next role in a linear search of the role database. The consistency of consecutive searches depends upon the underlying storage-access mechanism and is not guaranteed by this subroutine.

The **setroledb** and **endroledb** subroutines should be used to open and close the role database.

Parameters

Attribute Specifies which attribute is read. The following possible attributes are defined in the **usersec.h** file:

S_ROLELIST

List of roles included by this role. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_AUTHORIZATIONS

List of authorizations included by this role. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_GROUPS

List of groups required for this role. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_SCREEN

List of SMIT screens required for this role. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_VISIBILITY

Number value stating the visibility of the role. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MSGCAT

Message catalog number. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MSGNUMBER

Message number within the catalog. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

<i>Type</i>	Specifies the type of attribute expected. Valid types are defined in the usersec.h file and include: SEC_INT The format of the attribute is an integer. For the getroleattr subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined integer variable. For the putroleattr subroutine, the user should supply an integer. SEC_CHAR The format of the attribute is a null-terminated character string. For the getroleattr subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined character pointer variable. For the putroleattr subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer. SEC_LIST The format of the attribute is a series of concatenated strings, each null-terminated. The last string in the series must be an empty (zero character count) string. For the getroleattr subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined character pointer variable. For the putroleattr subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer. SEC_COMMIT For the putroleattr subroutine, this value specified by itself indicates that changes to the named role are to be committed to permanent storage. The <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Value</i> parameters are ignored. If no role is specified, the changes to all modified roles are committed to permanent storage. SEC_DELETE The corresponding attribute is deleted from the database. SEC_NEW Updates the role database file with the new role name when using the putroleattr subroutine.
<i>Value</i>	Specifies a buffer, a pointer to a buffer, or a pointer to a pointer depending on the <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Type</i> parameters. See the <i>Type</i> parameter for more details.

Return Values

If successful, the **getroleattr** returns 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variables is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

Possible return codes are:

EACCES	Access permission is denied for the data request.
ENOENT	The specified <i>Role</i> parameter does not exist or the attribute is not defined for this user.
ENOATTR	The specified role attribute does not exist for this role.
EINVAL	The <i>Attribute</i> parameter does not contain one of the defined attributes or null.
EINVAL	The <i>Value</i> parameter does not point to a valid buffer or to valid data for this type of attribute.
EPERM	Operation is not permitted.

Related Information

The **getuserattr**, **nextusracl**, or **putusraclattr** (“getuserattr, IDtouser, nextuser, or putuserattr Subroutine” on page 370) subroutine, **setroledb**, or **endacldb** subroutine.

gets or fgets Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a string from a stream.

Library

Standard I/O Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
char *gets ( String )
char *String;
```

```
char *fgets ( String, Number, Stream )
char *String;
int Number;
FILE *Stream;
```

Description

The **gets** subroutine reads bytes from the standard input stream, **stdin**, into the array pointed to by the *String* parameter. It reads data until it reaches a new-line character or an end-of-file condition. If a new-line character stops the reading process, the **gets** subroutine discards the new-line character and terminates the string with a null character.

The **fgets** subroutine reads bytes from the data pointed to by the *Stream* parameter into the array pointed to by the *String* parameter. The **fgets** subroutine reads data up to the number of bytes specified by the *Number* parameter minus 1, or until it reads a new-line character and transfers that character to the *String* parameter, or until it encounters an end-of-file condition. The **fgets** subroutine then terminates the data string with a null character.

The first successful run of the **fgetc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **fgets**, **fgetc** (“getwc, fgetc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385), **fgetc** (“getws or fgets Subroutine” on page 387), **fread** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252), **fscanf**, **getc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **getchar** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **gets** or **scanf** subroutine using a stream that returns data not supplied by a prior call to the **ungetc** or **ungetwc** subroutine marks the *st_atime* field for update.

Parameters

String Points to a string to receive bytes.
Stream Points to the **FILE** structure of an open file.
Number Specifies the upper bound on the number of bytes to read.

Return Values

If the **gets** or **fgets** subroutine encounters the end of the file without reading any bytes, it transfers no bytes to the *String* parameter and returns a null pointer. If a read error occurs, the **gets** or **fgets** subroutine returns a null pointer and sets the **errno** global variable (errors are the same as for the **fgetc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine). Otherwise, the **gets** or **fgets** subroutine returns the value of the *String* parameter.

Note: Depending upon which library routine the application binds to, this subroutine may return **EINTR**. Refer to the **signal** subroutine regarding the **SA_RESTART** value.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **feof**, **ferror**, **clearerr**, or **fileno** (“feof, ferror, clearerr, or fileno Macro” on page 217) macro, **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fread** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **getc**, **getchar**, **fgetc**, or **getw** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **getws** or **fgetws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387) subroutine, **puts** or **fputs** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **putws** or **fputws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine, **scanf**, **fscanf**, or **sscanf** subroutine, **ungetc** or **ungetwc** subroutine.

List of String Manipulation Services, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getfsent_r, getfsspec_r, getfsfile_r, getfstype_r, setfsent_r, or endfsent_r Subroutine

Purpose

Gets information about a file system.

Library

Thread-Safe C Library (**libc_r.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fstab.h>
```

```
int getfsent_r (FSSent, FSFile, PassNo)
struct fstab * FSSent;
AFILE_t * FSFile;
int * PassNo;
```

```
int getfsspec_r (Special, FSSent, FSFile, PassNo)
const char * Special;
struct fstab *FSSent;
AFILE_t *FSFile;
int *PassNo;
```

```
int getfsfile_r (File, FSSent, FSFile, PassNo)
const char * File;
struct fstab *FSSent;
AFILE_t *FSFile;
int *PassNo;
```

```
int getfstype_r (Type, FSSent, FSFile, PassNo)
const char * Type;
struct fstab *FSSent;
AFILE_t *FSFile;
int *PassNo;
```

```
int setfsent_r (FSFile, PassNo)
AFILE_t * FSFile;
int *PassNo;
```

```
int endfsent_r (FSFile)
AFILE_t *FSFile;
```

Description

The **getfsent_r** subroutine reads the next line of the **/etc/filesystems** file, opening it necessary.

The **setfsent_r** subroutine opens the **filesystems** file and positions to the first record.

The **endfsent_r** subroutine closes the **filesystems** file.

The **getfsspec_r** and **getfsfile_r** subroutines search sequentially from the beginning of the file until a matching special file name or file-system file name is found, or until the end of the file is encountered. The **getfstype_r** subroutine behaves similarly, matching on the file-system type field.

Parameters

<i>FSSent</i>	Points to a structure containing information about the file system. The <i>FSSent</i> parameter must be allocated by the caller. It cannot be a null value.
<i>FSFile</i>	Points to an attribute structure. The <i>FSFile</i> parameter is used to pass values between subroutines.
<i>PassNo</i>	Points to an integer. The setfsent_r subroutine initializes the <i>PassNo</i> parameter.
<i>Special File</i>	Specifies a special file name to search for in the filesystems file.
<i>Type</i>	Specifies a file name to search for in the filesystems file.

Return Values

- 0 Indicates that the subroutine was successful.
- 1 Indicates that the subroutine was not successful.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Programs using this subroutine must link to the **libpthreads.a** library.

Files

/etc/filesystems Centralizes file-system characteristics.

Related Information

The **getvfsent**, **getvfsbytype**, **getvfsbyname**, **getvfsbyflag**, **setvfsent**, or **endvfsent** (“getvfsent, getvfsbytype, getvfsbyname, getvfsbyflag, setvfsent, or endvfsent Subroutine” on page 383) subroutine.

The **filesystems** file in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Files Reference*.

List of Multithread Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getsid Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the session ID of the calling process.

Library

(libc.a)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
pid_t getsid (pid_t pid)
```

Description

The **getsid** subroutine returns the process group ID of the process that is the session leader of the process specified by *pid*. If *pid* is equal to **pid_t** subroutine, it specifies the calling process.

Parameters

pid A process ID of the process being queried.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **getsid** subroutine returns the process group ID of the session leader of the specified process. Otherwise, it returns (**pid_t**)-1 and set **errno** to indicate the error.

id The session ID of the requested process.

-1 Not successful and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following error codes.

Error Codes

ESRCH There is no process with a process ID equal to *pid*.

EPERM The process specified by *pid* is not in the same session as the calling process.

ESRCH There is no process with a process ID equal to *pid*.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execlp, execv, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutines, **getpid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331) subroutines, **setpgid** subroutines.

getssys Subroutine

Purpose

Reads a subsystem record.

Library

System Resource Controller Library (**libsrc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
#include <spc.h>
```

```
int getssys( SubsystemName, SRCSubsystem)
char * SubsystemName;
struct SRCsubsys * SRCSubsystem;
```

Description

The **getssys** subroutine reads a subsystem record associated with the specified subsystem and returns the ODM record in the **SRCsubsys** structure.

The **SRCsubsys** structure is defined in the **sys/srcobj.h** file.

Parameters

<i>SRCSubsystem</i>	Points to the SRCsubsys structure.
<i>SubsystemName</i>	Specifies the name of the subsystem to be read.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getssys** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and the **odmerrno** variable is set to indicate the error, or an SRC error code is returned.

Error Codes

If the **getssys** subroutine fails, the following is returned:

SRC_NOREC Subsystem name does not exist.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsys SRC Subsystem Configuration object class.

Related Information

The **addssys** (“addssys Subroutine” on page 17) subroutine, **delssys** (“delssys Subroutine” on page 137) subroutine, **getsubsvr** (“getsubsvr Subroutine” on page 358) subroutine.

Defining Your Subsystem to the SRC, List of SRC Subroutines, System Resource Controller (SRC) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getsubopt Subroutine

Purpose

Parse suboptions from a string.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int getsubopt (char **optionp,  
char * const * tokens,  
char ** valuep)
```

Description

The **getsubopt** subroutine parses suboptions in a flag parameter that were initially parsed by the **getopt** subroutine. These suboptions are separated by commas and may consist of either a single token, or a token-value pair separated by an equal sign. Because commas delimit suboptions in the option string, they are not allowed to be part of the suboption or the value of a suboption. Similarly, because the equal sign separates a token from its value, a token must not contain an equal sign.

The **getsubopt** subroutine takes the address of a pointer to the option string, a vector of possible tokens, and the address of a value string pointer. It returns the index of the token that matched the suboption in the input string or -1 if there was no match. If the option string at **optionp* contains only one suboption, the **getsubopt** subroutine updates **optionp* to point to the start of the next suboption. If the suboption has an associated value, the **getsubopt** subroutine updates **valuep* to point to the value's first character. Otherwise it sets **valuep* to a NULL pointer.

The token vector is organized as a series of pointers to strings. The end of the token vector is identified by a NULL pointer.

When the **getsubopt** subroutine returns, if **valuep* is not a NULL pointer then the suboption processed included a value. The calling program may use this information to determine if the presence or lack of a value for this suboption is an error.

Additionally, when the **getsubopt** subroutine fails to match the suboption with the tokens in the *tokens* array, the calling program should decide if this is an error, or if the unrecognized option should be passed on to another program.

Return Values

The **getsubopt** subroutine returns the index of the matched token string, or -1 if no token strings were matched.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getopt** ("getopt Subroutine" on page 323) subroutine.

getsubsvr Subroutine

Purpose

Reads a subsystem record.

Library

System Resource Controller Library (**libsrc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/srcobj.h>
#include <spc.h>
```

```
int getsubsvr( SubserverName, SRCSubserver)
char *SubserverName;
struct SRCSubsvr *SRCSubserver;
```

Description

The **getsubsvr** subroutine reads a subsystem record associated with the specified subserver and returns the ODM record in the **SRCsubsvr** structure.

The **SRCsubsvr** structure is defined in the **sys/srcobj.h** file and includes the following fields:

```
char    sub_type[30];
char    subsysname[30];
short   sub_code;
```

Parameters

<i>SRCSubserver</i>	Points to the SRCsubsvr structure.
<i>SubserverName</i>	Specifies the subserver to be read.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getsubsvr** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and the **odmerrno** variable is set to indicate the error, or an SRC error code is returned.

Error Codes

If the **getsubsvr** subroutine fails, the following is returned:

SRC_NOREC The specified **SRCsubsvr** record does not exist.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/objrepos/SRCsubsvr SRC Subserver Configuration object class.

Related Information

The **getsys** (“getsys Subroutine” on page 356) subroutine.

Defining Your Subsystem to the SRC, List of SRC Subroutines, System Resource Controller (SRC) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getthrds Subroutine

Purpose

Gets kernel thread table entries.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int
getthrds ( ProcessIdentifier, ThreadBuffer, ThreadSize, IndexPointer, Count)
pid_t ProcessIdentifier;
struct thrdsinfo *ThreadBuffer;
or struct thrdsinfo64 *ThreadBuffer;
int ThreadSize;
tid_t *IndexPointer;
int Count;
```

```
int
getthrds64 ( ProcessIdentifier, ThreadBuffer, ThreadSize, IndexPointer, Count)
pid_t ProcessIdentifier;
struct thrdentry64 *ThreadBuffer;
int ThreadSize;
tid64_t *IndexPointer;
int Count;
```

Description

The **getthrds** subroutine returns information about kernel threads, including kernel thread table information defined by the **thrdsinfo** or **thrdsinfo64** structure.

The **getthrds** subroutine retrieves up to *Count* kernel thread table entries, starting with the entry corresponding to the thread identifier indicated by *IndexPointer*, and places them in the array of **thrdsinfo** or **thrdsinfo64**, or **thrdentry64** structures indicated by the *ThreadBuffer* parameter.

On return, the kernel thread identifier referenced by *IndexPointer* is updated to indicate the next kernel thread table entry to be retrieved. The **getthrds** subroutine returns the number of kernel thread table entries retrieved.

If the *ProcessIdentifier* parameter indicates a process identifier, only kernel threads belonging to that process are considered. If this parameter is set to -1, all kernel threads are considered.

The **getthrds** subroutine is normally called repeatedly in a loop, starting with a kernel thread identifier of zero, and looping until the return value is less than *Count*, indicating that there are no more entries to retrieve.

1. Do not use information from the **procsinfo** structure (see the **getprocs** (“getprocs Subroutine” on page 338) subroutine) to determine the value of the *Count* parameter; a process may create or destroy kernel threads in the interval between a call to **getprocs** and a subsequent call to **getthrds**.

2. The kernel thread table may change while the **getthrds** subroutine is accessing it. Returned entries will always be consistent, but since kernel threads can be created or destroyed while the **getthrds** subroutine is running, there is no guarantee that retrieved entries will still exist, or that all existing kernel threads have been retrieved.

When used in 32-bit mode, limits larger than can be represented in 32 bits are truncated to RLIM_INFINITY. Large values are truncated to INT_MAX. 64-bit applications are required to use **getthrds64()** and **struct thrdentry64**. Note that **struct thrdentry64** contains the same information as **struct thrdsinfo64** with the only difference being support for the 64-bit tid_t and the 256-bit sigset_t. Application developers are also encouraged to use **getthrds64()** in 32-bit applications to obtain 64-bit thread information as this interface provides the new, larger types. The **getthrds()** interface will still be supported for 32-bit applications using **struct thrdsinfo** or **struct thrdsinfo64**, but will not be available to 64-bit applications.

Parameters

ProcessIdentifier

Specifies the process identifier of the process whose kernel threads are to be retrieved. If this parameter is set to -1, all kernel threads in the kernel thread table are retrieved.

ThreadBuffer

Specifies the starting address of an array of **thrdsinfo** or **thrdsinfo64**, or **thrdentry64** structures which will be filled in with kernel thread table entries. If a value of **NULL** is passed for this parameter, the **getthrds** subroutine scans the kernel thread table and sets return values as normal, but no kernel thread table entries are retrieved.

ThreadSize

Specifies the size of a single **thrdsinfo**, **thrdsinfo64**, or **thrdentry64** structure.

IndexPointer

Specifies the address of a kernel thread identifier which indicates the required kernel thread table entry (this does not have to correspond to an existing kernel thread). A kernel thread identifier of zero selects the first entry in the table. The kernel thread identifier is updated to indicate the next entry to be retrieved.

Count Specifies the number of kernel thread table entries requested.

Return Value

If successful, the **getthrds** subroutine returns the number of kernel thread table entries retrieved; if this is less than the number requested, the end of the kernel thread table has been reached. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **getthrds** subroutine fails if the following are true:

EINVAL	The <i>ThreadSize</i> is invalid, or the <i>IndexPointer</i> parameter does not point to a valid kernel thread identifier, or the <i>Count</i> parameter is not greater than zero.
ESRCH	The process specified by the <i>ProcessIdentifier</i> parameter does not exist.
EFAULT	The copy operation to one of the buffers failed.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getpid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), **getpgrp** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331), or **getppid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331) subroutines, the **getprocs** (“getprocs Subroutine” on page 338) subroutine.

The **ps** command.

gettimeofday, settimeofday, or ftime Subroutine

Purpose

Displays, gets and sets date and time.

Libraries

gettimeofday, **settimeofday**: Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

ftime: Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/time.h>
int gettimeofday ( Tp, Tzp)
struct timeval *Tp;
void *Tzp;
int settimeofday (Tp, Tzp)
struct timeval *Tp;
struct timezone *Tzp;
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/timeb.h>
int ftime (Tp)
struct timeb *Tp;
```

Description

Current Greenwich time and the current time zone are displayed with the **gettimeofday** subroutine, and set with the **settimeofday** subroutine. The time is expressed in seconds and microseconds since midnight (0 hour), January 1, 1970. The resolution of the system clock is hardware-dependent, and the time may be updated either continuously or in “ticks.” If the *Tzp* parameter has a value of 0, the time zone information is not returned or set.

The *Tp* parameter returns a pointer to a **timeval** structure that contains the time since the epoch began in seconds and microseconds.

The **timezone** structure indicates both the local time zone (measured in minutes of time westward from Greenwich) and a flag that, if nonzero, indicates that daylight saving time applies locally during the appropriate part of the year.

In addition to the difference in timer granularity, the **timezone** structure distinguishes these subroutines from the POSIX **gettimer** and **settimer** subroutines, which deal strictly with Greenwich Mean Time.

The **ftime** subroutine fills in a structure pointed to by its argument, as defined by **<sys/timeb.h>**. The structure contains the time in seconds since 00:00:00 UTC (Coordinated Universal Time), January 1, 1970, up to 1000 milliseconds of more-precise interval, the local timezone (measured in minutes of time westward from UTC), and a flag that, if nonzero, indicates that Daylight Saving time is in effect, and the values stored in the timeb structure have been adjusted accordingly.

Parameters

Tp Pointer to a **timeval** structure, defined in the **sys/time.h** file.
Tzp Pointer to a **timezone** structure, defined in the **sys/time.h** file.

Return Values

If the subroutine succeeds, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **settimeofday** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** value is set to **EPERM** to indicate that the process's effective user ID does not have root user authority.

No errors are defined for the **gettimeofday** or **ftime** subroutine.

gettimer, settimer, restimer, stime, or time Subroutine

Purpose

Gets or sets the current value for the specified systemwide timer.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int gettimer( TimerType, Value)
timer_t TimerType;
struct timestruc_t * Value;
#include <sys/timers.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
int gettimer( TimerType, Value)
timer_t TimerType;
struct itimerspec * Value;
```

```
int settimer(TimerType, TimePointer)
int TimerType;
const struct timestruc_t *TimePointer;
```

```
int restimer(TimerType, Resolution, MaximumValue)
int TimerType;
struct timestruc_t *Resolution, *MaximumValue;
```

```
int stime( Tp)
long *Tp;
#include <sys/types.h>
time_t time(Tp)
time_t *Tp;
```

Description

The **settimer** subroutine is used to set the current value of the *TimePointer* parameter for the systemwide timer, specified by the *TimerType* parameter.

When the **gettimer** subroutine is used with the function prototype in **sys/timers.h**, then except for the parameters, the **gettimer** subroutine is identical to the **getinterval** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine. Use of the **getinterval** subroutine is recommended, unless the **gettimer** subroutine is required for a standards-conformant application. The description and semantics of the **gettimer** subroutine are subject to change between releases, pending changes in the draft standard upon which the current **gettimer** subroutine description is based.

When the **gettimer** subroutine is used with the function prototype in **/sys/timers.h**, the **gettimer** subroutine returns an **itimerspec** structure to the pointer specified by the *Value* parameter. The **it_value** member of the **itimerspec** structure represents the amount of time in the current interval before the timer (specified by the *TimerType* parameter) expires, or a zero interval if the timer is disabled. The members of the pointer specified by the *Value* parameter are subject to the resolution of the timer.

When the **gettimer** subroutine is used with the function prototype in **sys/time.h**, the **gettimer** subroutine returns a **timestruc** structure to the pointer specified by the *Value* parameter. This structure holds the current value of the system wide timer specified by the *Value* parameter.

The resolution of any timer can be obtained by the **restimer** subroutine. The *Resolution* parameter represents the resolution of the specified timer. The *MaximumValue* parameter represents the maximum possible timer value. The value of these parameters are the resolution accepted by the **settimer** subroutine.

Note: If a nonprivileged user attempts to submit a fine granularity timer (that is, a timer request of less than 10 milliseconds), the timer request is raised to 10 milliseconds.

The **time** subroutine returns the time in seconds since the Epoch (that is, 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970). The *Tp* parameter points to an area where the return value is also stored. If the *Tp* parameter is a null pointer, no value is stored.

Parameters

<i>Value</i>	Points to a structure of type itimerspec .
<i>TimerType</i>	Specifies the systemwide timer: TIMEOFDAY (POSIX system clock timer) This timer represents the time-of-day clock for the system. For this timer, the values returned by the gettimer subroutine and specified by the settimer subroutine represent the amount of time since 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970.
<i>TimePointer</i>	Points to a structure of type struct timestruc_t .
<i>Resolution</i>	The resolution of a specified timer.
<i>MaximumValue</i>	The maximum possible timer value.
<i>Tp</i>	Points to a structure containing the time in seconds.

Return Values

The **gettimer**, **settimer**, **restimer**, and **stime** subroutines return a value of 0 (zero) if the call is successful. A return value of -1 indicates an error occurred, and **errno** is set.

The **time** subroutine returns the value of time in seconds since Epoch. Otherwise, a value of **((time_t) - 1)** is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If an error occurs in the **gettimer**, **settimer**, **restimer**, or **stime** subroutine, a return value of - 1 is received and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following error codes:

EINVAL	The <i>TimerType</i> parameter does not specify a known systemwide timer, or the <i>TimePointer</i> parameter of the settimer subroutine is outside the range for the specified systemwide timer.
EFAULT	A parameter address referenced memory that was not valid.
EIO	An error occurred while accessing the timer device.
EPERM	The requesting process does not have the appropriate privilege to set the specified timer.

If the **time** subroutine is unsuccessful, a return value of -1 is received and the **errno** global variable is set to the following:

EFAULT	A parameter address referenced memory that was not valid.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **stime** subroutine is implemented to provide compatibility with older AIX, AT&T System V, and BSD systems. It calls the **settimer** subroutine using the **TIMEOFDAY** timer.

Related Information

The **asctime** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128) subroutine, **clock** (“clock Subroutine” on page 110) subroutine, **ctime** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128) subroutine, **difftime** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128) subroutine, **getinterval** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine, **gmtime** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128) subroutine, **localtime** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128) subroutine, **mktime** (“ctime, localtime, gmtime, mktime, difftime, asctime, or tzset Subroutine” on page 128) subroutine, **strptime** subroutine, **strptime** subroutine, **utime** subroutine.

List of Time Data Manipulation Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

gettimerid Subroutine

Purpose

Allocates a per-process interval timer.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/time.h>
#include <sys/events.h>
```

```

timer_t gettimerid( TimerType, NotifyType)
int TimerType;
int NotifyType;

```

Description

The **gettimerid** subroutine is used to allocate a per-process interval timer based on the timer with the given timer type. The unique ID is used to identify the interval timer in interval timer requests. (See **getinterval** subroutine). The particular timer type, the *TimerType* parameter, is defined in the **sys/time.h** file and can identify either a systemwide timer or a per-process timer. The mechanism by which the process is to be notified of the expiration of the timer event is the *NotifyType* parameter, which is defined in the **sys/events.h** file.

The *TimerType* parameter represents one of the following timer types:

TIMEOFDAY	(POSIX system clock timer) This timer represents the time-of-day clock for the system. For this timer, the values returned by the gettimer subroutine and specified by the settimer subroutine represent the amount of time since 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970, in nanoseconds.
TIMERID_ALARM	(Alarm timer) This timer schedules the delivery of a SIGALRM signal at a timer specified in the call to the settimer subroutine.
TIMERID_REAL	(Real-time timer) The real-time timer decrements in real time. A SIGALRM signal is delivered when this timer expires.
TIMERID_VIRTUAL	(Virtual timer) The virtual timer decrements in process virtual time. it runs only when the process is executing in user mode. A SIGVTALRM signal is delivered when it expires.
TIMERID_PROF	(Profiling timer) The profiling timer decrements both when running in user mode and when the system is running for the process. It is designed to be used by processes to profile their execution statistically. A SIGPROF signal is delivered when the profiling timer expires.

Interval timers with a notification value of **DELIVERY_SIGNAL** are inherited across an **exec** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>NotifyType</i>	Notifies the process of the expiration of the timer event.
<i>TimerType</i>	Identifies either a systemwide timer or a per-process timer.

Return Values

If the **gettimerid** subroutine succeeds, it returns a **timer_t** structure that can be passed to the per-process interval timer subroutines, such as the **getinterval** subroutine. If an error occurs, the value -1 is returned and **errno** is set.

Error Codes

If the **gettimerid** subroutine fails, the value -1 is returned and **errno** is set to one of the following error codes:

EAGAIN	The calling process has already allocated all of the interval timers associated with the specified timer type for this implementation.
EINVAL	The specified timer type is not defined.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execlp, execl, execlp, execlp, execlp, or execl Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **getinterval**, **incinterval**, **absinterval**, **resinc**, or **resabs** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine, **gettimer**, **settimer**, or **restimer** (“gettimer, settimer, restimer, stime, or time Subroutine” on page 363) subroutine, **reltimerid** subroutine.

List of Time Data Manipulation Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

gettyent, getttynam, setttyent, or endtttyent Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a tty description file entry.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <ttyent.h>
```

```
struct ttyent *gettttyent()  
struct ttyent *getttynam( Name)  
char *Name;  
void setttyent()  
void endtttyent()
```

Description

Attention: Do not use the **gettttyent**, **getttynam**, **setttyent**, or **endtttyent** subroutine in a multithreaded environment.

The **gettttyent** and **getttynam** subroutines each return a pointer to an object with the **tttyent** structure. This structure contains the broken-out fields of a line from the tty description file. The **tttyent** structure is in the **/usr/include/sys/ttyent.h** file and contains the following fields:

ttty_name	The name of the character special file in the /dev directory. The character special file must reside in the /dev directory.
ty_getty	The command that is called by the init process to initialize tty line characteristics. This is usually the getty command, but any arbitrary command can be used. A typical use is to initiate a terminal emulator in a window system.
ty_type	The name of the default terminal type connected to this tty line. This is typically a name from the termcap database. The TERM environment variable is initialized with this name by the getty or login command.

ty_status	A mask of bit fields that indicate various actions to be allowed on this tty line. The following is a description of each flag: TTY_ON Enables logins (that is, the init process starts the specified getty command on this entry). TTY_SECURE Allows a user with root user authority to log in to this terminal. The TTY_ON flag must be included.
ty_window	The command to execute for a window system associated with the line. The window system is started before the command specified in the ty_getty field is executed. If none is specified, this is null.
ty_comment	The trailing comment field. A leading delimiter and white space is removed.

The **gettyent** subroutine reads the next line from the tty file, opening the file if necessary. The **settyent** subroutine rewinds the file. The **endttyent** subroutine closes it.

The **gettynam** subroutine searches from the beginning of the file until a matching name (specified by the *Name* parameter) is found (or until the EOF is encountered).

Parameters

Name Specifies the name of a tty description file.

Return Values

These subroutines return a null pointer when they encounter an EOF (end-of-file) character or an error.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/usr/lib/libodm.a	Specifies the ODM (Object Data Manager) library.
/usr/lib/libcfg.a	Archives device configuration subroutines.
/etc/termcap	Defines terminal capabilities.

Related Information

The **ttyslot** subroutine.

The **getty** command, **init** command, **login** command.

List of Files and Directories Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getuid or geteuid Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the real or effective user ID of the current process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
uid_t getuid(void)
uid_t geteuid(void)
```

Description

The **getuid** subroutine returns the real user ID of the current process. The **geteuid** subroutine returns the effective user ID of the current process.

Return Values

The **getuid** and **geteuid** subroutines return the corresponding user ID.

Note: The **getuid** and **geteuid** subroutines always succeed.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **setuid** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getuinfo Subroutine

Purpose

Finds a value associated with a user.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
char *getuinfo ( Name)
char *Name;
```

Description

The **getuinfo** subroutine finds a value associated with a user. This subroutine searches a user information buffer for a string of the form *Name=Value* and returns a pointer to the *Value* substring if the *Name* value is found. A null value is returned if the *Name* value is not found.

The **INuibp** global variable points to the user information buffer:

```
extern char *INuibp;
```

This variable is initialized to a null value.

If the **INuibp** global variable is null when the **getuinfo** subroutine is called, the **usrinfo** subroutine is called to read user information from the kernel into a local buffer. The **INUuibp** is set to the address of the local buffer. If the **INuibp** external variable is not set, the **usrinfo** subroutine is automatically called the first time the **getuinfo** subroutine is called.

Parameter

Name Specifies a user name.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getuserattr, IDtouser, nextuser, or putuserattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the user information in the user database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
```

```
int getuserattr (User, Attribute, Value, Type)
```

```
char * User;
```

```
char * Attribute;
```

```
void * Value;
```

```
int Type;
```

```
char *IDtouser( UID)
```

```
uid_t UID;
```

```
char *nextuser ( Mode, Argument)
```

```
int Mode, Argument;
```

```
int putuserattr (User, Attribute, Value, Type)
```

```
char *User;
```

```
char *Attribute;
```

```
void *Value;
```

```
int Type;
```

Description

Attention: These subroutines and the **setpwent** and **setgrent** subroutines should not be used simultaneously. The results can be unpredictable.

These subroutines access user information. Because of their greater granularity and extensibility, you should use them instead of the **getpwent** routines.

The **getuserattr** subroutine reads a specified attribute from the user database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading. A call to the **getuserattr** subroutine for every new user verifies that the user exists.

Similarly, the **putuserattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute into the user database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading and writing. Data changed by the

putuserattr subroutine must be explicitly committed by calling the **putuserattr** subroutine with a *Type* parameter specifying **SEC_COMMIT**. Until all the data is committed, only these subroutines within the process return written data.

New entries in the user and group databases must first be created by invoking **putuserattr** with the **SEC_NEW** type.

The **IDtouser** subroutine translates a user ID into a user name.

The **nextuser** subroutine returns the next user in a linear search of the user database. The consistency of consecutive searches depends upon the underlying storage-access mechanism and is not guaranteed by this subroutine.

The **setuserdb** and **enduserdb** subroutines should be used to open and close the user database.

Parameters

Argument

Presently unused and must be specified as null.

Attribute

Specifies which attribute is read. The following possible attributes are defined in the **usersec.h** file:

S_ID User ID. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_PGRP

Principle group name. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_GROUPS

Groups to which the user belongs. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_ADMGROUPS

Groups for which the user is an administrator. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_ADMIN

Administrative status of a user. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_AUDITCLASSES

Audit classes to which the user belongs. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_AUTHSYSTEM

Defines the user's authentication method. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_HOME

Home directory. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_SHELL

Initial program run by a user. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_GECOS

Personal information for a user. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_USRENV

User-state environment variables. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_SYSENV

Protected-state environment variables. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_LOGINCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be used for local logins. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_HISTEXPIRE

Defines the period of time (in weeks) that a user cannot reuse a password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_HISTSIZE

Specifies the number of previous passwords that the user cannot reuse. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MAXREPEAT

Defines the maximum number of times a user can repeat a character in a new password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINAGE

Defines the minimum age in weeks that the user's password must exist before the user can change it. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_PWDCHECKS

Defines the password restriction methods for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_MINALPHA

Defines the minimum number of alphabetic characters required in a new user's password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINDIFF

Defines the minimum number of characters required in a new password that were not in the old password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINLEN

Defines the minimum length of a user's password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_MINOTHER

Defines the minimum number of non-alphabetic characters required in a new user's password. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_DICTIIONLIST

Defines the password dictionaries for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_SUCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be accessed with the **su** command. Type **SEC_BOOL**.

S_REGISTRY

Defines the user's authentication registry. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_RLOGINCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be used for remote logins using the **telnet** or **rlogin** commands. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_DAEMONCHK

Specifies whether the user account can be used for daemon execution of programs and subsystems using the **cron** daemon or **src**. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_TPATH

Defines how the account may be used on the trusted path. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**. This attribute must be one of the following values:

nosak The secure attention key is not enabled for this account.

notsh The trusted shell cannot be accessed from this account.

always

This account may only run trusted programs.

on Normal trusted-path processing applies.

S_TTYS

List of ttys that can or cannot be used to access this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_SUGROUPS

Groups that can or cannot access this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_EXPIRATION

Expiration date for this account is a string in the form MMDDhhmmyy, where MM is the month, DD is the day, hh is the hour in 0 to 24 hour notation, mm is the minutes past the hour, and yy is the last two digits of the year. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_AUTH1

Primary authentication methods for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_AUTH2

Secondary authentication methods for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_UFSIZE

Process file size soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UCPU

Process CPU time soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UDATA

Process data segment size soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_USTACK

Process stack segment size soft limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_URSS

Process real memory size soft limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_UCORE

Process core file size soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UNOFILE

Process file descriptor table size soft limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_PWD

Specifies the value of the passwd field in the **/etc/passwd** file. The attribute type is **SEC_CHAR**.

S_UMASK

File creation mask for a user. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_LOCKED

Specifies whether the user's account can be logged into. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_ROLES

Defines the administrative roles for this account. The attribute type is **SEC_LIST**.

S_UFSIZE_HARD

Process file size hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UCPU_HARD

Process CPU time hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UDATA_HARD

Process data segment size hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_USREXPORT

Specifies if the DCE registry can overwrite the local user information with the DCE user information during a DCE export operation. The attribute type is **SEC_BOOL**.

S_USTACK_HARD

Process stack segment size hard limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_URSS_HARD

Process real memory size hard limit. Type: **SEC_INT**.

S_UCORE_HARD

Process core file size hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

S_UNOFILE_HARD

Process file descriptor table size hard limit. The attribute type is **SEC_INT**.

Note: These values are string constants that should be used by applications both for convenience and to permit optimization in latter implementations.

Additional user-defined attributes may be used and will be stored in the format specified by the *Type* parameter.

Mode Specifies the search mode. This parameter can be used to delimit the search to one or more user credentials databases. Specifying a non-null *Mode* value also implicitly rewinds the search. A null *Mode* value continues the search sequentially through the database. This parameter must include one of the following values specified as a bit mask; these are defined in the **usersec.h** file:

S_LOCAL

Locally defined users are included in the search.

S_SYSTEM

All credentials servers for the system are searched.

Type Specifies the type of attribute expected. Valid types are defined in the **usersec.h** file and include:

SEC_INT

The format of the attribute is an integer.

For the **getuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined integer variable. For the **putuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply an integer.

SEC_CHAR

The format of the attribute is a null-terminated character string.

For the **getuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined character pointer variable. For the **putuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer.

SEC_LIST

The format of the attribute is a series of concatenated strings, each null-terminated. The last string in the series is terminated by two successive null characters.

For the **getuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined character pointer variable. For the **putuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer.

SEC_BOOL

The format of the attribute from **getuserattr** is an integer with the value of either 0 (false) or 1 (true). The format of the attribute for **putuserattr** is a null-terminated string containing one of the following strings: true, false, yes, no, always, or never.

For the **getuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined integer variable. For the **putuserattr** subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer.

SEC_COMMIT

For the **putuserattr** subroutine, this value specified by itself indicates that changes to the named user are to be committed to permanent storage. The *Attribute* and *Value* parameters are ignored. If no user is specified, the changes to all modified users are committed to permanent storage.

SEC_DELETE

The corresponding attribute is deleted from the database.

SEC_NEW

Updates all the user database files with the new user name when using the **putuserattr** subroutine.

UID Specifies the user ID to be translated into a user name.

User Specifies the name of the user for which an attribute is to be read.

Value Specifies a buffer, a pointer to a buffer, or a pointer to a pointer depending on the *Attribute* and *Type* parameters. See the *Type* parameter for more details.

Security

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
rw	/etc/passwd
rw	/etc/group
rw	/etc/security/user
rw	/etc/security/limits
rw	/etc/security/group
rw	/etc/security/environ

Return Values

If successful, the **getuserattr** subroutine with the **S_LOGINCHK** or **S_RLOGINCHK** attribute specified and the **putuserattr** subroutine return 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error. For all other attributes, the **getuserattr** subroutine returns 0.

If successful, the **IDtouser** and **nextuser** subroutines return a character pointer to a buffer containing the requested user name. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If any of these subroutines fail, the following is returned:

EACCES Access permission is denied for the data request.

If the **getuserattr** and **putuserattr** subroutines fail, one or more of the following is returned:

ENOENT The specified *User* parameter does not exist or the attribute is not defined for this user.

EINVAL The *Attribute* parameter does not contain one of the defined attributes or null.

- EINVAL** The *Value* parameter does not point to a valid buffer or to valid data for this type of attribute. Limited testing is possible and all errors may not be detected.
- EPERM** Operation is not permitted.

If the **IDtouser** subroutine fails, one or more of the following is returned:

- ENOENT** The *UID* parameter could not be translated into a valid user name on the system.

If the **nextuser** subroutine fails, one or more of the following is returned:

- EINVAL** The *Mode* parameter is not one of null, **S_LOCAL**, or **S_SYSTEM**.
- EINVAL** The *Argument* parameter is not null.
- ENOENT** The end of the search was reached.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/passwd Contains user IDs.

Related Information

The **getgroupattr** (“getgroupattr, IDtogroup, nextgroup, or putgroupattr Subroutine” on page 306) subroutine, **getuserpw** (“getuserpw, putuserpw, or putuserpwhist Subroutine” on page 377) subroutine, **setpwdb** subroutine, **setuserdb** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

GetUserAuths Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the set of authorizations of a user.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
char *GetUserAuths(void);
```

Description

The **GetUserAuths** subroutine returns the list of authorizations associated with the real user ID and group set of the process. By default, the ALL authorization is returned for the root user.

Return Values

If successful, the **GetUserAuths** subroutine returns a list of authorizations associated with the user. The format of the list is a series of concatenated strings, each null-terminated. A null string terminates the list. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

getuserpw, putuserpw, or putuserpwhist Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the user authentication data.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <userpw.h>
```

```
struct userpw *getuserpw ( User)
char *User;
```

```
int putuserpw ( Password)
struct userpw *Password;
```

```
int putuserpwhist ( Password, Message)
struct userpw *Password;
char **Message;
```

Description

These subroutines may be used to access user authentication information. Because of their greater granularity and extensibility, you should use them instead of the **getpwent** routines.

The **getuserpw** subroutine reads the user's locally defined password information. If the **setpwdb** subroutine has not been called, the **getuserpw** subroutine will call it as **setpwdb (S_READ)**. This can cause problems if the **putuserpw** subroutine is called later in the program.

The **putuserpw** subroutine updates or creates a locally defined password information stanza in the **/etc/security/passwd** file. The password entry created by the **putuserpw** subroutine is used only if there is an ! (exclamation point) in the **/etc/passwd** file's password field. The user application can use the **putuserattr** subroutine to add an ! to this field.

The **putuserpw** subroutine will open the authentication database read/write if no other access has taken place, but the program should call **setpwdb (S_READ | S_WRITE)** before calling the **putuserpw** subroutine.

The **putuserpwhist** subroutine updates or creates a locally defined password information stanza in the **etc/security/passwd** file. The subroutine also manages a database of previous passwords used for password reuse restriction checking. It is recommended to use the **putuserpwhist** subroutine, rather than the **putuserpw** subroutine, to ensure the password is added to the password history database.

Parameters

Password Specifies the password structure used to update the password information for this user. This structure is defined in the **userpw.h** file and contains the following members:

upw_name

Specifies the user's name. (The first eight characters must be unique, since longer names are truncated.)

upw_passwd

Specifies the user's password.

upw_lastupdate

Specifies the time, in seconds, since the epoch (that is, 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970), when the password was last updated.

upw_flags

Specifies attributes of the password. This member is a bit mask of one or more of the following values, defined in the **userpw.h** file.

PW_NOCHECK

Specifies that new passwords need not meet password restrictions in effect for the system.

PW_ADMCHG

Specifies that the password was last set by an administrator and must be changed at the next successful use of the **login** or **su** command.

PW_ADMIN

Specifies that password information for this user may only be changed by the root user.

Message Indicates a message that specifies an error occurred while updating the password history database. Upon return, the value is either a pointer to a valid string within the memory allocated storage or a null pointer.

User Specifies the name of the user for which password information is read. (The first eight characters must be unique, since longer names are truncated.)

Security

Files Accessed:

Mode	File
rw	/etc/security/passwd

Return Values

If successful, the **getuserpw** subroutine returns a valid pointer to a **pw** structure. Otherwise, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

If successful, the **putuserpwhist** subroutine returns a value of 0. If the subroutine failed to update or create a locally defined password information stanza in the **/etc/security/passwd** file, the **putuserpwhist** subroutine returns a nonzero value. If the subroutine was unable to update the password history database, a message is returned in the *Message* parameter and a return code of 0 is returned.

Error Codes

If the **getuserpw**, **putuserpw**, and **putuserpwhist** subroutines fail if one of the following values is true:

ENOENT The user does not have an entry in the **/etc/security/passwd** file.

Subroutines invoked by the **getuserpw**, **putuserpw**, or **putuserpwhist** subroutines can also set errors.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/security/passwd Contains user passwords.

Related Information

The **getgroupattr** (“getgroupattr, IDtogroup, nextgroup, or putgroupattr Subroutine” on page 306) subroutine, **getuserattr**, **IDtouser**, **nextuser**, or **putuserattr** (“getuserattr, IDtouser, nextuser, or putuserattr Subroutine” on page 370) subroutine, **setpwdb** or **endpwdb** subroutine, **setuserdb** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getusraclattr, nextusracl or putusraclattr Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses the user screen information in the SMIT ACL database.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>

int getusraclattr(User, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *User;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;

char *nextusracl(void)

int putusraclattr(User, Attribute, Value, Type)
char *User;
char *Attribute;
void *Value;
int Type;
```

Description

The **getusraclattr** subroutine reads a specified user attribute from the SMIT ACL database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading.

Similarly, the **putusraclattr** subroutine writes a specified attribute into the user SMIT ACL database. If the database is not already open, this subroutine does an implicit open for reading and writing. Data changed by the **putusraclattr** subroutine must be explicitly committed by calling the **putusraclattr** subroutine with a *Type* parameter specifying **SEC_COMMIT**. Until all the data is committed, only the **getusraclattr** subroutine within the process returns written data.

The **nextusracl** subroutine returns the next user in a linear search of the user SMIT ACL database. The consistency of consecutive searches depends upon the underlying storage-access mechanism and is not guaranteed by this subroutine.

The **setacldb** and **endacldb** subroutines should be used to open and close the database.

Parameters

<i>Attribute</i>	Specifies which attribute is read. The following possible attributes are defined in the usersec.h file: S_SCREEN String of SMIT screens. The attribute type is SEC_LIST . S_ACLMODE String specifying the SMIT ACL database search scope. The attribute type is SEC_CHAR . S_FUNCMODE String specifying the databases to be searched. The attribute type is SEC_CHAR .
<i>Type</i>	Specifies the type of attribute expected. Valid types are defined in the usersec.h file and include: SEC_CHAR The format of the attribute is a null-terminated character string. For the getusraclattr subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined character pointer variable. For the putusraclattr subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer. SEC_LIST The format of the attribute is a series of concatenated strings, each null-terminated. The last string in the series must be an empty (zero character count) string. For the getusraclattr subroutine, the user should supply a pointer to a defined character pointer variable. For the putusraclattr subroutine, the user should supply a character pointer. SEC_COMMIT For the putusraclattr subroutine, this value specified by itself indicates that changes to the named user are to be committed to permanent storage. The <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Value</i> parameters are ignored. If no user is specified, the changes to all modified users are committed to permanent storage. SEC_DELETE The corresponding attribute is deleted from the user SMIT ACL database. SEC_NEW Updates the user SMIT ACL database file with the new user name when using the putusraclattr subroutine.
<i>Value</i>	Specifies a buffer, a pointer to a buffer, or a pointer to a pointer depending on the <i>Attribute</i> and <i>Type</i> parameters. See the <i>Type</i> parameter for more details.

Return Values

If successful, the **getusraclattr** returns 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

Possible return codes are:

EACCES	Access permission is denied for the data request.
ENOENT	The specified User parameter does not exist or the attribute is not defined for this user.
ENOATTR	The specified user attribute does not exist for this user.
EINVAL	The <i>Attribute</i> parameter does not contain one of the defined attributes or null.

EINVAL The *Value* parameter does not point to a valid buffer or to valid data for this type of attribute.
EPERM Operation is not permitted.

Related Information

The **getgrpaclatr**, **nextgrpacl**, or **putgrpaclatr** (“getgrpaclatr, nextgrpacl, or putgrpaclatr Subroutine” on page 310) subroutine, **setacldb**, or **endacldb** subroutine.

getutent, getutid, getutline, pututline, setutent, endutent, or utmpname Subroutine

Purpose

Accesses **utmp** file entries.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <utmp.h>
```

```
struct utmp *getutent ( )
```

```
struct utmp *getutid ( ID)  
struct utmp *ID;
```

```
struct utmp *getutline ( Line)  
struct utmp *Line;
```

```
void pututline ( Utmp)  
struct utmp *Utmp;
```

```
void setutent ( )
```

```
void endutent ( )
```

```
void utmpname ( File)  
char *File;
```

Description

The **getutent**, **getutid**, and **getutline** subroutines return a pointer to a structure of the following type:

```
#define ut_name ut_user  
struct utmp  
{  
    char ut_user[256];           /* User name */  
    char ut_id[14];             /* /etc/inittab ID */  
    char ut_line[64];           /* Device name (console, lnx) */  
    pid_t ut_pid;               /* Process ID */  
    short ut_type;              /* Type of entry */  
#if !defined(__64BIT__) && !defined(__ia64)  
    int __time_t_space;         /* for 32vs64-bit time_t PPC */  
#endif  
    time_t ut_time;             /* time entry was made */  
#if !defined(__64BIT__) && defined(__ia64)  
    int __time_t_space;         /* for 32vs64-bit time_t IA64 */  
#endif
```

```

#endif
struct exit_status
{
    short e_termination; /* Process termination status */
    short e_exit;        /* Process exit status */
}
ut_exit;                /* The exit status of a process
                        /* marked as DEAD_PROCESS. */
char ut_host[256];      /* host name */
int __dbl_word_pad;     /* for double word alignment */
int __reservedA[2];
int __reservedV[6];
};

```

The **getutent** subroutine reads the next entry from a **utmp**-like file. If the file is not open, this subroutine opens it. If the end of the file is reached, the **getutent** subroutine fails.

The **pututline** subroutine writes the supplied *Utmp* parameter structure into the **utmp** file. It is assumed that the user of the **pututline** subroutine has searched for the proper entry point using one of the **getut** subroutines. If not, the **pututline** subroutine calls **getutid** to search forward for the proper place. If so, **pututline** does not search. If the **pututline** subroutine does not find a matching slot for the entry, it adds a new entry to the end of the file.

The **setutent** subroutine resets the input stream to the beginning of the file. Issue a **setuid** call before each search for a new entry if you want to examine the entire file.

The **endutent** subroutine closes the file currently open.

The **utmpname** subroutine changes the name of a file to be examined from **/etc/utmp** to any other file. The name specified is usually **/var/adm/wtmp**. If the specified file does not exist, no indication is given. You are not aware of this fact until your first attempt to reference the file. The **utmpname** subroutine does not open the file. It closes the old file, if currently open, and saves the new file name.

The most current entry is saved in a static structure. To make multiple accesses, you must copy or use the structure between each access. The **getutid** and **getutline** subroutines examine the static structure first. If the contents of the static structure match what they are searching for, they do not read the **utmp** file. Therefore, you must fill the static structure with zeros after each use if you want to use these subroutines to search for multiple occurrences.

If the **pututline** subroutine finds that it is not already at the correct place in the file, the implicit read it performs does not overwrite the contents of the static structure returned by the **getutent** subroutine, the **getutid** subroutine, or the **getutline** subroutine. This allows you to get an entry with one of these subroutines, modify the structure, and pass the pointer back to the **pututline** subroutine for writing.

These subroutines use buffered standard I/O for input. However, the **pututline** subroutine uses an unbuffered nonstandard write to avoid race conditions between processes trying to modify the **utmp** and **wtmp** files.

Parameters

ID If you specify a type of **RUN_LVL**, **BOOT_TIME**, **OLD_TIME**, or **NEW_TIME** in the *ID* parameter, the **getutid** subroutine searches forward from the current point in the **utmp** file until an entry with a *ut_type* matching *ID*->*ut_type* is found.

If you specify a type of **INIT_PROCESS**, **LOGIN_PROCESS**, **USER_PROCESS**, or **DEAD_PROCESS** in the *ID* parameter, the **getutid** subroutine returns a pointer to the first entry whose type is one of these four and whose *ut_id* field matches *Id*->*ut_id*. If the end of the file is reached without a match, the **getutid** subroutine fails.

Line The **getutline** subroutine searches forward from the current point in the **utmp** file until it finds an entry of type **LOGIN_PROCESS** or **USER_PROCESS** that also has a `ut_line` string matching the `Line->ut_line` parameter string. If the end of file is reached without a match, the **getutline** subroutine fails.

Utmp Points to the **utmp** structure.

File Specifies the name of the file to be examined.

Return Values

These subroutines fail and return a null pointer if a read or write fails due to a permission conflict or because the end of the file is reached.

Files

/etc/utmp Path to the **utmp** file, which contains a record of users logged into the system.

/var/adm/wtmp Path to the **wtmp** file, which contains accounting information about users logged in.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ttyslot** subroutine.

The **failedlogin**, **utmp**, or **wtmp** file.

getvfsent, getvfsbytype, getvfsbyname, getvfsbyflag, setvfsent, or endvfsent Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a **vfs** file entry.

Library

Standard C Library(**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/vfs.h>
#include <sys/vmount.h>
struct vfs_ent *getvfsent( )

struct vfs_ent *getvfsbytype( vfsType)
int vfsType;

struct vfs_ent *getvfsbyname( vfsName)
char *vfsName;

struct vfs_ent *getvfsbyflag( vfsFlag)
int vfsFlag;

void setvfsent( )
void endvfsent( )
```

Description

Attention: All information is contained in a static area and so must be copied to be saved.

The **getvfsent** subroutine, when first called, returns a pointer to the first **vfs_ent** structure in the file. On the next call, it returns a pointer to the next **vfs_ent** structure in the file. Successive calls are used to search the entire file.

The **vfs_ent** structure is defined in the **vfs.h** file and it contains the following fields:

```
char vfsent_name;  
int vfsent_type;  
int vfsent_flags;  
char *vfsent_mnt_hlpr;  
char *vfsent_fs_hlpr;
```

The **getvfsbytype** subroutine searches from the beginning of the file until it finds a **vfs** type matching the *vfsType* parameter. The subroutine then returns a pointer to the structure in which it was found.

The **getvfsbyname** subroutine searches from the beginning of the file until it finds a **vfs** name matching the *vfsName* parameter. The search is made using flattened names; the search-string uses ASCII equivalent characters.

The **getvfsbytype** subroutine searches from the beginning of the file until it finds a type matching the *vfsType* parameter.

The **getvfsbyflag** subroutine searches from the beginning of the file until it finds the entry whose flag corresponds flags defined in the **vfs.h** file. Currently, these are **VFS_DFLT_LOCAL** and **VFS_DFLT_REMOTE**.

The **setvfsent** subroutine rewinds the **vfs** file to allow repeated searches.

The **endvfsent** subroutine closes the **vfs** file when processing is complete.

Parameters

<i>vfsType</i>	Specifies a vfs type.
<i>vfsName</i>	Specifies a vfs name.
<i>vfsFlag</i>	Specifies either VFS_DFLT_LOCAL or VFS_DFLT_REMOTE .

Return Values

The **getvfsent**, **getvfsbytype**, **getvfsbyname**, and **getvfsbyflag** subroutines return a pointer to a **vfs_ent** structure containing the broken-out fields of a line in the **/etc/vfs** file. If an end-of-file character or an error is encountered on reading, a null pointer is returned.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/etc/vfs Describes the virtual file system (VFS) installed on the system.

Related Information

The **getvfsent**, **getvfsbytype**, **getvfsbyname**, **getvfsbyflag**, **setvfsent**, or **endvfsent** (“getvfsent, getvfsbytype, getvfsbyname, getvfsbyflag, setvfsent, or endvfsent Subroutine” on page 300) subroutine.

getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a wide character from an input stream.

Library

Standard I/O Package (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>

wint_t getwc ( Stream)
FILE *Stream;

wint_t fgetwc (Stream)
FILE *Stream;

wint_t getwchar (void)
```

Description

The **fgetwc** subroutine obtains the next wide character from the input stream specified by the *Stream* parameter, converts it to the corresponding wide character code, and advances the file position indicator the number of bytes corresponding to the obtained multibyte character. The **getwc** subroutine is equivalent to the **fgetwc** subroutine, except that when implemented as a macro, it may evaluate the *Stream* parameter more than once. The **getwchar** subroutine is equivalent to the **getwc** subroutine with **stdin** (the standard input stream).

The first successful run of the **fgetc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353), **fgetwc**, **fgetws** (“getws or fgets Subroutine” on page 387), **fread** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252), **fscanf**, **getc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **getchar** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284), **gets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353), or **scanf** subroutine using a stream that returns data not supplied by a prior call to the **ungetc** or **ungetwc** subroutine marks the *st_atime* field for update.

Parameters

Stream Specifies input data.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **getwc** and **fgetwc** subroutines return the next wide character from the input stream pointed to by the *Stream* parameter. The **getwchar** subroutine returns the next wide character from the input stream pointed to by **stdin**.

If the end of the file is reached, an indicator is set and **WEOF** is returned. If a read error occurs, an error indicator is set, **WEOF** is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** subroutine is unsuccessful because the stream is not buffered or data needs to be read into the buffer, it returns one of the following error codes:

EAGAIN	Indicates that the O_NONBLOCK flag is set for the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter, delaying the process.
EBADF	Indicates that the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is not valid and cannot be opened for reading.
EINTR	Indicates that the process has received a signal that terminates the read operation.
EIO	Indicates that a physical error has occurred, or the process is in a background process group attempting to read from the controlling terminal, and either the process is ignoring or blocking the SIGTTIN signal or the process group is orphaned.
EOVERFLOW	Indicates that the file is a regular file and an attempt has been made to read at or beyond the offset maximum associated with the corresponding stream.

The **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** subroutine is also unsuccessful due to the following error conditions:

ENOMEM	Indicates that storage space is insufficient.
ENXIO	Indicates that the process sent a request to a nonexistent device, or the device cannot handle the request.
EILSEQ	Indicates that the wc wide-character code does not correspond to a valid character.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Other wide character I/O subroutines: **getws** or **fgetws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387) subroutine, **putwc**, **putwchar**, or **fputwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **putws** or **fputws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine, **ungetwc** subroutine.

Related standard I/O subroutines: **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **gets** or **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **fread** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **fwrite** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **printf**, **fprintf**, **sprintf**, **wsprintf**, **vprintf**, **vfprintf**, **vsprintf**, or **vwsprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, wsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **putc**, **putchar**, **fputc**, or **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **puts** or **fputs** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Wide Character Input/Output Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getwd Subroutine

Purpose

Gets current directory path name.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
char *getwd ( PathName)
char *PathName;
```

Description

The **getwd** subroutine determines the absolute path name of the current directory, then copies that path name into the area pointed to by the *PathName* parameter.

The maximum path-name length, in characters, is set by the **PATH_MAX** value, as specified in the **limits.h** file.

Parameters

PathName Points to the full path name.

Return Values

If the call to the **getwd** subroutine is successful, a pointer to the absolute path name of the current directory is returned. If an error occurs, the **getwd** subroutine returns a null value and places an error message in the *PathName* parameter.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getcwd** (“getcwd Subroutine” on page 293) subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

getws or fgetws Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a string from a stream.

Library

Standard I/O Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
wchar_t *fgetws ( WString, Number, Stream)
```

```
wchar_t *WString;
```

```
int Number;
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
wchar_t *getws (WString)
```

```
wchar_t *WString;
```

Description

The **fgetws** subroutine reads characters from the input stream, converts them to the corresponding wide character codes, and places them in the array pointed to by the *WString* parameter. The subroutine continues until either the number of characters specified by the *Number* parameter minus 1 are read or the subroutine encounters a new-line or end-of-file character. The **fgetws** subroutine terminates the wide character string specified by the *WString* parameter with a null wide character.

The **getws** subroutine reads wide characters from the input stream pointed to by the standard input stream (**stdin**) into the array pointed to by the *WString* parameter. The subroutine continues until it encounters a new-line or the end-of-file character, then it discards any new-line character and places a null wide character after the last character read into the array.

Parameters

<i>WString</i>	Points to a string to receive characters.
<i>Stream</i>	Points to the FILE structure of an open file.
<i>Number</i>	Specifies the maximum number of characters to read.

Return Values

If the **getws** or **fgetws** subroutine reaches the end of the file without reading any characters, it transfers no characters to the *String* parameter and returns a null pointer. If a read error occurs, the **getws** or **fgetws** subroutine returns a null pointer and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **getws** or **fgetws** subroutine is unsuccessful because the stream is not buffered or data needs to be read into the stream's buffer, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EAGAIN	Indicates that the O_NONBLOCK flag is set for the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter, and the process is delayed in the fgetws subroutine.
EBADF	Indicates that the file descriptor specifying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is not a read-access file.
EINTR	Indicates that the read operation is terminated due to the receipt of a signal, and either no data was transferred or the implementation does not report partial transfer for this file.
EIO	Indicates that insufficient storage space is available.
ENOMEM	Indicates that insufficient storage space is available.
EILSEQ	Indicates that the data read from the input stream does not form a valid character.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Other wide character I/O subroutines: **fgetwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **fputwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **fputws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine, **getwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **putwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **putwchar** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **putws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine, **ungetwc** subroutine.

Related standard I/O subroutines: **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fgetc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **fopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **fputc** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **fputs** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **fread** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **freopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fscanf** subroutine, **fwrite** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **getc** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **getchar** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **gets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **printf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **putc** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **putchar** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or

putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **puts** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputs, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **scanf** subroutine, **sprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **ungetc** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Understanding Wide Character Input/Output Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

glob Subroutine

Purpose

Generates path names.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <glob.h>

int glob (Pattern, Flags, (Errfunc)(), Pglob)
const char *Pattern;
int Flags;
int *Errfunc (Epath, Eerrno)
const char *Epath;
int Eerrno;
glob_t *Pglob;
```

Description

The **glob** subroutine constructs a list of accessible files that match the *Pattern* parameter.

The **glob** subroutine matches all accessible path names against this pattern and develops a list of all matching path names. To have access to a path name, the **glob** subroutine requires search permission on every component of a path except the last, and read permission on each directory of any file name component of the *Pattern* parameter that contains any of the special characters * (asterisk), ? (question mark), or [(left bracket). The **glob** subroutine stores the number of matched path names and a pointer to a list of pointers to path names in the *Pglob* parameter. The path names are in sort order, based on the setting of the **LC_COLLATE** category in the current locale. The first pointer after the last path name is a null character. If the pattern does not match any path names, the returned number of matched paths is zero.

Parameters

Pattern

Contains the file name pattern to compare against accessible path names.

Flags Controls the customizable behavior of the **glob** subroutine.

The *Flags* parameter controls the behavior of the **glob** subroutine. The *Flags* value is the bitwise inclusive OR of any of the following constants, which are defined in the **glob.h** file:

GLOB_APPEND

Appends path names located with this call to any path names previously located. If the **GLOB_APPEND** constant is not set, new path names overwrite previous entries in the

Pglob array. The **GLOB_APPEND** constant should not be set on the first call to the **glob** subroutine. It may, however, be set on subsequent calls.

The **GLOB_APPEND** flag can be used to append a new set of path names to those found in a previous call to the **glob** subroutine. If the **GLOB_APPEND** flag is specified in the *Flags* parameter, the following rules apply:

- If the application sets the **GLOB_DOOFFS** flag in the first call to the **glob** subroutine, it is also set in the second. The value of the *Pglob* parameter is not modified between the calls.
- If the application did not set the **GLOB_DOOFFS** flag in the first call to the **glob** subroutine, it is not set in the second.
- After the second call, the *Pglob* parameter points to a list containing the following:
 - Zero or more null characters, as specified by the **GLOB_DOOFFS** flag.
 - Pointers to the path names that were in the *Pglob* list before the call, in the same order as after the first call to the **glob** subroutine.
 - Pointers to the new path names generated by the second call, in the specified order.
- The count returned in the *Pglob* parameter is the total number of path names from the two calls.
- The application should not modify the *Pglob* parameter between the two calls.

It is the caller's responsibility to create the structure pointed to by the *Pglob* parameter. The **glob** subroutine allocates other space as needed.

GLOB_DOOFFS

Uses the **gl_offs** structure to specify the number of null pointers to add to the beginning of the **gl_pathv** component of the *Pglob* parameter.

GLOB_ERR

Causes the **glob** subroutine to return when it encounters a directory that it cannot open or read. If the **GLOB_ERR** flag is not set, the **glob** subroutine continues to find matches if it encounters a directory that it cannot open or read.

GLOB_MARK

Specifies that each path name that is a directory should have a / (slash) appended.

GLOB_NOCHECK

If the *Pattern* parameter does not match any path name, the **glob** subroutine returns a list consisting only of the *Pattern* parameter, and the number of matched patterns is one.

GLOB_NOSORT

Specifies that the list of path names need not be sorted. If the **GLOB_NOSORT** flag is not set, path names are collated according to the current locale.

GLOB_QUOTE

If the **GLOB_QUOTE** flag is set, a \ (backslash) can be used to escape metacharacters.

Errfunc

Specifies an optional subroutine that, if specified, is called when the **glob** subroutine detects an error condition.

Pglob Contains a pointer to a **glob_t** structure. The structure is allocated by the caller. The array of structures containing the file names matching the *Pattern* parameter are defined by the **glob** subroutine. The last entry is a null pointer.

Epath Specifies the path that failed because a directory could not be opened or read.

Errno Specifies the **errno** value of the failure indicated by the *Epath* parameter. This value is set by the **opendir**, **readdir**, or **stat** subroutines.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **glob** subroutine returns a value of 0. The *Pglob* parameter returns the number of matched path names and a pointer to a null-terminated list of matched and sorted path names. If the number of matched path names in the *Pglob* parameter is zero, the pointer in the *Pglob* parameter is undefined.

Error Codes

If the **glob** subroutine terminates due to an error, it returns one of the nonzero constants below. These are defined in the **glob.h** file. In this case, the *Pglob* values are still set as defined in the Return Values section.

GLOB_ABORTED Indicates the scan was stopped because the **GLOB_ERROR** flag was set or the subroutine specified by the **errfunc** parameter returned a nonzero value.

GLOB_NOSPACE Indicates a failed attempt to allocate memory.

If, during the search, a directory is encountered that cannot be opened or read and the *Errfunc* parameter is not a null value, the **glob** subroutine calls the subroutine specified by the **errfunc** parameter with two arguments:

- The *Epath* parameter specifies the path that failed.
- The *Eerrno* parameter specifies the value of the **errno** global variable from the failure, as set by the **opendir**, **readdir**, or **stat** subroutine.

If the subroutine specified by the *Errfunc* parameter is called and returns nonzero, or if the **GLOB_ERR** flag is set in the *Flags* parameter, the **glob** subroutine stops the scan and returns **GLOB_ABORTED** after setting the *Pglob* parameter to reflect the paths already scanned. If **GLOB_ERR** is not set and either the *Errfunc* parameter is null or **errfunc* returns zero, the error is ignored.

The *Pglob* parameter has meaning even if the **glob** subroutine fails. Therefore, the **glob** subroutine can report partial results in the event of an error. However, if the number of matched path names is 0, the pointer in the *Pglob* parameter is unspecified even if the **glob** subroutine did not return an error.

Examples

The **GLOB_NOCHECK** flag can be used with an application to expand any path name using wildcard characters. However, the **GLOB_NOCHECK** flag treats the pattern as just a string by default. The **sh** command can use this facility for option parameters, for example.

The **GLOB_DOOFFS** flag can be used by applications that build an argument list for use with the **execv**, **execve**, or **execvp** subroutine. For example, an application needs to do the equivalent of `ls -l *.c`, but for some reason cannot. The application could still obtain approximately the same result using the sequence:

```
globbuf.gl_offs = 2;
glob ("*.c", GLOB_DOOFFS, NULL, &globbuf);
globbuf.gl_pathv[0] = "ls";
globbuf.gl_pathv[1] = "-l";
execvp ("ls", &globbuf.gl_pathv[0]);
```

Using the same example, `ls -l *.c *.h` could be approximated using the **GLOB_APPEND** flag as follows:

```
globbuf.gl_offs = 2;
glob ("*.c", GLOB_DOOFFS, NULL, &globbuf);
glob ("*.h", GLOB_DOOFFS|GLOB_APPEND, NULL, &globbuf);
```

The new path names generated by a subsequent call with the **GLOB_APPEND** flag set are not sorted together with the previous path names. This is the same way the shell handles path name expansion when multiple expansions are done on a command line.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec**: **execl**, **execv**, **execle**, **execve**, **execlp**, **execvp**, or **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **fnmatch** (“fnmatch Subroutine” on page 228) subroutine, **opendir**, **readdir**, **tell**, **seekdir**, **rewinddir**, or **closedir** (“opendir, readdir, tell, seekdir, rewinddir, or closedir Subroutine” on page 640) subroutine, **statx**, **stat**, **lstat**, **fstatx**, **fstat**, **fullstat**, or **fullstat** subroutine.

The **ls** command.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

globfree Subroutine

Purpose

Frees all memory associated with the *pglob* parameter.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <glob.h>
```

```
void globfree ( pglob )  
glob_t *pglob;
```

Description

The **globfree** subroutine frees any memory associated with the *pglob* parameter due to a previous call to the **glob** subroutine.

Parameters

pglob Structure containing the results of a previous call to the **glob** subroutine.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **glob** (“glob Subroutine” on page 389) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

grantpt Subroutine

Purpose

Changes the mode and ownership of a pseudo-terminal device.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int grantpt ( FileDescriptor )  
int FileDescriptor;
```

Description

The **grantpt** subroutine changes the mode and the ownership of the slave pseudo-terminal associated with the master pseudo-terminal device defined by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. The user ID of the slave pseudo-terminal is set to the real UID of the calling process. The group ID of the slave pseudo-terminal is set to an unspecified group ID. The permission mode of the slave pseudo-terminal is set to readable and writeable by the owner, and writeable by the group.

Parameters

FileDescriptor Specifies the file descriptor of the master pseudo-terminal device.

Return Value

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **grantpt** function may fail if:

- EBADF** The *fildevs* argument is not a valid open file descriptor.
- EINVAL** The *fildevs* argument is not associated with a master pseudo-terminal device.
- EACCES** The corresponding slave pseudo-terminal device could not be accessed.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **unlockpt** subroutine.

The Input and Output Handling Programmer's Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

hsearch, hcreate, or hdestroy Subroutine

Purpose

Manages hash tables.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <search.h>
```

```
ENTRY *hsearch ( Item, Action)  
ENTRY Item;  
Action Action;
```

```
int hcreate ( NumberOfElements)  
size_t NumberOfElements;  
void hdestroy ( )
```

Description

Attention: Do not use the **hsearch**, **hcreate**, or **hdestroy** subroutine in a multithreaded environment.

The **hsearch** subroutine searches a hash table. It returns a pointer into a hash table that indicates the location of the given item. The **hsearch** subroutine uses open addressing with a multiplicative hash function.

The **hcreate** subroutine allocates sufficient space for the table. You must call the **hcreate** subroutine before calling the **hsearch** subroutine. The *NumberOfElements* parameter is an estimate of the maximum number of entries that the table will contain. This number may be adjusted upward by the algorithm in order to obtain certain mathematically favorable circumstances.

The **hdestroy** subroutine deletes the hash table. This action allows you to start a new hash table since only one table can be active at a time. After the call to the **hdestroy** subroutine, the data can no longer be considered accessible.

Parameters

<i>Item</i>	Identifies a structure of the type ENTRY as defined in the search.h file. It contains two pointers: Item.key Points to the comparison key. The key field is of the char type. Item.data Points to any other data associated with that key. The data field is of the void type. Pointers to data types other than the char type should be declared to pointer-to-character.
<i>Action</i>	Specifies the value of the <i>Action</i> enumeration parameter that indicates what is to be done with an entry if it cannot be found in the table. Values are: ENTER Enters the value of the <i>Item</i> parameter into the table at the appropriate point. If the table is full, the hsearch subroutine returns a null pointer. FIND Does not enter the value of the <i>Item</i> parameter into the table. If the value of the <i>Item</i> parameter cannot be found, the hsearch subroutine returns a null pointer. If the value of the <i>Item</i> parameter is found, the subroutine returns the address of the item in the hash table.
<i>NumberOfElements</i>	Provides an estimate of the maximum number of entries that the table contains. Under some circumstances, the hcreate subroutine may actually make the table larger than specified.

Return Values

The **hcreate** subroutine returns a value of 0 if it cannot allocate sufficient space for the table.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **bsearch** (“bsearch Subroutine” on page 79) subroutine, **lsearch** (“lsearch or lfind Subroutine” on page 514) subroutine, **malloc** (“malloc, free, realloc, calloc, mallopt, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine” on page 528) subroutine, **strcmp** subroutine, **tsearch** subroutine.

Searching and Sorting Example Program and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

hypot Subroutine

Purpose

Computes the Euclidean distance function and complex absolute value.

Libraries

IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)

System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double hypot ( x, y )  
double x, y;
```

Description

Computes the square root of $(x^2 + y^2)$ so that underflow does not occur and overflow occurs only if the final result warrants it.

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** library with the **-lm** flag. To compile the **hypot.c** file, for example:

```
cc hypot.c -lm
```

Parameters

- x** Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.
- y** Specifies some double-precision floating-point value.
- z** Specifies a structure that has two double elements ($z = xi + yj$).

Error Codes

When using the **libm.a (-lm)** library, if the correct value overflows, the **hypot** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value.

Note: (**hypot** (**INF**, *value*) and **hypot** (*value*, **INF**) are both equal to **+INF** for all values, even if *value* = NaN.

When using **libmsaa.a** (**-lmsaa**), if the correct value overflows, the **hypot** subroutine returns **HUGE_VAL** and sets the global variable **errno** to **ERANGE**.

These error-handling procedures may be changed with the **matherr** subroutine when using the **libmsaa.a** (**-lmsaa**) library.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **matherr** (“matherr Subroutine” on page 535) subroutine, **sqrt** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

iconv Subroutine

Purpose

Converts a string of characters in one character code set to another character code set.

Library

The **iconv** Library (**libiconv.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <iconv.h>
size_t iconv (CD, InBuf, InBytesLeft, OutBuf, OutBytesLeft)
iconv_t CD;
char **OutBuf, **InBuf;
size_t *OutBytesLeft, *InBytesLeft;
```

Description

The **iconv** subroutine converts the string specified by the *InBuf* parameter into a different code set and returns the results in the *OutBuf* parameter. The required conversion method is identified by the *CD* parameter, which must be valid conversion descriptor returned by a previous, successful call to the **iconv_open** subroutine.

On calling, the *InBytesLeft* parameter indicates the number of bytes in the *InBuf* buffer to be converted, and the *OutBytesLeft* parameter indicates the number of available bytes in the *OutBuf* buffer. These values are updated upon return so they indicate the new state of their associated buffers.

For state-dependent encodings, calling the **iconv** subroutine with the *InBuf* buffer set to null will reset the conversion descriptor in the *CD* parameter to its initial state. Subsequent calls with the *InBuf* buffer, specifying other than a null pointer, may cause the internal state of the subroutine to be altered a necessary.

Parameters

CD Specifies the conversion descriptor that points to the correct code set converter.

<i>InBuf</i>	Points to a buffer that contains the number of bytes in the <i>InBytesLeft</i> parameter to be converted.
<i>InBytesLeft</i>	Points to an integer that contains the number of bytes in the <i>InBuf</i> parameter.
<i>OutBuf</i>	Points to a buffer that contains the number of bytes in the <i>OutBytesLeft</i> parameter that has been converted.
<i>OutBytesLeft</i>	Points to an integer that contains the number of bytes in the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter.

Return Values

Upon successful conversion of all the characters in the *InBuf* buffer and after placing the converted characters in the *OutBuf* buffer, the **iconv** subroutine returns 0, updates the *InBytesLeft* and *OutBytesLeft* parameters, and increments the *InBuf* and *OutBuf* pointers. Otherwise, it updates the variables pointed to by the parameters to indicate the extent to the conversion, returns the number of bytes still left to be converted in the input buffer, and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **iconv** subroutine is unsuccessful, it updates the variables to reflect the extent of the conversion before it stopped and sets the **errno** global variable to one of the following values:

EILSEQ Indicates an unusable character. If an input character does not belong to the input code set, no conversion is attempted on the unusable on the character. In *InBytesLeft* parameters indicates the bytes left to be converted, including the first byte of the unusable character. *InBuf* parameter points to the first byte of the unusable character sequence.

The values of *OutBuf* and *OutBytesLeft* are updated according to the number of bytes that were previously converted.

E2BIG Indicates an output buffer overflow. If the *OutBuf* buffer is too small to contain all the converted characters, the character that causes the overflow is not converted. The *InBytesLeft* parameter indicates the bytes left to be converted (including the character that caused the overflow). The *InBuf* parameter points to the first byte of the characters left to convert.

EINVAL Indicates the input buffer was truncated. If the original value of *InBytesLeft* is exhausted in the middle of a character conversion or shift/lock block, the *InBytesLeft* parameter indicates the number of bytes undefined in the character being converted.

If an input character of shift sequence is truncated by the *InBuf* buffer, no conversion is attempted on the truncated data, and the *InBytesLeft* parameter indicates the bytes left to be converted. The *InBuf* parameter points to the first bytes if the truncated sequence. The *OutBuf* and *OutBytesLeft* values are updated according to the number of characters that were previously0 converted. Because some encoding may have ambiguous data, the **EINVAL** return value has a special meaning at the end of stream conversion. As such, if a user detects an EOF character on a stream that is being converted and the last return code from the **iconv** subroutine was **EINVAL**, the **iconv** subroutine should be called again, with the same *InBytesLeft* parameter and the same character string pointed to by the *InBuf* parameter as when the **EINVAL** return occurred. As a result, the converter will either convert the string as is or declare it an unusable sequence (**EILSEQ**).

Implementation Specifics

The **iconv** subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

*/usr/lib/nls/loc/iconv/** Contains code set converter methods.

Related Information

The **iconv** command, **genxlt** command.

The **iconv_close** (“iconv_close Subroutine”) subroutine, **iconv_open** (“iconv_open Subroutine” on page 399) subroutine.

iconv_close Subroutine

Purpose

Closes a specified code set converter.

Library

iconv Library (**libiconv.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <iconv.h>
```

```
int iconv_close ( CD)  
iconv_t CD;
```

Description

The **iconv_close** subroutine closes a specified code set converter and deallocates any resources used by the converter.

Parameters

CD Specifies the conversion descriptor to be closed.

Return Values

When successful, the **iconv_close** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The following error code is defined for the **iconv_close** subroutine:

EBADF The conversion descriptor is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This command is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **iconv** (“iconv Subroutine” on page 396) subroutine, **iconv_open** (“iconv_open Subroutine” on page 399) subroutine.

The **genxlt** command, **iconv** command.

Converters Overview for Programming and the National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

iconv_open Subroutine

Purpose

Opens a character code set converter.

Library

iconv Library (**libiconv.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <iconv.h>
```

```
iconv_t iconv_open ( ToCode, FromCode)  
const char *ToCode, *FromCode;
```

Description

The **iconv_open** subroutine initializes a code set converter. The code set converter is used by the **iconv** subroutine to convert characters from one code set to another. The **iconv_open** subroutine finds the converter that performs the character code set conversion specified by the *FromCode* and *ToCode* parameters, initializes that converter, and returns a conversion descriptor of type **iconv_t** to identify the code set converter.

The **iconv_open** subroutine first searches the **LOCPATH** environment variable for a converter, using the two user-provided code set names, based on the file name convention that follows:

```
FromCode: "IBM-850"  
ToCode: "ISO8859-1"  
conversion file: "IBM-850_ISO8859-1"
```

The conversion file name is formed by concatenating the *ToCode* code set name onto the *FromCode* code set name, with an _ (underscore) between them.

The **LOCPATH** environment variable contains a list of colon-separated directory names. The system default for the **LOCPATH** environment variable is:

```
LOCPATH=/usr/lib/nls/loc
```

See the "Locale Overview for System Management" in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices* for more information on the **LOCPATH** environment variable.

The **iconv_open** subroutine first attempts to find the specified converter in an **iconv** subdirectory under any of the directories specified by the **LOCPATH** environmental variable, for example, **/usr/lib/nls/loc/iconv**. If the **iconv_open** subroutine cannot find a converter in any of these directories, it looks for a conversion table in an **iconvTable** subdirectory under any of the directories specified by the **LOCPATH** environment variable, for example, **/usr/lib/nls/loc/iconvTable**.

If the **iconv_open** subroutine cannot find the specified converter in either of these locations, it returns (**iconv_t**) -1 to the calling process and sets the **errno** global variable.

The **iconvTable** directories are expected to contain conversion tables that are the output of the **genxlt** command. The conversion tables are limited to single-byte stateless code sets. See the "List of PC, ISO, and EBCDIC Code Set Converters" in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for more information.

If the named converter is found, the **iconv_open** subroutine will perform the **load** subroutine operation and initialize the converter. A converter descriptor (**iconv_t**) is returned.

Note: When a process calls the **exec** subroutine or a **fork** subroutine, all of the opened converters are discarded.

The **iconv_open** subroutine links the converter function using the **load** subroutine, which is similar to the **exec** subroutine and effectively performs a run-time linking of the converter program. Since the **iconv_open** subroutine is called as a library function, it must ensure that security is preserved for certain programs. Thus, when the **iconv_open** subroutine is called from a set root ID program (a program with permission **—s—s—x**), it will ignore the **LOCPATH** environment variable and search for converters only in the **/usr/lib/nls/loc/iconv** directory.

Parameters

ToCode Specifies the destination code set.
FromCode Specifies the originating code set.

Return Values

A conversion descriptor (**iconv_t**) is returned if successful. Otherwise, the subroutine returns -1, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL The conversion specified by the *FromCode* and *ToCode* parameters is not supported by the implementation.
EMFILE The number of file descriptors specified by the **OPEN_MAX** configuration variable is currently open in the calling process.
ENFILE Too many files are currently open in the system.
ENOMEM Insufficient storage space is available.

Implementation Specifics

This command is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/usr/lib/nls/loc/iconv Contains loadable method converters.
/usr/lib/nls/loc/iconvTable Contains conversion tables for single-byte stateless code sets.

Related Information

The **iconv** (“iconv Subroutine” on page 396) subroutine, **iconv_close** (“iconv_close Subroutine” on page 398) subroutine.

The **genxlt** command, **iconv** command.

Code Set Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Kernel Extensions and Device Support Programming Concepts*.

The List of PC, ISO, and EBCDIC Code Set Converters, the National Language Support Overview for Programming, Converters Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

if_freenameindex Subroutine

Purpose

Frees memory allocated by **if_nameindex**

Library

Library (**libinet.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <net/if.h>
```

```
void if_freenameindex (struct if_nameindex *ptr);
```

Description

The argument to this function must be a pointer that was returned by **if_nameindex**.

Related Information

The **if_nametoindex** (“if_nametoindex Subroutine” on page 403) subroutine, **if_indextoname** (“if_indextoname Subroutine”) subroutine, and **if_nameindex** (“getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine” on page 302) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

if_indextoname Subroutine

Purpose

Determines the interface name associated with a particular index. The second of four functions, **if_indextoname** maps an interface index into its corresponding name.

Library

Library (**libinet.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <net/if.h>
char *
if_indextoname (index, ifname)
unsigned int index;
char *ifname;
```

Description

The second of four functions for Interface Identification. The first argument is the interface index whose name is to be retrieved. The second argument is a buffer of at least **IFNAMSIZ** bytes, into which the name is to be copied.

Note: The **if_indextoname** argument must point to a buffer of at least **IFNAMESIZ** bytes into which the interface name corresponding to the specified index is returned. **IFNAMESIZ** is also defined in **<net/if.h>** and its value includes a terminating null byte at the end of the interface name.

Return Values

If successful, **if_indexbyname** returns a pointer to a valid name corresponding to the specified index. A null pointer is returned if no interface name corresponds to the specified index.

Related Information

The **if_nametoindex** subroutine, **if_nameindex** subroutine, and **if_freenameindex** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

if_nameindex Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves index and name information for *all* interfaces.

Library

Library (**libinet.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <net/if.h>
```

```
struct if_nameindex {
    unsigned int if_index; /* 1, 2, ... */
    char * if_name; /* null terminated name: "le0", ... */
};
struct if_nameindex *if_nameindex (void);
```

Description

The final function of four for interface identification. The **if_nameindex** subroutine returns an array of **if_nameindex** structures, one structure per interface.

Note: The memory used for this array of structures along with the interface names pointed to by the **if_name** members is obtained dynamically. Use **if_freenameindex** (“if_freenameindex Subroutine” on page 401) to free memory allocated by **if_nameindex**.

Return Values

If successful, the end of the array of structures is indicated by a structure with an **if_index** of 0 and an **if_name** of NULL. The function returns a NULL pointer upon an error.

Related Information

The **if_nametoindex** (“if_nametoindex Subroutine” on page 403) subroutine, **if_indexbyname** (“if_indexbyname Subroutine” on page 401) subroutine, and **if_freenameindex** (“if_freenameindex Subroutine” on page 401) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

if_nametoindex Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the interface index associated with a particular interface name. The first of four functions, **if_nametoindex** maps an interface name into its corresponding index.

Library

Library (**libinet.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <net/if.h>
unsigned int
if_nametoindex (ifname)
const char *ifname
```

Description

The first of four functions for Interface Identification. The argument is a null-terminated interface name (for example, en0, tr1, ...).

Return Values

If successful, **if_nametoindex** returns the interface index associated with the name. If unsuccessful, 0 (zero) is returned.

Related Information

The **if_indextoname** (“if_indextoname Subroutine” on page 401) subroutine, **if_nameindex** subroutine, and **if_freenameindex** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMAIXMapping Subroutine

Purpose

Translates a pair of *Key* and *State* parameters to a string and returns a pointer to this string.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
caddr_t IMAIXMapping(IMMap, Key, State, NBytes)
IMMap IMMap;
KeySym Key;
uint State;
int * NBytes;
```

Description

The **IMAIXMapping** subroutine translates a pair of *Key* and *State* parameters to a string and returns a pointer to this string.

This function handles the diacritic character sequence and Alt-NumPad key sequence.

Parameters

<i>IMMap</i>	Identifies the keymap.
<i>Key</i>	Specifies the key symbol to which the string is mapped.
<i>State</i>	Specifies the state to which the string is mapped.
<i>NBytes</i>	Returns the length of the returning string.

Return Values

If the length set by the *NBytes* parameter has a positive value, the **IMAIXMapping** subroutine returns a pointer to the returning string.

Note: The returning string is not null-terminated.

IMAuxCreate Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to create an auxiliary area.

Syntax

```
int IMAuxCreate( IM, AuxiliaryID, UData)
IMObject IM;
caddr_t *AuxiliaryID;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMAuxCreate** subroutine is invoked by the input method of the operating system to create an auxiliary area. The auxiliary area can contain several different forms of data and is not restricted by the interface.

Most input methods display one auxiliary area at a time, but callbacks must be capable of handling multiple auxiliary areas.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>AuxiliaryID</i>	Identifies the newly created auxiliary area.
<i>UData</i>	Identifies an argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

On successful return of the **IMAuxCreate** subroutine, a newly created auxiliary area is set to the *AuxiliaryID* value and the **IMError** global variable is returned. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMAuxDestroy Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application to destroy the auxiliary area.

Syntax

```
int IMAuxDestroy( IM, AuxiliaryID, UData)
IMObject IM;
caddr_t AuxiliaryID;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMAuxDestroy** subroutine is called by the input method of the operating system to tell the application to destroy an auxiliary area.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>AuxiliaryID</i>	Identifies the auxiliary area to be destroyed.
<i>UData</i>	An argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMAuxDestroy** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMAuxDraw Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to draw the auxiliary area.

Syntax

```
int IMAuxDraw(IM, AuxiliaryID, AuxiliaryInformation, UData)
IMObject IM;
```

```
caddr_t AuxiliaryID;
IMAuxInfo * AuxiliaryInformation;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMAuxDraw** subroutine is invoked by the input method to draw an auxiliary area. The auxiliary area should have been previously created.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>AuxiliaryID</i>	Identifies the auxiliary area.
<i>AuxiliaryInformation</i>	Points to the IMAuxInfo structure.
<i>UData</i>	An argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMAuxDraw** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMAuxCreate** (“IMAuxCreate Callback Subroutine” on page 404) subroutine, **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMAuxHide Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to hide an auxiliary area.

Syntax

```
int IMAuxHide( IM, AuxiliaryID, UData)
IMObject IM;
caddr_t AuxiliaryID;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMAuxHide** subroutine is called by the input method to hide an auxiliary area.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>AuxiliaryID</i>	Identifies the auxiliary area to be hidden.
<i>UData</i>	An argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMAuxHide** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMAuxCreate** (“IMAuxCreate Callback Subroutine” on page 404) subroutine, **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMBeep Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to emit a beep sound.

Syntax

```
int IMBeep( IM, Percent, UData)
IMObject IM;
int Percent;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMBeep** subroutine tells the application program to emit a beep sound.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>Percent</i>	Specifies the beep level. The value range is from -100 to 100, inclusively. A -100 value means no beep.
<i>UData</i>	An argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMBeep** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMClose Subroutine

Purpose

Closes the input method.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
void IMClose( IMfep)
IMFep IMfep;
```

Description

The **IMClose** subroutine closes the input method. Before the **IMClose** subroutine is called, all previously created input method instances must be destroyed with the **IMDestroy** subroutine, or memory will not be cleared.

Parameters

IMfep Specifies the input method.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMDestroy** (“IMDestroy Subroutine” on page 409) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMCreate Subroutine

Purpose

Creates one instance of an **IMObject** object for a particular input method.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
IMObject IMCreate( IMfep, IMCallback, UData)
IMFep IMfep;
IMCallback *IMCallback;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMCreate** subroutine creates one instance of a particular input method. Several input method instances can be created under one input method.

Parameters

<i>IMfep</i>	Specifies the input method.
<i>IMCallback</i>	Specifies a pointer to the caller-supplied IMCallback structure.
<i>UData</i>	Optionally specifies an application's own information to the callback functions. With this information, the application can avoid external references from the callback functions. The input method does not change this parameter, but merely passes it to the callback functions. The <i>UData</i> parameter is usually a pointer to the application data structure, which contains the information about location, font ID, and so forth.

Return Values

The **IMCreate** subroutine returns a pointer to the created input method instance of type **IMObject**. If the subroutine is unsuccessful, a null value is returned and the **imerrno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMDestroy** (“IMDestroy Subroutine”) subroutine, **IMFilter** (“IMFilter Subroutine” on page 410) subroutine, **IMLookupString** (“IMLookupString Subroutine” on page 417) subroutine, **IMProcess** (“IMProcess Subroutine” on page 418) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMDestroy Subroutine

Purpose

Destroys an input method instance.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
void IMDestroy( IM)
IMObject IM;
```

Description

The **IMDestroy** subroutine destroys an input method instance.

Parameters

IM Specifies the input method instance to be destroyed.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMClose** (“IMClose Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine, **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMFilter Subroutine

Purpose

Determines if a keyboard event is used by the input method for internal processing.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
int IMFilter(Im, Key, State, String, Length)
IMObect Im;
Keysym Key;
uint State, * Length;
caddr_t * String;
```

Description

The **IMFilter** subroutine is used to process a keyboard event and determine if the input method for this operating system uses this event. The return value indicates:

- The event is filtered (used by the input method) if the return value is **IMInputUsed**. Otherwise, the input method did not accept the event.
- Independent of the return value, a string may be generated by the keyboard event if pre-editing is complete.

Note: The buffer returned from the **IMFilter** subroutine is owned by the input method editor and can not continue between calls.

Parameters

<i>Im</i>	Specifies the input method instance.
<i>Key</i>	Specifies the keysym for the event.
<i>State</i>	Defines the state of the keysym. A value of 0 means that the keysym is not redefined.
<i>String</i>	Holds the returned string if one exists. A null value means that no composed string is ready.
<i>Length</i>	Defines the length of the input string. If the string is not null, returns the length.

Return Values

IMInputUsed	The input method for this operating system filtered the event.
IMInputNotUsed	The input method for this operating system did not use the event.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Input Method Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMFreeKeymap Subroutine

Purpose

Frees resources allocated by the **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
void IMFreeKeymap( IMap)
IMMap IMap;
```

Description

The **IMFreeKeymap** subroutine frees resources allocated by the **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine.

Parameters

IMMap Identifies the keymap.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMInitializeKeymap** (“IMInitializeKeymap Subroutine” on page 414) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMIndicatorDraw Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to draw the indicator.

Syntax

```
int IMIndicatorDraw( IM, IndicatorInformation, UData)
IMObject IM;
IMIndicatorInfo *IndicatorInformation;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMIndicatorDraw** callback subroutine is called by the input method when the value of the indicator is changed. The application program then draws the indicator.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>IndicatorInformation</i>	Points to the IMIndicatorInfo structure that holds the current value of the indicator. The interpretation of this value varies among phonic languages. However, the input method provides a function to interpret this value.
<i>UData</i>	An argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error happens, the **IMIndicatorDraw** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine, **IMIndicatorHide** (“IMIndicatorHide Callback Subroutine”) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMIndicatorHide Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to hide the indicator.

Syntax

```
int IMIndicatorHide( IM, UData)
IMObject IM;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMIndicatorHide** subroutine is called by the input method to tell the application program to hide the indicator.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>UData</i>	Specifies an argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMIndicatorHide** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine, **IMIndicatorDraw** (“IMIndicatorDraw Callback Subroutine” on page 411) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMInitialize Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes the input method for a particular language.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
IMFep IMInitialize( Name)  
char *Name;
```

Description

The **IMInitialize** subroutine initializes an input method. The **IMCreate**, **IMFilter**, and **IMLookupString** subroutines use the input method to perform input processing of keyboard events in the form of keysym state modifiers. The **IMInitialize** subroutine finds the input method that performs the input processing specified by the *Name* parameter and returns an Input Method Front End Processor (**IMFep**) descriptor.

Before calling any of the key event-handling functions, the application must create an instance of an *IMObject* object using the **IMFep** descriptor. Each input method can produce one or more instances of *IMObject* object with the **IMCreate** subroutine.

When the **IMInitialize** subroutine is called, strings returned from the input method are encoded in the code set of the locale. Each **IMFep** description inherits the code set of the locale when the input method is initialized. The locale setting does not change the code set of the **IMFep** description after it is created.

The **IMInitialize** subroutine calls the **load** subroutine to load a file whose name is in the form *Name.im*. The *Name* parameter is passed to the **IMInitialize** subroutine. The loadable input method file is accessed in the directories specified by the **LOCPATH** environment variable. The default location for loadable input-method files is the **/usr/lib/nls/loc** directory. If none of the **LOCPATH** directories contain the input method specified by the *Name* parameter, the default location is searched.

Note: All **setuid** and **setgid** programs will ignore the **LOCPATH** environment variable.

The name of the input method file usually corresponds to the locale name, which is in the form **Language_territory.codesest@modifier**. In the environment, the modifier is in the form **@im=modifier**. The **IMInitialize** subroutine converts the **@im=** substring to **@** when searching for loadable input-method files.

Parameters

Name Specifies the language to be used. Each input method is dynamically linked to the application program.

Return Values

If **IMInitialize** succeeds, it returns an **IMFep** handle. Otherwise, null is returned and the **imerrno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/usr/lib/nls/loc Contains loadable input-method files.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMInitializeKeymap Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes the keymap associated with a specified language.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
IMMap IMInitializeKeymap( Name)  
char *Name;
```

Description

The **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine initializes an input method keymap (imkeymap). The **IMAIXMapping** and **IMSimpleMapping** subroutines use the imkeymap to perform mapping of keysym state modifiers to strings. The **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine finds the imkeymap that performs the keysym mapping and returns an imkeymap descriptor, **IMMap**. The strings returned by the imkeymap mapping functions are treated as unsigned bytes.

The applications that use input methods usually do not need to manage imkeymaps separately. The imkeymaps are managed internally by input methods.

The **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine searches for an imkeymap file whose name is in the form *Name.im*. The *Name* parameter is passed to the **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine. The imkeymap file is accessed in

the directories specified by the **LOCPATH** environment variable. The default location for input method files is the **/usr/lib/nls/loc** directory. If none of the **LOCPATH** directories contain the keymap method specified by the *Name* parameter, the default location is searched.

Note: All **setuid** and **setgid** programs will ignore the **LOCPATH** environment variable.

The name of the imkeymap file usually corresponds to the locale name, which is in the form **Language_territory.codesest@modifier**. In the AIXwindows environment, the modifier is in the form **@im=modifier**. The **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine converts the **@im= substring** to **@** (at sign) when searching for loadable input method files.

Parameters

Name Specifies the name of the imkeymap.

Return Values

The **IMInitializeKeymap** subroutine returns a descriptor of type **IMMap**. Returning a null value indicates the occurrence of an error. The **IMMap** descriptor is defined in the **im.h** file as the **caddr_t** structure. This descriptor is used for keymap manipulation functions.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

/usr/lib/nls/loc Contains loadable input-method files.

Related Information

The **IMFreeKeymap** (“IMFreeKeymap Subroutine” on page 411), **IMQueryLanguage** (“IMQueryLanguage Subroutine” on page 421) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMIoctl Subroutine

Purpose

Performs a variety of control or query operations on the input method.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
int IMIoctl( IM, Operation, Argument)
IMObject IM;
int Operation;
char *Argument;
```

Description

The **IMIoctl** subroutine performs a variety of control or query operations on the input method specified by the *IM* parameter. In addition, this subroutine can be used to control the unique function of each language input method because it provides input method-specific extensions. Each input method defines its own function.

Parameters

IM Specifies the input method instance.

Operation

Specifies the operation.

Argument

The use of this parameter depends on which of the following operations is performed.

IM_Refresh

Refreshes the text area, auxiliary areas, and indicator by calling the needed callback functions if these areas are not empty. The *Argument* parameter is not used.

IM_GetString

Gets the current pre-editing string. The *Argument* parameter specifies the address of the **IMSTR** structure supplied by the caller. The callback function is invoked to clear the pre-editing if it exists.

IM_Clear

Clears the text and auxiliary areas if they exist. If the *Argument* parameter is not a null value, this operation invokes the callback functions to clear the screen. The keyboard state remains the same.

IM_Reset

Clears the auxiliary area if it currently exists. If the *Argument* parameter is a null value, this operation clears only the internal buffer of the input method. Otherwise, the **IMAuxHide** subroutine is called, and the input method returns to its initial state.

IM_ChangeLength

Changes the maximum length of the pre-editing string.

IM_ChangeMode

Sets the Processing Mode of the input method to the mode specified by the *Argument* parameter. The valid value for *Argument* is:

IMNormalMode

Specifies the normal mode of pre-editing.

IMSuppressedMode

Suppresses pre-editing.

IM_QueryState

Returns the status of the text area, the auxiliary area, and the indicator. It also returns the beep status and the processing mode. The results are stored into the caller-supplied **IMQueryState** structure pointed to by the *Argument* parameter.

IM_QueryText

Returns detailed information about the text area. The results are stored in the caller-supplied **IMQueryText** structure pointed to by the *Argument* parameter.

IM_QueryAuxiliary

Returns detailed information about the auxiliary area. The results are stored in the caller-supplied **IMQueryAuxiliary** structure pointed to by the *Argument* parameter.

IM_QueryIndicator

Returns detailed information about the indicator. The results are stored in the caller-supplied **IMQueryIndicator** structure pointed to by the *Argument* parameter.

IM_QueryIndicatorString

Returns an indicator string corresponding to the current indicator. Results are stored in the caller-supplied **IMQueryIndicatorString** structure pointed to by the *Argument* parameter. The caller can request either a short or long form with the format member of the **IMQueryIndicatorString** structure.

IM_SupportSelection

Informs the input method whether or not an application supports an auxiliary area selection list. The application must support selections inside the auxiliary area and determine how selections are displayed. If this operation is not performed, the input method assumes the application does not support an auxiliary area selection list.

Return Values

The **IMIoctl** subroutine returns a value to the **IMError** global variable that indicates the type of error encountered. Some error types are provided in the `/usr/include/imerrno.h` file.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMFilter** (“IMFilter Subroutine” on page 410) subroutine, **IMLookupString** (“IMLookupString Subroutine”) subroutine, **IMProcess** (“IMProcess Subroutine” on page 418) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMLookupString Subroutine

Purpose

Maps a *Key/State* (key symbol/state) pair to a string.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
int IMLookupString(Im, Key, State, String, Length)
IMObject Im;
KeySym Key;
uint State, * Length;
caddr_t * String;
```

Description

The **IMLookupString** subroutine is used to map a *Key/State* pair to a localized string. It uses an internal input method keymap (**imkeymap**) file to map a keysym/modifier to a string. The string returned is encoded in the same code set as the locale of **IMObject** and IM Front End Processor.

Note: The buffer returned from the **IMLookupString** subroutine is owned by the input method editor and can not continue between calls.

Parameters

<i>Im</i>	Specifies the input method instance.
<i>Key</i>	Specifies the key symbol for the event.
<i>State</i>	Defines the state for the event. A value of 0 means that the key is not redefined.
<i>String</i>	Holds the returned string, if one exists. A null value means that no composed string is ready.
<i>Length</i>	Defines the length string on input. If the string is not null, identifies the length returned.

Return Values

IMError	Error encountered.
IMReturnNothing	No string or keysym was returned.
IMReturnString	String returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Input Method Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMProcess Subroutine

Purpose

Processes keyboard events and language-specific input.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Note: This subroutine will be removed in future releases. Use the **IMFilter** (“IMFilter Subroutine” on page 410) and **IMLookupString** (“IMLookupString Subroutine” on page 417) subroutines to process keyboard events.

Syntax

```
int IMProcess (IM, KeySymbol, State, String, Length)
IMObject IM;
KeySym KeySymbol;
uint State;
caddr_t * String;
uint * Length;
```

Description

This subroutine is a main entry point to the input method of the operating system. The **IMProcess** subroutine processes one keyboard event at a time. Processing proceeds as follows:

- Validates the *IM* parameter.
- Performs keyboard translation for all supported modifier states.
- Invokes internal function to do language-dependent processing.
- Performs any necessary callback functions depending on the internal state.
- Returns to application, setting the *String* and *Length* parameters appropriately.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Specifies the input method instance.
<i>KeySymbol</i>	Defines the set of keyboard symbols that will be handled.
<i>State</i>	Specifies the state of the keyboard.
<i>String</i>	Holds the returned string. Returning a null value means that the input is used or discarded by the input method.

Note: The *String* parameter is not a null-terminated string.

<i>Length</i>	Stores the length, in bytes, of the <i>String</i> parameter.
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Return Values

This subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable if an error occurs. The **IMerrno** global variable is set to indicate the error. Some of the variable values include:

IMError	Error occurred during this subroutine.
IMTextAndAuxiliaryOff	No text string in the Text area, and the Auxiliary area is not shown.
IMTextOn	Text string in the Text area, but no Auxiliary area.
IMAuxiliaryOn	No text string in the Text area, and the Auxiliary area is shown.
IMTextAndAuxiliaryOn	Text string in the Text area, and the Auxiliary is shown.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMClose** (“IMClose Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine, **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine **IMFilter** (“IMFilter Subroutine” on page 410) subroutine, **IMLookupString** (“IMLookupString Subroutine” on page 417) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMProcessAuxiliary Subroutine

Purpose

Notifies the input method of input for an auxiliary area.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
int IMProcessAuxiliary(IM, AuxiliaryID, Button, PanelRow
    PanelColumn, ItemRow, ItemColumn, String, Length)
```

```

IMObject IM;
caddr_t AuxiliaryID;
uint Button;
uint PanelRow;
uint PanelColumn;
uint ItemRow;
uint ItemColumn;
caddr_t *String;
uint *Length;

```

Description

The **IMProcessAuxiliary** subroutine notifies the input method instance of input for an auxiliary area.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Specifies the input method instance.
<i>AuxiliaryID</i>	Identifies the auxiliary area.
<i>Button</i>	Specifies one of the following types of input:
IM_ABORT	Abort button is pushed.
IM_CANCEL	Cancel button is pushed.
IM_ENTER	Enter button is pushed.
IM_HELP	Help button is pushed.
IM_IGNORE	Ignore button is pushed.
IM_NO	No button is pushed.
IM_OK	OK button is pushed.
IM_RETRY	Retry button is pushed.
IM_SELECTED	Selection has been made. Only in this case do the <i>PanelRow</i> , <i>PanelColumn</i> , <i>ItemRow</i> , and <i>ItemColumn</i> parameters have meaningful values.
IM_YES	Yes button is pushed.
<i>PanelRow</i>	Indicates the panel on which the selection event occurred.
<i>PanelColumn</i>	Indicates the panel on which the selection event occurred.
<i>ItemRow</i>	Indicates the selected item.
<i>ItemColumn</i>	Indicates the selected item.
<i>String</i>	Holds the returned string. If a null value is returned, the input is used or discarded by the input method. Note that the <i>String</i> parameter is not a null-terminated string.
<i>Length</i>	Stores the length, in bytes, of the <i>String</i> parameter.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMAuxCreate** (“IMAuxCreate Callback Subroutine” on page 404) subroutine.

IMQueryLanguage Subroutine

Purpose

Checks to see if the specified input method is supported.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
uint IMQueryLanguage( Name)
IMLanguage Name;
```

Description

The **IMQueryLanguage** subroutine checks to see if the input method specified by the *Name* parameter is supported.

Parameters

Name Specifies the input method.

Return Values

The **IMQueryLanguage** subroutine returns a true value if the specified input method is supported, a false value if not.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMClose** (“IMClose Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine, **IMInitialize** (“IMInitialize Subroutine” on page 413) subroutine.

Input Method Overview, National Language Support Overview for Programming, Understanding Keyboard Mapping contains a list of supported languages in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMSimpleMapping Subroutine

Purpose

Translates a pair of *KeySymbol* and *State* parameters to a string and returns a pointer to this string.

Library

Input Method Library (**libIM.a**)

Syntax

```
caddr_t IMSimpleMapping (IMMap, KeySymbol, State, NBytes)
IMMap IMMap;
```

```
KeySym KeySymbol;  
uint State;  
int * NBytes;
```

Description

Like the **IMAIXMapping** subroutine, the **IMSimpleMapping** subroutine translates a pair of *KeySymbol* and *State* parameters to a string and returns a pointer to this string. The parameters have the same meaning as those in the **IMAIXMapping** subroutine.

The **IMSimpleMapping** subroutine differs from the **IMAIXMapping** subroutine in that it does not support the diacritic character sequence or the Alt-NumPad key sequence.

Parameters

<i>IMMap</i>	Identifies the keymap.
<i>KeySymbol</i>	Key symbol to which the string is mapped.
<i>State</i>	Specifies the state to which the string is mapped.
<i>NBytes</i>	Returns the length of the returning string.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **IMAIXMapping** (“IMAIXMapping Subroutine” on page 403) subroutine, **IMFreeKeymap** (“IMFreeKeymap Subroutine” on page 411) subroutine, **IMInitializeKeymap** (“IMInitializeKeymap Subroutine” on page 414) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMTextCursor Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Asks the application to move the text cursor.

Syntax

```
int IMTextCursor(IM, Direction, Cursor, UData)  
IMObject IM;  
uint Direction;  
int * Cursor;  
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMTextCursor** subroutine is called by the Input Method when the Cursor Up or Cursor Down key is input to the **IMFilter** and **IMLookupString** subroutines.

This subroutine sets the new display cursor position in the text area to the integer pointed to by the *Cursor* parameter. The cursor position is relative to the top of the text area. A value of -1 indicates the cursor should not be moved.

Because the input method does not know the actual length of the screen it always treats a text string as one-dimensional (a single line). However, in the terminal emulator, the text string sometimes wraps to the next line. The **IMTextCursor** subroutine performs this conversion from single-line to multiline text strings. When you move the cursor up or down, the subroutine interprets the cursor position on the text string relative to the input method.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the Input Method instance.
<i>Direction</i>	Specifies up or down.
<i>Cursor</i>	Specifies the new cursor position or -1.
<i>UData</i>	Specifies an argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMTextCursor** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine, **IMFilter** (“IMFilter Subroutine” on page 410) subroutine, **IMLookupString** (“IMLookupString Subroutine” on page 417) subroutine, **IMTextDraw** (“IMTextDraw Callback Subroutine”) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMTextDraw Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to draw the text string.

Syntax

```
int IMTextDraw( IM, TextInfo, UData)
IMObject IM;
IMTextInfo *TextInfo;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMTextDraw** subroutine is invoked by the Input Method whenever it needs to update the screen with its internal string. This subroutine tells the application program to draw the text string.

Parameters

<i>IM</i>	Indicates the input method instance.
<i>TextInfo</i>	Points to the IMTextInfo structure.
<i>UData</i>	An argument passed by the IMCreate subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMTextDraw** subroutine returns the **IMError** global variable. Otherwise, the **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMTextHide Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Tells the application program to hide the text area.

Syntax

```
int IMTextHide( IM, UData)
IMObject IM;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMTextHide** subroutine is called by the input method when the text area should be cleared. This subroutine tells the application program to hide the text area.

Parameters

IM Indicates the input method instance.
UData Specifies an argument passed by the **IMCreate** subroutine.

Return Values

If an error occurs, the **IMTextHide** subroutine returns an **IMError** value. Otherwise, an **IMNoError** value is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMTextDraw** (“IMTextDraw Callback Subroutine” on page 423) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

IMTextStart Callback Subroutine

Purpose

Notifies the application program of the length of the pre-editing space.

Syntax

```
int IMTextStart( IM, Space, UData)
IMObject IM;
int *Space;
caddr_t UData;
```

Description

The **IMTextStart** subroutine is called by the input method when the pre-editing is started, but prior to calling the **IMTextDraw** callback subroutine. This subroutine notifies the input method of the length, in terms of bytes, of pre-editing space. It sets the length of the available space (≥ 0) on the display to the integer pointed to by the *Space* parameter. A value of -1 indicates that the pre-editing space is dynamic and has no limit.

Parameters

IM Indicates the input method instance.
Space Maximum length of pre-editing string.
UData An argument passed by the **IMCreate** subroutine.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is provided by applications that use input methods.

Related Information

The **IMCreate** (“IMCreate Subroutine” on page 408) subroutine, **IMTextDraw** (“IMTextDraw Callback Subroutine” on page 423) subroutine.

Input Method Overview and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Understanding Callbacks in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

inet_aton Subroutine

Purpose

Converts an ASCII string into an Internet address.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int inet_aton ( CharString, InternetAddr)
char * CharString;
struct in_addr * InternetAddr;
```

Description

The **inet_aton** subroutine takes an ASCII string representing the Internet address in dot notation and converts it into an Internet address.

All applications containing the **inet_aton** subroutine must be compiled with **_BSD** set to a specific value. Acceptable values are 43 and 44. In addition, all socket applications must include the BSD **libbsd.a** library.

Parameters

CharString Contains the ASCII string to be converted to an Internet address.
InternetAddr Contains the Internet address that was converted from the ASCII string.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **inet_aton** subroutine returns 1 if *CharString* is a valid ASCII representation of an Internet address.

The **inet_aton** subroutine returns 0 if *CharString* is not a valid ASCII representation of an Internet address.

Files

/etc/hosts Contains host names.
/etc/networks Contains network names.

Related Information

The **endhostent** subroutine, **endnetent** subroutine, **gethostbyaddr** subroutine, **gethostbyname** subroutine, **getnetbyaddr** subroutine, **getnetbyname** subroutine, **getnetent** subroutine, **inet_addr** subroutine, **inet_lnaof** subroutine, **inet_makeaddr** subroutine, **inet_network** subroutine, **inet_ntoa** subroutine, **sethostent** subroutine, **setnetent** subroutine.

Sockets Overview and Network Address Translation in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Communications Programming Concepts*.

inet_net_ntop Subroutine

Purpose

Converts between binary and text address formats.

Library

Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
char *inet_net_ntop
int af;
const void *src;
int bits;
char *dst;
size_t size;
```

Description

This function converts a network address and the number of bits in the network part of the address into the CIDR format ascii text (for example, 9.3.149.0/24). The argument, *af*, specifies the family of the address. The argument, *src*, points to a buffer holding an IPv4 address if the *af* argument is AF_INET. The argument, *dst*, points to a buffer where the function stores the resulting text string.

Return Values

If successful, a pointer to a buffer containing the text string is returned. If unsuccessful, NULL is returned. Upon failure, **errno** is set to EAFNOSUPPORT if the *af* argument is invalid or ENOSPC if the size of the result buffer is inadequate.

Related Information

The **inet_net_pton** (“inet_net_pton Subroutine”) subroutine, **inet_ntop** (“inet_ntop Subroutine” on page 428) subroutine, **inet_pton** (“inet_pton Subroutine” on page 429) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

inet_net_pton Subroutine

Purpose

Converts between text and binary address formats.

Library

Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
char *inet_net_pton
int af;
const char *src;
void *dst;
size_t size;
```

Description

This function converts a network address in ascii into the binary network address. The ascii representation can be CIDR-based (for example, 9.3.149.0/24) or class-based (for example, 9.3.149.0). The argument, *af*, specifies the family of the address. The argument, *src*, points the string being passed in. The argument, *dst*, points to a buffer where the function will store the resulting numeric address.

Return Values

If successful, 1 (one) is returned. If unsuccessful, 0 (zero) is returned if the input is not a valid IPv4 string; or a -1 (negative one) with **errno** set to EAFNOSUPPORT if the *af* argument is unknown.

Related Information

The **inet_net_ntop** (“inet_net_ntop Subroutine” on page 426) subroutine, **inet_ntop** (“inet_ntop Subroutine”) subroutine, **inet_pton** (“inet_pton Subroutine” on page 429) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

inet_ntop Subroutine

Purpose

Converts between binary and text address formats.

Library

Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
char *inet_ntop
int af;
const void *src;
char *dst;
size_t size;
```

Description

This function converts from an address in binary format (as specified by *src*) to standard text format, and places the result in *dst* (if *size*, which specifies the space available in *dst*, is sufficient). The argument *af* specifies the family of the address. This can be AF_INET or AF_INET6.

The argument, *src*, points to a buffer holding an IPv4 address if the *af* argument is AF_INET, or an IPv6 address if the *af* argument is AF_INET6. The argument *dst* points to a buffer where the function will store the resulting text string. The *size* argument specifies the size of this buffer. The application must specify a non-NULL *dst* argument. For IPv6 addresses, the buffer must be at least 46-octets. For IPv4 addresses, the buffer must be at least 16-octets.

In order to allow applications to easily declare buffers of the proper size to store IPv4 and IPv6 addresses in string form, the following two constants are defined in <netinet/in.h>:

```
#define INET_ADDRSTRLEN 16
#define INET6_ADDRSTRLEN 46
```

Return Values

If successful, a pointer to the buffer containing the converted address is returned. If unsuccessful, NULL is returned. Upon failure, *errno* is set to EAFNOSUPPORT if the specified address family (*af*) is unsupported, or to ENOSPC if the *size* indicates the destination buffer is too small.

Related Information

The **inet_net_ntop** (“inet_net_ntop Subroutine” on page 426) subroutine, **inet_net_pton** (“inet_net_pton Subroutine” on page 427) subroutine, and **inet_pton** (“inet_pton Subroutine” on page 429) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

inet_pton Subroutine

Purpose

Converts between text and binary address formats.

Library

Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
char *inet_pton
int af;
const char *src;
void *dst;
```

Description

This function converts an address in its standard text format into its numeric binary form. The argument *af* specifies the family of the address. Note, AF_INET and AF_INET6 address families are currently supported.

The argument *src* points to the string being passed in. The argument *dst* points to a buffer into which the function stores the numeric address. The address is returned in network byte order.

Return Values

If successful, 1 (one) is returned. If unsuccessful, 0 (zero) is returned if the input is not a valid IPv4 dotted-decimal string or a valid IPv6 address string; or a -1 (negative one) with *errno* set to EAFNOSUPPORT if the *af* argument is unknown. The calling application must ensure that the buffer referred to by *dst* is large enough to hold the numeric address (4 bytes for AF_INET or 16 bytes for AF_INET6).

If the *af* argument is AF_INET, the function accepts a string in the standard IPv4 dotted-decimal form:

ddd.ddd.ddd.ddd

where *ddd* is a one to three digit decimal number between 0 and 255. Note that many implementations of the existing *inet_addr* and *inet_aton* functions accept nonstandard input: octal numbers, hexadecimal numbers, and fewer than four numbers. **inet_pton** does not accept these formats.

If the *af* argument is AF_INET6, then the function accepts a string in one of the standard IPv6 text forms defined the addressing architecture specification.

Related Information

The **inet_net_ntop** subroutine, **inet_net_pton** subroutine, and **inet_ntop** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

initgroups Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes supplementary group ID.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int initgroups ( User, BaseGID)
const char *User;
int BaseGID;
```

Description

Attention: The **initgroups** subroutine uses the **getgrent** and **getpwent** family of subroutines. If the program that invokes the **initgroups** subroutine uses any of these subroutines, calling the **initgroups** subroutine overwrites the static storage areas used by these subroutines.

The **initgroups** subroutine reads the defined group membership of the specified *User* parameter and sets the supplementary group ID of the current process to that value. The *BaseGID* parameter is always included in the supplementary group ID. The supplementary group is normally the principal user's group. If the user is in more than **NGROUPS_MAX** groups, set in the **limits.h** file, only **NGROUPS_MAX** groups are set, including the *BaseGID* group.

Parameters

User Identifies a user.
BaseGID Specifies an additional group to include in the group set.

Return Values

0 Indicates that the subroutine was success.
-1 Indicates that the subroutine failed. The **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getgid** (“getgid or getegid Subroutine” on page 301) subroutine, **getgrent**, **getgrgid**, **getgrnam**, **putgrent**, **setgrent**, or **endgrent** (“getgrent, getgrgid, getgrnam, setgrent, or endgrent Subroutine” on page 302) subroutine, **getgroups** (“getgroups Subroutine” on page 309) subroutine, **setgroups** subroutine.

The **groups** command, **setgroups** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

initialize Subroutine

Purpose

Performs printer initialization.

Library

None (provided by the formatter).

Syntax

```
#include <piostruct.h>

int initialize ()
```

Description

The **initialize** subroutine is invoked by the formatter driver after the **setup** subroutine returns.

If the **-j** flag passed from the **qprt** command has a nonzero value (true), the **initialize** subroutine uses the **piocmdout** subroutine to send a command string to the printer. This action initializes the printer to the proper state for printing the file. Any variables referenced by the command string should be the attribute values from the database, overridden by values from the command line.

If the **-j** flag passed from the **qprt** command has a nonzero value (true), any necessary fonts should be downloaded.

Return Values

0 Indicates a successful operation.

If the **initialize** subroutine detects an error, it uses the **piomsgout** subroutine to invoke an error message. It then invokes the **pioexit** subroutine with a value of **PIOEXITBAD**.

Note: If either the **piocmdout** or **piogetstr** subroutine detects an error, it issues its own error messages and terminates the print job.

Related Information

The **piocmdout** subroutine, **pioexit** subroutine, **piogetstr** subroutine, **piomsgout** subroutine, **setup** subroutine.

Adding a New Printer Type to Your System, Printer Addition Management Subsystem: Programming Overview, Understanding Embedded References in Printer Attribute Strings in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Kernel Extensions and Device Support Programming Concepts*.

Example of Print Formatter in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

insque or remque Subroutine

Purpose

Inserts or removes an element in a queue.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <search.h>
```

```
insque ( Element, Pred)
void *Element, *Pred;

remque (Element)
void *Element;
```

Description

The **insque** and **remque** subroutines manipulate queues built from double-linked lists. Each element in the queue must be in the form of a **qelem** structure. The **next** and **prev** elements of that structure must point to the elements in the queue immediately before and after the element to be inserted or deleted.

The **insque** subroutine inserts the element pointed to by the *Element* parameter into a queue immediately after the element pointed to by the *Pred* parameter.

The **remque** subroutine removes the element defined by the *Element* parameter from a queue.

Parameters

Pred Points to the element in the queue immediately before the element to be inserted or deleted.

Element Points to the element in the queue immediately after the element to be inserted or deleted.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Searching and Sorting Example Program in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

install_lwcf_handler Subroutine

Purpose

Registers the signal handler to dump a lightweight core file for signals that normally cause the generation of a core file.

Library

PTools Library (**libptools_ptr.a**)

Syntax

```
void install_lwcf_handler (void);
```

Description

The **install_lwcf_handler** subroutine registers the signal handler to dump a lightweight core file for signals that normally cause a core file to be generated. The format of lightweight core files complies with the Parallel Tools Consortium Lightweight Core File Format.

The **install_lwcf_handler** subroutine uses the **LIGHTWEIGHT_CORE** environment variable to determine the target lightweight core file. If the **LIGHTWEIGHT_CORE** environment variable is defined, a lightweight core file will be generated. Otherwise, a normal core file will be generated.

If the **LIGHTWEIGHT_CORE** environment variable is defined without a value, the lightweight core file is assigned the default file name **lw_core** and is created under the current working directory if it does not already exist.

If the **LIGHTWEIGHT_CORE** environment variable is defined with a value of **STDERR**, the lightweight core file is output to the standard error output device of the process. Keyword **STDERR** is not case-sensitive.

If the **LIGHTWEIGHT_CORE** environment variable is defined with the value of a character string other than **STDERR**, the string is used as a path name for the lightweight core file generated.

If the target lightweight core file already exists, the traceback information is appended to the file.

The **install_lwcf_handler** subroutine can be called directly from an application to register the signal handler. Alternatively, linker option **-binitfni:install_lwcf_handler** can be used when linking an application, which specifies to execute the **install_lwcf_handler** subroutine when the application is initialized. The advantage of the second method is that the application code does not need to change to invoke the **install_lwcf_handler** subroutine.

Related Information

The **mt_trce** and **sigaction** subroutines.

ioctl, ioctlx, ioctl32, or ioctl32x Subroutine

Purpose

Performs control functions associated with open file descriptors.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

BSD Library (**libbsd.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ioctl (FileDescriptor, Command, Argument)
int FileDescriptor, Command;
void * Argument;
```

```
int ioctlx (FileDescriptor, Command, Argument, Ext)
int FileDescriptor, Command;
void *Argument;
int Ext;
```

```
int ioctl32 (FileDescriptor, Command, Argument)
int FileDescriptor, Command;
unsigned int Argument;
```

```
int ioctl32x (FileDescriptor, Command, Argument, Ext)
int FileDescriptor, Command;
unsigned int Argument;
unsigned int Ext;
```

Description

The **ioctl** subroutine performs a variety of control operations on the object associated with the specified open file descriptor. This function is typically used with character or block special files, sockets, or generic device support such as the **termio** general terminal interface.

The control operation provided by this function call is specific to the object being addressed, as are the data type and contents of the *Argument* parameter. The **ioctlx** form of this function can be used to pass an additional extension parameter to objects supporting it. The **ioctl132** and **ioctl132x** forms of this function behave in the same way as **ioctl** and **ioctlx**, but allow 64-bit applications to call the **ioctl** routine for an object that does not normally work with 64-bit applications.

Performing an **ioctl** function on a file descriptor associated with an ordinary file results in an error being returned.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies the open file descriptor for which the control operation is to be performed.
<i>Command</i>	Specifies the control function to be performed. The value of this parameter depends on which object is specified by the <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter.
<i>Argument</i>	Specifies additional information required by the function requested in the <i>Command</i> parameter. The data type of this parameter (a void pointer) is object-specific, and is typically used to point to an object device-specific data structure. However, in some device-specific instances, this parameter is used as an integer.
<i>Ext</i>	Specifies an extension parameter used with the ioctlx subroutine. This parameter is passed on to the object associated with the specified open file descriptor. Although normally of type int , this parameter can be used as a pointer to a device-specific structure for some devices.

File Input/Output (FIO) ioctl Command Values

A number of file input/output (FIO) **ioctl** commands are available to enable the **ioctl** subroutine to function similar to the **fcntl** subroutine:

FIOCLEX and FIONCLEX

Manipulate the **close-on-exec** flag to determine if a file descriptor should be closed as part of the normal processing of the **exec** subroutine. If the flag is set, the file descriptor is closed. If the flag is clear, the file descriptor is left open.

The following code sample illustrates the use of the **fcntl** subroutine to set and clear the **close-on-exec** flag:

```
/* set the close-on-exec flag for fd1 */
fcntl(fd1, F_SETFD, FD_CLOEXEC);
/* clear the close-on-exec flag for fd2 */
fcntl(fd2, F_SETFD, 0);
```

Although the **fcntl** subroutine is normally used to set the **close-on-exec** flag, the **ioctl** subroutine may be used if the application program is linked with the Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**) or the Berkeley Thread Safe Library (**libbsd_r.a**) (4.2.1 and later versions). The following **ioctl** code fragment is equivalent to the preceding **fcntl** fragment:

```
/* set the close-on-exec flag for fd1 */
ioctl(fd1, FIOCLEX, 0);
/* clear the close-on-exec flag for fd2 */
ioctl(fd2, FIONCLEX, 0);
```

The third parameter to the **ioctl** subroutine is not used for the **FIOCLEX** and **FIONCLEX** **ioctl** commands.

FIONBIO

Enables nonblocking I/O. The effect is similar to setting the **O_NONBLOCK** flag with the **fcntl** subroutine. The third parameter to the **ioctl** subroutine for this command is a pointer to an integer that indicates whether nonblocking I/O is being enabled or disabled. A value of 0 disables non-blocking I/O. Any nonzero value enables nonblocking I/O. A sample code fragment follows:

```
int flag;
/* enable NBI0 for fd1 */
flag = 1;
ioctl(fd1,FIONBIO,&flag);
/* disable NBI0 for fd2 */
flag = 0;
ioctl(fd2,FIONBIO,&flag);
```

FIONREAD

Determines the number of bytes that are immediately available to be read on a file descriptor. The third parameter to the **ioctl** subroutine for this command is a pointer to an integer variable where the byte count is to be returned. The following sample code illustrates the proper use of the **FIONREAD** **ioctl** command:

```
int nbytes;
ioctl(fd,FIONREAD,&nbytes);
```

FIOASYNC

Enables a simple form of asynchronous I/O notification. This command causes the kernel to send **SIGIO** signal to a process or a process group when I/O is possible. Only sockets, ttys, and pseudo-ttys implement this functionality.

The third parameter of the **ioctl** subroutine for this command is a pointer to an integer variable that indicates whether the asynchronous I/O notification should be enabled or disabled. A value of 0 disables I/O notification; any nonzero value enables I/O notification. A sample code segment follows:

```
int flag;
/* enable ASYNC on fd1 */
flag = 1;
ioctl(fd, FIOASYNC,&flag);
/* disable ASYNC on fd2 */
flag = 0;
ioctl(fd,FIOASYNC,&flag);
```

FIOSETOWN

Sets the recipient of the **SIGIO** signals when asynchronous I/O notification (**FIOASYNC**) is enabled. The third parameter to the **ioctl** subroutine for this command is a pointer to an integer that contains the recipient identifier. If the value of the integer pointed to by the third parameter is negative, the value is assumed to be a process group identifier. If the value is positive, it is assumed to be a process identifier.

Sockets support both process groups and individual process recipients, while ttys and psuedo-ttys support only process groups. Attempts to specify an individual process as the recipient will be converted to the process group to which the process belongs. The following code example illustrates how to set the recipient identifier:

```
int owner;
owner = -getpgrp();
ioctl(fd,FIOSETOWN,&owner);
```

Note: In this example, the asynchronous I/O signals are being enabled on a process group basis. Therefore, the value passed through the owner parameter must be a negative number.

The following code sample illustrates enabling asynchronous I/O signals to an individual process:

```
int owner;
owner = getpid();
ioctl(fd,FIOSETOWN,&owner);
```

FIOGETOWN

Determines the current recipient of the asynchronous I/O signals of an object that has asynchronous I/O notification (**FIOASYNC**) enabled. The third parameter to the **ioctl** subroutine for this command is a pointer to an integer used to return the owner ID. For example:

```
int owner;  
ioctl(fd,FIOGETOWN,&owner);
```

If the owner of the asynchronous I/O capability is a process group, the value returned in the reference parameter is negative. If the owner is an individual process, the value is positive.

Return Values

If the **ioctl** subroutine fails, a value of -1 is returned. The **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

The **ioctl** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true:

EBADF	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not a valid open file descriptor.
EFAULT	The <i>Argument</i> or <i>Ext</i> parameter is used to point to data outside of the process address space.
EINTR	A signal was caught during the ioctl or ioctlx subroutine and the process had not enabled re-startable subroutines for the signal.
EINTR	A signal was caught during the ioctl , ioctlx , ioctl32 , or ioctl32x subroutine and the process had not enabled re-startable subroutines for the signal.
EINVAL	The <i>Command</i> or <i>Argument</i> parameter is not valid for the specified object.
ENOTTY	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not associated with an object that accepts control functions.
ENODEV	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is associated with a valid character or block special file, but the supporting device driver does not support the ioctl function.
ENXIO	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is associated with a valid character or block special file, but the supporting device driver is not in the configured state.

Object-specific error codes are defined in the documentation for associated objects.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ddioctl** device driver entry point and the **fp_ioctl** kernel service in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Technical Reference: Kernel and Subsystems*.

The Special Files Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Files Reference*.

The Input and Output Handling Programmer's Overview, the tty Subsystem Overview, in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

The Sockets Overview and Understanding Socket Data Transfer in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Communications Programming Concepts*.

isendwin Subroutine

Purpose

Determines whether the **endwin** subroutine was called without any subsequent refresh calls.

Library

Curses Library (**libcurses.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <curses.h>
isendwin()
```

Description

The **isendwin** subroutine determines whether the **endwin** subroutine was called without any subsequent refresh calls. If the **endwin** was called without any subsequent calls to the **wrefresh** or **doupdate** subroutines, the **isendwin** subroutine returns TRUE.

Return Values

TRUE Indicates the **endwin** subroutine was called without any subsequent calls to the **wrefresh** or **doupdate** subroutines.
FALSE Indicates subsequent calls to the refresh subroutines.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **doupdate** subroutine, **endwin** subroutine, **wrefresh** subroutine.

Curses Overview for Programming, Initializing Curses, List of Curses Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

iswalnum, iswalnum, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine

Purpose

Tests a wide character for membership in a specific character class.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <wchar.h>
int iswalnum (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswalnum (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswcntrl (WC)
wint_t WC;
```

```

int iswdigit (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswgraph (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswlower (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswprint (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswpunct (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswspace (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswupper (WC)
wint_t WC;
int iswxdigit (WC)
wint_t WC;

```

Description

The **isw** subroutines check the character class status of the wide character code specified by the *WC* parameter. Each subroutine tests to see if a wide character is part of a different character class. If the wide character is part of the character class, the **isw** subroutine returns true; otherwise, it returns false.

Each subroutine is named by adding the **isw** prefix to the name of the character class that the subroutine tests. For example, the **iswalpha** subroutine tests whether the wide character specified by the *WC* parameter is an alphabetic character. The character classes are defined as follows:

alnum	Alphanumeric character.
alpha	Alphabetic character.
cntrl	Control character. No characters in the alpha or print classes are included.
digit	Numeric digit character.
graph	Graphic character for printing, not including the space character or cntrl characters. Includes all characters in the digit and punct classes.
lower	Lowercase character. No characters in cntrl , digit , punct , or space are included.
print	Print character. All characters in the graph class are included, but no characters in cntrl are included.
punct	Punctuation character. No characters in the alpha , digit , or cntrl classes, or the space character are included.
space	Space characters.
upper	Uppercase character.
xdigit	Hexadecimal character.

Parameters

WC Specifies a wide character for testing.

Return Values

If the wide character tested is part of the particular character class, the **isw** subroutine returns a nonzero value; otherwise it returns a value of 0.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **iswctype** subroutine, (“iswctype or is_wctype Subroutine”), **setlocale** subroutine, **towlower** subroutine, **toupper** subroutine **wctype** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Wide Character Classification Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

iswctype or is_wctype Subroutine

Purpose

Determines properties of a wide character.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc. a**)

Syntax

```
#include <wchar.h>
```

```
int iswctype ( WC, Property)
wint_t WC;
wctype_t Property;
```

```
int is_wctype ( WC, Property)
wint_t WC;
wctype_t Property;
```

Description

The **iswctype** subroutine tests the wide character specified by the *WC* parameter to determine if it has the property specified by the *Property* parameter. The **iswctype** subroutine is defined for the wide-character null value and for values in the character range of the current code set, defined in the current locale. The **is_wctype** subroutine is identical to the **iswctype** subroutine.

Parameters

WC Specifies the wide character to be tested.
Property Specifies the property for which to test.

Return Values

If the *WC* parameter has the property specified by the *Property* parameter, the **iswctype** subroutine returns a nonzero value. If the value specified by the *WC* parameter does not have the property specified by the *Property* parameter, the **iswctype** subroutine returns a value of zero. If the value specified by the *WC* parameter is not in the subroutine’s domain, the result is undefined. If the value specified by the *Property* parameter is not valid (that is, not obtained by a call to the **wctype** subroutine, or the *Property* parameter has been invalidated by a subsequent call to the **setlocale** subroutine that has affected the **LC_CTYPE** category), the result is undefined.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **iswctype** subroutine adheres to *Systems Interface and Headers, Issue 4* of X/Open.

Related Information

The **iswalnum** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswalpha** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswcntrl** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswdigit** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswgraph** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswlower** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswprint** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswpunct** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswspace** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswupper** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **iswxdigit** (“iswalnum, iswalpha, iswcntrl, iswdigit, iswgraph, iswlower, iswprint, iswpunct, iswspace, iswupper, or iswxdigit Subroutine” on page 437) subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine, **tolower** subroutine, **toupper** subroutine, **wctype** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Wide Character Classification Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Japanese conv Subroutines

Purpose

Translates predefined Japanese character classes.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <ctype.h>
int atojis ( Character )
int Character;
```

```
int jistoa (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int _atojis (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int _jistoa (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int tojupper (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int tojlower (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int _tojupper (Character)
```

int *Character*;

int **_tojlower** (*Character*)

int *Character*;

int **toujis** (*Character*)

int *Character*;

int **kutentojis** (*Character*)

int *Character*;

int **tojhira** (*Character*)

int *Character*;

int **tojkata** (*Character*)

int *Character*;

Description

When running the operating system with Japanese Language Support on your system, the legal value of the *Character* parameter is in the range from 0 to **NLCOLMAX**.

The **jistoa** subroutine converts an SJIS ASCII equivalent to the corresponding ASCII equivalent. The **atojis** subroutine converts an ASCII character to the corresponding SJIS equivalent. Other values are returned unchanged.

The **_jistoa** and **_atojis** routines are macros that function like the **jistoa** and **atojis** subroutines, but are faster and have no error checking function.

The **tojlower** subroutine converts a SJIS uppercase letter to the corresponding SJIS lowercase letter. The **tojupper** subroutine converts an SJIS lowercase letter to the corresponding SJIS uppercase letter. All other values are returned unchanged.

The **_tojlower** and **_tojupper** routines are macros that function like the **tojlower** and **tojupper** subroutines, but are faster and have no error-checking function.

The **toujis** subroutine sets all parameter bits that are not 16-bit SJIS code to 0.

The **kutentojis** subroutine converts a kuten code to the corresponding SJIS code. The **kutentojis** routine returns 0 if the given kuten code is invalid.

The **tojhira** subroutine converts an SJIS katakana character to its SJIS hiragana equivalent. Any value that is not an SJIS katakana character is returned unchanged.

The **tojkata** subroutine converts an SJIS hiragana character to its SJIS katakana equivalent. Any value that is not an SJIS hiragana character is returned unchanged.

The **_tojhira** and **_tojkata** subroutines attempt the same conversions without checking for valid input.

For all functions except the **toujis** subroutine, the out-of-range parameter values are returned without conversion.

Parameters

Character

Character to be converted.

Pointer

Pointer to the escape sequence.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ctype** (“ctype, isalpha, isupper, islower, isdigit, isxdigit, isalnum, isspace, ispunct, isprint, isgraph, iscntrl, or isascii Subroutines” on page 133) subroutine, **conv** (“conv Subroutines” on page 118) subroutine, **getc**, **getchar**, **fgetc**, or **getw** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine.

List of Character Manipulation Subroutines, National Language Support, Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Japanese ctype Subroutines

Purpose

Classify characters.

Library

Standard Character Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <ctype.h>
```

```
int isjalpha ( Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjupper (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjlower (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjlbytekana (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjdigit (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjxdigit (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjalnum (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjspace (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjpunct (Character)  
int Character;
```

```
int isjparen (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int isparent (Character)
intCharacter;
```

```
int isjprint (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int isjgraph (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int isjis (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int isjhira (wc)
wchar_t wc;
```

```
int isjkanji (wc)
wchar_wc;
```

```
int isjkata (wc)
wchar_t wc;
```

Description

The **Japanese ctype** subroutines classify character-coded integer values specified in a table. Each of these subroutines returns a nonzero value for True and 0 for False.

Parameters

Character Character to be tested.

Return Values

The **isjprint** and **isjgraph** subroutines return a 0 value for user-defined characters.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ctype** (“ctype, isalpha, isupper, islower, isdigit, isxdigit, isalnum, isspace, ispunct, isprint, isgraph, iscntrl, or isascii Subroutines” on page 133) subroutines, **setlocale** subroutine.

List of Character Manipulation Services, National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

jcode Subroutines

Purpose

Perform string conversion on 8-bit processing codes.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <jcode.h>
```

```
char *jistosj( String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *jistouj(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *sjtojis(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *sjtouj(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *ujtojis(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *ujtosj(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *cjistosj(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *cjistouj(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *csjtojis(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *csjtouj(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *cujtojis(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
char *cujtosj(String1, String2)
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

Description

The **jistosj**, **jistouj**, **sjtojis**, **sjtouj**, **ujtojis**, and **ujtosj** subroutines perform string conversion on 8-bit processing codes. The *String2* parameter is converted and the converted string is stored in the *String1* parameter. The overflow of the *String1* parameter is not checked. Also, the *String2* parameter must be a valid string. Code validation is not permitted.

The **jistosj** subroutine converts JIS to SJIS. The **jistouj** subroutine converts JIS to UJIS. The **sjtojis** subroutine converts SJIS to JIS. The **sjtouj** subroutine converts SJIS to UJIS. The **ujtojis** subroutine converts UJIS to JIS. The **ujtosj** subroutine converts UJIS to SJIS.

The **cjistosj**, **cjistouj**, **csjtojis**, **csjtouj**, **cujtojis**, and **cujtosj** macros perform code conversion on 8-bit processing JIS Kanji characters. A character is removed from the *String2* parameter, and its code is converted and stored in the *String1* parameter. The *String1* parameter is returned. The validity of the *String2* parameter is not checked.

The **cjistosj** macro converts from JIS to SJIS. The **cjistouj** macro converts from JIS to UJIS. The **csjtojis** macro converts from SJIS to JIS. The **csjtouj** macro converts from SJIS to UJIS. The **cujtojis** macro converts from UJIS to JIS. The **cujtosj** macro converts from UJIS to SJIS.

Parameters

String1 Stores converted string or code.

String2 Stores string or code to be converted.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The Japanese **conv** (“Japanese conv Subroutines” on page 440) subroutines, Japanese **ctype** (“Japanese ctype Subroutines” on page 442) subroutines.

List of String Manipulation Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

kill or killpg Subroutine

Purpose

Sends a signal to a process or to a group of processes.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int kill(
    Process,
    Signal)
pid_t Process;
int Signal;
```

```
killpg(
    ProcessGroup, Signal)
int ProcessGroup, Signal;
```

Description

The **kill** subroutine sends the signal specified by the *Signal* parameter to the process or group of processes specified by the *Process* parameter.

To send a signal to another process, either the real or the effective user ID of the sending process must match the real or effective user ID of the receiving process, and the calling process must have root user authority.

The processes that have the process IDs of 0 and 1 are special processes and are sometimes referred to here as *proc0* and *proc1*, respectively.

Processes can send signals to themselves.

Note: Sending a signal does not imply that the operation is successful. All signal operations must pass the access checks prescribed by each enforced access control policy on the system.

Parameters

<i>Process</i>	Specifies the ID of a process or group of processes. If the <i>Process</i> parameter is greater than 0, the signal specified by the <i>Signal</i> parameter is sent to the process identified by the <i>Process</i> parameter. If the <i>Process</i> parameter is 0, the signal specified by the <i>Signal</i> parameter is sent to all processes, excluding <i>proc0</i> and <i>proc1</i> , whose process group ID matches the process group ID of the sender. If the value of the <i>Process</i> parameter is a negative value other than -1 and if the calling process passes the access checks for the process to be signaled, the signal specified by the <i>Signal</i> parameter is sent to all the processes, excluding <i>proc0</i> and <i>proc1</i> . If the user ID of the calling process has root user authority, all processes, excluding <i>proc0</i> and <i>proc1</i> , are signaled. If the value of the <i>Process</i> parameter is a negative value other than -1, the signal specified by the <i>Signal</i> parameter is sent to all processes having a process group ID equal to the absolute value of the <i>Process</i> parameter. If the value of the <i>Process</i> parameter is -1, the signal specified by the <i>Signal</i> parameter is sent to all processes which the process has permission to send that signal. If pid is -1, sig will be sent to all processes (excluding an unspecified set of system processes) for which the process has permission to send that signal.
<i>Signal</i>	Specifies the signal. If the <i>Signal</i> parameter is a null value, error checking is performed but no signal is sent. This parameter is used to check the validity of the <i>Process</i> parameter.
<i>ProcessGroup</i>	Specifies the process group.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **kill** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **kill** subroutine is unsuccessful and no signal is sent if one or more of the following are true:

EINVAL	The <i>Signal</i> parameter is not a valid signal number.
EINVAL	The <i>Signal</i> parameter specifies the SIGKILL , SIGSTOP , SIGTSTP , or SIGCONT signal, and the <i>Process</i> parameter is 1 (<i>proc1</i>).
ESRCH	No process can be found corresponding to that specified by the <i>Process</i> parameter.
EPERM	The real or effective user ID does not match the real or effective user ID of the receiving process, or else the calling process does not have root user authority.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The following interface is provided for BSD Compatibility:

```
killpg(ProcessGroup, Signal)
int ProcessGroup; Signal;
```

This interface is equivalent to:


```

if (ProcessGroup < 0)
{
    errno = ESRCH;
    return (-1);
}
return (kill(-ProcessGroup, Signal));

```

Related Information

The **getpid**, **getpgrp**, or **getppid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331) subroutine, **setpgid** or **setpgrp** subroutine, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutine.

The **kill** command.

Signal Management in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* provides more information about signal management in multi-threaded processes.

kleanup Subroutine

Purpose

Cleans up the run-time environment of a process.

Library

Syntax

```

int cleanup( FileDescriptor, SigIgn, SigKeep)
int FileDescriptor;
int SigIgn[ ];
int SigKeep[ ];

```

Description

The **kleanup** subroutine cleans up the run-time environment for a trusted process by:

- Closing unnecessary file descriptors.
- Resetting the alarm time.
- Resetting signal handlers.
- Clearing the value of the **real directory read** flag described in the **ulimit** subroutine.
- Resetting the **ulimit** value, if it is less than a reasonable value (8192).

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies a file descriptor. The kleanup subroutine closes all file descriptors greater than or equal to the <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter.
<i>SigIgn</i>	Points to a list of signal numbers. If these are nonnull values, this list is terminated by 0s. Any signals specified by the <i>SigIgn</i> parameter are set to SIG_IGN . The handling of all signals not specified by either this list or the <i>SigKeep</i> list are set to SIG_DFL . Some signals cannot be reset and are left unchanged.
<i>SigKeep</i>	Points to a list of signal numbers. If these are nonnull values, this list is terminated by 0s. The handling of any signals specified by the <i>SigKeep</i> parameter is left unchanged. The handling of all signals not specified by either this list or the <i>SigIgn</i> list are set to SIG_DFL . Some signals cannot be reset and are left unchanged.

Return Values

The **kleenup** subroutine is always successful and returns a value of 0. Errors in closing files are not reported. It is not an error to attempt to modify a signal that the process is not allowed to handle.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ulimit** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

knlist Subroutine

Purpose

Translates names to addresses in the running system.

Syntax

```
#include <nlist.h>
```

```
int knlist( NList, NumberOfElements, Size)
struct nlist *NList;
int NumberOfElements;
int Size;
```

Description

The **knlist** subroutine allows a program to examine the list of symbols exported by kernel routines to other kernel modules.

The first field in the **nlist** structure is an input parameter to the **knlist** subroutine. The **n_value** field is modified by the **knlist** subroutine, and all the others remain unchanged. The **nlist** structure consists of the following fields:

char *n_name	Specifies the name of the symbol whose attributes are to be retrieved.
long n_value	Indicates the virtual address of the object. This will also be the offset when using segment descriptor 0 as the extension parameter of the readx or writex subroutines against the /dev/mem file.

If the name is not found, all fields, other than **n_name**, are set to 0.

The **nlist.h** file is automatically included by the **a.out.h** file for compatibility. However, do not include the **a.out.h** file if you only need the information necessary to use the **knlist** subroutine. If you do include the **a.out.h** file, follow the **#include** statement with the line:

```
#undef n_name
```

Notes:

1. If both the **nlist.h** and **netdb.h** files are to be included, the **netdb.h** file should be included before the **nlist.h** file in order to avoid a conflict with the **n_name** structure member. Likewise, if both the **a.out.h** and **netdb.h** files are to be included, the **netdb.h** file should be included before the **a.out.h** file to avoid a conflict with the **n_name** structure.

2. If the **netdb.h** file and either the **nlist.h** or **syms.h** file are included, the `n_name` field will be defined as `_n._n_name`. This definition allows you to access the `n_name` field in the **nlist** or **syment** structure. If you need to access the `n_name` field in the **netent** structure, undefine the `n_name` field by entering:

```
#undef n_name
```

before accessing the `n_name` field in the **netent** structure. If you need to access the `n_name` field in a **syment** or **nlist** structure after undefining it, redefine the `n_name` field with:

```
#define n_name _n._n_name
```

Parameters

<i>NList</i>	Points to an array of nlist structures.
<i>NumberOfElements</i>	Specifies the number of structures in the array of nlist structures.
<i>Size</i>	Specifies the size of each structure.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **knlist** returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **knlist** subroutine fails when the following is true:

EFAULT Indicates that the *NList* parameter points outside the limit of the array of **nlist** structures.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

_lazySetErrorHandler Subroutine

Purpose

Installs an error handler into the lazy loading runtime system for the current process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/ldr.h>
#include <sys/errno.h>
typedef void (*_handler_t(
char *_module,
char *_symbol,
unsigned int _errVal ))();
handler_t *_lazySetErrorHandler(err_handler)
handler_t *err_handler;
```

Description

This function allows a process to install a custom error handler to be called when a lazy loading reference fails to find the required module or function. This function should only be used when the main program or

one of its dependent modules was linked with the **-blazy** option. To call `_lazySetErrorHandler` from a module that is not linked with the **-blazy** option, you must use the **-lrtl** option. If you use **-blazy**, you do not need to specify **-lrtl**.

This function is not thread safe. The calling program should ensure that `_lazySetErrorHandler` is not called by multiple threads at the same time.

The user-supplied error handler may print its own error message, provide a substitute function to be used in place of the called function, or call the `longjmp` subroutine. To provide a substitute function that will be called instead of the originally referenced function, the error handler should return a pointer to the substitute function. This substitute function will be called by all subsequent calls to the intended function from the same module. If the value returned by the error handler appears to be invalid (for example, a NULL pointer), the default error handler will be used.

Each calling module resolves its lazy references independent of other modules. That is, if module A and B both call `foo` subroutine in module C, but module C does not export `foo` subroutine, the error handler will be called once when `foo` subroutine is called for the first time from A, and once when `foo` subroutine is called for the first time from B.

The default lazy loading error handler will print a message containing: the name of module that the program required; the name of the symbol being accessed; and the error value generated by the failure. Since the default handler considers a lazy load error to be fatal, the process will exit with a status of 1.

During execution of a program that utilizes lazy loading, there are a few conditions that may cause an error to occur. In all cases the current error handler will be called.

1. The referenced module (which is to be loaded upon function invocation) is unavailable or cannot be loaded. The `errVal` parameter will probably indicate the reason for the error if a system call failed.
2. A function is referenced, but the loaded module does not contain a definition for the function. In this case, `errVal` parameter will be **EINVAL**.

Some possibilities as to why either of these errors might occur:

1. The **LIBPATH** environment variable may contain a set of search paths that cause the application to load the wrong version of a module.
2. A module has been changed and no longer provides the same set of symbols that it did when the application was built.
3. The `load` subroutine fails due to a lack of resources available to the process.

Parameters

<i>err_handler</i>	A pointer to the new error handler function. The new function should accept 3 arguments:
<i>module</i>	The name of the referenced module.
<i>symbol</i>	The name of the function being called at the time the failure occurred.
<i>errVal</i>	The value of errno at the time the failure occurred, if a system call used to load the module fails. For other failures, <code>errval</code> may be EINVAL or ENOMEM .

Note that the value of `module` or `symbol` may be NULL if the calling module has somehow been corrupted.

If the `err_handler` parameter is NULL, the default error handler is restored.

Return Value

The function returns a pointer to the previous user-supplied error handler, or NULL if the default error handler was in effect.

Implementation Specifics

The `_lazySetErrorHandler` subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `load` (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine.

The `ld` command.

The Shared Library Overview and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

The Shared Library and Lazy Loading in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

l3tol or ltol3 Subroutine

Purpose

Converts between 3-byte integers and long integers.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
void l3tol ( LongPointer, CharacterPointer, Number)
```

```
long *LongPointer;
```

```
char *CharacterPointer;
```

```
int Number;
```

```
void ltol3 (CharacterPointer, LongPointer, Number)
```

```
char *CharacterPointer;
```

```
long *LongPointer;
```

```
int Number;
```

Description

The `l3tol` subroutine converts a list of the number of 3-byte integers specified by the *Number* parameter packed into a character string pointed to by the *CharacterPointer* parameter into a list of long integers pointed to by the *LongPointer* parameter.

The `ltol3` subroutine performs the reverse conversion, from long integers (the *LongPointer* parameter) to 3-byte integers (the *CharacterPointer* parameter).

These functions are useful for file system maintenance where the block numbers are 3 bytes long.

Parameters

LongPointer

Specifies the address of a list of long integers.

CharacterPointer

Specifies the address of a list of 3-byte integers.

Number

Specifies the number of list elements to convert.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **filsys.h** file format.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

layout_object_create Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes a layout context.

Library

Layout Library (**libi18n.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int layout_object_create (locale_name, layout_object)
const char * locale_name;
LayoutObject * layout_object;
```

Description

The **layout_object_create** subroutine creates the **LayoutObject** structure associated with the locale specified by the *locale_name* parameter. The **LayoutObject** structure is a symbolic link containing all the data and methods necessary to perform the layout operations on context dependent and bidirectional characters of the locale specified.

When the **layout_object_create** subroutine completes without errors, the *layout_object* parameter points to a valid **LayoutObject** structure that can be used by other BIDI subroutines. The returned **LayoutObject** structure is initialized to an initial state that defines the behavior of the BIDI subroutines. This initial state is locale dependent and is described by the layout values returned by the **layout_object_getvalue** subroutine. You can change the layout values of the **LayoutObject** structure using the **layout_object_setvalue** subroutine. Any state maintained by the **LayoutObject** structure is independent of the current global locale set with the **setlocale** subroutine.

Note: If you are developing internationalized applications that may support multibyte locales, please see Use of the libcur Package in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

Parameters

<i>locale_name</i>	Specifies a locale. It is recommended that you use the LC_CTYPE category by calling the setlocale (LC_CTYPE,NULL) subroutine.
<i>layout_object</i>	Points to a valid LayoutObject structure that can be used by other layout subroutines. This parameter is used only when the layout_object_create subroutine completes without errors. The <i>layout_object</i> parameter is not set and a non-zero value is returned if a valid LayoutObject structure cannot be created.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **layout_object_create** subroutine returns a value of 0. The *layout_object* parameter points to a valid handle.

Error Codes

If the **layout_object_create** subroutine fails, it returns the following error codes:

LAYOUT_EINVAL	The locale specified by the <i>locale_name</i> parameter is not available.
LAYOUT_EMFILE	The OPEN_MAX value of files descriptors are currently open in the calling process.
LAYOUT_ENOMEM	Insufficient storage space is available.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **layout_object_editshape** (“*layout_object_editshape* or *wcslayout_object_editshape* Subroutine”) subroutine, **layout_object_free** (“*layout_object_free* Subroutine” on page 465) subroutine, **layout_object_getvalue** (“*layout_object_getvalue* Subroutine” on page 457) subroutine, **layout_object_setvalue** (“*layout_object_setvalue* Subroutine” on page 459) subroutine, **layout_object_shapeboxchars** (“*layout_object_shapeboxchars* Subroutine” on page 460) subroutine, **layout_object_transform** (“*layout_object_transform* or *wcslayout_object_transform* Subroutine” on page 462) subroutine.

Bidirectionality and Arabic Character Shaping Overview, and National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

layout_object_editshape or wcslayout_object_editshape Subroutine

Purpose

Edits the shape of the context text.

Library

Layout library (**libi18n.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int layout_editshape ( layout_object, EditType, index, InpBuf, Inpsize, OutBuf, OutSize)
LayoutObject layout_object;
BooleanValue EditType;
size_t *index;
const char *InpBuf;
size_t *Inpsize;
void *OutBuf;
size_t *OutSize;

int wclayout_object_editshape(layout_object, EditType, index, InpBuf, Inpsize, OutBuf, OutSize)
LayoutObject layout_object;
BooleanValue EditType;
size_t *index;
const wchar_t *InpBuf;
size_t *InpSize;
void *OutBuf;
size_t *OutSize;
```

Description

The **layout_object_editshape** and **wclayout_object_editshape** subroutines provide the shapes of the context text. The shapes are defined by the code element specified by the *index* parameter and any surrounding code elements specified by the ShapeContextSize layout value of the **LayoutObject** structure. The *layout_object* parameter specifies this **LayoutObject** structure.

Use the **layout_object_editshape** subroutine when editing code elements of one byte. Use the **wclayout_object_editshape** subroutine when editing single code elements of multibytes. These subroutines do not affect any state maintained by the **layout_object_transform** or **wclayout_object_transform** subroutine.

Note: If you are developing internationalized applications that may support multibyte locales, please see Use of the libcur Package in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

Parameters

layout_object Specifies the **LayoutObject** structure created by the **layout_object_create** subroutine.

<i>EditType</i>	<p>Specifies the type of edit shaping. When the <i>EditType</i> parameter stipulates the <i>EditInput</i> field, the subroutine reads the current code element defined by the <i>index</i> parameter and any preceding code elements defined by <i>ShapeContextSize</i> layout value of the LayoutObject structure. When the <i>EditType</i> parameter stipulates the <i>EditReplace</i> field, the subroutine reads the current code element defined by the <i>index</i> parameter and any surrounding code elements defined by <i>ShapeContextSize</i> layout value of the LayoutObject structure.</p> <p>Note: The editing direction defined by the <i>Orientation</i> and <i>TEXT_VISUAL</i> of the <i>TypeOfText</i> layout values of the LayoutObject structure determines which code elements are preceding and succeeding.</p> <p>When the <i>ActiveShapeEditing</i> layout value of the LayoutObject structure is set to <i>True</i>, the LayoutObject structure maintains the state of the <i>EditInput</i> field that may affect subsequent calls to these subroutines with the <i>EditInput</i> field defined by the <i>EditType</i> parameter. The state of the <i>EditInput</i> field of LayoutObject structure is not affected when the <i>EditType</i> parameter is set to the <i>EditReplace</i> field. To reset the state of the <i>EditInput</i> field to its initial state, call these subroutines with the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter set to <i>NULL</i>. The state of the <i>EditInput</i> field is not affected if errors occur within the subroutines.</p>
<i>index</i>	<p>Specifies an offset (in bytes) to the start of a code element in the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter on input. The <i>InpBuf</i> parameter provides the base text to be edited. In addition, the context of the surrounding code elements is considered where the minimum set of code elements needed for the specific context dependent script(s) is identified by the <i>ShapeContextSize</i> layout value.</p> <p>If the set of surrounding code elements defined by the <i>index</i>, <i>InpBuf</i>, and <i>InpSize</i> parameters is less than the size of front and back of the <i>ShapeContextSize</i> layout value, these subroutines assume there is no additional context available. The caller must provide the minimum context if it is available. The <i>index</i> parameter is in units associated with the type of the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter.</p> <p>On return, the <i>index</i> parameter is modified to indicate the offset to the first code element of the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter that required shaping. The number of code elements that required shaping is indicated on return by the <i>InpSize</i> parameter.</p>
<i>InpBuf</i>	<p>Specifies the source to be processed. A <i>Null</i> value with the <i>EditInput</i> field in the <i>EditType</i> parameter indicates a request to reset the state of the <i>EditInput</i> field to its initial state.</p>
<i>InpSize</i>	<p>Any portion of the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter indicates the necessity for redrawing or shaping. Specifies the number of code elements to be processed in units on input. These units are associated with the types for these subroutines. A value of -1 indicates that the input is delimited by a <i>Null</i> code element.</p> <p>On return, the value is modified to the actual number of code elements needed by the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter. A value of 0 when the value of the <i>EditType</i> parameter is the <i>EditInput</i> field indicates that the state of the <i>EditInput</i> field is reset to its initial state. If the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter is not <i>NULL</i>, the respective shaped code elements are written into the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter.</p>
<i>OutBuf</i>	<p>Contains the shaped output text. You can specify this parameter as a <i>Null</i> pointer to indicate that no transformed text is required. If <i>Null</i>, the subroutines return the <i>index</i> and <i>InpSize</i> parameters, which specify the amount of text required, to be redrawn.</p> <p>The encoding of the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter depends on the <i>ShapeCharset</i> layout value defined in <i>layout_object</i> parameter. If the <i>ActiveShapeEditing</i> layout value is set to <i>False</i>, the encoding of the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter is to be the same as the code set of the locale associated with the specified LayoutObject structure.</p>

OutSize Specifies the size of the output buffer on input in number of bytes. Only the code elements required to be shaped are written into the *OutBuf* parameter.

The output buffer should be large enough to contain the shaped result; otherwise, only partial shaping is performed. If the *ActiveShapeEditing* layout value is set to True, the *OutBuf* parameter should be allocated to contain at least the number of code elements in the *InpBuf* parameter multiplied by the value of the *ShapeCharsetSize* layout value.

On return, the *OutSize* parameter is modified to the actual number of bytes placed in the output buffer.

When the *OutSize* parameter is specified as 0, the subroutines calculate the size of an output buffer large enough to contain the transformed text from the input buffer. The result will be returned in this field. The content of the buffers specified by the *InpBuf* and *OutBuf* parameters, and the value of the *InpSize* parameter, remain unchanged.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, these subroutines return a value of 0. The *index* and *InpSize* parameters return the minimum set of code elements required to be redrawn.

Error Codes

If these subroutines fail, they return the following error codes:

LAYOUT_EILSEQ Shaping stopped due to an input code element that cannot be shaped. The *index* parameter indicates the code element that caused the error. This code element is either a valid code element that cannot be shaped according to the *ShapeCharset* layout value or an invalid code element not defined by the code set defined in the **LayoutObject** structure. Use the **mbtowc** or **wctomb** subroutine in the same locale as the **LayoutObject** structure to determine if the code element is valid.

LAYOUT_E2BIG The output buffer is too small and the source text was not processed. The *index* and *InpSize* parameters are not guaranteed on return.

LAYOUT_EINVAL Shaping stopped due to an incomplete code element or shift sequence at the end of input buffer. The *InpSize* parameter indicates the number of code elements successfully transformed.

Note: You can use this error code to determine the code element causing the error.

LAYOUT_ERANGE Either the *index* parameter is outside the range as defined by the *InpSize* parameter, more than 15 embedding levels are in the source text, or the *InpBuf* parameter contains unbalanced Directional Format (Push/Pop).

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **layout_object_create** (“*layout_object_create* Subroutine” on page 452) subroutine, **layout_object_free** (“*layout_object_free* Subroutine” on page 465) subroutine, **layout_object_getvalue** (“*layout_object_getvalue* Subroutine” on page 457) subroutine, **layout_object_setvalue** (“*layout_object_setvalue* Subroutine” on page 459) subroutine, **layout_object_shapeboxchars** (“*layout_object_shapeboxchars* Subroutine” on page 460) subroutine, **layout_object_transform** (“*layout_object_transform* or *wcslayout_object_transform* Subroutine” on page 462) subroutine.

Bidirectionality and Arabic Character Shaping Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

layout_object_getvalue Subroutine

Purpose

Queries the current layout values of a **LayoutObject** structure.

Library

Layout Library (**libi18n.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int layout_object_getvalue( layout_object, values, index)
LayoutObject layout_object;
LayoutValues values;
int *index;
```

Description

The **layout_object_getvalue** subroutine queries the current setting of layout values within the **LayoutObject** structure. The *layout_object* parameter specifies the **LayoutObject** structure created by the **layout_object_create** subroutine.

The name field of the **LayoutValues** structure contains the name of the layout value to be queried. The value field is a pointer to where the layout value is stored. The values are queried from the **LayoutObject** structure and represent its current state.

For example, if the layout value to be queried is of type T, the *value* parameter must be of type T*. If T itself is a pointer, the **layout_object_getvalue** subroutine allocates space to store the actual data. The caller must free this data by calling the **free(T)** subroutine with the returned pointer.

When setting the value field, an extra level of indirection is present that is not present using the **layout_object_setvalue** parameter. When you set a layout value of type T, the value field contains T. However, when querying the same layout value, the value field contains &T.

Note: If you are developing internationalized applications that may support multibyte locales, please see Use of the libcur Package in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

Parameters

<i>layout_object</i>	Specifies the LayoutObject structure created by the layout_object_create subroutine.
<i>values</i>	Specifies an array of layout values of type LayoutValueRec that are to be queried in the LayoutObject structure. The end of the array is indicated by name=0.
<i>index</i>	Specifies a layout value to be queried. If the value cannot be queried, the <i>index</i> parameter causing the error is returned and the subroutine returns a non-zero value.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **layout_object_getvalue** subroutine returns a value of 0. All layout values were successfully queried.

Error Codes

If the `layout_object_getvalue` subroutine fails, it returns the following values:

LAYOUT_EINVAL	The layout value specified by the <code>index</code> parameter is unknown or the <code>layout_object</code> parameter is invalid.
LAYOUT_EMOMEM	Insufficient storage space is available.

Examples

The following example queries whether the locale is bidirectional and gets the values of the `in` and `out` orientations.

```
#include <sys/lc_layout.h>
#include <locale.h>
main()
{
    LayoutObject plh;
    int RC=0;
    LayoutValues layout;
    LayoutTextDescriptor Descr;
    int index;

    RC=layout_object_create(setlocale(LC_CTYPE,""),&plh); /* create object */
    if (RC) {printf("Create error !!\n"); exit(0);}

    layout=malloc(3*sizeof(LayoutValueRec));
                                /* allocate layout array */
    layout[0].name=ActiveBidirection; /* set name */
    layout[1].name=Orientation;      /* set name */
    layout[1].value=(caddr_t)&Descr;
                                /* send address of memory to be allocated by function */

    layout[2].name=0;             /* indicate end of array */
    RC=layout_object_getvalue(plh,layout,&index);
    if (RC) {printf("Getvalue error at %d !!\n",index); exit(0);}
    printf("ActiveBidirection = %d \n",*(layout[0].value));
                                /*print output*/
    printf("Orientation in = %x out = %x \n", Descr->>in, Descr->>out);

    free(layout);                /* free layout array */
    free (Descr);                /* free memory allocated by function */
    RC=layout_object_free(plh);  /* free layout object */
    if (RC) printf("Free error !!\n");
}
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `layout_object_create` (“`layout_object_create` Subroutine” on page 452) subroutine, `layout_object_editshape` (“`layout_object_editshape` or `wcslayout_object_editshape` Subroutine” on page 453) subroutine, `layout_object_free` (“`layout_object_free` Subroutine” on page 465) subroutine, `layout_object_setvalue` (“`layout_object_setvalue` Subroutine” on page 459) subroutine, `layout_object_shapeboxchars` (“`layout_object_shapeboxchars` Subroutine” on page 460) subroutine, `layout_object_transform` (“`layout_object_transform` or `wcslayout_object_transform` Subroutine” on page 462) subroutine.

Bidirectionality and Arabic Character Shaping Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

layout_object_setvalue Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the layout values of a **LayoutObject** structure.

Library

Layout Library (**libi18n.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int layout_object_setvalue( layout_object, values, index)
LayoutObject layout_object;
LayoutValues values;
int *index;
```

Description

The **layout_object_setvalue** subroutine changes the current layout values of the **LayoutObject** structure. The *layout_object* parameter specifies the **LayoutObject** structure created by the **layout_object_create** subroutine. The values are written into the **LayoutObject** structure and may affect the behavior of subsequent layout functions.

Note: Some layout values do alter internal states maintained by a **LayoutObject** structure.

The name field of the **LayoutValueRec** structure contains the name of the layout value to be set. The value field contains the actual value to be set. The value field is large enough to support all types of layout values. For more information on layout value types, see "Layout Values for the Layout Library" in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Note: If you are developing internationalized applications that may support multibyte locales, please see Use of the **libcur** Package in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

Parameters

<i>layout_object</i>	Specifies the LayoutObject structure returned by the layout_object_create subroutine.
<i>values</i>	Specifies an array of layout values of the type LayoutValueRec that this subroutine sets. The end of the array is indicated by name=0.
<i>index</i>	Specifies a layout value to be queried. If the value cannot be queried, the index parameter causing the error is returned and the subroutine returns a non-zero value. If an error is generated, a subset of the values may have been previously set.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **layout_object_setvalue** subroutine returns a value of 0. All layout values were successfully set.

Error Codes

If the `layout_object_setvalue` subroutine fails, it returns the following values:

LAYOUT_EINVAL	The layout value specified by the <code>index</code> parameter is unknown, its value is invalid, or the <code>layout_object</code> parameter is invalid.
LAYOUT_EMFILE	The (OPEN_MAX) file descriptors are currently open in the calling process.
LAYOUT_ENOMEM	Insufficient storage space is available.

Examples

The following example sets the `TypeofText` value to `Implicit` and the `out` value to `Visual`.

```
#include <sys/lc_layout.h>
#include <locale.h>

main()
{
    LayoutObject plh;
    int RC=0;
    LayoutValues layout;
    LayoutTextDescriptor Descr;
    int index;

    RC=layout_object_create(setlocale(LC_CTYPE,""),&plh); /* create object */
    if (RC) {printf("Create error !!\n"); exit(0);}

    layout=malloc(2*sizeof(LayoutValueRec)); /*allocate layout array*/
    Descr=malloc(sizeof(LayoutTextDescriptorRec)); /* allocate text descriptor */
    layout[0].name=TypeOfText; /* set name */
    layout[0].value=(caddr_t)Descr; /* set value */
    layout[1].name=0; /* indicate end of array */

    Descr->in=TEXT_IMPLICIT;
    Descr->out=TEXT_VISUAL; RC=layout_object_setvalue(plh,layout,&index);
    if (RC) printf("SetValue error at %d!!\n",index); /* check return code */
    free(layout); /* free allocated memory */
    free(Descr);
    RC=layout_object_free(plh); /* free layout object */
    if (RC) printf("Free error !!\n");
}
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **layout_object_create** (“`layout_object_create` Subroutine” on page 452) subroutine, **layout_object_editshape** (“`layout_object_editshape` or `wcslayout_object_editshape` Subroutine” on page 453) subroutine, **layout_object_free** (“`layout_object_free` Subroutine” on page 465) subroutine, **layout_object_getvalue** (“`layout_object_getvalue` Subroutine” on page 457) subroutine, **layout_object_shapeboxchars** (“`layout_object_shapeboxchars` Subroutine”) subroutine, **layout_object_transform** (“`layout_object_transform` or `wcslayout_object_transform` Subroutine” on page 462) subroutine.

Bidirectionality and Character Shaping Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

layout_object_shapeboxchars Subroutine

Purpose

Shapes box characters.

Library

Layout Library (**libi18n.a**)

Syntax

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

```

int layout_object_shapeboxchars( layout_object, InpBuf, InpSize, OutBuf)
LayoutObject layout_object;
const char *InpBuf;
const size_t InpSize;
char *OutBuf;

```

Description

The **layout_object_shapeboxchars** subroutine shapes box characters into the VT100 box character set.

Note: If you are developing internationalized applications that may support multibyte locales, please see Use of the libcur Package in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

Parameters

<i>layout_object</i>	Specifies the LayoutObject structure created by the layout_object_create subroutine.
<i>InpBuf</i>	Specifies the source text to be processed.
<i>InpSize</i>	Specifies the number of code elements to be processed.
<i>OutBuf</i>	Contains the shaped output text.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, this subroutine returns a value of 0.

Error Codes

If this subroutine fails, it returns the following values:

LAYOUT_EILSEQ	Shaping stopped due to an input code element that cannot be mapped into the VT100 box character set.
LAYOUT_EINVAL	Shaping stopped due to an incomplete code element or shift sequence at the end of the input buffer.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **layout_object_create** (“layout_object_create Subroutine” on page 452) subroutine, **layout_object_editshape** (“layout_object_editshape or wcslayout_object_editshape Subroutine” on page 453) subroutine, **layout_object_free** (“layout_object_free Subroutine” on page 465) subroutine, **layout_object_getvalue** (“layout_object_getvalue Subroutine” on page 457) subroutine, **layout_object_setvalue** (“layout_object_setvalue Subroutine” on page 459) subroutine, **layout_object_transform** (“layout_object_transform or wcslayout_object_transform Subroutine” on page 462) subroutine.

Bidirectionality and Character Shaping Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

layout_object_transform or wcslayout_object_transform Subroutine

Purpose

Transforms text according to the current layout values of a **LayoutObject** structure.

Library

Layout Library (**libi18n.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int layout_object_transform( layout_object, InpBuf, InpSize, OutBuf, OutSize, InpToOut, OutToInp, BidiLvl)
LayoutObject layout_object;
const char *InpBuf;
size_t *InpSize;
void * OutBuf;
size_t *OutSize;
size_t *InpToOut;
size_t *OutToInp;
unsigned char *BidiLvl;
```

```
int wcslayout_object_transform (layout_object, InpBuf, InpSize, OutBuf, OutSize, InpToOut, OutToInp, BidiLvl)
LayoutObject layout_object;
const char *InpBuf;
size_t *InpSize;
void *OutBuf;
Size_t *OutSize;
size_t *InpToOut;
size_t *OutToInp;
unsigned char *BidiLvl;
```

Description

The **layout_object_transform** and **wcslayout_object_transform** subroutines transform the text specified by the *InpBuf* parameter according to the current layout values in the **LayoutObject** structure. Any layout value whose type is **LayoutTextDescriptor** describes the attributes within the *InpBuf* and *OutBuf* parameters. If the attributes are the same as the *InpBuf* and *OutBuf* parameters themselves, a null transformation is done with respect to that specific layout value.

The output of these subroutines may be one or more of the following results depending on the setting of the respective parameters:

<i>OutBuf, OutSize</i>	Any transformed data is stored in the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter.
<i>InpToOut</i>	A cross reference from each code element of the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter to the transformed data.
<i>OutToInp</i>	A cross reference to each code element of the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter from the transformed data.
<i>BidiLvl</i>	A weighted value that represents the directional level of each code element of the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter. The level is dependent on the internal directional algorithm of the LayoutObject structure.

You can specify each of these output parameters as Null to indicate that no output is needed for the specific parameter. However, you should set at least one of these parameters to a nonNULL value to perform any significant work.

To perform shaping of a text string without reordering of code elements, set the `TypeOfText` layout value to **TEXT_VISUAL** and the in and out values of the Orientation layout value alike. These layout values are in the **LayoutObject** structure.

Note: If you are developing internationalized applications that may support multibyte locales, please see Use of the libcur Package in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

Parameters

<i>layout_object</i>	Specifies the LayoutObject structure created by the layout_object_create subroutine.
<i>InpBuf</i>	Specifies the source text to be processed. This parameter cannot be null.
<i>InpSize</i>	Specifies the units of code elements processed associated with the bytes for the layout_object_transform and wcslayout_object_transform subroutines. A value of -1 indicates that the input is delimited by a null code element. On return, the value is modified to the actual number of code elements processed in the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter. However, if the value in the <i>OutSize</i> parameter is zero, the value of the <i>InpSize</i> parameter is not changed.
<i>OutBuf</i>	Contains the transformed data. You can specify this parameter as a null pointer to indicate that no transformed data is required. The encoding of the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter depends on the ShapeCharset layout value defined in the LayoutObject structure. If the ActiveShapeEditing layout value is set to True, the encoding of the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter is the same as the code set of the locale associated with the LayoutObject structure.
<i>OutSize</i>	Specifies the size of the output buffer in number of bytes. The output buffer should be large enough to contain the transformed result; otherwise, only a partial transformation is performed. If the ActiveShapeEditing layout value is set to True, the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter should be allocated to contain at least the number of code elements multiplied by the ShapeCharsetSize layout value. On return, the <i>OutSize</i> parameter is modified to the actual number of bytes placed in this parameter. When you specify the <i>OutSize</i> parameter as 0, the subroutine calculates the size of an output buffer to be large enough to contain the transformed text. The result is returned in this field. The content of the buffers specified by the <i>InpBuf</i> and <i>OutBuf</i> parameters, and a value of the <i>InpSize</i> parameter remains unchanged.
<i>InpToOut</i>	Represents an array of values with the same number of code elements as the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter if <i>InpToOut</i> parameter is not a null pointer. On output, the <i>n</i> th value in <i>InpToOut</i> parameter corresponds to the <i>n</i> th code element in <i>InpBuf</i> parameter. This value is the index in <i>OutBuf</i> parameter which identifies the transformed ShapeCharset element of the <i>n</i> th code element in <i>InpBuf</i> parameter. You can specify the <i>InpToOut</i> parameter as null if no index array from the <i>InpBuf</i> to <i>OutBuf</i> parameters is desired.
<i>OutToInp</i>	Represents an array of values with the same number of code elements as contained in the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter if the <i>OutToInp</i> parameter is not a null pointer. On output, the <i>n</i> th value in the <i>OutToInp</i> parameter corresponds to the <i>n</i> th ShapeCharset element in the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter. This value is the index in the <i>InpBuf</i> parameter which identifies the original code element of the <i>n</i> th ShapeCharset element in the <i>OutBuf</i> parameter. You can specify the <i>OutToInp</i> parameter as NULL if no index array from the <i>OutBuf</i> to <i>InpBuf</i> parameters is desired.

BidiLvl

Represents an array of values with the same number of elements as the source text if the *BidiLvl* parameter is not a null pointer. The *n*th value in the *BidiLvl* parameter corresponds to the *n*th code element in the *InpBuf* parameter. This value is the level of this code element as determined by the bidirectional algorithm. You can specify the *BidiLvl* parameter as null if a levels array is not desired.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, these subroutines return a value of 0.

Error Codes

If these subroutines fail, they return the following values:

LAYOUT_EILSEQ

Transformation stopped due to an input code element that cannot be shaped or is invalid. The *InpSize* parameter indicates the number of the code element successfully transformed.

Note: You can use this error code to determine the code element causing the error.

This code element is either a valid code element but cannot be shaped into the ShapeCharset layout value or is an invalid code element not defined by the code set of the locale of the **LayoutObject** structure. You can use the **mbtowc** and **wctomb** subroutines to determine if the code element is valid when used in the same locale as the **LayoutObject** structure.

LAYOUT_E2BIG LAYOUT_EINVAL

The output buffer is full and the source text is not entirely processed.

Transformation stopped due to an incomplete code element or shift sequence at the end of the input buffer. The *InpSize* parameter indicates the number of the code elements successfully transformed.

Note: You can use this error code to determine the code element causing the error.

LAYOUT_ERANGE

More than 15 embedding levels are in the source text or the *InpBuf* parameter contains unbalanced Directional Format (Push/Pop).

When the size of *OutBuf* parameter is not large enough to contain the entire transformed text, the input text state at the end of the **LAYOUT_E2BIG** error code is returned. To resume the transformation on the remaining text, the application calls the **layout_object_transform** subroutine with the same **LayoutObject** structure, the same *InpBuf* parameter, and *InpSize* parameter set to 0.

Examples

The following is an example of transformation of both directional re-ordering and shaping.

Notes:

1. Uppercase represent left-to-right characters; lowercase represent right-to-left characters.
1. xyz represent the shapes of cde.

Position: 0123456789
InpBuf: AB cde 12Z

Position: 0123456789
OutBuf: AB 12 zyxZ

Position: 0123456789
ToTarget: 0128765349

Position: 0123456789
ToSource: 0127865439

Position: 0123456789
BidiLevel: 0001111220

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **layout_object_create** (“layout_object_create Subroutine” on page 452) subroutine, **layout_object_editshape** (“layout_object_editshape or wcslayout_object_editshape Subroutine” on page 453) subroutine, **layout_object_free** (“layout_object_free Subroutine”) subroutine, **layout_object_getvalue** (“layout_object_getvalue Subroutine” on page 457) subroutine, **layout_object_setvalue** (“layout_object_setvalue Subroutine” on page 459) subroutine, **layout_object_shapeboxchars** (“layout_object_shapeboxchars Subroutine” on page 460) subroutine.

Bidirectionality and Character Shaping Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

layout_object_free Subroutine

Purpose

Frees a **LayoutObject** structure.

Library

Layout library (**libi18n.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int layout_object_free(layout_object)  
LayoutObject layout_object;
```

Description

The **layout_object_free** subroutine releases all the resources of the **LayoutObject** structure created by the **layout_object_create** subroutine. The *layout_object* parameter specifies this **LayoutObject** structure.

Note: If you are developing internationalized applications that may support multibyte locales, please see Use of the libcur Package in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*

Parameters

layout_object Specifies a **LayoutObject** structure returned by the **layout_object_create** subroutine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **layout_object_free** subroutine returns a value of 0. All resources associated with the *layout_object* parameter are successfully deallocated.

Error Codes

If the **layout_object_free** subroutine fails, it returns the following error code:

LAYOUT_EFAULT Errors occurred while processing the request.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **layout_object_create** (“layout_object_create Subroutine” on page 452) subroutine, **layout_object_editshape** (“layout_object_editshape or wcslayout_object_editshape Subroutine” on page 453) subroutine, **layout_object_getvalue** (“layout_object_getvalue Subroutine” on page 457) subroutine, **layout_object_setvalue** (“layout_object_setvalue Subroutine” on page 459) subroutine, **layout_object_shapeboxchars** (“layout_object_shapeboxchars Subroutine” on page 460) subroutine, **layout_object_transform** (“layout_object_transform or wcslayout_object_transform Subroutine” on page 462) subroutine.

Bidirectionality and Arabic Character Shaping Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldahread Subroutine

Purpose

Reads the archive header of a member of an archive file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldahread( ldPointer, ArchiveHeader)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
ARCHDR *ArchiveHeader;
```

Description

If the **TYPE(ldPointer)** macro from the **ldfcn.h** file is the archive file magic number, the **ldahread** subroutine reads the archive header of the extended common object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter into the area of memory beginning at the *ArchiveHeader* parameter.

Parameters

<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to the LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to ldopen or ldaopen .
<i>ArchiveHeader</i>	Points to a ARCHDR structure.

Return Values

The **ldhread** subroutine returns a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **ldhread** routine fails if the **TYPE(ldPointer)** macro does not represent an archive file, or if it cannot read the archive header.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldhread** (“ldhread Subroutine” on page 468) subroutine, **ldgetname** (“ldgetname Subroutine” on page 470) subroutine, **ldhread**, **ldlinit**, or **ldlitem** (“ldhread, ldlinit, or ldlitem Subroutine” on page 472) subroutine, **ldshread** or **ldnshread** (“ldshread or ldnshread Subroutine” on page 478) subroutine, **ldtbread** (“ldtbread Subroutine” on page 482) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldclose or ldaclose Subroutine

Purpose

Closes a common object file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldclose( ldPointer)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

```
int ldaclose(ldPointer)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

Description

The **ldopen** and **ldclose** subroutines provide uniform access to both simple object files and object files that are members of archive files. Thus, an archive of common object files can be processed as if it were a series of simple common object files.

If the **ldfcn.h** file **TYPE(ldPointer)** macro is the magic number of an archive file, and if there are any more files in the archive, the **ldclose** subroutine reinitializes the **ldfcn.h** file **OFFSET(ldPointer)** macro to the file address of the next archive member and returns a failure value. The **ldfile** structure is prepared for a subsequent **ldopen**.

If the **TYPE(ldPointer)** macro does not represent an archive file, the **ldclose** subroutine closes the file and frees the memory allocated to the **ldfile** structure associated with *ldPointer*.

The **ldclose** subroutine closes the file and frees the memory allocated to the **ldfile** structure associated with the *ldPointer* parameter regardless of the value of the **TYPE(ldPointer)** macro.

Parameters

ldPointer Pointer to the **LDFILE** structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to **ldopen** or **ldaopen**.

Return Values

The **ldclose** subroutine returns a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

The **ldclose** subroutine always returns a SUCCESS value and is often used in conjunction with the **ldaopen** subroutine.

Error Codes

The **ldclose** subroutine returns a failure value if there are more files to archive.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldaopen** or **ldopen** (“ldopen or ldaopen Subroutine” on page 475) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldfhread Subroutine

Purpose

Reads the file header of an XCOFF file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldfhread ( ldPointer, FileHeader)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
void *FileHeader;
```

Description

The **ldfhread** subroutine reads the file header of the object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter into the area of memory beginning at the *FileHeader* parameter. For AIX 4.3.2 and above, it is the responsibility of the calling routine to provide a pointer to a buffer large enough to contain the file header of the associated object file. Since the **ldopen** subroutine provides magic number information (via the **HEADER(*ldPointer*).f_magic** macro), the calling application can always determine whether the *FileHeader* pointer should refer to a 32-bit FILHDR or 64-bit FILHDR_64 structure.

Parameters

ldPointer Points to the **LDFILE** structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to **ldopen** or **ldaopen** subroutine.

FileHeader Points to a buffer large enough to accommodate a **FILHDR** structure, according to the object mode of the file being read.

Return Values

The **ldfhread** subroutine returns Success or Failure.

Error Codes

The **ldfhread** subroutine fails if it cannot read the file header.

Note: In most cases, the use of **ldfhread** can be avoided by using the **HEADER (*ldPointer*)** macro defined in the **ldfcn.h** file. The information in any field or fieldname of the header file may be accessed using the **header (*ldPointer*) fieldname** macro.

Examples

The following is an example of code that opens an object file, determines its mode, and uses the **ldfhread** subroutine to acquire the file header. This code would be compiled with both **_XCOFF32_** and **_XCOFF64_** defined:

```
#define _XCOFF32_
#define _XCOFF64_

#include <ldfcn.h>

/* for each FileName to be processed */

if ( (ldPointer = ldopen(fileName, ldPointer)) != NULL )
{
    FILHDR    FileHead32;
    FILHDR_64 FileHead64;
    void      *FileHeader;

    if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U802TOCMAGIC )
        FileHeader = &FileHead32;
    else if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U803XTOCMAGIC )
        FileHeader = &FileHead64;
    else
        FileHeader = NULL;

    if ( FileHeader && (ldfhread( ldPointer, &FileHeader ) == SUCCESS) )
    {
        /* ...successfully read header... */
        /* ...process according to magic number... */
    }
}
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldahread** (“ldahread Subroutine” on page 466) subroutine, **ldgetname** (“ldgetname Subroutine”) subroutine, **ldlread**, **ldlinit**, or **ldlitem** (“ldlread, ldlinit, or ldlitem Subroutine” on page 472) subroutine, **ldopen** (“ldopen or ldaopen Subroutine” on page 475) subroutine, **ldshread** or **ldnshread** (“ldshread or ldnshread Subroutine” on page 478) subroutine, **ldtbread** (“ldtbread Subroutine” on page 482) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldgetname Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves symbol name for common object file symbol table entry.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *ldgetname ( ldPointer, Symbol)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
void *Symbol;
```

Description

The **ldgetname** subroutine returns a pointer to the name associated with *Symbol* as a string. The string is in a static buffer local to the **ldgetname** subroutine that is overwritten by each call to the **ldgetname** subroutine and must therefore be copied by the caller if the name is to be saved.

The common object file format handles arbitrary length symbol names with the addition of a string table. The **ldgetname** subroutine returns the symbol name associated with a symbol table entry for an XCOFF-format object file.

The calling routine to provide a pointer to a buffer large enough to contain a symbol table entry for the associated object file. Since the **ldopen** subroutine provides magic number information (via the **HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic** macro), the calling application can always determine whether the Symbol pointer should refer to a 32-bit SYMENT or 64-bit SYMENT_64 structure.

The maximum length of a symbol name is **BUFSIZ**, defined in the **stdio.h** file.

Parameters

<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to an LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the ldopen or ldaopen subroutine.
<i>Symbol</i>	Points to an initialized 32-bit or 64-bit SYMENT structure.

Error Codes

The **ldgetname** subroutine returns a null value (defined in the **stdio.h** file) for a COFF-format object file if the name cannot be retrieved. This situation can occur if one of the following is true:

- The string table cannot be found.
- The string table appears invalid (for example, if an auxiliary entry is handed to the **ldgetname** subroutine wherein the name offset lies outside the boundaries of the string table).
- The name's offset into the string table is past the end of the string table.

Typically, the **ldgetname** subroutine is called immediately after a successful call to the **ldtbread** subroutine to retrieve the name associated with the symbol table entry filled by the **ldtbread** subroutine.

Examples

The following is an example of code that determines the object file type before making a call to the **ldtbread** and **ldgetname** subroutines.

```
#define __XCOFF32__
#define __XCOFF64__

#include <ldfcn.h>

SYMENT Symbol32;
SYMENT_64 Symbol64;
void *Symbol;

if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U802TOCMAGIC )
    Symbol = &Symbol32;
else if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U803XTOCMAGIC )
    Symbol = &Symbol64;
else
    Symbol = NULL;

if ( Symbol )
    /* for each symbol in the symbol table */
    for ( symnum = 0 ; symnum < HEADER(ldPointer).f_nsyms ; symnum++ )
    {
        if ( ldtbread(ldPointer,symnum,Symbol) == SUCCESS )
        {
            char *name = ldgetname(ldPointer,Symbol)

            if ( name )
            {
                /* Got the name... */
                .
            }

            /* Increment symnum by the number of auxiliary entries */
            if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U802TOCMAGIC )
                symnum += Symbol32.n_numaux;
            else if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U803XTOCMAGIC )
                symnum += Symbol64.n_numaux;
        }
        else
        {
            /* Should have been a symbol...indicate the error */
            .
        }
    }
}
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldahread** (“ldahread Subroutine” on page 466) subroutine, **ldfhread** (“ldfhread Subroutine” on page 468) subroutine, **ldhread**, **ldlinit**, or **ldlitem** (“ldhread, ldlinit, or ldlitem Subroutine”) subroutine, **ldshread** or **ldnshread** (“ldshread or ldnshread Subroutine” on page 478) subroutine, **ldtbread** (“ldtbread Subroutine” on page 482) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldhread, ldlinit, or ldlitem Subroutine

Purpose

Manipulates line number entries of a common object file function.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldhread ( ldPointer, FunctionIndex, LineNumber, LineEntry)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
int FunctionIndex;
unsigned short LineNumber;
void *LineEntry;
```

```
int ldlinit (ldPointer, FunctionIndex)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
int FunctionIndex;
```

```
int ldlitem (ldPointer, LineNumber, LineEntry)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
unsigned short LineNumber;
void *LineEntry;
```

Description

The **ldhread** subroutine searches the line number entries of the XCOFF file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter. The **ldhread** subroutine begins its search with the line number entry for the beginning of a function and confines its search to the line numbers associated with a single function. The function is identified by the *FunctionIndex* parameter, the index of its entry in the object file symbol table. The **ldhread** subroutine reads the entry with the smallest line number equal to or greater than the *LineNumber* parameter into the memory beginning at the *LineEntry* parameter. It is the responsibility of the calling routine to provide a pointer to a buffer large enough to contain the line number entry for the associated object file type. Since the **ldopen** subroutine provides magic number information (via the **HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic** macro), the calling application can always determine whether the *LineEntry* pointer should refer to a 32-bit LINENO or 64-bit LINENO_64 structure.

The **ldlinit** and **ldlitem** subroutines together perform the same function as the **ldlread** subroutine. After an initial call to the **ldlread** or **ldlinit** subroutine, the **ldlitem** subroutine may be used to retrieve successive line number entries associated with a single function. The **ldlinit** subroutine simply locates the line number entries for the function identified by the *FunctionIndex* parameter. The **ldlitem** subroutine finds and reads the entry with the smallest line number equal to or greater than the *LineNumber* parameter into the memory beginning at the *LineEntry* parameter.

Parameters

<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to the LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the ldopen , lddopen , or ldaopen subroutine.
<i>LineNumber</i>	Specifies the index of the first <i>LineNumber</i> parameter entry to be read.
<i>LineEntry</i>	Points to a buffer that will be filled in with a LINENO structure from the object file.
<i>FunctionIndex</i>	Points to the symbol table index of a function.

Return Values

The **ldlread**, **ldlinit**, and **ldlitem** subroutines return a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **ldlread** subroutine fails if there are no line number entries in the object file, if the *FunctionIndex* parameter does not index a function entry in the symbol table, or if it finds no line number equal to or greater than the *LineNumber* parameter. The **ldlinit** subroutine fails if there are no line number entries in the object file or if the *FunctionIndex* parameter does not index a function entry in the symbol table. The **ldlitem** subroutine fails if it finds no line number equal to or greater than the *LineNumber* parameter.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldahread** (“ldahread Subroutine” on page 466) subroutine, **ldfhread** (“ldfhread Subroutine” on page 468) subroutine, **ldgetname** (“ldgetname Subroutine” on page 470) subroutine, **ldshread** or **ldnshread** (“ldshread or ldnshread Subroutine” on page 478) subroutine, **ldtbread** (“ldtbread Subroutine” on page 482) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldlseek or ldnlseek Subroutine

Purpose

Seeks to line number entries of a section of a common object file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldlseek ( ldPointer, SectionIndex)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

```
unsigned short SectionIndex;
```

```
int ldnlseek (ldPointer, SectionName)  
LDFILE *ldPointer;  
char *SectionName;
```

Description

The **ldlseek** subroutine seeks to the line number entries of the section specified by the *SectionIndex* parameter of the common object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter. The first section has an index of 1.

The **ldnlseek** subroutine seeks to the line number entries of the section specified by the *SectionName* parameter.

Both subroutines determine the object mode of the associated file before seeking to the relocation entries of the indicated section.

Parameters

<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to the LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the ldopen or ldaopen subroutine.
<i>SectionIndex</i>	Specifies the index of the section whose line number entries are to be sought to.
<i>SectionName</i>	Specifies the name of the section whose line number entries are to be sought to.

Return Values

The **ldlseek** and **ldnlseek** subroutines return a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **ldlseek** subroutine fails if the *SectionIndex* parameter is greater than the number of sections in the object file. The **ldnlseek** subroutine fails if there is no section name corresponding with the *SectionName* parameter. Either function fails if the specified section has no line number entries or if it cannot seek to the specified line number entries.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldohseek** (“ldohseek Subroutine”) subroutine, **ldrseek** or **ldnrseek** (“ldrseek or ldnrseek Subroutine” on page 477) subroutine, **ldsseek** or **ldnsseek** (“ldsseek or ldnsseek Subroutine” on page 480) subroutine, **ldtbseek** (“ldtbseek Subroutine” on page 483) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldohseek Subroutine

Purpose

Seeks to the optional file header of a common object file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldohseek ( ldPointer)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

Description

The **ldohseek** subroutine seeks to the optional auxiliary header of the common object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter. The subroutine determines the object mode of the associated file before seeking to the end of its file header.

Parameters

ldPointer Points to the **LDFILE** structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to **ldopen** or **ldaopen** subroutine.

Return Values

The **ldohseek** subroutine returns a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **ldohseek** subroutine fails if the object file has no optional header, if the file is not a 32-bit or 64-bit object file, or if it cannot seek to the optional header.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldlseek** or **ldnlseek** (“ldlseek or ldnlseek Subroutine” on page 473) subroutine, **ldrseek** or **ldnrseek** (“ldrseek or ldnrseek Subroutine” on page 477) subroutine, **ldsseek** or **ldnsseek** (“ldsseek or ldnsseek Subroutine” on page 480) subroutine, **ldtbseek** (“ldtbseek Subroutine” on page 483) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldopen or ldaopen Subroutine

Purpose

Opens an object or archive file for reading.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
LDFILE *ldopen( FileName, ldPointer)
char *FileName;
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

```
LDFILE *ldlopen(FileName, ldPointer)
char *FileName;
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

```
LDFILE *lddopen(FileDescriptor, type, ldPointer)
int FileDescriptor;
char *type;
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

Description

The **ldopen** and **ldclose** subroutines provide uniform access to both simple object files and object files that are members of archive files. Thus, an archive of object files can be processed as if it were a series of ordinary object files.

If the *ldPointer* is null, the **ldopen** subroutine opens the file named by the *FileName* parameter and allocates and initializes an **LDFILE** structure, and returns a pointer to the structure.

If the *ldPointer* parameter is not null and refers to an **LDFILE** for an archive, the structure is updated for reading the next archive member. In this case, and if the value of the **TYPE(*ldPointer*)** macro is the archive magic number **ARTYPE**.

The **ldopen** and **ldclose** subroutines are designed to work in concert. The **ldclose** subroutine returns failure only when the *ldPointer* refers to an archive containing additional members. Only then should the **ldopen** subroutine be called with a non-null *ldPointer* argument. In all other cases, in particular whenever a new *FileName* parameter is opened, the **ldopen** subroutine should be called with a null *ldPointer* argument.

If the value of the *ldPointer* parameter is not null, the **ldaopen** subroutine opens the *FileName* parameter again and allocates and initializes a new **LDFILE** structure, copying the **TYPE**, **OFFSET**, and **HEADER** fields from the *ldPointer* parameter. The **ldaopen** subroutine returns a pointer to the new **ldfile** structure. This new pointer is independent of the old pointer, *ldPointer*. The two pointers may be used concurrently to read separate parts of the object file. For example, one pointer may be used to step sequentially through the relocation information, while the other is used to read indexed symbol table entries.

The **iddopen** function accesses the previously opened file referenced by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. In all other respects, it functions the same as the **ldopen** subroutine.

For AIX 4.3.2 and above, the functions transparently open both 32-bit and 64-bit object files, as well as both small format and large format archive files. Once a file or archive is successfully opened, the calling application can examine the **HEADER(*ldPointer*).f_magic** field to check the magic number of the file or archive member associated with *ldPointer*. (This is necessary due to an archive potentially containing members that are not object files.) The magic numbers **U802TOCMAGIC** and (for AIX 4.3.2 and above) **U803XTOCMAGIC** are defined in the **ldfcn.h** file. If the value of **TYPE(*ldPointer*)** is the archive magic number **ARTYPE**, the flags field can be checked for the archive type. Large format archives will have the flag bit **AR_TYPE_BIG** set in **LDFLAGS(*ldPointer*)**. Large format archives are available on AIX 4.3 and later.

Parameters

<i>FileName</i>	Specifies the file name of an object file or archive.
<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to an LDFILE structure.
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies a valid open file descriptor.
<i>type</i>	Points to a character string specifying the mode for the open file. The fdopen function is used to open the file.

Error Codes

Both the **ldopen** and **ldaopen** subroutines open the file named by the *FileName* parameter for reading. Both functions return a null value if the *FileName* parameter cannot be opened, or if memory for the **LDFILE** structure cannot be allocated.

A successful open does not ensure that the given file is a common object file or an archived object file.

Examples

The following is an example of code that uses the **ldopen** and **ldclose** subroutines:

```
/* for each FileName to be processed */

ldPointer = NULL;
do

if((ldPointer = ldopen(FileName, ldPointer)) != NULL)

        /* check magic number */
        /* process the file */
        "
        "
while(ldclose(ldPointer) == FAILURE );
```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldclose** or **ldaclose** (“ldclose or ldaclose Subroutine” on page 467) subroutine, **fopen**, **fopen64**, **freopen**, **freopen64**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldrseek or ldnrseek Subroutine

Purpose

Seeks to the relocation entries of a section of an XCOFF file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldrseek ( ldPointer, SectionIndex)
ldfile *ldPointer;
unsigned short SectionIndex;
```

```
int ldnrseek (ldPointer, SectionName)
ldfile *ldPointer;
char *SectionName;
```

Description

The **ldrseek** subroutine seeks to the relocation entries of the section specified by the *SectionIndex* parameter of the common object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter.

The **ldnrseek** subroutine seeks to the relocation entries of the section specified by the *SectionName* parameter.

For AIX 4.3.2 and above, both subroutines determine the object mode of the associated file before seeking to the relocation entries of the indicated section.

Parameters

<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to an LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the ldopen , lddopen , or ldaopen subroutines.
<i>SectionIndex</i>	Specifies an index for the section whose relocation entries are to be sought.
<i>SectionName</i>	Specifies the name of the section whose relocation entries are to be sought.

Return Values

The **ldrseek** and **ldnrseek** subroutines return a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **ldrseek** subroutine fails if the contents of the *SectionIndex* parameter are greater than the number of sections in the object file. The **ldnrseek** subroutine fails if there is no section name corresponding with the *SectionName* parameter. Either function fails if the specified section has no relocation entries or if it cannot seek to the specified relocation entries.

Note: The first section has an index of 1.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldohseek** (“ldohseek Subroutine” on page 474) subroutine, **ldlseek** or **ldnlseek** (“ldlseek or ldnlseek Subroutine” on page 473) subroutine, **ldsseek** or **ldnsseek** (“ldsseek or ldnsseek Subroutine” on page 480) subroutine, **ldtbseek** (“ldtbseek Subroutine” on page 483) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldshread or ldnshread Subroutine

Purpose

Reads a section header of an XCOFF file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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



```
int ldshread ( ldPointer, SectionIndex, SectionHead)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
unsigned short SectionIndex;
void *SectionHead;
```

```
int ldnsread (ldPointer, SectionName, SectionHead)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
char *SectionName;
void *SectionHead;
```

Description

The **ldshread** subroutine reads the section header specified by the *SectionIndex* parameter of the common object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter into the area of memory beginning at the location specified by the *SectionHead* parameter.

The **ldnsread** subroutine reads the section header named by the *SectionName* argument into the area of memory beginning at the location specified by the *SectionHead* parameter. It is the responsibility of the calling routine to provide a pointer to a buffer large enough to contain the section header of the associated object file. Since the **ldopen** subroutine provides magic number information (via the **HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic** macro), the calling application can always determine whether the *SectionHead* pointer should refer to a 32-bit **SCNHDR** or 64-bit **SCNHDR_64** structure.

Only the first section header named by the *SectionName* argument is returned by the **ldshread** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to an LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the ldopen , lldopen , or ldaopen subroutine.
<i>SectionIndex</i>	Specifies the index of the section header to be read.

Note: The first section has an index of 1.

<i>SectionHead</i>	Points to a buffer large enough to accept either a 32-bit or a 64-bit SCNHDR structure, according to the object mode of the file being read.
<i>SectionName</i>	Specifies the name of the section header to be read.

Return Values

The **ldshread** and **ldnsread** subroutines return a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **ldshread** subroutine fails if the *SectionIndex* parameter is greater than the number of sections in the object file. The **ldnsread** subroutine fails if there is no section with the name specified by the *SectionName* parameter. Either function fails if it cannot read the specified section header.

Examples

The following is an example of code that opens an object file, determines its mode, and uses the **ldnsread** subroutine to acquire the .text section header. This code would be compiled with both **__XCOFF32__** and **__XCOFF64__** defined:

```
#define __XCOFF32__
#define __XCOFF64__

#include <ldfcn.h>
```

```

/* for each FileName to be processed */
if ( (ldPointer = ldopen(FileName, ldPointer)) != NULL )
{
    SCNHDR    SectionHead32;
    SCNHDR_64 SectionHead64;
    void      *SectionHeader;

    if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U802TOCMAGIC )
        SectionHeader = &SectionHead32;
    else if ( HEADER(ldPointer).f_magic == U803XTOCMAGIC )
        SectionHeader = &SectionHead64;
    else
        SectionHeader = NULL;

    if ( SectionHeader && (ldnshread( ldPointer, ".text", &SectionHeader ) == SUCCESS) )
    {
        /* ...successfully read header... */
        /* ...process according to magic number... */
    }
}

```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldahread** (“ldahread Subroutine” on page 466) subroutine, **ldfhread** (“ldfhread Subroutine” on page 468) subroutine, **ldgetname** (“ldgetname Subroutine” on page 470) subroutine, **ldlread**, **ldlinit**, or **ldlitem** (“ldlread, ldlinit, or ldlitem Subroutine” on page 472) subroutine, **ldtbread** (“ldtbread Subroutine” on page 482) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Idsseek or Idnsseek Subroutine

Purpose

Seeks to an indexed or named section of a common object file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <ldfcn.h>

```

```

int Idsseek ( ldPointer, SectionIndex)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
unsigned short SectionIndex;

```

```

int Idnsseek (ldPointer, SectionName)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
char *SectionName;

```

Description

The **Idsseek** subroutine seeks to the section specified by the *SectionIndex* parameter of the common object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter. The subroutine determines the object mode of the associated file before seeking to the indicated section.

The **Idnsseek** subroutine seeks to the section specified by the *SectionName* parameter.

Parameters

<i>ldPointer</i>	Points to the LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the ldopen or ldaopen subroutine.
<i>SectionIndex</i>	Specifies the index of the section whose line number entries are to be sought to.
<i>SectionName</i>	Specifies the name of the section whose line number entries are to be sought to.

Return Values

The **Idsseek** and **Idnsseek** subroutines return a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **Idsseek** subroutine fails if the *SectionIndex* parameter is greater than the number of sections in the object file. The **Idnsseek** subroutine fails if there is no section name corresponding with the *SectionName* parameter. Either function fails if there is no section data for the specified section or if it cannot seek to the specified section.

Note: The first section has an index of 1.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldlseek** or **ldnlseek** (“ldlseek or ldnlseek Subroutine” on page 473) subroutine, **ldohseek** (“ldohseek Subroutine” on page 474) subroutine, **ldrseek** or **ldnrseek** (“ldrseek or ldnrseek Subroutine” on page 477) subroutine, **ldtbseek** (“ldtbseek Subroutine” on page 483) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldtbindex Subroutine

Purpose

Computes the index of a symbol table entry of a common object file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
long ldtbindex ( ldPointer)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

Description

The **ldtbindex** subroutine returns the index of the symbol table entry at the current position of the common object file associated with the *ldPointer* parameter.

The index returned by the **ldtbindex** subroutine may be used in subsequent calls to the **ldtbread** subroutine. However, since the **ldtbindex** subroutine returns the index of the symbol table entry that begins at the current position of the object file, if the **ldtbindex** subroutine is called immediately after a particular symbol table entry has been read, it returns the index of the next entry.

Parameters

ldPointer Points to the **LDFILE** structure that was returned as a result of a successful call to the **ldopen** or **ldaopen** subroutine.

Return Values

The **ldtbindex** subroutine returns the value **BADINDEX** upon failure. Otherwise a value greater than or equal to zero is returned.

Error Codes

The **ldtbindex** subroutine fails if there are no symbols in the object file or if the object file is not positioned at the beginning of a symbol table entry.

Note: The first symbol in the symbol table has an index of 0.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldtbread** (“ldtbread Subroutine”) subroutine, **ldtbseek** (“ldtbseek Subroutine” on page 483) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ldtbread Subroutine

Purpose

Reads an indexed symbol table entry of a common object file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldtbread ( ldPointer, SymbolIndex, Symbol)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
long SymbolIndex;
void *Symbol;
```

Description

The **Idtbread** subroutine reads the symbol table entry specified by the *SymbolIndex* parameter of the common object file currently associated with the *IdPointer* parameter into the area of memory beginning at the *Symbol* parameter. It is the responsibility of the calling routine to provide a pointer to a buffer large enough to contain the symbol table entry of the associated object file. Since the *ldopen* subroutine provides magic number information (via the **HEADER(*IdPointer*),f_magic** macro), the calling application can always determine whether the *Symbol* pointer should refer to a 32-bit **SYMENT** or 64-bit **SYMENT_64** structure.

Parameters

<i>IdPointer</i>	Points to the LDFILE structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the ldopen or ldlopen subroutine.
<i>SymbolIndex</i>	Specifies the index of the symbol table entry to be read.
<i>Symbol</i>	Points to a either a 32-bit or a 64-bit SYMENT structure.

Return Values

The **Idtbread** subroutine returns a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **Idtbread** subroutine fails if the *SymbolIndex* parameter is greater than or equal to the number of symbols in the object file, or if it cannot read the specified symbol table entry.

Note: The first symbol in the symbol table has an index of 0.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldahread** (“ldahread Subroutine” on page 466) subroutine, **ldfhread** (“ldfhread Subroutine” on page 468) subroutine, **ldgetname** (“ldgetname Subroutine” on page 470) subroutine, **ldlread**, **ldlinit**, or **ldlitem** (“ldlread, ldlinit, or ldlitem Subroutine” on page 472) subroutine, **ldshread** or **ldnshread** (“ldshread or ldnshread Subroutine” on page 478) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Idtbseek Subroutine

Purpose

Seeks to the symbol table of a common object file.

Library

Object File Access Routine Library (**libld.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int ldtbseek ( ldPointer)
LDFILE *ldPointer;
```

Description

The **ldtbseek** subroutine seeks to the symbol table of the common object file currently associated with the *ldPointer* parameter.

Parameters

ldPointer Points to the **LDFILE** structure that was returned as the result of a successful call to the **ldopen** or **ldaopen** subroutine.

Return Values

The **ldtbseek** subroutine returns a SUCCESS or FAILURE value.

Error Codes

The **ldtbseek** subroutine fails if the symbol table has been stripped from the object file or if the subroutine cannot seek to the symbol table.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ldlseek** or **ldnlseek** (“ldlseek or ldnlseek Subroutine” on page 473) subroutine, **ldohseek** (“ldohseek Subroutine” on page 474) subroutine, **ldrseek** or **ldnrseek** (“ldrseek or ldnrseek Subroutine” on page 477) subroutine, **ldsseek** or **ldnsseek** (“ldsseek or ldnsseek Subroutine” on page 480) subroutine.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Igamma, lgammal, or gamma Subroutine

Purpose

Computes the natural logarithm of the gamma function.

Libraries

Igamma, **lgammal**, and **gamma**:
IEEE Math Library (**libm.a**)
or System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
extern int signgam;
double lgamma (x)
double x;
long double lgammal (x)
long double x;
double gamma (x)
double x;
```

Description

The subroutine names **lgamma** and **gamma** are different names for the same function. The **lgammal** subroutine provides the same function for numbers in long double format.

The **lgamma** subroutine returns the natural logarithm of the absolute value of the gamma function of the x parameter.

$$G(x) = \text{integral } [0 \text{ to } \text{INF}] \text{ of } ((e^{**(-t)} * t^{*(x-1)} dt)$$

The sign of **lgamma** of x is stored in the external integer variable **signgam**. The x parameter may not be a non-positive integer.

Do not use the expression:

```
g = exp(lgamma(x)) * signgam
```

to compute $g = G(x)$. Instead, use a sequence such as:

```
lg = lgamma(x);  
g = exp(lg) * signgam;
```

Note: Compile any routine that uses subroutines from the **libm.a** with the **-lm** flag. To compile the **lgamma.c** file, enter:

```
cc lgamma.c -lm
```

Parameters

x For the **lgamma** and **gamma** subroutines, specifies a double-precision floating-point value. For the **lgammal** subroutine, specifies a long double-precision floating-point value.

Error Codes

- For non-positive integer arguments, the **lgamma** and **lgammal** subroutines return NaNQ and set the division-by-zero bit in the floating-point exception status.
- If the correct value overflows, the **lgamma** and **lgammal** subroutines return a **HUGE_VAL** value. If the correct value underflows, the **lgamma** and **lgammal** subroutines return 0.

When using the **libmsaa.a** library with the **-lmsaa** flag:

- For non-positive integer arguments, the **lgamma** subroutine returns a **HUGE_VAL** value and set the **errno** global variable to a **EDOM** value. A message indicating SING error is printed on the standard error output.
- If the correct value overflows, the **lgamma** and **lgammal** subroutines and **lgammal** subroutine return a **HUGE_VAL** value and sets the **errno** global variable to a **ERANGE** value.

Note: These error-handling procedures may be changed with the **matherr** subroutine when using **libmsaa.a** (**-lmsaa**).

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exp**, **expm1**, **log**, **log10**, **log1p** or **pow** (“exp, expl, expm1, log, logl, log10, log10l, log1p, pow, or powl Subroutine” on page 202) subroutine, **matherr** (“matherr Subroutine” on page 535) subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

lineout Subroutine

Purpose

Formats a print line.

Library

None (provided by the print formatter)

Syntax

```
#include <piostruct.h>
```

```
int lineout ( fileptr)
FILE *fileptr;
```

Description

The **lineout** subroutine is invoked by the formatter driver only if the **setup** subroutine returns a non-null pointer. This subroutine is invoked for each line of the document being formatted. The **lineout** subroutine reads the input data stream from the *fileptr* parameter. It then formats and outputs the print line until it recognizes a situation that causes vertical movement on the page.

The **lineout** subroutine should process all characters to be printed and all printer commands related to horizontal movement on the page.

The **lineout** subroutine should not output any printer commands that cause vertical movement on the page. Instead, it should update the **vpos** (new vertical position) variable pointed to by the **shars_vars** structure that it shares with the formatter driver to indicate the new vertical position on the page. It should also refresh the **shar_vars** variables for vertical increment and vertical decrement (reverse line-feed) commands.

When the **lineout** subroutine returns, the formatter driver sends the necessary commands to the printer to advance to the new vertical position on the page. This position is specified by the **vpos** variable. The formatter driver automatically handles top and bottom margins, new pages, initial pages to be skipped, and progress reports to the **qdaemon** daemon.

The following conditions can cause vertical movements:

- Line-feed control character or variable line-feed control sequence
- Vertical-tab control character
- Form-feed control character
- Reverse line-feed control character
- A line too long for the printer that wraps to the next line

Other conditions unique to a specific printer also cause vertical movement.

Parameters

fileptr Specifies a file structure for the input data stream.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **lineout** subroutine returns the number of bytes processed from the input data stream. It excludes the end-of-file character and any control characters or escape sequences that result only in vertical movement on the page (for example, line feed or vertical tab).

If a value of 0 is returned and the value in the **vpos** variable pointed to by the **shars_vars** structure has not changed, or there are no more data bytes in the input data stream, the formatter driver assumes that printing is complete.

If the **lineout** subroutine detects an error, it uses the **piomsgout** subroutine to issue an error message. It then invokes the **pioexit** subroutine with a value of PIOEXITBAD.

Note: If either the **piocmdout** or **piogetstr** subroutine detects an error, it automatically issues its own error messages and terminates the print job.

Related Information

The **piocmdout** subroutine, **pioexit** subroutine, **piogetstr** subroutine, **piomsgout** subroutine, **setup** subroutine.

Adding a New Printer Type to Your System and Printer Addition Management Subsystem: Programming Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Kernel Extensions and Device Support Programming Concepts*.

Example of Print Formatter in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

link Subroutine

Purpose

Creates an additional directory entry for an existing file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int link ( Path1, Path2)
const char *Path1, *Path2;
```

Description

The **link** subroutine creates an additional hard link (directory entry) for an existing file. Both the old and the new links share equal access rights to the underlying object.

Parameters

Path1 Points to the path name of an existing file.
Path2 Points to the path name of the directory entry to be created.

Notes:

1. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, these paths can cross into another node.

2. With hard links, both the *Path1* and *Path2* parameters must reside on the same file system. If *Path1* is a symbolic link, an error is returned. Creating links to directories requires root user authority.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **link** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **link** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EACCES	Indicates the requested link requires writing in a directory that denies write permission.
EDQUOT	Indicates the directory in which the entry for the new link is being placed cannot be extended, or disk blocks could not be allocated for the link because the user or group quota of disk blocks or i-nodes on the file system containing the directory has been exhausted.
EEXIST	Indicates the link named by the <i>Path2</i> parameter already exists.
EMLINK	Indicates the file already has the maximum number of links.
ENOENT	Indicates the file named by the <i>Path1</i> parameter does not exist.
ENOSPC	Indicates the directory in which the entry for the new link is being placed cannot be extended because there is no space left on the file system containing the directory.
EPERM	Indicates the file named by the <i>Path1</i> parameter is a directory, and the calling process does not have root user authority.
EROFS	Indicates the requested link requires writing in a directory on a read-only file system.
EXDEV	Indicates the link named by the <i>Path2</i> parameter and the file named by the <i>Path1</i> parameter are on different file systems, or the file named by <i>Path1</i> refers to a named STREAM.

The **link** subroutine can be unsuccessful for other reasons. See “Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution” on page 881 for a list of additional errors.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **link** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT	Indicates the connection timed out.
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Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **symlink** subroutine, **unlink** subroutine.

The **link** or **unlink** command, **ln** command, **rm** command.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

lio_listio or lio_listio64 Subroutine

Purpose

Initiates a list of asynchronous I/O requests with a single call.

Syntax

```
#include <aio.h>
```

```

int lio_listio (cmd,
list, nent, eventp)
int cmd, nent;
struct liocb * list[ ];
struct event * eventp;

int lio_listio64
(cmd, list, nent, eventp)
int cmd, nent; struct liocb64 *list;
struct event *eventp;

```

Description

The **lio_listio** subroutine allows the calling process to initiate the *nent* parameter asynchronous I/O requests. These requests are specified in the **liocb** structures pointed to by the elements of the *list* array. The call may block or return immediately depending on the *cmd* parameter. If the *cmd* parameter requests that I/O completion be asynchronously notified, a **SIGIO** signal is delivered when all I/O operations are completed.

The **lio_listio64** subroutine is similar to the **lio_listio** subroutine except that it takes an array of pointers to **liocb64** structures. This allows the **lio_listio64** subroutine to specify offsets in excess of OFF_MAX (2 gigabytes minus 1).

In the large file enabled programming environment, **lio_listio** is redefined to be **lio_listio64**.

Note: The **SIGIO** signal will be replaced by real-time signals when they are available. The pointer to the **event** structure *eventp* parameter is currently not in use but is included for future compatibility.

Parameters

cmd The *cmd* parameter takes one of the following values:

LIO_WAIT

Queues the requests and waits until they are complete before returning.

LIO_NOWAIT

Queues the requests and returns immediately, without waiting for them to complete. The *event* parameter is ignored.

LIO_ASYNC

Queues the requests and returns immediately, without waiting for them to complete. An enhanced signal is delivered when all the operations are completed. Currently this command is not implemented.

LIO_ASIG

Queues the requests and returns immediately, without waiting for them to complete. A **SIGIO** signal is generated when all the I/O operations are completed.

<i>list</i>	Points to an array of pointers to liocb structures. The structure array contains <i>nent</i> elements:
<i>lio_aiocb</i>	The asynchronous I/O control block associated with this I/O request. This is an actual aiocb structure, not a pointer to one.
<i>lio_fildes</i>	Identifies the file object on which the I/O is to be performed.
<i>lio_opcode</i>	This field may have one of the following values defined in the <code>/usr/include/sys/aio.h</code> file: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LIO_READ Indicates that the read I/O operation is requested. LIO_WRITE Indicates that the write I/O operation is requested. LIO_NOP Specifies that no I/O is requested (that is, this element will be ignored).
<i>nent</i>	Specifies the number of entries in the array of pointers to listio structures.
<i>eventp</i>	Points to an event structure to be used when the <i>cmd</i> parameter is set to the LIO_ASYNC value. This parameter is currently ignored.

Execution Environment

The **lio_listio** and **lio_listio64** subroutines can be called from the process environment only.

Return Values

When the **lio_listio** subroutine is successful, it returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to identify the error. The returned value indicates the success or failure of the **lio_listio** subroutine itself and not of the asynchronous I/O requests (except when the command is **LIO_WAIT**). The **aio_error** subroutine returns the status of each I/O request.

Return codes can be set to the following **errno** values:

EAGAIN	Indicates that the system resources required to queue the request are not available. Specifically, the transmit queue may be full, or the maximum number of opens may have been reached.
EFAIL	Indicates that one or more I/O operations was not successful. This error can be received only if the <i>cmd</i> parameter has a LIO_WAIT value.
EINTR	Indicates that a signal or event interrupted the lio_listio subroutine call.
EINVAL	Indicates that the <i>aio_whence</i> field does not have a valid value or that the resulting pointer is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The **lio_listio** and **lio_listio64** subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **aio_cancel** or **aio_cancel64** (“**aio_cancel** or **aio_cancel64** Subroutine” on page 20) subroutine, **aio_error** or **aio_error64** (“**aio_error** or **aio_error64** Subroutine” on page 22) subroutine, **aio_read** or **aio_read64** (“**aio_read** or **aio_read64** Subroutine” on page 23) subroutine, **aio_return** or **aio_return64** (“**aio_return** or **aio_return64** Subroutine” on page 25) subroutine, **aio_suspend** or **aio_suspend64** (“**aio_suspend** or **aio_suspend64** Subroutine” on page 26) subroutine, **aio_write** or **aio_write64** (“**aio_write** or **aio_write64** Subroutine” on page 28) subroutine.

The Asynchronous I/O Overview and the Communications I/O Subsystem: Programming Introduction in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

The Input and Output Handling Programmer's Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* describes the files, commands, and subroutines used for low-level, stream, terminal, and asynchronous I/O interfaces.

load Subroutine

The **load** subroutine includes information for **load** on a POWER-based platform and **load** on an Itanium-based platform.

load subroutine on POWER-based Platform

Purpose

Loads a module into the current process.

Syntax

```
int *load ( ModuleName, Flags, LibraryPath)
char *ModuleName;
uint Flags;
char *LibraryPath;
```

Description

The **load** subroutine loads the specified module into the calling process's address space. A module can be a regular file or a member of an archive. When adding a new module to the address space of a 32-bit process, the load operation may cause the break value to change.

The **exec** subroutine is similar to the **load** subroutine, except that:

- The **load** subroutine does not replace the current program with a new one.
- The **exec** subroutine does not have an explicit library path parameter; it has only the **LIBPATH** environment variable. Also, the **LIBPATH** variable is ignored when the program using the **exec** subroutine has more privilege than the caller, for example, in the case of a **set-UID** program.

A large application can be split up into one or more modules in one of two ways that allow execution within the same process. The first way is to create each of the application's modules separately and use **load** to explicitly load a module when it is needed. The other way is to specify the relationship between the modules when they are created by defining imported and exported symbols.

Modules can import symbols from other modules. Whenever symbols are imported from one or more other modules, these modules are automatically loaded to resolve the symbol references if the required modules are not already loaded, and if the imported symbols are not specified as deferred imports. These modules can be archive members in libraries or individual files and can have either shared or private file characteristics that control how and where they are loaded.

Shared modules (typically members of a shared library archive) are loaded into the shared library region, when their access permissions allow sharing, that is, when they have read-other permission. Private modules, and shared modules without the required permissions for sharing, are loaded into the process private region.

When the loader resolves a symbol, it uses the file name recorded with that symbol to find the module that exports the symbol. If the file name contains any / (slash) characters, it is used directly and must name an appropriate file or archive member. However, if the file name is a base name (contains no / characters), the loader searches the directories specified in the default library path for a file (i.e. a module or an archive) with that base name.

The *LibraryPath* is a string containing one or more directory path names separated by colons. See the section “Searching for Dependent Modules” for information on library path searching.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.3.1 and previous releases.) When a process is executing under **ptrace** control, portions of the process’s address space are recopied after the **load** processing completes. For a 32-bit process, the main program text (loaded in segment 1) and shared library modules (loaded in segment 13) are recopied. Any breakpoints or other modifications to these segments must be reinserted after the **load** call. For a 64-bit process, shared library modules are recopied after a **load** call. The debugger will be notified by setting the **W_SLWTED** flag in the status returned by **wait**, so that it can reinsert breakpoints.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.3.2 and later releases.) When a process executing under **ptrace** control calls **load**, the debugger is notified by setting the **W_SLWTED** flag in the status returned by **wait**. Any modules newly loaded into the shared library segments will be copied to the process’s private copy of these segments, so that they can be examined or modified by the debugger.

If the program calling the **load** subroutine was linked on AIX 4.2 or a later release, the **load** subroutine will call initialization routines (**init** routines) for the new module and any of its dependents if they were not already loaded.

Modules loaded by this subroutine are automatically unloaded when the process terminates or when the **exec** subroutine is executed. They are explicitly unloaded by calling the **unload** subroutine.

Searching for Dependent Modules

The load operation and the exec operation differ slightly in their dependent module search mechanism. When a module is added to the address space of a running process (the load operation), the rules outlined in the next section are used to find the named module. Note that dependency relationships may be loosely defined as a tree but recursive relationships between modules may also exist. The following components may be used to create a complete library search path:

1. If the **L_LIBPATH_EXEC** flag is set, the library search path used at exec-time.
2. The value of the *LibraryPath* parameter if it is non-null. Note that a null string is a valid search path which refers to the current working directory. If the *LibraryPath* parameter is NULL, the value of the **LIBPATH** environment variable is used instead.
3. The library search path contained in the loader section of the module being loaded (the *ModuleName* parameter).
4. The library search path contained in the loader section of the module whose immediate dependents are being loaded. Note that this per-module information changes when searching for each module’s immediate dependents.

To find the *ModuleName* module, components 1 and 2 are used. To find dependents, components 1, 2, 3 and 4 are used in order. Note that if any modules that are already part of the running process satisfy the dependency requirements of the newly loaded module(s), pre-existing modules are not loaded again.

For each colon-separated portion of the aggregate search specification, if the base name is not found the search continues. The first instance of the base name found is used; if the file is not of the proper form, or in the case of an archive does not contain the required archive member, or does not export a definition of a required symbol, an error occurs. The library path search is not performed when either a relative or an absolute path name is specified for a dependent module.

The library search path stored within the module is specified at link-edit time.

Parameters

ModuleName

Points to the name of the module to be loaded. The module name consists of a pathname, and on AIX 4.2 or later, an optional member name. If the pathname contains at least one / character, the name is used directly, and no directory searches are performed to locate the file. If the pathname contains no / characters, it is treated as a base name, and should be in one of the directories listed in the library path.

The library path is either the value of the *LibraryPath* parameter if not a null value, or the value of the **LIBPATH** environment variable (if set) or the library path used at process exec time (if the **L_LIBPATH_EXEC** is set). If no library path is provided, the module should be in the current directory.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.) The *ModuleName* parameter may explicitly name an archive member. The syntax is *pathname(member)* where *pathname* follows the rules specified in the previous paragraph, and *member* is the name of a specific archive member. The parentheses are a required portion of the specification and no intervening spaces are allowed. If an archive member is named, the **L_LOADMEMBER** flag must be added to the *Flags* parameter. Otherwise, the entire *ModuleName* parameter is treated as an explicit filename.

Flags

Modifies the behavior of the **load** service as follows (see the **ldr.h** file). If no special behavior is required, set the value of the flags parameter to 0 (zero). For compatibility, a value of 1 (one) may also be specified.

L_LIBPATH_EXEC

Specifies that the library path used at process exec time should be prepended to any library path specified in the **load** call (either as an argument or environment variable). It is recommended that this flag be specified in all calls to the **load** subroutine.

L_LOADMEMBER

(This flag only applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.) Indicates that the *ModuleName* parameter may specify an archive member. The *ModuleName* argument is searched for parentheses, and if found the parameter is treated as a filename/member name pair. If this flag is present and the *ModuleName* parameter does not contain parenthesis the entire *ModuleName* parameter is treated as a filename specification. Under either condition the filename is expected to be found within the library path or the current directory.

L_NOAUTODEFER

Specifies that any deferred imports in the module being loaded must be explicitly resolved by use of the **loadbind** subroutine. This allows unresolved imports to be explicitly resolved at a later time with a specified module. If this flag is not specified, deferred imports (marked for deferred resolution) are resolved at the earliest opportunity when any subsequently loaded module exports symbols matching unresolved imports.

LibraryPath

Points to a character string that specifies the default library search path.

If the *LibraryPath* parameter is NULL the **LIBPATH** environment variable is used. See the section "Searching for Dependent Modules" on page 492 for more information.

The library path is used to locate dependent modules that are specified as basenames (that is, their pathname components do not contain a / (slash) character).

Note the difference between setting the *LibraryPath* parameter to null, and having the *LibraryPath* parameter point to a null string (""). A null string is a valid library path which consists of a single directory: the current directory.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **load** subroutine returns the pointer to function for the entry point of the module. If the module has no entry point, the address of the data section of the module is returned.

Error Codes

If the **load** subroutine fails, a null pointer is returned, the module is not loaded, and **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error. The **load** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true of a module to be explicitly or automatically loaded:

EACCES	Indicates the file is not an ordinary file, or the mode of the program file denies execution permission, or search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix.
EINVAL	Indicates the file or archive member has a valid magic number in its header, but the header is damaged or is incorrect for the machine on which the file is to be run.
ELOOP	Indicates too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the path name.
ENOEXEC	Indicates an error occurred when loading or resolving symbols for the specified module. This can be due to an attempt to load a module with an invalid XCOFF header, a failure to resolve symbols that were not defined as deferred imports or several other load time related problems. The loadquery subroutine can be used to return more information about the load failure. If the main program was linked on a AIX 4.2 or later system, and if runtime linking is used, the load subroutine will fail if the runtime linker could not resolve some symbols. In this case, errno will be set to ENOEXEC , but the loadquery subroutine will not return any additional information.
ENOMEM	Indicates the program requires more memory than is allowed by the system-imposed maximum.
ETXTBSY	Indicates the file is currently open for writing by some process.
ENAMETOOLONG	Indicates a component of a path name exceeded 255 characters, or an entire path name exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	Indicates a component of the path prefix does not exist, or the path name is a null value.
ENOTDIR	Indicates a component of the path prefix is not a directory.
ESTALE	Indicates the process root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

Related Information

The **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144) subroutine, **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **loadbind** (“loadbind Subroutine” on page 497) subroutine, **loadquery** (“loadquery Subroutine” on page 498) subroutine, **ptrace** (“ptrace, ptracex, ptrace64 Subroutine” on page 857) subroutine, **unload** subroutine.

The **ld** command.

The Shared Library Overview and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

load subroutine on Itanium-based Platform

Purpose

Loads a module into the current process.

Syntax

```
int *load ( ModuleName, Flags, LibraryPath)
char *ModuleName;
uint Flags;
char *LibraryPath;
```

Description

The **load** subroutine loads the specified module into the calling process’s address space. A module is a shared object. Unlike the **exec** subroutine, the **load** subroutine does not replace the current program with

a new one. Instead, it loads the new module into the process private segment at the current break value and the break value is updated to point past the new module.

A large application can be split up into one or more modules in one of two ways that allow execution within the same process. The first way is to create each of the application's modules separately and use **load** to explicitly load a module when it is needed. The other way is to specify the relationship between the modules when they are created by defining imported and exported symbols.

Modules can import symbols from other modules. Whenever symbols are imported from one or more other modules, these modules are automatically loaded to resolve the symbol references if the required modules are not already loaded. These modules can have either shared or private file characteristics that control how and where they are loaded.

Shared modules are loaded into the shared library region, when their access permissions allow sharing, that is, when they have read-other permission. Private modules, and shared modules without the required permissions for sharing, are loaded into the process private region.

If the file name contains any / (slash) characters, it is used directly and must name an appropriate file. However, if the file name is a base name (contains no / characters), the runtime linker searches the directories specified in the default library path for an object file with that base name.

The *LibraryPath* is a string containing one or more directory path names separated by colons. If the base name is not found, the search continues, using the library path specified in the object file containing the symbol being resolved (normally the library path specified to the **ld** command that created the object file). The first instance of the base name found is used. An error occurs if this module cannot be loaded or does not export a definition of the symbol being resolved.

The default library path may be specified using the *LibraryPath* parameter. If not explicitly set, the default library path may be obtained from the **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** environment variable or from the module specified by the *FilePath* parameter. If the **L_LIBPATH_EXEC** flag is specified, then the library path used at process exec time is prepended to any other library path specified in the load call.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.3.2 and later releases.) When a process executing under **ptrace** control calls **load**, the debugger is notified by setting the **W_SLWTED** flag in the status returned by **wait**. Any modules newly loaded into the shared library segments will be copied to the process's private copy of these segments, so that they can be examined or modified by the debugger.

The **load** subroutine will call initialization routines (**init** routines) for the new module and any of its dependents if they were not already loaded.

Modules loaded by this subroutine are automatically unloaded when the process terminates or when the **exec** subroutine is executed. They are explicitly unloaded by calling the **unload** subroutine.

Parameters

ModuleName

Points to the name of the module to be loaded. If the *FilePath* contains no / characters, it is treated as a base name, and should be in one of the directories listed in the library path.

The library path is either the value of the *LibraryPath* parameter if not a null value, or the value of the **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** environment variable (if set) or the library path used at process exec time (if the **L_LIBPATH_EXEC** is set). If no library path is provided, the module should be in the current directory.

If the *FilePath* parameter is not a base name (if it contains at least one / character), the name is used as it is, and no library path searches are performed to locate the object file. However, the library path is used to locate dependent modules.

Flags

Modifies the behavior of the **load** service as follows (see the **ldr.h** file). If no special behavior is required, set the value of the flags parameter to 0 (zero). For compatibility, a value of 1 (one) may also be specified.

L_LIBPATH_EXEC

Specifies that the library path used at process exec time should be prepended to any library path specified in the **load** call (either as an argument or environment variable). It is recommended that this flag be specified in all calls to the **load** subroutine.

L_NOAUTODEFER

Specifies that any deferred imports in the module being loaded must be explicitly resolved by use of the **loadbind** subroutine. This allows unresolved imports to be explicitly resolved at a later time with a specified module. If this flag is not specified, deferred imports (marked for deferred resolution) are resolved at the earliest opportunity when any subsequently loaded module exports symbols matching unresolved imports.

LibraryPath

Points to a character string that specifies the default library search path.

If the *LibraryPath* parameter is a null value and the **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** environment variable is set, the **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** value is used as the default load path. If neither default library path option is provided, the library path specified in the loader section of the object file specified in the *FilePath* parameter is used as the default library path. If the **L_LIBPATH_EXEC** flag is specified, then the library path used at process exec time is prepended to the above specified default library path.

Note the difference between setting the *LibraryPath* parameter to null, and having the *LibraryPath* parameter point to a null string (" "). A null string is a valid library path which consists of a single directory: the current directory.

If the module is not in the *LibraryPath* parameter or the **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** environmental variable (if the *LibraryPath* parameter was null), then the library path specified in the loader section of the module importing the symbol is used to locate the module exporting the required symbol. The library path in the importing module was specified when the module was link-edited (by the **ld** command).

The library path search is not performed when either a relative or an absolute path name is specified for the module exporting the symbol.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **load** subroutine returns the pointer to function for the entry point of the module. If the module has no entry point, the address of the data section of the module is returned.

Error Codes

If the **load** subroutine fails, a null pointer is returned, the module is not loaded, and **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error. The **load** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true of a module to be explicitly or automatically loaded:

EACCES	Indicates the file is not an ordinary file, or the mode of the program file denies execution permission, or search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix.
EINVAL	Indicates the file or archive member has a valid magic number in its header, but the header is damaged or is incorrect for the machine on which the file is to be run.
ELOOP	Indicates too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the path name.
ENOEXEC	Indicates an error occurred when loading or resolving symbols for the specified module. This can be due to an attempt to load a module with an invalid ELF header, a failure to resolve symbols or several other load time related problems. The loadquery subroutine can be used to return more information about the load failure. In this case, errno will be set to ENOEXEC , but the loadquery subroutine will not return any additional information.
ENOMEM	Indicates the program requires more memory than is allowed by the system-imposed maximum.

ETXTBSY	Indicates the file is currently open for writing by some process.
ENAMETOOLONG	Indicates a component of a path name exceeded 255 characters, or an entire path name exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	Indicates a component of the path prefix does not exist, or the path name is a null value.
ENOTDIR	Indicates a component of the path prefix is not a directory.
ESTALE	Indicates the process root or current directory is located in a virtual file system that has been unmounted.

Related Information

The **dlopen** (“dlopen Subroutine” on page 144) subroutine, **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **loadbind** (“loadbind Subroutine”) subroutine, **loadquery** (“loadquery Subroutine” on page 498) subroutine, **ptrace** (“ptrace, ptracex, ptrace64 Subroutine” on page 857) subroutine, **unload** subroutine.

The **ld** command.

The Shared Library Overview and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

loadbind Subroutine

Purpose

Provides specific run-time resolution of a module’s deferred symbols.

Syntax

```
int loadbind( Flag, ExportPointer, ImportPointer)
int Flag;
void *ExportPointer, *ImportPointer;
```

Description

The **loadbind** subroutine controls the run-time resolution of a previously loaded object module’s unresolved imported symbols.

The **loadbind** subroutine is used when two modules are loaded. Module A, an object module loaded at run time with the **load** subroutine, has designated that some of its imported symbols be resolved at a later time. Module B contains exported symbols to resolve module A’s unresolved imports.

To keep module A’s imported symbols from being resolved until the **loadbind** service is called, you can specify the **load** subroutine flag, **L_NOAUTODEFER**, when loading module A.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.3.1 and previous releases.) When a 32-bit process is executing under **ptrace** control, portions of the process’s address space are recopied after the **loadbind** processing completes. The main program text (loaded in segment 1) and shared library modules (loaded in segment 13) are recopied. Any breakpoints or other modifications to these segments must be reinserted after the **loadbind** call.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.3.2 and later releases.) When a 32-bit process executing under **ptrace** control calls **loadbind**, the debugger is notified by setting the **W_SLWTED** flag in the status returned by **wait**.

When a 64-bit process under **ptrace** control calls **loadbind**, the debugger is not notified and execution of the process being debugged continues normally.

Implementation Specifics

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This subroutine is valid only on the POWER-based platform

Parameters

<i>Flag</i>	Currently not used.
<i>ExportPointer</i>	Specifies the function pointer returned by the load subroutine when module B was loaded.
<i>ImportPointer</i>	Specifies the function pointer returned by the load subroutine when module A was loaded.

Note: The *ImportPointer* or *ExportPointer* parameter may also be set to any exported static data area symbol or function pointer contained in the associated module. This would typically be the function pointer returned from the **load** of the specified module.

Return Values

A 0 is returned if the **loadbind** subroutine is successful.

Error Codes

A -1 is returned if an error is detected, with the **errno** global variable set to an associated error code:

EINVAL	Indicates that either the <i>ImportPointer</i> or <i>ExportPointer</i> parameter is not valid (the pointer to the <i>ExportPointer</i> or <i>ImportPointer</i> parameter does not correspond to a loaded program module or library).
ENOMEM	Indicates that the program requires more memory than allowed by the system-imposed maximum.

After an error is returned by the **loadbind** subroutine, you may also use the **loadquery** subroutine to obtain additional information about the **loadbind** error.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, **loadquery** (“loadquery Subroutine”) subroutine, **unload** subroutine.

The **ld** command.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

loadquery Subroutine

The **loadquery** subroutine includes information for **loadquery** on a POWER-based platform and an **loadquery** on an Itanium-based platform.

loadquery subroutine on POWER-based Platform

Purpose

Returns error information from the **load** or **exec** subroutine; also provides a list of object files loaded for the current process.

Syntax

```
int loadquery( Flags, Buffer, BufferLength)
int Flags;
void *Buffer;
unsigned int BufferLength;
```

Description

The **loadquery** subroutine obtains detailed information about an error reported on the last **load** or **exec** subroutine executed by a calling process. The **loadquery** subroutine may also be used to obtain a list of object file names for all object files that have been loaded for the current process, or the library path that was used at process exec time.

Parameters

Buffer Points to a *Buffer* in which to store the information.
BufferLength Specifies the number of bytes available in the *Buffer* parameter.
Flags Specifies the action of the **loadquery** subroutine as follows:

L_GETINFO

Returns a list of all object files loaded for the current process, and stores the list in the *Buffer* parameter. The object file information is contained in a sequence of **LD_INFO** structures as defined in the **sys/ldr.h** file. Each structure contains the module location in virtual memory and the path name that was used to load it into memory. The file descriptor field in the **LD_INFO** structure is not filled in by this function.

L_GETMESSAGE

Returns detailed error information describing the failure of a previously invoked **load** or **exec** function, and stores the error message information in *Buffer*. Upon successful return from this function the beginning of the *Buffer* contains an array of character pointers. Each character pointer points to a string in the buffer containing a loader error message. The character array ends with a null character pointer. Each error message string consists of an ASCII message number followed by zero or more characters of error-specific message data. Valid message numbers are listed in the **sys/ldr.h** file.

You can format the error messages returned by the **L_GETMESSAGE** function and write them to standard error using the standard system command **/usr/sbin/execerror** as follows:

```
char *buffer[1024];
buffer[0] = "execerror";
buffer[1] = "name of program that failed\ to
load";
loadquery(L_GETMESSAGES, &buffer[2], \
    sizeof buffer -8);
execvp("/usr/sbin/execerror",buffer);
```

This sample code causes the application to terminate after the messages are written to standard error.

L_GETLIBPATH

Returns the library path that was used at process exec time. The library path is a null terminated character string.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **loadquery** returns the requested information in the caller's buffer specified by the *Buffer* and *BufferLength* parameters.

Error Codes

The **loadquery** subroutine returns with a return code of -1 and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following when an error condition is detected:

- ENOMEM** Indicates that the caller's buffer specified by the *Buffer* and *BufferLength* parameters is too small to return the information requested. When this occurs, the information in the buffer is undefined.
- EINVAL** Indicates the function specified in the *Flags* parameter is not valid.
- EFAULT** Indicates the address specified in the *Buffer* parameter is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, **loadbind** (“loadbind Subroutine” on page 497) subroutine, **unload** subroutine.

The **ld** command.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

loadquery subroutine on Itanium-based Platform

Purpose

Returns error information from the **load** subroutine; also provides a list of object files loaded for the current process.

Syntax

```
int loadquery( Flags, Buffer, BufferLength)
int Flags;
void *Buffer;
unsigned int BufferLength;
```

Description

The **loadquery** subroutine obtains detailed information about an error reported on the last **load** subroutine executed by a calling process. The **loadquery** subroutine may also be used to obtain a list of object file names for all object files that have been loaded for the current process, or the library path that was used at process exec time.

Parameters

- Buffer* Points to a *Buffer* in which to store the information.
- BufferLength* Specifies the number of bytes available in the *Buffer* parameter.

Flags

Specifies the action of the **loadquery** subroutine as follows:

L_GETINFO

Returns a list of all object files loaded for the current process, and stores the list in the *Buffer* parameter. The object file information is contained in a sequence of **ld_info** structures as defined in the **sys/ldr.h** file. Each structure contains the module location in virtual memory and the path name that was used to load it into memory. The file descriptor field in the **ld_info** structure is not filled in by this function.

L_GETMESSAGE

Returns detailed error information describing the failure of a previously invoked **load** function, and stores the error message information in *Buffer*. Upon successful return from this function the beginning of the *Buffer* contains an array of character pointers. Each character pointer points to a string in the buffer containing a loader error message. The character array ends with a null character pointer. Each error message string consists of an ASCII message number followed by zero or more characters of error-specific message data. Valid message numbers are listed in the **sys/ldr.h** file.

You can format the error messages returned by the **L_GETMESSAGE** function and write them to standard error using the standard system command **/usr/sbin/execerror** as follows:

```
char *buffer[1024];
buffer[0] = "execerror";
buffer[1] = "name of program that failed \
to load";
loadquery(L_GETMESSAGES, &buffer[2], \
sizeof buffer - sizeof(int));
execvp("/usr/sbin/execerror",buffer);
```

This sample code causes the application to terminate after the messages are written to standard error.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **loadquery** returns the requested information in the caller's buffer specified by the *Buffer* and *BufferLength* parameters.

Error Codes

The **loadquery** subroutine returns with a return code of -1 and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following when an error condition is detected:

- ENOMEM** Indicates that the caller's buffer specified by the *Buffer* and *BufferLength* parameters is too small to return the information requested. When this occurs, the information in the buffer is undefined.
- EINVAL** Indicates the function specified in the *Flags* parameter is not valid.
- EFAULT** Indicates the address specified in the *Buffer* parameter is not valid.

Related Information

The **exec** ("exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exact Subroutine" on page 193) subroutine, **load** ("load Subroutine" on page 491) subroutine, **loadbind** ("loadbind Subroutine" on page 497) subroutine, **unload** subroutine.

The **ld** command.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

localeconv Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the locale-dependent conventions of an object.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <locale.h>
struct lconv *localeconv ( )
```

Description

The **localeconv** subroutine sets the components of an object using the **lconv** structure. The **lconv** structure contains values appropriate for the formatting of numeric quantities (monetary and otherwise) according to the rules of the current locale.

The fields of the structure with the type **char *** are strings, any of which (except `decimal_point`) can point to a null string, which indicates that the value is not available in the current locale or is of zero length. The fields with type **char** are nonnegative numbers, any of which can be the **CHAR_MAX** value which indicates that the value is not available in the current locale. The fields of the **lconv** structure include the following:

`char *decimal_point`
`char *thousands_sep`

The decimal-point character used to format non-monetary quantities.
The character used to separate groups of digits to the left of the decimal point in formatted non-monetary quantities.
A string whose elements indicate the size of each group of digits in formatted non-monetary quantities.

`char *grouping`

The value of the `grouping` field is interpreted according to the following:

CHAR_MAX

No further grouping is to be performed.

0 The previous element is to be repeatedly used for the remainder of the digits.

other The value is the number of digits that comprise the current group. The next element is examined to determine the size of the next group of digits to the left of the current group.

`char *int_curr_symbol`

The international currency symbol applicable to the current locale, left-justified within a four-character space-padded field. The character sequences are in accordance with those specified in ISO 4217, "Codes for the Representation of Currency and Funds."

`char *currency_symbol`
`char *mon_decimal_point`
`char *mon_thousands_sep`

The local currency symbol applicable to the current locale.

The decimal point used to format monetary quantities.

The separator for groups of digits to the left of the decimal point in formatted monetary quantities.

char *mon_grouping	<p>A string whose elements indicate the size of each group of digits in formatted monetary quantities.</p> <p>The value of the <code>mon_grouping</code> field is interpreted according to the following:</p> <p>CHAR_MAX No further grouping is to be performed.</p> <p>0 The previous element is to be repeatedly used for the remainder of the digits.</p> <p>other The value is the number of digits that comprise the current group. The next element is examined to determine the size of the next group of digits to the left of the current group.</p>
char *positive_sign	<p>The string used to indicate a nonnegative formatted monetary quantity.</p>
char *negative_sign	
char int_frac_digits	
char p_cs_precedes	<p>The string used to indicate a negative formatted monetary quantity.</p> <p>The number of fractional digits (those to the right of the decimal point) to be displayed in a formatted monetary quantity.</p> <p>Set to 1 if the specified currency symbol (the <code>currency_symbol</code> or <code>int_curr_symbol</code> field) precedes the value for a nonnegative formatted monetary quantity and set to 0 if the specified currency symbol follows the value for a nonnegative formatted monetary quantity.</p>
char p_sep_by_space	<p>Set to 1 if the <code>currency_symbol</code> or <code>int_curr_symbol</code> field is separated by a space from the value for a nonnegative formatted monetary quantity and set to 0 if the <code>currency_symbol</code> or <code>int_curr_symbol</code> field is not separated by a space from the value for a nonnegative formatted monetary quantity.</p>
char n_cs_precedes	<p>Set to 1 if the <code>currency_symbol</code> or <code>int_curr_symbol</code> field precedes the value for a negative formatted monetary quantity and set to 0 if the <code>currency_symbol</code> or <code>int_curr_symbol</code> field follows the value for a negative formatted monetary quantity.</p>
char n_sep_by_space	<p>Set to 1 if the <code>currency_symbol</code> or <code>int_curr_symbol</code> field is separated by a space from the value for a negative formatted monetary quantity and set to 0 if the <code>currency_symbol</code> or <code>int_curr_symbol</code> field is not separated by a space from the value for a negative formatted monetary quantity. Set to 2 if the symbol and the sign string are adjacent and separated by a blank character.</p>
char p_sign_posn	<p>Set to a value indicating the positioning of the positive sign (the <code>positive_sign</code> fields) for nonnegative formatted monetary quantity.</p>
char n_sign_posn	<p>Set to a value indicating the positioning of the negative sign (the <code>negative_sign</code> fields) for a negative formatted monetary quantity.</p>

The values of the `p_sign_posn` and `n_sign_posn` fields are interpreted according to the following definitions:

- 0** Parentheses surround the quantity and the specified currency symbol or international currency symbol.
- 1** The sign string precedes the quantity and the currency symbol or international currency symbol.
- 2** The sign string follows the quantity and currency symbol or international currency symbol.
- 3** The sign string immediately precedes the currency symbol or international currency symbol.
- 4** The sign string immediately follows the currency symbol or international currency symbol.

The following table illustrates the rules that can be used by three countries to format monetary quantities:

Country	Positive Format	Negative Format	International Format
Italy	L.1234	-L.1234	ITL.1234
Norway	kr1.234.56	kr1.234.56-	NOK 1.234.56
Switzerland	SFrs.1.234.56	SFrs.1.234.56C	CHF 1.234.56

The following table shows the values of the monetary members of the structure returned by the **localeconv** subroutine for these countries:

struct localeconv	Italy	Norway	Switzerland
char *in_curr_symbol	"ITL."	"NOK"	"CHF"
char *currency_symbol	"L."	"kr"	"SFrs."
char *mon_decimal_point	" "	"."	"."
char *mon_thousands_sep	"."	"."	"."
char *mon_grouping	"\3"	"\3"	"\3"
char *positive_sign	" "	" "	" "
char *negative_sign	"_"	"_"	"C"
char int_frac_digits	0	2	2
char frac_digits	0	2	2
char p_cs_precedes	1	1	1
char p_sep_by_space	0	0	0
char n_cs_precedes	1	1	1
char n_sep_by_space	0	0	0
char p_sign_posn	1	1	1
char n_sign_posn	1	2	2

Return Values

A pointer to the filled-in object is returned. In addition, calls to the **setlocale** subroutine with the **LC_ALL**, **LC_MONETARY** or **LC_NUMERIC** categories may cause subsequent calls to the **localeconv** subroutine to return different values based on the selection of the locale.

Note: The structure pointed to by the return value is not modified by the program but may be overwritten by a subsequent call to the **localeconv** subroutine.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **nl_langinfo** ("nl_langinfo Subroutine" on page 604) subroutine, **rpmatch** subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Locale Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

lockfx, lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine

Purpose

Locks and unlocks sections of open files.

Libraries

lockfx, **lockf**: Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

flock: Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <fcntl.h>
```

```
int lockfx (FileDescriptor,  
Command, Argument)  
int FileDescriptor;  
int Command;  
struct flock * Argument;  
#include <sys/lockf.h>  
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int lockf  
(FileDescriptor, Request, Size)  
int FileDescriptor;  
int Request;  
off_t Size;
```

Note: The **lockf64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

```
int lockf64 (FileDescriptor,  
Request, Size)  
int FileDescriptor;  
int Request;  
off64_t Size;  
#include <sys/file.h>
```

```
int flock (FileDescriptor, Operation)  
int FileDescriptor;  
int Operation;
```

Description

Note: The **lockf64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

Attention: Buffered I/O does not work properly when used with file locking. Do not use the standard I/O package routines on files that are going to be locked.

The **lockfx** subroutine locks and unlocks sections of an open file. The **lockfx** subroutine provides a subset of the locking function provided by the **fcntl** (“fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine” on page 210) subroutine.

The **lockf** subroutine also locks and unlocks sections of an open file. However, its interface is limited to setting only write (exclusive) locks.

Although the **lockfx**, **lockf**, **flock**, and **fcntl** interfaces are all different, their implementations are fully integrated. Therefore, locks obtained from one subroutine are honored and enforced by any of the lock subroutines.

The *Operation* parameter to the **lockfx** subroutine, which creates the lock, determines whether it is a read lock or a write lock.

The file descriptor on which a write lock is being placed must have been opened with write access.

lockf64 is equivalent to **lockf** except that a 64-bit lock request size can be given. For **lockf**, the largest value which can be used is **OFF_MAX**, for **lockf64**, the largest value is **LONGLONG_MAX**.

In the large file enabled programming environment, **lockf** is redefined to be **lockf64**.

Parameters

<i>Argument</i>	A pointer to a structure of type flock , defined in the flock.h file.
<i>Command</i>	Specifies one of the following constants for the lockfx subroutine: F_SETLK Sets or clears a file lock. The <code>l_type</code> field of the flock structure indicates whether to establish or remove a read or write lock. If a read or write lock cannot be set, the lockfx subroutine returns immediately with an error value of -1. F_SETLKW Performs the same function as F_SETLK unless a read or write lock is blocked by existing locks. In that case, the process sleeps until the section of the file is free to be locked. F_GETLK Gets the first lock that blocks the lock described in the flock structure. If a lock is found, the retrieved information overwrites the information in the flock structure. If no lock is found that would prevent this lock from being created, the structure is passed back unchanged except that the <code>l_type</code> field is set to F_UNLCK .
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	A file descriptor returned by a successful open or fcntl subroutine, identifying the file to which the lock is to be applied or removed.
<i>Operation</i>	Specifies one of the following constants for the flock subroutine: LOCK_SH Apply a shared (read) lock. LOCK_EX Apply an exclusive (write) lock. LOCK_NB Do not block when locking. This value can be logically ORed with either LOCK_SH or LOCK_EX . LOCK_UN Remove a lock.

Request

Specifies one of the following constants for the **lockf** subroutine:

F_ULOCK

Unlocks a previously locked region in the file.

F_LOCK

Locks the region for exclusive (write) use. This request causes the calling process to sleep if the requested region overlaps a locked region, and to resume when granted the lock.

F_TEST

Tests to see if another process has already locked a region. The **lockf** subroutine returns 0 if the region is unlocked. If the region is locked, then -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to **EACCES**.

F_TLOCK

Locks the region for exclusive use if another process has not already locked the region. If the region has already been locked by another process, the **lockf** subroutine returns a -1 and the **errno** global variable is set to **EACCES**.

Size

The number of bytes to be locked or unlocked for the **lockf** subroutine. The region starts at the current location in the open file, and extends forward if the *Size* value is positive and backward if the *Size* value is negative. If the *Size* value is 0, the region starts at the current location and extends forward to the maximum possible file size, including the unallocated space after the end of the file.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **lockfx**, **lockf**, and **flock** subroutines fail if one of the following is true:

EBADF	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not a valid open file descriptor.
EINVAL	The function argument is not one of F_LOCK , F_TLOCK , F_TEST or F_ULOCK ; or <i>size</i> plus the current file offset is less than 0.
EINVAL	An attempt was made to lock a fifo or pipe.
EDEADLK	The lock is blocked by a lock from another process. Putting the calling process to sleep while waiting for the other lock to become free would cause a deadlock.
ENOLCK	The lock table is full. Too many regions are already locked.
EINTR	The command parameter was F_SETLKW and the process received a signal while waiting to acquire the lock.
EOVERFLOW	The offset of the first, or if <i>size</i> is not 0 then the last, byte in the requested section cannot be represented correctly in an object of type <i>off_t</i> .

The **lockfx** and **lockf** subroutines fail if one of the following is true:

EACCES	The <i>Command</i> parameter is F_SETLK , the <i>l_type</i> field is F_RDLCK , and the segment of the file to be locked is already write-locked by another process.
EACCES	The <i>Command</i> parameter is F_SETLK , the <i>l_type</i> field is F_WRLCK , and the segment of a file to be locked is already read-locked or write-locked by another process.

The **flock** subroutine fails if the following is true:

EWOULDBLOCK	The file is locked and the LOCK_NB option was specified.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **flock** subroutine locks and unlocks entire files. This is a limited interface maintained for BSD compatibility, although its behavior differs from BSD in a few subtle ways. To apply a shared lock, the file must be opened for reading. To apply an exclusive lock, the file must be opened for writing.

Locks are not inherited. Therefore, a child process cannot unlock a file locked by the parent process.

Related Information

The **close** (“close Subroutine” on page 111) subroutine, **exec**: **execl**, **execv**, **execle**, **execlp**, **execvp**, or **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **fcntl** (“fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine” on page 210) subroutine, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **open**, **openx**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

loginfailed Subroutine

Purpose

Records an unsuccessful login attempt.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int loginfailed ( User, Host, Tty)
char *User;
char *Host;
char *Tty;
```

Note: This subroutine is not thread-safe.

Description

The **loginfailed** subroutine performs the processing necessary when an unsuccessful login attempt occurs. If the specified user name is not valid, the **UNKNOWN_USER** value is substituted for the user name. This substitution prevents passwords entered as the user name from appearing on screen.

The following attributes in **/etc/security/lastlog** file are updated for the specified user, if the user name is valid:

time_last_unsuccessful_login	Contains the current time.
tty_last_unsuccessful_login	Contains the value specified by the <i>Tty</i> parameter.
host_last_unsuccessful_login	Contains the value specified by the <i>Host</i> parameter, or the local hostname if the <i>Host</i> parameter is a null value.
unsuccessful_login_count	Indicates the number of unsuccessful login attempts. The loginfailed subroutine increments this attribute by one for each failed attempt.

A login failure audit record is cut to indicate that an unsuccessful login attempt occurred. A **utmp** entry is appended to **/etc/security/failedlogin** file, which tracks all failed login attempts.

If the current unsuccessful login and the previously recorded unsuccessful logins constitute too many unsuccessful login attempts within too short of a time period (as specified by the **logindisable** and **logininterval** port attributes), the port is locked. When a port is locked, a **PORT_Locked** audit record is written to inform the system administrator that the port has been locked.

If the login retry delay is enabled (as specified by the **logindelay** port attribute), a sleep occurs before this subroutine returns. The length of the sleep (in seconds) is determined by the **logindelay** value multiplied by the number of unsuccessful login attempts that occurred in this process.

Parameters

- User* Specifies the user's login name who has unsuccessfully attempted to login.
Host Specifies the name of the host from which the user attempted to login. If the *Host* parameter is Null, the name of the local host is used.
Tty Specifies the name of the terminal on which the user attempted to login.

Security

Access Control: The calling process must have access to the account information in the user database and the port information in the port database.

File Accessed:

Mode	File
r	/etc/security/user
rw	/etc/security/lastlog
r	/etc/security/login.cfg
rw	/etc/security/portlog
w	/etc/security/failedlogin

Auditing Events:

Event	Information
USER_Login	username
PORT_Locked	portname

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **loginfailed** subroutine returns a value of 0. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **loginfailed** subroutine fails if one or more of the following values is true:

- EACCESS** The current process does not have access to the user or port database.
EPERM The current process does not have permission to write an audit record.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine, **getpcred** (“getpcred Subroutine” on page 327) subroutine, **getpenv** (“getpenv Subroutine” on page 329) subroutine, **loginrestrictions** (“loginrestrictions Subroutine”) subroutine, **loginsuccess** (“loginsuccess Subroutine” on page 512) subroutine, **setpcred** subroutine, **setpenv** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

loginrestrictions Subroutine

Purpose

Determines if a user is allowed to access the system.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <login.h>
```

```
int loginrestrictions (Name, Mode, Tty, Msg)
char * Name;
int Mode;
char * Tty;
char ** Msg;
```

Note: This subroutine is not thread-safe.

Description

The **loginrestrictions** subroutine determines if the user specified by the *Name* parameter is allowed to access the system. The *Mode* parameter gives the mode of account usage and the *Tty* parameter defines the terminal used for access. The *Msg* parameter returns an informational message explaining why the **loginrestrictions** subroutine failed.

This subroutine is unsuccessful if any of the following conditions exists:

- The user’s account has expired as defined by the **expires** user attribute.
- The user’s account has been locked as defined by the **account_locked** user attribute.
- The user attempted too many unsuccessful logins as defined by the **loginretries** user attribute.
- The user is not allowed to access the given terminal as defined by the **ttys** user attribute.
- The user is not allowed to access the system at the present time as defined by the **logintimes** user attribute.
- The *Mode* parameter is set to the **S_LOGIN** value or the **S_RLOGIN** value, and too many users are logged in as defined by the **maxlogins** system attribute.
- The *Mode* parameter is set to the **S_LOGIN** value and the user is not allowed to log in as defined by the **login** user attribute.
- The *Mode* parameter is set to the **S_RLOGIN** value and the user is not allowed to log in from the network as defined by the **rlogin** user attribute.

- The *Mode* parameter is set to the **S_SU** value and other users are not allowed to use the **su** command as defined by the **su** user attribute, or the group ID of the current process cannot use the **su** command to switch to this user as defined by the **sugroups** user attribute.
- The *Mode* parameter is set to the **S_DAEMON** value and the user is not allowed to run processes from the **cron** or **src** subsystem as defined by the **daemon** user attribute.
- The terminal is locked as defined by the **locktime** port attribute.
- The user cannot use the terminal to access the system at the present time as defined by the **logintimes** port attribute.
- The user is not the root user and the **/etc/nologin** file exists.

Note: The **loginrestrictions** subroutine is not safe in a multi-threaded environment. To use **loginrestrictions** in a threaded application, the application must keep the integrity of each thread.

Parameters

Name Specifies the user's login name whose account is to be validated.

Mode Specifies the mode of usage. Valid values as defined in the **login.h** file are listed below. The *Mode* parameter has a value of 0 or one of the following values:

S_LOGIN

Verifies that local logins are permitted for this account.

S_SU

Verifies that the **su** command is permitted and the current process has a group ID that can invoke the **su** command to switch to the account.

S_DAEMON

Verifies the account can invoke daemon or batch programs through the **src** or **cron** subsystems.

S_RLOGIN

Verifies the account can be used for remote logins through the **rlogind** or **telnetd** programs.

Tty Specifies the terminal of the originating activity. If this parameter is a null pointer or a null string, no tty origin checking is done.

Msg Returns an informative message indicating why the **loginrestrictions** subroutine failed. Upon return, the value is either a pointer to a valid string within memory allocated storage or a null value. If a message is displayed, it is provided based on the user interface.

Security

Access Control:The calling process must have access to the account information in the user database and the port information in the port database.

File Accessed:

Mode	Files
r	/etc/security/user
r	/etc/security/login.cfg
r	/etc/security/portlog
r	/etc/passwd

Return Values

If the account is valid for the specified usage, the **loginrestrictions** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, the **errno** global value is set to the appropriate error code, and the *Msg* parameter returns an informative message explaining why the specified account usage is invalid.

Error Codes

The **loginrestrictions** subroutine fails if one or more of the following values is true:

ENOENT	The user specified does not have an account.
ESTALE	The user's account is expired.
EPERM	The user's account is locked, the specified terminal is locked, the user has had too many unsuccessful login attempts, or the user cannot log in because the /etc/nologin file exists.
EACCES	One of the following conditions exists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The specified terminal does not have access to the specified account.• The <i>Mode</i> parameter is the S_SU value and the current process is not permitted to use the su command to access the specified user.• Access to the account is not permitted in the specified mode.• Access to the account is not permitted at the current time.• Access to the system with the specified terminal is not permitted at the current time.
EAGAIN	The <i>Mode</i> parameter is either the S_LOGIN value or the S_RLOGIN value, and all the user licenses are in use.
EINVAL	The <i>Mode</i> parameter has a value other than S_LOGIN , S_SU , S_DAEMON , S_RLOGIN , or 0 .

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine, **getpcred** (“getpcred Subroutine” on page 327) subroutine, **getpenv** (“getpenv Subroutine” on page 329) subroutine, **loginfailed** (“loginfailed Subroutine” on page 508) subroutine, **loginsuccess** (“loginsuccess Subroutine”) subroutine, **setpcred** subroutine, **setpenv** subroutine.

The **cron** daemon.

The **login** command, **rlogin** command, **telnet**, **tn**, or **tn3270** command, **su** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

loginsuccess Subroutine

Purpose

Records a successful log in.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int loginsuccess (User, Host, Tty, Msg)
char * User;
char * Host;
char * Tty;
char ** Msg;
```

Note: This subroutine is not thread-safe.

Description

The **loginsuccess** subroutine performs the processing necessary when a user successfully logs into the system. This subroutine updates the following attributes in the **/etc/security/lastlog** file for the specified user:

time_last_login	Contains the current time.
tty_last_login	Contains the value specified by the <i>Tty</i> parameter.
host_last_login	Contains the value specified by the <i>Host</i> parameter or the local host name if the <i>Host</i> parameter is a null value.
unsuccessful_login_count	Indicates the number of unsuccessful login attempts. The loginsuccess subroutine resets this attribute to a value of 0.

Additionally, a login success audit record is cut to indicate in the audit trail that this user has successfully logged in.

A message is returned in the *Msg* parameter that indicates the time, host, and port of the last successful and unsuccessful login. The number of unsuccessful login attempts since the last successful login is also provided to the user.

Parameters

<i>User</i>	Specifies the login name of the user who has successfully logged in.
<i>Host</i>	Specifies the name of the host from which the user logged in. If the <i>Host</i> parameter is a null value, the name of the local host is used.
<i>Tty</i>	Specifies the name of the terminal which the user used to log in.
<i>Msg</i>	Returns a message indicating the delete time, host, and port of the last successful and unsuccessful logins. The number of unsuccessful login attempts since the last successful login is also provided. Upon return, the value is either a pointer to a valid string within memory allocated storage or a null pointer. It is the responsibility of the calling program to free() the returned storage.

Security

Access Control: The calling process must have access to the account information in the user database.

File Accessed:

Mode	File
rw	/etc/security/lastlog

Auditing Events:

Event	Information
USER_Login	username

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **loginsuccess** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global value is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **loginsuccess** subroutine fails if one or more of the following values is true:

- ENOENT** The specified user does not exist.
- EACCES** The current process does not have write access to the user database.
- EPERM** The current process does not have permission to write an audit record.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine, **getpcred** (“getpcred Subroutine” on page 327) subroutine, **getpenv** (“getpenv Subroutine” on page 329) subroutine, **loginfailed** (“loginfailed Subroutine” on page 508) subroutine, **loginrestrictions** (“loginrestrictions Subroutine” on page 510) subroutine, **setpcred** subroutine, **setpenv** subroutine.

List of Security and Auditing Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Isearch or lfind Subroutine

Purpose

Performs a linear search and update.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
void *lsearch (Key, Base, NumberOfElementsPointer, Width, ComparisonPointer)
const void *Key;
void *Base;
size_t Width, *NumberOfElementsPointer;
int (*ComparisonPointer) (const void*, const void*);

void *lfind (Key, Base, NumberOfElementsPointer, Width, ComparisonPointer)
const void *Key, Base;
size_t Width, *NumberOfElementsPointer;
int (*ComparisonPointer) (const void*, const void*);
```

Description

Warning: Undefined results can occur if there is not enough room in the table for the **lsearch** subroutine to add a new item.

The **lsearch** subroutine performs a linear search.

The algorithm returns a pointer to a table where data can be found. If the data is not in the table, the program adds it at the end of the table.

The **lfind** subroutine is identical to the **lsearch** subroutine, except that if the data is not found, it is not added to the table. In this case, a NULL pointer is returned.

The pointers to the *Key* parameter and the element at the base of the table should be of type pointer-to-element and cast to type pointer-to-character. The value returned should be cast into type pointer-to-element.

The comparison function need not compare every byte; therefore, the elements can contain arbitrary data in addition to the values being compared.

Parameters

<i>Base</i>	Points to the first element in the table.
<i>ComparisonPointer</i>	Specifies the name (that you supply) of the comparison function (strcmp , for example). It is called with two parameters that point to the elements being compared.
<i>Key</i>	Specifies the data to be sought in the table.
<i>NumberOfElementsPointer</i>	Points to an integer containing the current number of elements in the table. This integer is incremented if the data is added to the table.
<i>Width</i>	Specifies the size of an element in bytes.

The comparison function compares its parameters and returns a value as follows:

- If the first parameter equals the second parameter, the *ComparisonPointer* parameter returns a value of 0.
- If the first parameter does not equal the second parameter, the *ComparisonPointer* parameter returns a value of 1.

Return Values

If the sought entry is found, both the **lsearch** and **lfind** subroutines return a pointer to it. Otherwise, the **lfind** subroutine returns a null pointer and the **lsearch** subroutine returns a pointer to the newly added element.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **bsearch** (“bsearch Subroutine” on page 79) subroutine, **hsearch** (“hsearch, hcreate, or hdestroy Subroutine” on page 393) subroutine, **qsort** subroutine, **tsearch** subroutine.

Donald E. Knuth. *The Art of Computer Programming*, Volume 3, 6.1, Algorithm S. Reading, Massachusetts: Addison-Wesley, 1981.

Searching and Sorting Example Program and Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Iseek, lseek or lseek64 Subroutine

Purpose

Moves the read-write file pointer.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
off_t lseek ( FileDescriptor, Offset, Whence)
int FileDescriptor, Whence;
off_t Offset;
offset_t llseek (FileDescriptor, Offset, Whence)
int FileDescriptor, Whence;
offset_t Offset;
```

Note: The **lseek64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

```
off64_t lseek64 (FileDescriptor, Offset, Whence)
int FileDescriptor, Whence;
off64_t Offset;
```

Description

Note: The **lseek64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

The **lseek**, **llseek**, and **lseek64** subroutines set the read-write file pointer for the open file specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. The **lseek** subroutine limits the *Offset* to **OFF_MAX**.

In AIX 4.1, the **llseek** subroutine limits the *Offset* to **OFF_MAX** if the file associated with *FileDescriptor* is a regular file or a directory and to **DEV_OFF_MAX** if the file associated with *FileDescriptor* is a block special or character special file.

In AIX 4.2, both the **llseek** subroutine and the **lseek64** subroutine limit the *Offset* to the maximum file size for the file size for the file associated with *FileDescriptor* and to **DEV_OFF_MAX** if the file associated with *FileDescriptor* is a block special or character special file.

In the large file enabled programming environment, **lseek** subroutine is redefined to **lseek64**.

Parameters

<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies a file descriptor obtained from a successful open or fcntl subroutine.
<i>Offset</i>	Specifies a value, in bytes, that is used in conjunction with the <i>Whence</i> parameter to set the file pointer. A negative value causes seeking in the reverse direction.
<i>Whence</i>	Specifies how to interpret the <i>Offset</i> parameter by setting the file pointer associated with the <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter to one of the following variables: SEEK_SET Sets the file pointer to the value of the <i>Offset</i> parameter. SEEK_CUR Sets the file pointer to its current location plus the value of the <i>Offset</i> parameter. SEEK_END Sets the file pointer to the size of the file plus the value of the <i>Offset</i> parameter.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the resulting pointer location, measured in bytes from the beginning of the file, is returned. If either the **lseek** or **llseek** subroutines are unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **lseek** or **llseek** subroutines are unsuccessful and the file pointer remains unchanged if any of the following are true:

EBADF	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is not an open file descriptor.
ESPIPE	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter is associated with a pipe (FIFO) or a socket.
EINVAL	The resulting offset would be greater than the maximum offset allowed for the file or device associated with <i>FileDescriptor</i> .
E_OVERFLOW	The resulting offset is larger than can be returned properly.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

`/usr/include/unistd.h` Defines standard macros, data types and subroutines.

Related Information

The **fcntl** (“fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine” on page 210) subroutine, **fseek**, **rewind**, **ftell**, **fgetpos**, or **fsetpos** (“fseek, fseeko, fseeko64, rewind, ftell, ftello, ftello64, fgetpos, fgetpos64, fsetpos, or fsetpos64 Subroutine” on page 259) subroutine, **open**, **openx**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **read**, **readx**, **readv**, or **readvx** subroutine, **write**, **writex**, **writev**, or **writevx** subroutine.

File Systems and Directories in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

lvm_querylv Subroutine

Purpose

Queries a logical volume and returns all pertinent information.

Library

Logical Volume Manager Library (**liblvm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <lvm.h>

int lvm_querylv ( LV_ID, QueryLV, PVName)
struct lv_id *LV_ID;
struct querylv **QueryLV;
char *PVName;
```

Description

Note: You must have root user authority to use this subroutine.

The **lvm_querylv** subroutine returns information for the logical volume specified by the *LV_ID* parameter.

The **querylv** structure, found in the **lvm.h** file, is defined as follows:

```
struct querylv {
    char lvname[LVM_NAMESIZ];
    struct unique_id vg_id;
    long maxsize;
    long mirror_policy;
    long lv_state;
```

```

    long currentsize;
    long ppsize;
    long permissions;
    long bb_relocation;
    long write_verify;
    long mirwrt_consist;
    long open_close;
    struct pp *mirrors[LVM_NUMCOPIES]
}
struct pp {
    struct unique_id pv_id;
    long lp_num;
    long pp_num;
    long ppstate;
}

```

Field	Description
lvname	Specifies the special file name of the logical volume and can be either the full path name or a single file name that must reside in the /dev directory (for example, rhdl). All name fields must be null-terminated strings of from 1 to LVM_NAMESIZ bytes, including the null byte. If a raw or character device is not specified for the lvname field, the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) will add an r to the file name to have a raw device name. If there is no raw device entry for this name, the LVM will return the LVM_NOTCHARDEV error code.
vg_id	Specifies the unique ID of the volume group that contains the logical volume.
maxsize	Indicates the maximum size in logical partitions for the logical volume and must be in the range of 1 to LVM_MAXLPS .
mirror_policy	Specifies how the physical copies are written. The mirror_policy field should be either LVM_SEQUENTIAL or LVM_PARALLEL to indicate how the physical copies of a logical partition are to be written when there is more than one copy.
lv_state	Specifies the current state of the logical volume and can have any of the following bit-specific values ORed together: <p>LVM_LVDEFINED The logical volume is defined.</p> <p>LVM_LVSTALE The logical volume contains stale partitions.</p>
currentsize	Indicates the current size in logical partitions of the logical volume. The size, in bytes, of every physical partition is 2 to the power of the ppsize field.
ppsize	Specifies the size of the physical partitions of all physical volumes in the volume group.
permissions	Specifies the permission assigned to the logical volume and can be one of the following values: <p>LVM_RDONLY Access to this logical volume is read only.</p> <p>LVM_RDWR Access to this logical volume is read/write.</p>
bb_relocation	Specifies if bad block relocation is desired and is one of the following values: <p>LVM_NORELOC Bad blocks will not be relocated.</p> <p>LVM_RELOC Bad blocks will be relocated.</p>
write_verify	Specifies if write verification for the logical volume is desired and returns one of the following values: <p>LVM_NOVERIFY Write verification is not performed for this logical volume.</p> <p>LVM_VERIFY Write verification is performed on all writes to the logical volume.</p>

Field	Description
mirwrt_consist	<p>Indicates whether mirror-write consistency recovery will be performed for this logical volume.</p> <p>The LVM always ensures data consistency among mirrored copies of a logical volume during normal I/O processing. For every write to a logical volume, the LVM generates a write request for every mirror copy. A problem arises if the system crashes in the middle of processing a mirrored write (before all copies are written). If mirror write consistency recovery is requested for a logical volume, the LVM keeps additional information to allow recovery of these inconsistent mirrors. Mirror write consistency recovery should be performed for most mirrored logical volumes. Logical volumes, such as page space, that do not use the existing data when the volume group is re-varied on do not need this protection.</p> <p>Values for the mirwrt_consist field are:</p> <p>LVM_CONSIST Mirror-write consistency recovery will be done for this logical volume.</p> <p>LVM_NOCONSIST Mirror-write consistency recovery will not be done for this logical volume.</p>
open_close	<p>Specifies if the logical volume is opened or closed. Values for this field are:</p> <p>LVM_QLV_NOTOPEN The logical volume is closed.</p> <p>LVM_QLVOPEN The logical volume is opened by one or more processes.</p>
mirrors	<p>Specifies an array of pointers to partition map lists (physical volume id, logical partition number, physical partition number, and physical partition state for each copy of the logical partitions for the logical volume). The ppstate field can be LVM_PPFREE, LVM_PPALLOC, or LVM_PPSTALE. If a logical partition does not contain any copies, its pv_id, lp_num, and pp_num fields will contain zeros.</p>

The *PVName* parameter enables the user to query from a volume group descriptor area on a specific physical volume instead of from the Logical Volume Manager's (LVM) most recent, in-memory copy of the descriptor area. This method should only be used if the volume group is varied off.

Note: The data returned is not guaranteed to be the most recent or correct, and it can reflect a back-level descriptor area.

The *PVName* parameter should specify either the full path name of the physical volume that contains the descriptor area to query, or a single file name that must reside in the */dev* directory (for example, **rhdisk1**). This parameter must be a null-terminated string between 1 and **LVM_NAMESIZ** bytes, including the null byte, and must represent a raw device entry. If a raw or character device is not specified for the *PVName* parameter, the LVM adds an **r** to the file name to have a raw device name. If there is no raw device entry for this name, the LVM returns the **LVM_NOTCHARDEV** error code.

If a *PVName* parameter is specified, only the **minor_num** field of the *LV_ID* parameter need be supplied. The LVM fills in the **vg_id** field and returns it to the user. If the user wishes to query from the LVM's in-memory copy, the *PVName* parameter should be set to null. When using this method of query, the volume group must be varied on, or an error is returned.

Note: As long as the *PVName* parameter is not null, the LVM will attempt a query from a physical volume and *not* from its in-memory copy of data.

In addition to the *PVName* parameter, the caller passes the ID of the logical volume to be queried (*LV_ID* parameter) and the address of a pointer to the **querylv** structure, specified by the *QueryLV* parameter. The LVM separately allocates the space needed for the **querylv** structure and the struct **pp** arrays, and

returns the **querylv** structure's address in the pointer variable passed in by the user. The user is responsible for freeing the space by first freeing the struct **pp** pointers in the **mirrors** array and then freeing the **querylv** structure.

Parameters

<i>LV_ID</i>	Points to an lv_id structure that specifies the logical volume to query.
<i>QueryLV</i>	Contains the address of a pointer to the querylv structure.
<i>PVName</i>	Names the physical volume from which to use the volume group descriptor for the query. This parameter can also be null.

Return Values

If the **lvm_querylv** subroutine is successful, it returns a value of 0.

Error Codes

If the **lvm_querylv** subroutine does not complete successfully, it returns one of the following values:

LVM_ALLOCERR	The subroutine could not allocate enough space for the complete buffer.
LVM_INVALID_MIN_NUM	The minor number of the logical volume is not valid.
LVM_INVALID_PARAM	A parameter passed into the routine is not valid.
LVM_INV_DEVENT	The device entry for the physical volume specified by the <i>Pvname</i> parameter is not valid and cannot be checked to determine if it is raw.
LVM_NOTCHARDEV	The physical volume name given does not represent a raw or character device.
LVM_OFFLINE	The volume group containing the logical volume to query was offline.
	If the query originates from the varied-on volume group's current volume group descriptor area, one of the following error codes is returned:
LVM_DALVOPN	The volume group reserved logical volume could not be opened.
LVM_MAPFBSY	The volume group is currently locked because system management on the volume group is being done by another process.
LVM_MAPFOPN	The mapped file, which contains a copy of the volume group descriptor area used for making changes to the volume group, could not be opened.
LVM_MAPFRDWR	The mapped file could not be read or written.

If a physical volume name has been passed, requesting that the query originate from a specific physical volume, one of the following error codes is returned:

LVM_BADBBDIR	The bad-block directory could not be read or written.
LVM_LVMRECERR	The LVM record, which contains information about the volume group descriptor area, could not be read.
LVM_NOPVVGDA	There are no volume group descriptor areas on the physical volume specified.
LVM_NOTVGMEM	The physical volume specified is not a member of a volume group.
LVM_PVDAREAD	An error occurred while trying to read the volume group descriptor area from the specified physical volume.
LVM_PVOPNERR	The physical volume device could not be opened.
LVM_VGDA_BB	A bad block was found in the volume group descriptor area located on the physical volume that was specified for the query. Therefore, a query cannot be done from the specified physical volume.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

List of Logical Volume Subroutines and Logical Volume Programming Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

lvm_querypv Subroutine

Purpose

Queries a physical volume and returns all pertinent information.

Library

Logical Volume Manager Library (**liblvm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <lvm.h>
```

```
int lvm_querypv (VG_ID, PV_ID, QueryPV, PVName)
struct unique_id * VG_ID;
struct unique_id * PV_ID;
struct querypv ** QueryPV;
char * PVName;
```

Description

Note: You must have root user authority to use the **lvm_querypv** subroutine.

The **lvm_querypv** subroutine returns information on the physical volume specified by the *PV_ID* parameter.

The **querypv** structure, defined in the **lvm.h** file, contains the following fields:

```
struct querypv {
    long ppsize;
    long pv_state;
    long pp_count;
    long alloc_ppcount;
    struct pp_map *pp_map;
    long pvnum_vgdas;
}
struct pp_map {
    long pp_state;
    struct lv_id lv_id;
    long lp_num;
    long copy;
    struct unique_id fst_alt_vol;
    long fst_alt_part;
    struct unique_id snd_alt_vol;
    long snd_alt_part;
}
```

Field	Description
ppsize	Specifies the size of the physical partitions, which is the same for all partitions within a volume group. The size in bytes of a physical partition is 2 to the power of ppsize.
pv_state	Contains the current state of the physical volume.
pp_count	Contains the total number of physical partitions on the physical volume.
alloc_ppcount	Contains the number of allocated physical partitions on the physical volume.

Field	Description
pp_map	<p>Points to an array that has entries for each physical partition of the physical volume. Each entry in this array will contain the pp_state that specifies the state of the physical partition (LVM_PPFREE, LVM_PPALLOC, or LVM_PPSTALE) and the lv_id, field, the ID of the logical volume that it is a member of. The pp_map array also contains the physical volume IDs (fst_alt_vol and snd_alt_vol) and the physical partition numbers (fst_alt_part and snd_alt_part) for the first and second alternate copies of the physical partition, and the logical partition number (lp_num) that the physical partition corresponds to.</p> <p>If the physical partition is free (that is, not allocated), <i>all</i> of its pp_map fields will be zero.</p> <p>fst_alt_vol Contains zeros if the logical partition has only one physical copy.</p> <p>fst_alt_part Contains zeros if the logical partition has only one physical copy.</p> <p>snd_alt_vol Contains zeros if the logical partition has only one or two physical copies.</p> <p>snd_alt_part Contains zeros if the logical partition has only one or two physical copies.</p> <p>copy Specifies which copy of a logical partition this physical partition is allocated to. This field will contain one of the following values:</p> <p>LVM_PRIMARY Primary and only copy of a logical partition</p> <p>LVM_PRIMOF2 Primary copy of a logical partition with two physical copies</p> <p>LVM_PRIMOF3 Primary copy of a logical partition with three physical copies</p> <p>LVM_SCNDOF2 Secondary copy of a logical partition with two physical copies</p> <p>LVM_SCNDOF3 Secondary copy of a logical partition with three physical copies</p> <p>LVM_TERTO3 Tertiary copy of a logical partition with three physical copies.</p>
pvnum_vgdas	<p>Contains the number of volume group descriptor areas (0, 1, or 2) that are on the specified physical volume.</p>

The *PVName* parameter enables the user to query from a volume group descriptor area on a specific physical volume instead of from the Logical Volume Manager's (LVM) most recent, in-memory copy of the descriptor area. This method should only be used if the volume group is varied off. The data returned is not guaranteed to be most recent or correct, and it can reflect a back level descriptor area.

The *PVname* parameter should specify either the full path name of the physical volume that contains the descriptor area to query or a single file name that must reside in the */dev* directory (for example, **rhdisk1**). This field must be a null-terminated string of from 1 to **LVM_NAMESIZ** bytes, including the null byte, and represent a raw or character device. If a raw or character device is not specified for the *PVName* parameter, the LVM will add an **r** to the file name in order to have a raw device name. If there is no raw device entry for this name, the LVM will return the **LVM_NOTCHARDEV** error code. If a *PVName* is specified, the volume group identifier, **VG_ID**, will be returned by the LVM through the **VG_ID** parameter passed in by the user. If the user wishes to query from the LVM in-memory copy, the *PVName* parameter should be set to null. When using this method of query, the volume group must be varied on, or an error will be returned.

Note: As long as the *PVName* is not null, the LVM will attempt a query from a physical volume and *not* from its in-memory copy of data.

In addition to the *PVName* parameter, the caller passes the *VG_ID* parameter, indicating the volume group that contains the physical volume to be queried, the unique ID of the physical volume to be queried, the *PV_ID* parameter, and the address of a pointer of the type *QueryPV*. The LVM will separately allocate enough space for the **querypv** structure and the struct *pp_map* array and return the address of the **querypv** structure in the *QueryPV* pointer passed in. The user is responsible for freeing the space by freeing the struct *pp_map* pointer and then freeing the *QueryPV* pointer.

Parameters

<i>VG_ID</i>	Points to a unique_id structure that specifies the volume group of which the physical volume to query is a member.
<i>PV_ID</i>	Points to a unique_id structure that specifies the physical volume to query.
<i>QueryPV</i>	Specifies the address of a pointer to a querypv structure.
<i>PVName</i>	Names a physical volume from which to use the volume group descriptor area for the query. This parameter can be null.

Return Values

The *lvm_querypv* subroutine returns a value of 0 upon successful completion.

Error Codes

If the *lvm_querypv* subroutine fails it returns one of the following error codes:

LVM_ALLOCERR	The routine cannot allocate enough space for a complete buffer.
LVM_INVALID_PARAM	An invalid parameter was passed into the routine.
LVM_INV_DEVENT	The device entry for the physical volume is invalid and cannot be checked to determine if it is raw.
LVM_OFFLINE	The volume group specified is offline and should be online.

If the query originates from the varied-on volume group's current volume group descriptor area, one of the following error codes may be returned:

LVM_DALVOPN	The volume group reserved logical volume could not be opened.
LVM_MAPFBSY	The volume group is currently locked because system management on the volume group is being done by another process.
LVM_MAPFOPN	The mapped file, which contains a copy of the volume group descriptor area used for making changes to the volume group, could not be opened.
LVM_MAPFRDWR	Either the mapped file could not be read, or it could not be written.

If a physical volume name has been passed, requesting that the query originate from a specific physical volume, then one of the following error codes may be returned:

LVM_BADBBDIR	The bad-block directory could not be read or written.
LVM_LVMRECERR	The LVM record, which contains information about the volume group descriptor area, could not be read.
LVM_NOPVVGDA	There are no volume group descriptor areas on this physical volume.
LVM_NOTCHARDEV	A device is not a raw or character device.
LVM_NOTVGMEM	The physical volume is not a member of a volume group.
LVM_PVDAREAD	An error occurred while trying to read the volume group descriptor area from the specified physical volume.
LVM_PVOPNERR	The physical volume device could not be opened.

LVM_VGDA_BB

A bad block was found in the volume group descriptor area located on the physical volume that was specified for the query. Therefore, a query cannot be done from the specified physical volume.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

List of Logical Volume Subroutines and Logical Volume Programming Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

lvm_queryvg Subroutine

Purpose

Queries a volume group and returns pertinent information.

Library

Logical Volume Manager Library (**liblvm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <lvm.h>
```

```
int lvm_queryvg ( VG_ID, QueryVG, PVName)
struct unique_id *VG_ID;
struct queryvg **QueryVG;
char *PVName;
```

Description

Note: You must have root user authority to use this subroutine.

The **lvm_queryvg** subroutine returns information on the volume group specified by the *VG_ID* parameter.

The **queryvg** structure, found in the **lvm.h** file, contains the following fields:

```
struct queryvg {
    long maxlvs;
    long ppsize;
    long freespace;
    long num_lvs;
    long num_pvs;
    long total_vgdas;
    struct lv_array *lvs;
    struct pv_array *pvs;
}
struct pv_array {
    struct unique_id pv_id;
    long pvnum_vgdas;
    char state;
    char res[3];
}
struct lv_array {
    struct lv_id lv_id;
    char lvname[LVM_NAMESIZ];
    char state;
    char res[3];
}
```

Field	Description
maxlvs	Specifies the maximum number of logical volumes allowed in the volume group.
ppsize	Specifies the size of all physical partitions in the volume group. The size in bytes of each physical partitions is 2 to the power of the ppsize field.
freespace	Contains the number of free physical partitions in this volume group.
num_lvs	Indicates the number of logical volumes.
num_pvs	Indicates the number of physical volumes.
total_vgdas	Specifies the total number of volume group descriptor areas for the entire volume group.
lvs	Points to an array of unique IDs, names, and states of the logical volumes in the volume group.
pvs	Points to an array of unique IDs, states, and the number of volume group descriptor areas for each of the physical volumes in the volume group.

The *PVName* parameter enables the user to query from a descriptor area on a specific physical volume instead of from the Logical Volume Manager's (LVM) most recent, in-memory copy of the descriptor area. This method should only be used if the volume group is varied off. The data returned is *not guaranteed* to be most recent or correct, and it can reflect a back level descriptor area. The *Pvname* parameter should specify either the full path name of the physical volume that contains the descriptor area to query or a single file name that must reside in the */dev* directory (for example, **rhdisk1**). The name must represent a raw device. If a raw or character device is not specified for the *PVName* parameter, the Logical Volume Manager will add an *r* to the file name in order to have a raw device name. If there is no raw device entry for this name, the LVM returns the **LVM_NOTCHARDEV** error code. This field must be a null-terminated string of from 1 to **LVM_NAMESIZ** bytes, including the null byte. If a *PVName* is specified, the LVM will return the *VG_ID* to the user through the *VG_ID* pointer passed in. If the user wishes to query from the LVM in-memory copy, the *PVName* parameter should be set to null. When using this method of query, the volume group must be varied on, or an error will be returned.

Note: As long as the *PVName* parameter is not null, the LVM will attempt a query from a physical volume and *not* its in-memory copy of data.

In addition to the *PVName* parameter, the caller passes the unique ID of the volume group to be queried (*VG_ID*) and the address of a pointer to a **queryvg** structure. The LVM will separately allocate enough space for the **queryvg** structure, as well as the **lv_array** and **pv_array** structures, and return the address of the completed structure in the *QueryVG* parameter passed in by the user. The user is responsible for freeing the space by freeing the *lv* and *pv* pointers and then freeing the *QueryVG* pointer.

Parameters

<i>VG_ID</i>	Points to a unique_id structure that specifies the volume group to be queried.
<i>QueryVG</i>	Specifies the address of a pointer to the queryvg structure.
<i>PVName</i>	Specifies the name of the physical volume that contains the descriptor area to query and must be the name of a raw device.

Return Values

The *lvm_queryvgn* subroutine returns a value of 0 upon successful completion.

Error Codes

If the *lvm_queryvg* subroutine fails it returns one of the following error codes:

LVM_ALLOCERR	The subroutine cannot allocate enough space for a complete buffer.
LVM_FORCEOFF	The volume group has been forcefully varied off due to a loss of quorum.

LVM_INVALID_PARAM	An invalid parameter was passed into the routine.
LVM_OFFLINE	The volume group is offline and should be online.

If the query originates from the varied-on volume group's current volume group descriptor area, one of the following error codes may be returned:

LVM_DALVOPN	The volume group reserved logical volume could not be opened.
LVM_INV_DEVENT	The device entry for the physical volume specified by the <i>PVName</i> parameter is invalid and cannot be checked to determine if it is raw.
LVM_MAPFBSY	The volume group is currently locked because system management on the volume group is being done by another process.
LVM_MAPFOPN	The mapped file, which contains a copy of the volume group descriptor area used for making changes to the volume group, could not be opened.
LVM_MAPFRDWR	Either the mapped file could not be read, or it could not be written.
LVM_NOTCHARDEV	A device is not a raw or character device.

If a physical volume name has been passed, requesting that the query originate from a specific physical volume, one of the following error codes may be returned:

LVM_BADBBDIR	The bad-block directory could not be read or written.
LVM_LVMRECERR	The LVM record, which contains information about the volume group descriptor area, could not be read.
LVM_NOPVVGDA	There are no volume group descriptor areas on this physical volume.
LVM_NOTVGMEM	The physical volume is not a member of a volume group.
LVM_PVDAREAD	An error occurred while trying to read the volume group descriptor area from the specified physical volume.
LVM_PVOPNERR	The physical volume device could not be opened.
LVM_VGDA_BB	A bad block was found in the volume group descriptor area located on the physical volume that was specified for the query. Therefore, a query cannot be done from this physical volume.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

List of Logical Volume Subroutines and Logical Volume Programming Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

lvm_queryvgs Subroutine

Purpose

Queries volume groups and returns information to online volume groups.

Library

Logical Volume Manager Library (**liblvm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <lvm.h>
```



```
int lvm_queryvgs ( QueryVGS, Kmid)
struct queryvgs **QueryVGS;
mid_t Kmid;
```

Description

Note: You must have root user authority to use this subroutine.

The **lvm_queryvgs** subroutine returns the volume group IDs and major numbers for all volume groups in the system that are online.

The caller passes the address of a pointer to a **queryvgs** structure, and the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) allocates enough space for the structure and returns the address of the structure in the pointer passed in by the user. The caller also passes in a *Kmid* parameter, which identifies the entry point of the logical device driver module:

```
struct queryvgs {
    long num_vgs;
    struct {
        long major_num
        struct unique_id vg_id;
    } vgs [LVM_MAXVGS];
}
```

Field	Description
num_vgs	Contains the number of online volume groups on the system. The vgs is an array of the volume group IDs and major numbers of all online volume groups in the system.

Parameters

<i>QueryVGS</i>	Points to the queryvgs structure.
<i>Kmid</i>	Identifies the address of the entry point of the logical volume device driver module.

Return Values

The **lvm_queryvgs** subroutine returns a value of 0 upon successful completion.

Error Codes

If the **lvm_queryvgs** subroutine fails, it returns one of the following error codes:

LVM_ALLOCERR	The routine cannot allocate enough space for the complete buffer.
LVM_INVALID_PARAM	An invalid parameter was passed into the routine.
LVM_INVCONFIG	An error occurred while attempting to configure this volume group into the kernel. This error will normally result if the module ID is invalid, if the major number given is already in use, or if the volume group device could not be opened.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

List of Logical Volume Subroutines and Logical Volume Programming Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

malloc, free, realloc, calloc, malloc, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine

Purpose

Provides a memory allocator.

Libraries

Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**)

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
void *malloc ( Size)  
size_t Size;
```

```
void free ( Pointer)  
void *Pointer;
```

```
void *realloc (Pointer, Size)  
void *Pointer;  
size_t Size;
```

```
void *calloc ( NumberOfElements, ElementSize )  
size_t NumberOfElements;  
size_t ElementSize;  
char *alloca (Size)  
int Size;
```

```
void *valloc ( Size)  
size_t Size;
```

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

```
int mallopt ( Command, Value)  
int Command;  
int Value;  
struct mallinfo mallinfo( )
```

Description

The **malloc** and **free** subroutines provide a general-purpose memory allocation package.

The **malloc** subroutine returns a pointer to a block of memory of at least the number of bytes specified by the *Size* parameter. The block is aligned so that it can be used for any type of data. Undefined results occur if the space assigned by the **malloc** subroutine is overrun.

The **free** subroutine frees a block of memory previously allocated by the **malloc** subroutine. Undefined results occur if the *Pointer* parameter is not a valid pointer. If the *Pointer* parameter is a null value, no action will occur.

The **realloc** subroutine changes the size of the block of memory pointed to by the *Pointer* parameter to the number of bytes specified by the *Size* parameter and returns a new pointer to the block. The pointer

specified by the *Pointer* parameter must have been created with the **malloc**, **calloc**, or **realloc** subroutines and not been deallocated with the **free** or **realloc** subroutines. Undefined results occur if the *Pointer* parameter is not a valid pointer

The contents of the block returned by the **realloc** subroutine remain unchanged up to the lesser of the old and new sizes. If a large enough block of memory is not available, the **realloc** subroutine acquires a new area and moves the data to the new space. The **realloc** subroutine supports the old **realloc** protocol wherein the **realloc** protocol returns a pointer to a previously freed block of memory if that block satisfies the **realloc** request. The **realloc** subroutine searches a list, maintained by the **free** subroutine, of the ten most recently freed blocks of memory. If the list does not contain a memory block that satisfies the specified *Size* parameter, the **realloc** subroutine calls the **malloc** subroutine. This list is cleared by calls to the **malloc**, **calloc**, **valloc**, or **realloc** subroutines.

The **calloc** subroutine allocates space for an array with the number of elements specified by the *NumberOfElements* parameter. The *ElementSize* parameter specifies in bytes each element, and initializes space to zeros. The order and contiguity of storage allocated by successive calls to the **calloc** subroutine is unspecified. The pointer returned points to the first (lowest) byte address of the allocated space.

The **alloca** subroutine allocates the number of bytes of space specified by the *Size* parameter in the stack frame of the caller. This space is automatically freed when the subroutine that called the **alloca** subroutine returns to its caller.

If **alloca** is used in the code and compiled with the C++ compiler, **#pragma alloca** would also have to be added before the usage of **alloca** in the code. Alternatively, the tag **-ma** would have to be used while compiling the code.

The **valloc** subroutine has the same effect as **malloc**, except that the allocated memory is aligned to a multiple of the value returned by **sysconf(_SC_PAGESIZE)**.

The **mallopt** and **mallinfo** subroutines are provided for source-level compatibility with the System V **malloc** subroutine. Nothing done with the **mallopt** subroutine affects how memory is allocated by the system, unless the **M_MXFAST** option is used..

The **mallinfo** subroutine can be used to obtain information about the heap managed by the **malloc** subroutine. Refer to the **malloc.h** file for details of the **mallinfo** structure.

Note: AIX Version 3 and later uses a delayed paging slot allocation technique for storage allocated to applications. When storage is allocated to an application with a subroutine such as **malloc**, no paging space is assigned to that storage until the storage is referenced. This technique is useful for applications that allocate large sparse memory segments. However, this technique may affect portability of applications that allocate very large amounts of memory. If the application expects that calls to **malloc** will fail when there is not enough backing storage to support the memory request, the application may allocate too much memory. When this memory is referenced later, the machine quickly runs out of paging space and the operating system kills processes so that the system is not completely exhausted of virtual memory. The application that allocates memory must ensure that backing storage exists for the storage being allocated. Setting the **PSALLOC** environment variable to **PSALLOC=early** changes the paging space allocation technique to an early allocation algorithm. In early allocation, paging space is assigned once the memory is requested. See the Understanding Paging Space Allocation Policies in the *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices* for more information.

Parameters

<i>Size</i>	Specifies a number of bytes of memory.
<i>Pointer</i>	Points to the block of memory that was returned by the malloc or calloc subroutines. The <i>Pointer</i> parameter points to the first (lowest) byte address of the block.

<i>Command</i>	Specifies a mallopt subroutine command. If M_DISCLAIM is used, then the paging space and physical memory in use by freed malloc space is returned to the system resource pool. If they are needed to fulfill a malloc request, they will be allocated to the process as needed. The address space is not altered. This will only release whole pages at a time. The M_MXFAST command can change how the system allocates memory by enabling or disabling the default and 3.1 allocator. The M_NLBLKS , M_GRAIN , and M_KEEP commands are only provided for source code compatibility, and do not provide any functionality.
<i>Value</i>	Specifies the value to which the M_DISCLAIM , M_MXFAST , M_NLBLKS , M_GRAIN , or M_KEEP label is to be set. M_NLBLKS , M_GRAIN , and M_KEEP are provided only for source code compatibility. They do not affect the operation of subsequent calls to the malloc subroutine. For M_MXFAST , setting <i>Value</i> to 0 disables the 3.1 allocator, and enable the default allocator. Setting <i>Value</i> to a positive value will disable the default allocator, and enable the 3.1 allocator. For M_DISCLAIM , <i>Value</i> does not affect the behavior of mallopt() , and should be set to NULL.
<i>NumberOfElements</i>	Specifies the number of elements in the array.
<i>ElementSize</i>	Specifies the size of each element in the array.

Return Values

Each of the allocation subroutines returns a pointer to space suitably aligned for storage of any type of object. Cast the pointer to the pointer-to-element type before using it.

The **malloc**, **realloc**, **calloc**, and **valloc** subroutines return a null pointer if there is no available memory, or if the memory arena has been corrupted by being stored outside the bounds of a block. When this happens, the block pointed to by the *Pointer* parameter may be destroyed.

If the **malloc** or **valloc** subroutine is called with a size of 0, the subroutine returns a null pointer. If the **realloc** subroutine is called with a nonnull pointer and a size of 0, the **realloc** subroutine attempts to free the pointer and return a null pointer. If the **realloc** subroutine is called with a null pointer, it calls the **malloc** subroutine for the specified size and returns the null pointer.

Error Codes

When the memory allocation subroutines are unsuccessful, the global variable **errno** may be set to the following values:

EINVAL	Indicates a call has requested 0 bytes.
ENOMEM	Indicates that not enough storage space was available.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **valloc** subroutine, found in many BSD systems, is supported as a compatibility interface in the Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**). The **valloc** subroutine calls the **malloc** subroutine and automatically page-aligns requests that are greater than one page.

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The following is the syntax for the **valloc** subroutine:

```
char *valloc (Size)
unsigned int Size;
```

Related Information

The `_end`, `_etext`, or `_edata` (“`_end`, `_etext`, or `_edata` Identifier” on page 155) identifier.

User Defined Malloc Replacement, Debug Malloc, Malloc Multiheap, Malloc Buckets, System Memory Allocation Using the malloc Subsystem, Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*, and Understanding Paging Space Allocation Policies section in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

madd, msub, mult, mdiv, pow, gcd, invert, rpow, msqrt, mcmp, move, min, omin, fmin, m_in, mout, omout, fmout, m_out, sdiv, or itom Subroutine

Purpose

Multiple-precision integer arithmetic.

Library

Berkeley Compatibility Library (`libbsd.a`)

Syntax

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

```
typedef struct mint {int Length; short * Value} MINT;
```

```
madd( a, b, c)
msub(a,b,c)
mult(a,b,c)
mdiv(a,b, q, r)
pow(a,b, m,c)
gcd(a,b,c)
invert(a,b,c)
rpow(a,n,c)
msqrt(a,b,r)
mcmp(a,b)
move(a,b)
min(a)
omin(a)
fmin(a,f)
m_in(a, n,f)
mout(a)
omout(a)
fmout(a,f)
m_out(a,n,f)
MINT *a, *b, *c, *m, *q, *r;
FILE * f;
int n;
sdiv(a,n,q,r)
MINT *a, *q;
short n;
short *r;
MINT *itom(n)
```

Description

These subroutines perform arithmetic on integers of arbitrary *Length*. The integers are stored using the defined type **MINT**. Pointers to a **MINT** can be initialized using the **itom** subroutine, which sets the initial *Value* to *n*. After that, space is managed automatically by the subroutines.

The **madd** subroutine, **msub** subroutine, and **mult** subroutine assign to *c* the sum, difference, and product, respectively, of *a* and *b*.

The **mdiv** subroutine assigns to *q* and *r* the quotient and remainder obtained from dividing *a* by *b*.

The **sdiv** subroutine is like the **mdiv** subroutine except that the divisor is a short integer *n* and the remainder is placed in a short whose address is given as *r*.

The **msqrt** subroutine produces the integer square root of *a* in *b* and places the remainder in *r*.

The **rpow** subroutine calculates in *c* the value of *a* raised to the (regular integral) power *n*, while the **pow** subroutine calculates this with a full multiple precision exponent *b* and the result is reduced modulo *m*.

Note: The **pow** subroutine is also present in the IEEE Math Library, **libm.a**, and the System V Math Library, **libmsaa.a**. The **pow** subroutine in **libm.a** or **libmsaa.a** may be loaded in error unless the **libbsd.a** library is listed before the **libm.a** or **libmsaa.a** library on the command line.

The **gcd** subroutine returns the greatest common denominator of *a* and *b* in *c*, and the **invert** subroutine computes *c* such that $a*c \bmod b=1$, for *a* and *b* relatively prime.

The **mcmp** subroutine returns a negative, 0, or positive integer value when *a* is less than, equal to, or greater than *b*, respectively.

The **move** subroutine copies *a* to *b*. The **min** subroutine and **mout** subroutine do decimal input and output while the **omin** subroutine and **omout** subroutine do octal input and output. More generally, the **fmin** subroutine and **fmout** subroutine do decimal input and output using file *f*, and the **m_in** subroutine and **m_out** subroutine do inputs and outputs with arbitrary radix *n*. On input, records should have the form of strings of digits terminated by a new line; output records have a similar form.

Parameters

<i>Length</i>	Specifies the length of an integer.
<i>Value</i>	Specifies the initial value to be used in the routine.
<i>a</i>	Specifies the first operand of the multiple-precision routines.
<i>b</i>	Specifies the second operand of the multiple-precision routines.
<i>c</i>	Contains the integer result.
<i>f</i>	A pointer of the type FILE that points to input and output files used with input/output routines.
<i>m</i>	Indicates modulo.
<i>n</i>	Provides a value used to specify radix with m_in and m_out , power with rpow , and divisor with sdiv .
<i>q</i>	Contains the quotient obtained from mdiv .
<i>r</i>	Contains the remainder obtained from mdiv , sdiv , and msqrt .

Error Codes

Error messages and core images are displayed as a result of illegal operations and running out of memory.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Programs that use the multiple-precision arithmetic functions must link with the **libbsd.a** library.

Bases for input and output should be less than or equal to 10.

pow is also the name of a standard math library routine.

Files

/usr/lib/libbsd.a Object code library.

Related Information

The **bc** command, **dc** command.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

advise Subroutine

Purpose

Advise the system of expected paging behavior.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**).

Syntax

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

```
int advise( addr, len, behav)
caddr_t addr;
size_t len;
int behav;
```

Description

The **advise** subroutine permits a process to advise the system about its expected future behavior in referencing a mapped file region or anonymous memory region.

Parameters

addr Specifies the starting address of the memory region. Must be a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.

len Specifies the length, in bytes, of the memory region. If the *len* value is not a multiple of page size as returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter, the length of the region will be rounded up to the next multiple of the page size.

behav Specifies the future behavior of the memory region. The following values for the *behav* parameter are defined in the `/usr/include/sys/mman.h` file:

Value **Paging Behavior** **Message**

MADV_NORMAL

The system provides no further special treatment for the memory region.

MADV_RANDOM

The system expects random page references to that memory region.

MADV_SEQUENTIAL

The system expects sequential page references to that memory region.

MADV_WILLNEED

The system expects the process will need these pages.

MADV_DONTNEED

The system expects the process does not need these pages.

MADV_SPACEAVAIL

The system will ensure that memory resources are reserved.

Return Values

When successful, the **madvise** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **madvise** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable can be set to one of the following values:

EINVAL The *behav* parameter is invalid.

ENOSPC The *behav* parameter specifies **MADV_SPACEAVAIL** and resources cannot be reserved.

Implementation Specifics

The **madvise** subroutine has no functionality and is supported for compatibility only. It is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mmap** (“mmap or mmap64 Subroutine” on page 562) subroutine, **sysconf** subroutine.

List of Memory Manipulation Services and Understanding Paging Space Programming Requirements in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

makecontext or swapcontext Subroutine

Purpose

Modifies the context specified by *ucp*.

Library

(libc.a)

Syntax

#include <ucontext.h>


```
void makecontext (ucontext_t *ucp, (void *func) (), int argc, ...);
int swapcontext (ucontext_t *oucp, const ucontext_t *ucp);
```

Description

The **makecontext** subroutine modifies the context specified by *ucp*, which has been initialized using **getcontext** subroutine. When this context is resumed using **swapcontext** subroutine or **setcontext** subroutine, program execution continues by calling *func* parameter, passing it the arguments that follow *argc* in the **makecontext** subroutine.

Before a call is made to **makecontext** subroutine, the context being modified should have a stack allocated for it. The value of *argc* must match the number of integer argument passed to *func* parameter, otherwise the behavior is undefined.

The **uc_link** member is used to determine the context that will be resumed when the context being modified by **makecontext** subroutine returns. The **uc_link** member should be initialized prior to the call to **makecontext** subroutine.

The **swapcontext** subroutine function saves the current context in the context structure pointed to by *oucp* parameter and sets the context to the context structure pointed to by *ucp*.

Parameters

ucp A pointer to a user structure.
oucp A pointer to a user structure.
func A pointer to a function to be called when *ucp* is restored.
argc The number of arguments being passed to *func* parameter.

Return Values

On successful completion, **swapcontext** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

-1 Not successful and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following error codes.

Error Codes

ENOMEM The *ucp* argument does not have enough stack left to complete the operation.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, **wait** subroutine, **getcontext** (“getcontext or setcontext Subroutine” on page 292) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine, and **sigprocmask** subroutine.

matherr Subroutine

Purpose

Math error handling function.

Library

System V Math Library (**libmsaa.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <math.h>
int matherr (x)
struct exception *x;
```

Description

The **matherr** subroutine is called by math library routines when errors are detected.

You can use **matherr** or define your own procedure for handling errors by creating a function named **matherr** in your program. Such a user-designed function must follow the same syntax as **matherr**. When an error occurs, a pointer to the exception structure will be passed to the user-supplied **matherr** function. This structure, which is defined in the **math.h** file, includes:

```
int type;
char *name;
double arg1, arg2, retval;
```

Parameters

type Specifies an integer describing the type of error that has occurred from the following list defined by the **math.h** file:

DOMAIN

Argument domain error

SING Argument singularity

OVERFLOW

Overflow range error

UNDERFLOW

Underflow range error

TLOSS Total loss of significance

PLOSS

Partial loss of significance.

name Points to a string containing the name of the routine that caused the error.

arg1 Points to the first argument with which the routine was invoked.

arg2 Points to the second argument with which the routine was invoked.

retval Specifies the default value that is returned by the routine unless the user's **matherr** function sets it to a different value.

Return Values

If the user's **matherr** function returns a non-zero value, no error message is printed, and the **errno** global variable will not be set.

Error Codes

If the function **matherr** is not supplied by the user, the default error-handling procedures, described with the math library routines involved, will be invoked upon error. In every case, the **errno** global variable is set to **EDOM** or **ERANGE** and the program continues.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **bessel: j0, j1, jn, y0, y1, yn** (“bessel: j0, j1, jn, y0, y1, or yn Subroutine” on page 75) subroutine, **exp, expm1, log, log10, log1p, pow** (“exp, expl, expm1, log, logl, log10, log10l, log1p, pow, or powl Subroutine” on page 202) subroutine, **lgamma** (“lgamma, lgammal, or gamma Subroutine” on page 484) subroutine, **hypot, cabs** (“hypot Subroutine” on page 395) subroutine, **sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan, atan2** subroutine, **sinh, cosh, tanh** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

MatchAllAuths, , MatchAnyAuths, or MatchAnyAuthsList Subroutine

Purpose

Compare authorizations.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
int MatchAllAuths(CommaListOfAuths)
char *CommaListOfAuths;
int MatchAllAuthsList(CommaListOfAuths, NSListOfAuths)
char *CommaListOfAuths;
char *NSListOfAuths;
int MatchAnyAuths(CommaListOfAuths)
char *CommaListOfAuths;
int MatchAnyAuthsList(CommaListOfAuths, NSListOfAuths)
char *CommaListOfAuths;
char *NSListOfAuths;
```

Description

The **MatchAllAuthsList** subroutine compares the *CommaListOfAuths* against the *NSListOfAuths*. It returns a non-zero value if all the authorizations in *CommaListOfAuths* are contained in *NSListOfAuths*. The **MatchAllAuths** subroutine calls the **MatchAllAuthsList** subroutine passing in the results of the **GetUserAuths** subroutine in place of *NSListOfAuths*. If *NSListOfAuths* contains the OFF keyword, **MatchAllAuthsList** will return a zero value. If *NSListOfAuths* contains the ALL keyword and not the OFF keyword, **MatchAllAuthsList** will return a non-zero value.

The **MatchAnyAuthsList** subroutine compares the *CommaListOfAuths* against the *NSListOfAuths*. It returns a non-zero value if one or more of the authorizations in *CommaListOfAuths* are contained in *NSListOfAuths*. The **MatchAnyAuths** subroutine calls the **MatchAnyAuthsList** subroutine passing in the results of the **GetUserAuths** subroutine in place of *NSListOfAuths*. If *NSListOfAuths* contains the OFF keyword, **MatchAnyAuthsList** will return a zero value. If *NSListOfAuths* contains the ALL keyword and not the OFF keyword, **MatchAnyAuthsList** will return a non-zero value.

Parameters

CommaListOfAuths
NSListOfAuths

Specifies one or more authorizations, each separated by a comma.

Specifies zero or more authorizations. Each authorization is null terminated. The last entry in the list must be a null string.

Return Values

The subroutines return a non-zero value if a proper match was found. Otherwise, they will return zero. If an error occurs, the subroutines will return zero and set **errno** to indicate the error. If the subroutine returns zero and no error occurred, **errno** is set to zero.

mblen Subroutine

Purpose

Determines the length in bytes of a multibyte character.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int mblen( MbString, Number)  
const char *MbString;  
size_t Number;
```

Description

The **mblen** subroutine determines the length, in bytes, of a multibyte character.

Parameters

Mbstring Points to a multibyte character string.
Number Specifies the maximum number of bytes to consider.

Return Values

The **mblen** subroutine returns 0 if the *MbString* parameter points to a null character. It returns -1 if a character cannot be formed from the number of bytes specified by the *Number* parameter. If *MbString* is a null pointer, 0 is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbslen** (“mbslen Subroutine” on page 545) subroutine, **mbstowcs** (“mbstowcs Subroutine” on page 551) subroutine, **mbtowc** (“mbtowc Subroutine” on page 553) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Multibyte Code and Wide Character Code Conversion Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbrlen Subroutine

Purpose

Get number of bytes in a character (restartable).

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <wchar.h>
size_t mbrlen (const char *s, size_t n, mbstate_t *ps )
```

Description

If *s* is not a null pointer, **mbrlen** determines the number of bytes constituting the character pointed to by *s*. It is equivalent to:

```
mbstate_t internal;
mbrtowc(NULL, s, n, ps != NULL ? ps : &internal);
```

If *ps* is a null pointer, the **mbrlen** function uses its own internal **mbstate_t** object, which is initialized at program startup to the initial conversion state. Otherwise, the **mbstate_t** object pointed to by *ps* is used to completely describe the current conversion state of the associated character sequence. The implementation will behave as if no function defined in this specification calls **mbrlen**.

The behavior of this function is affected by the LC_CTYPE category of the current locale.

Return Values

The **mbrlen** function returns the first of the following that applies:

0	If the next n or fewer bytes complete the character that corresponds to the null wide-character
positive	If the next n or fewer bytes complete a valid character; the value returned is the number of bytes that complete the character.
(size_t)-2	If the next n bytes contribute to an incomplete but potentially valid character, and all n bytes have been processed. When n has at least the value of the MB_CUR_MAX macro, this case can only occur if <i>s</i> points at a sequence of redundant shift sequences (for implementations with state-dependent encodings).
(size_t)-1	If an encoding error occurs, in which case the next n or fewer bytes do not contribute to a complete and valid character. In this case, EILSEQ is stored in errno and the conversion state is undefined.

Error Codes

The **mbrlen** function may fail if:

EINVAL	ps points to an object that contains an invalid conversion state.
EILSEQ	Invalid character sequence is detected.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) subroutine.

Related Information

The **mbsinit** (“mbsinit Subroutine” on page 544) subroutine, **mbrtowc** (“mbrtowc Subroutine” on page 540) subroutine.

The **wchar.h** file.

mbrtowc Subroutine

Purpose

Convert a character to a wide-character code (restartable)

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <wchar.h>
size_t mbrtowc (wchar_t * pwc, const char * s, size_t n, mbstate_t * ps) ;
```

Description

If *s* is a null pointer, the **mbrtowc** function is equivalent to the call:

```
mbrtowc(NULL, '', 1, ps)
```

In this case, the values of the arguments **pwc** and **n** are ignored.

If *s* is not a null pointer, the **mbrtowc** function inspects at most *n* bytes beginning at the byte pointed to by *s* to determine the number of bytes needed to complete the next character (including any shift sequences). If the function determines that the next character is completed, it determines the value of the corresponding wide-character and then, if *pwc* is not a null pointer, stores that value in the object pointed to by *pwc*. If the corresponding wide-character is the null wide-character, the resulting state described is the initial conversion state.

If *ps* is a null pointer, the **mbrtowc** function uses its own internal **mbstate_t** object, which is initialized at program startup to the initial conversion state. Otherwise, the **mbstate_t** object pointed to by *ps* is used to completely describe the current conversion state of the associated character sequence. The implementation will behave as if no function defined in this specification calls **mbrtowc**.

The behavior of this function is affected by the LC_CTYPE category of the current locale.

Return Values

The **mbrtowc** function returns the first of the following that applies:

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 0 | If the next <i>n</i> or fewer bytes complete the character that corresponds to the null wide-character (which is the value stored). |
| positive | If the next <i>n</i> or fewer bytes complete a valid character (which is the value stored); the value returned is the number of bytes that complete the character. |
| (size_t)-2 | If the next <i>n</i> bytes contribute to an incomplete but potentially valid character, and all <i>n</i> bytes have been processed (no value is stored). When <i>n</i> has at least the value of the MB_CUR_MAX macro, this case can only occur if <i>s</i> points at a sequence of redundant shift sequences (for implementations with state-dependent encodings). |
| (size_t)-1 | If an encoding error occurs, in which case the next <i>n</i> or fewer bytes do not contribute to a complete and valid character (no value is stored). In this case, EILSEQ is stored in <i>errno</i> and the conversion state is undefined. |

Error Codes

The **mbrtowc** function may fail if:

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| EINVAL | <i>ps</i> points to an object that contains an invalid conversion state. |
| EILSEQ | Invalid character sequence is detected. |

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) subroutine.

Related Information

The **mbsinit** (“mbsinit Subroutine” on page 544) subroutine.

The **wchar.h** file.

mbsadvance Subroutine

Purpose

Advances to the next multibyte character.

Note: The **mbsadvance** subroutine is specific to the manufacturer. It is not defined in the POSIX, ANSI, or X/Open standards. Use of this subroutine may affect portability.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
char *mbsadvance ( S )  
const char *S;
```

Description

The **mbsadvance** subroutine locates the next character in a multibyte character string. The **LC_CTYPE** category affects the behavior of the **mbsadvance** subroutine.

Parameters

S Contains a multibyte character string.

Return Values

If the *S* parameter is not a null pointer, the **mbsadvance** subroutine returns a pointer to the next multibyte character in the string pointed to by the *S* parameter. The character at the head of the string pointed to by the *S* parameter is skipped. If the *S* parameter is a null pointer or points to a null string, a null pointer is returned.

Examples

To find the next character in a multibyte string, use the following:

```
#include <mbstr.h>  
#include <locale.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
  
main()  
{  
    char *mbs, *pmbs;  
    (void) setlocale(LC_ALL, "");  
    /*
```

```

** Let mbs point to the beginning of a multi-byte string.
*/
pmb = mbs;
while(pmb){
    pmb = mbsadvance(mbs);
    /* pmb points to the next multi-byte character
    ** in mbs */
}

```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbsinvalid** (“mbsinvalid Subroutine” on page 544) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbscat, mbscmp, or mbscpy Subroutine

Purpose

Performs operations on multibyte character strings.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```

#include <mbstr.h>
char *mbscat(MbString1, MbString2)
char *MbString1, *MbString2;
int mbscmp(MbString1, MbString2)
char *MbString1, *MbString2;
char *mbscpy(MbString1, MbString2)
char *MbString1, *MbString2;

```

Description

The **mbscat**, **mbscmp**, and **mbscpy** subroutines operate on null-terminated multibyte character strings.

The **mbscat** subroutine appends multibyte characters from the *MbString2* parameter to the end of the *MbString1* parameter, appends a null character to the result, and returns *MbString1*.

The **mbscmp** subroutine compares multibyte characters based on their collation weights as specified in the **LC_COLLATE** category. The **mbscmp** subroutine compares the *MbString1* parameter to the *MbString2* parameter, and returns an integer greater than 0 if *MbString1* is greater than *MbString2*. It returns 0 if the strings are equivalent and returns an integer less than 0 if *MbString1* is less than *MbString2*.

The **mbscpy** subroutine copies multibyte characters from the *MbString2* parameter to the *MbString1* parameter and returns *MbString1*. The copy operation terminates with the copying of a null character.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbsncat**, **mbsncmp**, **mbsncpy** (“mbsncat, mbsncmp, or mbsncpy Subroutine” on page 546) subroutine, **wcscat**, **wcscmp**, **wcscpy** subroutine.

National Language Support, Subroutines, Example Programs, and Libraries in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbschr Subroutine

Purpose

Locates a character in a multibyte character string.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
char *mbschr( MbString, MbCharacter)  
char *MbString;  
mbchar_t MbCharacter;
```

Description

The **mbschr** subroutine locates the first occurrence of the value specified by the *MbCharacter* parameter in the string pointed to by the *MbString* parameter. The *MbCharacter* parameter specifies a multibyte character represented as an integer. The terminating null character is considered to be part of the string.

The **LC_CTYPE** category affects the behavior of the **mbschr** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>MbString</i>	Points to a multibyte character string.
<i>MbCharacter</i>	Specifies a multibyte character represented as an integer.

Return Values

The **mbschr** subroutine returns a pointer to the value specified by the *MbCharacter* parameter within the multibyte character string, or a null pointer if that value does not occur in the string.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbspbrk** (“mbspbrk Subroutine” on page 547) subroutine, **mbsrchr** (“mbsrchr Subroutine” on page 548) subroutine, **mbstomb** (“mbstomb Subroutine” on page 550) subroutine, **wcschr** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbsinit Subroutine

Purpose

Determine conversion object status.

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <wchar.h>
int mbsinit (const mbstate_t * p) ;
```

Description

If *ps* is not a null pointer, the **mbsinit** function determines whether the object pointed to by *ps* describes an initial conversion state.

Return Values

The **mbsinit** function returns non-zero if **ps** is a null pointer, or if the pointed-to object describes an initial conversion state; otherwise, it returns zero.

If an **mbstate_t** object is altered by any of the functions described as restartable, and is then used with a different character sequence, or in the other conversion direction, or with a different LC_CTYPE category setting than on earlier function calls, the behavior is undefined.

Implementation Specifics

The **mbstate_t** object is used to describe the current conversion state from a particular character sequence to a wide-character sequence (or vice versa) under the rules of a particular setting of the LC_CTYPE category of the current locale.

The initial conversion state corresponds, for a conversion in either direction, to the beginning of a new character sequence in the initial shift state. A zero valued **mbstate_t** object is at least one way to describe an initial conversion state. A zero valued **mbstate_t** object can be used to initiate conversion involving any character sequence, in any LC_CTYPE category setting.

Related Information

The **mbrlen** (“mbrlen Subroutine” on page 538) subroutine, **mbrtowc** (“mbrtowc Subroutine” on page 540) subroutine, **wctomb** subroutine, **mbsrtowcs** (“mbsrtowcs Subroutine” on page 549) subroutine, **wcsrtombs** subroutine.

The **wchar.h** file.

mbsinvalid Subroutine

Purpose

Validates characters of multibyte character strings.

Note: The **mbsinvalid** subroutine is specific to the manufacturer. It is not defined in the POSIX, ANSI, or X/Open standards. Use of this subroutine may affect portability.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
char *mbsinvalid ( S)  
const char *S;
```

Description

The **mbsinvalid** subroutine examines the string pointed to by the *S* parameter to determine the validity of characters. The **LC_CTYPE** category affects the behavior of the **mbsinvalid** subroutine.

Parameters

S Contains a multibyte character string.

Return Values

The **mbsinvalid** subroutine returns a pointer to the byte following the last valid multibyte character in the *S* parameter. If all characters in the *S* parameter are valid multibyte characters, a null pointer is returned. If the *S* parameter is a null pointer, the behavior of the **mbsinvalid** subroutine is unspecified.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbsadvance** (“mbsadvance Subroutine” on page 541) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbslen Subroutine

Purpose

Determines the number of characters (code points) in a multibyte character string.

Note: The **mbslen** subroutine is specific to the manufacturer. It is not defined in the POSIX, ANSI, or X/Open standards. Use of this subroutine may affect portability.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
size_t mbslen( MbString)  
char *mbs;
```

Description

The **mbslen** subroutine determines the number of characters (code points) in a multibyte character string. The **LC_CTYPE** category affects the behavior of the **mbslen** subroutine.

Parameters

MbString Points to a multibyte character string.

Return Values

The **mbslen** subroutine returns the number of multibyte characters in a multibyte character string. It returns 0 if the *MbString* parameter points to a null character or if a character cannot be formed from the string pointed to by this parameter.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mblen** (“mblen Subroutine” on page 538) subroutine, **mbstowcs** (“mbstowcs Subroutine” on page 551) subroutine, **mbtowc** (“mbtowc Subroutine” on page 553) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Multibyte Code and Wide Character Code Conversion Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbsncat, mbsncmp, or mbsncpy Subroutine

Purpose

Performs operations on a specified number of null-terminated multibyte characters.

Note: These subroutines are specific to the manufacturer. They are not defined in the POSIX, ANSI, or X/Open standards. Use of these subroutines may affect portability.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
char *mbsncat(MbString1, MbString2, Number)
```

```
char * MbString1, * MbString2;
```

```
size_t Number;
```

```
int mbsncmp(MbString1, MbString2, Number)
```

```
char *MbString1, *MbString2;
```

```
size_t Number;
```

```
char *mbsncpy(MbString1, MbString2, Number)
```

```
char *MbString1, *MbString2;
```

```
size_t Number;
```

Description

The **mbsncat**, **mbsncmp**, and **mbsncpy** subroutines operate on null-terminated multibyte character strings.

The **mbsncat** subroutine appends up to the specified maximum number of multibyte characters from the *MbString2* parameter to the end of the *MbString1* parameter, appends a null character to the result, and then returns the *MbString1* parameter.

The **mbsncmp** subroutine compares the collation weights of multibyte characters. The **LC_COLLATE** category specifies the collation weights for all characters in a locale. The **mbsncmp** subroutine compares up to the specified maximum number of multibyte characters from the *MbString1* parameter to the *MbString2* parameter. It then returns an integer greater than 0 if *MbString1* is greater than *MbString2*. It returns 0 if the strings are equivalent. It returns an integer less than 0 if *MbString1* is less than *MbString2*.

The **mbsncpy** subroutine copies up to the value of the *Number* parameter of multibyte characters from the *MbString2* parameter to the *MbString1* parameter and returns *MbString1*. If *MbString2* is shorter than *Number* multi-byte characters, *MbString1* is padded out to *Number* characters with null characters.

Parameters

<i>MbString1</i>	Contains a multibyte character string.
<i>MbString2</i>	Contains a multibyte character string.
<i>Number</i>	Specifies a maximum number of characters.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbscat** (“mbscat, mbscmp, or mbscpy Subroutine” on page 542) subroutine, **mbscmp** (“mbscat, mbscmp, or mbscpy Subroutine” on page 542) subroutine, **mbscpy** (“mbscat, mbscmp, or mbscpy Subroutine” on page 542) subroutine, **wcsncat** subroutine, **wcsncmp** subroutine, **wcsncpy** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbspbrk Subroutine

Purpose

Locates the first occurrence of multibyte characters or code points in a string.

Note: The **mbspbrk** subroutine is specific to the manufacturer. It is not defined in the POSIX, ANSI, or X/Open standards. Use of this subroutine may affect portability.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
char *mbspbrk( MbString1, MbString2)  
char *MbString1, *MbString2;
```

Description

The **mbspbrk** subroutine locates the first occurrence in the string pointed to by the *MbString1* parameter, of any character of the string pointed to by the *MbString2* parameter.

Parameters

MbString1 Points to the string being searched.
MbString2 Pointer to a set of characters in a string.

Return Values

The **mbspbrk** subroutine returns a pointer to the character. Otherwise, it returns a null character if no character from the string pointed to by the *MbString2* parameter occurs in the string pointed to by the *MbString1* parameter.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbschr** (“mbschr Subroutine” on page 543) subroutine, **mbsrchr** (“mbsrchr Subroutine”) subroutine, **mbstomb** (“mbstomb Subroutine” on page 550) subroutine, **wcspbrk** subroutine, **wcswcs** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbsrchr Subroutine

Purpose

Locates a character or code point in a multibyte character string.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
char *mbsrchr( MbString, MbCharacter)  
char *MbString;  
int MbCharacter;
```

Description

The **mbschr** subroutine locates the last occurrence of the *MbCharacter* parameter in the string pointed to by the *MbString* parameter. The *MbCharacter* parameter is a multibyte character represented as an integer. The terminating null character is considered to be part of the string.

Parameters

MbString Points to a multibyte character string.
MbCharacter Specifies a multibyte character represented as an integer.

Return Values

The **mbsrchr** subroutine returns a pointer to the *MbCharacter* parameter within the multibyte character string. It returns a null pointer if *MbCharacter* does not occur in the string.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbschr** (“mbschr Subroutine” on page 543) subroutine, **mbspbrk** (“mbspbrk Subroutine” on page 547) subroutine, **mbstomb** (“mbstomb Subroutine” on page 550) subroutine, **wcsrchr** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbsrtowcs Subroutine

Purpose

Convert a character string to a wide-character string (restartable).

Library

Standard Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <wchar.h>
size_t mbsrtowcs ((wchar_t * dst, const char ** src, size_t len, mbstate_t * ps) ;
```

Description

The **mbsrtowcs** function converts a sequence of characters, beginning in the conversion state described by the object pointed to by *ps*, from the array indirectly pointed to by **src** into a sequence of corresponding wide-characters. If *dst* is not a null pointer, the converted characters are stored into the array pointed to by *dst*. Conversion continues up to and including a terminating null character, which is also stored.

Conversion stops early in either of the following cases:

- When a sequence of bytes is encountered that does not form a valid character.
- When *len* codes have been stored into the array pointed to by **dst** (and *dst* is not a null pointer).

Each conversion takes place as if by a call to the **mbrtowc** function.

If *dst* is not a null pointer, the pointer object pointed to by *src* is assigned either a null pointer (if conversion stopped due to reaching a terminating null character) or the address just past the last character converted (if any). If conversion stopped due to reaching a terminating null character, and if *dst* is not a null pointer, the resulting state described is the initial conversion state.

If *ps* is a null pointer, the **mbsrtowcs** function uses its own internal **mbstate_t** object, which is initialised at program startup to the initial conversion state. Otherwise, the **mbstate_t** object pointed to by *ps* is used to completely describe the current conversion state of the associated character sequence. The implementation will behave as if no function defined in this specification calls **mbsrtowcs**.

The behavior of this function is affected by the LC_CTYPE category of the current locale.

Return Values

If the input conversion encounters a sequence of bytes that do not form a valid character, an encoding error occurs. In this case, the **mbsrtowcs** function stores the value of the macro EILSEQ in *errno* and returns **(size_t)-1**; the conversion state is undefined. Otherwise, it returns the number of characters successfully converted, not including the terminating null (if any).

Error Codes

The **mbsrtowcs** function may fail if:

- EINVAL** ps points to an object that contains an invalid conversion state.
- EILSEQ** Invalid character sequence is detected.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) subroutine.

Related Information

The **mbsinit** (“mbsinit Subroutine” on page 544) subroutine, **mbrtowc** (“mbrtowc Subroutine” on page 540) subroutine.

The **wchar.h** file.

mbstomb Subroutine

Purpose

Extracts a multibyte character from a multibyte character string.

Note: The **mbstomb** subroutine is specific to the manufacturer. It is not defined in the POSIX, ANSI, or X/Open standards. Use of this subroutine may affect portability.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
mbchar_t mbstomb ( MbString)  
const char *MbString;
```

Description

The **mbstomb** subroutine extracts the multibyte character pointed to by the *MbString* parameter from the multibyte character string. The **LC_CTYPE** category affects the behavior of the **mbstomb** subroutine.

Parameters

MbString Contains a multibyte character string.

Return Values

The **mbstomb** subroutine returns the code point of the multibyte character as a **mbchar_t** data type. If an unusable multibyte character is encountered, a value of 0 is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mbschr** (“mbschr Subroutine” on page 543) subroutine, **mbspbrk** (“mbspbrk Subroutine” on page 547) subroutine, **mbsrchr** (“mbsrchr Subroutine” on page 548) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbstowcs Subroutine

Purpose

Converts a multibyte character string to a wide character string.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
size_t mbstowcs( WcString, String, Number)
wchar_t *WcString;
const char *String;
size_t Number;
```

Description

The **mbstowcs** subroutine converts the sequence of multibyte characters pointed to by the *String* parameter to wide characters and places the results in the buffer pointed to by the *WcString* parameter. The multibyte characters are converted until a null character is reached or until the number of wide characters specified by the *Number* parameter have been processed.

Parameters

<i>WcString</i>	Points to the area where the result of the conversion is stored.
<i>String</i>	Points to a multibyte character string.
<i>Number</i>	Specifies the maximum number of wide characters to be converted.

Return Values

The **mbstowcs** subroutine returns the number of wide characters converted, not including a null terminator, if any. If an invalid multibyte character is encountered, a value of -1 is returned. The *WcString* parameter does not include a null terminator if the value *Number* is returned.

If *WcString* is a null wide character pointer, the **mbstowcs** subroutine returns the number of elements required to store the wide character codes in an array.

Error Codes

The **mbstowcs** subroutine fails if the following occurs:

EILSEQ Invalid byte sequence is detected.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mblen** (“mblen Subroutine” on page 538) subroutine, **mbslen** (“mbslen Subroutine” on page 545) subroutine, **mbtowc** (“mbtowc Subroutine” on page 553) subroutine, **wcstombs** subroutine, **wctomb** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Multibyte Code and Wide Character Code Conversion Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbswidth Subroutine

Purpose

Determines the number of multibyte character string display columns.

Note: The **mbswidth** subroutine is specific to this manufacturer. It is not defined in the POSIX, ANSI, or X/Open standards. Use of this subroutine may affect portability.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mbstr.h>
```

```
int mbswidth ( MbString, Number)  
const char *MbString;  
size_t Number;
```

Description

The **mbswidth** subroutine determines the number of display columns required for a multibyte character string.

Parameters

<i>MbString</i>	Contains a multibyte character string.
<i>Number</i>	Specifies the number of bytes to read from the <i>s</i> parameter.

Return Values

The **mbswidth** subroutine returns the number of display columns that will be occupied by the *MbString* parameter if the number of bytes (specified by the *Number* parameter) read from the *MbString* parameter form valid multibyte characters. If the *MbString* parameter points to a null character, a value of 0 is returned. If the *MbString* parameter does not point to valid multibyte characters, -1 is returned. If the *MbString* parameter is a null pointer, the behavior of the **mbswidth** subroutine is unspecified.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **wcswidth** subroutine, **wcwidth** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mbtowc Subroutine

Purpose

Converts a multibyte character to a wide character.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int mbtowc ( WideCharacter, String, Number)  
wchar_t *WideCharacter;  
const char *String;  
size_t Number;
```

Description

The **mbtowc** subroutine converts a multibyte character to a wide character and returns the number of bytes of the multibyte character.

The **mbtowc** subroutine determines the number of bytes that comprise the multibyte character pointed to by the *String* parameter. It then converts the multibyte character to a corresponding wide character and, if the *WideCharacter* parameter is not a null pointer, places it in the location pointed to by the *WideCharacter* parameter. If the *WideCharacter* parameter is a null pointer, the **mbtowc** subroutine returns the number of converted bytes but does not change the *WideCharacter* parameter value. If the *WideCharacter* parameter returns a null value, the multibyte character is not converted.

Parameters

<i>WideCharacter</i>	Specifies the location where a wide character is to be placed.
<i>String</i>	Specifies a multibyte character.
<i>Number</i>	Specifies the maximum number of bytes of a multibyte character.

Return Values

The **mbtowc** subroutine returns a value of 0 if the *String* parameter is a null pointer. The subroutine returns a value of -1 if the bytes pointed to by the *String* parameter do not form a valid multibyte character before the number of bytes specified by the *Number* parameter (or fewer) have been processed. It then sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error. Otherwise, the number of bytes comprising the multibyte character is returned.

Error Codes

The **mbtowc** subroutine fails if the following occurs:

EILSEQ Invalid byte sequence is detected.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mblen** (“mblen Subroutine” on page 538) subroutine, **mbslen** (“mbslen Subroutine” on page 545) subroutine, **mbstowcs** (“mbstowcs Subroutine” on page 551) subroutine, **wcstombs** subroutine, **wctomb** subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Multibyte Code, Wide Character Code Conversion Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

memccpy, memchr, memcmp, memcpy, memset or memmove Subroutine

Purpose

Performs memory operations.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <memory.h>

void *memccpy (Target, Source, C, N)
void *Target;
const void *Source;
int C;
size_t N;

void *memchr ( S, C, N)
const void *S;
int C;
size_t N;

int memcmp (Target, Source, N)
const void *Target, *Source;
size_t N;

void *memcpy (Target, Source, N)
void *Target;
const void *Source;
size_t N;

void *memset (S, C, N)
void *S;
int C;
size_t N;

void *memmove (Target, Source, N)
void *Source;
const void *Target;
size_t N;
```

Description

The **memory** subroutines operate on memory areas. A memory area is an array of characters bounded by a count. The **memory** subroutines do not check for the overflow of any receiving memory area. All of the **memory** subroutines are declared in the **memory.h** file.

The **memccpy** subroutine copies characters from the memory area specified by the *Source* parameter into the memory area specified by the *Target* parameter. The **memccpy** subroutine stops after the first

character specified by the *C* parameter (converted to the **unsigned char** data type) is copied, or after *N* characters are copied, whichever comes first. If copying takes place between objects that overlap, the behavior is undefined.

The **memcmp** subroutine compares the first *N* characters as the **unsigned char** data type in the memory area specified by the *Target* parameter to the first *N* characters as the **unsigned char** data type in the memory area specified by the *Source* parameter.

The **memcpy** subroutine copies *N* characters from the memory area specified by the *Source* parameter to the area specified by the *Target* parameter and then returns the value of the *Target* parameter.

The **memset** subroutine sets the first *N* characters in the memory area specified by the *S* parameter to the value of character *C* and then returns the value of the *S* parameter.

Like the **memcpy** subroutine, the **memmove** subroutine copies *N* characters from the memory area specified by the *Source* parameter to the area specified by the *Target* parameter. However, if the areas of the *Source* and *Target* parameters overlap, the move is performed nondestructively, proceeding from right to left.

Parameters

<i>Target</i>	Points to the start of a memory area.
<i>Source</i>	Points to the start of a memory area.
<i>C</i>	Specifies a character to search.
<i>N</i>	Specifies the number of characters to search.
<i>S</i>	Points to the start of a memory area.

Return Values

The **memccpy** subroutine returns a pointer to character *C* after it is copied into the area specified by the *Target* parameter, or a null pointer if the *C* character is not found in the first *N* characters of the area specified by the *Source* parameter.

The **memchr** subroutine returns a pointer to the first occurrence of the *C* character in the first *N* characters of the memory area specified by the *S* parameter, or a null pointer if the *C* character is not found.

The **memcmp** subroutine returns the following values:

Less than 0	If the value of the <i>Target</i> parameter is less than the values of the <i>Source</i> parameter.
Equal to 0	If the value of the <i>Target</i> parameter equals the value of the <i>Source</i> parameter.
Greater than 0	If the value of the <i>Target</i> parameter is greater than the value of the <i>Source</i> parameter.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **memccpy** subroutine is not in the ANSI C library.

Related Information

The **swab** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mincore Subroutine

Purpose

Determines residency of memory pages.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**).

Syntax

```
int mincore ( addr, len, * vec)
caddr_t addr;
size_t len;
char *vec;
```

Description

The **mincore** subroutine returns the primary-memory residency status for regions created from calls made to the **mmap** (“mmap or mmap64 Subroutine” on page 562) subroutine. The status is returned as a character for each memory page in the range specified by the *addr* and *len* parameters. The least significant bit of each character returned is set to 1 if the referenced page is in primary memory. Otherwise, the bit is set to 0. The settings of the other bits in each character are undefined.

Parameters

- addr* Specifies the starting address of the memory pages whose residency is to be determined. Must be a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.
- len* Specifies the length, in bytes, of the memory region whose residency is to be determined. If the *len* value is not a multiple of the page size as returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter, the length of the region is rounded up to the next multiple of the page size.
- vec* Specifies the character array where the residency status is returned. The system assumes that the character array specified by the *vec* parameter is large enough to encompass a returned character for each page specified.

Return Values

When successful, the **mincore** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **mincore** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following values:

- EFAULT** A part of the buffer pointed to by the *vec* parameter is out of range or otherwise inaccessible.
- EINVAL** The *addr* parameter is not a multiple of the page size as returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.
- ENOMEM** Addresses in the (*addr*, *addr* + *len*) range are invalid for the address space of the process, or specify one or more pages that are not mapped.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mmap** (“mmap or mmap64 Subroutine” on page 562) subroutine, **sysconf** subroutine.

List of Memory Manipulation Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mkdir Subroutine

Purpose

Creates a directory.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int mkdir ( Path, Mode)
const char *Path;
mode_t Mode;
```

Description

The **mkdir** subroutine creates a new directory.

The new directory has the following:

- The owner ID is set to the process-effective user ID.
- If the parent directory has the *SetFileGroupID* (**S_ISGID**) attribute set, the new directory inherits the group ID of the parent directory. Otherwise, the group ID of the new directory is set to the effective group ID of the calling process.
- Permission and attribute bits are set according to the value of the *Mode* parameter, with the following modifications:
 - All bits set in the process-file mode-creation mask are cleared.
 - The *SetFileUserID* and *Sticky* (**S_ISVTX**) attributes are cleared.
- If the *Path* variable names a symbolic link, the link is followed. The new directory is created where the variable pointed.

Parameters

Path Specifies the name of the new directory. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, this path can cross into another node. In this case, the new directory is created at that node.

Mode To execute the **mkdir** subroutine, a process must have search permission to get to the parent directory of the *Path* parameter as well as write permission in the parent directory itself. Specifies the mask for the read, write, and execute flags for owner, group, and others. The *Mode* parameter specifies directory permissions and attributes. This parameter is constructed by logically ORing values described in the **sys/mode.h** file.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **mkdir** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **mkdir** subroutine is unsuccessful and the directory is not created if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	Creating the requested directory requires writing in a directory with a mode that denies write permission.
EEXIST	The named file already exists.
EROFS	The named file resides on a read-only file system.
ENOSPC	The file system does not contain enough space to hold the contents of the new directory or to extend the parent directory of the new directory.
EMLINK	The link count of the parent directory exceeds the maximum (LINK_MAX) number. (LINK_MAX) is defined in limits.h file.
ENAMETOOLONG	The <i>Path</i> parameter or a path component is too long and cannot be truncated.
ENOENT	A component of the path prefix does not exist or the <i>Path</i> parameter points to an empty string.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
EDQUOT	The directory in which the entry for the new directory is being placed cannot be extended, or an i-node or disk blocks could not be allocated for the new directory because the user's or group's quota of disk blocks or i-nodes on the file system containing the directory is exhausted.

The **mkdir** subroutine can be unsuccessful for other reasons. See "Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution" for a list of additional errors.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **mkdir** subroutine is also unsuccessful if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT	The connection timed out.
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Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **chmod** ("chmod or fchmod Subroutine" on page 94) subroutine, **mknod** ("mknod or mkfifo Subroutine") subroutine, **rmdir** subroutine, **umask** subroutine.

The **chmod** command, **mkdir** command, **mknod** command.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mknod or mkfifo Subroutine

Purpose

Creates an ordinary file, first-in-first-out (FIFO), or special file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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



```

int mknod (const char * Path, mode_t Mode, dev_t Device)
char *Path;
int Mode;
dev_t Device;
int mkfifo (const char *Path, mode_t Mode)
const char *Path;
int Mode;

```

Description

The **mknod** subroutine creates a new regular file, special file, or FIFO file. Using the **mknod** subroutine to create file types (other than FIFO or special files) requires root user authority.

For the **mknod** subroutine to complete successfully, a process must have both search and write permission in the parent directory of the *Path* parameter.

The **mkfifo** subroutine is an interface to the **mknod** subroutine, where the new file to be created is a FIFO or special file. No special system privileges are required.

The new file has the following characteristics:

- File type is specified by the *Mode* parameter.
- Owner ID is set to the effective user ID of the process.
- Group ID of the file is set to the group ID of the parent directory if the *SetGroupID* attribute (**S_ISGID**) of the parent directory is set. Otherwise, the group ID of the file is set to the effective group ID of the calling process.
- Permission and attribute bits are set according to the value of the *Mode* parameter. All bits set in the file-mode creation mask of the process are cleared.

Upon successful completion, the **mkfifo** subroutine marks for update the *st_atime*, *st_ctime*, and *st_mtime* fields of the file. It also marks for update the *st_ctime* and *st_mtime* fields of the directory that contains the new entry.

If the new file is a character special file having the **S_IMPX** attribute (multiplexed character special file), when the file is used, additional path-name components can appear after the path name as if it were a directory. The additional part of the path name is available to the device driver of the file for interpretation. This feature provides a multiplexed interface to the device driver.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Names the new file. If Network File System (NFS) is installed on your system, this path can cross into another node.
<i>Mode</i>	Specifies the file type, attributes, and access permissions. This parameter is constructed by logically ORing values described in the sys/mode.h file.
<i>Device</i>	Specifies the ID of the device, which corresponds to the <i>st_rdev</i> member of the structure returned by the statx subroutine. This parameter is configuration-dependent and used only if the <i>Mode</i> parameter specifies a block or character special file. If the file you specify is a remote file, the value of the <i>Device</i> parameter must be meaningful on the node where the file resides.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **mknod** subroutine fails and the new file is not created if one or more of the following are true:

EEXIST	The named file exists.
EDQUOT	The directory in which the entry for the new file is being placed cannot be extended, or an i-node could not be allocated for the file because the user's or group's quota of disk blocks or i-nodes on the file system is exhausted.
EISDIR	The <i>Mode</i> parameter specifies a directory. Use the mkdir subroutine instead.
ENOSPC	The directory that would contain the new file cannot be extended, or the file system is out of file-allocation resources.
EPERM	The <i>Mode</i> parameter specifies a file type other than S_IFIFO , and the calling process does not have root user authority.
EROFS	The directory in which the file is to be created is located on a read-only file system.

The **mknod** and **mkfifo** subroutine can be unsuccessful for other reasons. See "Appendix. A Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution" ("Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution" on page 881) for a list of additional errors.

If NFS is installed on the system, the **mknod** subroutine can also fail if the following is true:

ETIMEDOUT	The connection timed out.
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Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **chmod** ("chmod or fchmod Subroutine" on page 94) subroutine, **mkdir** ("mkdir Subroutine" on page 557) subroutine, **open**, **openx**, or **creat** ("open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine" on page 633) subroutine, **statx** subroutine, **umask** subroutine.

The **chmod** command, **mkdir** command, **mknod** command.

The **mode.h** file, **types.h** file.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mktemp or mkstemp Subroutine

Purpose

Constructs a unique file name.

Libraries

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *mktemp ( Template)  
char *Template;
```

```
int mkstemp ( Template)  
char *Template;
```

Description

The **mktemp** subroutine replaces the contents of the string pointed to by the *Template* parameter with a unique file name.

Note: The **mktemp** subroutine creates a filename and checks to see if the file exist. If that file does not exist, the name is returned. If the user calls **mktemp** twice without creating a file using the name returned by the first call to **mktemp**, then the second **mktemp** call may return the same name as the first **mktemp** call since the name does not exist.

To avoid this, either create the file after calling **mktemp** or use the **mkstemp** subroutine. The **mkstemp** subroutine creates the file for you.

Parameters

Template Points to a string to be replaced with a unique file name. The string in the *Template* parameter is a file name with up to six trailing X's. Since the system randomly generates a six-character string to replace the X's, it is recommended that six trailing X's be used.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **mktemp** subroutine returns the address of the string pointed to by the *Template* parameter.

If the string pointed to by the *Template* parameter contains no X's, and if it is an existing file name, the *Template* parameter is set to a null character, and a null pointer is returned; if the string does not match any existing file name, the exact string is returned.

Upon successful completion, the **mkstemp** subroutine returns an open file descriptor. If the **mkstemp** subroutine fails, it returns a value of -1.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

To get the BSD version of this subroutine, compile with Berkeley Compatibility Library (**libbsd.a**).

The **mkstemp** subroutine performs the same substitution to the template name and also opens the file for reading and writing.

In BSD systems, the **mkstemp** subroutine was intended to avoid a race condition between generating a temporary name and creating the file. Because the name generation in the operating system is more random, this race condition is less likely. BSD returns a file name of / (slash).

Former implementations created a unique name by replacing X's with the process ID and a unique letter.

Related Information

The **getpid** (“getpid, getpgrp, or getppid Subroutine” on page 331) subroutine, **tmpfile** subroutine, **tmpnam** or **tempnam** subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

mmap or mmap64 Subroutine

Purpose

Maps a file-system object into virtual memory.

Library

Standard C library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
void *mmap (addr, len, prot, flags, fildes, off)
void * addr;
size_t len;
int prot, flags, fildes;
off_t off;
```

Note: The **mmap64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

```
void *mmap64 (addr, len, prot, flags, fildes, off)
void * addr;
size_t len;
int prot, flags, fildes;
off64_t off;
```

Description

Note: The **mmap64** subroutine applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

Attention: A file-system object should not be simultaneously mapped using both the **mmap** and **shmat** subroutines. Unexpected results may occur when references are made beyond the end of the object.

The **mmap** subroutine creates a new mapped file or anonymous memory region by establishing a mapping between a process-address space and a file-system object. Care needs to be taken when using the **mmap** subroutine if the program attempts to map itself. If the page containing executing instructions is currently referenced as data through an **mmap** mapping, the program will hang. Use the **-H4096** binder option, and that will put the executable text on page boundaries. Then reset the file that contains the executable material, and view via an **mmap** mapping.

A region created by the **mmap** subroutine cannot be used as the buffer for read or write operations that involve a device. Similarly, an **mmap** region cannot be used as the buffer for operations that require either a **pin** or **xmattach** operation on the buffer.

Modifications to a file-system object are seen consistently, whether accessed from a mapped file region or from the **read** or **write** subroutine.

Child processes inherit all mapped regions from the parent process when the **fork** subroutine is called. The child process also inherits the same sharing and protection attributes for these mapped regions. A successful call to any **exec** subroutine will unmap all mapped regions created with the **mmap** subroutine.

The **mmap64** subroutine is identical to the **mmap** subroutine except that the starting offset for the file mapping is specified as a 64-bit value. This permits file mappings which start beyond **OFF_MAX**.

In the large file enabled programming environment, **mmap** is redefined to be **mmap64**.

If the application has requested SPEC1170 compliant behavior then the **st_atime** field of the mapped file is marked for update upon successful completion of the **mmap** call.

If the application has requested SPEC1170 compliant behavior then the **st_ctime** and **st_mtime** fields of a file that is mapped with **MAP_SHARED** and **PROT_WRITE** are marked for update at the next call to **msync** subroutine or **munmap** subroutine if the file has been modified.

Parameters

addr Specifies the starting address of the memory region to be mapped. When the **MAP_FIXED** flag is specified, this address must be a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter. A region is never placed at address zero, or at an address where it would overlap an existing region.

len Specifies the length, in bytes, of the memory region to be mapped. The system performs mapping operations over whole pages only. If the *len* parameter is not a multiple of the page size, the system will include in any mapping operation the address range between the end of the region and the end of the page containing the end of the region.

prot Specifies the access permissions for the mapped region. The **sys/mman.h** file defines the following access options:

PROT_READ

Region can be read.

PROT_WRITE

Region can be written.

PROT_EXEC

Region can be executed.

PROT_NONE

Region cannot be accessed.

The *prot* parameter can be the **PROT_NONE** flag, or any combination of the **PROT_READ** flag, **PROT_WRITE** flag, and **PROT_EXEC** flag logically ORed together. If the **PROT_NONE** flag is not specified, access permissions may be granted to the region in addition to those explicitly requested. However, write access will not be granted unless the **PROT_WRITE** flag is specified.

Note: The operating system generates a **SIGSEGV** signal if a program attempts an access that exceeds the access permission given to a memory region. For example, if the **PROT_WRITE** flag is not specified and a program attempts a write access, a **SIGSEGV** signal results.

If the region is a mapped file that was mapped with the **MAP_SHARED** flag, the **mmap** subroutine grants read or execute access permission only if the file descriptor used to map the file was opened for reading. It grants write access permission only if the file descriptor was opened for writing.

If the region is a mapped file that was mapped with the **MAP_PRIVATE** flag, the **mmap** subroutine grants read, write, or execute access permission only if the file descriptor used to map the file was opened for reading. If the region is an anonymous memory region, the **mmap** subroutine grants all requested access permissions.

fildev Specifies the file descriptor of the file-system object to be mapped. If the **MAP_ANONYMOUS** flag is set, the *fildev* parameter must be -1. After the successful completion of the **mmap** subroutine, the file specified by the *fildev* parameter may be closed without effecting the mapped region or the contents of the mapped file. Each mapped region creates a file reference, similar to an open file descriptor, which prevents the file data from being deallocated.

Note: The **mmap** subroutine supports the mapping of regular files only. An **mmap** call that specifies a file descriptor for a special file fails, returning the **ENODEV** error. An example of a file descriptor for a special file is one that might be used for mapping either I/O or device memory.

off Specifies the file byte offset at which the mapping starts. This offset must be a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.

flags Specifies attributes of the mapped region. Values for the *flags* parameter are constructed by a bitwise-inclusive ORing of values from the following list of symbolic names defined in the **sys/mman.h** file:

MAP_FILE

Specifies the creation of a new mapped file region by mapping the file associated with the *fildev* file descriptor. The mapped region can extend beyond the end of the file, both at the time when the **mmap** subroutine is called and while the mapping persists. This situation could occur if a file with no contents was created just before the call to the **mmap** subroutine, or if a file was later truncated. However, references to whole pages following the end of the file result in the delivery of a **SIGBUS** signal. Only one of the **MAP_FILE** and **MAP_ANONYMOUS** flags must be specified with the **mmap** subroutine.

MAP_ANONYMOUS

Specifies the creation of a new, anonymous memory region that is initialized to all zeros. This memory region can be shared only with the descendants of the current process. When using this flag, the *fildev* parameter must be -1. Only one of the **MAP_FILE** and **MAP_ANONYMOUS** flags must be specified with the **mmap** subroutine.

MAP_VARIABLE

Specifies that the system select an address for the new memory region if the new memory region cannot be mapped at the address specified by the *addr* parameter, or if the *addr* parameter is null. Only one of the **MAP_VARIABLE** and **MAP_FIXED** flags must be specified with the **mmap** subroutine.

MAP_FIXED

Specifies that the mapped region be placed exactly at the address specified by the *addr* parameter. If the application has requested SPEC1170 complaint behavior and the **mmap** request is successful, the mapping replaces any previous mappings for the process' pages in the specified range. If the application has not requested SPEC1170 compliant behavior and a previous mapping exists in the range then the request fails. Only one of the **MAP_VARIABLE** and **MAP_FIXED** flags must be specified with the **mmap** subroutine.

MAP_SHARED

When the **MAP_SHARED** flag is set, modifications to the mapped memory region will be visible to other processes that have mapped the same region using this flag. If the region is a mapped file region, modifications to the region will be written to the file.

You can specify only one of the **MAP_SHARED** or **MAP_PRIVATE** flags with the **mmap** subroutine. **MAP_PRIVATE** is the default setting when neither flag is specified unless you request SPEC1170 compliant behavior. In this case, you must choose either **MAP_SHARED** or **MAP_PRIVATE**.

MAP_PRIVATE

When the **MAP_PRIVATE** flag is specified, modifications to the mapped region by the calling process are not visible to other processes that have mapped the same region. If the region is a mapped file region, modifications to the region are not written to the file.

If this flag is specified, the initial write reference to an object page creates a private copy of that page and redirects the mapping to the copy. Until then, modifications to the page by processes that have mapped the same region with the **MAP_SHARED** flag are visible.

You can specify only one of the **MAP_SHARED** or **MAP_PRIVATE** flags with the **mmap** subroutine. **MAP_PRIVATE** is the default setting when neither flag is specified unless you request SPEC1170 compliant behavior. In this case, you must choose either **MAP_SHARED** or **MAP_PRIVATE**.

Return Values

If successful, the **mmap** subroutine returns the address at which the mapping was placed. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

Under the following conditions, the **mmap** subroutine fails and sets the **errno** global variable to:

EACCES	The file referred to by the <i>fildev</i> parameter is not open for read access, or the file is not open for write access and the PROT_WRITE flag was specified for a MAP_SHARED mapping operation. Or, the file to be mapped has enforced locking enabled and the file is currently locked.
EBADF	The <i>fildev</i> parameter is not a valid file descriptor, or the MAP_ANONYMOUS flag was set and the <i>fildev</i> parameter is not -1.
EFBIG	The mapping requested extends beyond the maximum file size associated with <i>fildev</i> .
EINVAL	The <i>flags</i> or <i>prot</i> parameter is invalid, or the <i>addr</i> parameter or <i>off</i> parameter is not a multiple of the page size returned by the sysconf subroutine using the _SC_PAGE_SIZE value for the <i>Name</i> parameter.
EINVAL	The application has requested SPEC1170 compliant behavior and the value of flags is invalid (neither MAP_PRIVATE nor MAP_SHARED is set).
EMFILE	The application has requested SPEC1170 compliant behavior and the number of mapped regions would exceed implementation-dependent limit (per process or per system).
ENODEV	The <i>fildev</i> parameter refers to an object that cannot be mapped, such as a terminal.
ENOMEM	There is not enough address space to map <i>len</i> bytes, or the application has not requested X/Open UNIX95 Specification compliant behavior and the MAP_FIXED flag was set and part of the address-space range (<i>addr</i> , <i>addr+len</i>) is already allocated.
ENXIO	The addresses specified by the range (<i>off</i> , <i>off+len</i>) are invalid for the <i>fildev</i> parameter.
E_OVERFLOW	The mapping requested extends beyond the offset maximum for the file description associated with <i>fildev</i> .

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execlp, execvp, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **munmap** (“munmap Subroutine” on page 598) subroutine, **read** subroutine, **shmat** subroutine, **sysconf** subroutine, **write** subroutine.

The **pin** kernel service, **xmattach** kernel service.

mntctl Subroutine

Purpose

Returns information about the mount status of the system.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/mntctl.h>
#include <sys/vmount.h>
```

```
int mntctl ( Command, Size, Buffer)
int Command;
int Size;
char *Buffer;
```

Description

The **mntctl** subroutine is used to query the status of virtual file systems (also known as *mounted* file systems).

Each virtual file system (VFS) is described by a **vmount** structure. This structure is supplied when the VFS is created by the **vmount** subroutine. The **vmount** structure is defined in the **sys/vmount.h** file.

Parameters

Command Specifies the operation to be performed. Valid commands are defined in the **sys/vmount.h** file. At present, the only command is:

MCTL_QUERY

Query mount information.

Buffer Points to a data area that will contain an array of **vmount** structures. This data area holds the information returned by the query command. Since the **vmount** structure is variable-length, it is necessary to reference the *vmt_lengh* field of each structure to determine where in the *Buffer* area the next structure begins.

Size Specifies the length, in bytes, of the buffer pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter.

Return Values

If the **mntctl** subroutine is successful, the number of **vmount** structures copied into the *Buffer* parameter is returned. If the *Size* parameter indicates the supplied buffer is too small to hold the **vmount** structures for all the current VFSs, the **mntctl** subroutine sets the first word of the *Buffer* parameter to the required size (in bytes) and returns the value 0. If the **mntctl** subroutine otherwise fails, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **mntctl** subroutine fails and the requested operation is not performed if one or both of the following are true:

EINVAL The *Command* parameter is not **MCTL_QUERY**, or the *Size* parameter is not a positive value.

EFAULT The *Buffer* parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **uvmount** or **umount** subroutine, **vmount** or **mount** subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

moncontrol Subroutine

Purpose

Starts and stops execution profiling after initialization by the **monitor** subroutine.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mon.h>
```

```
int moncontrol ( Mode)
```

```
int Mode;
```

Description

The **moncontrol** subroutine starts and stops profiling after profiling has been initialized by the **monitor** subroutine. It may be used with either **-p** or **-pg** profiling. When **moncontrol** stops profiling, no output data file is produced. When profiling has been started by the **monitor** subroutine and the **exit** subroutine is called, or when the **monitor** subroutine is called with a value of 0, then profiling is stopped, and an output file is produced, regardless of the state of profiling as set by the **moncontrol** subroutine.

The **moncontrol** subroutine examines global and parameter data in the following order:

1. When the **_monddata.prof_type** global variable is neither **-1** (**-p** profiling defined) nor **+1** (**-pg** profiling defined), no action is performed, 0 is returned, and the function is considered complete.

The global variable is set to **-1** in the **mcrt0.o** file and to **+1** in the **gcrt0.o** file and defaults to 0 when the **crt0.o** file is used.

2. When the *Mode* parameter is 0, profiling is stopped. For any other value, profiling is started.

The following global variables are used in a call to the **profil** ("profil Subroutine" on page 753) subroutine:

_monddata.ProfBuf	Buffer address
_monddata.ProfBufSiz	Buffer size/multirange flag
_monddata.ProfLoPC	PC offset for hist buffer - I/O limit
_monddata.ProfScale	PC scale/compute scale flag.

These variables are initialized by the **monitor** subroutine each time it is called to start profiling.

Parameters

Mode Specifies whether to start (resume) or stop profiling.

Return Values

The **moncontrol** subroutine returns the previous state of profiling. When the previous state was STOPPED, a 0 is returned. When the previous state was STARTED, a 1 is returned.

Error Codes

When the **moncontrol** subroutine detects an error from the call to the **profil** subroutine, a -1 is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **monitor** (“monitor Subroutine”) subroutine, **monstartup** (“monstartup Subroutine” on page 574) subroutine, **profil** (“profil Subroutine” on page 753) subroutine.

List of Memory Manipulation Services in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

monitor Subroutine

Purpose

Starts and stops execution profiling using data areas defined in the function parameters.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mon.h>
```

```
int monitor ( LowProgramCounter, HighProgramCounter, Buffer, BufferSize, NFunction)
```

OR

```
int monitor ( NotZeroA, DoNotCareA, Buffer,-1, NFunction)
```

OR

```
int monitor((caddr_t)0)
```

```
caddr_t LowProgramCounter, HighProgramCounter;
```

```
HISTCOUNTER *Buffer;
```

```
int BufferSize, NFunction;
```

```
caddr_t NotZeroA, DoNotCareA;
```

Description

The **monitor** subroutine initializes the buffer area and starts profiling, or else stops profiling and writes out the accumulated profiling data. Profiling, when started, causes periodic sampling and recording of the program location within the program address ranges specified. Profiling also accumulates function call count data compiled with the **-p** or **-pg** option.

Executable programs created with the **cc -p** or **cc -pg** command automatically include calls to the **monitor** subroutine (through the **monstartup** and **exit** subroutines) to profile the complete user program, including system libraries. In this case, you do not need to call the **monitor** subroutine.

The **monitor** subroutine is called by the **monstartup** subroutine to begin profiling and by the **exit** subroutine to end profiling. The **monitor** subroutine requires a global data variable to define which kind of profiling, **-p** or **-pg**, is in effect. The **monitor** subroutine initializes four global variables that are used as parameters to the **profil** subroutine by the **moncontrol** subroutine:

- The **monitor** subroutine calls the **moncontrol** subroutine to start the profiling data gathering.
- The **moncontrol** subroutine calls the **profil** subroutine to start the system timer-driven program address sampling.
- The **prof** command processes the data file produced by **-p** profiling.
- The **gprof** command processes the data file produced by **-pg** profiling.

The **monitor** subroutine examines the global data and parameter data in this order:

1. When the **_mondata.prof_type** global variable is neither **-1** (**-p** profiling defined) nor **+1** (**-pg** profiling defined), an error is returned, and the function is considered complete.
The global variable is set to **-1** in the **mcrt0.o** file and to **+1** in the **gcr0.o** file, and defaults to **0** when the **crt0.o** file is used.
2. When the first parameter to the **monitor** subroutine is **0**, profiling is stopped and the data file is written out.
If **-p** profiling was in effect, then the file is named **mon.out**. If **-pg** profiling was in effect, the file is named **gmon.out**. The function is complete.
3. When the first parameter to the **monitor** subroutine is not **0**, the **monitor** parameters and the profiling global variable, **_mondata.prof_type**, are examined to determine how to start profiling.
4. When the *BufferSize* parameter is not **-1**, a single program address range is defined for profiling, and the first **monitor** definition in the syntax is used to define the single program range.
5. When the *BufferSize* parameter is **-1**, multiple program address ranges are defined for profiling, and the second **monitor** definition in the syntax is used to define the multiple ranges. In this case, the *ProfileBuffer* value is the address of an array of **prof** structures. The size of the **prof** array is denoted by a zero value for the *HighProgramCounter* (*p_high*) field of the last element of the array. Each element in the array, except the last, defines a single programming address range to be profiled. Programming ranges must be in ascending order of the program addresses with ascending order of the **prof** array index. Program ranges may not overlap.

The buffer space defined by the *p_buff* and *p_bufsize* fields of all of the **prof** entries must define a single contiguous buffer area. Space for the function-count data is included in the first range buffer. Its size is defined by the *NFunction* parameter. The *p_scale* entry in the **prof** structure is ignored. The **prof** structure is defined in **themon.h** file. It contains the following fields:

```
caddr_t p_low;          /* low sampling address */
caddr_t p_high;         /* high sampling address */
HISTCOUNTER *p_buff;    /* address of sampling buffer */
int p_bufsize;         /* buffer size- monitor/HISTCOUNTERS,\
                        profil/bytes */
uint p_scale;          /* scale factor */
```

Parameters

LowProgramCounter
(**prof** name: p_low)

Defines the lowest execution-time program address in the range to be profiled. The value of the *LowProgramCounter* parameter cannot be 0 when using the **monitor** subroutine to begin profiling.

HighProgramCounter
(**prof** name: p_high)

Defines the next address after the highest-execution time program address in the range to be profiled.

The program address parameters may be defined by function names or address expressions. If defined by a function name, then a function name expression must be used to dereference the function pointer to get the address of the first instruction in the function. This is required because the function reference in this context produces the address of the function descriptor. The first field of the descriptor is the address of the function code. See the examples for typical expressions to use.

Buffer (**prof** name: p_buff)

Defines the beginning address of an array of *BufferSize* HISTCOUNTERs to be used for data collection. This buffer includes the space for the program address-sampling counters and the function-count data areas. In the case of a multiple range specification, the space for the function-count data area is included at the beginning of the first range in the *BufferSize* specification.

BufferSize
(**prof** name: p_bufsize)

Defines the size of the buffer in number of HISTCOUNTERs. Each counter is of type HISTCOUNTER (defined as short in the **mon.h** file). When the buffer includes space for the function-count data area (single range specification and first range of a multi-range specification) the *NFunction* parameter defines the space to be used for the function count data, and the remainder is used for program-address sampling counters for the range defined. The scale for the **profil** call is calculated from the number of counters available for program address-sample counting and the address range defined by the *LowProgramCounter* and *HighProgramCounter* parameters. See the **mon.h** file.

NFunction

Defines the size of the space to be used for the function-count data area. The space is included as part of the first (or only) range buffer.

When **-p** profiling is defined, the *NFunction* parameter defines the maximum number of functions to be counted. The space required for each function is defined to be:

```
sizeof(struct poutcnt)
```

The **poutcnt** structure is defined in the **mon.h** file. The total function-count space required is:

```
NFunction * sizeof(struct poutcnt)
```

When **-pg** profiling is defined, the *NFunction* parameter defines the size of the space (in bytes) available for the function-count data structures, as follows:

```
range = HighProgramCounter - LowProgramCounter;
tonum = TO_NUM_ELEMENTS( range );
if ( tonum < MINARCS ) tonum = MINARCS;
if ( tonum > TO_MAX-1 ) tonum = TO_MAX-1;
tosize = tonum * sizeof( struct tostruct );
fromsize = FROM_STG_SIZE( range );
rangesize = tosize + fromsize + sizeof(struct
gfctl);
```

This is computed and summed for all defined ranges. In this expression, the functions and variables in capital letters as well as the structures are defined in the **mon.h** file.

NotZeroA

Specifies a value of parameter 1, which is any value except 0. Ignored when it is not zero.

DoNotCareA

Specifies a value of parameter 2, of any value, which is ignored.

Return Values

The **monitor** subroutine returns 0 upon successful completion.

Error Codes

If an error is found, the **monitor** subroutine sends an error message to **stderr** and returns -1.

Examples

1. This example shows how to profile the main load module of a program with **-p** profiling:

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <mon.h>
main()
{
extern caddr_t etext; /*system end of main module text symbol*/
extern int start(); /*first function in main program*/
extern struct monglobal _mondata; /*profiling global variables*/
struct desc { /*function descriptor fields*/
    caddr_t begin; /*initial code address*/
    caddr_t toc; /*table of contents address*/
    caddr_t env; /*environment pointer*/
}; /*function descriptor structure*/
struct desc *fd; /*pointer to function descriptor*/
int rc; /*monitor return code*/
```

```

int range;          /*program address range for profiling*/
int numfunc;       /*number of functions*/
HISTCOUNTER *buffer; /*buffer address*/
int numtics;      /*number of program address sample counters*/
int BufferSize;   /*total buffer size in numbers of HISTCOUNTERs*/
fd = (struct desc*)start; /*init descriptor pointer to start\
function*/
numfunc = 300;     /*arbitrary number for example*/
range = etext - fd->begin; /*compute program address range*/
numtics = NUM_HIST_COUNTERS(range); /*one counter for each 4 byte\
inst*/
BufferSize = numtics + ( numfunc*sizeof( struct poutcnt ) \
HIST_COUNTER_SIZE ); /*allocate buffer space*/
buffer = (HISTCOUNTER *) malloc (BufferSize * HIST_COUNTER_SIZE);
if ( buffer == NULL ) /*didn't get space, do error recovery\
here*/
    return(-1);
_mondata.prof_type = _PROF_TYPE_IS_P; /*define -p profiling*/
rc = monitor( fd->begin, (caddr_t)etext, buffer, BufferSize, \
numfunc);
/*start*/
if ( rc != 0 ) /*profiling did not start, do error recovery\
here*/
    return(-1);
/*other code for analysis*/
rc = monitor( (caddr_t)0); /*stop profiling and write data file\
mon.out*/
if ( rc != 0 ) /*did not stop correctly, do error recovery here*/
    return (-1);
}

```

2. This example profiles the main program and the **libc.a** shared library with **-p** profiling. The range of addresses for the shared **libc.a** is assumed to be:

```

low = d0300000
high = d0312244

```

These two values can be determined from the **loadquery** subroutine at execution time, or by using a debugger to view the loaded programs' execution addresses and the loader map.

```

#include <sys/types.h>
#include <mon.h>
main()
{
extern caddr_t etext; /*system end of text symbol*/
extern int start(); /*first function in main program*/
extern struct monglobal _mondata; /*profiling global variables*/
struct prof pb[3]; /**prof array of 3 to define 2 ranges*/
int rc; /**monitor return code*/
int range; /**program address range for profiling*/
int numfunc; /**number of functions to count (max)*/
int numtics; /**number of sample counters*/
int num4fcnt; /**number of HISTCOUNTERs used for fun cnt space*/
int BufferSize1; /**first range BufferSize*/
int BufferSize2; /**second range BufferSize*/
caddr_t liblo=0xd0300000; /**lib low address (example only)*/
caddr_t libhi=0xd0312244; /**lib high address (example only)*/
numfunc = 400; /**arbitrary number for example*/
/*compute first range buffer size*/
range = etext - *(uint *) start; /**init range*/
numtics = NUM_HIST_COUNTERS( range );
/*one counter for each 4 byte inst*/
num4fcnt = numfunc*sizeof( struct poutcnt )/HIST_COUNTER_SIZE;
BufferSize1 = numtics + num4fcnt;
/*compute second range buffer size*/
range = libhi-liblo;
BufferSize2 = range / 12; /**counter for every 12 inst bytes for\
a change*/
}

```

```

/*allocate buffer space - note: must be single contiguous\
buffer*/
pb[0].p_buff = (HISTCOUNTER *)malloc( (BufferSize1 +BufferSize2)\
 *HIST_COUNTER_SIZE);
if ( pb[0].p_buff == NULL ) /*didn't get space - do error\
recovery here*/
    return(-1);
/*set up the first range values*/
pb[0].p_low = *(uint*)start; /*start of main module*/
pb[0].p_high = (caddr_t)etext; /*end of main module*/
pb[0].p_BufferSize = BufferSize1; /*prog addr cnt space + \
func cnt space*/
/*set up last element marker*/
pb[2].p_high = (caddr_t)0;
_mondata.prof_type = _PROF_TYPE_IS_P; /*define -p\
profiling*/
rc = monitor( (caddr_t)1, (caddr_t)1, pb, -1, numfunc); \
/*start*/
if ( rc != 0 ) /*profiling did not start - do error recovery\
here*/
    return (-1);
/*other code for analysis ...*/
rc = monitor( (caddr_t)0); /*stop profiling and write data \
file mon.out*/
if ( rc != 0 ) /*did not stop correctly - do error recovery\
here*/
    return (-1);

```

3. This example shows how to profile contiguously loaded functions beginning at zit up to but not including zot with **-pg** profiling:

```

#include <sys/types.h>
#include <mon.h>
main()
{
extern zit(); /*first function to profile*/
extern zot(); /*upper bound function*/
extern struct monglobal _mondata; /*profiling global variables*/
int rc; /*monstartup return code*/
_mondata.prof_type = _PROF_TYPE_IS_PG; /*define -pg profiling*/
/*Note cast used to obtain function code addresses*/
rc = monstartup(*(uint *)zit,*(uint *)zot); /*start*/
if ( rc != 0 ) /*profiling did not start, do error recovery\
here*/
    return(-1);
/*other code for analysis ...*/
exit(0); /*stop profiling and write data file gmon.out*/
}

```

Files

mon.out	Data file for -p profiling.
gmon.out	Data file for -pg profiling.
/usr/include/mon.h	Defines the _mondata.prof_type global variable in the monglobal data structure, the prof structure, and the functions referred to in the previous examples.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **moncontrol** (“moncontrol Subroutine” on page 567) subroutine, **monstartup** (“monstartup Subroutine” on page 574) subroutine, **profil** (“profil Subroutine” on page 753) subroutine.

The **gprof** command, **prof** command.

The **_end_**, **_etext**, or **_edata** (“_end, _etext, or _edata Identifier” on page 155) Identifier.

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monstartup Subroutine

Purpose

Starts and stops execution profiling using default-sized data areas.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mon.h>
```

```
int monstartup ( LowProgramCounter, HighProgramCounter)
```

OR

```
int monstartup((caddr_t)-1, (caddr_t) FragBuffer)
```

OR

```
int monstartup((caddr_t)-1, (caddr_t)0)
```

```
caddr_t LowProgramCounter;  
caddr_t HighProgramCounter;
```

Description

The **monstartup** subroutine allocates data areas of default size and starts profiling. Profiling causes periodic sampling and recording of the program location within the program address ranges specified, and accumulation of function-call count data for functions that have been compiled with the **-p** or **-pg** option.

Executable programs created with the **cc -p** or **cc -pg** command automatically include a call to the **monstartup** subroutine to profile the complete user program, including system libraries. In this case, you do not need to call the **monstartup** subroutine.

The **monstartup** subroutine is called by the **mcr0.o (-p)** file or the **gcr0.o (-pg)** file to begin profiling. The **monstartup** subroutine requires a global data variable to define whether **-p** or **-pg** profiling is to be in effect. The **monstartup** subroutine calls the **monitor** subroutine to initialize the data areas and start profiling.

The **prof** command is used to process the data file produced by **-p** profiling. The **gprof** command is used to process the data file produced by **-pg** profiling.

The **monstartup** subroutine examines the global and parameter data in the following order:

1. When the **_mondata.prof_type** global variable is neither **-1 (-p** profiling defined) nor **+1 (-pg** profiling defined), an error is returned and the function is considered complete.
The global variable is set to **-1** in the **mcr0.o** file and to **+1** in the **gcr0.o** file, and defaults to **0** when **crt0.o** is used.
2. When the *LowProgramCounter* value is not **-1**:

- A single program address range is defined for profiling

AND

- The first **monstartup** definition in the syntax is used to define the program range.

3. When the *LowProgramCounter* value is -1 and the *HighProgramCounter* value is not 0:

- Multiple program address ranges are defined for profiling

AND

- The second **monstartup** definition in the syntax is used to define multiple ranges. The *HighProgramCounter* parameter, in this case, is the address of a **frag** structure array. The **frag** array size is denoted by a zero value for the *HighProgramCounter* (*p_high*) field of the last element of the array. Each array element except the last defines one programming address range to be profiled. Programming ranges must be in ascending order of the program addresses with ascending order of the **prof** array index. Program ranges may not overlap.

4. When the *LowProgramCounter* value is -1 and the *HighProgramCounter* value is 0:

- The whole program is defined for profiling

AND

- The third **monstartup** definition in the syntax is used. The program ranges are determined by **monstartup** and may be single range or multirange.

Parameters

LowProgramCounter (**frag** name: *p_low*)

Defines the lowest execution-time program address in the range to be profiled.

HighProgramCounter(**frag** name: *p_high*)

Defines the next address after the highest execution-time program address in the range to be profiled.

The program address parameters may be defined by function names or address expressions. If defined by a function name, then a function name expression must be used to dereference the function pointer to get the address of the first instruction in the function. This is required because the function reference in this context produces the address of the function descriptor. The first field of the descriptor is the address of the function code. See the examples for typical expressions to use.

FragBuffer

Specifies the address of a frag structure array.

Examples

1. This example shows how to profile the main load module of a program with **-p** profiling:

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <mon.h>
main()
{
extern caddr_t etext;      /*system end of text
symbol*/
extern int start();      /*first function in main\
program*/
extern struct monglobal _mondata; /*profiling global variables*/
struct desc {            /*function
descriptor fields*/
caddr_t begin;          /*initial code
address*/
caddr_t toc;           /*table of contents
address*/
caddr_t env;           /*environment
pointer*/
```

```

}
;          /*function
descriptor structure*/
struct desc *fd;      /*pointer to function\
                      descriptor*/
int rc;          /*monstartup
return code*/
fd = (struct desc *)start; /*init descriptor pointer to\
start
function*/
_mondata.prof_type = _PROF_TYPE_IS_P; /*define -p profiling*/
rc = monstartup( fd->begin, (caddr_t) &text); /*start*/
if ( rc != 0 )          /*profiling did
not start - do\
error
recovery here*/ return(-1);
/*other code
for analysis ...*/
return(0);          /*stop profiling and
write data\
file
mon.out*/
}

```

2. This example shows how to profile the complete program with **-p** profiling:

```

#include <sys/types.h>
#include <mon.h>
main()
{
extern struct monglobal _mondata; /*profiling global\
variables*/
int rc;          /*monstartup
return code*/
_mondata.prof_type = _PROF_TYPE_IS_P; /*define -p profiling*/
rc = monstartup( (caddr_t)-1, (caddr_t)0); /*start*/
if ( rc != 0 )          /*profiling did
not start -\

do error recovery here*/
return (-1);
/*other code
for analysis ...*/
return(0);          /*stop profiling and
write data\
file
mon.out*/
}

```

3. This example shows how to profile contiguously loaded functions beginning at `zit` up to but not including `zot` with **-pg** profiling:

```

#include <sys/types.h>
#include <mon.h>
main()
{
extern zit();          /*first function
to profile*/
extern zot();          /*upper bound
function*/
extern struct monglobal _mondata; /*profiling global variables*/
int rc;          /*monstartup
return code*/
_mondata.prof_type = _PROF_TYPE_IS_PG; /*define -pg profiling*/
/*Note cast used to obtain function code addresses*/
rc = monstartup(*(uint *)zit,*(uint *)zot); /*start*/
if ( rc != 0 )          /*profiling did
not start - do\
error

```

```

recovery here*/
return(-1);
    /*other code
for analysis ...*/
exit(0); /*stop profiling and write data file gmon.out*/
}

```

Return Values

The **monstartup** subroutine returns 0 upon successful completion.

Error Codes

If an error is found, the **monstartup** subroutine outputs an error message to **stderr** and returns -1.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Files

mon.out	Data file for -p profiling.
gmon.out	Data file for -pg profiling.
mon.h	Defines the _mondata.prof_type variable in the monglobal data structure, the prof structure, and the functions referred to in the examples.

Related Information

The **moncontrol** (“moncontrol Subroutine” on page 567) subroutine, **monitor** (“monitor Subroutine” on page 568) subroutine, **profil** (“profil Subroutine” on page 753) subroutine.

The **gprof** command, **prof** command.

The **_end**, **_etext**, or **_edata** (“_end, _etext, or _edata Identifier” on page 155) Identifier.

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mprotect Subroutine

Purpose

Modifies access protections for memory mapping.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```

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

```

```

int mprotect ( addr, len, prot)
void *addr;
size_t len;
int prot;

```

Description

The **mprotect** subroutine modifies the access protection of a mapped file region or anonymous memory region created by the **mmap** subroutine.

Parameters

addr Specifies the address of the region to be modified. Must be a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.

len Specifies the length, in bytes, of the region to be modified. If the *len* parameter is not a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter, the length of the region will be rounded off to the next multiple of the page size.

prot Specifies the new access permissions for the mapped region. Legitimate values for the *prot* parameter are the same as those permitted for the **mmap** (“mmap or mmap64 Subroutine” on page 562) subroutine, as follows:

PROT_READ

Region can be read.

PROT_WRITE

Region can be written.

PROT_EXEC

Region can be executed.

PROT_NONE

Region cannot be accessed.

Return Values

When successful, the **mprotect** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Note: The return value for **mprotect** is 0 if it fails because the region given was not created by **mmap** unless XPG 1170 behavior is requested by setting the environment variable **XPG_SUS_ENV** to **ON**.

Error Codes

Attention: If the **mprotect** subroutine is unsuccessful because of a condition other than that specified by the **EINVAL** error code, the access protection for some pages in the (*addr*, *addr* + *len*) range may have been changed.

If the **mprotect** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable may be set to one of the following values:

EACCES The *prot* parameter specifies a protection that conflicts with the access permission set for the underlying file.

EINVAL The *prot* parameter is invalid, or the *addr* parameter is not a multiple of the page size as returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.

ENOMEM The application has requested X/Open UNIX95 Specification compliant behavior and addresses in the range are invalid for the address space of the process or specify one or more pages which are not mapped.

msem_init Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes a semaphore in a mapped file or shared memory region.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
msemaphore *msem_init ( Sem, InitialValue)  
msemaphore *Sem;  
int InitialValue;
```

Description

The **msem_init** subroutine allocates a new binary semaphore and initializes the state of the new semaphore.

If the value of the *InitialValue* parameter is **MSEM_LOCKED**, the new semaphore is initialized in the locked state. If the value of the *InitialValue* parameter is **MSEM_UNLOCKED**, the new semaphore is initialized in the unlocked state.

The **msemaphore** structure is located within a mapped file or shared memory region created by a successful call to the **mmap** subroutine and having both read and write access.

Whether a semaphore is created in a mapped file or in an anonymous shared memory region, any reference by a process that has mapped the same file or shared region, using an **msemaphore** structure pointer that resolved to the same file or start of region offset, is taken as a reference to the same semaphore.

Any previous semaphore state stored in the **msemaphore** structure is ignored and overwritten.

Parameters

<i>Sem</i>	Points to an msemaphore structure in which the state of the semaphore is stored.
<i>Initial Value</i>	Determines whether the semaphore is locked or unlocked at allocation.

Return Values

When successful, the **msem_init** subroutine returns a pointer to the initialized **msemaphore** structure. Otherwise, it returns a null value and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **msem_init** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following values:

EINVAL	Indicates the <i>InitialValue</i> parameter is not valid.
ENOMEM	Indicates a new semaphore could not be created.

Implementation Specifics

The **msem_init** subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **mmap** (“mmap or mmap64 Subroutine” on page 562) subroutine, **msem_lock** (“msem_lock Subroutine”) subroutine, **msem_remove** (“msem_remove Subroutine” on page 581) subroutine, **msem_unlock** (“msem_unlock Subroutine” on page 582) subroutine.

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msem_lock Subroutine

Purpose

Locks a semaphore.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msem_lock ( Sem, Condition)
msemaphore *Sem;
int Condition;
```

Description

The **msem_lock** subroutine attempts to lock a binary semaphore.

If the semaphore is not currently locked, it is locked and the **msem_lock** subroutine completes successfully.

If the semaphore is currently locked, and the value of the *Condition* parameter is **MSEM_IF_NOWAIT**, the **msem_lock** subroutine returns with an error. If the semaphore is currently locked, and the value of the *Condition* parameter is 0, the **msem_lock** subroutine does not return until either the calling process is able to successfully lock the semaphore or an error condition occurs.

All calls to the **msem_lock** and **msem_unlock** subroutines by multiple processes sharing a common **msemaphore** structure behave as if the call were serialized.

If the **msemaphore** structure contains any value not resulting from a call to the **msem_init** subroutine, followed by a (possibly empty) sequence of calls to the **msem_lock** and **msem_unlock** subroutines, the results are undefined. The address of an **msemaphore** structure is significant. If the **msemaphore** structure contains any value copied from an **msemaphore** structure at a different address, the result is undefined.

Parameters

<i>Sem</i>	Points to an msemaphore structure that specifies the semaphore to be locked.
<i>Condition</i>	Determines whether the msem_lock subroutine waits for a currently locked semaphore to unlock.

Return Values

When successful, the **msem_lock** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **msem_lock** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following values:

- EAGAIN** Indicates a value of **MSEM_IF_NOWAIT** is specified for the *Condition* parameter and the semaphore is already locked.
- EINVAL** Indicates the *Sem* parameter points to an **msemaphore** structure specifying a semaphore that has been removed, or the *Condition* parameter is invalid.
- EINTR** Indicates the **msem_lock** subroutine was interrupted by a signal that was caught.

Implementation Specifics

The **msem_lock** subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msem_init** (“msem_init Subroutine” on page 579) subroutine, **msem_remove** (“msem_remove Subroutine”) subroutine, **msem_unlock** (“msem_unlock Subroutine” on page 582) subroutine.

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msem_remove Subroutine

Purpose

Removes a semaphore.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msem_remove ( Sem)  
msemaphore *Sem;
```

Description

The **msem_remove** subroutine removes a binary semaphore. Any subsequent use of the **msemaphore** structure before it is again initialized by calling the **msem_init** subroutine will have undefined results.

The **msem_remove** subroutine also causes any process waiting in the **msem_lock** subroutine on the removed semaphore to return with an error.

If the **msemaphore** structure contains any value not resulting from a call to the **msem_init** subroutine, followed by a (possibly empty) sequence of calls to the **msem_lock** and **msem_unlock** subroutines, the result is undefined. The address of an **msemaphore** structure is significant. If the **msemaphore** structure contains any value copied from an **msemaphore** structure at a different address, the result is undefined.

Parameters

Sem Points to an **msemaphore** structure that specifies the semaphore to be removed.

Return Values

When successful, the **msem_remove** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **msem_remove** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to the following value:

EINVAL Indicates the *Sem* parameter points to an **msemaphore** structure that specifies a semaphore that has been removed.

Implementation Specifics

The **msem_remove** subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msem_init** (“msem_init Subroutine” on page 579) subroutine, **msem_lock** (“msem_lock Subroutine” on page 580) subroutine, **msem_unlock** (“msem_unlock Subroutine”) subroutine.

List of Memory Mapping Services and Understanding Memory Mapping in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

msem_unlock Subroutine

Purpose

Unlocks a semaphore.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msem_unlock ( Sem, Condition)
msemaphore *Sem;
int Condition;
```

Description

The **msem_unlock** subroutine attempts to unlock a binary semaphore.

If the semaphore is currently locked, it is unlocked and the **msem_unlock** subroutine completes successfully.

If the *Condition* parameter is 0, the semaphore is unlocked, regardless of whether or not any other processes are currently attempting to lock it. If the *Condition* parameter is set to the **MSEM_IF_WAITERS** value, and another process is waiting to lock the semaphore or it cannot be reliably determined whether some process is waiting to lock the semaphore, the semaphore is unlocked by the calling process. If the *Condition* parameter is set to the **MSEM_IF_WAITERS** value and no process is waiting to lock the semaphore, the semaphore will not be unlocked and an error will be returned.

Parameters

<i>Sem</i>	Points to an msemaphore structure that specifies the semaphore to be unlocked.
<i>Condition</i>	Determines whether the msem_unlock subroutine unlocks the semaphore if no other processes are waiting to lock it.

Return Values

When successful, the **msem_unlock** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **msem_unlock** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following values:

EAGAIN	Indicates a <i>Condition</i> value of MSEM_IF_WAITERS was specified and there were no waiters.
EINVAL	Indicates the <i>Sem</i> parameter points to an msemaphore structure specifying a semaphore that has been removed, or the <i>Condition</i> parameter is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The **msem_unlock** subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msem_init** (“msem_init Subroutine” on page 579) subroutine, **msem_lock** (“msem_lock Subroutine” on page 580) subroutine, **msem_remove** (“msem_remove Subroutine” on page 581) subroutine.

List of Memory Mapping Services and Understanding Memory Mapping in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

msgctl Subroutine

Purpose

Provides message control operations.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msgctl (MessageQueueID, Command, Buffer)
int MessageQueueID, Command;
struct msqid_ds * Buffer;
```

Description

The **msgctl** subroutine provides a variety of message control operations as specified by the *Command* parameter and stored in the structure pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter. The **msqid_ds** structure is defined in the **sys/msg.h** file.

The following limits apply to the message queue:

- Maximum message size is 65,535 bytes for releases prior to AIX 4.1.5 and is 4 Megabytes for release AIX 4.1.5 and later releases.
- Maximum number of messages per queue is 8192.
- Maximum number of message queue IDs is 4096 for releases before AIX 4.3.2 and 131072 for AIX 4.3.2 and following.
- Maximum number of bytes in a queue is 4 65,535 for releases prior to AIX 4.1.5 and is 4 Megabytes for release 4.1.5 and later releases.

Parameters

MessageQueueID
Command

Specifies the message queue identifier.

The following values for the *Command* parameter are available:

IPC_STAT

Stores the current value of the above fields of the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter into the **msqid_ds** structure pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter.

The current process must have read permission in order to perform this operation.

IPC_SET

Sets the value of the following fields of the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter to the corresponding values found in the structure pointed to by the *Buffer* parameter:

```
msg_perm.uid
msg_perm.gid
msg_perm.mode/*Only the low-order
nine bits*/
msg_qbytes
```

The effective user ID of the current process must have root user authority or must equal the value of the `msg_perm.uid` or `msg_perm.cuid` field in the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter in order to perform this operation. To raise the value of the `msg_qbytes` field, the effective user ID of the current process must have root user authority.

IPC_RMID

Removes the message queue identifier specified by the *MessageQueueID* parameter from the system and destroys the message queue and data structure associated with it. The effective user ID of the current process must have root user authority or be equal to the value of the `msg_perm.uid` or `msg_perm.cuid` field in the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter to perform this operation.

Buffer

Points to a **msqid_ds** structure.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **msgctl** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **msgctl** subroutine is unsuccessful if any of the following conditions is true:

- EINVAL** The *Command* or *MessageQueueID* parameter is not valid.
- EACCES** The *Command* parameter is equal to the **IPC_STAT** value, and the calling process was denied read permission.

- EPERM** The *Command* parameter is equal to the **IPC_RMID** value and the effective user ID of the calling process does not have root user authority. Or, the *Command* parameter is equal to the **IPC_SET** value, and the effective user ID of the calling process is not equal to the value of the `msg_perm.uid` field or the `msg_perm.cuid` field in the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter.
- EPERM** The *Command* parameter is equal to the **IPC_SET** value, an attempt was made to increase the value of the `msg_qbytes` field, and the effective user ID of the calling process does not have root user authority.
- EFAULT** The *Buffer* parameter points outside of the process address space.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msgget** (“msgget Subroutine”) subroutine, **msgrcv** (“msgrcv Subroutine” on page 587) subroutine, **msgsnd** (“msgsnd Subroutine” on page 589) subroutine, **msgxrcv** (“msgxrcv Subroutine” on page 591) subroutine.

msgget Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a message queue identifier.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msgget ( Key, MessageFlag)
key_t Key;
int MessageFlag;
```

Description

The **msgget** subroutine returns the message queue identifier associated with the specified *Key* parameter.

A message queue identifier, associated message queue, and data structure are created for the value of the *Key* parameter if one of the following conditions is true:

- The *Key* parameter is equal to the **IPC_PRIVATE** value.
- The *Key* parameter does not already have a message queue identifier associated with it, and the **IPC_CREAT** value is set.

Upon creation, the data structure associated with the new message queue identifier is initialized as follows:

- The `msg_perm.cuid`, `msg_perm.uid`, `msg_perm.cgid`, and `msg_perm.gid` fields are set equal to the effective user ID and effective group ID, respectively, of the calling process.
- The low-order 9 bits of the `msg_perm.mode` field are set equal to the low-order 9 bits of the *MessageFlag* parameter.
- The `msg_qnum`, `msg_lspid`, `msg_lrpipid`, `msg_stime`, and `msg_rtime` fields are set equal to 0.
- The `msg_ctime` field is set equal to the current time.
- The `msg_qbytes` field is set equal to the system limit.

The **msgget** subroutine performs the following actions:

- The **msgget** subroutine either finds or creates (depending on the value of the *MessageFlag* parameter) a queue with the *Key* parameter.
- The **msgget** subroutine returns the ID of the queue header to its caller.

Limits on message size and number of messages in the queue can be found in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Parameters

<i>Key</i>	Specifies either the value IPC_PRIVATE or an Interprocess Communication (IPC) key constructed by the ftok (“ftok Subroutine” on page 264) subroutine (or by a similar algorithm).
<i>MessageFlag</i>	Constructed by logically ORing one or more of the following values: IPC_CREAT Creates the data structure if it does not already exist. IPC_EXCL Causes the msgget subroutine to fail if the IPC_CREAT value is also set and the data structure already exists. S_IRUSR Permits the process that owns the data structure to read it. S_IWUSR Permits the process that owns the data structure to modify it. S_IRGRP Permits the group associated with the data structure to read it. S_IWGRP Permits the group associated with the data structure to modify it. S_IROTH Permits others to read the data structure. S_IWOTH Permits others to modify the data structure. Values that begin with S_I are defined in the sys/mode.h file and are a subset of the access permissions that apply to files.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **msgget** subroutine returns a message queue identifier. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **msgget** subroutine is unsuccessful if any of the following conditions is true:

EACCES	A message queue identifier exists for the <i>Key</i> parameter, but operation permission as specified by the low-order 9 bits of the <i>MessageFlag</i> parameter is not granted.
ENOENT	A message queue identifier does not exist for the <i>Key</i> parameter and the IPC_CREAT value is not set.
ENOSPC	A message queue identifier is to be created, but the system-imposed limit on the maximum number of allowed message queue identifiers system-wide would be exceeded.
EEXIST	A message queue identifier exists for the <i>Key</i> parameter, and both IPC_CREAT and IPC_EXCL values are set.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **ftok** (“ftok Subroutine” on page 264) subroutine, **msgctl** (“msgctl Subroutine” on page 583) subroutine, **msgrcv** (“msgrcv Subroutine”) subroutine, **msgsnd** (“msgsnd Subroutine” on page 589) subroutine, **msgxrcv** (“msgxrcv Subroutine” on page 591) subroutine.

The **mode.h** file.

msgrcv Subroutine

Purpose

Reads a message from a queue.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msgrcv (MessageQueueID, MessagePointer, MessageSize, MessageType, MessageFlag)
int MessageQueueID, MessageFlag;
void * MessagePointer;
size_t MessageSize;
long int MessageType;
```

Description

The **msgrcv** subroutine reads a message from the queue specified by the *MessageQueueID* parameter and stores it into the structure pointed to by the *MessagePointer* parameter. The current process must have read permission in order to perform this operation.

Note: The routine may coredump instead of returning EFAULT when an invalid pointer is passed in case of 64-bit application calling 32-bit kernel interface.

Limits on message size and number of messages in the queue can be found in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Note: For a 64-bit process, the **mtype** field is 64 bits long. However, for compatibility with 32-bit processes, the **mtype** field must be a 32-bit signed value that is sign-extended to 64 bits. The most significant 32 bits are not put on the message queue. For a 64-bit process, the **mtype** field is again sign-extended to 64 bits.

Parameters

MessageQueueID

Specifies the message queue identifier.

MessagePointer

Points to a **msgbuf** structure containing the message. The **msgbuf** structure is defined in the **sys/msg.h** file and contains the following fields:

```
mtyp_t mtype;          /* Message type */
char mtext[1];        /* Beginning of message text */
```

The **mtype** field contains the type of the received message as specified by the sending process. The **mtext** field is the text of the message.

<i>MessageSize</i>	Specifies the size of the <i>mtext</i> field in bytes. The received message is truncated to the size specified by the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter if it is longer than the size specified by the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter and if the MSG_NOERROR value is set in the <i>MessageFlag</i> parameter. The truncated part of the message is lost and no indication of the truncation is given to the calling process.
<i>MessageType</i>	Specifies the type of message requested as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If equal to the value of 0, the first message on the queue is received. • If greater than 0, the first message of the type specified by the <i>MessageType</i> parameter is received. • If less than 0, the first message of the lowest type that is less than or equal to the absolute value of the <i>MessageType</i> parameter is received.
<i>MessageFlag</i>	Specifies either a value of 0 or is constructed by logically ORing one or more of the following values: <p>MSG_NOERROR Truncates the message if it is longer than the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter.</p> <p>IPC_NOWAIT Specifies the action to take if a message of the desired type is not on the queue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the IPC_NOWAIT value is set, the calling process returns a value of -1 and sets the errno global variable to the ENOMSG error code. • If the IPC_NOWAIT value is not set, the calling process suspends execution until one of the following occurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A message of the desired type is placed on the queue. – The message queue identifier specified by the <i>MessageQueueID</i> parameter is removed from the system. When this occurs, the errno global variable is set to the EIDRM error code, and a value of -1 is returned. – The calling process receives a signal that is to be caught. In this case, a message is not received and the calling process resumes in the manner described in the sigaction subroutine. </p>

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **msgrcv** subroutine returns a value equal to the number of bytes actually stored into the *mtext* field and the following actions are taken with respect to fields of the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter:

- The *msg_qnum* field is decremented by 1.
- The *msg_lrpId* field is set equal to the process ID of the calling process.
- The *msg_rtime* field is set equal to the current time.

If the **msgrcv** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **msgrcv** subroutine is unsuccessful if any of the following conditions is true:

EINVAL	The <i>MessageQueueID</i> parameter is not a valid message queue identifier.
EACCES	The calling process is denied permission for the specified operation.
EINVAL	The <i>MessageSize</i> parameter is less than 0.
E2BIG	The <i>mtext</i> field is greater than the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter, and the MSG_NOERROR value is not set.
ENOMSG	The queue does not contain a message of the desired type and the IPC_NOWAIT value is set.
EFAULT	The <i>MessagePointer</i> parameter points outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EINTR	The msgrcv subroutine is interrupted by a signal.

EIDRM The message queue identifier specified by the *MessageQueueID* parameter has been removed from the system.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msgctl** (“msgctl Subroutine” on page 583) subroutine, **msgget** (“msgget Subroutine” on page 585) subroutine, **msgsnd** (“msgsnd Subroutine”) subroutine, **msgxrcv** (“msgxrcv Subroutine” on page 591) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine.

msgsnd Subroutine

Purpose

Sends a message.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msgsnd (MessageQueueID, MessagePointer, MessageSize, MessageFlag)
int MessageQueueID, MessageFlag;
const void * MessagePointer;
size_t MessageSize;
```

Description

The **msgsnd** subroutine sends a message to the queue specified by the *MessageQueueID* parameter. The current process must have write permission to perform this operation. The *MessagePointer* parameter points to an **msgbuf** structure containing the message. The **sys/msg.h** file defines the **msgbuf** structure. The structure contains the following fields:

```
mtyp_t mtype; /* Message type */
char mtext[1]; /* Beginning of message text */
```

The *mtype* field specifies a positive integer used by the receiving process for message selection. The *mtext* field can be any text of the length in bytes specified by the *MessageSize* parameter. The *MessageSize* parameter can range from 0 to the maximum limit imposed by the system.

The following example shows a typical user-defined **msgbuf** structure that includes sufficient space for the largest message:

```
struct my_msgbuf
mtyp_t mtype;
char mtext[MSGSZ]; /* MSGSZ is the size of the largest message */
```

Note: The routine may coredump instead of returning EFAULT when an invalid pointer is passed in case of 64-bit application calling 32-bit kernel interface.

The following system limits apply to the message queue:

- Maximum message size is 65,535 bytes for releases prior to AIX 4.1.5 and is 4 Megabytes for AIX 4.1.5 and later releases.

- Maximum number of messages per queue is 8192.
- Maximum number of message queue IDs is 4096 for releases before AIX 4.3.2 and 131072 for AIX 4.3.2 and following.
- Maximum number of bytes in a queue is 4 65,535 bytes for releases prior to AIX 4.1.5 is 4 Megabytes for AIX 4.1.5 and later releases.

Note: For a 64-bit process, the **mtype** field is 64 bits long. However, for compatibility with 32-bit processes, the **mtype** field must be a 32-bit signed value that is sign-extended to 64 bits. The most significant 32 bits are not put on the message queue. For a 64-bit process, the **mtype** field is again sign-extended to 64 bits.

The *MessageFlag* parameter specifies the action to be taken if the message cannot be sent for one of the following reasons:

- The number of bytes already on the queue is equal to the number of bytes defined by the **msg_qbytes** structure.
- The total number of messages on the queue is equal to a system-imposed limit.

These actions are as follows:

- If the *MessageFlag* parameter is set to the **IPC_NOWAIT** value, the message is not sent, and the **msgsnd** subroutine returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to the **EAGAIN** error code.
- If the *MessageFlag* parameter is set to 0, the calling process suspends execution until one of the following occurs:
 - The condition responsible for the suspension no longer exists, in which case the message is sent.
 - The *MessageQueueID* parameter is removed from the system. (For information on how to remove the *MessageQueueID* parameter, see the **msgctl** (“msgctl Subroutine” on page 583) subroutine.) When this occurs, the **errno** global variable is set equal to the **EIDRM** error code, and a value of -1 is returned.
 - The calling process receives a signal that is to be caught. In this case the message is not sent and the calling process resumes execution in the manner prescribed in the **sigaction** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>MessageQueueID</i>	Specifies the queue to which the message is sent.
<i>MessagePointer</i>	Points to a msgbuf structure containing the message.
<i>MessageSize</i>	Specifies the length, in bytes, of the message text.
<i>MessageFlag</i>	Specifies the action to be taken if the message cannot be sent.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned and the following actions are taken with respect to the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter:

- The **msg_qnum** field is incremented by 1.
- The **msg_lspid** field is set equal to the process ID of the calling process.
- The **msg_stime** field is set equal to the current time.

If the **msgsnd** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **msgsnd** subroutine is unsuccessful and no message is sent if one or more of the following conditions is true:

EACCES	The calling process is denied permission for the specified operation.
EAGAIN	The message cannot be sent for one of the reasons stated previously, and the <i>MessageFlag</i> parameter is set to the IPC_NOWAIT value.
EFAULT	The <i>MessagePointer</i> parameter points outside of the address space of the process.
EIDRM	The message queue identifier specified by the <i>MessageQueueID</i> parameter has been removed from the system.
EINTR	The msgsnd subroutine received a signal.
EINVAL	The <i>MessageQueueID</i> parameter is not a valid message queue identifier.
EINVAL	The <i>mtype</i> field is less than 1.
EINVAL	The <i>MessageSize</i> parameter is less than 0 or greater than the system-imposed limit.
EINVAL	The upper 32-bits of the 64-bit <i>mtype</i> field for a 64-bit process is not 0.
ENOMEM	The message could not be sent because not enough storage space was available.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msgctl** (“msgctl Subroutine” on page 583) subroutine, **msgget** (“msgget Subroutine” on page 585) subroutine, **msgrcv** (“msgrcv Subroutine” on page 587) subroutine, **msgxrcv** (“msgxrcv Subroutine”) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine.

msgxrcv Subroutine

Purpose

Receives an extended message.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

For releases prior to AIX 4.3:

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

```
int msgxrcv (MessageQueueID, MessagePointer, MessageSize, MessageType, MessageFlag)
int MessageQueueID, MessageFlag, MessageSize;
struct msgxbuf * MessagePointer;
long MessageType;
```

For AIX 4.3 and later releases:

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

```
int msgxrcv (MessageQueueID, MessagePointer, MessageSize, MessageType, MessageFlag)
int MessageQueueID, MessageFlag;
size_t MessageSize;
struct msgxbuf * MessagePointer;
long MessageType;
```

Description

The **msgxrcv** subroutine reads a message from the queue specified by the *MessageQueueID* parameter and stores it into the extended message receive buffer pointed to by the *MessagePointer* parameter. The current process must have read permission in order to perform this operation. The **msgxbuf** structure is defined in the **sys/msg.h** file.

Note: The routine may coredump instead of returning EFAULT when an invalid pointer is passed in case of 64-bit application calling 32-bit kernel interface.

The following limits apply to the message queue:

- Maximum message size is 65,535 bytes for releases prior to AIX 4.1.5 and is 4 Megabytes for AIX 4.1.5 and later releases.
- Maximum number of messages per queue is 8192.
- Maximum number of message queue IDs is 4096 for releases before AIX 4.3.2 and 131072 for AIX 4.3.2 and following.
- Maximum number of bytes in a queue is 4 65,535 for releases prior to AIX 4.1.5 and is 4 Megabytes for AIX 4.1.5 later releases.

Note: For a 64-bit process, the **mtype** field is 64 bits long. However, for compatibility with 32-bit processes, the **mtype** field must be a 32-bit signed value that is sign-extended to 64 bits. The most significant 32 bits are not put on the message queue. For a 64-bit process, the **mtype** field is again sign-extended to 64 bits.

Parameters

<i>MessageQueueID</i>	Specifies the message queue identifier.
<i>MessagePointer</i>	Specifies a pointer to an extended message receive buffer where a message is stored.
<i>MessageSize</i>	Specifies the size of the <i>mtext</i> field in bytes. The receive message is truncated to the size specified by the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter if it is larger than the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter and the MSG_NOERROR value is true. The truncated part of the message is lost and no indication of the truncation is given to the calling process. If the message is longer than the number of bytes specified by the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter and the MSG_NOERROR value is not set, the msgxrcv subroutine is unsuccessful and sets the errno global variable to the E2BIG error code.
<i>MessageType</i>	Specifies the type of message requested as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the <i>MessageType</i> parameter is equal to 0, the first message on the queue is received.• If the <i>MessageType</i> parameter is greater than 0, the first message of the type specified by the <i>MessageType</i> parameter is received.• If the <i>MessageType</i> parameter is less than 0, the first message of the lowest type that is less than or equal to the absolute value of the <i>MessageType</i> parameter is received.

MessageFlag

Specifies a value of 0 or a value constructed by logically ORing one or more of the following values:

MSG_NOERROR

Truncates the message if it is longer than the number of bytes specified by the *MessageSize* parameter.

IPC_NOWAIT

Specifies the action to take if a message of the desired type is not on the queue:

- If the **IPC_NOWAIT** value is set, the calling process returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to the **ENOMSG** error code.
- If the **IPC_NOWAIT** value is not set, the calling process suspends execution until one of the following occurs:
 - A message of the desired type is placed on the queue.
 - The message queue identifier specified by the *MessageQueueID* parameter is removed from the system. When this occurs, the **errno** global variable is set to the **EIDRM** error code, and a value of -1 is returned.
 - The calling process receives a signal that is to be caught. In this case, a message is not received and the calling process resumes in the manner prescribed in the **sigaction** subroutine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **msgxrcv** subroutine returns a value equal to the number of bytes actually stored into the *mtext* field, and the following actions are taken with respect to the data structure associated with the *MessageQueueID* parameter:

- The *msg_qnum* field is decremented by 1.
- The *msg_lrpID* field is set equal to the process ID of the calling process.
- The *msg_rtime* field is set equal to the current time.

If the **msgxrcv** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **msgxrcv** subroutine is unsuccessful if any of the following conditions is true:

EINVAL	The <i>MessageQueueID</i> parameter is not a valid message queue identifier.
EACCES	The calling process is denied permission for the specified operation.
EINVAL	The <i>MessageSize</i> parameter is less than 0.
E2BIG	The <i>mtext</i> field is greater than the <i>MessageSize</i> parameter, and the MSG_NOERROR value is not set.
ENOMSG	The queue does not contain a message of the desired type and the IPC_NOWAIT value is set.
EFAULT	The <i>MessagePointer</i> parameter points outside of the process address space.
EINTR	The msgxrcv subroutine was interrupted by a signal.
EIDRM	The message queue identifier specified by the <i>MessageQueueID</i> parameter is removed from the system.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **msgctl** (“msgctl Subroutine” on page 583) subroutine, **msgget** (“msgget Subroutine” on page 585) subroutine, **msgrcv** (“msgrcv Subroutine” on page 587) subroutine, **msgsnd** (“msgsnd Subroutine” on page 589) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine.

msleep Subroutine

Purpose

Puts a process to sleep when a semaphore is busy.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int msleep (Sem)
msemaphore * Sem;
```

Description

The **msleep** subroutine puts a calling process to sleep when a semaphore is busy. The semaphore should be located in a shared memory region. Use the **mmap** subroutine to create the shared memory section.

All of the values in the **msemaphore** structure must result from a **msem_init** subroutine call. This call may or may not be followed by a sequence of calls to the **msem_lock** subroutine or the **msem_unlock** subroutine. If the **msemaphore** structure value originates in another manner, the results of the **msleep** subroutine are undefined.

The address of the **msemaphore** structure is significant. You should be careful not to modify the structure's address. If the structure contains values copied from a **msemaphore** structure at another address, the results of the **msleep** subroutine are undefined.

Parameters

Sem Points to the **msemaphore** structure that specifies the semaphore.

Error Codes

If the **msleep** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following values:

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| EFAULT | Indicates that the <i>Sem</i> parameter points to an invalid address or the address does not contain a valid msemaphore structure. |
| EINTR | Indicates that the process calling the msleep subroutine was interrupted by a signal while sleeping. |

Implementation Specifics

The **msleep** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime calls.

Related Information

The **mmap** ("mmap or mmap64 Subroutine" on page 562) subroutine, **msem_init** ("msem_init Subroutine" on page 579) subroutine, **msem_lock** ("msem_lock Subroutine" on page 580) subroutine, **msem_unlock** ("msem_unlock Subroutine" on page 582) subroutine, **mwakeup** ("mwakeup Subroutine" on page 599) subroutine.

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msync Subroutine

Purpose

Synchronizes a mapped file.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**).

Syntax

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

```
int msync ( addr, len, flags)
void *addr;
size_t len;
int flags;
```

Description

The **msync** subroutine controls the caching operations of a mapped file region. Use the **msync** subroutine to transfer modified pages in the region to the underlying file storage device.

If the application has requested X/Open UNIX95 Specification compliant behavior then the **st_ctime** and **st_mtime** fields of the mapped file are marked for update upon successful completion of the **msync** subroutine call if the file has been modified.

Parameters

addr Specifies the address of the region to be synchronized. Must be a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.

len Specifies the length, in bytes, of the region to be synchronized. If the *len* parameter is not a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter, the length of the region is rounded up to the next multiple of the page size.

flags Specifies one or more of the following symbolic constants that determine the way caching operations are performed:

MS_SYNC

Specifies synchronous cache flush. The **msync** subroutine does not return until the system completes all I/O operations.

This flag is invalid when the **MAP_PRIVATE** flag is used with the **mmap** subroutine.

MAP_PRIVATE is the default privacy setting. When the **MS_SYNC** and **MAP_PRIVATE** flags both are used, the **msync** subroutine returns an **errno** value of **EINVAL**.

MS_ASYNC

Specifies an asynchronous cache flush. The **msync** subroutine returns after the system schedules all I/O operations.

This flag is invalid when the **MAP_PRIVATE** flag is used with the **mmap** subroutine.

MAP_PRIVATE is the default privacy setting. When the **MS_ASYNC** and **MAP_PRIVATE** flags both are used, the **msync** subroutine returns an **errno** value of **EINVAL**.

MS_INVALIDATE

Specifies that the **msync** subroutine invalidates all cached copies of the pages. New copies of the pages must then be obtained from the file system the next time they are referenced.

Return Values

When successful, the **msync** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **msync** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following values:

- EIO** An I/O error occurred while reading from or writing to the file system.
- ENOMEM** The range specified by (*addr*, *addr + len*) is invalid for a process' address space, or the range specifies one or more unmapped pages.
- EINVAL** The *addr* argument is not a multiple of the page size as returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter, or the *flags* parameter is invalid. The address of the region is within the process' inheritable address space.

mt_trce Subroutine

Purpose

Dumps traceback information into a lightweight core file.

Library

PTools Library (**libptools_ptr.a**)

Syntax

```
void mt_trce (int FileDescriptor, int Signal, struct sigcontext *Context, int Node);
```

Description

The **mt_trce** subroutine dumps traceback information of the calling thread and all other threads allocated in the process space into the file specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. The format of the output from this subroutine complies with the Parallel Tools Consortium Lightweight CoreFile Format. Threads, except the calling thread, will be suspended after the calling thread enters this subroutine and while the traceback information is being obtained. Threads execution resumes when this subroutine returns.

Parameters

- Context* Points to the **sigcontext** structure containing the context of the thread when the signal happens. The context is used to generate the traceback information for the calling thread. This is used only if the *Signal* parameter is non-zero. If the **mt_trce** subroutine is called with the *Signal* parameter set to zero, the *Context* parameter is ignored and the traceback information is generated based on the current context of the calling thread. Refer to the **sigaction** subroutine for further description about signal handlers and how the **sigcontext** structure is passed to a signal handler.
- File Descriptor* The file descriptor of the lightweight core file. It specifies the target file into which the traceback information is written.
- Node* Specifies the number of the tasks or nodes where this subroutine is executing and is used only for a parallel application consisting of multiple tasks. The *Node* parameter will be used in section headers of the traceback information to identify the task or node from which the information is generated.
- Signal* The number of the signal that causes the signal handler to be executed. This is used only if the **mt_trce** subroutine is called from a signal handler. A Fault-Info section defined by the Parallel Tools Consortium Lightweight Core File Format will be written into the output lightweight core file based on this signal number. If the **mt_trce** subroutine is not called from a signal handler, the *Signal* parameter must be set to 0 and a Fault-Info section will not be generated.

Notes

1. To obtain source line information in the traceback, the programs must have been compiled with the **-g** option to include the necessary line number information in the executable files. Otherwise, address offset from the beginning of the function is provided.
2. Line number information is not provided for shared objects even if they were compiled with the **-g** option.
3. Function names are not provided if a program or a library is compiled with optimization. To obtain function name information in the traceback and still have the object code optimized, compiler option **-qtbtable=full** must be specified.
4. In rare cases, the traceback of a thread may seem to skip one level of procedure calls. This is because the traceback is obtained at the moment the thread entered a procedure and has not yet allocated a stack frame.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **mt_trce** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If an error occurs, the subroutine returns -1 and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error, as follows:

EBADF	The <i>FileDescriptor</i> parameter does not specify a valid file descriptor open for writing.
ENOSPC	No free space is left in the file system containing the file.
EDQUOT	New disk blocks cannot be allocated for the file because the user or group quota of blocks has been exhausted on the file system.
EINVAL	The value of the <i>Signal</i> parameter is invalid or the <i>Context</i> parameter points to an invalid context.
ENOMEM	Insufficient memory exists to perform the operation.

Examples

1. The following example calls the **mt_trce** subroutine to generate traceback information in a signal handler.

```
void
my_handler(int signal,
           int code,
           struct sigcontext *sigcontext_data)
{
    int lcf_fd;
    ....
    lcf_fd = open(file_name, O_WRONLY|O_CREAT|O_APPEND, 0666);
    ....
    rc = mt_trce(lcf_fd, signal, sigcontext_data, 0);
    ....
    close(lcf_fd);
    ....
}
```

2. The following is an example of the lightweight core file generated by the **mt_trce** subroutine. Notice the thread ID in the information is the unique sequence number of a thread for the life time of the process containing the thread.

```
+++PARALLEL TOOLS CONSORTIUM LIGHTWEIGHT COREFILE FORMAT version 1.0
+++LCB 1.0 Thu Jun 30 16:02:35 1999 Generated by AIX
#
+++ID Node 0 Process 21084 Thread 1
***FAULT "SIGABRT - Abort"
```

```

+++STACK
func2 : 123 # in file
func1 : 272 # in file
main : 49 # in file
---STACK
---ID Node 0 Process 21084 Thread 1
#
+++ID Node 0 Process 21084 Thread 2
+++STACK
nsleep : 0x0000001c
sleep : 0x00000030
f_mt_exec : 21 # in file
_pthread_body : 0x00000114
---STACK
---ID Node 0 Process 21084 Thread 2
#
+++ID Node 0 Process 21084 Thread 3
+++STACK
nsleep : 0x0000001c
sleep : 0x00000030
f_mt_exec : 21 # in file
_pthread_body : 0x00000114
---STACK
---ID Node 0 Process 21084 Thread 3
---LCB

```

Related Information

The `install_lwcf_handler` and `sigaction` subroutines.

munmap Subroutine

Purpose

Unmaps a mapped region.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```

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

```

```

int munmap ( addr, len)
void *addr;
size_t len;

```

Description

The **munmap** subroutine unmaps a mapped file region or anonymous memory region. The **munmap** subroutine unmaps regions created from calls to the **mmap** subroutine only.

If an address lies in a region that is unmapped by the **munmap** subroutine and that region is not subsequently mapped again, any reference to that address will result in the delivery of a **SIGSEGV** signal to the process.

Parameters

addr Specifies the address of the region to be unmapped. Must be a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.

len Specifies the length, in bytes, of the region to be unmapped. If the *len* parameter is not a multiple of the page size returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter, the length of the region is rounded up to the next multiple of the page size.

Return Values

When successful, the **munmap** subroutine returns 0. Otherwise, it returns -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **munmap** subroutine is unsuccessful, the **errno** global variable is set to the following value:

- EINVAL** The *addr* parameter is not a multiple of the page size as returned by the **sysconf** subroutine using the **_SC_PAGE_SIZE** value for the *Name* parameter.
- EINVAL** The application has requested X/Open UNIX95 Specification compliant behavior and the *len* argument is 0.

mwakeup Subroutine

Purpose

Wakes up a process that is waiting on a semaphore.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/mman.h>
int mwakeup (Sem)
msemaphore * Sem;
```

Description

The **mwakeup** subroutine wakes up a process that is sleeping and waiting for an idle semaphore. The semaphore should be located in a shared memory region. Use the **mmap** subroutine to create the shared memory section.

All of the values in the **msemaphore** structure must result from a **msem_init** subroutine call. This call may or may not be followed by a sequence of calls to the **msem_lock** subroutine or the **msem_unlock** subroutine. If the **msemaphore** structure value originates in another manner, the results of the **mwakeup** subroutine are undefined.

The address of the **msemaphore** structure is significant. You should be careful not to modify the structure's address. If the structure contains values copied from a **msemaphore** structure at another address, the results of the **mwakeup** subroutine are undefined.

Parameters

Sem Points to the **msemaphore** structure that specifies the semaphore.

Return Values

When successful, the **mwakeup** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, this routine returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to **EFAULT**.

Error Codes

A value of **EFAULT** indicates that the *Sem* parameter points to an invalid address or that the address does not contain a valid **msemaphore** structure.

Implementation Specifics

The **mwakeup** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime calls.

Related Information

The **mmap** (“mmap or mmap64 Subroutine” on page 562) subroutine, **msem_init** (“msem_init Subroutine” on page 579) subroutine, **msem_lock** (“msem_lock Subroutine” on page 580) subroutine, **msem_unlock** (“msem_unlock Subroutine” on page 582) subroutine, and the **msleep** (“msleep Subroutine” on page 594) subroutine.

Understanding Memory Mapping in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

newpass Subroutine

Purpose

Generates a new password for a user.

Library

Security Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <usersec.h>
#include <userpw.h>
```

```
char *newpass( Password)
struct userpw *Password;
```

Description

The **newpass** subroutine generates a new password for the user specified by the *Password* parameter. The new password is then checked to ensure that it meets the password rules on the system unless the user is exempted from these restrictions. Users must have root user authority to invoke this subroutine. The password rules are defined in the **/etc/security/user** file and are described in both the **user** file and the **passwd** command.

Passwords can contain almost any legal value for a character but cannot contain (National Language Support (NLS) code points. Passwords cannot have more than the value specified by **MAX_PASS**.

The **newpass** subroutine authenticates the user prior to changing the password. If the **PW_ADMCHG** flag is set in the *upw_flags* member of the *Password* parameter, the supplied password is checked against the password to determine the user corresponding to the real user ID of the process instead of the user specified by the *upw_name* member of the *Password* parameter structure.

If a password is successfully generated, a pointer to a buffer containing the new password is returned and the last update time is reset.

Note: The **newpass** subroutine is not safe in a multi-threaded environment. To use **newpass** in a threaded application, the application must keep the integrity of each thread.

Parameters

<i>Password</i>	Specifies a user password structure. This structure is defined in the userpw.h file and contains the following members:
upw_name	A pointer to a character buffer containing the user name.
upw_passwd	A pointer to a character buffer containing the current password.
upw_lastupdate	The time the password was last changed, in seconds since the epoch.
upw_flags	A bit mask containing 0 or more of the following values:
PW_NOCHECK	This bit indicates that new passwords need not meet the composition criteria for passwords on the system.
PW_ADMIN	This bit indicates that password information for this user may only be changed by the root user.
PW_ADMCHG	This bit indicates that the password is being changed by an administrator and the password will have to be changed upon the next successful running of the login or su commands to this account.

Security

Policy: Authentication To change a password, the invoker must be properly authenticated.

Note: Programs that invoke the **newpass** subroutine should be written to conform to the authentication rules enforced by **newpass**. The **PW_ADMCHG** flag should always be explicitly cleared unless the invoker of the command is an administrator.

Return Values

If a new password is successfully generated, a pointer to the new encrypted password is returned. If an error occurs, a null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **newpass** subroutine fails if one or more of the following are true;

EINVAL	The structure passed to the newpass subroutine is invalid.
ESAD	Security authentication is denied for the invoker.
EPERM	The user is unable to change the password of a user with the PW_ADMCHG bit set, and the real user ID of the process is not the root user.
ENOENT	The user is not properly defined in the database.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **getpass** (“getpass Subroutine” on page 326) subroutine, **getuserpw** (“getuserpw, putuserpw, or putuserpwhist Subroutine” on page 377) subroutine.

The **login** command, **passwd** command, **pwdadm** command.

List of Security and Auditing Subroutines, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

nftw or nftw64 Subroutine

Purpose

Walks a file tree.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <ftw.h>
```

```
int nftw ( Path, Function, Depth, Flags)
```

```
const char *Path;
```

```
int>(*Function) ( );
```

```
int Depth;
```

```
int Flags;
```

```
int nftw64(Path,Function,Depth)
```

```
const char *Path;
```

```
int>(*Function) ( );
```

```
int Depth;
```

```
int Flags;
```

Description

The **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutines recursively descend the directory hierarchy rooted in the *Path* parameter. The **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutines have a similar effect to **ftw** and **ftw64** except that they take an additional argument flags, which is a bitwise inclusive-OR of zero or more of the following flags:

FTW_CHDIR	If set, the current working directory will change to each directory as files are reported. If clear, the current working directory will not change.
FTW_DEPTH	If set, all files in a directory will be reported before the directory itself. If clear, the directory will be reported before any files.
FTW_MOUNT	If set, symbolic links will not be followed. If clear the links will be followed.
FTW_PHYS	If set, symbolic links will not be followed. If clear the links will be followed, and will not report the same file more than once.

For each file in the hierarchy, the **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutines call the function specified by the *Function* parameter. The **nftw** subroutine passes a pointer to a null-terminated character string containing the name of the file, a pointer to a **stat** structure containing information about the file, an integer and a pointer to an FTW structure. The **nftw64** subroutine passes a pointer to a null-terminated character string containing the name of the file, a pointer to a **stat64** structure containing information about the file, an integer and a pointer to an FTW structure.

The **nftw** subroutine uses the **stat** system call which will fail on files of size larger than 2 Gigabytes. The **nftw64** subroutine must be used if there is a possibility of files of size larger than 2 Gigabytes.

The integer passed to the *Function* parameter identifies the file type with one of the following values:

FTW_F	Regular file
FTW_D	Directory
FTW_DNR	Directory that cannot be read
FTW_DP	The <i>Object</i> is a directory and subdirectories have been visited. (This condition will only occur if FTW_DEPTH is included in flags).
FTW_SL	Symbolic Link
FTW_SLN	Symbolic Link that does not name an existin file. (This condition will only occur if the FTW_PHYS flag is not included in flags).
FTW_NS	File for which the stat structure could not be executed successfully

If the integer is **FTW_DNR**, the files and subdirectories contained in that directory are not processed.

If the integer is **FTW_NS**, the **stat** structure contents are meaningless. An example of a file that causes **FTW_NS** to be passed to the *Function* parameter is a file in a directory for which you have read permission but not execute (search) permission.

The **FTW** structure pointer passed to the *Function* parameter contains *base* which is the offset of the object's filename in the pathname passed as the first argument to *Function*. The value of *level* indicates depth relative to the root of the walk.

The **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutines use one file descriptor for each level in the tree. The *Depth* parameter specifies the maximum number of file descriptors to be used. In general, the **nftw** and **nftw64** run faster if the value of the *Depth* parameter is at least as large as the number of levels in the tree. However, the value of the *Depth* parameter must not be greater than the number of file descriptors currently available for use. If the value of the *Depth* parameter is 0 or a negative number, the effect is the same as if it were 1.

Because the **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutines are recursive, it is possible for it to terminate with a memory fault due to stack overflow when applied to very deep file structures.

The **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutines use the **malloc** subroutine to allocate dynamic storage during its operation. If the **nftw** subroutine is terminated prior to its completion, such as by the **longjmp** subroutine being executed by the function specified by the *Function* parameter or by an interrupt routine, the **nftw** subroutine cannot free that storage. The storage remains allocated. A safe way to handle interrupts is to store the fact that an interrupt has occurred, and arrange to have the function specified by the *Function* parameter return a nonzero value the next time it is called.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Specifies the directory hierarchy to be searched.
<i>Function</i>	User supplied function that is called for each file encountered.
<i>Depth</i>	Specifies the maximum number of file descriptors to be used. <i>Depth</i> cannot be greater than OPEN_MAX which is described in the <code>sys/limits.h</code> header file.

Return Values

If the tree is exhausted, the **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutine returns a value of 0. If the subroutine pointed to by **fn** returns a nonzero value, **nftw** and **nftw64** stops its tree traversal and returns whatever value was returned by the subroutine pointed to by **fn**. If the **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutine detects an error, it returns a -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **nftw** or **nftw64** subroutines detect an error, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

The **nftw** and **nftw64** subroutine are unsuccessful if:

EACCES	Search permission is denied for any component of the <i>Path</i> parameter or read permission is denied for <i>Path</i> .
ENAMETOOLONG	The length of the path exceeds PATH_MAX while _POSIX_NO_TRUNC is in effect.
ENOENT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points to the name of a file that does not exist or points to an empty string.
ENOTDIR	A component of the <i>Path</i> parameter is not a directory.

The **nftw** subroutine is unsuccessful if:

EOVERFLOW A file in *Path* is of a size larger than 2 Gigabytes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutines is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **stat** or **malloc** (“malloc, free, realloc, calloc, malloc, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine” on page 528) subroutine.

The **ftw** (“ftw or ftw64 Subroutine” on page 265) subroutine.

nl_langinfo Subroutine

Purpose

Returns information on the language or cultural area in a program’s locale.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <nl_types.h>
#include <langinfo.h>
```

```
char *nl_langinfo ( Item )
nl_item Item;
```

Description

The **nl_langinfo** subroutine returns a pointer to a string containing information relevant to the particular language or cultural area defined in the program’s locale and corresponding to the *Item* parameter. The active language or cultural area is determined by the default value of the environment variables or by the most recent call to the **setlocale** subroutine. If the **setlocale** subroutine has not been called in the program, then the default C locale values will be returned from **nl_langinfo**.

Values for the *Item* parameter are defined in the **langinfo.h** file.

The following table summarizes the categories for which **nl_langinfo()** returns information, the values the *Item* parameter can take, and descriptions of the returned strings. In the table, radix character refers to the character that separates whole and fractional numeric or monetary quantities. For example, a period (.) is used as the radix character in the U.S., and a comma (,) is used as the radix character in France.

Category	Value of <i>item</i>	Returned Result
LC_MONETARY	CRNCYSTR	Currency symbol and its position.
LC_NUMERIC	RADIXCHAR	Radix character.
LC_NUMERIC	THOUSEP	Separator for the thousands.
LC_MESSAGES	YESSTR	Affirmative response for yes/no queries.
LC_MESSAGES	NOSTR	Negative response for yes/no queries.
LC_TIME	D_T_FMT	String for formatting date and time.
LC_TIME	D_FMT	String for formatting date.
LC_TIME	T_FMT	String for formatting time.
LC_TIME	AM_STR	Antemeridian affix.
LC_TIME	PM_STR	Postmeridian affix.
LC_TIME	DAY_1 through DAY_7	Name of the first day of the week to the seventh day of the week.
LC_TIME	ABDAY_1 through ABDAY-7	Abbreviated name of the first day of the week to the seventh day of the week.
LC_TIME	MON_1 through MON_12	Name of the first month of the year to the twelfth month of the year.
LC_TIME	ABMON_1 through ABMON_12	Abbreviated name of the first month of the year to the twelfth month.
LC_CTYPE	CODESET	Code set currently in use in the program.

Note: The information returned by the **nl_langinfo** subroutine is located in a static buffer. The contents of this buffer are overwritten in subsequent calls to the **nl_langinfo** subroutine. Therefore, you should save the returned information.

Parameter

Item Information needed from locale.

Return Values

In a locale where language information data is not defined, the **nl_langinfo** subroutine returns a pointer to the corresponding string in the C locale. In all locales, the **nl_langinfo** subroutine returns a pointer to an empty string if the *Item* parameter contains an invalid setting.

The **nl_langinfo** subroutine returns a pointer to a static area. Subsequent calls to the **nl_langinfo** subroutine overwrite the results of a previous call.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **localeconv** (“localeconv Subroutine” on page 502) subroutine, **rpmatch** subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine.

nlist, nlist64 Subroutine

Purpose

Gets entries from a name list.

Library

Standard C Library [**libc.a**] for POWER-based platforms

Berkeley Compatibility Library [**libbsd.a**] for the **nlist** subroutine, 32-bit programs, and POWER-based platforms

ELF Object File Access Library [**libelf.so**] for Itanium-based platforms

Syntax

```
#include <nlist.h>
```

```
int nlist ( FileName, NL )
const char *FileName;
struct nlist *NL;
```

```
int nlist64 ( FileName, NL64 )
const char *FileName;
struct nlist64 *NL64;
```

Description

The **nlist** and **nlist64** subroutines examine the name list in the object file named by the *FileName* parameter. The subroutine selectively reads a list of values and stores them into an array of **nlist** or **nlist64** structures pointed to by the *NL* or *NL64* parameter, respectively.

The name list specified by the *NL* or *NL64* parameter consists of an array of **nlist** or **nlist64** structures containing symbol names and other information. The list is terminated with an element that has a null pointer or a pointer to a null string in the **n_name** structure member. Each symbol name is looked up in the name list of the file. If the name is found, the value of the symbol is stored in the structure, and the other fields are filled in. If the program was not compiled with the **-g** flag, the **n_type** field may be 0.

If multiple instances of a symbol are found, the information about the last instance is stored. If a symbol is not found, all structure fields except **n_name** are set to 0. On POWER-based platforms, only global symbols will be found. On Itanium-based platforms, information about both static and global symbols can be retrieved.

The **nlist** and **nlist64** subroutines run in both 32-bit and 64-bit programs that read the name list of both 32-bit and 64-bit object files, with one exception: in 32-bit programs, **nlist** will return -1 if the specified file is a 64-bit object file.

On POWER-based platforms, **nlist** and **nlist64** are used to read the name list from XCOFF object files.

On Itanium-based platforms, **nlist** and **nlist64** are used to read the name list from ELF object files.

The **nlist64** subroutine can be used to examine the system name list kept in the kernel, by specifying **/unix** as the *FileName* parameter. The **knlist** subroutine can also be used to look up symbols in the

current kernel namespace. On Itanium-based platforms, an additional interface, **getksym**, is available for examining symbols in a running kernel, including dynamically loaded kernel extensions.

Note: On POWER-based platforms, the **nlist.h** header file has a *#define* field for **n_name**. If a source file includes both **nlist.h** and **netdb.h**, there will be a conflict with the use of **n_name**. If **netdb.h** is included after **nlist.h**, **n_name** will be undefined. To correct this problem, **_n_n_name** should be used instead. If **netdb.h** is included before **nlist.h**, and you need to refer to the **n_name** field of *struct netent*, you should undefine **n_name** by entering:

```
#undef n_name
```

Parameters

<i>FileName</i>	Specifies the name of the file containing a name list.
<i>NL</i>	Points to the array of nlist structures.
<i>NL64</i>	Points to the array of nlist64 structures.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a 0 is returned, even if some symbols could not be found. In the **libbsd.a** version of **nlist**, the number of symbols not found in the object file's name list is returned. If the file cannot be found or if it is not a valid name list, a value of -1 is returned.

Compatibility Interfaces

To obtain the BSD-compatible version of the subroutine for POWER-based platforms and 32-bit applications, compile with the **libbsd.a** library by using the **-lbsd** flag.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The **nlist** subroutine in **libbsd.a** is supported only in 32-bit mode on POWER-based platforms.

Related Information

The **knlist** subroutine.

The **a.out** file in XCOFF format.

The **a.out** file in ELF format.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ns_addr Subroutine

Purpose

XNS address conversion routines.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

struct ns_addr(char *cp)

Description

The **ns_addr** subroutine interprets character strings representing XNS addresses, returning binary information suitable for use in system calls.

The **ns_addr** subroutine separates an address into one to three fields using a single delimiter and examines each field for byte separators (colon or period). The delimiters are:

- . period
- : colon
- # pound sign.

If byte separators are found, each subfield separated is taken to be a small hexadecimal number, and the entirety is taken as a network-byte-ordered quantity to be zero extended in the high-networked-order bytes. Next, the field is inspected for hyphens, which would indicate the field is a number in decimal notation with hyphens separating the millenia. The field is assumed to be a number, interpreted as hexadecimal, if a leading *0x* (as in C), a trailing *H*, (as in Mesa), or any super-octal digits are present. The field is interpreted as octal if a leading *0* is present and there are no super-octal digits. Otherwise, the field is converted as a decimal number.

Parameter

cp Returns a pointer to the address of a **ns_addr** structure.

Implementation Specifics

The **ns_addr** subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

ns_ntoa Subroutine

Purpose

XNS address conversion routines.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *ns_ntoa (
struct ns_addr ns)
```

Description

The **ns_ntoa** subroutine takes XNS addresses and returns ASCII strings representing the address in a notation in common use in the Xerox Development Environment:

<network number> <host number> <port number>

Trailing zero fields are suppressed, and each number is printed in hexadecimal, in a format suitable for input to the **ns_addr** subroutine. Any fields lacking super-decimal digits will have a trailing *H* appended.

Note: The string returned by `ns_ntoa` resides in static memory.

Parameter

ns Returns a pointer to a string.

Implementation Specifics

The `ns_ntoa` subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

odm_add_obj Subroutine

Purpose

Adds a new object into an object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_add_obj ( ClassSymbol, DataStructure)
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
struct ClassName *DataStructure;
```

Description

The `odm_add_obj` subroutine takes as input the class symbol that identifies both the object class to add and a pointer to the data structure containing the object to be added.

The `odm_add_obj` subroutine opens and closes the object class around the subroutine if the object class was not previously opened. If the object class was previously opened, the subroutine leaves the object class open when it returns.

Parameters

ClassSymbol

Specifies a class symbol identifier returned from an `odm_open_class` subroutine. If the `odm_open_class` subroutine has not been called, then this identifier is the `ClassName_CLASS` structure that was created by the `odmcreate` command.

DataStructure

Specifies a pointer to an instance of the C language structure corresponding to the object class referenced by the `ClassSymbol` parameter. The structure is declared in the `.h` file created by the `odmcreate` command and has the same name as the object class.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, an identifier for the object that was added is returned. If the `odm_add_obj` subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the `odmerrno` variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the `odm_add_obj` subroutine sets the `odmerrno` variable to one of the following error codes:

- `ODMI_CLASS_DNE`

- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_PARAMS**
- **ODMI_READ_ONLY**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_create_class** ("odm_create_class Subroutine" on page 612) subroutine, **odm_open_class** ("odm_open_class Subroutine" on page 624) subroutine, **odm_rm_obj** ("odm_rm_obj Subroutine" on page 627) subroutine.

The **odmcreate** command.

See ODM Example Code and Output in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for an example of a **.h** file.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_change_obj Subroutine

Purpose

Changes an object in the object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_change_obj ( ClassSymbol, DataStructure)
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
struct ClassName *DataStructure;
```

Description

The **odm_change_obj** subroutine takes as input the class symbol that identifies both the object class to change and a pointer to the data structure containing the object to be changed. The application program must first retrieve the object with an **odm_get_obj** subroutine call, change the data values in the returned structure, and then pass that structure to the **odm_change_obj** subroutine.

The **odm_change_obj** subroutine opens and closes the object class around the change if the object class was not previously opened. If the object class was previously opened, then the subroutine leaves the object class open when it returns.

Parameters

<i>ClassSymbol</i>	Specifies a class symbol identifier returned from an odm_open_class subroutine. If the odm_open_class subroutine has not been called, then this identifier is the <i>ClassName_CLASS</i> structure that is created by the odmcreate command.
<i>DataStructure</i>	Specifies a pointer to an instance of the C language structure corresponding to the object class referenced by the <i>ClassSymbol</i> parameter. The structure is declared in the .h file created by the odmcreate command and has the same name as the object class.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_change_obj** subroutine fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_change_obj** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_NO_OBJECT**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_PARAMS**
- **ODMI_READ_ONLY**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_get_obj** ("odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine" on page 619) subroutine.

The **odmchange** command, **odmcreate** command.

See ODM Example Code and Output in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for an example of a **.h** file.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_close_class Subroutine

Purpose

Closes an ODM object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_close_class ( ClassSymbol)  
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
```

Description

The **odm_close_class** subroutine closes the specified object class.

Parameters

ClassSymbol Specifies a class symbol identifier returned from an **odm_open_class** subroutine. If the **odm_open_class** subroutine has not been called, then this identifier is the *ClassName_CLASS* structure that was created by the **odmcreate** command.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_close_class** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_close_class** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_open_class** ("odm_open_class Subroutine" on page 624) subroutine.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_create_class Subroutine

Purpose

Creates an object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_create_class ( ClassSymbol)  
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
```

Description

The **odm_create_class** subroutine creates an object class. However, the **.c** and **.h** files generated by the **odmcreate** command are required to be part of the application.

Parameters

ClassSymbol Specifies a class symbol of the form *ClassName_CLASS*, which is declared in the **.h** file created by the **odmcreate** command.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_create_class** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_create_class** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_CLASS_EXISTS**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_mount_class** ("odm_mount_class Subroutine" on page 623) subroutine.

The **odmcreate** command.

See ODM Example Code and Output in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for an example of a **.h** file.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_err_msg Subroutine

Purpose

Returns an error message string.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_err_msg ( ODMErrno, MessageString)
long ODMErrno;
char **MessageString;
```

Description

The **odm_err_msg** subroutine takes as input an *ODMErrno* parameter and an address in which to put the string pointer of the message string that corresponds to the input ODM error number. If no corresponding message is found for the input error number, a null string is returned and the subroutine is unsuccessful.

Parameters

<i>ODMErrno</i>	Specifies the error code for which the message string is retrieved.
<i>MessageString</i>	Specifies the address of a string pointer that will point to the returned error message string.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_err_msg** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned, and the *MessageString* value returned is a null string.

Examples

The following example shows the use of the **odm_err_msg** subroutine:

```
#include <odmi.h>
char *error_message;

...
/*-----*/
/*ODMErrno was returned from a previous ODM subroutine call.*/
/*-----*/
returnstatus = odm_err_msg ( odmereno, &error_message );
if ( returnstatus < 0 )
    printf ( "Retrieval of error message failed\n" );
else
    printf ( error_message );
```

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

“Appendix B. ODM Error Codes” on page 883 in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 Technical Reference: Base Operating System and Extensions Volume 1* describes error codes.

See Appendix B, “Appendix B. ODM Error Codes” on page 883 for explanations of the ODM error codes.

odm_free_list Subroutine

Purpose

Frees memory previously allocated for an **odm_get_list** subroutine.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_free_list ( ReturnData, DataInfo)
struct ClassName *ReturnData;
struct listinfo *DataInfo;
```

Description

The **odm_free_list** subroutine recursively frees up a tree of memory object lists that were allocated for an **odm_get_list** subroutine.

Parameters

ReturnData Points to the array of *ClassName* structures returned from the **odm_get_list** subroutine.
DataInfo Points to the **listinfo** structure that was returned from the **odm_get_list** subroutine. The **listinfo** structure has the following form:

```
struct listinfo {
char ClassName[16];      /* class name for query */
char criteria[256];     /* query criteria */
int num;                /* number of matches found */
int valid;              /* for ODM use */
CLASS_SYMBOL class;    /* symbol for queried class */
};
```

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_free_list** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_free_list** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_PARAMS**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_get_list** ("odm_get_list Subroutine" on page 617) subroutine.

odm_get_by_id Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves an object from an ODM object class by its ID.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
struct ClassName *odm_get_by_id( ClassSymbol, ObjectID, ReturnData)
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
int ObjectID;
struct ClassName *ReturnData;
```

Description

The **odm_get_by_id** subroutine retrieves an object from an object class. The object to be retrieved is specified by passing its *ObjectID* parameter from its corresponding *ClassName* structure.

Parameters

<i>ClassSymbol</i>	Specifies a class symbol identifier of the form <i>ClassName</i> _CLASS, which is declared in the .h file created by the odmcreate command.
<i>ObjectID</i>	Specifies an identifier retrieved from the corresponding <i>ClassName</i> structure of the object class.
<i>ReturnData</i>	Specifies a pointer to an instance of the C language structure corresponding to the object class referenced by the <i>ClassSymbol</i> parameter. The structure is declared in the .h file created by the odmcreate command and has the same name as the object class.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a pointer to the *ClassName* structure containing the object is returned. If the **odm_get_by_id** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_get_by_id** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- ODMI_CLASS_DNE
- ODMI_CLASS_PERMS
- ODMI_INVALID_CLXN
- ODMI_INVALID_PATH
- ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR
- ODMI_MALLOC_ERR
- ODMI_NO_OBJECT
- ODMI_OPEN_ERR
- ODMI_PARAMS

- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_get_obj** ("odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine" on page 619), **odm_get_first** ("odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine" on page 619), or **odm_get_next** ("odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine" on page 619) subroutine.

The **odmcreate** command.

See ODM Example Code and Output in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for an example of a **.h** file.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_get_list Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves all objects in an object class that match the specified criteria.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
struct ClassName *odm_get_list (ClassSymbol, Criteria, ListInfo, MaxReturn, LinkDepth)
struct ClassName_CLASS ClassSymbol;
char * Criteria;
struct listinfo * ListInfo;
int MaxReturn, LinkDepth;
```

Description

The **odm_get_list** subroutine takes an object class and criteria as input, and returns a list of objects that satisfy the input criteria. The subroutine opens and closes the object class around the subroutine if the object class was not previously opened. If the object class was previously opened, the subroutine leaves the object class open when it returns.

Parameters

<i>ClassSymbol</i>	Specifies a class symbol identifier returned from an odm_open_class subroutine. If the odm_open_class subroutine has not been called, then this is the ClassName_CLASS structure created by the odmcreate command.
<i>Criteria</i>	Specifies a string that contains the qualifying criteria for selecting the objects to remove.

<i>ListInfo</i>	Specifies a structure containing information about the retrieval of the objects. The listinfo structure has the following form: <pre> struct listinfo { char className[16]; /* class name used for query */ char criteria[256]; /* query criteria */ int num; /* number of matches found */ int valid; /* for ODM use */ CLASS_SYMBOL class; /* symbol for queried class */ }; </pre>
<i>MaxReturn</i>	Specifies the expected number of objects to be returned. This is used to control the increments in which storage for structures is allocated, to reduce the realloc subroutine copy overhead.
<i>LinkDepth</i>	Specifies the number of levels to recurse for objects with ODM_LINK descriptors. A setting of 1 indicates only the top level is retrieved; 2 indicates ODM_LINKs will be followed from the top/first level only; 3 indicates ODM_LINKs will be followed at the first and second level, and so on.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a pointer to an array of C language structures containing the objects is returned. This structure matches that described in the **.h** file that is returned from the **odmcreate** command. If no match is found, null is returned. If the **odm_get_list** subroutine fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_get_list** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_BAD_CRIT**
- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INTERNAL_ERR**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_LINK_NOT_FOUND**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_MALLOC_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_PARAMS**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_get_by_id** ("odm_get_by_id Subroutine" on page 616) subroutine, **odm_get_obj** ("odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine" on page 619) subroutine, **odm_open_class** ("odm_open_class Subroutine" on page 624) subroutine, or **odm_free_list** ("odm_free_list Subroutine" on page 615) subroutine.

The **odmcreate** command, **odmget** command.

For information on qualifying criteria, see "Understanding ODM Object Searches" in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

See ODM Example Code and Output in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for an example of a `.h` file.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves objects, one object at a time, from an ODM object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
struct ClassName *odm_get_obj ( ClassSymbol, Criteria, ReturnData, FIRST_NEXT)
struct ClassName *odm_get_first ( ClassSymbol, Criteria, ReturnData)
struct ClassName *odm_get_next ( ClassSymbol, ReturnData)
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
char *Criteria;
struct ClassName *ReturnData;
int FIRST_NEXT;
```

Description

The **odm_get_obj**, **odm_get_first**, and **odm_get_next** subroutines retrieve objects from ODM object classes and return the objects into C language structures defined by the `.h` file produced by the **odmcreate** command.

The **odm_get_obj**, **odm_get_first**, and **odm_get_next** subroutines open and close the specified object class if the object class was not previously opened. If the object class was previously opened, the subroutines leave the object class open upon return.

Parameters

<i>ClassSymbol</i>	Specifies a class symbol identifier returned from an odm_open_class subroutine. If the odm_open_class subroutine has not been called, then this identifier is the <i>ClassName</i> _CLASS structure that was created by the odmcreate command.
<i>Criteria</i>	Specifies the string that contains the qualifying criteria for retrieval of the objects.
<i>ReturnData</i>	Specifies the pointer to the data structure in the <code>.h</code> file created by the odmcreate command. The name of the structure in the <code>.h</code> file is <i>ClassName</i> . If the <i>ReturnData</i> parameter is null (<i>ReturnData</i> == null), space is allocated for the parameter and the calling application is responsible for freeing this space at a later time.

If variable length character strings (vchar) are returned, they are referenced by pointers in the *ReturnData* structure. Calling applications must free each vchar between each call to the **odm_get** subroutines; otherwise storage will be lost.

FIRST_NEXT Specifies whether to get the first object that matches the criteria or the next object. Valid values are:

- ODM_FIRST** Retrieve the first object that matches the search criteria.
- ODM_NEXT** Retrieve the next object that matches the search criteria. The *Criteria* parameter is ignored if the *FIRST_NEXT* parameter is set to **ODM_NEXT**.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a pointer to the retrieved object is returned. If no match is found, null is returned. If an **odm_get_obj**, **odm_get_first**, or **odm_get_next** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_get_obj**, **odm_get_first** or **odm_get_next** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_BAD_CRIT**
- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INTERNAL_ERR**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_MALLOC_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_get_list** ("odm_get_list Subroutine" on page 617) subroutine, **odm_open_class** ("odm_open_class Subroutine" on page 624) subroutine, **odm_rm_by_id** ("odm_rm_by_id Subroutine" on page 625) subroutine, **odm_rm_obj** ("odm_rm_obj Subroutine" on page 627) subroutine.

The **odmcreate** command, **odmget** command.

For more information about qualifying criteria, see "Understanding ODM Object Searches" in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

See ODM Example Code and Output in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for an example of a **.h** file.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_initialize Subroutine

Purpose

Prepares ODM for use by an application.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
int odm_initialize( )
```

Description

The **odm_initialize** subroutine starts ODM for use with an application program.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_initialize** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_initialize** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MALLOC_ERR**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_terminate** ("odm_terminate Subroutine" on page 632) subroutine.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_lock Subroutine

Purpose

Puts an exclusive lock on the requested path name.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_lock ( LockPath, TimeOut)
char *LockPath;
int TimeOut;
```

Description

The **odm_lock** subroutine is used by an application to prevent other applications or methods from accessing an object class or group of object classes. A lock on a directory path name does not prevent another application from acquiring a lock on a subdirectory or object class within that directory.

Note: Coordination of locking is the responsibility of the application accessing the object classes.

The **odm_lock** subroutine returns a lock identifier that is used to call the **odm_unlock** subroutine.

Parameters

LockPath Specifies a string containing the path name in the file system in which to locate object classes or the path name to an object class to lock.

TimeOut Specifies the amount of time, in seconds, to wait if another application or method holds a lock on the requested object class or classes. The possible values for the *TimeOut* parameter are:

TimeOut = **ODM_NOWAIT**
The **odm_lock** subroutine is unsuccessful if the lock cannot be granted immediately.

TimeOut = *Integer*
The **odm_lock** subroutine waits the specified amount of seconds to retry an unsuccessful lock request.

TimeOut = **ODM_WAIT**
The **odm_lock** subroutine waits until the locked path name is freed from its current lock and then locks it.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a lock identifier is returned. If the **odm_lock** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_lock** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_BAD_LOCK**
- **ODMI_BAD_TIMEOUT**
- **ODMI_BAD_TOKEN**
- **ODMI_LOCK_BLOCKED**
- **ODMI_LOCK_ENV**
- **ODMI_MALLOC_ERR**
- **ODMI_UNLOCK**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_unlock** ("odm_unlock Subroutine" on page 633) subroutine.

odm_mount_class Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the class symbol structure for the specified object class name.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
CLASS_SYMBOL odm_mount_class ( ClassName)  
char *ClassName;
```

Description

The **odm_mount_class** subroutine retrieves the class symbol structure for a specified object class. The subroutine can be called by applications (for example, the ODM commands) that have no previous knowledge of the structure of an object class before trying to access that class. The **odm_mount_class** subroutine determines the class description from the object class header information and creates a **CLASS_SYMBOL** object class that is returned to the caller.

The object class is not opened by the **odm_mount_class** subroutine. Calling the subroutine subsequent times for an object class that is already open or mounted returns the same **CLASS_SYMBOL** object class.

Mounting a class that links to another object class recursively mounts to the linked class. However, if the recursive mount is unsuccessful, the original **odm_mount_class** subroutine does not fail; the **CLASS_SYMBOL** object class is set up with a null link.

Parameters

ClassName Specifies the name of an object class from which to retrieve the class description.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a **CLASS_SYMBOL** is returned. If the **odm_mount_class** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_mount_class** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_BAD_CLASSNAME**
- **ODMI_BAD_CLXNNAME**
- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_CLXNMAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLASS**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**

- ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR
- ODMI_MALLOC_ERR
- ODMI_OPEN_ERR
- ODMI_PARAMS
- ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES
- ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `odm_create_class` ("odm_create_class Subroutine" on page 612) subroutine.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_open_class Subroutine

Purpose

Opens an ODM object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
CLASS_SYMBOL odm_open_class ( ClassSymbol )
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
```

Description

The `odm_open_class` subroutine can be called to open an object class. Most subroutines implicitly open a class if the class is not already open. However, an application may find it useful to perform an explicit open if, for example, several operations must be done on one object class before closing the class.

Parameter

<i>ClassSymbol</i>	Specifies a class symbol of the form <i>ClassName_CLASS</i> that is declared in the <code>.h</code> file created by the <code>odmcreate</code> command.
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Return Values

Upon successful completion, a *ClassSymbol* parameter for the object class is returned. If the `odm_open_class` subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the `odmerrno` variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the `odm_open_class` subroutine sets the `odmerrno` variable to one of the following error codes:

- `ODMI_CLASS_DNE`
- `ODMI_CLASS_PERMS`
- `ODMI_INVALID_PATH`
- `ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR`
- `ODMI_OPEN_ERR`
- `ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES`

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `odm_close_class` ("odm_close_class Subroutine" on page 611) subroutine.

The `odmcreate` command.

See ODM Example Code and Output in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs* for an example of a `.h` file.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_rm_by_id Subroutine

Purpose

Removes objects specified by their IDs from an ODM object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (`libodm.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>

int odm_rm_by_id( ClassSymbol, ObjectID)
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
int ObjectID;
```

Description

The `odm_rm_by_id` subroutine is called to delete an object from an object class. The object to be deleted is specified by passing its object ID from its corresponding `ClassName` structure.

Parameters

ClassSymbol Identifies a class symbol returned from an `odm_open_class` subroutine. If the `odm_open_class` subroutine has not been called, this is the `ClassName_CLASS` structure that was created by the `odmcreate` command.

ObjectID Identifies the object. This information is retrieved from the corresponding *ClassName* structure of the object class.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_rm_by_id** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_rm_by_id** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_FORK**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_MALLOC_ERR**
- **ODMI_NO_OBJECT**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_PIPE**
- **ODMI_PARAMS**
- **ODMI_READ_ONLY**
- **ODMI_READ_PIPE**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_get_obj** ("odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine" on page 619) subroutine, **odm_open_class** ("odm_open_class Subroutine" on page 624) subroutine.

The **odmdelete** command.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_rm_class Subroutine

Purpose

Removes an object class from the file system.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_rm_class ( ClassSymbol)  
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;
```

Description

The **odm_rm_class** subroutine removes an object class from the file system. All objects in the specified class are deleted.

Parameter

ClassSymbol Identifies a class symbol returned from the **odm_open_class** subroutine. If the **odm_open_class** subroutine has not been called, this is the *ClassName_CLASS* structure created by the **odmcreate** command.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_rm_class** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_rm_class** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**
- **ODMI_UNLINKCLASS_ERR**
- **ODMI_UNLINKCLXN_ERR**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_open_class** ("odm_open_class Subroutine" on page 624) subroutine.

The **odmcreate** command, **odmdrop** command.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_rm_obj Subroutine

Purpose

Removes objects from an ODM object class.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_rm_obj ( ClassSymbol, Criteria)  
CLASS_SYMBOL ClassSymbol;  
char *Criteria;
```

Description

The **odm_rm_obj** subroutine deletes objects from an object class.

Parameters

<i>ClassSymbol</i>	Identifies a class symbol returned from an odm_open_class subroutine. If the odm_open_class subroutine has not been called, this is the <i>ClassName_CLASS</i> structure that was created by the odmcreate command.
<i>Criteria</i>	Contains as a string the qualifying criteria for selecting the objects to remove.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the number of objects deleted is returned. If the **odm_rm_obj** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_rm_obj** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_BAD_CRIT**
- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_FORK**
- **ODMI_INTERNAL_ERR**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_MALLOC_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_PIPE**
- **ODMI_PARAMS**
- **ODMI_READ_ONLY**
- **ODMI_READ_PIPE**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_add_obj** (“odm_add_obj Subroutine” on page 609) subroutine, **odm_open_class** (“odm_open_class Subroutine” on page 624) subroutine.

The **odmcreate** command, **odmdelete** command.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

For information on qualifying criteria, see “Understanding ODM Object Searches” in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_run_method Subroutine

Purpose

Runs a specified method.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_run_method(MethodName, MethodParameters, NewStdOut, NewStdError)
char * MethodName, * MethodParameters;
char ** NewStdOut, ** NewStdError;
```

Description

The **odm_run_method** subroutine takes as input the name of the method to run, any parameters for the method, and addresses of locations for the **odm_run_method** subroutine to store pointers to the stdout (standard output) and stderr (standard error output) buffers. The application uses the pointers to access the stdout and stderr information generated by the method.

Parameters

<i>MethodName</i>	Indicates the method to execute. The method can already be known by the applications, or can be retrieved as part of an odm_get_obj subroutine call.
<i>MethodParameters</i>	Specifies a list of parameters for the specified method.
<i>NewStdOut</i>	Specifies the address of a pointer to the memory where the standard output of the method is stored. If the <i>NewStdOut</i> parameter points to a null value (<i>*NewStdOut</i> == NULL), standard output is not captured.
<i>NewStdError</i>	Specifies the address of a pointer to the memory where the standard error output of the method will be stored. If the <i>NewStdError</i> parameter points to a null value (<i>*NewStdError</i> == NULL), standard error output is not captured.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_run_method** subroutine fails, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the `odm_run_method` subroutine sets the `odmerrno` variable to one of the following error codes:

- `ODMI_FORK`
- `ODMI_MALLOC_ERR`
- `ODMI_OPEN_PIPE`
- `ODMI_PARAMS`
- `ODMI_READ_PIPE`

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `odm_get_obj` ("odm_get_obj, odm_get_first, or odm_get_next Subroutine" on page 619) subroutine.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_set_path Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the default path for locating object classes.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (`libodm.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
char *odm_set_path ( NewPath)  
char *NewPath;
```

Description

The `odm_set_path` subroutine is used to set the default path for locating object classes. The subroutine allocates memory, sets the default path, and returns the pointer to memory. Once the operation is complete, the calling application should free the pointer using the `free` ("malloc, free, realloc, calloc, malloc, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine" on page 528) subroutine.

Parameters

NewPath Contains, as a string, the path name in the file system in which to locate object classes.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a string pointing to the previous default path is returned. If the `odm_set_path` subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the `odmerrno` variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the `odm_set_path` subroutine sets the `odmerrno` variable to one of the following error codes:

- `ODMI_INVALID_PATH`
- `ODMI_MALLOC_ERR`

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **free** ("malloc, free, realloc, calloc, malloc, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine" on page 528) subroutine.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_set_perms Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the default permissions for an ODM object class at creation time.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_set_perms ( NewPermissions )  
int NewPermissions;
```

Description

The `odm_set_perms` subroutine defines the default permissions to assign to object classes at creation.

Parameters

NewPermissions Specifies the new default permissions parameter as an integer.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the current default permissions are returned. If the `odm_set_perms` subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

See "Appendix B. ODM Error Codes" on page 883 for explanations of the ODM error codes.

odm_terminate Subroutine

Purpose

Terminates an ODM session.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
int odm_terminate ( )
```

Description

The **odm_terminate** subroutine performs the cleanup necessary to terminate an ODM session. After running an **odm_terminate** subroutine, an application must issue an **odm_initialize** subroutine to resume ODM operations.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_terminate** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_terminate** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_CLASS_DNE**
- **ODMI_CLASS_PERMS**
- **ODMI_INVALID_CLXN**
- **ODMI_INVALID_PATH**
- **ODMI_LOCK_ID**
- **ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR**
- **ODMI_OPEN_ERR**
- **ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES**
- **ODMI_UNLOCK**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_initialize** ("odm_initialize Subroutine" on page 621) subroutine.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

odm_unlock Subroutine

Purpose

Releases a lock put on a path name.

Library

Object Data Manager Library (**libodm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <odmi.h>
```

```
int odm_unlock ( LockID)  
int LockID;
```

Description

The **odm_unlock** subroutine releases a previously granted lock on a path name. This path name can be a directory containing subdirectories and object classes.

Parameters

LockID Identifies the lock returned from the **odm_lock** subroutine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion a value of 0 is returned. If the **odm_unlock** subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

Failure of the **odm_unlock** subroutine sets the **odmerrno** variable to one of the following error codes:

- **ODMI_LOCK_ID**
- **ODMI_UNLOCK**

See Appendix B, "ODM Error Codes" for explanations of the ODM error codes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **odm_lock** ("odm_lock Subroutine" on page 621) subroutine.

Object Data Manager (ODM) Overview for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine

Purpose

Opens a file for reading or writing.

Syntax

```
#include <fcntl.h>
```

```
int open ( Path, OFlag, [ Mode])  
const char *Path;  
int OFlag;  
mode_t Mode;
```

```
int openx (Path, OFlag, Mode, Extension)  
const char *Path;  
int OFlag;  
mode_t Mode;  
int Extension;
```

```
int creat (Path, [Mode])  
const char *Path;  
mode_t Mode;
```

Note: The **open64** and **creat64** subroutines apply to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

```
int open64 (Path, [Mode])  
const char *Path;  
int OFlag;  
mode_t Mode;  
int creat64 (Path, [Mode])  
const char *Path;  
mode_t Mode;
```

Description

Note: The **open64** and **creat64** subroutines apply to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

The **open**, **openx**, and **creat** subroutines establish a connection between the file named by the *Path* parameter and a file descriptor. The opened file descriptor is used by subsequent I/O subroutines, such as **read** and **write**, to access that file.

The **openx** subroutine is the same as the **open** subroutine, with the addition of an *Extension* parameter, which is provided for device driver use. The **creat** subroutine is equivalent to the **open** subroutine with the **O_WRONLY**, **O_CREAT**, and **O_TRUNC** flags set.

The returned file descriptor is the lowest file descriptor not previously open for that process. No process can have more than **OPEN_MAX** file descriptors open simultaneously.

The file offset, marking the current position within the file, is set to the beginning of the file. The new file descriptor is set to remain open across *exec* (“*exec*: *execl*, *execle*, *execlp*, *execvp*, *execve*, *execvp*, or *exec* Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines.

The **open64** and **creat64** subroutines are equivalent to the **open** and **creat** subroutines except that the **O_LARGEFILE** flag is set in the open file description associated with the returned file descriptor. This flag allows files larger than **OFF_MAX** to be accessed. If the caller attempts to open a file larger than **OFF_MAX** and **O_LARGEFILE** is not set, the open will fail and **errno** will be set to **E_OVERFLOW**.

In the large file enabled programming environment, **open** is redefined to be **open64** and **creat** is redefined to be **creat64**.

Parameters

Path Specifies the file to be opened.

Mode

Specifies the read, write, and execute permissions of the file to be created (requested by the **O_CREAT** flag). If the file already exists, this parameter is ignored. The *Mode* parameter is constructed by logically ORing one or more of the following values, which are defined in the **sys/mode.h** file:

S_ISUID

Enables the **setuid** attribute for an executable file. A process executing this program acquires the access rights of the owner of the file.

S_ISGID

Enables the **setgid** attribute for an executable file. A process executing this program acquires the access rights of the group of the file. Also, enables the group-inheritance attribute for a directory. Files created in this directory have a group equal to the group of the directory.

The following attributes apply only to files that are directly executable. They have no meaning when applied to executable text files such as shell scripts and **awk** scripts.

S_ISVTX

Enables the **link/unlink** attribute for a directory. Files cannot be linked to in this directory. Files can only be unlinked if the requesting process has write permission for the directory and is either the owner of the file or the directory.

S_ISVTX

Enables the **save text** attribute for an executable file. The program is not unmapped after usage.

S_ENFMT

Enables enforcement-mode record locking for a regular file. File locks requested with the **lockf** subroutine are enforced.

S_IRUSR

Permits the file's owner to read it.

S_IWUSR

Permits the file's owner to write to it.

S_IXUSR

Permits the file's owner to execute it (or to search the directory).

S_IRGRP

Permits the file's group to read it.

S_IWGRP

Permits the file's group to write to it.

S_IXGRP

Permits the file's group to execute it (or to search the directory).

S_IROTH

Permits others to read the file.

S_IWOTH

Permits others to write to the file.

S_IXOTH

Permits others to execute the file (or to search the directory).

Other mode values exist that can be set with the **mknod** subroutine but not with the **chmod** subroutine.

Extension

Provides communication with character device drivers that require additional information or return additional status. Each driver interprets the *Extension* parameter in a device-dependent way, either as a value or as a pointer to a communication area. Drivers must apply reasonable defaults when the *Extension* parameter value is 0.

OFlag

Specifies the type of access, special open processing, the type of update, and the initial state of the open file. The parameter value is constructed by logically ORing special open processing flags. These flags are defined in the **fcntl.h** file and are described in the following flags.

Flags That Specify Access Type

The following *OFlag* parameter flag values specify type of access:

O_RDONLY	The file is opened for reading only.
O_WRONLY	The file is opened for writing only.
O_RDWR	The file is opened for both reading and writing.

Note: One of the file access values must be specified. Do not use **O_RDONLY**, **O_WRONLY**, or **O_RDWR** together. If none is set, none is used, and the results are unpredictable.

Flags That Specify Special Open Processing

The following *OFlag* parameter flag values specify special open processing:

O_CREAT	If the file exists, this flag has no effect, except as noted under the O_EXCL flag. If the file does not exist, a regular file is created with the following characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The owner ID of the file is set to the effective user ID of the process.• The group ID of the file is set to the group ID of the parent directory if the parent directory has the SetGroupID attribute (S_ISGID bit) set. Otherwise, the group ID of the file is set to the effective group ID of the calling process.• The file permission and attribute bits are set to the value of the <i>Mode</i> parameter, modified as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– All bits set in the process file mode creation mask are cleared. (The file creation mask is described in the umask subroutine.)– The S_ISVTX attribute bit is cleared.
O_EXCL	If the O_EXCL and O_CREAT flags are set, the open is unsuccessful if the file exists.

Note: The **O_EXCL** flag is not fully supported for Network File Systems (NFS). The NFS protocol does not guarantee the designed function of the **O_EXCL** flag.

O_NSHARE	Assures that no process has this file open and precludes subsequent opens. If the file is on a physical file system and is already open, this open is unsuccessful and returns immediately unless the <i>OFlag</i> parameter also specifies the O_DELAY flag. This flag is effective only with physical file systems.
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Note: This flag is not supported by NFS.

O_RSHARE	Assures that no process has this file open for writing and precludes subsequent opens for writing. The calling process can request write access. If the file is on a physical file system and is open for writing or open with the O_NSHARE flag, this open fails and returns immediately unless the <i>OFlag</i> parameter also specifies the O_DELAY flag.
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Note: This flag is not supported by NFS.

O_DEFER	The file is opened for deferred update. Changes to the file are not reflected on permanent storage until an fsync (“fsync Subroutine” on page 263) subroutine operation is performed. If no fsync subroutine operation is performed, the changes are discarded when the file is closed.
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Note: This flag is not supported by NFS.

Note: This flag causes modified pages to be backed by paging space. Before using this flag make sure there is sufficient paging space.

O_NOCTTY	This flag specifies that the controlling terminal should not be assigned during this open.
O_TRUNC	If the file does not exist, this flag has no effect. If the file exists, is a regular file, and is successfully opened with the O_RDWR flag or the O_WRONLY flag, all of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The length of the file is truncated to 0.• The owner and group of the file are unchanged.• The SetUserID attribute of the file mode is cleared.• The SetUserID attribute of the file is cleared.
O_DIRECT	This flag specifies that direct i/o will be used for this file while it is opened.

The **open** subroutine is unsuccessful if any of the following conditions are true:

- The file supports enforced record locks and another process has locked a portion of the file.
- The file is on a physical file system and is already open with the **O_RSHARE** flag or the **O_NSHARE** flag.
- The file does not allow write access.
- The file is already opened for deferred update.

Flag That Specifies Type of Update

A program can request some control on when updates should be made permanent for a regular file opened for write access. The following *OFlag* parameter values specify the type of update performed:

O_SYNC: If set, updates to regular files and writes to block devices are synchronous updates. File update is performed by the following subroutines:

- **fclear**
- **ftruncate**
- **open** with **O_TRUNC**
- **write**

On return from a subroutine that performs a synchronous update (any of the preceding subroutines, when the **O_SYNC** flag is set), the program is assured that all data for the file has been written to permanent storage, even if the file is also open for deferred update.

Note: The **O_DSYNC** flag applies to AIX 4.2.1 and later releases.

O_DSYNC: If set, the file data as well as all file system meta-data required to retrieve the file data are written to their permanent storage locations. File attributes such as access or modification times are not required to retrieve file data, and as such, they are not guaranteed to be written to their permanent storage locations before the preceding subroutines return. (Subroutines listed in the **O_SYNC** description.)

O_SYNC | O_DSYNC: If both flags are set, the file's data and all of the file's meta-data (including access time) are written to their permanent storage locations.

Note: The **O_RSYNC** flag applies to AIX 4.3 and later releases.

O_RSYNC: This flag is used in combination with **O_SYNC** or **D_SYNC**, and it extends their write operation behaviors to read operations. For example, when **O_SYNC** and **R_SYNC** are both set, a read operation will not return until the file's data and all of the file's meta-data (including access time) are written to their permanent storage locations.

Flags That Define the Open File Initial State

The following *OFlag* parameter flag values define the initial state of the open file:

O_APPEND The file pointer is set to the end of the file prior to each write operation.

O_DELAY Specifies that if the **open** subroutine could not succeed due to an inability to grant the access on a physical file system required by the **O_RSHARE** flag or the **O_NSHARE** flag, the process blocks instead of returning the **ETXTBSY** error code.

O_NDELAY	Opens with no delay.
O_NONBLOCK	Specifies that the open subroutine should not block.

The **O_NDELAY** flag and the **O_NONBLOCK** flag are identical except for the value returned by the **read** and **write** subroutines. These flags mean the process does not block on the state of an object, but does block on input or output to a regular file or block device.

The **O_DELAY** flag is relevant only when used with the **O_NSHARE** or **O_RSHARE** flags. It is unrelated to the **O_NDELAY** and **O_NONBLOCK** flags.

General Notes on OFlag Parameter Flags

The effect of the **O_CREAT** flag is immediate, even if the file is opened with the **O_DEFER** flag.

When opening a file on a physical file system with the **O_NSHARE** flag or the **O_RSHARE** flag, if the file is already open with conflicting access the following can occur:

- If the **O_DELAY** flag is clear (the default), the **open** subroutine is unsuccessful.
- If the **O_DELAY** flag is set, the **open** subroutine blocks until there is no conflicting open. There is no deadlock detection for processes using the **O_DELAY** flag.

When opening a file on a physical file system that has already been opened with the **O_NSHARE** flag, the following can occur:

- If the **O_DELAY** flag is clear (the default), the open is unsuccessful immediately.
- If the **O_DELAY** flag is set, the open blocks until there is no conflicting open.

When opening a file with the **O_RDWR**, **O_WRONLY**, or **O_TRUNC** flag, and the file is already open with the **O_RSHARE** flag:

- If the **O_DELAY** flag is clear (the default), the open is unsuccessful immediately.
- If the **O_DELAY** flag is set, the open blocks until there is no conflicting open.

When opening a first-in-first-out (FIFO) with the **O_RDONLY** flag, the following can occur:

- If the **O_NDELAY** and **O_NONBLOCK** flags are clear, the open blocks until a process opens the file for writing. If the file is already open for writing (even by the calling process), the **open** subroutine returns without delay.
- If the **O_NDELAY** flag or the **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set, the open succeeds immediately even if no process has the FIFO open for writing.

When opening a FIFO with the **O_WRONLY** flag, the following can occur:

- If the **O_NDELAY** and **O_NONBLOCK** flags are clear (the default), the open blocks until a process opens the file for reading. If the file is already open for writing (even by the calling process), the **open** subroutine returns without delay.
- If the **O_NDELAY** flag or the **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set, the **open** subroutine returns an error if no process currently has the file open for reading.

When opening a block special or character special file that supports nonblocking opens, such as a terminal device, the following can occur:

- If the **O_NDELAY** and **O_NONBLOCK** flags are clear (the default), the open blocks until the device is ready or available.
- If the **O_NDELAY** flag or the **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set, the **open** subroutine returns without waiting for the device to be ready or available. Subsequent behavior of the device is device-specific.

Any additional information on the effect, if any, of the **O_NDELAY**, **O_RSHARE**, **O_NSHARE**, and **O_DELAY** flags on a specific device is documented in the description of the special file related to the device type.

If *path* refers to a STREAMS file, *oflag* may be constructed from **O_NONBLOCK** OR-ed with either **O_RDONLY**, **O_WRONLY** or **O_RDWR**. Other flag values are not applicable to STREAMS devices and have no effect on them. The value **O_NONBLOCK** affects the operation of STREAMS drivers and certain functions applied to file descriptors associated with STREAMS files. For STREAMS drivers, the implementation of **O_NONBLOCK** is device-specific.

If *path* names the master side of a pseudo-terminal device, then it is unspecified whether **open** locks the slave side so that it cannot be opened. Portable applications must call **unlockpt** before opening the slave side.

The largest value that can be represented correctly in an object of type **off_t** will be established as the offset maximum in the open file description.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the file descriptor, a nonnegative integer, is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, no files are created or modified, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **open**, **openx**, and **creat** subroutines are unsuccessful and the named file is not opened if one or more of the following are true:

EACCES	One of the following is true: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The file exists and the type of access specified by the <i>OFlag</i> parameter is denied.• Search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix specified by the <i>Path</i> parameter. Access could be denied due to a secure mount.• The file does not exist and write permission is denied for the parent directory of the file to be created.• The O_TRUNC flag is specified and write permission is denied.
EAGAIN	The O_TRUNC flag is set and the named file contains a record lock owned by another process.
EDQUOT	The directory in which the entry for the new link is being placed cannot be extended, or an i-node could not be allocated for the file, because the user or group quota of disk blocks or i-nodes in the file system containing the directory has been exhausted.
EEXIST	The O_CREAT and O_EXCL flags are set and the named file exists.
EFBIG	An attempt was made to write a file that exceeds the process' file limit or the maximum file size. If the user has set the environment variable XPG_SUS_ENV=ON prior to execution of the process, then the SIGXFSZ signal is posted to the process when exceeding the process' file size limit.
EINTR	A signal was caught during the open subroutine.
EIO	The <i>path</i> parameter names a STREAMS file and a hangup or error occurred.
EISDIR	Named file is a directory and write access is required (the O_WRONLY or O_RDWR flag is set in the <i>OFlag</i> parameter).
EMFILE	The system limit for open file descriptors per process has already been reached (OPEN_MAX).
ENAMETOOLONG	The length of the <i>Path</i> parameter exceeds the system limit (PATH_MAX); or a path-name component is longer than NAME_MAX and _POSIX_NO_TRUNC is in effect.
ENFILE	The system file table is full.
ENOENT	The O_CREAT flag is not set and the named file does not exist; or the O_CREAT flag is not set and either the path prefix does not exist or the <i>Path</i> parameter points to an empty string.
ENOMEM	The <i>Path</i> parameter names a STREAMS file and the system is unable to allocate resources.
ENOSPC	The directory or file system that would contain the new file cannot be extended.

ENOSR	The <i>Path</i> argument names a STREAMS-based file and the system is unable to allocate a STREAM.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix specified by the <i>Path</i> component is not a directory.
ENXIO	One of the following is true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named file is a character special or block special file, and the device associated with this special file does not exist. • Named file is a multiplexed special file and either the channel number is outside of the valid range or no more channels are available. • The O_DELAY flag or the O_NONBLOCK flag is set, the named file is a FIFO, the O_WRONLY flag is set, and no process has the file open for reading.
EROFS	Named file resides on a read-only file system and write access is required (either the O_WRONLY , O_RDWR , O_CREAT (if the file does not exist), or O_TRUNC flag is set in the <i>OFlag</i> parameter).
ETXTBSY	File is on a physical file system and is already open in a manner (with the O_RSHARE or O_NSHARE flag) that precludes this open; or the O_NSHARE or O_RSHARE flag was requested with the O_NDELAY flag set, and there is a conflicting open on a physical file system.

Note: The **E_OVERFLOW** error code applies to AIX 4.2 and later releases.

E_OVERFLOW	A call was made to open and creat and the file already existed and its size was larger than OFF_MAX and the O_LARGEFILE flag was not set.
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The **open**, **openx**, and **creat** subroutines are unsuccessful if one of the following are true:

EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EINVAL	The value of the <i>OFlag</i> parameter is not valid.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ETXTBSY	The file specified by the <i>Path</i> parameter is a pure procedure (shared text) file that is currently executing, and the O_WRONLY or O_RDWR flag is set in the <i>OFlag</i> parameter.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **chmod** (“chmod or fchmod Subroutine” on page 94) subroutine, **close** (“close Subroutine” on page 111) subroutine, **exec** (“exec: execl, execlx, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **fcntl**, **dup**, or **dup2** (“fcntl, dup, or dup2 Subroutine” on page 210) subroutine, **fsync** (“fsync Subroutine” on page 263) subroutine, **ioctl** (“ioctl, ioctlx, ioctl32, or ioctl32x Subroutine” on page 433) subroutine, **lockf** (“lockf, flock, or lockf64 Subroutine” on page 505) subroutine, **lseek** (“lseek, llseek or lseek64 Subroutine” on page 515) subroutine, **read** subroutine, **stat** subroutine, **umask** subroutine, **write** subroutine.

The Input and Output Handling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

opendir, readdir, telldir, seekdir, rewinddir, or closedir Subroutine

Purpose

Performs operations on directories.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

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

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

```
long int telldir(DirectoryPointer)  
DIR *DirectoryPointer;
```

```
void seekdir(DirectoryPointer,Location)  
DIR *DirectoryPointer;  
long Location;
```

```
void rewinddir (DirectoryPointer)  
DIR *DirectoryPointer;
```

```
int closedir (DirectoryPointer)  
DIR *DirectoryPointer;
```

Description

Attention: Do not use the **readdir** subroutine in a multithreaded environment. See the multithread alternative in the **readdir_r** subroutine article.

The **opendir** subroutine opens the directory designated by the *DirectoryName* parameter and associates a directory stream with it.

Note: An open directory must always be closed with the **closedir** subroutine to ensure that the next attempt to open that directory is successful.

The **opendir** subroutine also returns a pointer to identify the directory stream in subsequent operations. The null pointer is returned when the directory named by the *DirectoryName* parameter cannot be accessed or when not enough memory is available to hold the entire stream. A successful call to any of the **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) functions closes any directory streams opened in the calling process.

The **readdir** subroutine returns a pointer to the next directory entry. The **readdir** subroutine returns entries for . (dot) and .. (dot dot), if present, but never returns an invalid entry (with *d_ino* set to 0). When it reaches the end of the directory, or when it detects an invalid **seekdir** operation, the **readdir** subroutine returns the null value. The returned pointer designates data that may be overwritten by another call to the **readdir** subroutine on the same directory stream. A call to the **readdir** subroutine on a different directory stream does not overwrite this data. The **readdir** subroutine marks the *st_atime* field of the directory for update each time the directory is actually read.

The **telldir** subroutine returns the current location associated with the specified directory stream.

The **seekdir** subroutine sets the position of the next **readdir** subroutine operation on the directory stream. An attempt to seek an invalid location causes the **readdir** subroutine to return the null value the next time it is called. The position should be that returned by a previous **telldir** subroutine call.

The **rewinddir** subroutine resets the position of the specified directory stream to the beginning of the directory.

The **closedir** subroutine closes a directory stream and frees the structure associated with the *DirectoryPointer* parameter.

If you use the **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine to create a new process from an existing one, either the parent or the child (but not both) may continue processing the directory stream using the **readdir**, **rewinddir**, or **seekdir** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>DirectoryName</i>	Names the directory.
<i>DirectoryPointer</i>	Points to the DIR structure of an open directory.
<i>Location</i>	Specifies the offset of an entry relative to the start of the directory.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **opendir** subroutine returns a pointer to an object of type **DIR**. Otherwise, a null value is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

On successful completion, the **readdir** subroutine returns a pointer to an object of type **struct dirent**. Otherwise, a null value is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error. When the end of the directory is encountered, a null value is returned and the **errno** global variable is not changed by this function call.

On successful completion, the **closedir** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **opendir** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns a null value and sets the **errno** global variable to one of the following values:

EACCES	Indicates that search permission is denied for any component of the <i>DirectoryName</i> parameter, or read permission is denied for the <i>DirectoryName</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	Indicates that the length of the <i>DirectoryName</i> parameter argument exceeds the PATH_MAX value, or a path-name component is longer than the NAME_MAX value while the POSIX_NO_TRUNC value is in effect.
ENOENT	Indicates that the named directory does not exist.
ENOTDIR	Indicates that a component of the <i>DirectoryName</i> parameter is not a directory.
EMFILE	Indicates that too many file descriptors are currently open for the process.
ENFILE	Indicates that too many file descriptors are currently open in the system.

If the **readdir** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns a null value and sets the **errno** global variable to the following value:

EBADF Indicates that the *DirectoryPointer* parameter argument does not refer to an open directory stream.

If the **closedir** subroutine is unsuccessful, it returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to the following value:

EBADF Indicates that the *DirectoryPointer* parameter argument does not refer to an open directory stream.

Examples

To search a directory for the entry name:

```

len = strlen(name);
DirectoryPointer = opendir(".");
for (dp = readdir(DirectoryPointer); dp != NULL; dp =
    readdir(DirectoryPointer))
    if (dp->d_namlen == len && !strcmp(dp->d_name, name)) {
        closedir(DirectoryPointer);
        return FOUND;
    }
closedir(DirectoryPointer);
return NOT_FOUND;

```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **close** (“close Subroutine” on page 111) subroutine, **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **lseek** (“lseek, llseek or lseek64 Subroutine” on page 515) subroutine, **openx**, **open**, or **creat** (“open, openx, open64, creat, or creat64 Subroutine” on page 633) subroutine, **read**, **readv**, **readx**, or **readvx** subroutine, **scandir** or **alphasort** subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

passwdexpired Subroutine

Purpose

Checks the user’s password to determine if it has expired.

Syntax

```

passwdexpired ( UserName, Message)
char *UserName;
char **Message;

```

Description

The **passwdexpired** subroutine checks a user’s password to determine if it has expired. The subroutine checks the **registry** variable in the **/etc/security/user** file to ascertain where the user is administered. If the **registry** variable is not defined, the **passwdexpired** subroutine checks the local, NIS, and DCE databases for the user definition and expiration time.

The **passwdexpired** subroutine may pass back informational messages, such as how many days remain until password expiration.

Parameters

<i>UserName</i>	Specifies the user’s name whose password is to be checked.
<i>Message</i>	Points to a pointer that the passwdexpired subroutine allocates memory for and fills in. This string is suitable for printing and issues messages, such as in how many days the password will expire.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **passwdexpired** subroutine returns a value of 0. If this subroutine fails, it returns one of the following values:

- 1 Indicates that the password is expired, and the user must change it.
- 2 Indicates that the password is expired, and only a system administrator may change it.
- 1 Indicates that an internal error has occurred, such as a memory allocation (malloc) failure or database corruption.

Error Codes

The **passwdexpired** subroutine fails if one or more of the following values is true:

- ENOENT** Indicates that the user could not be found.
- EPERM** Indicates that the user did not have permission to check password expiration.
- ENOMEM** Indicates that memory allocation (malloc) failed.
- EINVAL** Indicates that the parameters are not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **authenticate** (“authenticate Subroutine” on page 72) subroutine.

The **login** command.

pathconf or fpathconf Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves file-implementation characteristics.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
long pathconf ( Path, Name)
const char *Path;
int Name;
```

```
long fpathconf( FileDescriptor, Name)
int FileDescriptor, Name;
```

Description

The **pathconf** subroutine allows an application to determine the characteristics of operations supported by the file system contained by the file named by the *Path* parameter. Read, write, or execute permission of the named file is not required, but all directories in the path leading to the file must be searchable.

The **fpathconf** subroutine allows an application to retrieve the same information for an open file.

Parameters

<i>Path</i>	Specifies the path name.
<i>FileDescriptor</i>	Specifies an open file descriptor.

Name

Specifies the configuration attribute to be queried. If this attribute is not applicable to the file specified by the *Path* or *FileDescriptor* parameter, the **pathconf** subroutine returns an error. Symbolic values for the *Name* parameter are defined in the **unistd.h** file:

_PC_LINK_MAX

Specifies the maximum number of links to the file.

_PC_MAX_CANON

Specifies the maximum number of bytes in a canonical input line. This value is applicable only to terminal devices.

_PC_MAX_INPUT

Specifies the maximum number of bytes allowed in an input queue. This value is applicable only to terminal devices.

_PC_NAME_MAX

Specifies the maximum number of bytes in a file name, not including a terminating null character. This number can range from 14 through 255. This value is applicable only to a directory file.

_PC_PATH_MAX

Specifies the maximum number of bytes in a path name, not including a terminating null character.

_PC_PIPE_BUF

Specifies the maximum number of bytes guaranteed to be written atomically. This value is applicable only to a first-in-first-out (FIFO).

_PC_CHOWN_RESTRICTED

Returns 0 if the use of the **chown** subroutine is restricted to a process with appropriate privileges, and if the **chown** subroutine is restricted to changing the group ID of a file only to the effective group ID of the process or to one of its supplementary group IDs.

_PC_NO_TRUNC

Returns 0 if long component names are truncated. This value is applicable only to a directory file.

_PC_VDISABLE

This is always 0. No disabling character is defined. This value is applicable only to a terminal device.

Note: The **_PC_FILESIZEBITS** and **PC_SYNC_IO** flags apply to AIX 4.3 and later releases.

_PC_FILESIZEBITS

Returns the minimum number of bits required to hold the file system's maximum file size as a signed integer. The smallest value returned is **32**.

_PC_SYNC_IO

Returns **-1** if the file system does not support the **Synchronized Input and Output** option. Any value other than **-1** is returned if the file system supports the option.

Notes:

1. If the *Name* parameter has a value of **_PC_LINK_MAX**, and if the *Path* or *FileDescriptor* parameter refers to a directory, the value returned applies to the directory itself.
2. If the *Name* parameter has a value of **_PC_NAME_MAX** or **_PC_NO_TRUNC**, and if the *Path* or *FileDescriptor* parameter refers to a directory, the value returned applies to filenames within the directory.
3. If the *Name* parameter has a value if **_PC_PATH_MAX**, and if the *Path* or *FileDescriptor* parameter refers to a directory that is the working directory, the value returned is the maximum length of a relative pathname.

4. If the *Name* parameter has a value of **_PC_PIPE_BUF**, and if the *Path* parameter refers to a FIFO special file or the *FileDescriptor* parameter refers to a pipe or a FIFO special file, the value returned applies to the referenced object. If the *Path* or *FileDescriptor* parameter refers to a directory, the value returned applies to any FIFO special file that exists or can be created within the directory.
5. If the *Name* parameter has a value of **_PC_CHOWN_RESTRICTED**, and if the *Path* or *FileDescriptor* parameter refers to a directory, the value returned applies to any files, other than directories, that exist or can be created within the directory.

Return Values

If the **pathconf** or **fpathconf** subroutine is successful, the specified parameter is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error. If the variable corresponding to the *Name* parameter has no limit for the *Path* parameter or the *FileDescriptor* parameter, both the **pathconf** and **fpathconf** subroutines return a value of -1 without changing the **errno** global variable.

Error Codes

The **pathconf** or **fpathconf** subroutine fails if the following error occurs:

EINVAL The name parameter specifies an unknown or inapplicable characteristic.

The **pathconf** subroutine can also fail if any of the following errors occur:

EACCES	Search permission is denied for a component of the path prefix.
EINVAL	The implementation does not support an association of the <i>Name</i> parameter with the specified file.
ENAMETOOLONG	The length of the <i>Path</i> parameter string exceeds the PATH_MAX value.
ENAMETOOLONG	Pathname resolution of a symbolic link produced an intermediate result whose length exceeds PATH_MAX .
ENOENT	The named file does not exist or the <i>Path</i> parameter points to an empty string.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in resolving path.

The **fpathconf** subroutine can fail if either of the following errors occur:

EBADF	The <i>File Descriptor</i> parameter is not valid.
EINVAL	The implementation does not support an association of the <i>Name</i> parameter with the specified file.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **chown** (“chown, fchown, lchown, chownx, or fchownx Subroutine” on page 97) subroutine, **confstr** (“confstr Subroutine” on page 117) subroutine, **sysconf** subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers, Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pause Subroutine

Purpose

Suspends a process until a signal is received.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
int pause (void)
```

Description

The **pause** subroutine suspends the calling process until it receives a signal. The signal must not be one that is ignored by the calling process. The **pause** subroutine does not affect the action taken upon the receipt of a signal.

Return Values

If the signal received causes the calling process to end, the **pause** subroutine does not return.

If the signal is caught by the calling process and control is returned from the signal-catching function, the calling process resumes execution from the point of suspension. The **pause** subroutine returns a value of -1 and sets the **errno** global variable to **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **incinterval**, **alarm**, or **settimer** (“getinterval, incinterval, absinterval, resinc, resabs, alarm, ualarm, getitimer or setitimer Subroutine” on page 313) subroutine, **kill** or **killpg** (“kill or killpg Subroutine” on page 445) subroutine, **sigaction**, **sigvec**, or **signal** subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, or **wait3** subroutine.

pcap_close Subroutine

Purpose

Closes the open files related to the packet capture descriptor and frees the memory used by the packet capture descriptor.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
void pcap_close(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_close** subroutine closes the files associated with the packet capture descriptor and deallocates resources. If the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine was previously called, the **pcap_close** subroutine closes

the *savefile*, a previously saved packet capture data file. Or the **pcap_close** subroutine closes the packet capture device if the **pcap_open_live** subroutine was previously called.

Parameters

p Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned by the **pcap_open_live** or the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

Related Information

The **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_compile Subroutine

Purpose

Compiles a filter expression into a filter program.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_compile(pcap_t * p, struct bpf_program *fp, char * str,  
int optimize, bpf_u_int32 netmask);
```

Description

The **pcap_compile** subroutine is used to compile the string *str* into a filter program. This filter program will then be used to filter, or select, the desired packets.

Parameters

<i>netmask</i>	Specifies the <i>netmask</i> of the network device. The <i>netmask</i> can be obtained from the pcap_lookupnet subroutine.
<i>optimize</i>	Controls whether optimization on the resulting code is performed.
<i>p</i>	Points to a packet capture descriptor returned from the pcap_open_offline or the pcap_open_live subroutine.
<i>program</i>	Points to a bpf_program struct which will be filled in by the pcap_compile subroutine if the subroutine is successful.
<i>str</i>	Contains the filter expression.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_compile** subroutine returns 0, and the program parameter will hold the filter program. If **pcap_compile** subroutine is unsuccessful, -1 is returned.

Related Information

The **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_lookupnet** (“pcap_lookupnet Subroutine” on page 656) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660)

subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine, **pcap_setfilter** (“pcap_setfilter Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine.

pcap_datalink Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the link layer type for the packet capture device.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_datalink(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_datalink** subroutine returns the link layer type of the packet capture device, for example, IFT_ETHER. This is useful in determining the size of the datalink header at the beginning of each packet that is read.

Parameters

p

Points to the packet capture descriptor as returned by the **pcap_open_live** or the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

Return Values

The **pcap_datalink** subroutine returns the link layer type.

Note: Only call this subroutine after successful calls to either the **pcap_open_live** or the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine. Never call the **pcap_datalink** subroutine after a call to **pcap_close** as unpredictable results will occur.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_dispatch Subroutine

Purpose

Collects and processes packets.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_dispatch(pcap_t * p, int cnt, pcap_handler callback,  
    u_char * user);
```

Description

The **pcap_dispatch** subroutine reads and processes packets. This subroutine can be called to read and process packets that are stored in a previously saved packet capture data file, known as the *savefile*. The subroutine can also read and process packets that are being captured live.

Notice that the third parameter, *callback*, is of the type **pcap_handler**. This is a pointer to a user-provided subroutine with three parameters. Define this user-provided subroutine as follows:

```
void user_routine(u_char *user, struct pcap_pkthdr *phdr, u_char *pdata)
```

The parameter, *user*, is the *user* parameter that is passed into the **pcap_dispatch** subroutine. The parameter, *phdr*, is a pointer to the **pcap_pkthdr** structure which precedes each packet in the *savefile*. The parameter, *pdata*, points to the packet data. This allows users to define their own handling of packet capture data.

Parameters

callback

Points to a user-provided routine that will be called for each packet read. The user is responsible for providing a valid pointer, and that unpredictable results can occur if an invalid pointer is supplied.

Note: The **pcap_dump** subroutine can also be specified as the *callback* parameter. If this is done, the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine should be called first. The pointer to the **pcap_dumper_t** struct returned from the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine should be used as the *user* parameter to the **pcap_dispatch** subroutine. The following program fragment illustrates this use:

```
pcap_dumper_t *pd  
pcap_t * p;  
int rc = 0;  
  
pd = pcap_dump_open(p, "/tmp/savefile");  
  
rc = pcap_dispatch(p, 0 , pcap_dump, (u_char *) pd);
```

cnt

Specifies the maximum number of packets to process before returning. A *cnt* of -1 processes all the packets received in one buffer. A *cnt* of 0 processes all packets until an error occurs, EOF is reached, or the read times out (when doing live reads and a non-zero read timeout is specified).

p

Points to a packet capture descriptor returned from the **pcap_open_offline** or the **pcap_open_live** subroutine. This will be used to store packet data that is read in.

user

Specifies the first argument to pass into the *callback* routine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_dispatch** subroutine returns the number of packets read. If EOF is reached in a *savefile*, zero is returned. If the **pcap_dispatch** subroutine is unsuccessful, -1 is returned. In this case, the **pcap_geterr** or **pcap_perror** subroutine can be used to get the error text.

Related Information

The **pcap_dump** (“pcap_dump Subroutine”) subroutine, **pcap_dump_close** (“pcap_dump_close Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_dump_open** (“pcap_dump_open Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine.

pcap_dump Subroutine

Purpose

Writes packet capture data to a binary file.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
void pcap_dump(u_char * user, struct pcap_pkthdr * h, u_char * sp);
```

Description

The **pcap_dump** subroutine writes the packet capture data to a binary file. The packet header data, contained in *h*, will be written to the file pointed to by the *user* file pointer, followed by the packet data from *sp*. Up to `h->caplen` bytes of *sp* will be written.

The file that *user* points to (where the **pcap_dump** subroutine writes to) must be open. To open the file and retrieve its pointer, use the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine.

The calling arguments for the **pcap_dump** subroutine are suitable for use with **pcap_dispatch** subroutine and the **pcap_loop** subroutine. To retrieve this data, the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine can be invoked with the name of the file that *user* points to as its first parameter.

Parameters

<i>h</i>	Contains the packet header data that will be written to the packet capture date file, known as the <i>savefile</i> . This data will be written ahead of the rest of the packet data.
<i>sp</i>	Points to the packet data that is to be written to the <i>savefile</i> .
<i>user</i>	Specifies the <i>savefile</i> file pointer which is returned from the pcap_dump_open subroutine. It should be cast to a <code>u_char *</code> when passed in.

Related Information

The **pcap_dispatch** (“pcap_dispatch Subroutine” on page 649) subroutine, **pcap_dump_close** (“pcap_dump_close Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_dump_open** (“pcap_dump_open Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_loop** (“pcap_loop Subroutine” on page 657) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_dump_close Subroutine

Purpose

Closes a packet capture data file, known as a *savefile*.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
void pcap_dump_close(pcap_dumper_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_dump_close** subroutine closes a packet capture data file, known as the *savefile*, that was opened using the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine.

Parameters

p Points to a **pcap_dumper_t**, which is synonymous with a FILE *, the file pointer of a *savefile*.

Related Information

The **pcap_dump_open** (“pcap_dump_open Subroutine”) subroutine.

pcap_dump_open Subroutine

Purpose

Opens or creates a file for writing packet capture data.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
pcap_dumper_t *pcap_dump_open(pcap_t * p, char * fname);
```

Description

The **pcap_dump_open** subroutine opens or creates the packet capture data file, known as the *savefile*. This action is specified through the *fname* parameter. The subroutine then writes the required packet capture file header to the file. The **pcap_dump** subroutine can then be called to write the packet capture data associated with the packet capture descriptor, *p*, into this file. The **pcap_dump_open** subroutine must be called before calling the **pcap_dump** subroutine.

Parameters

fname Specifies the name of the file to open. A “-” indicates that standard output should be used instead of a file.

p

Specifies a packet capture descriptor returned by the **pcap_open_offline** or the **pcap_open_live** subroutine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine returns a pointer to the file that was opened or created. This pointer is a pointer to a **pcap_dumper_t**, which is synonymous with FILE *. See the **pcap_dump** (“pcap_dump Subroutine” on page 651), **pcap_dispatch** (“pcap_dispatch Subroutine” on page 649), or the **pcap_loop** (“pcap_loop Subroutine” on page 657) subroutine for an example of how to use **pcap_dumper_t**. If the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine is unsuccessful, Null is returned. Use the **pcap_geterr** subroutine to obtain the specific error text.

Related Information

The **pcap_dispatch** (“pcap_dispatch Subroutine” on page 649) subroutine, **pcap_dump** (“pcap_dump Subroutine” on page 651) subroutine, **pcap_dump_close** (“pcap_dump_close Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_loop** (“pcap_loop Subroutine” on page 657) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_file Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the file pointer to the *savefile*, a previously saved packed capture data file.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
FILE *pcap_file(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_file** subroutine returns the file pointer to the *savefile*. If there is no open *savefile*, 0 is returned. This subroutine should be called after a successful call to the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine and before any calls to the **pcap_close** subroutine.

Parameters

p

Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned by the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

Return Values

The **pcap_file** subroutine returns the file pointer to the *savefile*.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_fileno Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the descriptor for the packet capture device.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_fileno(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_fileno** subroutine returns the descriptor for the packet capture device. This subroutine should be called only after a successful call to the **pcap_open_live** subroutine and before any calls to the **pcap_close** subroutine.

Parameters

p Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned by the **pcap_open_live** subroutine.

Return Values

The **pcap_fileno** subroutine returns the descriptor for the packet capture device.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine.

pcap_geterr Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the most recent pcap error message.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
char *pcap_geterr(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_geterr** subroutine returns the error text pertaining to the last pcap library error. This subroutine is useful in obtaining error text from those subroutines that do not return an error string. Since the pointer returned points to a memory space that will be reused by the pcap library subroutines, it is important to copy this message into a new buffer if the error text needs to be saved.

Parameters

p Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned by the **pcap_open_live** or the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

Return Values

The **pcap_geterr** subroutine returns a pointer to the most recent error message from a pcap library subroutine. If there were no previous error messages, a string with 0 as the first byte is returned.

Related Information

The **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine, **pcap_strerror** (“pcap_strerror Subroutine” on page 665) subroutine.

pcap_is_swapped Subroutine

Purpose

Reports if the byte order of the previously saved packet capture data file, known as the *savefile* was swapped.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_is_swapped(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_is_swapped** subroutine returns 1 (True) if the current *savefile* uses a different byte order than the current system. This subroutine should be called after a successful call to the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine and before any calls to the **pcap_close** subroutine.

Parameters

p Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned from the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

Return Values

1 If the byte order of the *savefile* is different from that of the current system.
0 If the byte order of the *savefile* is the same as that of the current system.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_lookupdev Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the name of a network device on the system.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
char *pcap_lookupdev(char * errbuf);
```

Description

The **pcap_lookupdev** subroutine gets a network device suitable for use with the **pcap_open_live** and the **pcap_lookupnet** subroutines. If no interface can be found, or none are configured to be up, Null is returned. In the case of multiple network devices attached to the system, the **pcap_lookupdev** subroutine returns the first one it finds to be up, other than the loopback interface. (Loopback is always ignored.)

Parameters

errbuf

Returns error text and is only set when the **pcap_lookupdev** subroutine fails.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_lookupdev** subroutine returns a pointer to the name of a network device attached to the system. If **pcap_lookupdev** subroutine is unsuccessful, Null is returned, and text indicating the specific error is written to *errbuf*.

Related Information

The **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_lookupnet** (“pcap_lookupnet Subroutine”) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine.

pcap_lookupnet Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the network address and subnet mask for a network device.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_lookupnet(char * device, bpf_u_int32 * netp, bpf_u_int32 * maskp,  
char * errbuf);
```

Description

Use the **pcap_lookupnet** subroutine to determine the network address and subnet mask for the network device, **device**.

Parameters

<i>device</i>	Specifies the name of the network device to use for the network lookup, for example, en0.
<i>errbuf</i>	Returns error text and is only set when the pcap_lookupnet subroutine fails.
<i>maskp</i>	Holds the subnet mask associated with device .
<i>netp</i>	Holds the network address for the device .

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_lookupnet** subroutine returns 0. If the **pcap_lookupnet** subroutine is unsuccessful, -1 is returned, and *errbuf* is filled in with an appropriate error message.

Related Information

The **pcap_compile** (“pcap_compile Subroutine” on page 648) subroutine, **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_lookupdev** (“pcap_lookupdev Subroutine” on page 656) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine.

pcap_loop Subroutine

Purpose

Collects and processes packets.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_loop(pcap_t * p, int cnt, pcap_handler callback,  
              u_char * user);
```

Description

The **pcap_loop** subroutine reads and processes packets. This subroutine can be called to read and process packets that are stored in a previously saved packet capture data file, known as the *savefile*. The subroutine can also read and process packets that are being captured live.

This subroutine is similar to **pcap_dispatch** subroutine except it continues to read packets until *cnt* packets have been processed, EOF is reached (in the case of offline reading), or an error occurs. It does not return when live read timeouts occur. That is, specifying a non-zero read timeout to the **pcap_open_live** subroutine and then calling the **pcap_loop** subroutine allows the reception and processing of any packets that arrive when the timeout occurs.

Notice that the third parameter, *callback*, is of the type **pcap_handler**. This is a pointer to a user-provided subroutine with three parameters. Define this user-provided subroutine as follows:

```
void user_routine(u_char *user, struct pcap_pkthdr *phrd, u_char *pdata)
```

The parameter, *user*, will be the user parameter that was passed into the **pcap_dispatch** subroutine. The parameter, *phdr*, is a pointer to the **pcap_pkthdr** structure, which precedes each packet in the *savefile*. The parameter, *pdata*, points to the packet data. This allows users to define their own handling of their filtered packets.

Parameters

callback Points to a user-provided routine that will be called for each packet read. The user is responsible for providing a valid pointer, and that unpredictable results can occur if an invalid pointer is supplied.

Note: The **pcap_dump** subroutine can also be specified as the callback parameter. If this is done, call the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine first. Then use the pointer to the **pcap_dumper_t** struct returned from the **pcap_dump_open** subroutine as the user parameter to the **pcap_dispatch** subroutine. The following program fragment illustrates this use:

```
pcap_dumper_t *pd
pcap_t * p;
int rc = 0;

pd = pcap_dump_open(p, "/tmp/savefile");

rc = pcap_dispatch(p, 0 , pcap_dump, (u_char *) pd);
```

cnt Specifies the maximum number of packets to process before returning. A negative value causes the **pcap_loop** subroutine to loop forever, or until EOF is reached or an error occurs. A *cnt* of 0 processes all packets until an error occurs or EOF is reached.

p Points to a packet capture descriptor returned from the **pcap_open_offline** or the **pcap_open_live** subroutine. This will be used to store packet data that is read in.

user Specifies the first argument to pass into the *callback* routine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_loop** subroutine returns 0. 0 is also returned if EOF has been reached in a *savefile*. If the **pcap_loop** subroutine is unsuccessful, -1 is returned. In this case, the **pcap_geterr** subroutine or the **pcap_perror** subroutine can be used to get the error text.

Related Information

The **pcap_dispatch** (“pcap_dispatch Subroutine” on page 649) subroutine, **pcap_dump** (“pcap_dump Subroutine” on page 651) subroutine, **pcap_dump_close** (“pcap_dump_close Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_dump_open** (“pcap_dump_open Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine.

pcap_major_version Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the major version number of the packet capture format used to write the *savefile*, a previously saved packet capture data file.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_major_version(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_major_version** subroutine returns the major version number of the packet capture format used to write the *savefile*. If there is no open *savefile*, 0 is returned.

Note: This subroutine should be called only after a successful call to **pcap_open_offline** subroutine and before any calls to the **pcap_close** subroutine.

Parameters

p Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned from **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

Return Values

The major version number of the packet capture format used to write the *savefile*.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_minor_version Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the minor version number of the packet capture format used to write the *savefile*.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_minor_version(pcap_t * p);
```

Description

The **pcap_minor_version** subroutine returns the minor version number of the packet capture format used to write the *savefile*. This subroutine should only be called after a successful call to the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine and before any calls to the **pcap_close** subroutine.

Parameters

p Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned from the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

Return Values

The minor version number of the packet capture format used to write the *savefile*.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_next Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the next packet from the packet capture device.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
u_char *pcap_next(pcap_t * p, struct pcap_pkthdr * h);
```

Description

The **pcap_next** subroutine returns a `u_char` pointer to the next packet from the packet capture device. The packet capture device can be a network device or a *savefile* that contains packet capture data. The data has the same format as used by **tcpdump**.

Parameters

<i>h</i>	Points to the packet header of the packet that is returned. This is filled in upon return by this routine.
<i>p</i>	Points to the packet capture descriptor to use as returned by the pcap_open_live or the pcap_open_offline subroutine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_next** subroutine returns a pointer to a buffer containing the next packet and fills in the *h*, which points to the packet header of the returned packet. If the **pcap_next** subroutine is unsuccessful, Null is returned.

Related Information

The **pcap_dispatch** (“pcap_dispatch Subroutine” on page 649) subroutine, **pcap_dump** (“pcap_dump Subroutine” on page 651) subroutine, **pcap_dump_close** (“pcap_dump_close Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_dump_open** (“pcap_dump_open Subroutine” on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_loop** (“pcap_loop Subroutine” on page 657) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine”) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

The **tcpdump** command.

pcap_open_live Subroutine

Purpose

Opens a network device for packet capture.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
pcap_t *pcap_open_live(char * device, int snaplen,  
    int promisc, int to_ms, char * ebuf);
```

Description

The **pcap_open_live** subroutine opens the specified network device for packet capture. The term "live" is to indicate that a network device is being opened, as opposed to a file that contains packet capture data. This subroutine must be called before any packet capturing can occur. All other routines dealing with packet capture require the packet capture descriptor that is created and initialized with this routine. See the **pcap_open_offline** ("pcap_open_offline Subroutine" on page 662) subroutine for more details on opening a previously saved file that contains packet capture data.

Parameters

<i>device</i>	Specifies a string that contains the name of the network device to open for packet capture, for example, en0.
<i>ebuf</i>	Returns error text and is only set when the pcap_open_live subroutine fails.
<i>promisc</i>	Specifies that the device is to be put into promiscuous mode. A value of 1 (True) turns promiscuous mode on. If this parameter is 0 (False), the device will remain unchanged. In this case, if it has already been set to promiscuous mode (for some other reason), it will remain in this mode.
<i>snaplen</i>	Specifies the maximum number of bytes to capture per packet.
<i>to_ms</i>	Specifies the read timeout in milliseconds.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_open_live** subroutine will return a pointer to the packet capture descriptor that was created. If the **pcap_open_live** subroutine is unsuccessful, Null is returned, and text indicating the specific error is written into the *ebuf* buffer.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** ("pcap_close Subroutine" on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_compile** ("pcap_compile Subroutine" on page 648) subroutine, **pcap_datalink** ("pcap_datalink Subroutine" on page 649) subroutine, **pcap_dispatch** ("pcap_dispatch Subroutine" on page 649) subroutine, **pcap_dump** ("pcap_dump Subroutine" on page 651) subroutine, **pcap_dump_open** ("pcap_dump_open Subroutine" on page 652) subroutine, **pcap_geterr** ("pcap_geterr Subroutine" on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_loop** ("pcap_loop Subroutine" on page 657) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** ("pcap_open_offline Subroutine" on page 662) subroutine, **pcap_perror** ("pcap_perror Subroutine" on page 663) subroutine, **pcap_setfilter** ("pcap_setfilter Subroutine" on page 663) subroutine, **pcap_snapshot** ("pcap_setfilter Subroutine" on page 663) subroutine, **pcap_stats** ("pcap_stats Subroutine" on page 665) subroutine.

pcap_open_offline Subroutine

Purpose

Opens a previously saved file containing packet capture data.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
pcap_t *pcap_open_offline(char * fname, char * ebuf);
```

Description

The **pcap_open_offline** subroutine opens a previously saved packet capture data file, known as the *savefile*. This subroutine creates and initializes a packet capture (pcap) descriptor and opens the specified *savefile* containing the packet capture data for reading.

This subroutine should be called before any other related routines that require a packet capture descriptor for offline packet processing. See the **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine for more details on live packet capture.

Note: The format of the *savefile* is expected to be the same as the format used by the **tcpdump** command.

Parameters

ebuf

Returns error text and is only set when the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine fails.

fname

Specifies the name of the file to open. A hyphen (-) passed as the *fname* parameter indicates that stdin should be used as the file to open.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine will return a pointer to the newly created packet capture descriptor. If the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine is unsuccessful, Null is returned, and text indicating the specific error is written into the *ebuf* buffer.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_dispatch** (“pcap_dispatch Subroutine” on page 649) subroutine, **pcap_file** (“pcap_file Subroutine” on page 653) subroutine, **pcap_fileno** (“pcap_fileno Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_is_swapped** (“pcap_is_swapped Subroutine” on page 655) subroutine, **pcap_loop** (“pcap_loop Subroutine” on page 657) subroutine, **pcap_major_version** (“pcap_major_version Subroutine” on page 658) subroutine, **pcap_minor_version** (“pcap_minor_version Subroutine” on page 659) subroutine, **pcap_next** (“pcap_next Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine.

The **tcpdump** command.

pcap_perror Subroutine

Purpose

Prints the passed-in prefix, followed by the most recent error text.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
void pcap_perror(pcap_t * p, char * prefix);
```

Description

The **pcap_perror** subroutine prints the text of the last pcap library error to stderr, prefixed by *prefix*. If there were no previous errors, only *prefix* is printed.

Parameters

p

Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned by the **pcap_open_live** subroutine or the **pcap_open_offline** subroutine.

prefix

Specifies the string that is to be printed before the stored error message.

Related Information

The **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine, **pcap_strerror** (“pcap_strerror Subroutine” on page 665) subroutine.

pcap_setfilter Subroutine

Purpose

Loads a filter program into a packet capture device.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_setfilter(pcap_t * p, struct bpf_program * fp);
```

Description

The **pcap_setfilter** subroutine is used to load a filter program into the packet capture device. This causes the capture of the packets defined by the filter to begin.

Parameters

<i>fp</i>	Points to a filter program as returned from the pcap_compile subroutine.
<i>p</i>	Points to a packet capture descriptor returned from the pcap_open_offline or the pcap_open_live subroutine.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pcap_setfilter** subroutine returns 0. If the **pcap_setfilter** subroutine is unsuccessful, -1 is returned. In this case, the **pcap_geterr** subroutine can be used to get the error text, and the **pcap_perror** subroutine can be used to display the text.

Related Information

The **pcap_compile** (“pcap_compile Subroutine” on page 648) subroutine, **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine.

pcap_snapshot Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the number of bytes that will be saved for each packet captured.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_snapshot( pcap_t * p );
```

Description

The **pcap_snapshot** subroutine returns the snapshot length, which is the number of bytes to save for each packet captured.

Note: This subroutine should only be called after successful calls to either the **pcap_open_live** subroutine or **pcap_open_offline** subroutine. It should not be called after a call to the **pcap_close** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>p</i>	Points to the packet capture descriptor as returned by the pcap_open_live or the pcap_open_offline subroutine.
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Return Values

The **pcap_snapshot** subroutine returns the snapshot length.

Related Information

The **pcap_close** (“pcap_close Subroutine” on page 647) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_open_offline** (“pcap_open_offline Subroutine” on page 662) subroutine.

pcap_stats Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains packet capture statistics.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
int pcap_stats(pcap_t *p ("Return Values" on page 659), struct pcap_stat *ps ("Related Information" on page 660));
```

Description

The **pcap_stats** subroutine fills in a **pcap_stat** struct. The values represent packet statistics from the start of the run to the time of the call. Statistics for both packets that are received by the filter and packets that are dropped are stored inside a **pcap_stat** struct. This subroutine is for use when a packet capture device is opened using the **pcap_open_live** subroutine.

Parameters

p

Points to a packet capture descriptor as returned by the **pcap_open_live** subroutine.

ps

Points to the **pcap_stat** struct that will be filled in with the packet capture statistics.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **pcap_stats** subroutine fills in *ps* and returns 0. If the **pcap_stats** subroutine is unsuccessful, -1 is returned. In this case, the error text can be obtained with the **pcap_perror** subroutine or the **pcap_geterr** subroutine.

Related Information

The **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_open_live** (“pcap_open_live Subroutine” on page 660) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine.

pcap_strerror Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains the error message indexed by *error*.

Library

pcap Library (**libpcap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pcap.h>
```

```
char *pcap_strerror(int error);
```

Description

Lookup the error message indexed by *error*. The possible values of *error* correspond to the values of the *errno* global variable. This function is equivalent to the **strerror** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>error</i>	Specifies the key to use in obtaining the corresponding error message. The error message is taken from the system's sys_errlist .
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Return Values

The **pcap_strerror** subroutine returns the appropriate error message from the system error list.

Related Information

The **pcap_geterr** (“pcap_geterr Subroutine” on page 654) subroutine, **pcap_perror** (“pcap_perror Subroutine” on page 663) subroutine, **strerror** subroutine.

pclose Subroutine

Purpose

Closes a pipe to a process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <stdio.h>
int pclose ( Stream)
FILE *Stream;
```

Description

The **pclose** subroutine closes a pipe between the calling program and a shell command to be executed. Use the **pclose** subroutine to close any stream you opened with the **popen** subroutine. The **pclose** subroutine waits for the associated process to end, and then returns the exit status of the command.

Attention: If the original processes and the **popen** process are reading or writing a common file, neither the **popen** subroutine nor the **pclose** subroutine should use buffered I/O. If they do, the results are unpredictable.

Avoid problems with an output filter by flushing the buffer with the **fflush** subroutine.

Parameter

Stream Specifies the **FILE** pointer of an opened pipe.

Return Values

The **pclose** subroutine returns a value of -1 if the *Stream* parameter is not associated with a **popen** command or if the status of the child process could not be obtained. Otherwise, the value of the termination status of the command language interpreter is returned; this will be 127 if the command language interpreter cannot be executed.

Error Codes

If the application has called:

- The **wait** subroutine,
- The **waitpid** subroutine with a process ID less than or equal to zero or equal to the process ID of the command line interpreter, or
- Any other function that could perform one of the two steps above, and

one of these calls caused the termination status to be unavailable to the **pclose** subroutine, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to **ECHILD**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fclose** or **fflush** (“fclose or fflush Subroutine” on page 208) subroutine, **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **pipe** (“pipe Subroutine” on page 676) subroutine, **popen** (“popen Subroutine” on page 745) subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, or **wait3** subroutine.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

perfstat_cpu Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves individual CPU usage statistics.

Library

perfstat library (**libperfstat.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```
int perfstat_cpu (name, userbuff, sizeof_struct, desired_number)
perfstat_id_t * name;
perfstat_cpu_t * userbuff;
int sizeof_struct;
int desired_number;
```

Parameters

name Contains a name identifying the first CPU for which statistics are desired. "" is used to indicate the first available CPU. For example:
cpu0, cpu1,...

<i>userbuff</i>	Points to the memory area that is to be filled with one or more perfstat_cpu_t structures.
<i>sizeof_struct</i>	Specifies the size of the perfstat_cpu_t structure: <code>sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t)</code> .
<i>desired_number</i>	Specifies the number of perfstat_cpu_t structures to copy to <i>userbuff</i> .

Description

The **perfstat_cpu** subroutine retrieves one or more individual CPU usage statistics. The same function can be used to retrieve the number of available sets of CPU statistics.

To get one or more sets of CPU usage metrics, set the *name* parameter to the name of the first CPU for which statistics are desired, and set the *desired_number* parameter. To start from the first CPU, specify "" as the *name*. The *userbuff* parameter must always point to a memory area big enough to contain the desired number of **perfstat_cpu_t** structures that will be copied by this function. Upon return, the *name* parameter will be set to either the name of the next CPU, or to "" after all structures have been copied.

To retrieve the number of available sets of CPU usage metrics, set the *name* and *userbuff* parameters to NULL, and *desired_number* to 0 (zero). The returned value will be the number of available sets.

Return Values

Unless the function is used to retrieve the number of available structures, the number of structures filled is returned upon successful completion. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the *errno* variable is set.

Error Codes

The **perfstat_cpu** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL One of the parameters is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The **perfstat_cpu** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime.

Files

/usr/include/libperfstat.h Defines standard macros, data types and subroutines.

Related Information

The **perfstat_cpu_total** subroutine, **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine, **perfstat_disk** subroutine, **perfstat_disk_total** subroutine, **perfstat_netinterface** subroutine, and **perfstat_netinterface_total** subroutine.

perfstat_cpu_total Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves global CPU usage statistics.

Library

Perfstat Library (**libperfstat.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```

int perfstat_cpu_total (name, userbuff, sizeof_struct, desired_number)
perfstat_id_t * name;
perfstat_cpu_total_t * userbuff;
int sizeof_struct;
int desired_number;

```

Parameters

<i>name</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to NULL.
<i>userbuff</i>	Points to the memory area that is to be filled with the perfstat_cpu_total_t structure.
<i>sizeof_struct</i>	Specifies the size of the perfstat_cpu_total_t structure: sizeof(perfstat_cpu_total_t).
<i>desired_number</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to 1.

Description

The **perfstat_cpu_total** subroutine returns global CPU usage statistics in a **perfstat_cpu_total_t** structure.

Return Values

The number of structures filled is returned upon successful completion. In AIX 5.1, this will always be 1. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the `errno` variable is set.

Error Codes

The **perfstat_cpu_total** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EINVAL	One of the parameters is not valid.
EFAULT	Not enough memory.
ENOMEM	The string default length is too short.

Implementation Specifics

The **perfstat_cpu_total** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime.

Files

/usr/include/libperfstat.h Defines standard macros, data types and subroutines.

Related Information

The **perfstat_cpu** subroutine, **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine, **perfstat_disk** subroutine, **perfstat_disk_total** subroutine, **perfstat_netinterface** subroutine, and **perfstat_netinterface_total** subroutine.

perfstat_disk Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves individual disk usage statistics.

Library

Perfstat Library (**libperfstat.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```

int perfstat_disk (name, userbuff, sizeof_struct, desired_number)
perfstat_id_t * name;
perfstat_disk_t * userbuff;
int sizeof_struct;
int desired_number;

```

Parameters

<i>name</i>	Contains a name identifying the first disk for which statistics are desired. "" is used to indicate the first available disk. For example: hdisk0, hdisk1,...
<i>userbuff</i>	Points to the memory area that is to be filled with one or more perfstat_disk_t structures.
<i>sizeof_struct</i>	Specifies the size of the perfstat_disk_t structure: sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t)
<i>desired_number</i>	Specifies the number of perfstat_disk_t structures to copy to <i>userbuff</i> .

Description

The **perfstat_disk** subroutine retrieves one or more individual disk usage statistics. The same function can also be used to retrieve the number of available sets of disk statistics.

To get one or more sets of disk usage metrics, set the *name* parameter to the name of the first disk for which statistics are desired, and set the *desired_number* parameter. To start from the first disk, specify "" as the *name*. The *userbuff* parameter must always point to a memory area big enough to contain the desired number of **perfstat_disk_t** structures that will be copied by this function. Upon return, the *name* parameter will be set to either the name of the next disk, or to "" after all structures have been copied.

To retrieve the number of available sets of disk usage metrics, set the *name* and *userbuff* parameters to NULL, and *desired_number* to 0 (zero). The returned value will be the number of available sets.

Return Values

Unless the function is used to retrieve the number of available structures, the number of structures filled is returned upon successful completion. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the *errno* variable is set.

Error Codes

The **perfstat_disk** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EINVAL	One of the parameters is not valid.
ENOMEM	The string default length is too short.
ENOMSG	Cannot access the dictionary.

Implementation Specifics

The **perfstat_disk** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime.

Files

/usr/include/libperfstat.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **perfstat_cpu** subroutine, **perfstat_cpu_total** subroutine, **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine, **perfstat_disk_total** subroutine, **perfstat_netinterface** subroutine, and **perfstat_netinterface_total** subroutine.

perfstat_disk_total Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves global disk usage statistics.

Library

Perfstat Library (**libperfstat.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```
int perfstat_disk_total (name, userbuff, sizeof_struct, desired_number)
perfstat_id_t * name;
perfstat_disk_total_t * userbuff;
int sizeof_struct;
int desired_number;
```

Parameters

<i>name</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to NULL.
<i>userbuff</i>	Points to the memory area that is to be filled with one or more perfstat_disk_total_t structures.
<i>sizeof_struct</i>	Specifies the size of the perfstat_disk_total_t structure: sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t)
<i>desired_number</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to 1.

Description

The **perfstat_disk_total** subroutine returns global disk usage statistics in a **perfstat_disk_total_t** structure.

Return Values

On successful completion, the number of structures that could be filled is returned. In AIX 5.1, this will always be 1. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the errno variable is set.

Error Codes

The **perfstat_disk_total** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EINVAL	One of the parameters is not valid.
EFAULT	Not enough memory.
ENOMEM	The string default length is too short.

Implementation Specifics

The **perfstat_disk_total** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime.

Files

/usr/include/libperfstat.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **perfstat_cpu** subroutine, **perfstat_cpu_total** subroutine, **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine, **perfstat_disk** subroutine, **perfstat_netinterface** subroutine, **perfstat_netinterface_total** subroutine.

perfstat_memory_total Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves global memory usage statistics.

Library

Perfstat Library (**libperfstat.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```
int perfstat_memory_total (name, userbuff, sizeof_struct, desired_number)
perfstat_id_t * name;
perfstat_memory_total_t * userbuff;
int sizeof_struct;
int desired_number;
```

Parameters

<i>name</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to NULL.
<i>userbuff</i>	Points to the memory area that is to be filled with the perfstat_memory_total_t structures.
<i>sizeof_struct</i>	Specifies the size of the perfstat_memory_total_t structure: sizeof(perfstat_memory_total_t).
<i>desired_number</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to 1.

Description

The **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine returns global memory usage statistics in a **perfstat_memory_total_t** structure.

Return Values

The number of structures filled is returned upon successful completion. In AIX 5.1, this will always be 1. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the `errno` variable is set.

Error Codes

The **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL	One of the parameters is not valid.
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Implementation Specifics

The **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime.

Files

/usr/include/libperfstat.h Defines standard macros, data types and subroutines.

Related Information

The **perfstat_cpusubroutine**, **perfstat_cpu_totalsubroutine**, **perfstat_disksubroutine**, **perfstat_disk_totalsubroutine**, **perfstat_netinterfacesubroutine**, and **perfstat_netinterface_total subroutine**.

perfstat_netinterface Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves individual network interface usage statistics.

Library

Perfstat Library (**libperfstat.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```
int perfstat_netinterface (name, userbuff, sizeof_struct, desired_number)
perfstat_id_t * name;
perfstat_netinterface_t * userbuff;
int sizeof_struct;
int desired_number;
```

Parameters

<i>name</i>	Contains a name identifying the first network interface for which statistics are desired. "" is used to specify the first available interface. For example: en0, tr1,...
<i>userbuff</i>	Points to the memory area that is to be filled with one or more perfstat_netinterface_t structures.
<i>sizeof_struct</i>	Specifies the size of the perfstat_netinterface_t structure: sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t)
<i>desired_number</i>	Specifies the number of perfstat_netinterface_t structures to copy to <i>userbuff</i> .

Description

The **perfstat_netinterface** subroutine retrieves one or more individual network interface usage statistics. The same function can also be used to retrieve the number of available sets of network interface statistics.

To get one or more sets of network interface usage metrics, set the *name* parameter to the name of the first network interface for which statistics are desired, and set the *desired_number* parameter. To start from the first network interface, specify "" as the *name*. The *userbuff* parameter must always point to a memory area big enough to contain the desired number of **perfstat_netinterface_t** structures that will be copied by this function. Upon return, the *name* parameter will be set to either the name of the next network interface, or to "" after all structures have been copied.

To retrieve the number of available sets of network interface usage metrics, set the *name* and *userbuff* parameters to NULL, and *desired_number* to 0 (zero). The returned value will be the number of available sets.

Return Values

Unless the function is used to retrieve the number of available structures, the number of structures filled is returned upon successful completion. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the *errno* variable is set.

Error Codes

The **perfstat_netinterface** subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EINVAL	One of the parameters is not valid.
EFAULT	Not enough memory.

ENOMEM The string default length is too short.
ENOMSG Cannot access the dictionary.

Implementation Specifics

The **perfstat_netinterface** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime.

Files

/usr/include/libperfstat.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **perfstat_cpu** subroutine, **perfstat_cpu_total** subroutine, **perfstat_memory_total** subroutine, **perfstat_disk_total** subroutine, and **perfstat_netinterface_total** subroutine.

perfstat_netinterface_total Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves global network interface usage statistics.

Library

Perfstat Library (**libperfstat.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```
int perfstat_netinterface_total (name, userbuff, sizeof_struct, desired_number)  
perfstat_id_t * name;  
perfstat_netinterface_total_t * userbuff;  
int sizeof_struct;  
int desired_number;
```

Parameters

<i>name</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to NULL.
<i>userbuff</i>	Points to the memory area that is to be filled with the perfstat_netinterface_total_t structure.
<i>sizeof_struct</i>	Specifies the size of the perfstat_netinterface_total_t structure: sizeof(perfstat_netinterface_total_t).
<i>desired_number</i>	In AIX 5.1, this must always be set to 1.

Description

The **perfstat_netinterface_total** subroutine returns global network interface usage statistics in a **perfstat_netinterface_total_t** structure.

Return Values

The number of structures filled is returned upon successful completion. In AIX 5.1, this will always be 1. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** variable is set.

Error Codes

The `perfstat_netinterface_total` subroutine is unsuccessful if one of the following is true:

EINVAL	One of the parameters is not valid.
EFAULT	Not enough memory.

Implementation Specifics

The `perfstat_netinterface_total` subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) runtime.

Files

`/usr/include/libperfstat.h` Defines standard macros, data types and subroutines.

Related Information

The `perfstat_cpu` subroutine, `perfstat_cpu_total` subroutine, `perfstat_disk` subroutine, `perfstat_disk_total` subroutine, `perfstat_memory_total` subroutine, and `perfstat_netinterface` subroutine.

perror Subroutine

Purpose

Writes a message explaining a subroutine error.

Library

Standard C Library (`libc.a`)

Syntax

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

```
void perror ( String )
const char *String;
extern int errno;
extern char *sys_errlist[ ];
extern int sys_nerr;
```

Description

The `perror` subroutine writes a message on the standard error output that describes the last error encountered by a system call or library subroutine. The error message includes the *String* parameter string followed by a : (colon), a space character, the message, and a new-line character. The *String* parameter string should include the name of the program that caused the error. The error number is taken from the `errno` global variable, which is set when an error occurs but is not cleared when a successful call to the `perror` subroutine is made.

To simplify various message formats, an array of message strings is provided in the `sys_errlist` structure or use the `errno` global variable as an index into the `sys_errlist` structure to get the message string without the new-line character. The largest message number provided in the table is `sys_nerr`. Be sure to check the `sys_nerr` structure because new error codes can be added to the system before they are added to the table.

The `perror` subroutine retrieves an error message based on the language of the current locale.

After successfully completing, and before a call to the **exit** or **abort** subroutine or the completion of the **fflush** or **fclose** subroutine on the standard error stream, the **perror** subroutine marks for update the `st_ctime` and `st_mtime` fields of the file associated with the standard error stream.

Parameter

String Specifies a parameter string that contains the name of the program that caused the error. The ensuing printed message contains this string, a : (colon), and an explanation of the error.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **abort** subroutine, **exit** subroutine, **fflush** or **fclose** subroutine, **printf**, **fprintf**, **sprintf**, **wsprintf**, **vprintf**, **vfprintf**, **vsprintf**, or **vwsprintf** subroutine, **strerror** subroutine.

Subroutines Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pipe Subroutine

Purpose

Creates an interprocess channel.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int pipe ( FileDescriptor )
int FileDescriptor [2];
```

Description

The **pipe** subroutine creates an interprocess channel called a pipe and returns two file descriptors, `FileDescriptor[0]` and `FileDescriptor[1]`. `FileDescriptor[0]` is opened for reading and `FileDescriptor[1]` is opened for writing.

A read operation on the `FileDescriptor[0]` parameter accesses the data written to the `FileDescriptor[1]` parameter on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.

Write requests of **PIPE_BUF** bytes or fewer will not be interleaved (mixed) with data from other processes doing writes on the same pipe. **PIPE_BUF** is a system variable described in the **pathconf** (“**pathconf** or **fpathconf** Subroutine” on page 644) subroutine. Writes of greater than **PIPE_BUF** bytes may have data interleaved, on arbitrary boundaries, with other writes.

If **O_NONBLOCK** or **O_NDELAY** are set, writes requests of **PIPE_BUF** bytes or fewer will either succeed completely or fail and return -1 with the **errno** global variable set to **EAGAIN**. A write request for more than **PIPE_BUF** bytes will either transfer what it can and return the number of bytes actually written, or transfer no data and return -1 with the **errno** global variable set to **EAGAIN**.

Parameters

FileDescriptor Specifies the address of an array of two integers into which the new file descriptors are placed.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

The **pipe** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more the following are true:

EFAULT The *FileDescriptor* parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EMFILE The number of open of file descriptors exceeds the **OPEN_MAX** value.
ENFILE The system file table is full, or the device containing pipes has no free i-nodes.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **read** subroutine, **select** subroutine, **write** subroutine.

The **ksh** command, **sh** command.

Files, Directories, and File Systems for Programmers in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

plock Subroutine

Purpose

Locks the process, text, or data in memory.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int plock ( Operation )  
int Operation;
```

Description

The **plock** subroutine allows the calling process to lock or unlock its text region (text lock), its data region (data lock), or both its text and data regions (process lock) into memory. The **plock** subroutine does not lock the shared text segment or any shared data segments. Locked segments are pinned in memory and are immune to all routine paging. Memory locked by a parent process is not inherited by the children after a **fork** subroutine call. Likewise, locked memory is unlocked if a process executes one of the **exec** subroutines. The calling process must have the root user authority to use this subroutine.

A real-time process can use this subroutine to ensure that its code, data, and stack are always resident in memory.

Note: Before calling the **plock** subroutine, the user application must lower the maximum stack limit value using the **ulimit** subroutine.

Parameters

<i>Operation</i>	Specifies one of the following:
	PROCLock Locks text and data into memory (process lock).
	TXTLock Locks text into memory (text lock).
	DATLock Locks data into memory (data lock).
	UNLOCK Removes locks.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned to the calling process. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **plock** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or more of the following is true:

EPERM	The effective user ID of the calling process does not have the root user authority.
EINVAL	The <i>Operation</i> parameter has a value other than PROCLock , TXTLock , DATLock , or UNLOCK .
EINVAL	The <i>Operation</i> parameter is equal to PROCLock , and a process lock, text lock, or data lock already exists on the calling process.
EINVAL	The <i>Operation</i> parameter is equal to TXTLock , and a text lock or process lock already exists on the calling process.
EINVAL	The <i>Operation</i> parameter is equal to DATLock , and a data lock or process lock already exists on the calling process.
EINVAL	The <i>Operation</i> parameter is equal to UNLOCK , and no type of lock exists on the calling process.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“**exec**: **execl**, **execle**, **execlp**, **execv**, **execve**, **execvp**, or **exec** Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **_exit**, **exit**, or **atexit** (“**exit**, **atexit**, or **_exit** Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, **fork** (“**fork**, **f_fork**, or **vfork** Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **ulimit** subroutine.

pm_battery_control Subroutine

Purpose

Controls and queries the battery status.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pm_battery_control(Command, Battery);  
int Command;  
struct pm_battery *Battery;
```

Description

The `pm_battery_control` subroutine controls and queries the battery status.

Parameters

Command Specifies one of the following:

PM_BATTERY_DISCHARGE
Discharges the battery.

PM_BATTERY_QUERY
Queries fuel state of the battery.

Battery Points a following `pm_battery` structure to return battery information. When *Command* is **PM_BATTERY_QUERY**, the following structure is used:

```
struct pm_battery {  
    int attribute; /*battery attributes are as follows*/  
        PM_BATTERY /* battery is supported */  
        PM_BATTERY_EXIST /* battery exists */  
        PM_NICD /*NiCd or NiMH */  
        PM_CHARGE /* now charging */  
        PM_DISCHARGE /* now discharging */  
        PM_AC /* AC power is in use */  
        PM_DC /* DC power is in use */  
    int capacity; /* battery capacity */  
    int remain; /* current remaining capacity */  
    int discharge_remain;  
        /*remaining capacity while discharging */  
    int discharge_time; /* discharge time */  
    int full_charge_count; /*full charge count */  
};  
If a field is not applicable, -1 is set.
```

Return Values

PM_SUCCESS Indicates successful completion.

PM_ERROR Indicates an error condition. The variable `errno` is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL The argument or command is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The `pm_battery_control` subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pm_control_state` (“`pm_control_state` Subroutine” on page 684) subroutine, `pm_control_parameter` (“`pm_control_parameter` Subroutine” on page 680) subroutine.

pm_control_parameter Subroutine

Purpose

Controls and queries Power Management parameters.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pm_control_parameter (control, argument)  
int control;  
caddr_t argument;
```

Description

The **pm_control_parameter** subroutine controls and queries Power Management parameters.

Parameters

control Specifies one of the following Power Management (PM) control commands:

PM_CTRL_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER

Queries system idle timer.

PM_CTRL_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER

Sets system idle timer.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_DEVICE_IDLE_TIMER

Queries device idle timer.

PM_CTRL_SET_DEVICE_IDLE_TIMER

Sets device idle timer.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_LID_CLOSE_ACTION

Queries the LID close action.

PM_CTRL_SET_LID_CLOSE_ACTION

Sets the LID close action.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION

Queries the system idle action.

PM_CTRL_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION

Sets the system idle action.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION

Queries the main power switch action.

PM_CTRL_SET_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION

Sets the main power switch action.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION

Queries the low battery action.

PM_CTRL_SET_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION

Sets the low battery action.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_BEEP

Queries whether beep is enabled or not.

PM_CTRL_SET_BEEP

Enables/disables beep.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_PM_DD_NUMBER

Queries the number of PM aware DDs.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_PM_DD_LIST

Returns an array of devno of PM aware DDs.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_LID_STATE

Queries the LID state.

argument The value of the *argument* parameter depends on the Power Management control command. For the following Power Management commands, the *argument* parameter is a pointer to an integer in which result value is stored:

- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER**
- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_LID_CLOSE_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_BEEP**
- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_PM_DD_NUMBER**
- **PM_CTRL_QUERY_LID_STATE**

For the following Power Management commands, the *argument* parameter is an integer to be set.

- **PM_CTRL_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER**
- **PM_CTRL_SET_LID_CLOSE_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_SET_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_SET_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION**
- **PM_CTRL_SET_BEEP**

For the **PM_CTRL_PM_QUERY_DEVICE_TIMER** and **PM_CTRL_SET_DEVICE_TIMER** commands, the *argument* parameter is a pointer to the following structure:

```
struct pm_device_timer_struct {
    dev_t devno; /* device major/minor number */
    int mode; /* device mode */
    int device_idle_time; /* if -1, don't care */
    int device_standby_time; /* if -1, don't care */
}
```

For the **PM_CTRL_QUERY_PM_DD_LIST** command, the *argument* parameter specifies a pointer to an array of integers.

Return Values

PM_SUCCESS Indicates successful completion.
PM_ERROR Indicates an error condition. The variable **errno** is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL The *argument* or *control* is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The **pm_control_parameter** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pm_control_state** (“pm_control_state Subroutine” on page 684) subroutine, **pm_event_query** (“pm_event_query Subroutine” on page 694) subroutine, **pm_battery_control** (“pm_battery_control Subroutine” on page 678) subroutine.

pm_control_parameter System Call

Purpose

Controls and queries the **PM** parameters.

Syntax

```
#include <pm.h>
int pm_control_parameter (ctrl, arg);
int ctrl;
caddr_t arg;
```

Description

The **pm_control_parameter** system call controls and queries the **PM** parameters.

Parameters

ctrl Specifies the function to be performed. It is one of the following values:

PM_CTRL_SET_PARAMETERS

Sets the **PM** parameters.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_DEVICE_NUMBER

Queries the number of **PM** aware devices.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_DEVICE_LIST

Gets all of **PM** aware device information.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_DEVICE_INFO

Queries **PM** aware device information.

PM_CTRL_SET_DEVICE_INFO

Sets **PM** aware device information.

PM_CTRL_SET_HIBERNATION_VOLUME

Tells **PM** hibernation volume information to **PM** core.

arg Specifies a pointer to a structure that depends on the function specified by the *ctrl* parameter.

When the *ctrl* parameter is **PM_CTRL_SET_PARAMETERS**, *arg* is a pointer to the following **pm_parameters_t** structure:

```
typedef struct _pm_parameters {
    Simple_lock lock; /*lock data to serialize access*/
    core_data_t core_data;
    daemon_data_t daemon_data;
} pm_parameters_t;
```

where,

```
typedef struct _daemon_data{
    int system_idle_action; /*system idle action*/
    int lid_close_action; /*lid close action*/
    int main_switch_action; /*main power switch action*/
    int low_battery_action; /*low battery action*/
    int specified_time_action; /*action at specified time*/
    int resume_passwd; /*enable/disable resume password*/
    int kill_lft_session; /*continue/kill LFT session*/
    int kill_tty_session; /*continue/kill TTY session*/
    int permission; /*permitted state by superuser*/
} daemon_data_t;
typedef struct _core_data{
    int system_idle_time; /*system idle time in seconds*/
    int pm_beep; /*enable/disable beep*/
    int ringing_resume; /*enable/disable ringing resume*/
    time_t resume_time; /*specified time to resume*/
    time_t specified_time; /*specified time to sus or hiber*/
    int sus_to_hiber; /*duration from suspend to hibernation*/
    int kill_syncd; /*if syncd has been killed*/
    char reserve[4]; /*reserved*/
} core_data_t;
```

When the *ctrl* parameter is **PM_CTRL_QUERY_DEVICE_NUMBER**, *arg* is a pointer to an integer where the number of **PM** aware device drivers is returned.

When the *ctrl* parameter is **PM_CTRL_QUERY_DEVICE_LIST**, *arg* is a pointer to an array of device logical names.

When the *ctrl* parameter is **PM_CTRL_QUERY_DEVICE_INFO**, or **PM_CTRL_SET_DEVICE_INFO**, *arg* is a pointer to the following **pm_device_info_t** structure:

```

struct _pm_device_info {
    char name[16];           /*device logical name*/
    int mode;               /*current device PM mode*/
    int attribute;         /*PM attribute*/
    int idle_time;         /*device idle time*/
    int standby_time;      /*device standby time*/
    int idle_time1;        /*idle time 1 for DPMS */
    int idle_time2;        /*idle time 2 for DPMS */
    char reserve[24];      /*reserved*/
} pm_device_info_t;

```

When the *ctrl* parameter is **PM_CTRL_SET_HIBERNATION_VOLUME**, *arg* is a pointer to the following `pm_hibernation_t` structure:

```

typedef struct _pm_hibernation {
    dev_t devno;           /*major/minor device number*/
    long pnum;            /*physical partition number*/
    long psize;           /*physical partition size*/
    long snum;           /*valid sector list item number*/
    pm_sector_t *slist;   /*sector list*/
} pm_hibernation_t;

```

Where,

```

typedef struct _pm_sector {
    long start;           /*RBA(Relative Block Address) in sectors*/
    long size;           /*sector size in sectors(512 bytes)*/
} pm_sector_t;

```

Note: The functions in AIX 4.1.1 still remain as they were. But they are left only for backward compatibility and may be deleted in the future. New programs should not use them.

Return Values

PM_SUCCESS Indicates successful completion.
PM_ERROR Indicates an error condition. The variable `errno` is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL Invalid argument.

Implementation Specifics

The `pm_control_parameter` system call is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pm_battery_control` (“`pm_battery_control` Subroutine” on page 678) subroutine.

The `pm_control_state` (“`pm_control_state` System Call” on page 687) system call,
pm_system_event_query (“`pm_system_event_query` System Call” on page 729) system call.

pm_control_state Subroutine

Purpose

Controls and queries the Power Management states

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pm_control_state(control, PMS)  
int control;  
struct pm_state *PMS;
```

Description

The **pm_control_state** subroutine controls and queries the Power Management (PM) states.

Parameters

control Specifies one of the following Power Management control commands:

PM_CTRL_QUERY_STATE

Queries the current system PM state.

PM_CTRL_REQUEST_STATE

Requests to move to system full-on, system PM enable, system standby or system suspend state.

PM_CTRL_START_STATE

Forces to move to system full-on, system PM enable, system standby or system suspend state.

PM_CTRL_QUERY_REQUEST

Queries the result of the requested action.

PMS Specifies a pointer to the following **pm_state** structure.

```
struct pm_state {
    int  state;
    int  id;
    int  event;
    int  devno;
}
```

The contents of the structure depends on the PM control command.

- When the *control* is **PM_CTRL_QUERY_STATE**, state is returned.
- When the *control* is **PM_CTRL_REQUEST_STATE**, input is state and output is id.
- When the *control* is **PM_CTRL_START_STATE**, input is state and output is event and devno (if event is **PM_EVENT_ERROR**).
- When the *control* is **PM_CTRL_QUERY_REQUEST**, input is id and output is event and devno (if event is **PM_EVENT_ERROR**).

Event value is one of the following,

PM_EVENT_LID_OPEN

LID open

PM_EVENT_RTC

specified time to resume

PM_EVENT_RINGING

ringing

PM_EVENT_MOUSE

mouse event

PM_EVENT_KEYBOARD

keyboard event

PM_EVENT_EXTRA_INPUTDD

extra input DD

PM_EVENT_EXTRA_BUTTON

extra button

PM_EVENT_ERROR

action failed

Return Values

PM_SUCCESS Indicates successful completion.

PM_ERROR Indicates an error condition. The variable **errno** is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL The argument or command is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

The **pm_control_state** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pm_control_parameter** (“pm_control_parameter Subroutine” on page 680) subroutine, **pm_event_query** (“pm_event_query Subroutine” on page 694) subroutine, **pm_battery_control** (“pm_battery_control Subroutine” on page 678) subroutine.

pm_control_state System Call

Purpose

Controls and queries the **PM** state.

Syntax

```
#include <pm.h>
int
pm_control_state (ctrl, arg);
int ctrl;
caddr_t arg;
```

Parameters

ctrl Specifies the function to be performed. It is one of the following values:

PM_CTRL_QUERY_SYSTEM_STATE

Queries the **PM** state.

PM_CTRL_START_SYSTEM_STATE

Initiates the **PM** state change.

arg Specifies a pointer to the following **pm_system_state_t** structure:

```
struct _pm_system_state {
    int state;           /*system PM state*/
    int event;          /*resume event*/
    char name[16];      /*device name which caused an error*/
    char reserve[8];    /*reserved*/
} pm_system_state_t;
```

The state value is one of the following:

PM_SYSTEM_FULL_ON	System full on
PM_SYSTEM_ENABLE	System PM enable
PM_SYSTEM_STANDBY	System standby
PM_SYSTEM_SUSPEND	System suspend
PM_SYSTEM_HIBERNATION	System hibernation
PM_TRANSITION_START	Transition request started
PM_TRANSITION_END	Transition request completed

The event value is one of the following:

PM_EVENT_POWER_SWITCH_ON
PM_EVENT_LID_OPEN
PM_EVENT_RTC
PM_EVENT_RING
PM_EVENT_MOUSE
PM_EVENT_KEYBOARD
PM_EVENT_EXTRA_INPUTDD
PM_EVENT_EXTRA_BUTTON
PM_EVENT_REJECT_BY_HIB_VOL
PM_EVENT_NOT_SUPPORTED
PM_EVENT_GENERAL_ERROR
PM_EVENT_REJECT_BY_DD

Note: The functions at AIX 4.1.1 still remain as they were. But they are left only for backward compatibility and may be deleted in the future. New programs should not use them.

Description

The **pm_control_state** system call controls and queries the **PM** state.

Return Values

PM_SUCCESS Indicates successful completion.
PM_ERROR Indicates an error condition. The variable `errno` is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL Invalid argument.

Implementation Specifics

The **pm_control_state** system call is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pm_battery_control** (“`pm_battery_control` Subroutine” on page 678) subroutine.

The **pm_control_parameter** (“`pm_control_parameter` System Call” on page 682) system call,
pm_system_event_query (“`pm_system_event_query` System Call” on page 729) system call.

pm_cycles Subroutine

Purpose

Measures processor speed in cycles per second.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

double pm_cycles (void)
```

Description

The **pm_cycles** subroutine uses the Performance Monitor cycle counter and the processor real-time clock to measure the actual processor clock speed. The speed is returned in cycles per second.

Return Values

0	An error occurred.
Processor speed in cycles per second	No errors occurred.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_delete_program Subroutine

Purpose

Deletes previously established systemwide Performance Monitor settings.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

int pm_delete_program ()
```

Description

The **pm_delete_program** subroutine deletes previously established systemwide Performance Monitor settings.

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

pm_init ("pm_init Subroutine" on page 707), **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693), **pm_set_program** ("pm_set_program Subroutine" on page 713), **pm_get_program** ("pm_get_program Subroutine" on page 701), **pm_get_data** ("pm_get_data Subroutine" on page 696), **pm_start** ("pm_start Subroutine" on page 720), **pm_stop** ("pm_stop Subroutine" on page 725), **pm_reset_data** ("pm_reset_data Subroutine" on page 708) subroutines.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_delete_program_group Subroutine

Purpose

Deletes previously established Performance Monitor settings for the counting group to which a target thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_delete_program_group ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_delete_program_group** subroutine deletes previously established Performance Monitor settings for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process under the control of the calling process. The settings for the group to which the target thread belongs and from all the other threads in the same group are also deleted.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process identifier of target thread. The target process must be a debuggee under the control of the calling process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread identifier of a target thread.

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“ pm_error Subroutine ” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“**pm_error Subroutine**” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<i>/usr/include/pmapi.h</i>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“**pm_init Subroutine**” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“**pm_error Subroutine**” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_group** (“**pm_set_program_group Subroutine**” on page 714) subroutine, **pm_get_program_group** (“**pm_get_program_group Subroutine**” on page 702) subroutine, **pm_get_data_group** (“**pm_get_data_group Subroutine**” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_start_group** (“**pm_start_group Subroutine**” on page 721) subroutine, **pm_stop_group** (“**pm_stop_group Subroutine**” on page 726) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_group** (“**pm_reset_data_group Subroutine**” on page 709) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_delete_program_mygroup Subroutine

Purpose

Deletes previously established Performance Monitor settings for the counting group to which the calling thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_delete_program_mygroup ()
```

Description

The **pm_delete_program_mygroup** subroutine deletes previously established Performance Monitor settings for the calling kernel thread, the counting group to which it belongs, and for all the threads that are members of the same group.

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

pm_init ("pm_init Subroutine" on page 707), pm_error ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693), pm_set_program_mygroup ("pm_set_program_mygroup Subroutine" on page 716), pm_get_program_mygroup ("pm_get_program_mygroup Subroutine" on page 703), pm_get_data_mygroup ("pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine" on page 698), pm_start_mygroup ("pm_start_mygroup Subroutine" on page 722), pm_stop_mygroup ("pm_stop_mygroup Subroutine" on page 727), pm_reset_data_mygroup ("pm_reset_data_mygroup Subroutine" on page 710) subroutines.

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pm_delete_program_mythread Subroutine

Purpose

Deletes the previously established Performance Monitor settings for the calling thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_delete_program_mythread ()
```

Description

The **pm_delete_program_mythread** subroutine deletes the previously established Performance Monitor settings for the calling kernel thread.

Return Values

0 No errors occurred.

Positive error code Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

pm_init (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707), pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693), pm_set_program_mythread (“pm_set_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 717), pm_get_program_mythread (“pm_get_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 705), pm_get_data_mythread (“pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 699), pm_start_mythread (“pm_start_mythread Subroutine” on page 723), pm_stop_mythread (“pm_stop_mythread Subroutine” on page 728), pm_reset_data_mythread (“pm_reset_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 711) subroutines.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_delete_program_thread Subroutine

Purpose

Deletes the previously established Performance Monitor settings for a target thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_delete_program_thread ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_delete_program_thread** subroutine deletes the previously established Performance Monitor settings for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process under the control of the calling process.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process identifier of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee under the control of the calling process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread identifier of the target thread.

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine”) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine”) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

`pm_init` (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707), `pm_error` (“pm_error Subroutine”), `pm_set_program_thread` (“pm_set_program_thread Subroutine” on page 719), `pm_get_program_thread` (“pm_get_program_thread Subroutine” on page 706), `pm_get_data_thread` (“pm_get_data_thread Subroutine” on page 700), `pm_start_thread` (“pm_start_thread Subroutine” on page 724), `pm_stop_thread` (“pm_stop_thread Subroutine” on page 728), `pm_reset_data_thread` (“pm_reset_data_thread Subroutine” on page 712) subroutines.

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pm_error Subroutine

Purpose

Decodes Performance Monitor APIs error codes.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
void pm_error ( *Where, errorcode)
char *Where;
int errorcode;
```

Description

The **pm_error** subroutine writes a message on the standard error output that describes the parameter *errorcode* encountered by a Performance Monitor API library subroutine. The error message includes the *Where* parameter string followed by a : (colon), a space character, the message, and a new-line character. The *Where* parameter string includes the name of the program that caused the error.

Parameters

<i>*Where</i>	Specifies where the error was encountered.
<i>errorcode</i>	Specifies the error code as returned by one of the Performance Monitor APIs library subroutines.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The `pm_init` subroutine, `pm_set_program` subroutine, `pm_get_program` subroutine, `pm_delete_program` subroutine, `pm_get_data` subroutine, `pm_start` subroutine, `pm_stop` subroutine, `pm_reset_data` subroutine.

The `pm_set_program_mythread` subroutine, `pm_get_program_mythread` subroutine, `pm_delete_program_mythread` subroutine, `pm_get_data_mythread` subroutine, `pm_start_mythread` subroutine, `pm_stop_mythread` subroutine, `pm_reset_data_mythread` subroutine.

The `pm_set_program_mygroup` subroutine, `pm_get_program_mygroup` subroutine, `pm_delete_program_mygroup` subroutine, `pm_get_data_mygroup` subroutine, `pm_start_mygroup` subroutine, `pm_stop_mygroup` subroutine, `pm_reset_data_mygroup` subroutine.

The `pm_set_program_thread` subroutine, `pm_get_program_thread` subroutine, `pm_delete_program_thread` subroutine, `pm_get_data_thread` subroutine, `pm_start_thread` subroutine, `pm_stop_thread` subroutine, `pm_reset_data_thread` subroutine.

The `pm_set_program_group` subroutine, `pm_get_program_group` subroutine, `pm_delete_program_group` subroutine, `pm_get_data_group` subroutine, `pm_start_group` subroutine, `pm_stop_group` subroutine, `pm_reset_data_group` subroutine.

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pm_event_query Subroutine

Purpose

Queries a Power Management Event.

Library

Standard C Library (`libc.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pm_event_query(Event, Action);  
int *Event;  
int *Action;
```

Description

The `pm_event_query` subroutine queries a Power Management (PM) event.

Parameters

Event Returns one of the following events:

PM_EVENT_NONE

no event

PM_EVENT_LID_CLOSE

LID close

PM_EVENT_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER

system timer expiration

PM_EVENT_LOW_BATTERY

low battery

PM_EVENT_SOFTWARE_REQUEST

requested by software

PM_EVENT_DATA_CHANGE

PM data change notice

PM_EVENT_AC

power change from DC to AC

PM_EVENT_DC

power change from AC to DC

PM_EVENT_DISPLAY_MESSAGE

display message request

PM_EVENT_SPECIFIED_TIME

Specified time for suspend/hibernation

Action Returns one of the following actions (system state) to be requested. It is a default state transition action in PM core:

PM_SYSTEM_NONE

PM_SYSTEM_FULL_ON

PM_SYSTEM_ENABLE

PM_SYSTEM_STANDBY

PM_SYSTEM_SUSPEND

PM_SYSTEM_SHUTDOWN

Return Values

PM_SUCCESS Indicates successful completion.

PM_ERROR Indicates an error condition. The variable **errno** is set to identify the error.

Error Codes

EINVAL The argument or command is not valid.

EBUSY Another process is blocked for query.

Implementation Specifics

The **pm_event_query** subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pm_control_state** (“pm_control_state Subroutine” on page 684) subroutine, **pm_control_parameter** (“pm_control_parameter Subroutine” on page 680) subroutine, **pm_battery_control** (“pm_battery_control Subroutine” on page 678) subroutine.

pm_get_data Subroutine

Purpose

Returns systemwide Performance Monitor data.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_data ( *pmdata)  
pm_data_t *pmdata;
```

Description

The **pm_get_data** subroutine retrieves the current systemwide Performance Monitor data. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machines used) of 64-bit values.

Parameters

pmdata

Pointer to a structure that contains the returned systemwide Performance Monitor data.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program** (“pm_set_program Subroutine” on page 713) subroutine, **pm_get_program** (“pm_get_program Subroutine” on page 701) subroutine, **pm_delete_program** (“pm_delete_program Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_start** (“pm_start Subroutine” on page 720) subroutine, **pm_stop** (“pm_stop Subroutine” on page 725) subroutine, **pm_reset_data** (“pm_reset_data Subroutine” on page 708) subroutine.

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pm_get_data_group Subroutine

Purpose

Returns Performance Monitor data for the counting group to which a target thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_data_group ( pid, tid, *pmdata)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
pm_data_t *pmdata;
```

Description

The **pm_get_data_group** subroutine retrieves the current Performance Monitor data for the counting group to which a target kernel thread belongs. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process under the control of the calling process. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values. The information returned also includes the characteristics of the group, such as the number of its members, if it is a process level group, and if its counters are consistent with the sum of the counters for all of the threads in the group.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process identifier of a target thread. The target process must be an argument of a debug process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread identifier of a target thread.
<i>*pmdata</i>	Pointer to a structure to return the Performance Monitor data for the group to which the target thread belongs.

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the <code>pm_error</code> (“ <code>pm_error</code> Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the `pm_error` (“`pm_error` Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The `pm_init` (“`pm_init` Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, `pm_error` (“`pm_error` Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, `pm_set_program_group` (“`pm_set_program_group` Subroutine” on page 714) subroutine, `pm_get_program_group` (“`pm_get_program_group` Subroutine” on page 702) subroutine, `pm_get_data_group` (“`pm_get_data_group` Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, `pm_start_group` (“`pm_start_group` Subroutine” on page 721) subroutine, `pm_stop_group` (“`pm_stop_group` Subroutine” on page 726) subroutine, `pm_reset_data_group` (“`pm_reset_data_group` Subroutine” on page 709) subroutine.

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pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine

Purpose

Returns Performance Monitor data for the counting group to which the calling thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_data_mygroup ( *pmdata)  
pm_data_t *pmdata;
```

Description

The **pm_get_data_mygroup** subroutine retrieves the current Performance Monitor data for the group to which the calling kernel thread belongs. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values. The information returned also includes the characteristics of the group, such as the number of its members, if it is a process level group, and if its counters are consistent with the sum of the counters for all of the threads in the group.

Parameters

<i>*pmdata</i>	Pointer to a structure to return the Performance Monitor data for the group to which the calling thread belongs.
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Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<i>/usr/include/pmapi.h</i>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The pm_init (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, pm_set_program_mygroup (“pm_set_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 716) subroutine, pm_get_program_mygroup (“pm_get_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 703) subroutine, pm_get_data_mygroup (“pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine”) subroutine, pm_start_mygroup (“pm_start_mygroup Subroutine” on page 722) subroutine, pm_stop_mygroup (“pm_stop_mygroup Subroutine” on page 727) subroutine, pm_reset_data_mygroup (“pm_reset_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 710) subroutine.

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pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine

Purpose

Returns Performance Monitor data for the calling thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_data_mythread ( *pmdata)  
pm_data_t *pmdata;
```

Description

The **pm_get_data_mythread** subroutine retrieves the current Performance Monitor data for the calling kernel thread. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values.

Parameters

<i>*pmdata</i>	Pointer to a structure to contain the returned Performance Monitor data for the calling kernel thread.
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Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

pm_init (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707), pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693), pm_set_program_mythread (“pm_set_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 717), pm_get_program_mythread (“pm_get_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 705), pm_get_data_mythread (“pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine”), pm_start_mythread (“pm_start_mythread Subroutine” on page 723), pm_stop_mythread (“pm_stop_mythread Subroutine” on page 728), pm_reset_data_mythread (“pm_reset_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 711) subroutines.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_get_data_thread Subroutine

Purpose

Returns Performance Monitor data for a target thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmap.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_data_thread ( pid, tid, *pdata)  
pid_t pid;  
tid_t tid;  
pm_data_t *pdata;
```

Description

The **pm_get_data_thread** subroutine retrieves the current Performance Monitor data for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process under the control of a calling process. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process identifier of a target thread. The target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread identifier of a target thread.
<i>*pdata</i>	Pointer to a structure to return the Performance Monitor data for the target kernel thread.

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<i>/usr/include/pmap.h</i>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

pm_init (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707), pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693), pm_set_program_thread (“pm_set_program_thread Subroutine” on page 719), pm_get_program_thread (“pm_get_program_thread Subroutine” on page 706), pm_get_data_thread (“pm_get_data_thread Subroutine”), pm_start_thread (“pm_start_thread Subroutine” on page 724), pm_stop_thread (“pm_stop_thread Subroutine” on page 728), pm_reset_data_thread (“pm_reset_data_thread Subroutine” on page 712) subroutines.

pm_get_program Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves systemwide Performance Monitor settings.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_program ( *prog)  
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_get_program** subroutine retrieves the current systemwide Performance Monitor settings. This includes mode information and the events being counted, which are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers come from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

The counting mode includes user mode, the kernel mode, the current counting state, and the process tree mode. If the process tree mode is on, the counting applies only to the calling process and its descendants.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value is also returned.

Parameters

prog

Returns which Performance Monitor events and modes are set. Supported modes are:

PM_USER

Counting processes running in user mode

PM_KERNEL

Counting processes running in kernel mode

PM_COUNT

Counting is on

PM_PROCTREE

Counting applies only to the calling process and its descendants

Return Values

0

No errors occurred.

Positive error code

Refer to the **pm_error** (“**pm_error** Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“**pm_error** Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

`pm_init` (“`pm_init` Subroutine” on page 707), `pm_error` (“`pm_error` Subroutine” on page 693), `pm_set_program` (“`pm_set_program` Subroutine” on page 713), `pm_delete_program` (“`pm_delete_program` Subroutine” on page 689), `pm_get_data` (“`pm_get_data` Subroutine” on page 696), `pm_start` (“`pm_start` Subroutine” on page 720), `pm_stop` (“`pm_stop` Subroutine” on page 725), `pm_reset_data` (“`pm_reset_data` Subroutine” on page 708) subroutines.

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`pm_get_program_group` Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for the counting group to which a target thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_program_group ( pid, tid, *prog)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The `pm_get_program_group` subroutine retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for the counting group to which a target kernel thread belongs. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process under the control of the calling process. This includes mode information and the events being counted, which are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers come from the lists returned by the `pm_init` subroutine.

The counting mode includes the user mode and kernel mode, and the current counting state.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the `pm_init` subroutine), a threshold value is also returned.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process identifier of target thread. The target process must be an argument of a debug process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread identifier of the target thread.

**prog*

Returns which Performance Monitor events and modes are set. Supported modes are:

PM_USER

Counting process running in user mode

PM_KERNEL

Counting process running kernel mode

PM_COUNT

Counting is on

PM_PROCESS

Process level counting group

Return Values

0

No errors occurred.

Positive error code

Refer to the `pm_error` (“`pm_error` Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the `pm_error` (“`pm_error` Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h`

Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The `pm_init` (“`pm_init` Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, `pm_error` (“`pm_error` Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, `pm_set_program_group` (“`pm_set_program_group` Subroutine” on page 714) subroutine, `pm_delete_program_group` (“`pm_delete_program_group` Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, `pm_get_data_group` (“`pm_get_data_group` Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, `pm_start_group` (“`pm_start_group` Subroutine” on page 721) subroutine, `pm_stop_group` (“`pm_stop_group` Subroutine” on page 726) subroutine, `pm_reset_data_group` (“`pm_reset_data_group` Subroutine” on page 709) subroutine.

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pm_get_program_mygroup Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for the counting group to which the calling thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_program_mygroup ( *prog)
```

```
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_get_program_mygroup** subroutine retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for the counting group to which the calling kernel thread belongs. This includes mode information and the events being counted, which are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers come from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

The counting mode includes user mode and kernel mode, and the current counting state.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value is also returned.

Parameters

<i>*prog</i>	Returns which Performance Monitor events and modes are set. Supported modes are: PM_USER Counting processes running in user mode PM_KERNEL Counting processes running in kernel mode PM_COUNT Counting is on PM_PROCESS Process level counting group
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Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_mygroup** (“pm_set_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 716) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mygroup** (“pm_delete_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mygroup** (“pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 698) subroutine, **pm_start_mygroup** (“pm_start_mygroup Subroutine” on page 722) subroutine, **pm_stop_mygroup** (“pm_stop_mygroup Subroutine” on page 727) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_mygroup** (“pm_reset_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 710) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_get_program_mythread Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for the calling thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_program_mythread ( *prog)  
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_get_program_mythread** subroutine retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for the calling kernel thread. This includes mode information and the events being counted, which are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers come from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

The counting mode includes user mode and kernel mode, and the current counting state.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value is also returned.

Parameters

**prog*

Returns which Performance Monitor events and modes are set. Supported modes are:

PM_USER

Counting processes running in user mode

PM_KERNEL

Counting processes running in kernel mode

PM_COUNT

Counting is on

Return Values

0

No errors occurred.

Positive error code

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h

Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The `pm_init` (“`pm_init Subroutine`” on page 707) subroutine, `pm_error` (“`pm_error Subroutine`” on page 693) subroutine, `pm_set_program_mythread` (“`pm_set_program_mythread Subroutine`” on page 717) subroutine, `pm_delete_program_mythread` (“`pm_delete_program_mythread Subroutine`” on page 691) subroutine, `pm_get_data_mythread` (“`pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine`” on page 699) subroutine, `pm_start_mythread` (“`pm_start_mythread Subroutine`” on page 723) subroutine, `pm_stop_mythread` (“`pm_stop_mythread Subroutine`” on page 728) subroutine, `pm_reset_data_mythread` (“`pm_reset_data_mythread Subroutine`” on page 711) subroutine.

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pm_get_program_thread Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for a target thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_get_program_thread ( pid, tid, *prog)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The `pm_get_program_thread` subroutine retrieves the Performance Monitor settings for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process under the control of the calling process. This includes mode information and the events being counted, which are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers come from the lists returned by the `pm_init` subroutine.

The counting mode includes user mode and kernel mode, and the current counting state.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the `pm_init` subroutine), a threshold value is also returned.

Parameters

pid

Process identifier of the target thread. The target process must be an argument of a debug process.

tid

Thread identifier of the target thread.

**prog*

Returns which Performance Monitor events and modes are set. Supported modes are:

PM_USER

Counting processes running in **User** mode

PM_KERNEL

Counting processes running in **Kernel** mode

PM_COUNT

Counting is On

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

pm_init (“pm_init Subroutine”), **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693), **pm_set_program_thread** (“pm_set_program_thread Subroutine” on page 719), **pm_delete_program_thread** (“pm_delete_program_thread Subroutine” on page 692), **pm_get_data_thread** (“pm_get_data_thread Subroutine” on page 700), **pm_start_thread** (“pm_start_thread Subroutine” on page 724), **pm_stop_thread** (“pm_stop_thread Subroutine” on page 728), **pm_reset_data_thread** (“pm_reset_data_thread Subroutine” on page 712) subroutines.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_init Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes the Performance Monitor APIs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_init ( filter, *pminfo)
int filter;
pm_info_t *pminfo;
```

Description

The **pm_init** subroutine initializes the Performance Monitor API library. It returns, after taking into account a *filter* on the status of the events, the number of counters available on this processor, and one table per counter with the list of events available. For each event, an event identifier, a status, a flag indicating if the event can be used with a threshold, two names, and a description are provided.

The event identifier is used with all the **pm_set_program** interfaces and is also returned by all of the **pm_get_program** interfaces. Only event identifiers present in the table returned can be used. In other words, the *filter* is effective for all API calls.

The status describes whether the event has been verified, is still unverified, or works with some caveat, as explained in the description. This field is necessary because the filter can be any combination of the three available status bits. The flag points to events that can be used with a threshold.

Only events categorized as *verified* have gone through full verification. Events categorized as *caveat* have been verified only within the limitations documented in the event description. Events categorized as *unverified* have undefined accuracy. Use caution with *unverified* events; the Performance Monitor software is essentially providing a service to read hardware registers which may or may not have any meaningful content. Users may experiment with unverified event counters and determine for themselves what, if any, use they may have for specific tuning situations.

The short mnemonic name is provided for easy keyword-based search in the event table (see the sample program `/usr/samples/pmapi/sysapit2.c` for code using mnemonic names). The complete name of the event is also available and a full description for each event is returned.

The structure returned also has the threshold multiplier for this processor and the processor name

Parameters

<i>filter</i>	Specifies which event types to return. PM_VERIFIED Events which have been verified PM_UNVERIFIED Events which have not been verified PM_CAVEAT Events which are usable but with caveats as described in the long description
<i>*pminfo</i>	Returned structure with processor name, threshold multiplier, and a filtered list of events with their current status.

Return Values

0	No errors occurred.
Positive error code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

`pm_error` (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_reset_data Subroutine

Purpose

Resets system wide Performance Monitor data.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

int pm_reset_data ()
```

Description

The **pm_reset_data** subroutine resets the current system wide Performance Monitor data. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values. All values are reset to 0.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

See the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program** (“pm_set_program Subroutine” on page 713) subroutine, **pm_get_program** (“pm_get_program Subroutine” on page 701) subroutine, **pm_delete_program** (“pm_delete_program Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_get_data** (“pm_get_data Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_start** (“pm_start Subroutine” on page 720) subroutine, **pm_stop** (“pm_stop Subroutine” on page 725) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_reset_data_group Subroutine

Purpose

Resets Performance Monitor data for a target thread and the counting group to which it belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

int pm_reset_data_group ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_reset_data_group** subroutine resets the current Performance Monitor data for a target kernel thread and the counting group to which it belongs. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process, under control of the calling process. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values. All values are reset to 0. Because the data for all the other threads in the group is not affected, the group is marked as inconsistent unless it has only one member.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process ID of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread ID of target thread.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_group** (“pm_set_program_group Subroutine” on page 714) subroutine, **pm_get_program_group** (“pm_get_program_group Subroutine” on page 702) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_group** (“pm_delete_program_group Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_start_group** (“pm_start_group Subroutine” on page 721) subroutine, **pm_stop_group** (“pm_stop_group Subroutine” on page 726) subroutine, **pm_get_data_group** (“pm_get_data_group Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_reset_data_mygroup Subroutine

Purpose

Resets Performance Monitor data for the calling thread and the counting group to which it belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

int pm_reset_data_mygroup()
```


Description

The **pm_reset_data_mygroup** subroutine resets the current Performance Monitor data for the calling kernel thread and the counting group to which it belongs. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values. All values are reset to 0. Because the data for all the other threads in the group is not affected, the group is marked as inconsistent unless it has only one member.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_mygroup** (“pm_set_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 716) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mygroup** (“pm_get_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 703) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mygroup** (“pm_delete_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_start_mygroup** (“pm_start_mygroup Subroutine” on page 722) subroutine, **pm_stop_mygroup** (“pm_stop_mygroup Subroutine” on page 727) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mygroup** (“pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 698) subroutine.

pm_reset_data_mythread Subroutine

Purpose

Resets Performance Monitor data for the calling thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_reset_data_mythread()
```

Description

The **pm_reset_data_mythread** subroutine resets the current Performance Monitor data for the calling kernel thread. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine) of 64-bit values. All values are reset to 0.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
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Positive Error Code Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_mythread** (“pm_set_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 717) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mythread** (“pm_get_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 705) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mythread** (“pm_delete_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_start_mythread** (“pm_start_mythread Subroutine” on page 723) subroutine, **pm_stop_mythread** (“pm_stop_mythread Subroutine” on page 728) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mythread** (“pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 699) subroutine.

pm_reset_data_thread Subroutine

Purpose

Resets Performance Monitor data for a target thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_reset_data_thread ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_reset_data_thread** subroutine resets the current Performance Monitor data for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process. The data is a set (one per hardware counter on the machine used) of 64-bit values. All values are reset to 0.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process id of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread id of target thread.

Return Values

0 Operation completed successfully.

Positive Error Code Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, datatypes, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_thread** (“pm_set_program_thread Subroutine” on page 719) subroutine, **pm_get_program_thread** (“pm_get_program_thread Subroutine” on page 706) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_thread** (“pm_delete_program_thread Subroutine” on page 692) subroutine, **pm_start_thread** (“pm_start_thread Subroutine” on page 724) subroutine, **pm_stop_thread** (“pm_stop_thread Subroutine” on page 728) subroutine, **pm_get_data_thread** (“pm_get_data_thread Subroutine” on page 700) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_set_program Subroutine

Purpose

Sets system wide Performance Monitor programming.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_set_program ( *prog)  
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_set_program** subroutine sets system wide Performance Monitor programming. The setting includes the events to be counted, and a mode in which to count. The events to count are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers must be selected from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

The counting mode includes User Mode and/or Kernel Mode, the Initial Counting State, and the Process Tree Mode. The Process Tree Mode sets counting to On only for the calling process and its descendants. The defaults are set to Off for User Mode and Kernel Mode. The initial default state is set to delay counting until the **pm_start** subroutine is called, and to count the activity of all the processes running in the system.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value can also be specified.

Parameters

<i>*prog</i>	Specifies the events and modes to use in Performance Monitor setup. The following modes are supported:
<i>PM_USER</i>	Counts processes running in User Mode (default is set to Off)
<i>PM_KERNEL</i>	Counts processes running in Kernel Mode (default is set to Off)
<i>PM_COUNT</i>	Starts counting immediately (default is set to Not to Start Counting)
<i>PM_PROCTREE</i>	Sets counting to On only for the calling process and its descendants (default is set to Off)

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_get_program** (“pm_get_program Subroutine” on page 701) subroutine, **pm_delete_program** (“pm_delete_program Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_get_data** (“pm_get_data Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_start** (“pm_start Subroutine” on page 720) subroutine, **pm_stop** (“pm_stop Subroutine” on page 725) subroutine, **pm_reset_data** (“pm_reset_data Subroutine” on page 708) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_set_program_group Subroutine

Purpose

Sets Performance Monitor programming for a target thread and creates a counting group.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_set_program_group ( pid, tid, *prog)  
pid_t pid;  
tid_t tid;  
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_set_program_group** subroutine sets the Performance Monitor programming for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process, under the control of the calling process. The setting includes the events to be counted and a mode in which to count. The events to count are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers must be selected from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

This call also creates a counting group, which includes the target thread and any thread which it, or any of its descendants, will create in the future. Optionally, the group can be defined as also containing all the existing and future threads belonging to the target process.

The counting mode includes User Mode and/or Kernel Mode, and the Initial Counting State. The defaults are set to Off for User Mode and Kernel Mode, and the initial default state is set to delay counting until the **pm_start_group** subroutine is called.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value can also be specified.

Parameters

pid

Process ID of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of a calling process.

tid

Thread ID of target thread.

**prog*

PM_USER

Counts processes running in User Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_KERNEL

Counts processes running in Kernel Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_COUNT

Starts counting immediately (default is set to Not to Start Counting)

PM_PROCESS

Creates a process-level counting group

Return Values

0

Operation completed successfully.

Positive Error Code

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_get_program_group** (“pm_get_program_group Subroutine” on page 702) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_group** (“pm_delete_program_group Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_get_data_group** (“pm_get_data_group Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_start_group** (“pm_start_group Subroutine” on page 721) subroutine, **pm_stop_group** (“pm_stop_group Subroutine” on page 726) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_group** (“pm_reset_data_group Subroutine” on page 709) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_set_program_mygroup Subroutine

Purpose

Sets Performance Monitor programming for the calling thread and creates a counting group.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_set_program_mygroup ( *prog)  
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_set_program_mygroup** subroutine sets the Performance Monitor programming for the calling kernel thread. The setting includes the events to be counted and a mode in which to count. The events to count are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers must be selected from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

This call also creates a counting group, which includes the calling thread and any thread which it, or any of its descendants, will create in the future. Optionally, the group can be defined as also containing all the existing and future threads belonging to the calling process.

The counting mode includes User Mode and/or Kernel Mode, and the Initial Counting State. The defaults are set to Off for User Mode and Kernel Mode, and the initial default state is set to delay counting until the **pm_start_mygroup** subroutine is called.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value can also be specified.

Parameters

**prog*

Specifies the events and mode to use in Performance Monitor setup. The following modes are supported:

PM_USER

Counts processes running in User Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_KERNEL

Counts processes running in Kernel Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_COUNT

Starts counting immediately (default is set to Not to Start Counting)

PM_PROCESS

Creates a process-level counting group

Return Values

0

Operation completed successfully.

Positive Error Code

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h

Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mygroup** (“pm_get_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 703) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mygroup** (“pm_delete_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mygroup** (“pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 698) subroutine, **pm_start_mygroup** (“pm_start_mygroup Subroutine” on page 722) subroutine, **pm_stop_mygroup** (“pm_stop_mygroup Subroutine” on page 727) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_mygroup** (“pm_reset_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 710) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_set_program_mythread Subroutine

Purpose

Sets Performance Monitor programming for the calling thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_set_program_mythread ( *prog)  
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_set_program_mythread** subroutine sets the Performance Monitor programming for the calling kernel thread. The setting includes the events to be counted, and a mode in which to count. The events to count are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers must be selected from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

The counting mode includes User Mode and/or Kernel Mode, and the Initial Counting State. The defaults are set to Off for User Mode and Kernel Mode, and the initial default state is set to delay counting until the **pm_start_mythread** subroutine is called.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value can also be specified.

Parameters

**prog*

Specifies the event modes to use in Performance Monitor setup. The following modes are supported:

PM_USER

Counts processes running in User Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_KERNEL

Counts processes running in Kernel Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_COUNT

Starts counting immediately (default is set to Not to Start Counting)

PM_PROCESS

Creates a process-level counting group

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mythread** (“pm_get_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 705) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mythread** (“pm_delete_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mythread** (“pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 699) subroutine, **pm_start_mythread** (“pm_start_mythread Subroutine” on page 723) subroutine, **pm_stop_mythread** (“pm_stop_mythread Subroutine” on page 728) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_mythread** (“pm_reset_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 711) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_set_program_thread Subroutine

Purpose

Sets Performance Monitor programming for a target thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_set_program_thread ( pid, tid, *prog)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
pm_prog_t *prog;
```

Description

The **pm_set_program_thread** subroutine sets the Performance Monitor programming for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process, under the control of the calling process. The setting includes the events to be counted and a mode in which to count. The events to count are in a list of event identifiers. The identifiers must be selected from the lists returned by the **pm_init** subroutine.

The counting mode includes User Mode and/or Kernel Mode, and the Initial Counting State. The defaults are set to Off for User Mode and Kernel Mode, and the Initial Default State is set to delay counting until the **pm_start_thread** subroutine is called.

If the list includes an event which can be used with a threshold (as indicated by the **pm_init** subroutine), a threshold value can also be specified.

Parameters

pid

Process ID of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.

tid

Thread ID of target thread.

**prog*

Specifies the event modes to use in Performance Monitor setup. The following modes are supported:

PM_USER

Counts processes running in User Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_KERNEL

Counts processes running in Kernel Mode (default is set to Off)

PM_COUNT

Starts counting immediately (default is set to Not to Start Counting)

Return Values

0 Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** ("pm_init Subroutine" on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** ("pm_error Subroutine" on page 693) subroutine, **pm_get_program_thread** ("pm_get_program_thread Subroutine" on page 706) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_thread** ("pm_delete_program_thread Subroutine" on page 692) subroutine, **pm_get_data_thread** ("pm_get_data_thread Subroutine" on page 700) subroutine, **pm_start_thread** ("pm_start_thread Subroutine" on page 724) subroutine, **pm_stop_thread** ("pm_stop_thread Subroutine" on page 728) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_thread** ("pm_reset_data_thread Subroutine" on page 712) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_start Subroutine

Purpose

Starts system wide Performance Monitor counting.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_start()
```

Description

The **pm_start** subroutine starts system wide Performance Monitor counting.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code.	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program** (“pm_set_program Subroutine” on page 713) subroutine, **pm_get_program** (“pm_get_program Subroutine” on page 701) subroutine, **pm_delete_program** (“pm_delete_program Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_get_data** (“pm_get_data Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_stop** (“pm_stop Subroutine” on page 725) subroutine, **pm_reset_data** (“pm_reset_data Subroutine” on page 708) subroutine.

pm_start_group Subroutine

Purpose

Starts Performance Monitor counting for the counting group to which a target thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_start_group ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_start_group** subroutine starts the Performance Monitor counting for a target kernel thread and the counting group to which it belongs. This counting is effective immediately for the target thread. For all the other thread members of the counting group, the counting will start after their next redispach, but only if their current counting state is already set to On. The counting state of a thread in a group is obtained by ANDing the thread counting state with the group state. If their counting state is currently set to Off, no counting starts until they call either the **pm_start_mythread** subroutine or the **pm_start_mygroup** themselves, or until a debugger process calls the **pm_start_thread** subroutine or the **pm_start_group** subroutine on their behalf.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process ID of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread ID of target thread.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_group** (“pm_set_program_group Subroutine” on page 714) subroutine, **pm_get_program_group** (“pm_get_program_group Subroutine” on page 702) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_group** (“pm_delete_program_group Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_get_data_group** (“pm_get_data_group Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_stop_group** (“pm_stop_group Subroutine” on page 726) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_group** (“pm_reset_data_group Subroutine” on page 709) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_start_mygroup Subroutine

Purpose

Starts Performance Monitor counting for the group to which the calling thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_start_mygroup()
```

Description

The **pm_start_mygroup** subroutine starts the Performance Monitor counting for the calling kernel thread and the counting group to which it belongs. Counting is effective immediately for the calling thread. For all the other threads members of the counting group, the counting starts after their next redispach, but only if their current counting state is already set to On. The counting state of a thread in a group is obtained by ANDING the thread counting state with the group state. If their counting state is currently set to Off, no

counting starts until they call either the **pm_start_mythread** subroutine or the **pm_start_mygroup** subroutine themselves, or until a debugger process calls the **pm_start_thread** subroutine or the **pm_start_group** subroutine on their behalf.

Return Values

0 Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_mygroup** (“pm_set_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 716) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mygroup** (“pm_get_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 703) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mygroup** (“pm_delete_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mygroup** (“pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 698) subroutine, **pm_stop_mygroup** (“pm_stop_mygroup Subroutine” on page 727) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_mygroup** (“pm_reset_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 710) subroutine.

pm_start_mythread Subroutine

Purpose

Starts Performance Monitor counting for the calling thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

int pm_start_mythread()
```

Description

The **pm_start_mythread** subroutine starts Performance Monitor counting for the calling kernel thread. Counting is effective immediately unless the thread is in a group, and that group’s counting is not currently set to On. The counting state of a thread in a group is obtained by ANDing the thread counting state with the group state.

Return Values

0 Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_mythread** (“pm_set_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 717) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mythread** (“pm_get_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 705) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mythread** (“pm_delete_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mythread** (“pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 699) subroutine, **pm_stop_mythread** (“pm_stop_mythread Subroutine” on page 728) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_mythread** (“pm_reset_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 711) subroutine.

pm_start_thread Subroutine

Purpose

Starts Performance Monitor counting for a target thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_start_thread ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_start_thread** subroutine starts Performance Monitor counting for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process, under the control of the calling process. Counting is effective immediately unless the thread is in a group and the group counting is not currently set to On. The counting state of a thread in a group is obtained by ANDing the thread counting state with the group state.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process ID of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread ID of target thread.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_thread** (“pm_set_program_thread Subroutine” on page 719) subroutine, **pm_get_program_thread** (“pm_get_program_thread Subroutine” on page 706) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_thread** (“pm_delete_program_thread Subroutine” on page 692) subroutine, **pm_get_data_thread** (“pm_get_data_thread Subroutine” on page 700) subroutine, **pm_stop_thread** (“pm_stop_thread Subroutine” on page 728) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_thread** (“pm_reset_data_thread Subroutine” on page 712) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_stop Subroutine

Purpose

Stops system wide Performance Monitor counting.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_stop ()
```

Description

The **pm_stop** subroutine stops system wide Performance Monitoring counting.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

`/usr/include/pmapi.h` Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program** (“pm_set_program Subroutine” on page 713) subroutine, **pm_get_program** (“pm_get_program Subroutine” on page 701) subroutine, **pm_delete_program** (“pm_delete_program Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_get_data** (“pm_get_data Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_start** (“pm_start Subroutine” on page 720) subroutine, **pm_reset_data** (“pm_reset_data Subroutine” on page 708) subroutine.

pm_stop_group Subroutine

Purpose

Stops Performance Monitor counting for the group to which a target thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_stop_group ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_stop** subroutine stops Performance Monitor counting for a target kernel thread, the counting group to which it belongs, and all the other thread members of the same group. Counting stops immediately for all the threads in the counting group. The target thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process, under control of the calling process.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process ID of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread ID of target thread.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_group** (“pm_set_program_group Subroutine” on page 714) subroutine, **pm_get_program_group** (“pm_get_program_group Subroutine” on page 702) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_group** (“pm_delete_program_group Subroutine” on page 689) subroutine, **pm_get_data_group** (“pm_get_data_group Subroutine” on page 696) subroutine, **pm_start_group** (“Syntax” on page 721) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_group** (“pm_reset_data_group Subroutine” on page 709) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_stop_mygroup Subroutine

Purpose

Stops Performance Monitor counting for the group to which the calling thread belongs.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

int pm_stop_mygroup ()
```

Description

The **pm_stop_mygroup** subroutine stops Performance Monitor counting for the group to which the calling kernel thread belongs. This is effective immediately for all the threads in the counting group.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<code>/usr/include/pmapi.h</code>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_mygroup** (“pm_set_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 716) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mygroup** (“pm_get_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 703) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mygroup** (“pm_delete_program_mygroup Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mygroup** (“pm_get_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 698) subroutine, **pm_start_mygroup** (“Description” on page 722) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_mygroup** (“pm_reset_data_mygroup Subroutine” on page 710) subroutine.

pm_stop_mythread Subroutine

Purpose

Stops Performance Monitor counting for the calling thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>

int pm_stop_mythread ()
```

Description

The **pm_stop_mythread** subroutine stops Performance Monitor counting for the calling kernel thread.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

/usr/include/pmapi.h Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.

Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_mythread** (“pm_set_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 717) subroutine, **pm_get_program_mythread** (“pm_get_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 705) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_mythread** (“pm_delete_program_mythread Subroutine” on page 691) subroutine, **pm_get_data_mythread** (“pm_get_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 699) subroutine, **pm_start_mythread** (“pm_start_mythread Subroutine” on page 723) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_mythread** (“pm_reset_data_mythread Subroutine” on page 711) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_stop_thread Subroutine

Purpose

Stops Performance Monitor counting for a target thread.

Library

Performance Monitor APIs Library (**libpmapi.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmapi.h>
```

```
int pm_stop_thread ( pid, tid)
pid_t pid;
tid_t tid;
```

Description

The **pm_stop_thread** subroutine stops Performance Monitor counting for a target kernel thread. The thread must be stopped and must be part of a debuggee process, under the control of the calling process.

Parameters

<i>pid</i>	Process ID of target thread. Target process must be a debuggee of the caller process.
<i>tid</i>	Thread ID of target thread.

Return Values

0	Operation completed successfully.
Positive Error Code	Refer to the pm_error (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine to decode the error code.

Error Codes

Refer to the **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine.

Files

<i>/usr/include/pmapi.h</i>	Defines standard macros, data types, and subroutines.
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Related Information

The **pm_init** (“pm_init Subroutine” on page 707) subroutine, **pm_error** (“pm_error Subroutine” on page 693) subroutine, **pm_set_program_thread** (“pm_set_program_thread Subroutine” on page 719) subroutine, **pm_get_program_thread** (“pm_get_program_thread Subroutine” on page 706) subroutine, **pm_delete_program_thread** (“pm_delete_program_thread Subroutine” on page 692) subroutine, **pm_get_data_thread** (“pm_get_data_thread Subroutine” on page 700) subroutine, **pm_start_thread** (“pm_start_thread Subroutine” on page 724) subroutine, **pm_reset_data_thread** (“pm_reset_data_thread Subroutine” on page 712) subroutine.

Performance Monitor API Programming Concepts in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts*.

pm_system_event_query System Call

Purpose

Controls and queries the **PM** event.

Syntax

```
#include <pm.h>
int pm_system_event_query (event);
int event;
```

Description

The `pm_system_event_query` system call queries the **PM** event.

event Returns one of the following events:

- `PM_EVENT_NONE`
- `PM_EVENT_LID_OPEN`
- `PM_EVENT_LID_CLOSE`
- `PM_EVENT_LOW_BATTERY`
- `PM_EVENT_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER`
- `PM_EVENT_POWER_SWITCH_OFF`
- `PM_EVENT_POWER_SWITCH_ON`
- `PM_EVENT_SPECIFIED_TIME`
- `PM_EVENT_MOUSE`
- `PM_EVENT_KEYBOARD`
- `PM_EVENT_EXTRA_INPUTDD`
- `PM_EVENT_EXTRA_BUTTON`
- `PM_EVENT_TERMINATE`
- `PM_EVENT_AC`
- `PM_EVENT_DC`

`PM_SUCCESS` Indicates successful completion.

`PM_ERROR` Indicates an error condition. The variable `errno` is set to identify the error.

PM library

The PM library is supported to control/query **PM** information from application programs.

Error Codes

`EINVAL` Invalid argument.

Implementation Specifics

The `pm_system_event_query` system call is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pm_battery_control` (“`pm_battery_control` Subroutine” on page 678) subroutine.

The `pm_control_parameter` (“`pm_control_parameter` System Call” on page 682) system call,

`pm_control_state` (“`pm_control_state` System Call” on page 687) system call.

`pmlib_get_event_notice` Subroutine

Purpose

Gets a new **PM** event.

Library

PM (Power Management) Library (**libpm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmlib.h>
int pmlib_get_event_notice(event)
int *event;
```

Description

The **pmlib_get_event_notice** subroutine gets the latest event. It is recommended **PM**- aware application calls this subroutine when signal notification from **pm** daemon arrives.

Parameters

event Points to an integer that is the latest **PM** event that the **PM** daemon holds, *event* can be bit-wise OR of following values:

PMLIB_EVENT_NONE

No event.

PMLIB_EVENT_AC

Power source is changed to AC.

PMLIB_EVENT_DC

Power source is changed to DC.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_TO_FULL_ON

System will change state to full-on.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_TO_STANDBY

System will change state to standby.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_TO_SUSPEND

System will change state to suspend.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_TO_ENABLE

System will change state to **PM** enable.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_TO_HIBERNATION

System will change state to hibernation.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_TO_SHUTDOWN

System will change state to shutdown.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_TO_TERMINATE

PM will be unconfigured.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_OF_REJECTION

State change request was rejected.

PMLIB_EVENT_NOTICE_COMPLETION

State change was completed.

PMLIB_EVENT_RESUME_FROM_STANDBY

System is resumed from standby.

PMLIB_EVENT_RESUME_FROM_SUSPEND

System is resumed from suspend.

PMLIB_EVENT_RESUME_FROM_HIBERNATION

System is resumed from hibernation.

PMLIB_EVENT_START_TO_CHANGE_STATE

System state change started.

PMLIB_EVENT_FORCE_TO_CHANGE_STATE

System is forced to change state.

PMLIB_EVENT_FAIL_TO_CHANGE_STATE

System state change failed.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **PMLIB_SUCCESS** is returned. If the **pmlib_get_event_notice** subroutine fails, **PMLIB_ERROR** is returned and *errno* variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

ESRCH **PM** daemon is not running.

EINVAL Invalid argument.

Note: If an application program is registered as **PM** aware, the **PM** daemon sends a SIGPM (equal to SIGPWR) signal to the application when an **PM** event occurs. The application program needs to prepare a signal handler and to use this **pmlib_get_event_notice** subroutine to get the **PM** event.

Implementation Specifics

The **pmlib_get_event_notice** subroutine is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pmlib_request_state** (“pmlib_request_state Subroutine” on page 739) subroutine, **pmlib_request_battery** (“pmlib_request_battery Subroutine” on page 741) subroutine, **pmlib_request_parameter** (“pmlib_request_parameter Subroutine” on page 734) subroutine, **pmlib_register_application** (“pmlib_register_application Subroutine”) subroutine.

pmlib_register_application Subroutine

Purpose

Registers or unregisters a **PM** aware application

Library

PM (Power Management) Library (**libpm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmlib.h>
int pmlib_register_application(cmd);
int cmd;
```

Parameters

cmd Determines the action to be taken by the **pmlib_register_application** subroutine and is one of the following values:

PMLIB_REGISTER
Registers an application.

PMLIB_UNREGISTER
Unregisters an application.

Description

The **pmlib_register_application** registers or unregisters the caller process as a **PM**-aware application. The **pmlib_register_application** subroutine can be called by any user.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **PMLIB_SUCCESS** is returned. If the **pmlib_request_state** subroutine fails, **PMLIB_ERROR** is returned and *errno* variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

ESRCH **PM** daemon is not running.

EINVAL Invalid argument.

Implementation Specifics

The **pmlib_register_application** subroutine is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pmlib_get_event_notice** (“pmlib_get_event_notice Subroutine” on page 730) subroutine, **pmlib_request_state** (“pmlib_request_state Subroutine” on page 739) subroutine, **pmlib_request_battery** (“pmlib_request_battery Subroutine” on page 741) subroutine, **pmlib_request_parameter** (“pmlib_request_parameter Subroutine”) subroutine.

pmlib_request_parameter Subroutine

Purpose

Queries and controls the **PM** system parameters.

Library

PM (Power Management) Library (**libpm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmlib.h>
int pmlib_request_parameter(ctrl, arg);
int ctrl;
caddr_t *arg;
```

The **pmlib_request_parameter** subroutines queries and changes the **PM** system or devices parameters. Any of these queries can be called by any user, but the set can be called only by root.

Parameters

ctrl Determines the action to be taken by the **pmlib_request_parameter** subroutine and is one of the following values:

PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIME

Queries system idle timer.

PMLIB_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIME

Sets system idle timer.

PMLIB_QUERY_DEVICE_INFO

Queries device information.

PMLIB_SET_DEVICE_INFO

Sets device information.

PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION

Queries action for system idle.

PMLIB_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION

Sets action for system idle.

PMLIB_QUERY_LID_CLOSE_ACTION

Queries action for lid close.

PMLIB_SET_LID_CLOSE_ACTION

Sets action for lid close.

PMLIB_QUERY_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION
Queries action for main switch.

PMLIB_SET_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION
Sets action for main switch.

PMLIB_QUERY_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION
Queries action for low battery.

PMLIB_SET_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION
Sets action for low battery.

PMLIB_QUERY_PERMISSION
Queries the action permitted to any user.

PMLIB_SET_PERMISSION
Sets the action permitted to any user.

PMLIB_QUERY_BEEP
Queries whether beep is enabled or not.

PMLIB_SET_BEEP
Sets whether beep is enabled or not.

PMLIB_QUERY_RINGING_RESUME
Queries if ringing resume is enabled or not.

PMLIB_SET_RINGING_RESUME
Sets if ringing resume is enabled or not.

PMLIB_QUERY_RESUME_TIME
Queries resume time.

PMLIB_SET_RESUME_TIME
Sets resume time.

PMLIB_QUERY_DURATION_TO_HIBERNATION
Queries duration to hibernation.

PMLIB_SET_DURATION_TO_HIBERNATION
Sets duration to hibernation.

PMLIB_QUERY_SPECIFIED_TIME
Queries specified time.

PMLIB_SET_SPECIFIED_TIME
Sets specified time.

PMLIB_QUERY_SPECIFIED_TIME_ACTION
Queries action for specified time.

PMLIB_SET_SPECIFIED_TIME_ACTION
Sets action for specified time.

PMLIB_QUERY_DEVICE_NUMBER
Queries number of **PM** aware devices.

PMLIB_QUERY_DEVICE_NAMES
Queries the list of names of **PM** aware devices.

PMLIB_QUERY_SUPPORTED_STATES
Queries the system states supported.

PMLIB_QUERY_KILL_LFT_SESSION
Queries if LFT session is terminated.

PMLIB_SET_KILL_LFT_SESSION

Sets if LFT session is terminated.

PMLIB_QUERY_KILL_TTY_SESSION

Queries if TTY session is terminated.

PMLIB_SET_KILL_TTY_SESSION

Sets if TTY session is terminated.

PMLIB_QUERY_PASSWD_ON_RESUME

Queries if resume password is required.

PMLIB_SET_PASSWD_ON_RESUME

Sets if resume password is required.

PMLIB_QUERY_KILL_SYNCDC

Queries if syncd is terminated at standby.

PMLIB_SET_KILL_SYNCDC

Sets if syncd is terminated at system standby.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER**, *arg* points to an integer that is the system idle timer value when function is returned.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_TIMER**, *arg* points to an integer that is the system idle timer value to set. The system idle timer value should be within the range from 60 to 7200. If 0 is set, the system-idle check is disabled.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_DEVICE_INFO**, *arg* points to the following **pmlib_device_info_t** structure. The device name needs to be specified in the *name[16]* member. Then, **mode**, **idle_time**, **standby_time**, **idle_time1** and **idle_time2** members are set when function is returned.

```
typedef struct _pmlib_device_info{
    char name[16];      /*name of device*/
    int mode;          /*device mode*/
    int attribute;     /*device attribute*/
    int idle_time;     /*idle timer value during system PM enable*/
    int standby_time; /*idle timer value during system standby*/
    int idle_time1;   /*idle timer value for DPMS suspend*/
    int idle_time2;   /*idle timer value for DPMS off*/
    char reserved[24]; /*reserved area for future use*/
} pmlib_device_info_t;
```

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_DEVICE_INFO**, *arg* points to **pmlib_device_info_t** structure, and the devicename to *name[16]*. **idle_time**, **standby_time**, **idle_time1** and **idle_time2** members need to be set. The value of **idle_time** is within the range from 60 to 7200. If **idle_time**, **standby_time**, **idle_time1**, or **idle_time2** is set to -1, the current value is not changed.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action for system-idle timer expiration when the function is returned. Possible values for action are as follows:

PMLIB_NONE	State doesn't change
PMLIB_SYSTEM_FULL_ON	Full on
PMLIB_SYSTEM_ENABLE	PM enable
PMLIB_SYSTEM_STANDBY	Stand by
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SUSPEND	Suspend
PMLIB_SYSTEM_HIBERNATION	Hibernation
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SHUTDOWN	Shutdown

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action to be set for system-idle timer expiration. The value for action should be one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_LID_CLOSE_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action for lid close when the function is returned. Possible values for action are one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_LID_CLOSE_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action to be set for lid close. The value for action should be one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action for the main switch when the function is returned. Possible values for action are one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_MAIN_SWITCH_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action to set for the main switch. The value for action should be one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action for the low battery when the function is returned. Possible values for action are one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_LOW_BATTERY_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action to be set for the low battery. The value for action should be one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_PERMISSION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action for allowed to any user when the function is returned. Possible values for action are bit-wise OR of following values:

PMLIB_SYSTEM_FULL_ON	Full on
PMLIB_SYSTEM_ENABLE	PM enable
PMLIB_SYSTEM_STANDBY	Standby
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SUSPEND	Suspend
PMLIB_SYSTEM_HIBERNATION	Hibernation
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SHUTDOWN	Shutdown

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_PERMISSION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action to be set for allowed to any user. Possible values for action are bit-wise OR of following values:

PMLIB_SYSTEM_FULL_ON	Full on
PMLIB_SYSTEM_ENABLE	PM enable
PMLIB_SYSTEM_STANDBY	Standby
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SUSPEND	Suspend
PMLIB_SYSTEM_HIBERNATION	Hibernation
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SHUTDOWN	Shutdown

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_BEEP**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** for beep on/off.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_BEEP**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to set for beep on/off.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_RINGING_RESUME**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** for ringing resume on/off when the function is returned.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_RINGING_RESUME**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** for ringing resume on/off.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_RESUME_TIME**, *arg* points to an integer that is the time for resume when the function is returned. The integer value is the time in seconds since 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_RESUME_TIME**, *arg* points to an integer that is the time for resume to be set. The integer value should be the time in seconds since 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_DURATION_TO_HIBERNATION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the duration to hibernation in seconds when the function is returned.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_DURATION_TO_HIBERNATION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the duration to hibernation in seconds to be set.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_SPECIFIED_TIME**, *arg* points to an integer that is the specified time when the function is returned. The integer value is the time in seconds since 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_SPECIFIED_TIME**, *arg* points to an integer that is the specified time to be set. The integer value should be the time in seconds since 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_SPECIFIED_TIME_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action for the specified time when the function is returned. Possible values for action is one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_SPECIFIED_TIME_ACTION**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action to be set for the specified time. The value for action should be one of the values described at **PMLIB_QUERY_SYSTEM_IDLE_ACTION**.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_DEVICE_NUMBER**, *arg* points to an integer that is the number of **PM** aware device drivers when the function is returned.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_DEVICE_NAMES**, *arg* points to the head of array of name[16] that is the names of **PM** aware device drivers when the function is returned.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_SUPPORTED_STATES**, *arg* points to an integer that is the action supported when the function is returned. The integer is bit-wise OR of following values:

PMLIB_SYSTEM_FULL_ON	Full on
PMLIB_SYSTEM_ENABLE	PM enable
PMLIB_SYSTEM_STANDBY	Standby
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SUSPEND	Suspend
PMLIB_SYSTEM_HIBERNATION	Hibernation
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SHUTDOWN	Shutdown

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_KILL_LFT_SESSION**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to show if **LFT** session is terminated.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_KILL_LFT_SESSION**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to set if **LFT** session is terminated.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_KILL_TTY_SESSION**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to show if TTY sessions are terminated.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_KILL_TTY_SESSION**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to set if TTY sessions are terminated.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_PASSWD_ON_RESUME**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to show if resume password is required.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_PASSWD_ON_RESUME**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to set if resume password is required.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_KILL_SYNCD**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to show if *sync* daemon is terminated during system standby.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_SET_KILL_SYNCD**, *arg* points to an integer that is **PMLIB_ON** or **PMLIB_OFF** to set if *sync* daemon is terminated during system standby.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **PMLIB_SUCCESS** is returned. If the **pmlib_request_state** subroutine fails, **PMLIB_ERROR** is returned and *errno* variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

ESRCH	PM daemon is not running.
EINVAL	Invalid argument.
EPERM	Missing privilege.
ENOMEM	Insufficient storage.

Implementation Specifics

The **pmlib_request_parameter** subroutine is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pmlib_get_event_notice** (“pmlib_get_event_notice Subroutine” on page 730) subroutine, **pmlib_request_state** (“pmlib_request_state Subroutine”) subroutine, **pmlib_request_battery** (“pmlib_request_battery Subroutine” on page 741) subroutine, **pmlib_register_application** (“pmlib_register_application Subroutine” on page 733) subroutine.

pmlib_request_state Subroutine

Purpose

Requests system state change.

Library

PM (Power Management) Library (**libpm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmlib.h>
int pmlib_request_state (ctrl, pms);
int ctrl;
pmlib_state_t *pms;
```

Parameters

ctrl Determines the action to be taken by the **pmlib_request_state** subroutine and is one of the following values:

PMLIB_REQUEST_STATE

Requests to change system state.

PMLIB_QUERY_STATE

Requests to query system state.

PMLIB_QUERY_ERROR

Requests to query error of system state change.

PMLIB_CONFIRM

Confirms system state change.

pms Points to the following **pmlib_state_t** structure:

```
typedef struct _pmlib_state {
    int state;      /*system state for set/query*/
    int error;     /*error value for query error*/
    pid_t pid;     /*process id of application which
                  prevented the state change*/
    char name[16]; /*name of application or PM aware DD
                  which prevented the state change*/
} pmlib_state_t;
```

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_REQUEST_STATE**, set one of the following state values to **pms.state**:

PMLIB_SYSTEM_FULL_ON	Full on
PMLIB_SYSTEM_ENABLE	PM enable
PMLIB_SYSTEM_STANDBY	Standby
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SUSPEND	Suspend
PMLIB_SYSTEM_HIBERNATION	Hibernation
PMLIB_SYSTEM_SHUTDOWN	Shutdown

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_STATE**, one of state values described at **PMLIB_REQUEST_STATE** is set to **pms.state** when the function returns. **PM** aware DD's name is also returned if it rejects the **PM** command.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_QUERY_ERROR**, one of the following error values are set to **pms.error**:

PMLIB_NO_ERROR	No error.
PMLIB_ERROR_REJECT_BY_DEVICE	Device rejected to change state.
PMLIB_ERROR_REJECT_BY_APPL	Application rejected to change state.
PMLIB_ERROR_REJECT_BY_SYSTEM	System does not allow to change state.
PMLIB_ERROR_REJECTED_BY_HIB_VOL	Hibernation volume is invalid.
PMLIB_ERROR_REJECTED_BY_EVENT	A event prevented the state change.
PMLIB_ERROR_INVALID_PRIVILEGE	Caller was not allowed to change state.
PMLIB_ERROR_DEVICE_ERROR	A device rejected to change mode.
PMLIB_ERROR_OTHERS	Other error occurred.

If an application caused system state change failure, the process id of that application is set to **pms.pid**, and the name set to **pms.name** when the function returns.

When *ctrl* is **PMLIB_CONFIRM**, set one of the following state values to **pms.state**.

PMLIB_SYSTEM_CHANGE_OK	OK to change the system state.
PMLIB_SYSTEM_CHANGE_NO	No change to the system state.

Description

The **pmlib_request_state** subroutine is called to request to change **PM** system state, request to query **PM** system state, request to query the error of **PM** system state change, or request to confirm **PM** system state change. Non-root user can request to change state only if the specified action is within the range allowed to any user.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **PMLIB_SUCCESS** is returned. If the **pmlib_request_state** subroutine fails, **PMLIB_ERROR** is returned and the `errno` variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

ESRCH	PM daemon is not running.
EINVAL	Invalid argument.
EPERM	Missing privilege.
EBUSY	State change processing has already been started.

Implementation Specifics

The **pmlib_request_state** subroutine is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pmlib_get_event_notice** (“**pmlib_get_event_notice** Subroutine” on page 730) subroutine, **pmlib_request_battery** (“**pmlib_request_battery** Subroutine”) subroutine, **pmlib_request_parameter** (“**pmlib_request_parameter** Subroutine” on page 734) subroutine, **pmlib_register_application** (“**pmlib_register_application** Subroutine” on page 733) subroutine.

pmlib_request_battery Subroutine

Purpose

Queries and controls the battery status.

Library

PM (Power Management) Library (**libpm.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pmlib.h>
int pmlib_request_battery (cmd, pmb);
int cmd;
pmlib_battery_t *pmb;
```

Parameters

cmd Determines the action to be taken by the **pmlib_request_battery** subroutine and is one of the following values:

PMLIB_QUERY_BATTERY
Queries the battery state.

PMLIB_DISCHARGE_BATTERY
Discharges the battery.

pmb Points to the following **pmlib_battery_t** structure:

```
typedef struct _pmlib_battery {
    int attribute;          /*battery attribute*/
    int capacity;          /*battery capacity*/
    int remain;            /*current remain capacity*/
    int refresh_discharge_capacity;
    int refresh_discharge_time; /*discharge time*/
    int full_change_count;
} pmlib_battery_t;
```

When cmd is **PMLIB_QUERY_BATTERY**, the returned **pmb.attribute** is bit-wise OR of following values:

PMLIB_BATTERY_SUPPORTED	Battery is supported.
PMLIB_BATTERY_EXIST	Battery exists.
PMLIB_BATTERY_NICD	Battery is NiCd
PMLIB_BATTERY_CHARGING	Battery is being charged.
PMLIB_BATTERY_DISCHARGING	Battery is being discharged.
PMLIB_BATTERY_AC	AC adapter is in use.
PMLIB_BATTERY_DC	Battery is in use.
PMLIB_BATTERY_REFRESH_REQ	Need to refresh battery.

Description

The **pmlib_request_battery** subroutine queries the battery information or requests to discharge the battery. The **pmlib_request_** subroutine can be called by any user.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **PMLIB_SUCCESS** is returned. If the **pmlib_request_state** subroutine fails, **PMLIB_ERROR** is returned and *errno* variable is set to an error code.

Error Codes

ESRCH **PM** daemon is not running.
EINVAL Invalid argument.

Implementation Specifics

The **pmlib_request_battery** subroutine is part of the Base Operation System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pmlib_get_event_notice** (“**pmlib_get_event_notice** Subroutine” on page 730) subroutine, **pmlib_request_state** (“**pmlib_request_state** Subroutine” on page 739) subroutine, **pmlib_request_parameter** (“**pmlib_request_parameter** Subroutine” on page 734) subroutine, **pmlib_register_application** (“**pmlib_register_application** Subroutine” on page 733) subroutine.

poll Subroutine

Purpose

Checks the I/O status of multiple file descriptors and message queues.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int poll( ListPointer, Nfdsmsgs, Timeout)
void *ListPointer;
unsigned long Nfdsmsgs;
long Timeout;
```

Description

The **poll** subroutine checks the specified file descriptors and message queues to see if they are ready for reading (receiving) or writing (sending), or to see if they have an exceptional condition pending.

Note: The **poll** subroutine applies only to character devices, pipes, message queues, and sockets. Not all character device drivers support it. See the descriptions of individual character devices for information about whether and how specific device drivers support the **poll** and **select** subroutines.

Parameters

<i>ListPointer</i>	<p>Specifies a pointer to an array of pollfd structures, pollmsg structures, or to a pollist structure. Each structure specifies a file descriptor or message queue ID and the events of interest for this file or message queue. The pollfd, pollmsg, and pollist structures are defined in the /usr/include/sys/poll.h file. If a pollist structure is to be used, a structure similar to the following should be defined in a user program. The pollfd structure must precede the pollmsg structure.</p> <pre>struct pollist { struct pollfd fds[3]; struct pollmsg msgs[2]; } list;</pre> <p>The structure can then be initialized as follows:</p> <pre>list.fds[0].fd = file_descriptorA; list.fds[0].events = requested_events; list.msgs[0].msgid = message_id; list.msgs[0].events = requested_events;</pre> <p>The rest of the elements in the fds and msgs arrays can be initialized the same way. The poll subroutine can then be called, as follows:</p> <pre>nfds = 3; /* number of pollfd structs */ nmsgs = 2; /* number of pollmsg structs */ timeout = 1000 /* number of milliseconds to timeout */ poll(&list, (nmsgs<<16) (nfds), 1000);</pre> <p>The exact number of elements in the fds and msgs arrays must be used in the calculation of the <i>Nfdsmsgs</i> parameter.</p>
<i>Nfdsmsgs</i>	<p>Specifies the number of file descriptors and the exact number of message queues to check. The low-order 16 bits give the number of elements in the array of pollfd structures, while the high-order 16 bits give the exact number of elements in the array of pollmsg structures. If either half of the <i>Nfdsmsgs</i> parameter is equal to a value of 0, the corresponding array is assumed not to be present.</p>
<i>Timeout</i>	<p>Specifies the maximum length of time (in milliseconds) to wait for at least one of the specified events to occur. If the <i>Timeout</i> parameter value is -1, the poll subroutine does not return until at least one of the specified events has occurred. If the value of the <i>Timeout</i> parameter is 0, the poll subroutine does not wait for an event to occur but returns immediately, even if none of the specified events have occurred.</p>

poll Subroutine STREAMS Extensions

In addition to the functions described above, the **poll** subroutine multiplexes input/output over a set of file descriptors that reference open streams. The **poll** subroutine identifies those streams on which you can send or receive messages, or on which certain events occurred.

You can receive messages using the **read** subroutine or the **getmsg** system call. You can send messages using the **write** subroutine or the **putmsg** system call. Certain **streamio** operations, such as **I_RECVFD** and **I_SENDFD** can also be used to send and receive messages. See the **streamio** operations.

The *ListPointer* parameter specifies the file descriptors to be examined and the events of interest for each file descriptor. It points to an array having one element for each open file descriptor of interest. The array's elements are **pollfd** structures. In addition to the **pollfd** structure in the **/usr/include/sys/poll.h** file, STREAMS supports the following members:

```
int fd;           /* file descriptor */
short events;    /* requested events */
short revents;   /* returned events */
```

The **fd** field specifies an open file descriptor and the **events** and **revents** fields are bit-masks constructed by ORing any combination of the following event flags:

POLLIN	A nonpriority or file descriptor-passing message is present on the stream-head read queue. This flag is set even if the message is of 0 length. In the revents field this flag is mutually exclusive with the POLLPRI flag. See the I_RECVFD command.
POLLRDNORM	A nonpriority message is present on the stream-head read queue.
POLLRDBAND	A priority message (band > 0) is present on the stream-head read queue.
POLLPRI	A high-priority message is present on the stream-head read queue. This flag is set even if the message is of 0 length. In the revents field, this flag is mutually exclusive with the POLLIN flag.
POLLOUT	The first downstream write queue in the stream is not full. Normal priority messages can be sent at any time. See the putmsg system call.
POLLWRNORM	The same as POLLOUT .
POLLWRBAND	A priority band greater than 0 exists downstream and priority messages can be sent at anytime.
POLLMSG	A message containing the SIGPOLL signal has reached the front of the stream-head read queue.

Return Values

On successful completion, the **poll** subroutine returns a value that indicates the total number of file descriptors and message queues that satisfy the selection criteria. The return value is similar to the *Nfdsmgs* parameter in that the low-order 16 bits give the number of file descriptors, and the high-order 16 bits give the number of message queue identifiers that had nonzero **revents** values. The **NFDS** and **NMSGs** macros, found in the **sys/select.h** file, can be used to separate these two values from the return value. The **NFDS** macro returns **NFDS#**, where the number returned indicates the number of files reporting some event or error, and the **NMSGs** macro returns **NMSGs#**, where the number returned indicates the number of message queues reporting some event or error.

A value of 0 indicates that the **poll** subroutine timed out and that none of the specified files or message queues indicated the presence of an event (all **revents** fields were values of 0).

If unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the global variable **errno** is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **poll** subroutine does not run successfully if one or more of the following are true:

- EAGAIN** Allocation of internal data structures was unsuccessful.
- EINTR** A signal was caught during the **poll** system call and the signal handler was installed with an indication that subroutines are not to be restarted.
- EINVAL** The number of **pollfd** structures specified by the *Nfdsmsgs* parameter is greater than the maximum number of open files, **OPEN_MAX**. This error is also returned if the number of **pollmsg** structures specified by the *Nfdsmsgs* parameter is greater than the maximum number of allowable message queues.
- EFAULT** The *ListPointer* parameter in conjunction with the *Nfdsmsgs* parameter addresses a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

For compatibility with previous releases of this operating system and with BSD systems, the **select** subroutine is also supported.

Related Information

The **read** subroutine, **select** subroutine, **write** subroutine.

The **getmsg** system call, **putmsg** system call.

The **streamio** operations.

The STREAMS Overview and the Input and Output Handling Programmer's Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

popen Subroutine

Purpose

Initiates a pipe to a process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
FILE *popen ( Command, Type)  
const char *Command, *Type;
```

Description

The **popen** subroutine creates a pipe between the calling program and a shell command to be executed.

Note: The **popen** subroutine runs only **sh** shell commands. The results are unpredictable if the *Command* parameter is not a valid **sh** shell command. If the terminal is in a trusted state, the **tsh** shell commands are run.

If streams opened by previous calls to the **popen** subroutine remain open in the parent process, the **popen** subroutine closes them in the child process.

The **popen** subroutine returns a pointer to a **FILE** structure for the stream.

Attention: If the original processes and the process started with the **popen** subroutine concurrently read or write a common file, neither should use buffered I/O. If they do, the results are unpredictable.

Some problems with an output filter can be prevented by flushing the buffer with the **fflush** subroutine.

Parameters

Command Points to a null-terminated string containing a shell command line.
Type Points to a null-terminated string containing an I/O mode. If the *Type* parameter is the value **r**, you can read from the standard output of the command by reading from the file *Stream*. If the *Type* parameter is the value **w**, you can write to the standard input of the command by writing to the file *Stream*.

Because open files are shared, a type **r** command can be used as an input filter and a type **w** command as an output filter.

Return Values

The **popen** subroutine returns a null pointer if files or processes cannot be created, or if the shell cannot be accessed.

Error Codes

The **popen** subroutine may set the **EINVAL** variable if the *Type* parameter is not valid. The **popen** subroutine may also set **errno** global variables as described by the **fork** or **pipe** subroutines.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fclose** or **fflush** (“fclose or fflush Subroutine” on page 208) subroutine, **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fork** or **vfork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **pclose** (“pclose Subroutine” on page 666) subroutine, **pipe** (“pipe Subroutine” on page 676) subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, or **wait3** subroutine.

Input and Output Handling.

File Systems and Directories in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine

Purpose

Prints formatted output.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**) or the Standard C Library with 128-Bit long doubles (**libc128.a**)

Syntax

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

```

int printf ( Format, [ Value, . . .])
const char *Format;

int fprintf ( Stream, Format, [Value, . . .])
FILE *Stream;
const char *Format;

int sprintf ( String, Format, [Value, . . .])
char *String;
const char *Format;
#include <stdarg.h>
int vprintf (Format, Value)
const char *Format;
va_list Value;
int vfprintf (Stream, Format, Value)
FILE *Stream;
const char *Format;
va_list Value;
int vsprintf (String, Format, Value)
char *String;
const char *Format;
va_list Value;
#include <wchar.h>
int wvsprintf (String, Format, Value)
wchar_t *String;
const char *Format;
va_list Value;

int wprintf (String, Format, [Value, . . .])
wchar_t *String;
const char * Format;

```

Description

The **printf** subroutine converts, formats, and writes the *Value* parameter values, under control of the *Format* parameter, to the standard output stream. The **printf** subroutine provides conversion types to handle code points and **wchar_t** wide character codes.

The **fprintf** subroutine converts, formats, and writes the *Value* parameter values, under control of the *Format* parameter, to the output stream specified by the *Stream* parameter. This subroutine provides conversion types to handle code points and **wchar_t** wide character codes.

The **sprintf** subroutine converts, formats, and stores the *Value* parameter values, under control of the *Format* parameter, into consecutive bytes, starting at the address specified by the *String* parameter. The **sprintf** subroutine places a null character (\0) at the end. You must ensure that enough storage space is available to contain the formatted string. This subroutine provides conversion types to handle code points and **wchar_t** wide character codes.

The **wsprintf** subroutine converts, formats, and stores the *Value* parameter values, under control of the *Format* parameter, into consecutive **wchar_t** characters starting at the address specified by the *String* parameter. The **wsprintf** subroutine places a null character (\0) at the end. The calling process should ensure that enough storage space is available to contain the formatted string. The field width unit is specified as the number of **wchar_t** characters. The **wsprintf** subroutine is the same as the **printf** subroutine, except that the *String* parameter for the **wsprintf** subroutine uses a string of **wchar_t** wide-character codes.

All of the above subroutines work by calling the `_doprnt` subroutine, using variable-length argument facilities of the `varargs` macros.

The `vprintf`, `vfprintf`, `vsprintf`, and `vwprintf` subroutines format and write `varargs` macros parameter lists. These subroutines are the same as the `printf`, `fprintf`, `sprintf`, and `wprintf` subroutines, respectively, except that they are not called with a variable number of parameters. Instead, they are called with a parameter-list pointer as defined by the `varargs` macros.

Parameters

Value Specifies 0 or more arguments that map directly to the objects in the *Format* parameter.

Stream

Specifies the output stream.

String Specifies the starting address.

Format

A character string that contains two types of objects:

- Plain characters, which are copied to the output stream.
- Conversion specifications, each of which causes 0 or more items to be retrieved from the *Value* parameter list. In the case of the `vprintf`, `vfprintf`, `vsprintf`, and `vwprintf` subroutines, each conversion specification causes 0 or more items to be retrieved from the `varargs` macros parameter lists.

If the *Value* parameter list does not contain enough items for the *Format* parameter, the results are unpredictable. If more parameters remain after the entire *Format* parameter has been processed, the subroutine ignores them.

Each conversion specification in the *Format* parameter has the following elements:

- A % (percent sign).
- 0 or more options, which modify the meaning of the conversion specification. The option characters and their meanings are:
 - ' Formats the integer portions resulting from `i`, `d`, `u`, `f`, `g` and `G` decimal conversions with `thousands_sep` grouping characters. For other conversions the behavior is undefined. This option uses the nonmonetary grouping character.
 - Left-justifies the result of the conversion within the field.
 - + Begins the result of a signed conversion with a + (plus sign) or - (minus sign).

space character

Prefixes a space character to the result if the first character of a signed conversion is not a sign. If both the space-character and + option characters appear, the space-character option is ignored.

- # Converts the value to an alternate form. For `c`, `d`, `s`, and `u` conversions, the option has no effect. For `o` conversion, it increases the precision to force the first digit of the result to be a 0. For `x` and `X` conversions, a nonzero result has a 0x or 0X prefix. For `e`, `E`, `f`, `g`, and `G` conversions, the result always contains a decimal point, even if no digits follow it. For `g` and `G` conversions, trailing 0's are not removed from the result.
- 0 Pads to the field width with leading 0's (following any indication of sign or base) for `d`, `i`, `o`, `u`, `x`, `X`, `e`, `E`, `f`, `g`, and `G` conversions; the field is not space-padded. If the 0 and - options both appear, the 0 option is ignored. For `d`, `i`, `o`, `u`, `x`, and `X` conversions, if a precision is specified, the 0 option is also ignored. If the 0 and ' options both appear, grouping characters are inserted before the field is padded. For other conversions, the results are unreliable.
- B Specifies a no-op character.

- N** Specifies a no-op character.
- J** Specifies a no-op character.
- An optional decimal digit string that specifies the minimum field width. If the converted value has fewer characters than the field width, the field is padded on the left to the length specified by the field width. If the - (left-justify) option is specified, the field is padded on the right.
- An optional precision. The precision is a . (dot) followed by a decimal digit string. If no precision is specified, the default value is 0. The precision specifies the following limits:
 - Minimum number of digits to appear for the **d**, **i**, **o**, **u**, **x**, or **X** conversions.
 - Number of digits to appear after the decimal point for the **e**, **E**, and **f** conversions.
 - Maximum number of significant digits for **g** and **G** conversions.
 - Maximum number of bytes to be printed from a string in **s** and **S** conversions.
 - Maximum number of bytes, converted from the **wchar_t** array, to be printed from the **S** conversions. Only complete characters are printed.
- An optional **I** (lowercase *L*), **ll** (lowercase *LL*), **h**, or **L** specifier indicates one of the following:
 - An optional **h** specifying that a subsequent **d**, **i**, **u**, **o**, **x**, or **X** conversion specifier applies to a **short int** or **unsigned short int** *Value* parameter (the parameter will have been promoted according to the integral promotions, and its value will be converted to a **short int** or **unsigned short int** before printing).
 - An optional **h** specifying that a subsequent **n** conversion specifier applies to a pointer to a **short int** parameter.
 - An optional **I** (lowercase *L*) specifying that a subsequent **d**, **i**, **u**, **o**, **x**, or **X** conversion specifier applies to a **long int** or **unsigned long int** parameter .
 - An optional **I** (lowercase *L*) specifying that a subsequent **n** conversion specifier applies to a pointer to a **long int** parameter.
 - An optional **ll** (lowercase *LL*) specifying that a subsequent **d**, **i**, **u**, **o**, **x**, or **X** conversion specifier applies to a **long long int** or **unsigned long long int** parameter.
 - An optional **ll** (lowercase *LL*) specifying that a subsequent **n** conversion specifier applies to a pointer to a **long long int** parameter.
 - An optional **L** specifying that a following **e**, **E**, **f**, **g**, or **G** conversion specifier applies to a **long double** parameter. If linked with **libc.a**, **long double** is the same as double (64bits). If linked with **libc128.a** and **libc.a**, **long double** is 128 bits.
- The following characters indicate the type of conversion to be applied:
 - %** Performs no conversion. Prints (%).
 - d or i** Accepts a *Value* parameter specifying an integer and converts it to signed decimal notation. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear. If the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it is expanded with leading 0's. The default precision is 1. The result of converting a value of 0 with a precision of 0 is a null string. Specifying a field width with a 0 as a leading character causes the field-width value to be padded with leading 0's.
 - u** Accepts a *Value* parameter specifying an unsigned integer and converts it to unsigned decimal notation. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear. If the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it is expanded with leading 0's. The default precision is 1. The result of converting a value of 0 with a precision of 0 is a null string. Specifying a field width with a 0 as a leading character causes the field-width value to be padded with leading 0's.
 - o** Accepts a *Value* parameter specifying an unsigned integer and converts it to unsigned octal notation. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear. If the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it is expanded with leading 0's. The default precision is 1. The result of converting a value of 0 with a precision of 0

is a null string. Specifying a field-width with a 0 as a leading character causes the field width value to be padded with leading 0's. An octal value for field width is not implied.

- x or X** Accepts a *Value* parameter specifying an unsigned integer and converts it to unsigned hexadecimal notation. The letters **abcdef** are used for the **x** conversion and the letters **ABCDEF** are used for the **X** conversion. The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to appear. If the value being converted can be represented in fewer digits, it is expanded with leading 0's. The default precision is 1. The result of converting a value of 0 with a precision of 0 is a null string. Specifying a field width with a 0 as a leading character causes the field-width value to be padded with leading 0's.
- f** Accepts a *Value* parameter specifying a double and converts it to decimal notation in the format `[-]ddd.ddd`. The number of digits after the decimal point is equal to the precision specification. If no precision is specified, six digits are output. If the precision is 0, no decimal point appears.
- e or E** Accepts a *Value* parameter specifying a double and converts it to the exponential form `[-]d.ddde+/-dd`. One digit exists before the decimal point, and the number of digits after the decimal point is equal to the precision specification. The precision specification can be in the range of 0-17 digits. If no precision is specified, six digits are output. If the precision is 0, no decimal point appears. The **E** conversion character produces a number with **E** instead of **e** before the exponent. The exponent always contains at least two digits.
- g or G** Accepts a *Value* parameter specifying a double and converts it in the style of the **e**, **E**, or **f** conversion characters, with the precision specifying the number of significant digits. Trailing 0's are removed from the result. A decimal point appears only if it is followed by a digit. The style used depends on the value converted. Style **e** (**E**, if **G** is the flag used) results only if the exponent resulting from the conversion is less than -4, or if it is greater or equal to the precision. If an explicit precision is 0, it is taken as 1.
- c** Accepts and prints a *Value* parameter specifying an integer converted to an **unsigned char** data type.
- C** Accepts and prints a *Value* parameter specifying a **wchar_t** wide character code. The **wchar_t** wide character code specified by the *Value* parameter is converted to an array of bytes representing a character and that character is written; the *Value* parameter is written without conversion when using the **wsprintf** subroutine.
- s** Accepts a *Value* parameter as a string (character pointer), and characters from the string are printed until a null character (`\0`) is encountered or the number of bytes indicated by the precision is reached. If no precision is specified, all bytes up to the first null character are printed. If the string pointer specified by the *Value* parameter has a null value, the results are unreliable.
- S** Accepts a corresponding *Value* parameter as a pointer to a **wchar_t** string. Characters from the string are printed (without conversion) until a null character (`\0`) is encountered or the number of wide characters indicated by the precision is reached. If no precision is specified, all characters up to the first null character are printed. If the string pointer specified by the *Value* parameter has a value of null, the results are unreliable.
- p** Accepts a pointer to void. The value of the pointer is converted to a sequence of printable characters, the same as an unsigned hexadecimal (x).
- n** Accepts a pointer to an integer into which is written the number of characters (wide-character codes in the case of the **wsprintf** subroutine) written to the output stream by this call. No argument is converted.

A field width or precision can be indicated by an * (asterisk) instead of a digit string. In this case, an integer *Value* parameter supplies the field width or precision. The *Value* parameter converted for output is not retrieved until the conversion letter is reached, so the parameters specifying field width or precision must appear before the value (if any) to be converted.

If the result of a conversion is wider than the field width, the field is expanded to contain the converted result and no truncation occurs. However, a small field width or precision can cause truncation on the right.

The **printf**, **fprintf**, **sprintf**, **wsprintf**, **vprintf**, **vfprintf**, **vsprintf**, or **vwsprintf** subroutine allows the insertion of a language-dependent radix character in the output string. The radix character is defined by language-specific data in the **LC_NUMERIC** category of the program's locale. In the C locale, or in a locale where the radix character is not defined, the radix character defaults to a . (dot).

After any of these subroutines runs successfully, and before the next successful completion of a call to the **fclose** ("fclose or fflush Subroutine" on page 208) or **fflush** subroutine on the same stream or to the **exit** ("exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine" on page 199) or **abort** ("abort Subroutine" on page 3) subroutine, the `st_ctime` and `st_mtime` fields of the file are marked for update.

The **e**, **E**, **f**, **g**, and **G** conversion specifiers represent the special floating-point values as follows:

Quiet NaN	+NaNQ or -NaNQ
Signaling NaN	+NaNS or -NaNS
+/-INF	+INF or -INF
+/-0	+0 or -0

The representation of the + (plus sign) depends on whether the + or space-character formatting option is specified.

These subroutines can handle a format string that enables the system to process elements of the parameter list in variable order. In such a case, the normal conversion character % (percent sign) is replaced by `%digit$`, where *digit* is a decimal number in the range from 1 to the **NL_ARGMAX** value. Conversion is then applied to the specified argument, rather than to the next unused argument. This feature provides for the definition of format strings in an order appropriate to specific languages. When variable ordering is used the * (asterisk) specification for field width in precision is replaced by `%digit$`. If you use the variable-ordering feature, you must specify it for all conversions.

The following criteria apply:

- The format passed to the NLS extensions can contain either the format of the conversion or the explicit or implicit argument number. However, these forms cannot be mixed within a single format string, except for %% (double percent sign).
- The *n* value must have no leading zeros.
- If `%n$` is used, `%1$` to `%n - 1$` inclusive must be used.
- The *n* in `%n$` is in the range from 1 to the **NL_ARGMAX** value, inclusive. See the **limits.h** file for more information about the **NL_ARGMAX** value.
- Numbered arguments in the argument list can be referenced as many times as required.
- The * (asterisk) specification for field width or precision is not permitted with the variable order `%n$` format; instead, the `%m$` format is used.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **printf**, **fprintf**, **vprintf**, and **vfprintf** subroutines return the number of bytes transmitted (not including the null character [0] in the case of the **sprintf** and **vsprintf** subroutines). If an error was encountered, a negative value is output.

Upon successful completion, the **wsprintf** and **vwsprintf** subroutines return the number of wide characters transmitted (not including the wide character null character [0]). If an error was encountered, a negative value is output.

Error Codes

The **printf**, **fprintf**, **sprintf**, or **wsprintf** subroutine is unsuccessful if the file specified by the *Stream* parameter is unbuffered or the buffer needs to be flushed and one or more of the following are true:

- EAGAIN** The **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set for the file descriptor underlying the file specified by the *Stream* or *String* parameter and the process would be delayed in the write operation.
- EBADF** The file descriptor underlying the file specified by the *Stream* or *String* parameter is not a valid file descriptor open for writing.
- EFBIG** An attempt was made to write to a file that exceeds the file size limit of this process or the maximum file size. For more information, refer to the **ulimit** subroutine.
- EINTR** The write operation terminated due to receipt of a signal, and either no data was transferred or a partial transfer was not reported.

Note: Depending upon which library routine the application binds to, this subroutine may return **EINTR**. Refer to the **signal** subroutine regarding **sa_restart**.

- EIO** The process is a member of a background process group attempting to perform a write to its controlling terminal, the **TOSTOP** flag is set, the process is neither ignoring nor blocking the **SIGTTOU** signal, and the process group of the process has no parent process.
- ENOSPC** No free space remains on the device that contains the file.
- EPIPE** An attempt was made to write to a pipe or first-in-first-out (FIFO) that is not open for reading by any process. A **SIGPIPE** signal is sent to the process.

The **printf**, **fprintf**, **sprintf**, or **wsprintf** subroutine may be unsuccessful if one or more of the following are true:

- EILSEQ** An invalid character sequence was detected.
- EINVAL** The *Format* parameter received insufficient arguments.
- ENOMEM** Insufficient storage space is available.
- ENXIO** A request was made of a nonexistent device, or the request was outside the capabilities of the device.

Examples

The following example demonstrates how the **vfprintf** subroutine can be used to write an error routine:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdarg.h>
/* The error routine should be called with the
   syntax:          */
/* error(routine_name, Format
   [, value, . . . ]); */
/*VARARGS0*/
void error(char *fmt, . . .);
/* ** Note that the function name and
   Format arguments cannot be **
   separately declared because of the **
   definition of varargs. */ {
   va_list args;

   va_start(args, fmt);
   /*
   ** Display the name of the function
   that called the error routine */
   fprintf(stderr, "ERROR in %s: ",
           va_arg(args, char *)); /*
```

```

** Display the remainder of the message
*/
fmt = va_arg(args, char *);
vfprintf(fmt, args);
va_end(args);
abort(); }

```

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **abort** (“abort Subroutine” on page 3) subroutine, **conv** (“conv Subroutines” on page 118) subroutine, **ecvt**, **fcvt**, or **gcvt** (“ecvt, fcvt, or gcvt Subroutine” on page 156) subroutine, **exit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, **fclose** or **fflush** (“fclose or fflush Subroutine” on page 208) subroutine, **putc**, **putchar**, **fputc**, or **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **putwc**, **putwchar**, or **fputwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **scanf**, **fscanf**, **sscanf**, or **wscanf** subroutine, **setlocale** subroutine.

Input and Output Handling and 128-Bit Long Double Floating-Point Data Type in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

profil Subroutine

Purpose

Starts and stops program address sampling for execution profiling.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <mon.h>
```

```
void profil ( ShortBuffer, BufferSize, Offset, Scale)
```

OR

```
void profil ( ProfBuffer, -1, 0, 0)
```

```

unsigned short *ShortBuffer;
struct prof *ProfBuffer;
unsigned int BufferSize, Scale;
unsigned long Offset;

```

Description

The **profil** subroutine arranges to record a histogram of periodically sampled values of the calling process program counter. If *BufferSize* is not -1:

- The parameters to the **profil** subroutine are interpreted as shown in the first syntax definition.
- After this call, the program counter (pc) of the process is examined each clock tick if the process is the currently active process. The value of the *Offset* parameter is subtracted from the pc. The result is multiplied by the value of the *Scale* parameter, shifted right 16 bits, and rounded up to the next half-word aligned value. If the resulting number is less than the *BufferSize* value divided by **sizeof(short)**, the corresponding **short** inside the *ShortBuffer* parameter is incremented. If the result of this increment would overflow an unsigned short, it remains USHRT_MAX.

- The least significant 16 bits of the *Scale* parameter are interpreted as an unsigned, fixed-point fraction with a binary point at the left. The most significant 16 bits of the *Scale* parameter are ignored. For example:

Octal	Hex	Meaning
0177777	0xFFFF	Maps approximately each pair of bytes in the instruction space to a unique short in the <i>ShortBuffer</i> parameter.
077777	0x7FFF	Maps approximately every four bytes to a short in the <i>ShortBuffer</i> parameter.
02	0x0002	Maps all instructions to the same location, producing a noninterrupting core clock.
01	0x0001	Turns profiling off.
00	0x0000	Turns profiling off.

Note: Mapping each byte of the instruction space to an individual **short** in the *ShortBuffer* parameter is not possible.

- Profiling, using the first syntax definition, is rendered ineffective by giving a value of 0 for the *BufferSize* parameter.

If the value of the *BufferSize* parameter is -1:

- The parameters to the **profil** subroutine are interpreted as shown in the second syntax definition. In this case, the *Offset* and *Scale* parameters are ignored, and the *ProfBuffer* parameter points to an array of **prof** structures. The **prof** structure is defined in the **mon.h** file, and it contains the following members:

```

caddr_t      p_low;
caddr_t      p_high;
HISTCOUNTER *p_buff;
int          p_bufsize;
uint         p_scale;

```

If the *p_scale* member has the value of -1, a value for it is computed based on *p_low*, *p_high*, and *p_bufsize*; otherwise *p_scale* is interpreted like the *scale* argument in the first synopsis. The *p_high* members in successive structures must be in ascending sequence. The array of structures is ended with a structure containing a *p_high* member set to 0; all other fields in this last structure are ignored.

The *p_buff* buffer pointers in the array of **prof** structures must point into a single contiguous buffer space.

- Profiling, using the second syntax definition, is turned off by giving a *ProfBuffer* argument such that the *p_high* element of the first structure is equal to 0.

In every case:

- Profiling remains on in both the child process and the parent process after a **fork** subroutine.
- Profiling is turned off when an **exec** subroutine is run.
- A call to the **profil** subroutine is ineffective if profiling has been previously turned on using one syntax definition, and an attempt is made to turn profiling off using the other syntax definition.
- A call to the **profil** subroutine is ineffective if the call is attempting to turn on profiling when profiling is already turned on, or if the call is attempting to turn off profiling when profiling is already turned off.

Parameters

ShortBuffer Points to an area of memory in the user address space. Its length (in bytes) is given by the *BufferSize* parameter.

BufferSize Specifies the length (in bytes) of the buffer.

<i>Offset</i>	Specifies the delta of program counter start and buffer; for example, a 0 <i>Offset</i> implies that text begins at 0. If the user wants to use the entry point of a routine for the <i>Offset</i> parameter, the syntax of the parameter is as follows: *(long *)RoutineName
<i>Scale</i>	Specifies the mapping factor between the program counter and <i>ShortBuffer</i> .
<i>ProfBuffer</i>	Points to an array of prof structures.

Return Values

The **profil** subroutine always returns a value of 0. Otherwise, the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **profil** subroutine is unsuccessful if one or both of the following are true:

- EFAULT** The address specified by the *ShortBuffer* or *ProfBuffer* parameters is not valid, or the address specified by a *p_buff* field is not valid. **EFAULT** can also occur if there are not sufficient resources to pin the profiling buffer in real storage.
- EINVAL** The *p_high* fields in the **prof** structure specified by the *ProfBuffer* parameter are not in ascending order.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine” on page 193) subroutines, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **moncontrol** (“moncontrol Subroutine” on page 567) subroutine, **monitor** (“monitor Subroutine” on page 568) subroutine, **monstartup** (“monstartup Subroutine” on page 574) subroutine.

The **prof** command.

psdanger Subroutine

Purpose

Defines the amount of free paging space available.

Syntax

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <sys/vminfo.h>
```

```
blkcnt_t psdanger (Signal)
int Signal;
```

Description

The **psdanger** subroutine returns the difference between the current number of free paging-space blocks and the paging-space thresholds of the system.

Parameters

Signal Defines the signal.

Return Values

If the value of the *Signal* parameter is 0, the return value is the total number of paging-space blocks defined in the system.

If the value of the *Signal* parameter is -1, the return value is the number of free paging-space blocks available in the system.

If the value of the *Signal* parameter is **SIGDANGER**, the return value is the difference between the current number of free paging-space blocks and the paging-space warning threshold. If the number of free paging-space blocks is less than the paging-space warning threshold, the return value is negative.

If the value of the *Signal* parameter is **SIGKILL**, the return value is the difference between the current number of free paging-space blocks and the paging-space kill threshold. If the number of free paging-space blocks is less than the paging-space kill threshold, the return value is negative.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **swapoff** subroutine, **swapon** subroutine, **swapqry** subroutine.

The **chps** command, **lsps** command, **mkps** command, **rmps** command, **swapoff** command, **swapon** command.

Paging Space Overview in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 System Management Concepts: Operating System and Devices*.

Subroutines Overview and Understanding Paging Space Programming Requirements in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

psignal Subroutine or sys_siglist Vector

Purpose

Prints system signal messages.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
psignal ( Signal, String )  
unsigned Signal;  
char *String;  
char *sys_siglist[ ];
```

Description

The **psignal** subroutine produces a short message on the standard error file describing the indicated signal. First the *String* parameter is printed, then the name of the signal and a new-line character.

To simplify variant formatting of signal names, the **sys_siglist** vector of message strings is provided. The signal number can be used as an index in this table to get the signal name without the new-line character. The **NSIG** defined in the **signal.h** file is the number of messages provided for in the table. It should be checked because new signals may be added to the system before they are added to the table.

Parameters

Signal Specifies a signal. The signal number should be among those found in the **signal.h** file.
String Specifies a string that is printed. Most usefully, the *String* parameter is the name of the program that incurred the signal.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **perror** (“perror Subroutine” on page 675) subroutine, **sigvec** subroutine.

pthdb_attr, pthdb_cond, pthdb_condattr, pthdb_key, pthdb_mutex, pthdb_mutexattr, pthdb_pthread, pthdb_pthread_key, pthdb_rwlock, or pthdb_rwlockattr Subroutine

Purpose

Reports the pthread library objects

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

int pthdb_pthread (pthdb_session_t session,
                  pthdb_pthread_t * pthreadp,
                  int cmd)
int pthdb_pthread_key(pthdb_session_t session,
                    pthread_key_t * keyp,
                    int cmd)
int pthdb_attr(pthdb_session_t session,
              pthdb_attr_t * attrp,
              int cmd)
int pthdb_cond (pthdb_session_t session,
               pthdb_cond_t * condp,
               int cmd)
int pthdb_condattr (pthdb_session_t session,
                   pthdb_condattr_t * condattrp,
                   int cmd)
int pthdb_key(pthdb_session_t session,
             pthdb_pthread_t pthread,
             pthread_key_t * keyp,
             int cmd)
int pthdb_mutex (pthdb_session_t session,
                pthdb_mutex_t * mutexp,
                int cmd)
int pthdb_mutexattr (pthdb_session_t session,
                    pthdb_mutexattr_t * mutexattrp,
                    int cmd)
int pthdb_rwlock (pthdb_session_t session,
```

```

pthread_rwlock_t * rwlockp,
int cmd)
int pthread_rwlockattr (pthread_session_t session,
pthread_rwlockattr_t * rwlockattrp,
int cmd)

```

Description

The pthread library maintains internal lists of objects: pthreads, mutexes, mutex attributes, condition variables, condition variable attributes, read/write locks, read/write lock attributes, attributes, pthread specific keys, and active keys. The pthread debug library provides access to these lists one element at a time via the functions listed above.

Each one of those functions acquire the next element in the list of objects. For example, the **pthread_attr** function gets the next attribute on the list of attributes.

A report of **PTHDB_INVALID_OBJECT** represents the empty list or the end of a list, where *OBJECT* is equal to **PTHREAD**, **ATTR**, **MUTEX**, **MUTEXATTR**, **COND**, **CONDATTR**, **RWLOCK**, **RWLOCKATTR**, **KEY**, or **TID** as appropriate.

Each list is reset to the top of the list when the **pthread_session_update** function is called, or when the list function reports a **PTHDB_INVALID_*** value. For example, when **pthread_attr** reports an attribute of **PTHDB_INVALID_ATTR** the list is reset to the beginning such that the next call reports the first attribute in the list, if any.

When **PTHDB_LIST_FIRST** is passed for the *cmd* parameter, the first item in the list is retrieved.

Parameters

<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>attrp</i>	Attribute object.
<i>cmd</i>	Reset to the beginning of the list.
<i>condp</i>	Pointer to Condition variable object.
<i>condattrp</i>	Pointer to Condition variable attribute object.
<i>keyp</i>	Pointer to Key object.
<i>mutexattrp</i>	Pointer to Mutex attribute object.
<i>mutexp</i>	Pointer to Mutex object.
<i>pthread</i>	pthread object.
<i>pthreadp</i>	Pointer to pthread object.
<i>rwlockp</i>	Pointer to Read/Write lock object.
<i>rwlockattrp</i>	Pointer to Read/Write lock attribute object.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_BAD_PTHREAD	Invalid pthread handle.
PTHDB_BAD_CMD	Invalid command.
PTHDB_BAD_POINTER	Invalid buffer pointer.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.
PTHDB_MEMORY	Not enough memory

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_attr_detachstate, pthdb_attr_addr, pthdb_attr_guardsize, pthdb_attr_inheritsched, pthdb_attr_schedparam, pthdb_attr_schedpolicy, pthdb_attr_schedpriority, pthdb_attr_scope, pthdb_attr_stackaddr, pthdb_attr_stacksize, or pthdb_attr_suspendstate
Subroutine

Purpose

Query the various fields of a pthread attribute and return the results in the specified buffer.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_attr_detachstate (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                           pthdb_attr_t      attr,  
                           pthdb_detachstate_t * detachstatep);
```

```
int pthdb_attr_addr (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                    pthdb_attr_t      attr,  
                    pthdb_addr_t * addrp);
```

```
int pthdb_attr_guardsize (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                          pthdb_attr_t      attr,  
                          pthdb_size_t * guardsizep);
```

```
int pthdb_attr_inheritsched (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                             pthdb_attr_t      attr,  
                             pthdb_inheritsched_t * inheritschedp);
```

```
int pthdb_attr_schedparam (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                           pthdb_attr_t      attr,  
                           struct sched_param * schedparamp);
```

```
int pthdb_attr_schedpolicy (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                            pthdb_attr_t      attr,  
                            pthdb_policy_t * schedpolicyp)
```

```
int pthdb_attr_schedpriority (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                              pthdb_attr_t      attr,  
                              int                * schedpriorityp)
```

```

int pthread_attr_scope (pthread_session_t session,
                       pthread_attr_t attr,
                       pthread_scope_t * scopep)

int pthread_attr_stackaddr (pthread_session_t session,
                            pthread_attr_t attr,
                            pthread_size_t * stackaddrp);

int pthread_attr_stacksize (pthread_session_t session,
                            pthread_attr_t attr,
                            pthread_size_t * stacksizep);

int pthread_attr_suspendstate (pthread_session_t session,
                               pthread_attr_t attr,
                               pthread_suspendstate_t * suspendstatep)

```

Description

Each pthread is created using either the default pthread attribute or a user-specified pthread attribute. These functions query the various fields of a pthread attribute and, if successful, return the result in the buffer specified. In all cases, the values returned reflect the expected fields of a pthread created with the attribute specified.

pthread_attr_detachstate reports if the created pthread is detachable (**PDS_DETACHED**) or joinable (**PDS_JOINABLE**). **PDS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_attr_addr reports the address of the pthread_attr_t.

pthread_attr_guardsize reports the guard size for the attribute.

pthread_attr_inheritsched reports whether the created pthread will run with scheduling policy and scheduling parameters from the created pthread (**PIS_INHERIT**), or from the attribute (**PIS_EXPLICIT**). **PIS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_attr_schedparam reports the scheduling parameters associated with the pthread attribute. See **pthread_attr_inheritsched** for additional information.

pthread_attr_schedpolicy reports whether the scheduling policy associated with the pthread attribute is other (**SP_OTHER**), first in first out (**SP_FIFO**), or round robin (**SP_RR**). **SP_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_attr_schedpriority reports the scheduling priority associated with the pthread attribute. See **pthread_attr_inheritsched** for additional information.

pthread_attr_scope reports whether the created pthread will have process scope (**PS_PROCESS**) or system scope (**PS_SYSTEM**). **PS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_attr_stackaddr reports the address of the stack.

pthread_attr_stacksize reports the size of the stack.

pthread_attr_suspendstate reports whether the created pthread will be suspended (**PSS_SUSPENDED**) or not (**PSS_UNSUSPENDED**). **PSS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

Parameters

<i>addr</i>	Attributes address.
<i>attr</i>	Attributes handle.
<i>detachstatep</i>	Detach state buffer.
<i>guardsizep</i>	Attribute guard size.
<i>inheritschedp</i>	Inherit scheduling buffer.
<i>schedparamp</i>	Scheduling parameters buffer.
<i>schedpolicyp</i>	Scheduling policy buffer.
<i>schedpriorityp</i>	Scheduling priority buffer.
<i>scopep</i>	Contention scope buffer.
<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>stackaddrp</i>	Attributes stack address.
<i>stacksizep</i>	Attributes stack size.
<i>suspendstatep</i>	Suspend state buffer.

Return Values

If successful these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_BAD_ATTR	Invalid attribute handle.
PTHDB_BAD_POINTER	Invalid buffer pointer.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_NOTSUP	Not supported.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Internal library error.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthdebug.h** file.

The **pthread.h** file.

pthdb_condattr_pshared, or pthdb_condattr_addr Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the condition variable attribute pshared value.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_condattr_pshared (pthdb_session_t session,  
                           pthdb_condattr_t condattr,  
                           pthdb_pshared_t * psharedp)
```

```
int pthdb_condattr_addr (pthdb_session_t session,
                        pthdb_condattr_t condattr,
                        pthdb_addr_t * addrp)
```

Description

The `pthdb_condattr_pshared` function is used to get the condition variable attribute process shared value. The pshared value can be **PSH_SHARED**, **PSH_PRIVATE**, or **PSH_NOTSUP**.

The `pthdb_condattr_addr` function reports the address of the `pthread_condattr_t`.

Parameters

<i>addrp</i>	Pointer to the address of the <code>pthread_condattr_t</code> .
<i>condattr</i>	Condition variable attribute handle
<i>psharedp</i>	Pointer to the pshared value.
<i>session</i>	Session handle.

Return Values

If successful this function returns **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_CONDATTR	Invalid condition variable attribute handle.
PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.
PTHDB_POINTER	Invalid pointer

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_cond_addr, pthdb_cond_mutex or pthdb_cond_pshared Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the condition variable's mutex handle and pshared value.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```

int pthdb_cond_addr (pthdb_session_t session,
                    pthdb_cond_t cond,
                    pthdb_addr_t * addrp)

int pthdb_cond_mutex (pthdb_session_t session,
                     pthdb_cond_t cond,
                     pthdb_mutex_t * mutexp)

int pthdb_cond_pshared (pthdb_session_t session,
                       pthdb_cond_t cond,
                       pthdb_pshared_t * psharedp)

```

Description

The **pthdb_cond_addr** function reports the address of the pthdb_cond_t.

The **pthdb_cond_mutex** function is used to get the mutex handle associated with the particular condition variable, if the mutex does not exist then PTHDB_INVALID_MUTEX is returned from the mutex.

The **pthdb_cond_pshared** function is used to get the condition variable process shared value. The pshared value can be **PSH_SHARED**, **PSH_PRIVATE**, or **PSH_NOTSUP**.

Parameters

<i>addr</i>	Condition variable address
<i>cond</i>	Condition variable handle
<i>mutexp</i>	Pointer to mutex
<i>psharedp</i>	Pointer to pshared value
<i>session</i>	Session handle.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_COND	Invalid cond handle.
PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INVALID_MUTEX	Invalid mutex.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.
PTHDB_POINTER	Invalid pointer

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthdebug.h** file.

The **pthread.h** file.

pthdb_mutexattr_addr, pthdb_mutexattr_prioceiling, pthdb_mutexattr_protocol, pthdb_mutexattr_pshared or pthdb_mutexattr_type Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the mutex attribute pshared, priority ceiling, protocol, and type values.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_mutexattr_addr (pthdb_session_t session,  
                          pthdb_mutexattr_t mutexattr,  
                          pthdb_addr_t * addrp)
```

```
int pthdb_mutexattr_protocol (pthdb_session_t session,  
                              pthdb_mutexattr_t mutexattr,  
                              pthdb_protocol_t * protocolp)
```

```
int pthdb_mutexattr_pshared (pthdb_session_t session,  
                             pthdb_mutexattr_t mutexattr,  
                             pthdb_pshared_t * psharedp)
```

```
int pthdb_mutexattr_type (pthdb_session_t session,  
                          pthdb_mutexattr_t mutexattr,  
                          pthdb_mutex_type_t * typep)
```

Description

The **pthdb_mutexattr_addr** function reports the address of the pthread_mutexattr_t.

The **pthdb_mutexattr_prioceiling** function is used to get the mutex attribute priority ceiling value.

The **pthdb_mutexattr_protocol** function is used to get the mutex attribute protocol value. The protocol value can be **MP_INHERIT**, **MP_PROTECT**, **MP_NONE**, or **MP_NOTSUP**.

The **pthdb_mutexattr_pshared** function is used to get the mutex attribute process shared value. The pshared value can be **PSH_SHARED**, **PSH_PRIVATE**, or **PSH_NOTSUP**.

The **pthdb_mutexattr_type** is used to get the value of the mutex attribute type. The values for the mutex type can be **MK_NONRECURSIVE_NP**, **MK_RECURSIVE_NP**, **MK_FAST_NP**, **MK_ERRORCHECK**, **MK_RECURSIVE**, **MK_NORMAL**, or **MK_NOTSUP**.

Parameters

<i>addr</i>	Mutex attribute address.
<i>mutexattr</i>	Condition variable attribute handle
<i>prioceiling</i>	Pointer to priority ceiling value.
<i>protocolp</i>	Pointer to protocol value.
<i>psharedp</i>	Pointer to pshared value.
<i>session</i>	Session handle.

typep

Pointer to type value.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_MUTEXATTR	Invalid mutex attribute handle.
PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.
PTHDB_NOSYS	Not implemented
PTHDB_POINTER	Invalid pointer

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_mutex_addr, pthdb_mutex_lock_count, pthdb_mutex_owner, pthdb_mutex_pshared, pthdb_mutex_prioceiling, pthdb_mutex_protocol, pthdb_mutex_state or pthdb_mutex_type Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the owner's pthread, mutex's pshared value, priority ceiling, protocol, lock state, and type.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_mutex_addr (pthdb_session_t session,  
                    pthdb_mutex_t mutex,  
                    pthdb_addr_t * addrp)
```

```
int pthdb_mutex_owner (pthdb_session_t session,  
                    pthdb_mutex_t mutex,  
                    pthdb_pthread_t * ownerp)
```

```
int pthdb_mutex_lock_count (pthdb_session_t session,  
                    pthdb_mutex_t mutex,  
                    int * countp);
```

```

int pthread_mutex_pshared (pthread_session_t session,
                          pthread_mutex_t mutex,
                          pthread_pshared_t * psharedp)

int pthread_mutex_prioceiling (pthread_session_t session,
                              pthread_mutex_t mutex,
                              pthread_pshared_t * prioceilingp)

int pthread_mutex_protocol (pthread_session_t session,
                           pthread_mutex_t mutex,
                           pthread_pshared_t * protocolp)

int pthread_mutex_state (pthread_session_t session,
                        pthread_mutex_t mutex,
                        pthread_mutex_state_t * statep)

int pthread_mutex_type (pthread_session_t session,
                      pthread_mutex_t mutex,
                      pthread_mutex_type_t * typep)

```

Description

pthread_mutex_addr reports the address of the `pthread_mutex_t`.

pthread_mutex_lock_count reports the lock count of the mutex.

pthread_mutex_owner is used to get the pthread that owns the mutex.

The **pthread_mutex_pshared** function is used to get the mutex process shared value. The pshared value can be **PSH_SHARED**, **PSH_PRIVATE**, or **PSH_NOTSUP**.

pthread_mutex_prioceiling function is used to get the mutex priority ceiling value.

pthread_mutex_protocol function is used to get the mutex protocol value. The protocol value can be **MP_INHERIT**, **MP_PROTECT**, **MP_NONE**, or **MP_NOTSUP**.

pthread_mutex_state is used to get the value of the mutex lock state. The state can be **MS_LOCKED**, **MS_UNLOCKED** or **MS_NOTSUP**.

pthread_mutex_type is used to get the value of the mutex type. The values for the mutex type can be **MK_NONRECURSIVE_NP**, **MK_RECURSIVE_NP**, **MK_FAST_NP**, **MK_ERRORCHECK**, **MK_RECURSIVE**, **MK_NORMAL**, or **MK_NOTSUP**.

Parameters

<i>addr</i>	Mutex address
<i>countp</i>	Mutex lock count
<i>mutex</i>	Mutex handle
<i>ownerp</i>	Pointer to mutex owner
<i>psharedp</i>	Pointer to pshared value
<i>prioceilingp</i>	Pointer to priority ceiling value
<i>protocolp</i>	Pointer to protocol value
<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>statep</i>	Pointer to mutex state
<i>typep</i>	Pointer to mutex type

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_MUTEX	Invalid mutex handle.
PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Call failed.
PTHDB_NOSYS	Not implemented
PTHDB_POINTER	Invalid pointer

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthdebug.h** file and the **pthread.h** file.

The **pthread.h** file.

pthdb_mutex_waiter, pthdb_cond_waiter, pthdb_rwlock_read_waiter or pthdb_rwlock_write_waiter Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the next waiter in the list of an object's waiters.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_mutex_waiter (pthdb_session_t session,
                       pthdb_mutex_t   mutex,
                       pthdb_pthread_t *waiter,
                       int               cmd);
int pthdb_cond_waiter (pthdb_session_t session,
                       pthdb_cond_t   cond,
                       pthdb_pthread_t *waiter,
                       int               cmd)
int *pthdb_rwlock_read_waiter (pthdb_session_t session,
                               pthdb_rwlock_t   rwlock,
                               pthdb_pthread_t *waiter,
                               int               cmd)
int *pthdb_rwlock_write_waiter (pthdb_session_t session,
                                pthdb_rwlock_t   rwlock,
                                pthdb_pthread_t *waiter,
                                int               cmd)
```

Description

The `pthdb_mutex_waiter` functions get the next waiter in the list of an object's waiters.

Each list is reset to the top of the list when the `pthdb_session_update` function is called, or when the list function reports a `PTHDB_INVALID_*` value. For example, when `pthdb_attr` reports an attribute of `PTHDB_INVALID_ATTR` the list is reset to the beginning such that the next call reports the first attribute in the list, if any.

A report of `PTHDB_INVALID_OBJECT` represents the empty list or the end of a list, where `OBJECT` is one of these values: `PTHREAD`, `ATTR`, `MUTEX`, `MUTEXATTR`, `COND`, `CONDATTR`, `RWLOCK`, `RWLOCKATTR`, `KEY`, or `TID` as appropriate.

When `PTHDB_LIST_FIRST` is passed for the `cmd` parameter, the first item in the list is retrieved.

Parameters

<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>mutex</i>	Mutex object.
<i>cond</i>	Condition variable object.
<i>cmd</i>	Reset to the beginning of the list.
<i>rwlock</i>	Read/Write lock object.
<i>waiter</i>	Pointer to waiter.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return `PTHDB_SUCCESS`. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

<code>PTHDB_BAD_SESSION</code>	Invalid session handle.
<code>PTHDB_BAD_CMD</code>	Invalid command.
<code>PTHDB_CALLBACK</code>	Debugger call back error.
<code>PTHDB_INTERNAL</code>	Error in library.
<code>PTHDB_MEMORY</code>	Not enough memory
<code>PTHDB_POINTER</code>	Invalid pointer

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_pthread_arg Subroutine

Purpose

Reports the information associated with a pthread.

Library

pthread debug library (`libpthdebug.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_thread_arg (pthdb_session_t session,
                    pthdb_thread_t thread,
                    pthdb_addr_t * argp)

int pthdb_thread_addr (pthdb_session_t session,
                    pthdb_thread_t thread,
                    pthdb_addr_t * addrp)

int pthdb_thread_cancelpend (pthdb_session_t session,
                            pthdb_thread_t thread,
                            int * cancelpendp)

int pthdb_thread_cancelstate (pthdb_session_t session,
                             pthdb_thread_t thread,
                             pthdb_cancelstate_t * cancelstatep)

int pthdb_thread_canceltype (pthdb_session_t session,
                             pthdb_thread_t thread,
                             pthdb_canceltype_t * canceltypep)

int pthdb_thread_detachstate (pthdb_session_t session,
                              pthdb_thread_t thread,
                              pthdb_detachstate_t * detachstatep)

int pthdb_thread_exit (pthdb_session_t session,
                      pthdb_thread_t thread,
                      pthdb_addr_t * exitp)

int pthdb_thread_func (pthdb_session_t session,
                      pthdb_thread_t thread,
                      pthdb_addr_t * funcp)

int pthdb_thread_ptid (pthdb_session_t session,
                      pthdb_thread_t thread,
                      pthread_t * ptidp)

int pthdb_thread_schedparam (pthdb_session_t session,
                             pthdb_thread_t thread,
                             struct sched_param * schedparamp);

int pthdb_thread_schedpolicy (pthdb_session_t session,
                              pthdb_thread_t thread,
                              pthdb_schedpolicy_t * schedpolicy)

int pthdb_thread_schedpriority (pthdb_session_t session,
                                pthdb_thread_t thread,
                                int * schedpriority)

int pthdb_thread_scope (pthdb_session_t session,
                       pthdb_thread_t thread,
                       pthdb_scope_t * scopep)
```

```

int pthread_state (pthread_session_t session,
                  pthread_t pthread,
                  pthread_state_t * statep)

int pthread_suspendstate (pthread_session_t session,
                          pthread_t pthread,
                          pthread_suspendstate_t * suspendstatep)

int pthread_ptid_thread (pthread_session_t session,
                        pthread_t ptid,
                        pthread_t * pthreadp)

```

Description

pthread_arg reports the initial argument passed to the pthread's start function.

pthread_addr reports the address of the pthread_t.

pthread_cancelpend reports non-zero if cancellation is pending on the pthread; if not, it reports zero.

pthread_cancelstate reports whether cancellation is enabled (**PCS_ENABLE**) or disabled (**PCS_DISABLE**). **PCS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_canceltype reports whether cancellation is deferred (**PCT_DEFERRED**) or asynchronous (**PCT_ASYNCHRONOUS**). **PCT_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_detachstate reports whether the pthread is detached (**PDS_DETACHED**) or joinable (**PDS_JOINABLE**). **PDS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_exit reports the exit status returned by the pthread via **pthread_exit**. This is only valid if the pthread has exited (**PST_TERM**).

pthread_func reports the address of the pthread's start function.

pthread_ptid reports the pthread identifier (**pthread_t**) associated with the pthread.

pthread_schedparam reports the pthread's scheduling parameters. This currently includes policy and priority.

pthread_schedpolicy reports whether the pthread's scheduling policy is other (**SP_OTHER**), first in first out (**SP_FIFO**), or round robin (**SP_RR**). **SP_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_schedpriority reports the pthread's scheduling priority.

pthread_scope reports whether the pthread has process scope (**PS_PROCESS**) or system scope (**PS_SYSTEM**). **PS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_state reports whether the pthread is being created (**PST_IDLE**), currently running (**PST_RUN**), waiting on an event (**PST_SLEEP**), waiting on a cpu (**PST_READY**), or waiting on a join or detach (**PST_TERM**). **PST_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_suspendstate reports whether the pthread is suspended (**PSS_SUSPENDED**) or not (**PSS_UNSPENDED**). **PSS_NOTSUP** is reserved for unexpected results.

pthread_ptid_thread reports the pthread for the ptid.

Parameters

<i>addr</i>	pthread address
<i>argp</i>	Initial argument buffer.
<i>cancelpendp</i>	Cancel pending buffer.
<i>cancelstatep</i>	Cancel state buffer.
<i>canceltypep</i>	Cancel type buffer.
<i>detachstatep</i>	Detach state buffer.
<i>exitp</i>	Exit value buffer.
<i>funcp</i>	Start function buffer.
<i>pthread</i>	pthread handle.
<i>pthreadp</i>	Pointer to pthread handle.
<i>ptid</i>	pthread identifier
<i>ptidp</i>	pthread identifier buffer.
<i>schedparamp</i>	Scheduling parameters buffer.
<i>schedpolicyp</i>	Scheduling policy buffer.
<i>schedpriorityp</i>	Scheduling priority buffer.
<i>scopep</i>	Contention scope buffer.
<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>statep</i>	State buffer.
<i>suspendstatep</i>	Suspend state buffer.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**, else an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_BAD_PTHREAD	Invalid pthread handle.
PTHDB_BAD_POINTER	Invalid buffer pointer.
PTHDB_BAD_PTID	Invalid ptid.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_NOTSUP	Not supported.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_pthread_context or **pthdb_pthread_setcontext** Subroutine

Purpose

Provides access to the pthread context via the *struct context64* structure.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_pthread_context (pthdb_session_t  session,  
                          pthdb_pthread_t  pthread,  
                          pthdb_context_t * context)
```

```
int pthdb_pthread_setcontext (pthdb_session_t  session,  
                             pthdb_pthread_t  pthread,  
                             pthdb_context_t * context)
```

Description

The pthread debug library provides access to the pthread context via the *struct context64* structure, whether the process is 32-bit or 64-bit. The debugger should be able to convert from 32-bit to 64-bit and from 64-bit for 32-bit processes. The extent to which this structure is filled in depends on the presence of the **PTHDB_FLAG_GPRS**, **PTHDB_FLAG_SPRSI** and **PTHDB_FLAG_FPRS** session flags. It is necessary to use the pthread debug library to access the context of a pthread without a kernel thread. The pthread debug library can also be used to access the context of a pthread with a kernel thread, but this results in a call back to the debugger, meaning that the debugger is capable of obtaining this information by itself. The debugger determines if the kernel thread is running in user mode or kernel mode and then fills in the *struct context64* appropriately. The pthread debug library does not use this information itself and is thus not sensitive to the correct implementation of the **read_regs** and **write_regs** call back functions.

pthdb_pthread_context reports the context of the pthread based on the settings of the session flags. Uses the **read_regs** call back if the pthread has a kernel thread. If **read_regs** is not defined, then it returns **PTHDB_NOTSUP**.

pthdb_pthread_setcontext sets the context of the pthread based on the settings of the session flags. Uses the **write_data** call back if the pthread does not have a kernel thread. Use the **write_regs** call back if the pthread has a kernel thread.

If the debugger does not define the **read_regs** and **write_regs** call backs and if the pthread does not have a kernel thread, then the **pthdb_pthread_context** and **pthdb_pthread_setcontext** functions succeed. But if a pthread does not have a kernel thread, then these functions fail and return **PTHDB_CONTEXT**.

Parameters

<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>pthread</i>	pthread handle.
<i>context</i>	Context buffer pointer.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_BAD_PTHREAD	Invalid pthread handle.
PTHDB_BAD_POINTER	Invalid buffer pointer.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Callback function failed.
PTHDB_CONTEXT	Could not determine pthread context.
PTHDB_MEMORY	Not enough memory

PTHDB_NOTSUP

`pthdb_pthread_(set)context` returns **PTHDB_NOTSUP** if the `read_regs`, `write_data` or `write_regs` call backs are set to NULL.

PTHDB_INTERNAL

Error in library.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_pthread_hold, pthdb_pthread_holdstate or pthdb_pthread_unhold Subroutine

Purpose

Reports and changes the hold state of the specified pthread.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_pthread_holdstate (pthdb_session_t  session,  
                             pthdb_pthread_t  pthread,  
                             pthdb_holdstate_t * holdstatep)  
int pthdb_pthread_hold (pthdb_session_t  session,  
                        pthdb_pthread_t  pthread)  
int pthdb_pthread_unhold (pthdb_session_t  session,  
                          pthdb_pthread_t  pthread)
```

Description

pthdb_pthread_holdstate reports if a pthread is held. The possible hold states are **PHS_HELD**, **PHS_NOTHELD**, or **PHS_NOTSUP**.

pthdb_pthread_hold prevents the specified pthread from running.

pthdb_pthread_unhold unholds the specified pthread. The pthread held earlier can be unheld by calling this function.

Notes:

1. You must always use the **pthdb_pthread_hold** and **pthdb_pthread_unhold** functions, regardless of whether or not a pthread has a kernel thread.
2. These functions are only supported when the **PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD** is set.

Parameters

session

Session handle.

<i>pthread</i>	pthread handle. The specified pthread should have an attached kernel thread id.
<i>holdstatep</i>	Pointer to the hold state

Return Values

If successful, `pthdb_pthread_hold` returns **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, it returns an error code.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_PTHREAD	Invalid pthread handle.
PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_HELD	pthread is held.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdb_session_setflags` subroutine.

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_pthread_sigmask, pthdb_pthread_sigpend or pthdb_pthread_sigwait Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the pthread signals pending, the signals blocked, the signals received, and awaited signals.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

int pthdb_pthread_sigmask (pthdb_session_t session,
                          pthdb_pthread_t pthread,
                          sigset_t * sigsetp)
int pthdb_pthread_sigpend (pthdb_session_t session,
                          pthdb_pthread_t pthread,
                          sigset_t * sigsetp)
int pthdb_pthread_sigwait (pthdb_session_t session,
                          pthdb_pthread_t pthread,
                          sigset_t * sigsetp)
```


Description

`pthdb_thread_sigmask` reports the signals that the pthread has blocked.

`pthdb_thread_sigpend` reports the signals that the pthread has pending.

`pthdb_thread_sigwait` reports the signals that the pthread is waiting on.

Parameters

<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>pthread</i>	Pthread handle
<i>sigsetp</i>	Signal set buffer.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Code

PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_BAD_PTHREAD	Invalid pthread handle.
PTHDB_BAD_POINTER	Invalid buffer pointer.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_thread_specific Subroutine

Purpose

Reports the value associated with a pthreads specific data key.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
void *pthdb_thread_specific(pthread_session_t session,  
                             pthread_t pthread,  
                             pthread_key_t key,  
                             pthread_addr_t * specificp)
```

Description

Each process has active pthread specific data keys. Each active pthread specific data key is in use by one or more pthreads. Each pthread can have its own value associated with each pthread specific data key. The `pthdb_pthread_specific` function provide access to those values.

`pthdb_pthread_specific` reports the specific data value for the pthread and key combination.

Parameters

<i>session</i>	The session handle.
<i>pthread</i>	The pthread handle.
<i>key</i>	The key.
<i>specificp</i>	Specific data value buffer.a

Return Values

If successful, `pthdb_pthread_specific` returns `PTHDB_SUCCESS`. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

<code>PTHDB_BAD_SESSION</code>	Invalid session handle.
<code>PTHDB_BAD_PTHREAD</code>	Invalid pthread handle.
<code>PTHDB_BAD_KEY</code>	Invalid key.
<code>PTHDB_BAD_POINTER</code>	Invalid buffer pointer.
<code>PTHDB_CALLBACK</code>	Debugger call back error.
<code>PTHDB_INTERNAL</code>	Error in library.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

`pthdb_pthread_tid` or `pthdb_tid_pthread` Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the kernel thread associated with the pthread and the pthread associated with the kernel thread.

Library

pthread debug library (`libpthdebug.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_pthread_tid (pthdb_session_t session,  
                     pthdb_pthread_t pthread,  
                     tid_t * tidp)  
int pthdb_tid_pthread (pthdb_session_t session,
```

```
tid_t          tid,  
pthdb_thread_t * pthreadp)
```

Description

pthdb_thread_tid gets the kernel thread id associated with the pthread.

pthdb_tid_thread is used to get the pthread associated with the kernel thread.

Parameters

<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>pthread</i>	Pthread handle
<i>pthreadp</i>	Pointer to pthread handle
<i>tid</i>	Kernel thread id
<i>tidp</i>	Pointer to kernel thread id

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_PTHREAD	Invalid pthread handle.
PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_BAD_TID	Invalid <i>tid</i> .
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.
PTHDB_INVALID_TID	Empty list or the end of a list.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthdebug.h** file.

The **pthread.h** file.

pthdb_rwlockattr_addr, or pthdb_rwlockattr_pshared Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the rwlock attribute pshared values.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_rwlockattr_addr (pthdb_session_t    session,  
                           pthdb_rwlockattr_t rwlockattr,  
                           pthdb_addr_t      * addrp)
```

```
int pthdb_rwlockattr_pshared (pthdb_session_t    session,
                              pthdb_rwlockattr_t  rwlockattr,
                              pthdb_pshared_t     * psharedp)
```

Description

pthdb_rwlockattr_addr reports the address of the `pthread_rwlockattr_t`.

pthdb_rwlockattr_pshared is used to get the rwlock attribute process shared value. The pshared value can be **PSH_SHARED**, **PSH_PRIVATE**, or **PSH_NOTSUP**.

Parameters

<i>addr</i>	Read/Write lock attribute address.
<i>psharedp</i>	Pointer to the pshared value.
<i>rwlockattr</i>	Read/Write lock attribute handle
<i>session</i>	Session handle.

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_RWLOCKATTR	Invalid rwlock attribute handle.
PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.
PTHDB_POINTER	Invalid pointer

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_rwlock_addr, pthdb_rwlock_lock_count, pthdb_rwlock_owner, pthdb_rwlock_pshared or pthdb_rwlock_state Subroutine

Purpose

Gets the owner, the pshared value, or the state of the read/write lock.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```

int pthdb_rwlock_addr (pthdb_session_t session,
                      pthdb_rwlock_t  rwlock,
                      pthdb_addr_t *  addrp)

int pthdb_rwlock_lock_count (pthdb_session_t session,
                             pthdb_rwlock_t  rwlock,
                             int * countp);

int pthdb_rwlock_owner (pthdb_session_t session,
                       pthdb_rwlock_t  rwlock,
                       pthdb_thread_t * ownerp,
                       int              cmd)

int pthdb_rwlock_pshared (pthdb_session_t session,
                          pthdb_rwlock_t  rwlock,
                          pthdb_pshared_t * psharedp)

int pthdb_rwlock_state (pthdb_session_t session,
                       pthdb_rwlock_t  rwlock,
                       pthdb_rwlock_state_t * statep)

```

Description

The **pthdb_rwlock_addr** function reports the address of the **pthdb_rwlock_t**.

The **pthdb_rwlock_lock_count** function reports the lock count for the **rwlock**.

The **pthdb_rwlock_owner** function is used to get the read/write lock owner's pthread handle.

The **pthdb_rwlock_pshared** function is used to get the **rwlock** attribute process shared value. The **pshared** value can be **PSH_SHARED**, **PSH_PRIVATE**, or **PSH_NOTSUP**.

The **pthdb_rwlock_state** is used to get the read/write locks state. The state can be **RWLS_NOTSUP**, **RWLS_WRITE**, **RWLS_FREE**, and **RWLS_READ**.

Parameters

<i>addrp</i>	Read write lock address.
<i>countp</i>	Read write lock lock count.
<i>cmd</i>	<i>cmd</i> can be PTHDB_LIST_FIRST to get the first owner in the list of owners or PTHDB_LIST_NEXT to get the next owner in the list of owners. The list is empty or ended by *owner == PTHDB_INVALID_PTHREAD .
<i>ownerp</i>	Pointer to pthread which owns the rwlock
<i>psharedp</i>	Pointer to pshared value
<i>rwlock</i>	Read write lock handle
<i>session</i>	Session handle.
<i>statep</i>	Pointer to state value

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_SESSION Invalid session handle.

PTHDB_BAD_CMD	Invalid command passed.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.
PTHDB_POINTER	Invalid pointer

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthdebug.h` file.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthdb_session_committed Subroutines

Purpose

Facilitates examining and modifying multi-threaded application's pthread library object data.

Library

pthread debug library (**libpthdebug.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthdb_session_committed (pthdb_session_t session,
                             char          ** name);
int pthdb_session_concurrency (pthdb_session_t session,
                               int           * concurrencyp);
int pthdb_session_destroy (pthdb_session_t session)
int pthdb_session_flags (pthdb_session_t session,
                        unsigned long long * flagsp)
int pthdb_session_init (pthdb_user_t user,
                       pthdb_exec_mode_t exec_mode,
                       unsigned long long flags,
                       pthdb_callbacks_t * callbacks,
                       pthdb_session_t * sessionp)
int pthdb_session_pthreaded (pthdb_user_t user,
                             unsigned long long flags
                             pthdb_callbacks_t * callbacks,
                             char          ** name)
int pthdb_session_continue_tid (pthdb_session_t session,
                                tid_t          * tidp,
                                int            cmd);
int pthdb_session_stop_tid (pthdb_session_t session,
                            tid_t          tid);
int pthdb_session_commit_tid (pthdb_session_t session,
                              tid_t          * tidp,
                              int            cmd);
int pthdb_session_setflags (pthdb_session_t session,
                            unsigned long long flags)
int pthdb_session_update (pthdb_session_t session)
```

Description

To facilitate debugging multiple processes, the pthread debug library supports multiple sessions, one per process. Functions are provided to initialize, destroy, and customize the behavior of these sessions. In addition, functions are provided to query global fields of the pthread library. All functions in the library require a session handle associated with an initialized session except **pthdb_session_init**, which initializes sessions, and **pthdb_session_threaded**, which can be called before the session has been initialized.

pthdb_session_committed reports the symbol name of a function called after the hold/unhold commit operation has completed. This symbol name can be used to set a breakpoint to notify the debugger when the hold/unhold commit has completed. The actual symbol name reported may change at any time. The function name returned is implemented in assembly with the following code:

```
ori 0,0, 0      # no-op
blr           # return to caller
```

This allows the debugger to overwrite the no-op with a trap instruction and leave it there by stepping over it. This function is only supported when the **PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD** flag is set.

pthdb_session_concurrency reports the concurrency level of the pthread library. The concurrency level is the M:N ratio, where N is always 1.

pthdb_session_destroy notifies the pthread debug library that the debugger or application is finished with the session. This deallocates any memory associated with the session and allows the session handle to be reused.

pthdb_session_setflags changes the flags for a session. With these flags, a debugger can customize the session. Flags consist of the following values or-ed together:

PTHDB_FLAG_GPRS	The general purpose registers should be included in any context read or write, whether internal to the library or via call backs to the debugger.
PTHDB_FLAG_SPRS	The special purpose registers should be included in any context read or write whether internal to the library or via call backs to the debugger.
PTHDB_FLAG_FPRS	The floating point registers should be included in any context read or write whether internal to the library or via call backs to the debugger.
PTHDB_FLAG_REGS	All registers should be included in any context read or write whether internal to the library or via call backs to the debugger. This is equivalent to PTHDB_FLAG_GPRSIPTHDB_FLAG_GPRSIPTHDB_FLAG_GPRS .
PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD	The debugger will be using the pthread debug library hold/unhold facilities to prevent the execution of pthreads. This flag cannot be used with PTHDB_FLAG_SUSPEND . This flag should be used by debuggers, only.
PTHDB_FLAG_SUSPEND	Applications will be using the pthread library suspend/continue facilities to prevent the execution of pthreads. This flag cannot be used with PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD . This flag is for introspective mode and should be used by applications, only.

Note: **PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD** and **PTHDB_FLAG_SUSPEND** can only be passed to the **pthdb_session_init** function. Neither **PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD** nor **PTHDB_FLAG_SUSPEND** should be passed to **pthdb_session_init** when debugging a core file.

The **pthdb_session_flags** function gets the current flags for the session.

The **pthdb_session_init** function tells the pthread debug library to initialize a session associated with the unique given user handle. **pthdb_session_init** will assign a unique session handle and return it to the debugger. If the application's execution mode is 32 bit, then the debugger should initialize the **exec_mode** to **PEM_32BIT**. If the application's execution mode is 64 bit, then the debugger should initialize **mode** to

PEM_64BIT. The **flags** are documented above with the **pthdb_session_setflags** function. The **callback** parameter is a list of call back functions. (Also see the **pthdebug.h** header file.) The **pthdb_session_init** function calls the **symbol_addrs** function to get the starting addresses of the symbols and initializes these symbols' starting addresses within the pthread debug library.

pthdb_session_pthreaded reports the symbol name of a function called after the pthread library has been initialized. This symbol name can be used to set a breakpoint to notify the debugger when to initialize a pthread debug library session and begin using the pthread debug library to examine pthread library state. The actual symbol name reported may change at any time. This function, is the only pthread debug library function that can be called before the pthread library is initialized. The function name returned is implemented in assembly with the following code:

```
ori 0,0,0          # no-op
blr                # return to caller
```

This is conveniently allows the debugger to overwrite the no-op with a trap instruction and leave it there by stepping over it.

The **pthdb_session_continue_tid** function allows the debugger to obtain the list of threads that must be continued before it proceeds with single stepping a single pthread or continuing a group of pthreads. This function reports one tid at a time. If the list is empty or the end of the list has been reached, **PTHDB_INVALID_TID** is reported. The debugger will need to continue any pthreads with kernel threads that it wants. The debugger is responsible for parking the stop thread and continuing the stop thread. The *cmd* parameter can be either **PTHDB_LIST_NEXT** or **PTHDB_LIST_FIRST**; if **PTHDB_LIST_FIRST** is passed, then the internal counter will be reset and the first tid in the list will be reported.

Note: This function is only supported when the **PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD** flag is set.

The **pthdb_session_stop_tid** function informs the pthread debug library, which informs the pthread library the tid of the thread that stopped the debugger.

Note: This function is only supported when the **PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD** flag is set.

pthdb_session_commit_tid reports subsequent kernel thread identifiers which must be continued to commit the hold and unhold changes. This function reports one tid at a time. If the list is empty or the end of the list has been reached, **PTHDB_INVALID_TID** is reported. The *cmd* parameter can be either **PTHDB_LIST_NEXT** or **PTHDB_LIST_FIRST**, if **PTHDB_LIST_FIRST** is passed then the internal counter will be reset and first tid in the list will be reported.

Note: This function is only supported when the **PTHDB_FLAG_HOLD** flag is set.

pthdb_session_update tells the pthread debug library to update it's internal information concerning the state of the pthread library. This should be called each time the process stops before any other pthread debug library functions to ensure their results are reliable.

Each list is reset to the top of the list when the **pthdb_session_update** function is called, or when the list function reports a **PTHDB_INVALID_*** value. For example, when **pthdb_attr** reports an attribute of **PTHDB_INVALID_ATTR** the list is reset to the beginning such that the next call reports the first attribute in the list, if any.

A report of **PTHDB_INVALID_OBJECT** represents the empty list or the end of a list, where *OBJECT* is one of these values: **PTHREAD**, **ATTR**, **MUTEX**, **MUTEXATTR**, **COND**, **CONDATTR**, **RWLOCK**, **RWLOCKATTR**, **KEY**, or **TID** as appropriate.

Parameters

session Session handle.

user	Debugger user handle.
sessionp	Pointer to session handle.
name	Symbol name buffer.
cmd	Reset to the beginning of the list.
concurrency	Library concurrency buffer.
flags	Session flags.
flagsp	Pointer to session flags.
exec_mode	Debuggee execution mode: PEM_32BIT for 32-bit processes or PEM_64BIT for 64-bit processes.
callbacks	Call backs structure.
tid	Kernel thread id.
tidp	Kernel thread id buffer..

Return Values

If successful, these functions return **PTHDB_SUCCESS**. Otherwise, they return an error value.

Error Codes

PTHDB_BAD_SESSION	Invalid session handle.
PTHDB_BAD_VERSION	Invalid pthread debug library or pthread library version.
PTHDB_BAD_MODE	Invalid execution mode.
PTHDB_BAD_FLAGS	Invalid session flags.
PTHDB_BAD_CALLBACK	Insufficient call back functions.
PTHDB_BAD_CMD	Invalid command.
PTHDB_BAD_POINTER	Invalid buffer pointer.
PTHDB_BAD_USER	Invalid user handle.
PTHDB_CALLBACK	Debugger call back error.
PTHDB_MEMORY	Not enough memory.
PTHDB_NOSYS	Function not implemented.
PTHDB_NOT_PTHREADED	pthread library not initialized.
PTHDB_SYMBOL	pthread library symbol not found.
PTHDB_INTERNAL	Error in library.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthdebug.h** file.

The **pthread.h** file.

pthread_atfork Subroutine

Purpose

Registers fork handlers.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_atfork (void (* prepare)(void), void (* parent)(void) void (* child)(void));
```

Description

The **pthread_atfork** subroutine registers fork cleanup handlers. The *prepare* handler is called before the processing of the **fork** subroutine commences. The *parent* handler is called after the processing of the **fork** subroutine completes in the parent process. The *child* handler is called after the processing of the **fork** subroutine completes in the child process.

When the **fork** subroutine is called, only the calling thread is duplicated in the child process, but all synchronization variables are duplicated. The **pthread_atfork** subroutine provides a way to prevent state inconsistencies and resulting deadlocks. The expected usage is that the *prepare* handler acquires all mutexes, and the two other handlers release them in the parent and child processes.

The prepare handlers are called in LIFO (Last In First Out) order; whereas the parent and child handlers are called in FIFO (first-in first-out) order. Thereafter, the order of calls to the **pthread_atfork** subroutine is significant.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library.

Parameters

<i>prepare</i>	Points to the pre-fork cleanup handler. If no pre-fork handling is desired, the value of this pointer should be set to NULL .
<i>parent</i>	Points to the parent post-fork cleanup handler. If no parent post-fork handling is desired, the value of this pointer should be set to NULL .
<i>child</i>	Points to the child post-fork cleanup handler. If no child post-fork handling is desired, the value of this pointer should be set to NULL .

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **pthread_atfork** returns a value of zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_atfork** function will fail if:

ENOMEM Insufficient table space exists to record the fork handler addresses.

The **pthread_atfork** function will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, **atexit** (“exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine.

Process Duplication and Termination in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_destroy Subroutine

Purpose

Deletes a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_destroy ( attr)
pthread_attr_t *attr;
```

Description

The **pthread_attr_destroy** subroutine destroys the thread attributes object *attr*, reclaiming its storage space. It has no effect on the threads previously created with that object.

Parameters

attr Specifies the thread attributes object to delete.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_attr_destroy** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *attr* parameter is not valid.

This function will not return an error code of [EINTR].

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_attr_init** (“pthread_attr_init Subroutine” on page 790) subroutine, **pthread_create** (“pthread_create Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, the **pthread.h** file.

Creating Threads in AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs.

Threads Library Quick Reference in AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs.

pthread_attr_getguardsize or pthread_attr_setguardsize Subroutines

Purpose

Gets or sets the thread guardsize attribute.

Library

Threads Library (**libthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_getguardsize (const pthread_attr_t *attr, size_t *guardsize );  
int pthread_attr_setguardsize (pthread_attr_t *attr, size_t guardsize );
```

Description

The guardsize attribute controls the size of the guard area for the created thread's stack. The guardsize attribute provides protection against overflow of the stack pointer. If a thread's stack is created with guard protection, the implementation allocates extra memory at the overflow end of the stack as a buffer against stack overflow of the stack pointer. If an application overflows into this buffer an error results (possibly in a SIGSEGV signal being delivered to the thread).

The guardsize attribute is provided to the application for two reasons:

- Overflow protection can potentially result in wasted system resources. An application that creates a large number of threads, and which knows its threads will never overflow their stack, can save system resources by turning off guard areas.
- When threads allocate large data structures on the stack, large guard areas may be needed to detect stack overflow.

The **pthread_attr_getguardsize** function gets the guardsize attribute in the attr object. This attribute is returned in the *guardsize* parameter.

The **pthread_attr_setguardsize** function sets the guardsize attribute in the attr object. The new value of this attribute is obtained from the *guardsize* parameter. If *guardsize* is zero, a guard area will not be provided for threads created with attr. If *guardsize* is greater than zero, a guard area of at least size guardsize bytes is provided for each thread created with attr.

A conforming implementation is permitted to round up the value contained in *guardsize* to a multiple of the configurable system variable PAGESIZE (see **sys/mman.h**). If an implementation rounds up the value of guardsize to a multiple of PAGESIZE, a call to **pthread_attr_getguardsize** specifying attr will store in the *guardsize* parameter the guard size specified by the previous **pthread_attr_setguardsize** function call. The default value of the guardsize attribute is PAGESIZE bytes. The actual value of PAGESIZE is implementation-dependent and may not be the same on all implementations.

If the stackaddr attribute has been set (that is, the caller is allocating and managing its own thread stacks), the guardsize attribute is ignored and no protection will be provided by the implementation. It is the responsibility of the application to manage stack overflow along with stack allocation and management in this case.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_attr_getguardsize` and `pthread_attr_setguardsize` functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_attr_getguardsize` and `pthread_attr_setguardsize` functions will fail if:

- EINVAL** The attribute `attr` is invalid.
- EINVAL** The `guardsize` parameter is invalid.
- EINVAL** The `guardsize` parameter contains an invalid value.

pthread_attr_getschedparam Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the value of the `schedparam` attribute of a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthread.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <sys/sched.h>
```

```
int pthread_attr_getschedparam ( attr, schedparam)
const pthread_attr_t *attr;
struct sched_param *schedparam;
```

Description

The `pthread_attr_getschedparam` subroutine returns the value of the `schedparam` attribute of the thread attributes object `attr`. The `schedparam` attribute specifies the scheduling parameters of a thread created with this attributes object. The `sched_priority` field of the `sched_param` structure contains the priority of the thread. It is an integer value.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

- `attr` Specifies the thread attributes object.
- `schedparam` Points to where the `schedparam` attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the value of the `schedparam` attribute is returned via the `schedparam` parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_attr_getschedparam` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

- EINVAL** The `attr` parameter is not valid.

This function does not return EINTR.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_attr_setschedparam** (“pthread_attr_setschedparam Subroutine” on page 793) subroutine, **pthread_attr_init** (“pthread_attr_init Subroutine” on page 790) subroutine, **pthread_getschedparam** (“pthread_getschedparam Subroutine” on page 818) subroutine, the **pthread.h** file.

Threads Scheduling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_getstackaddr Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the value of the stackaddr attribute of a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_getstackaddr ( attr, stackaddr)  
const pthread_attr_t *attr;  
void **stackaddr;
```

Description

The **pthread_attr_getstackaddr** subroutine returns the value of the stackaddr attribute of the thread attributes object *attr*. This attribute specifies the stack address of the thread created with this attributes object.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

<i>attr</i>	Specifies the thread attributes object.
<i>stackaddr</i>	Points to where the stackaddr attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the value of the stackaddr attribute is returned via the *stackaddr* parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_attr_getstackaddr` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The `attr` parameter is not valid.

This function will not return `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_attr_setstackaddr` (“`pthread_attr_setstackaddr` Subroutine” on page 794) subroutine, `pthread_attr_init` (“`pthread_attr_init` Subroutine” on page 790) subroutine, the `pthread.h` file.

Advanced Attributes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_getstacksize Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the value of the `stacksize` attribute of a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_getstacksize ( attr, stacksize)
const pthread_attr_t *attr;
size_t *stacksize;
```

Description

The `pthread_attr_getstacksize` subroutine returns the value of the `stacksize` attribute of the thread attributes object `attr`. This attribute specifies the minimum stack size of a thread created with this attributes object. The value is given in bytes. The default stack size is `PTHREAD_STACK_MIN`, *12 defined in `pthread.h`.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

`attr` Specifies the thread attributes object.
`stacksize` Points to where the `stacksize` attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the value of the `stacksize` attribute is returned via the `stacksize` parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_attr_getstacksize` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The `attr` or `stacksize` parameters are not valid.

This function will not return an error code of [EINTR].

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_attr_setstacksize` (“`pthread_attr_setstacksize` Subroutine” on page 795) subroutine, `pthread_attr_init` (“`pthread_attr_init` Subroutine”) subroutine, the `pthread.h` file.

Advanced Attributes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_init Subroutine

Purpose

Creates a thread attributes object and initializes it with default values.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_init ( attr )  
pthread_attr_t *attr;
```

Description

The `pthread_attr_init` subroutine creates a new thread attributes object `attr`. The new thread attributes object is initialized with the following default values:

Always initialized	
Attribute	Default value
Detachstate	PTHREAD_CREATE_JOINABLE
Contention-scope	PTHREAD_SCOPE_PROCESS the default ensures compatibility with implementations that do not support this POSIX option.
Inheritsched	PTHREAD_INHERITSCHED
Schedparam	A sched_param structure which <code>sched_prio</code> field is set to 1, the least favored priority.

Schedpolicy	SCHED_OTHER
Stacksize	PTHREAD_STACK_MIN
Guardsize	PAGESIZE

The resulting attribute object (possibly modified by setting individual attribute values), when used by **pthread_create**, defines the attributes of the thread created. A single attributes object can be used in multiple simultaneous calls to **pthread_create**.

Parameters

attr Specifies the thread attributes object to be created.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the new thread attributes object is filled with default values and returned via the *attr* parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_attr_init** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

- EINVAL** The *attr* parameter is not valid.
- ENOMEM** There is not sufficient memory to create the thread attribute object.

This function will not return an error code of [EINTR].

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_attr_setdetachstate** (“pthread_attr_getdetachstate or pthread_attr_setdetachstate Subroutines”) subroutine, **pthread_attr_setstackaddr** (“pthread_attr_setstackaddr Subroutine” on page 794) subroutine, **pthread_attr_setstacksize** (“pthread_attr_setstacksize Subroutine” on page 795) subroutine, **pthread_create** (“pthread_create Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, **pthread_attr_destroy** (“pthread_attr_destroy Subroutine” on page 785) subroutine, **pthread_attr_setguardsize** (“pthread_attr_getguardsize or pthread_attr_setguardsize Subroutines” on page 786) subroutine.

The **pthread.h** file.

Creating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_getdetachstate or pthread_attr_setdetachstate Subroutines

Purpose

Sets and returns the value of the detachstate attribute of a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_setdetachstate (pthread_attr_t * attr, int detachstate)
int pthread_attr_getdetachstate (const pthread_attr_t *attr,
    int * detachstate);
```

Description

The `detachstate` attribute controls whether the thread is created in a detached state. If the thread is created detached, then use of the ID of the newly created thread by the **pthread_detach** or **pthread_join** function is an error.

The **pthread_attr_setdetachstate** and **pthread_attr_getdetachstate**, respectively, set and get the **detachstate** attribute in the **attr** object.

The `detachstate` can be set to either `PTHREAD_CREATE_DETACHED` or `PTHREAD_CREATE_JOINABLE`. A value of `PTHREAD_CREATE_DETACHED` causes all threads created with **attr** to be in the detached state, whereas using a value of `PTHREAD_CREATE_JOINABLE` causes all threads created with **attr** to be in the joinable state. The default value of the **detachstate** attribute is `PTHREAD_CREATE_JOINABLE`.

Parameters

<i>attr</i>	Specifies the thread attributes object.
<i>detachstate</i>	Points to where the <code>detachstate</code> attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **pthread_attr_setdetachstate** and **pthread_attr_getdetachstate** return a value of **0**. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

The **pthread_attr_getdetachstate** function stores the value of the `detachstate` attribute in `detachstate` if successful.

Error Codes

The **pthread_attr_setdetachstate** function will fail if:

EINVAL The value of *detachstate* was not valid.

The **pthread_attr_getdetachstate** and **pthread_attr_setdetachstate** functions will fail if:

EINVAL The attribute parameter is invalid.

These functions will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_attr_setstackaddr` (“`pthread_attr_setstackaddr` Subroutine” on page 794), `pthread_attr_setstacksize` (“`pthread_attr_setstacksize` Subroutine” on page 795), `pthread_create` (“`pthread_create` Subroutine” on page 809), `pthread_attr_init` (“`pthread_attr_init` Subroutine” on page 790) subroutines, and `pthread.h` file.

Creating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_setschedparam Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the value of the `schedparam` attribute of a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <sys/sched.h>
```

```
int pthread_attr_setschedparam ( attr, schedparam)
pthread_attr_t *attr;
const struct sched_param *schedparam;
```

Description

The `pthread_attr_setschedparam` subroutine sets the value of the `schedparam` attribute of the thread attributes object `attr`. The `schedparam` attribute specifies the scheduling parameters of a thread created with this attributes object. The `sched_priority` field of the `sched_param` structure contains the priority of the thread.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

<code>attr</code>	Specifies the thread attributes object.
<code>schedparam</code>	Points to where the scheduling parameters to set are stored. The <code>sched_priority</code> field must be in the range from 1 to 127, where 1 is the least favored priority, and 127 the most favored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_attr_setschedparam` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL	The <code>attr</code> parameter is not valid.
ENOSYS	The priority scheduling POSIX option is not implemented.

ENOTSUP The value of the schedparam attribute is not supported.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_attr_getschedparam** (“pthread_attr_getschedparam Subroutine” on page 787) subroutine, **pthread_attr_init** (“pthread_attr_init Subroutine” on page 790) subroutine, **pthread_create** (“pthread_create Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, the **pthread.h** file.

Threads Scheduling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_setstackaddr Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the value of the stackaddr attribute of a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_setstackaddr ( attr, stackaddr)  
pthread_attr_t *attr;  
void *stackaddr;
```

Description

The **pthread_attr_setstackaddr** subroutine sets the value of the stackaddr attribute of the thread attributes object *attr*. This attribute specifies the stack address of a thread created with this attributes object.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the cc_r compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

attr Specifies the thread attributes object.
stackaddr Specifies the stack address to set. It is a void pointer.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_attr_setstackaddr` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

- EINVAL** The `attr` parameter is not valid.
- ENOSYS** The stack address POSIX option is not implemented.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_attr_getstackaddr` (“`pthread_attr_getstackaddr` Subroutine” on page 788) subroutine, `pthread_attr_init` (“`pthread_attr_init` Subroutine” on page 790) subroutine, the `pthread.h` file.

Advanced Attributes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_setstacksize Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the value of the `stacksize` attribute of a thread attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_attr_setstacksize ( attr, stacksize)
pthread_attr_t *attr;
size_t stacksize;
```

Description

The `pthread_attr_setstacksize` subroutine sets the value of the `stacksize` attribute of the thread attributes object `attr`. This attribute specifies the minimum stack size, in bytes, of a thread created with this attributes object.

The allocated stack size is always a multiple of 8K bytes, greater or equal to the required minimum stack size of 56K bytes (`PTHREAD_STACK_MIN`). The following formula is used to calculate the allocated stack size: if the required stack size is lower than 56K bytes, the allocated stack size is 56K bytes; otherwise, if the required stack size belongs to the range from $(56 + (n - 1) * 16)$ K bytes to $(56 + n * 16)$ K bytes, the allocated stack size is $(56 + n * 16)$ K bytes.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

<i>attr</i>	Specifies the thread attributes object.
<i>stacksize</i>	Specifies the minimum stack size, in bytes, to set. The default stack size is PTHREAD_STACK_MIN . The minimum stack size should be greater or equal than this value.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_attr_setstacksize** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL	The <i>attr</i> parameter is not valid, or the value of the <i>stacksize</i> parameter exceeds a system imposed limit.
ENOSYS	The stack size POSIX option is not implemented.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_attr_getstacksize** (“pthread_attr_getstacksize Subroutine” on page 789) subroutine, **pthread_attr_init** (“pthread_attr_init Subroutine” on page 790) subroutine, **pthread_create** (“pthread_create Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, the **pthread.h** file.

Advanced Attributes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_attr_setsuspendstate_np and pthread_attr_getsuspendstate_np Subroutine

Purpose

Controls whether a thread is created in a suspended state.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_attr_setsuspendstate_np(pthread_attr_t, *attr, int suspendstate);
```

```
int pthread_attr_getsuspendstate_np(pthread_attr_t, *attr, int *suspendstate);
```

Description

The *suspendstate* attribute controls whether the thread is created in a suspended state. If the thread is created suspended, the thread start routine will not execute until **pthread_continue_np** is run on the thread. The **pthread_attr_setsuspendstate_np** and **pthread_attr_getsuspendstate_np** routines, respectively, set and get the *suspendstate* attribute in the *attr* object.

The *suspendstate* attribute can be set to either **PTHREAD_CREATE_SUSPENDED_NP** or **PTHREAD_CREATE_UNSPUNDED_NP**. A value of **PTHREAD_CREATE_SUSPENDED_NP** causes all threads created with *attr* to be in the suspended state, whereas using a value of **PTHREAD_CREATE_UNSPUNDED_NP** causes all threads created with *attr* to be in the unsuspended state. The default value of the *suspendstate* attribute is **PTHREAD_CREATE_UNSPUNDED_NP**.

Parameters

attr Specifies the thread attributes object.
suspendstate Points to where the *suspendstate* attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **pthread_attr_setsuspendstate_np** and **pthread_attr_getsuspendstate_np** return a value of 0. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

The **pthread_attr_getsuspendstate_np** function stores the value of the *suspendstate* attribute in *suspendstate* if successful.

Error Codes

The **pthread_attr_setsuspendstate_np** function will fail if:

EINVAL The value of *suspendstate* is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

pthread_cancel Subroutine

Purpose

Requests the cancellation of a thread.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_cancel (pthread_t thread);
```

Description

The **pthread_cancel** subroutine requests the cancellation of the thread *thread*. The action depends on the cancelability of the target thread:

- If its cancelability is disabled, the cancellation request is set pending.
- If its cancelability is deferred, the cancellation request is set pending till the thread reaches a cancellation point.
- If its cancelability is asynchronous, the cancellation request is acted upon immediately; in some cases, it may result in unexpected behaviour.

The cancellation of a thread terminates it safely, using the same termination procedure as the **pthread_exit** (“pthread_exit Subroutine” on page 812) subroutine.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

thread Specifies the thread to be canceled.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_cancel` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_cancel` function may fail if:

ESRCH No thread could be found corresponding to that specified by the given thread ID.

The `pthread_cancel` function will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_kill` (“`pthread_kill` Subroutine” on page 828) subroutine, `pthread_exit` (“`pthread_exit` Subroutine” on page 812) subroutine, `pthread_join` (“`pthread_join`, or `pthread_detach` Subroutine” on page 824) subroutine, `pthread_cond_wait` (“`pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` Subroutine” on page 803), and `pthread_cond_timedwait` (“`pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` Subroutine” on page 803) subroutines.

The `pthread.h` file.

Terminating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_cleanup_pop or pthread_cleanup_push Subroutine

Purpose

Establishes cancellation handlers.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
void pthread_cleanup_pop (int execute);  
void pthread_cleanup_push (void (*routine)(void *), void *arg);
```


Description

The **pthread_cleanup_push** function pushes the specified cancellation cleanup handler *routine* onto the calling thread's cancellation cleanup stack. The cancellation cleanup handler is popped from the cancellation cleanup stack and invoked with the argument *arg* when: (a) the thread exits (that is, calls **pthread_exit**, (b) the thread acts upon a cancellation request, or (c) the thread calls **pthread_cleanup_pop** with a non-zero *execute* argument.

The **pthread_cleanup_pop** function removes the routine at the top of the calling thread's cancellation cleanup stack and optionally invokes it (if *execute* is non-zero).

These functions may be implemented as macros and will appear as statements and in pairs within the same lexical scope (that is, the **pthread_cleanup_push** macro may be thought to expand to a token list whose first token is '{' with **pthread_cleanup_pop** expanding to a token list whose last token is the corresponding '}').

The effect of calling **longjmp** or **siglongjmp** is undefined if there have been any calls to **pthread_cleanup_push** or **pthread_cleanup_pop** made without the matching call since the jump buffer was filled. The effect of calling **longjmp** or **siglongjmp** from inside a cancellation cleanup handler is also undefined unless the jump buffer was also filled in the cancellation cleanup handler.

Parameters

execute Specifies if the popped routine will be executed.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_cancel** ("pthread_cancel Subroutine" on page 797), **pthread_setcancelstate** ("pthread_setcancelstate, pthread_setcanceltype or pthread_testcancel Subroutines" on page 851) subroutines, the **pthread.h** file.

Terminating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_cond_destroy or pthread_cond_init Subroutine

Purpose

Initialise and destroys condition variables.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_cond_init (pthread_cond_t *cond, const pthread_condattr_t *attr);
```

```
int pthread_cond_destroy (pthread_cond_t *cond);
pthread_cond_t cond = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;
```

Description

The function **pthread_cond_init** initialises the condition variable referenced by *cond* with attributes referenced by *attr*. If *attr* is NULL, the default condition variable attributes are used; the effect is the same as passing the address of a default condition variable attributes object. Upon successful initialisation, the state of the condition variable becomes initialised.

Attempting to initialise an already initialised condition variable results in undefined behaviour.

The function **pthread_cond_destroy** destroys the given condition variable specified by *cond*; the object becomes, in effect, uninitialised. An implementation may cause **pthread_cond_destroy** to set the object referenced by *cond* to an invalid value. A destroyed condition variable object can be re-initialised using **pthread_cond_init**; the results of otherwise referencing the object after it has been destroyed are undefined.

It is safe to destroy an initialised condition variable upon which no threads are currently blocked. Attempting to destroy a condition variable upon which other threads are currently blocked results in undefined behaviour.

In cases where default condition variable attributes are appropriate, the macro `PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER` can be used to initialise condition variables that are statically allocated. The effect is equivalent to dynamic initialisation by a call to **pthread_cond_init** with parameter *attr* specified as NULL, except that no error checks are performed.

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_cond_init** and **pthread_cond_destroy** functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error. The `EBUSY` and `EINVAL` error checks, if implemented, act as if they were performed immediately at the beginning of processing for the function and caused an error return prior to modifying the state of the condition variable specified by *cond*.

Error Codes

The **pthread_cond_init** function will fail if:

- EAGAIN** The system lacked the necessary resources (other than memory) to initialise another condition variable.
- ENOMEM** Insufficient memory exists to initialise the condition variable.

The **pthread_cond_init** function may fail if:

- EINVAL** The value specified by *attr* is invalid.

The **pthread_cond_destroy** function may fail if:

- EBUSY** The implementation has detected an attempt to destroy the object referenced by *cond* while it is referenced (for example, while being used in a **pthread_cond_wait** or **pthread_cond_timedwait** by another thread.
- EINVAL** The value specified by *cond* is invalid.

These functions will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_cond_signal** or **pthread_cond_broadcast** (“pthread_cond_signal or pthread_cond_broadcast Subroutine”) subroutine and the **pthread_cond_wait** or **pthread_cond_timewait** (“pthread_cond_wait or pthread_cond_timedwait Subroutine” on page 803) subroutine.

The **pthread.h** file.

Using Condition Variables in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER Macro

Purpose

Initializes a static condition variable with default attributes.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
static pthread_cond_t cond = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;
```

Description

The **PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER** macro initializes the static condition variable *cond*, setting its attributes to default values. This macro should only be used for static condition variables, since no error checking is performed.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Implementation Specifics

This macro is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_cond_init** (“pthread_cond_destroy or pthread_cond_init Subroutine” on page 799) subroutine.

Using Condition Variables and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_cond_signal or pthread_cond_broadcast Subroutine

Purpose

Unblocks one or more threads blocked on a condition.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthread.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_cond_signal ( condition )  
pthread_cond_t *condition;
```

```
int pthread_cond_broadcast ( condition )  
pthread_cond_t *condition;
```

Description

These subroutines unblock one or more threads blocked on the condition specified by *condition*. The **pthread_cond_signal** subroutine unblocks at least one blocked thread, while the **pthread_cond_broadcast** subroutine unblocks all the blocked threads.

If more than one thread is blocked on a condition variable, the scheduling policy determines the order in which threads are unblocked. When each thread unblocked as a result of a **pthread_cond_signal** or **pthread_cond_broadcast** returns from its call to **pthread_cond_wait** or **pthread_cond_timedwait**, the thread owns the mutex with which it called **pthread_cond_wait** or **pthread_cond_timedwait**. The thread(s) that are unblocked contend for the mutex according to the scheduling policy (if applicable), and as if each had called **pthread_mutex_lock**.

The **pthread_cond_signal** or **pthread_cond_broadcast** functions may be called by a thread whether or not it currently owns the mutex that threads calling **pthread_cond_wait** or **pthread_cond_timedwait** have associated with the condition variable during their waits; however, if predictable scheduling behaviour is required, then that mutex is locked by the thread calling **pthread_cond_signal** or **pthread_cond_broadcast**.

If no thread is blocked on the condition, the subroutine succeeds, but the signalling of the condition is not held. The next thread calling **pthread_cond_wait** will be blocked.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameter

condition Specifies the condition to signal.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Code

The **pthread_cond_signal** and **pthread_cond_broadcast** subroutines are unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *condition* parameter is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` (“`pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` Subroutine”) subroutine.

Using Condition Variables in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_cond_wait or pthread_cond_timedwait Subroutine

Purpose

Blocks the calling thread on a condition.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_cond_wait (pthread_cond_t *, pthread_mutex_t *)
int pthread_cond_timedwait (pthread_cond_t *cond, pthread_mutex_t * mutex,
const struct timespec *abstime);
```

Description

The `pthread_cond_wait` and `pthread_cond_timedwait` functions are used to block on a condition variable. They are called with `mutex` locked by the calling thread or undefined behavior will result.

These functions atomically release `mutex` and cause the calling thread to block on the condition variable `cond`; atomically here means “atomically with respect to access by another thread to the mutex and then the condition variable”. That is, if another thread is able to acquire the mutex after the about-to-block thread has released it, then a subsequent call to `pthread_cond_signal` or `pthread_cond_broadcast` in that thread behaves as if it were issued after the about-to-block thread has blocked.

Upon successful return, the mutex has been locked and is owned by the calling thread.

When using condition variables there is always a boolean predicate involving shared variables associated with each condition wait that is true if the thread should proceed. Spurious wakeups from the `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` functions may occur. Since the return from `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` does not imply anything about the value of this predicate, the predicate should be re-evaluated upon such return.

The effect of using more than one mutex for concurrent `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` operations on the same condition variable is undefined; that is, a condition variable becomes bound to a unique mutex when a thread waits on the condition variable, and this (dynamic) binding ends when the wait returns.

A condition wait (whether timed or not) is a cancellation point. When the cancelability enable state of a thread is set to `PTHREAD_CANCEL_DEFERRED`, a side effect of acting upon a cancellation request while in a condition wait is that the mutex is (in effect) re-acquired before calling the first cancellation cleanup handler. The effect is as if the thread were unblocked, allowed to execute up to the point of returning from the call to `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait`, but at that point notices the cancellation request and instead of returning to the caller of `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait`, starts the thread cancellation activities, which includes calling cancellation cleanup handlers.

A thread that has been unblocked because it has been canceled while blocked in a call to `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` does not consume any condition signal that may be directed concurrently at the condition variable if there are other threads blocked on the condition variable.

The `pthread_cond_timedwait` function is the same as `pthread_cond_wait` except that an error is returned if the absolute time specified by *abstime* passes (that is, system time equals or exceeds *abstime*) before the condition *cond* is signaled or broadcasted, or if the absolute time specified by *abstime* has already been passed at the time of the call. When such time-outs occur, `pthread_cond_timedwait` will nonetheless release and reacquire the mutex referenced by *mutex*. The function `pthread_cond_timedwait` is also a cancellation point.

If a signal is delivered to a thread waiting for a condition variable, upon return from the signal handler the thread resumes waiting for the condition variable as if it was not interrupted, or it returns zero due to spurious wakeup.

Parameters

<i>condition</i>	Specifies the condition variable to wait on.
<i>mutex</i>	Specifies the mutex used to protect the condition variable. The mutex must be locked when the subroutine is called.
<i>timeout</i>	Points to the absolute time structure specifying the blocked state timeout.

Return Values

Except in the case of `ETIMEDOUT`, all these error checks act as if they were performed immediately at the beginning of processing for the function and cause an error return, in effect, prior to modifying the state of the mutex specified by *mutex* or the condition variable specified by *cond*.

Upon successful completion, a value of zero is returned. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_cond_timedwait` function will fail if:

ETIMEDOUT The time specified by *abstime* to `pthread_cond_timedwait` has passed.

The `pthread_cond_wait` and `pthread_cond_timedwait` functions may fail if:

- EINVAL** The value specified by *cond*, *mutex*, or *abstime* is invalid.
- EINVAL** Different mutexes were supplied for concurrent `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` operations on the same condition variable.
- EINVAL** The mutex was not owned by the current thread at the time of the call.

These functions will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_cond_signal** or **pthread_cond_broadcast** (“pthread_cond_signal or pthread_cond_broadcast Subroutine” on page 801) subroutine, the **pthread.h** file.

Using Condition Variables in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_condattr_destroy or pthread_condattr_init Subroutine

Purpose

Initializes and destroys condition variable.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_condattr_destroy (pthread_condattr_t * attr);  
int pthread_condattr_init (pthread_condattr_t * attr);
```

Description

The function **pthread_condattr_init** initializes a condition variable attributes object *attr* with the default value for all of the attributes defined by the implementation. Attempting to initialize an already initialized condition variable attributes object results in undefined behavior.

After a condition variable attributes object has been used to initialize one or more condition variables, any function affecting the attributes object (including destruction) does not affect any previously initialized condition variables.

The **pthread_condattr_destroy** function destroys a condition variable attributes object; the object becomes, in effect, uninitialized. The **pthread_condattr_destroy** subroutine may set the object referenced by *attr* to an invalid value. A destroyed condition variable attributes object can be re-initialized using **pthread_condattr_init**; the results of otherwise referencing the object after it has been destroyed are undefined.

Parameter

attr Specifies the condition attributes object to delete.

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_condattr_init** and **pthread_condattr_destroy** functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Code

The `pthread_condattr_init` function will fail if:

ENOMEM Insufficient memory exists to initialize the condition variable attributes object.

The `pthread_condattr_destroy` function may fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by `attr` is invalid.

These functions will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_cond_init` (“`pthread_cond_destroy` or `pthread_cond_init` Subroutine” on page 799) subroutine, `pthread_condattr_getpshared` (“`pthread_condattr_getpshared` Subroutine”) subroutine, `pthread_create` (“`pthread_create` Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, `pthread_mutex_init` (“`pthread_mutex_init` or `pthread_mutex_destroy` Subroutine” on page 830) subroutine.

The `pthread.h` file.

Using Condition Variables in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_condattr_getpshared Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the value of the `pshared` attribute of a condition attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_condattr_getpshared ( attr, pshared)
const pthread_condattr_t *attr;
int *pshared;
```

Description

The `pthread_condattr_getpshared` subroutine returns the value of the `pshared` attribute of the condition attribute object `attr`. This attribute specifies the process sharing of the condition variable created with this attributes object. It may have one of the following values:

PTHREAD_PROCESS_SHARED	Specifies that the condition variable can be used by any thread that has access to the memory where it is allocated, even if these threads belong to different processes.
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PTHREAD_PROCESS_PRIVATE

Specifies that the condition variable shall only be used by threads within the same process as the thread that created it. This is the default value.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

attr Specifies the condition attributes object.
pshared Points to where the pshared attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the value of the pshared attribute is returned via the *pshared* parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_condattr_getpshared** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *attr* parameter is not valid.
ENOSYS The process sharing POSIX option is not implemented.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_condattr_setpshared** (“pthread_condattr_setpshared Subroutine”) subroutine, **pthread_condattr_init** (“pthread_condattr_destroy or pthread_condattr_init Subroutine” on page 805) subroutine.

Advanced Attributes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_condattr_setpshared Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the value of the pshared attribute of a condition attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_condattr_setpshared ( attr, pshared)
pthread_condattr_t *attr;
int pshared;
```

Description

The **pthread_condattr_setpshared** subroutine sets the value of the pshared attribute of the condition attributes object *attr*. This attribute specifies the process sharing of the condition variable created with this attributes object.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

attr Specifies the condition attributes object.

pshared Specifies the process sharing to set. It must have one of the following values:

PTHREAD_PROCESS_SHARED

Specifies that the condition variable can be used by any thread that has access to the memory where it is allocated, even if these threads belong to different processes.

PTHREAD_PROCESS_PRIVATE

Specifies that the condition variable shall only be used by threads within the same process as the thread that created it. This is the default value.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_condattr_setpshared** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *attr* or *pshared* parameters are not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_condattr_getpshared** (“pthread_condattr_getpshared Subroutine” on page 806) subroutine, **pthread_condattr_init** or **pthread_cond_init** (“pthread_condattr_destroy or pthread_condattr_init Subroutine” on page 805) subroutine.

Advanced Attributes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_create Subroutine

Purpose

Creates a new thread, initializes its attributes, and makes it runnable.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

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

Description

The **pthread_create** subroutine creates a new thread and initializes its attributes using the thread attributes object specified by the *attr* parameter. The new thread inherits its creating thread's signal mask; but any pending signal of the creating thread will be cleared for the new thread.

The new thread is made runnable, and will start executing the *start_routine* routine, with the parameter specified by the *arg* parameter. The *arg* parameter is a void pointer; it can reference any kind of data. It is not recommended to cast this pointer into a scalar data type (**int** for example), because the casts may not be portable.

After thread creation, the thread attributes object can be reused to create another thread, or deleted.

The thread terminates in the following cases:

- The thread returned from its starting routine (the **main** routine for the initial thread)
- The thread called the **pthread_exit** ("pthread_exit Subroutine" on page 812) subroutine
- The thread was canceled
- The thread received a signal that terminated it
- The entire process is terminated due to a call to either the **exec** ("exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exect Subroutine" on page 193) or **exit** ("exit, atexit, or _exit Subroutine" on page 199) subroutines.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

When multiple threads are created in a process, the **FULL_CORE** flag is set for all signals. This means that if a core file is produced, it will be much bigger than a single_threaded application. This is necessary to debug multiple-threaded processes.

Parameters

<i>thread</i>	Points to where the thread ID will be stored.
<i>attr</i>	Specifies the thread attributes object to use in creating the thread. If the value is NULL , the default attributes values will be used.
<i>start_routine</i>	Points to the routine to be executed by the thread.
<i>arg</i>	Points to the single argument to be passed to the <i>start_routine</i> routine.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_create` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_create` function will fail if:

- EAGAIN** The system lacked the necessary resources to create another thread, or the system-imposed limit on the total number of threads in a process `PTHREAD_THREADS_MAX` would be exceeded.
- EINVAL** The value specified by `attr` is invalid.
- EPERM** The caller does not have appropriate permission to set the required scheduling parameters or scheduling policy.

The `pthread_create` function will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

When a process uses the `pthread_create` function, and thus becomes multi-threaded, the **FULL_CORE** flag is enabled for all signals. If a signal is received whose action is to terminate the process with a core dump, a full dump (usually much larger than a regular dump) will be produced. This is necessary so that multi-threaded programs can be debugged with the **dbx** command.

The following piece of psuedo-code is an example of how to avoid getting a full core. Please note that in this case, debug will not be possible. It may be easier to limit the size of the core with the **ulimit** command.

```
struct sigaction siga;  
siga.sa_handler = SIG_DFL;  
siga.sa_flags = SA_RESTART;  
SIGINITSET(siga.as_mask);  
sigaction(<SIGNAL_NUMBER>, &siga, NULL);
```

Related Information

The **core** file format.

The **dbx** and **ulimit** commands.

The **pthread_attr_init** (“pthread_attr_init Subroutine” on page 790) subroutine, **pthread_attr_destroy** (“pthread_attr_destroy Subroutine” on page 785) subroutine, **pthread_exit** (“pthread_exit Subroutine” on page 812) subroutine, **pthread_cancel** (“pthread_cancel Subroutine” on page 797) subroutine, **pthread_kill** (“pthread_kill Subroutine” on page 828) subroutine, **pthread_self** (“pthread_self Subroutine” on page 850) subroutine, **pthread_once** (“pthread_once Subroutine” on page 840) subroutine, **pthread_join** (“pthread_join, or pthread_detach Subroutine” on page 824) subroutine, **fork** (“fork, f_fork, or vfork Subroutine” on page 233) subroutine, and the **pthread.h** file.

Creating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_delay_np Subroutine

Purpose

Causes a thread to wait for a specified period.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_delay_np ( interval )  
struct timespec *interval;
```

Description

The **pthread_delay_np** subroutine causes the calling thread to delay execution for a specified period of elapsed wall clock time. The period of time the thread waits is at least as long as the number of seconds and nanoseconds specified in the *interval* parameter.

Notes:

1. The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The **pthread_delay_np** subroutine is not portable.

Parameters

interval Points to the time structure specifying the wait period.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_delay_np** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *interval* parameter is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is not POSIX compliant and is provided only for compatibility with DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The **sleep**, **nsleep**, or **usleep** subroutine.

pthread_equal Subroutine

Purpose

Compares two thread IDs.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_equal (pthread_t t1, pthread_t t2);
```

Description

The **pthread_equal** subroutine compares the thread IDs *thread1* and *thread2*. Since the thread IDs are opaque objects, it should not be assumed that they can be compared using the equality operator (==).

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

thread1 Specifies the first ID to be compared.
thread2 Specifies the second ID to be compared.

Return Values

The **pthread_equal** function returns a non-zero value if *t1* and *t2* are equal; otherwise, zero is returned.

If either *t1* or *t2* are not valid thread IDs, the behaviour is undefined.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_self** (“pthread_self Subroutine” on page 850) subroutine, the **pthread_create** (“pthread_create Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, the **pthread.h** file.

Creating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_exit Subroutine

Purpose

Terminates the calling thread.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthread.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
void pthread_exit (void *value_ptr);
```

Description

The **pthread_exit** subroutine terminates the calling thread safely, and stores a termination status for any thread that may join the calling thread. The termination status is always a void pointer; it can reference any kind of data. It is not recommended to cast this pointer into a scalar data type (**int** for example), because the casts may not be portable. This subroutine never returns.

Unlike the **exit** subroutine, the **pthread_exit** subroutine does not close files. Thus any file opened and used only by the calling thread must be closed before calling this subroutine. It is also important to note that the **pthread_exit** subroutine frees any thread-specific data, including the thread's stack. Any data allocated on the stack becomes invalid, since the stack is freed and the corresponding memory may be reused by another thread. Therefore, thread synchronization objects (mutexes and condition variables) allocated on a thread's stack must be destroyed before the thread calls the **pthread_exit** subroutine.

Returning from the initial routine of a thread implicitly calls the **pthread_exit** subroutine, using the return value as parameter.

If the thread is not detached, its resources, including the thread ID, the termination status, the thread-specific data, and its storage, are all maintained until the thread is detached or the process terminates.

If another thread joins the calling thread, that thread wakes up immediately, and the calling thread is automatically detached.

If the thread is detached, the cleanup routines are popped from their stack and executed. Then the destructor routines from the thread-specific data are executed. Finally, the storage of the thread is reclaimed and its ID is freed for reuse.

Terminating the initial thread by calling this subroutine does not terminate the process, it just terminates the initial thread. However, if all the threads in the process are terminated, the process is terminated by implicitly calling the **exit** subroutine with a return code of 0 if the last thread is detached, or 1 otherwise.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

status Points to an optional termination status, used by joining threads. If no termination status is desired, its value should be **NULL**.

Return Values

The **pthread_exit** function cannot return to its caller.

Errors

No errors are defined.

The `pthread_exit` function will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_cleanup_push` (“`pthread_cleanup_pop` or `pthread_cleanup_push` Subroutine” on page 798) subroutine, `pthread_cleanup_pop` (“`pthread_cleanup_pop` or `pthread_cleanup_push` Subroutine” on page 798) subroutine, `pthread_key_create` (“`pthread_key_create` Subroutine” on page 825) subroutine, `pthread_create` (“`pthread_create` Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, `pthread_join` (“`pthread_join`, or `pthread_detach` Subroutine” on page 824) subroutine, `pthread_cancel` (“`pthread_cancel` Subroutine” on page 797) subroutine, `exit` (“`exit`, `atexit`, or `_exit` Subroutine” on page 199) subroutine, the `pthread.h` file.

Terminating Threads and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_get_expiration_np Subroutine

Purpose

Obtains a value representing a desired expiration time.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_get_expiration_np ( delta, abstime)
struct timespec *delta;
struct timespec *abstime;
```

Description

The `pthread_get_expiration_np` subroutine adds the interval `delta` to the current absolute system time and returns a new absolute time. This new absolute time can be used as the expiration time in a call to the `pthread_cond_timedwait` subroutine.

Notes:

1. The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The `pthread_get_expiration_np` subroutine is not portable.

Parameters

`delta` Points to the time structure specifying the interval.
`abstime` Points to where the new absolute time will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the new absolute time is returned via the *abstime* parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_get_expiration_np` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *delta* or *abstime* parameters are not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is not POSIX compliant and is provided only for compatibility with DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The `pthread_cond_timedwait` (“`pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` Subroutine” on page 803) subroutine.

pthread_getconcurrency or pthread_setconcurrency Subroutine

Purpose

Gets or sets level of concurrency.

Library

Threads Library (`libthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_getconcurrency (void);
int pthread_setconcurrency (int new_level);
```

Description

The `pthread_setconcurrency` function allows an application to inform the threads implementation of its desired concurrency level, *new_level*. The actual level of concurrency provided by the implementation as a result of this function call is unspecified.

If *new_level* is zero, it causes the implementation to maintain the concurrency level at its discretion as if `pthread_setconcurrency` was never called.

The `pthread_getconcurrency` function returns the value set by a previous call to the `pthread_setconcurrency` function. If the `pthread_setconcurrency` function was not previously called, this function returns zero to indicate that the implementation is maintaining the concurrency level.

When an application calls `pthread_setconcurrency` it is informing the implementation of its desired concurrency level. The implementation uses this as a hint, not a requirement.

Return Value

If successful, the `pthread_setconcurrency` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

The `pthread_getconcurrency` function always returns the concurrency level set by a previous call to `pthread_setconcurrency`. If the `pthread_setconcurrency` function has never been called, `pthread_getconcurrency` returns zero.

Error Codes

The `pthread_setconcurrency` function will fail if:

- EINVAL** The value specified by `new_level` is negative.
- EAGAIN** The value specified by `new_level` would cause a system resource to be exceeded.

Implementation Specifics

Use of these functions changes the state of the underlying concurrency upon which the application depends. Library developers are advised to not use the `pthread_getconcurrency` and `pthread_setconcurrency` functions since their use may conflict with an applications use of these functions.

Related Information

The `pthread.h` file.

pthread_getrusage_np Subroutine

Purpose

Enable or disable pthread library resource collection, and retrieve resource information for any pthread in the current process.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_getrusage_np ( pthread_t Ptid, struct rusage *RUsage, int Mode )
pthread_t Ptid;
struct rusage *RUsage;
int Mode;
```

Description

The **pthread_getrusage_np** enables and disables resource collection in the pthread library and collects resource information for any pthread in the current process. When compiled in 64-bit mode, resource usage (`rusage`) counters are 64-bits for the calling thread. When compiled in 32-bit mode, `rusage` counters are 32-bits for the calling pthread.

The enable and disable `rusage` mechanism in the pthread library can also be triggered by an environment variable named **AIXTHREAD_ENRUSG**. Setting this variable to ON enables the functionality, while setting it to OFF disables it. The environment variable can be used along with the **PTHRDSINFO_RUSAGE_START** value passed to the **pthread_getrusage_np** subroutine `Mode` parameter. If the environment variable is not to be used, it should be set to NULL.

Parameters

Ptid Specifies the target thread. Must be within the current process.

RUsage

Points to a buffer described in the `/usr/include/sys/resource.h` file. The fields are defined as follows:

ru_utime

The total amount of time running in user mode.

ru_stime

The total amount of time spent in the system executing on behalf of the processes.

ru_maxrss

The maximum size, in kilobytes, of the used resident set size.

ru_ixrss

An integral value indicating the amount of memory used by the text segment that was also shared among other processes. This value is expressed in *units of kilobytes X seconds-of-execution* and is calculated by adding the number of shared memory pages in use each time the internal system clock ticks, and then averaging over one-second intervals.

ru_idrss

An integral value of the amount of unshared memory in the data segment of a process, which is expressed in *units of kilobytes X seconds-of-execution*.

ru_minflt

The number of page faults serviced without any I/O activity. In this case, I/O activity is avoided by reclaiming a page frame from the list of pages awaiting reallocation.

ru_majflt

The number of page faults serviced that required I/O activity.

ru_nswap

The number of times that a process was swapped out of main memory.

ru_inblock

The number of times that the file system performed input.

ru_oublock

The number of times that the file system performed output.

Note: The numbers that the `ru_inblock` and `ru_oublock` fields display account for real I/O only; data supplied by the caching mechanism is charged only to the first process that reads or writes the data.

ru_msgsnd

The number of IPC messages sent.

ru_msgrcv

The number of IPC messages received.

ru_nsignals

The number of signals delivered.

ru_nvcsw

The number of times a context switch resulted because a process voluntarily gave up the processor before its time slice was completed. This usually occurs while the process waits for a resource to become available.

ru_nivcsw

The number of times a context switch resulted because a higher priority process ran or because the current process exceeded its time slice.

Mode Indicates the task the routine should perform. Acceptable values are as follows:

PTHRDSINFO_RUSAGE_START

Enables resource collection in pthread library for all pthreads.

PTHRDSINFO_RUSAGE_STOP

Disables resource collection in pthread library for all pthreads.

PTHRDSINFO_RUSAGE_COLLECT

Collects resource information for the target thread.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **pthread_getrusage_np** subroutine returns a value of 0. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_getrusage_np** subroutine fails if:

ENOSYS	The calling pthread has given PTHRDSINFO_RUSAGE_COLLECT for <i>Mode</i> but the routine was not previously called with PTHRDSINFO_RUSAGE_START for <i>Mode</i> .
EINVAL	The address specified for <i>RUsage</i> is null or not valid or a null value for <i>Ptid</i> was given.
ESRCH	Either no thread could be found corresponding to the ID thread of the <i>Ptid</i> thread or the thread corresponding to the <i>Ptid</i> thread ID was not in the current process.

Related Information

The **pthread.h** subroutine.

pthread_getschedparam Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the current schedpolicy and schedparam attributes of a thread.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthread.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <sys/sched.h>
```

```
int pthread_getschedparam ( thread, schedpolicy, schedparam)
pthread_t thread;
int *schedpolicy;
struct sched_param *schedparam;
```

Description

The **pthread_getschedparam** subroutine returns the current schedpolicy and schedparam attributes of the thread *thread*. The schedpolicy attribute specifies the scheduling policy of a thread. It may have one of the following values:

SCHED_FIFO	Denotes first-in first-out scheduling.
SCHED_RR	Denotes round-robin scheduling.
SCHED_OTHER	Denotes the default operating system scheduling policy. It is the default value.

The `schedparam` attribute specifies the scheduling parameters of a thread created with this attributes object. The `sched_priority` field of the **`sched_param`** structure contains the priority of the thread. It is an integer value.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

<i>thread</i>	Specifies the target thread.
<i>schedpolicy</i>	Points to where the <code>schedpolicy</code> attribute value will be stored.
<i>schedparam</i>	Points to where the <code>schedparam</code> attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the current value of the `schedpolicy` and `schedparam` attributes are returned via the *schedpolicy* and *schedparam* parameters, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_getschedparam` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

ESRCH The thread *thread* does not exist.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

The implementation of this subroutine is dependent on the priority scheduling POSIX option. The priority scheduling POSIX option is implemented in the operating system.

Related Information

The `pthread_attr_getschedparam` (“`pthread_attr_getschedparam` Subroutine” on page 787) subroutine.

Threads Scheduling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

`pthread_getspecific` or `pthread_setspecific` Subroutine

Purpose

Returns and sets the thread-specific data associated with the specified key.

Library

Threads Library (**`libpthreads.a`**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
void *pthread_getspecific (key)
pthread_key_t key;
void *pthread_setspecific (key, value)
pthread_key_t key;
const void *value;
```

Description

The **pthread_setspecific** function associates a thread-specific *value* with a *key* obtained via a previous call to **pthread_key_create**. Different threads may bind different values to the same key. These values are typically pointers to blocks of dynamically allocated memory that have been reserved for use by the calling thread.

The **pthread_getspecific** function returns the value currently bound to the specified *key* on behalf of the calling thread.

The effect of calling **pthread_setspecific** or **pthread_getspecific** with a *key* value not obtained from **pthread_key_create** or after key has been deleted with **pthread_key_delete** is undefined.

Both **pthread_setspecific** and **pthread_getspecific** may be called from a thread-specific data destructor function. However, calling **pthread_setspecific** from a destructor may result in lost storage or infinite loops.

Parameters

key Specifies the key to which the value is bound.
value Specifies the new thread-specific value.

Return Values

The function **pthread_getspecific** returns the thread-specific data value associated with the given key. If no thread-specific data value is associated with key, then the value NULL is returned. If successful, the **pthread_setspecific** function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_setspecific** function will fail if:

ENOMEM Insufficient memory exists to associate the value with the key.

The **pthread_setspecific** function may fail if:

EINVAL The key value is invalid.

No errors are returned from **pthread_getspecific**.

These functions will not return an error code of EINTR.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_key_create` (“`pthread_key_create Subroutine`” on page 825) subroutine, the `pthread.h` file.

Thread-Specific Data in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_getthrds_np() Subroutine

Purpose

Retrieves register and stack information for threads.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
pthread_getthrds_np (pthread_t * thread, int mode,  
                    struct __pthrdsinfo * buf, int bufsize,  
                    void * regbuf, int * regbufsize);
```

Description

The `pthread_getthrds_np` subroutine retrieves information on the state of the thread `thread` and its underlying kernel thread, including register and stack information.

Parameters

<i>thread</i>	The pointer to the thread. On input it identifies the target thread of the operation, or 0 to operate on the first entry in the list of threads. On output it identifies the next entry in the list of threads, or 0 if the end of the list has been reached. <code>pthread_getthrds_np</code> can be used to traverse the whole list of threads by starting with <code>thread</code> pointing to 0 and calling <code>pthread_getthrds_np</code> repeatedly until it returns with <code>thread</code> pointing to 0.
<i>mode</i>	Specifies the type of query. These values can be bitwise or'ed together to specify more than one type of query.

PTHRDSINFO_QUERY_GPRS
get general purpose registers

PTHRDSINFO_QUERY_SPRS
get special purpose registers

PTHRDSINFO_QUERY_FPRS
get floating point registers

PTHRDSINFO_QUERY_REGS
get all of the above registers

PTHRDSINFO_QUERY_TID
get the kernel thread id

PTHRDSINFO_QUERY_ALL
get everything

buf

Specifies the address of the struct `__pthrdsinfo` structure that will be filled in by `pthread_getthrds_np`. On return, this structure holds the following data (depending on the type of query requested):

`__pi_ptid`

The thread's thread identifier

`__pi_tid`

The thread's kernel thread id, or 0 if the thread does not have a kernel thread

`__pi_state`

The state of the thread, equal to one of the following:

PTHRDSINFO_STATE_RUN

The thread is running

PTHRDSINFO_STATE_READY

The thread is ready to run

PTHRDSINFO_STATE_IDLE

The thread is being initialized

PTHRDSINFO_STATE_SLEEP

The thread is sleeping

PTHRDSINFO_STATE_TERM

The thread is terminated

PTHRDSINFO_STATE_NOTSUP

Error condition

`__pi_suspended`

1 if the thread is suspended, 0 if it is not

`__pi_returned`

The return status of the thread

`__pi_ustk`

The thread's user stack pointer

`__pi_context`

The thread's context (register information)

bufsize

The size of the `__pthrdsinfo` structure in bytes.

regbuf

The location of the buffer to hold the register save data from the kernel if the thread is in a system call.

regbufsize

The pointer to the size of the *regbuf* buffer. On input, it identifies the maximum size of the buffer in bytes. On output, it identifies the number of bytes of register save data. If the thread is not in a system call, there is no register save data returned from the kernel, and *regbufsize* is 0. If the size of the register save data is larger than the input value of *regbufsize*, the number of bytes specified by the input value of *regbufsize* is copied to *regbuf*, `pthread_getthrds_np()` returns `ERANGE`, and the output value of *regbufsize* specifies the number of bytes required to hold all of the register save data.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_getthrds_np` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_getthrds_np` function will fail if:

- EINVAL** Either *thread* or *buf* is NULL, or *bufsize* is not equal to the size of the `__pthrdsinfo` structure in the library.
- ESRCH** No thread could be found corresponding to that specified by the thread ID *thread*.

ERANGE *regbuf* was not large enough to handle all of the register save data.
ENOMEM Insufficient memory exists to perform this operation.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread.h` file.

pthread_getunique_np Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the sequence number of a thread

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_getunique_np ( thread, sequence)  
pthread_t *thread;  
int *sequence;
```

Description

The `pthread_getunique_np` subroutine returns the sequence number of the thread *thread*. The sequence number is a number, unique to each thread, associated with the thread at creation time.

Notes:

1. The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The `pthread_getunique_np` subroutine is not portable.

Parameters

thread Specifies the thread.
sequence Points to where the sequence number will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the sequence number is returned via the *sequence* parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_getunique_np` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *thread* or *sequence* parameters are not valid.
ESRCH The thread *thread* does not exist.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is not POSIX compliant and is provided only for compatibility with DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The `pthread_self` (“`pthread_self` Subroutine” on page 850) subroutine.

pthread_join, or pthread_detach Subroutine

Purpose

Blocks the calling thread until the specified thread terminates.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_join (pthread_t thread, void  
**value_ptr);  
int pthread_detach (pthread_t thread;  
**value_ptr);
```

Description

The `pthread_join` subroutine blocks the calling thread until the thread *thread* terminates. The target thread's termination status is returned in the *status* parameter.

If the target thread is already terminated, but not yet detached, the subroutine returns immediately. It is impossible to join a detached thread, even if it is not yet terminated. The target thread is automatically detached after all joined threads have been woken up.

This subroutine does not itself cause a thread to be terminated. It acts like the `pthread_cond_wait` subroutine to wait for a special condition.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

The `pthread_detach` subroutine is used to indicate to the implementation that storage for the thread whose thread ID is in the location *thread* can be reclaimed when that thread terminates. This storage shall be reclaimed on process exit, regardless of whether the thread has been detached or not, and may include storage for *thread* return value. If *thread* has not yet terminated, `pthread_detach` shall not cause it to terminate. Multiple `pthread_detach` calls on the same target thread causes an error.

Parameters

<i>thread</i>	Specifies the target thread.
<i>status</i>	Points to where the termination status of the target thread will be stored. If the value is NULL , the termination status is not returned.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_join` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_join` and `pthread_detach` functions will fail if:

EINVAL The implementation has detected that the value specified by thread does not refer to a joinable thread.
ESRCH No thread could be found corresponding to that specified by the given thread ID.

The `pthread_join` function will fail if:

EDEADLK The value of thread specifies the calling thread.

The `pthread_join` function will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_exit` (“`pthread_exit` Subroutine” on page 812) subroutine, `pthread_create` (“`pthread_create` Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, `wait` subroutine, `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` (“`pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` Subroutine” on page 803) subroutines, the `pthread.h` file.

Joining Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_key_create Subroutine

Purpose

Creates a thread-specific data key.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_key_create ( key, destructor )  
pthread_key_t * key;  
void (* destructor) (void *);
```

Description

The `pthread_key_create` subroutine creates a thread-specific data key. The key is shared among all threads within the process, but each thread has specific data associated with the key. The thread-specific data is a void pointer, initially set to **NULL**.

The application is responsible for ensuring that this subroutine is called only once for each requested key. This can be done, for example, by calling the subroutine before creating other threads, or by using the one-time initialization facility.

Typically, thread-specific data are pointers to dynamically allocated storage. When freeing the storage, the value should be set to **NULL**. It is not recommended to cast this pointer into scalar data type (**int** for example), because the casts may not be portable, and because the value of **NULL** is implementation dependent.

An optional destructor routine can be specified. It will be called for each thread when it is terminated and detached, after the call to the cleanup routines, if the specific value is not **NULL**. Typically, the destructor routine will release the storage thread-specific data. It will receive the thread-specific data as a parameter.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

<i>key</i>	Points to where the key will be stored.
<i>destructor</i>	Points to an optional destructor routine, used to cleanup data on thread termination. If no cleanup is desired, this pointer should be NULL .

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_key_create** function stores the newly created key value at **key* and returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_key_create** function will fail if:

EAGAIN	The system lacked the necessary resources to create another thread-specific data key, or the system-imposed limit on the total number of keys per process PTHREAD_KEYS_MAX has been exceeded.
ENOMEM	Insufficient memory exists to create the key.

The **pthread_key_create** function will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_exit** (“pthread_exit Subroutine” on page 812) subroutine, **pthread_key_delete** (“pthread_key_delete Subroutine” on page 827) subroutine, **pthread_getspecific** (“pthread_getspecific or pthread_setspecific Subroutine” on page 819) subroutine, **pthread_once** (“pthread_once Subroutine” on page 840) subroutine, **pthread.h** file.

Thread-Specific Data in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_key_delete Subroutine

Purpose

Deletes a thread-specific data key.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_key_delete (pthread_key_t key);
```

Description

The **pthread_key_delete** subroutine deletes the thread-specific data key *key*, previously created with the **pthread_key_create** subroutine. The application must ensure that no thread-specific data is associated with the key. No destructor routine is called.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

key Specifies the key to delete.

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_key_delete** function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_key_delete** function will fail if:

EINVAL The key value is invalid.

The **pthread_key_delete** function will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_key_create** (“pthread_key_create Subroutine” on page 825) subroutine, **pthread.h** file.

Thread-Specific Data in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_kill Subroutine

Purpose

Sends a signal to the specified thread.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_kill (pthread_t thread, int sig);
```

Description

The **pthread_kill** subroutine sends the signal *signal* to the thread *thread*. It acts with threads like the **kill** subroutine with single-threaded processes.

If the receiving thread has blocked delivery of the signal, the signal remains pending on the thread until the thread unblocks delivery of the signal or the action associated with the signal is set to ignore the signal.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

thread Specifies the target thread for the signal.
signal Specifies the signal to be delivered. If the signal value is 0, error checking is performed, but no signal is delivered.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the function returns a value of zero. Otherwise the function returns an error number. If the **pthread_kill** function fails, no signal is sent.

Error Codes

The **pthread_kill** function will fail if:

ESRCH No thread could be found corresponding to that specified by the given thread ID.
EINVAL The value of the *sig* argument is an invalid or unsupported signal number.

The **pthread_kill** function will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **kill** (“kill or killpg Subroutine” on page 445) subroutine, **pthread_cancel** (“pthread_cancel Subroutine” on page 797) subroutine, **pthread_create** (“pthread_create Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine, **pthread_self** (“pthread_self Subroutine” on page 850) subroutine, **raise** subroutine, **pthread.h** file.

Signal Management in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_lock_global_np Subroutine

Purpose

Locks the global mutex.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
void pthread_lock_global_np ()
```

Description

The **pthread_lock_global_np** subroutine locks the global mutex. If the global mutex is currently held by another thread, the calling thread waits until the global mutex is unlocked. The subroutine returns with the global mutex locked by the calling thread.

Use the global mutex when calling a library package that is not designed to run in a multithreaded environment. (Unless the documentation for a library function specifically states that it is compatible with multithreading, assume that it is not compatible; in other words, assume it is nonreentrant.)

The global mutex is one lock. Any code that calls any function that is not known to be reentrant uses the same lock. This prevents dependencies among threads calling library functions and those functions calling other functions, and so on.

The global mutex is a recursive mutex. A thread that has locked the global mutex can relock it without deadlocking. The thread must then call the **pthread_unlock_global_np** subroutine as many times as it called this routine to allow another thread to lock the global mutex.

Notes:

1. The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The **pthread_lock_global_np** subroutine is not portable.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is not POSIX compliant and is provided only for compatibility with DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The **pthread_mutex_lock** (“pthread_mutex_lock, pthread_mutex_trylock, or pthread_mutex_unlock Subroutine” on page 832) subroutine, **pthread_unlock_global_np** (“pthread_unlock_global_np Subroutine” on page 856) subroutine.

Using Mutexes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_mutex_init or pthread_mutex_destroy Subroutine

Purpose

Initialises or destroys a mutex.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_mutex_init (pthread_mutex_t *mutex, const pthread_mutexattr_t *attr);  
int pthread_mutex_destroy (pthread_mutex_t *mutex);  
pthread_mutex_t mutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
```

Description

The **pthread_mutex_init** function initialises the mutex referenced by *mutex* with attributes specified by *attr*. If *attr* is NULL, the default mutex attributes are used; the effect is the same as passing the address of a default mutex attributes object. Upon successful initialisation, the state of the mutex becomes initialised and unlocked.

Attempting to initialise an already initialised mutex results in undefined behaviour.

The **pthread_mutex_destroy** function destroys the mutex object referenced by *mutex*; the mutex object becomes, in effect, uninitialised. An implementation may cause **pthread_mutex_destroy** to set the object referenced by *mutex* to an invalid value. A destroyed mutex object can be re-initialised using **pthread_mutex_init**; the results of otherwise referencing the object after it has been destroyed are undefined.

It is safe to destroy an initialised mutex that is unlocked. Attempting to destroy a locked mutex results in undefined behaviour.

In cases where default mutex attributes are appropriate, the macro PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER can be used to initialise mutexes that are statically allocated. The effect is equivalent to dynamic initialisation by a call to **pthread_mutex_init** with parameter *attr* specified as NULL, except that no error checks are performed.

Parameters

mutex Specifies the mutex to delete.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_mutex_init` and `pthread_mutex_destroy` functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error. The `EBUSY` and `EINVAL` error checks act as if they were performed immediately at the beginning of processing for the function and cause an error return prior to modifying the state of the mutex specified by *mutex*.

Error Codes

The `pthread_mutex_init` function will fail if:

- ENOMEM** Insufficient memory exists to initialise the mutex.
- EINVAL** The value specified by *attr* is invalid.

The `pthread_mutex_destroy` function will fail if:

- EBUSY** The implementation has detected an attempt to destroy the object referenced by *mutex* while it is locked or referenced (for example, while being used in a `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` by another thread.
- EINVAL** The value specified by *mutex* is invalid.

These functions will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_mutex_lock`, `pthread_mutex_trylock` (“`pthread_mutex_lock`, `pthread_mutex_trylock`, or `pthread_mutex_unlock` Subroutine” on page 832) subroutine, `pthread_mutex_unlock` (“`pthread_mutex_lock`, `pthread_mutex_trylock`, or `pthread_mutex_unlock` Subroutine” on page 832) subroutine, `pthread_mutexattr_setpshared` (“`pthread_mutexattr_getpshared` or `pthread_mutexattr_setpshared` Subroutine” on page 839) subroutine.

The `pthread.h` file.

PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER Macro

Purpose

Initializes a static mutex with default attributes.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
static pthread_mutex_t mutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
```

Description

The `PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER` macro initializes the static mutex *mutex*, setting its attributes to default values. This macro should only be used for static mutexes, as no error checking is performed.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Implementation Specifics

This macro is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_mutex_init` (“`pthread_mutex_init` or `pthread_mutex_destroy` Subroutine” on page 830) subroutine.

Using Mutexes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_mutex_lock, pthread_mutex_trylock, or pthread_mutex_unlock Subroutine

Purpose

Locks and unlocks a mutex.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_mutex_lock ( mutex )  
pthread_mutex_t *mutex;
```

```
int pthread_mutex_trylock ( mutex )  
pthread_mutex_t *mutex;
```

```
int pthread_mutex_unlock ( mutex )  
pthread_mutex_t *mutex;
```

Description

The mutex object referenced by `mutex` is locked by calling `pthread_mutex_lock`. If the mutex is already locked, the calling thread blocks until the mutex becomes available. This operation returns with the mutex object referenced by `mutex` in the locked state with the calling thread as its owner.

If the mutex type is `PTHREAD_MUTEX_NORMAL`, deadlock detection is not provided. Attempting to relock the mutex causes deadlock. If a thread attempts to unlock a mutex that it has not locked or a mutex which is unlocked, undefined behaviour results.

If the mutex type is `PTHREAD_MUTEX_ERRORCHECK`, then error checking is provided. If a thread attempts to relock a mutex that it has already locked, an error will be returned. If a thread attempts to unlock a mutex that it has not locked or a mutex which is unlocked, an error will be returned.

If the mutex type is `PTHREAD_MUTEX_RECURSIVE`, then the mutex maintains the concept of a lock count. When a thread successfully acquires a mutex for the first time, the lock count is set to one. Every

time a thread relocks this mutex, the lock count is incremented by one. Each time the thread unlocks the mutex, the lock count is decremented by one. When the lock count reaches zero, the mutex becomes available for other threads to acquire. If a thread attempts to unlock a mutex that it has not locked or a mutex which is unlocked, an error will be returned.

If the mutex type is `PTHREAD_MUTEX_DEFAULT`, attempting to recursively lock the mutex results in undefined behaviour. Attempting to unlock the mutex if it was not locked by the calling thread results in undefined behaviour. Attempting to unlock the mutex if it is not locked results in undefined behaviour.

The function `pthread_mutex_trylock` is identical to `pthread_mutex_lock` except that if the mutex object referenced by *mutex* is currently locked (by any thread, including the current thread), the call returns immediately.

The `pthread_mutex_unlock` function releases the mutex object referenced by *mutex*. The manner in which a mutex is released is dependent upon the mutex's type attribute. If there are threads blocked on the mutex object referenced by *mutex* when `pthread_mutex_unlock` is called, resulting in the mutex becoming available, the scheduling policy is used to determine which thread shall acquire the mutex. (In the case of `PTHREAD_MUTEX_RECURSIVE` mutexes, the mutex becomes available when the count reaches zero and the calling thread no longer has any locks on this mutex).

If a signal is delivered to a thread waiting for a mutex, upon return from the signal handler the thread resumes waiting for the mutex as if it was not interrupted.

Parameter

mutex Specifies the mutex to lock.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_mutex_lock` and `pthread_mutex_unlock` functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

The function `pthread_mutex_trylock` returns zero if a lock on the mutex object referenced by *mutex* is acquired. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_mutex_trylock` function will fail if:

EBUSY The mutex could not be acquired because it was already locked.

The `pthread_mutex_lock`, `pthread_mutex_trylock` and `pthread_mutex_unlock` functions will fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by *mutex* does not refer to an initialized mutex object.

The `pthread_mutex_lock` function will fail if:

EDEADLK The current thread already owns the mutex and the mutex type is `pthread_mutex_errorcheck`.

The `pthread_mutex_unlock` function will fail if:

EPERM The current thread does not own the mutex and the mutex type is not `pthread_mutex_normal`.

These functions will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_mutex_init** or **pthread_mutex_destroy** (“pthread_mutex_init or pthread_mutex_destroy Subroutine” on page 830) subroutine, **pthread.h** file.

Using Mutexes and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_mutexattr_destroy or pthread_mutexattr_init Subroutine

Purpose

Initialises and destroys mutex attributes.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_mutexattr_init (pthread_mutexattr_t *attr ("Parameters"));
int pthread_mutexattr_destroy (pthread_mutexattr_t *attr ("Parameters"));
```

Description

The function **pthread_mutexattr_init** initialises a mutex attributes object *attr* with the default value for all of the attributes defined by the implementation.

The effect of initialising an already initialised mutex attributes object is undefined.

After a mutex attributes object has been used to initialise one or more mutexes, any function affecting the attributes object (including destruction) does not affect any previously initialised mutexes.

The **pthread_mutexattr_destroy** function destroys a mutex attributes object; the object becomes, in effect, uninitialised. An implementation may cause **pthread_mutexattr_destroy** to set the object referenced by *attr* to an invalid value. A destroyed mutex attributes object can be re-initialised using **pthread_mutexattr_init**; the results of otherwise referencing the object after it has been destroyed are undefined.

Parameters

attr Specifies the mutex attributes object to delete.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **pthread_mutexattr_init** and **pthread_mutexattr_destroy** return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_mutexattr_init** function will fail if:

ENOMEM Insufficient memory exists to initialise the mutex attributes object.

The `pthread_mutexattr_destroy` function will fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by `attr` is invalid.

These functions will not return `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_create` (“`pthread_create Subroutine`” on page 809) subroutine, `pthread_mutex_init` or `pthread_mutex_destroy` (“`pthread_mutex_init or pthread_mutex_destroy Subroutine`” on page 830) subroutine, `pthread_cond_destroy` or `pthread_cond_init` (“`pthread_cond_destroy or pthread_cond_init Subroutine`” on page 799) subroutine, `pthread.h` file.

Using Mutexes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_mutexattr_getkind_np Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the value of the kind attribute of a mutex attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_mutexattr_getkind_np ( attr, kind)
pthread_mutexattr_t *attr;
int *kind;
```

Description

The `pthread_mutexattr_getkind_np` subroutine returns the value of the kind attribute of the mutex attributes object `attr`. This attribute specifies the kind of the mutex created with this attributes object. It may have one of the following values:

MUTEX_FAST_NP	Denotes a fast mutex. A fast mutex can be locked only once. If the same thread unlocks twice the same fast mutex, the thread will deadlock. Any thread can unlock a fast mutex. A fast mutex is not compatible with the priority inheritance protocol.
MUTEX_RECURSIVE_NP	Denotes a recursive mutex. A recursive mutex can be locked more than once by the same thread without causing that thread to deadlock. The thread must then unlock the mutex as many times as it locked it. Only the thread that locked a recursive mutex can unlock it. A recursive mutex must not be used with condition variables.
MUTEX_NONRECURSIVE_NP	Denotes the default non-recursive POSIX compliant mutex.

Notes:

1. The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the cc_r compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The **pthread_mutexattr_getkind_np** subroutine is not portable.

Parameters

attr Specifies the mutex attributes object.
kind Points to where the kind attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the value of the kind attribute is returned via the *kind* parameter, and 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_mutexattr_getkind_np** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *attr* parameter is not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is not POSIX compliant and is provided only for compatibility with DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The **pthread_mutexattr_setkind_np** (“pthread_mutexattr_setkind_np Subroutine” on page 838) subroutine.

Using Mutexes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_mutexattr_gettype or pthread_mutexattr_settype Subroutines

Purpose

Gets or sets a mutex type.

Library

Threads Library (**libthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_mutexattr_gettype (pthread_mutexattr_t *attr, int *type);
int pthread_mutexattr_settype (pthread_mutexattr_t *attr, int type);
```

Description

The **pthread_mutexattr_gettype** and **pthread_mutexattr_settype** functions respectively get and set the mutex type attribute. This attribute is set in the type parameter to these functions. The default value of the type attribute is **PTHREAD_MUTEX_DEFAULT**. The type of mutex is contained in the type attribute of the mutex attributes. Valid mutex types include:

PTHREAD_MUTEX_NORMAL

This type of mutex does not detect deadlock. A thread attempting to relock this mutex without first unlocking it will deadlock. Attempting to unlock a mutex locked by a different thread results in undefined behaviour. Attempting to unlock an unlocked mutex results in undefined behaviour.

PTHREAD_MUTEX_ERRORCHECK

This type of mutex provides error checking. A thread attempting to relock this mutex without first unlocking it will return with an error. A thread attempting to unlock a mutex which another thread has locked will return with an error. A thread attempting to unlock an unlocked mutex will return with an error.

PTHREAD_MUTEX_RECURSIVE

A thread attempting to relock this mutex without first unlocking it will succeed in locking the mutex. The relocking deadlock which can occur with mutexes of type `PTHREAD_MUTEX_NORMAL` cannot occur with this type of mutex. Multiple locks of this mutex require the same number of unlocks to release the mutex before another thread can acquire the mutex. A thread attempting to unlock a mutex which another thread has locked will return with an error. A thread attempting to unlock an unlocked mutex will return with `EINVAL` error.

PTHREAD_MUTEX_DEFAULT

Attempting to recursively lock a mutex of this type results in undefined behaviour. Attempting to unlock a mutex of this type which was not locked by the calling thread results in undefined behaviour. Attempting to unlock a mutex of this type which is not locked results in undefined behaviour. An implementation is allowed to map this mutex to one of the other mutex types.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_mutexattr_settype` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error. Upon successful completion, the `pthread_mutexattr_gettype` function returns zero and stores the value of the type attribute of `attr` into the object referenced by the `type` parameter. Otherwise an error is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_mutexattr_gettype` and `pthread_mutexattr_settype` functions will fail if:

- EINVAL** The value type is invalid.
- EINVAL** The value specified by `attr` is invalid.

Implementation Specifics

It is advised that an application should not use a `PTHREAD_MUTEX_RECURSIVE` mutex with condition variables because the implicit unlock performed for a `pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` may not actually release the mutex (if it had been locked multiple times). If this happens, no other thread can satisfy the condition of the predicate.

Related Information

The `pthread_cond_wait` (“`pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` Subroutine” on page 803) and `pthread_cond_timedwait` (“`pthread_cond_wait` or `pthread_cond_timedwait` Subroutine” on page 803) subroutines.

The `pthread.h` file.

pthread_mutexattr_setkind_np Subroutine

Purpose

Sets the value of the kind attribute of a mutex attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_mutexattr_setkind_np ( attr, kind)
pthread_mutexattr_t *attr;
int kind;
```

Description

The **pthread_mutexattr_setkind_np** subroutine sets the value of the kind attribute of the mutex attributes object *attr*. This attribute specifies the kind of the mutex created with this attributes object.

Notes:

1. The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The **pthread_mutexattr_setkind_np** subroutine is not portable.

Parameters

attr Specifies the mutex attributes object.
kind Specifies the kind to set. It must have one of the following values:

MUTEX_FAST_NP

Denotes a fast mutex. A fast mutex can be locked only once. If the same thread unlocks twice the same fast mutex, the thread will deadlock. Any thread can unlock a fast mutex. A fast mutex is not compatible with the priority inheritance protocol.

MUTEX_RECURSIVE_NP

Denotes a recursive mutex. A recursive mutex can be locked more than once by the same thread without causing that thread to deadlock. The thread must then unlock the mutex as many times as it locked it. Only the thread that locked a recursive mutex can unlock it. A recursive mutex must not be used with condition variables.

MUTEX_NONRECURSIVE_NP

Denotes the default non-recursive POSIX compliant mutex.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_mutexattr_setkind_np** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL The *attr* parameter is not valid.
ENOTSUP The value of the *kind* parameter is not supported.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is provided only for compatibility with the DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The `pthread_mutexattr_getkind_np` ("pthread_mutexattr_getkind_np Subroutine" on page 835) subroutine.

Using Mutexes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_mutexattr_getpshared or pthread_mutexattr_setpshared Subroutine

Purpose

Sets and gets process-shared attribute.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_mutexattr_getpshared (attr ("Parameters"), pshared ("Parameters"))
const pthread_mutexattr_t *attr;
int *pshared;
```

```
int pthread_mutexattr_setpshared (attr ("Parameters"), pshared ("Parameters"))
pthread_mutexattr_t *attr;
int pshared;
```

Description

The `pthread_mutexattr_getpshared` function obtains the value of the process-shared attribute from the attributes object referenced by `attr`. The `pthread_mutexattr_setpshared` function is used to set the process-shared attribute in an initialised attributes object referenced by `attr`.

The process-shared attribute is set to `PTHREAD_PROCESS_SHARED` to permit a mutex to be operated upon by any thread that has access to the memory where the mutex is allocated, even if the mutex is allocated in memory that is shared by multiple processes. If the **process-shared** attribute is `PTHREAD_PROCESS_PRIVATE`, the mutex will only be operated upon by threads created within the same process as the thread that initialised the mutex; if threads of differing processes attempt to operate on such a mutex, the behaviour is undefined. The default value of the attribute is `PTHREAD_PROCESS_PRIVATE`.

Parameters

<code>attr</code>	Specifies the mutex attributes object.
<code>pshared</code>	Points to where the pshared attribute value will be stored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **pthread_mutexattr_setpshared** returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Upon successful completion, **pthread_mutexattr_getpshared** returns zero and stores the value of the process-shared attribute of *attr* into the object referenced by the *pshared* parameter. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_mutexattr_getpshared** and **pthread_mutexattr_setpshared** functions will fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by *attr* is invalid.

The **pthread_mutexattr_setpshared** function will fail if:

EINVAL The new value specified for the attribute is outside the range of legal values for that attribute.

These functions will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_mutexattr_init** (“pthread_mutexattr_destroy or pthread_mutexattr_init Subroutine” on page 834) subroutine.

Advanced Attributes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_once Subroutine

Purpose

Executes a routine exactly once in a process.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_once (pthread_once_t *once_control, void (*init_routine)(void));
pthread_once_t once_control = PTHREAD_ONCE_INIT;
```

Description

The **pthread_once** subroutine executes the routine *init_routine* exactly once in a process. The first call to this subroutine by any thread in the process executes the given routine, without parameters. Any subsequent call will have no effect.

The *init_routine* routine is typically an initialization routine. Multiple initializations can be handled by multiple instances of **pthread_once_t** structures. This subroutine is useful when a unique initialization has to be done by one thread among many. It reduces synchronization requirements.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

<i>once_block</i>	Points to a synchronization control structure. This structure has to be initialized by the static initializer macro PTHREAD_ONCE_INIT .
<i>init_routine</i>	Points to the routine to be executed.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, **pthread_once** returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

No errors are defined. The **pthread_once** function will not return an error code of **EINTR**.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_create** (“pthread_create Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, **pthread.h** file, **PTHREAD_ONCE_INIT** (“PTHREAD_ONCE_INIT Macro”) macro.

One Time Initializations in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

PTHREAD_ONCE_INIT Macro

Purpose

Initializes a once synchronization control structure.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
static pthread_once_t once_block = PTHREAD_ONCE_INIT;
```

Description

The `PTHREAD_ONCE_INIT` macro initializes the static once synchronization control structure *once_block*, used for one-time initializations with the `pthread_once` (“pthread_once Subroutine” on page 840) subroutine. The once synchronization control structure must be static to ensure the unicity of the initialization.

Note: The `pthread.h` file header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Implementation Specifics

This macro is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_once` (“pthread_once Subroutine” on page 840) subroutine.

One Time Initializations in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_rwlock_init, pthread_rwlock_destroy Subroutine

Purpose

Initialises or destroys a read-write lock object.

Library

Threads Library (`libthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_rwlock_init (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock, const pthread_rwlock_attr_t *attr);
int pthread_rwlock_destroy (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
pthread_rwlock_t rwlock=PTHREAD_RWLOCK_INITIALIZER;
```

Description

The `pthread_rwlock_init` function initialises the read-write lock referenced by *rwlock* with the attributes referenced by *attr*. If *attr* is NULL, the default read-write lock attributes are used; the effect is the same as passing the address of a default read-write lock attributes object. Once initialised, the lock can be used any number of times without being re-initialised. Upon successful initialisation, the state of the read-write lock becomes initialised and unlocked. Results are undefined if `pthread_rwlock_init` is called specifying an already initialised read-write lock. Results are undefined if a read-write lock is used without first being initialised.

If the `pthread_rwlock_init` function fails, *rwlock* is not initialised and the contents of *rwlock* are undefined.

The `pthread_rwlock_destroy` function destroys the read-write lock object referenced by *rwlock* and releases any resources used by the lock. The effect of subsequent use of the lock is undefined until the lock is re-initialised by another call to `pthread_rwlock_init`. An implementation may cause `pthread_rwlock_destroy` to set the object referenced by *rwlock* to an invalid value. Results are undefined if `pthread_rwlock_destroy` is called when any thread holds *rwlock*. Attempting to destroy an uninitialised

read-write lock results in undefined behaviour. A destroyed read-write lock object can be re-initialised using **pthread_rwlock_init**; the results of otherwise referencing the read-write lock object after it has been destroyed are undefined.

In cases where default read-write lock attributes are appropriate, the macro **PTHREAD_RWLOCK_INITIALIZER** can be used to initialise read-write locks that are statically allocated. The effect is equivalent to dynamic initialisation by a call to **pthread_rwlock_init** with the parameter *attr* specified as NULL, except that no error checks are performed.

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_rwlock_init** and **pthread_rwlock_destroy** functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error. The EBUSY and EINVAL error checks, if implemented, will act as if they were performed immediately at the beginning of processing for the function and caused an error return prior to modifying the state of the read-write lock specified by *rwlock*.

Error Codes

The **pthread_rwlock_init** function will fail if:

ENOMEM Insufficient memory exists to initialise the read-write lock.
EINVAL The value specified by *attr* is invalid.

The **pthread_rwlock_destroy** function will fail if:

EBUSY The implementation has detected an attempt to destroy the object referenced by *rwlock* while it is locked.
EINVAL The value specified by *attr* is invalid.

Implementation Specifics

Similar functions are being developed by IEEE PASC. In keeping with its objective of ensuring that CAE Specifications are fully aligned with formal standards, The Open Group intends to add any new interfaces adopted by an official IEEE standard in this area.

Related Information

The **pthread.h** file.

The **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** (“pthread_rwlock_rdlock or pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock Subroutines”), **pthread_rwlock_wrlock** (“pthread_rwlock_wrlock or pthread_rwlock_trywrlock Subroutines” on page 846), **pthread_rwlockattr_init** (“pthread_rwlockattr_init or pthread_rwlockattr_destroy Subroutines” on page 847) and **pthread_rwlock_unlock** (“pthread_rwlock_unlock Subroutine” on page 845) subroutines.

pthread_rwlock_rdlock or pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock Subroutines

Purpose

Locks a read-write lock object for reading.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_rwlock_rdlock ( pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
int pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
```

Description

The **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** function applies a read lock to the read-write lock referenced by *rwlock*. The calling thread acquires the read lock if a writer does not hold the lock and there are no writers blocked on the lock. It is unspecified whether the calling thread acquires the lock when a writer does not hold the lock and there are writers waiting for the lock. If a writer holds the lock, the calling thread will not acquire the read lock. If the read lock is not acquired, the calling thread blocks (that is, it does not return from the **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** call) until it can acquire the lock. Results are undefined if the calling thread holds a write lock on *rwlock* at the time the call is made.

Implementations are allowed to favour writers over readers to avoid writer starvation.

A thread may hold multiple concurrent read locks on *rwlock* (that is, successfully call the **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** function *n* times). If so, the thread must perform matching unlocks (that is, it must call the **pthread_rwlock_unlock** function *n* times).

The function **pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock** applies a read lock as in the **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** function with the exception that the function fails if any thread holds a write lock on *rwlock* or there are writers blocked on *rwlock*.

Results are undefined if any of these functions are called with an uninitialised read-write lock.

If a signal is delivered to a thread waiting for a read-write lock for reading, upon return from the signal handler the thread resumes waiting for the read-write lock for reading as if it was not interrupted.

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

The function **pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock** returns zero if the lock for reading on the read-write lock object referenced by *rwlock* is acquired. Otherwise an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock** function will fail if:

EBUSY The read-write lock could not be acquired for reading because a writer holds the lock or was blocked on it.

The **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** and **pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock** functions will fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by *rwlock* does not refer to an initialised read-write lock object.

EDEADLK The current thread already owns the read-write lock for writing.

EAGAIN The read lock could not be acquired because the maximum number of read locks for *rwlock* has been exceeded.

Implementation Specifics

Similar functions are being developed by IEEE PASC. In keeping with its objective of ensuring that CAE Specifications are fully aligned with formal standards, The Open Group intends to add any new interfaces adopted by an official IEEE standard in this area.

Realtime applications may encounter priority inversion when using read-write locks. The problem occurs when a high priority thread 'locks' a read-write lock that is about to be 'unlocked' by a low priority thread,

but the low priority thread is preempted by a medium priority thread. This scenario leads to priority inversion; a high priority thread is blocked by lower priority threads for an unlimited period of time. During system design, realtime programmers must take into account the possibility of this kind of priority inversion. They can deal with it in a number of ways, such as by having critical sections that are guarded by read-write locks execute at a high priority, so that a thread cannot be preempted while executing in its critical section.

Related Information

The `pthread.h` file.

The `pthread_rwlock_init` (“`pthread_rwlock_init`, `pthread_rwlock_destroy` Subroutine” on page 842), `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` (“`pthread_rwlock_wrlock` or `pthread_rwlock_trywrlock` Subroutines” on page 846), `pthread_rwlockattr_init` (“`pthread_rwlockattr_init` or `pthread_rwlockattr_destroy` Subroutines” on page 847), and `pthread_rwlock_unlock` (“`pthread_rwlock_unlock` Subroutine”) subroutines.

pthread_rwlock_unlock Subroutine

Purpose

Unlocks a read-write lock object.

Library

Threads Library (`libthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_rwlock_unlock (pthread_rwlock_t *rlock);
```

Description

The `pthread_rwlock_unlock` function is called to release a lock held on the read-write lock object referenced by `rlock`. Results are undefined if the read-write lock `rlock` is not held by the calling thread.

If this function is called to release a read lock from the read-write lock object and there are other read locks currently held on this read-write lock object, the read-write lock object remains in the read locked state. If this function releases the calling thread’s last read lock on this read-write lock object, then the calling thread is no longer one of the owners of the object. If this function releases the last read lock for this read-write lock object, the read-write lock object will be put in the unlocked state with no owners.

If this function is called to release a write lock for this read-write lock object, the read-write lock object will be put in the unlocked state with no owners.

If the call to the `pthread_rwlock_unlock` function results in the read-write lock object becoming unlocked and there are multiple threads waiting to acquire the read-write lock object for writing, the scheduling policy is used to determine which thread acquires the read-write lock object for writing. If there are multiple threads waiting to acquire the read-write lock object for reading, the scheduling policy is used to determine the order in which the waiting threads acquire the read-write lock object for reading. If there are multiple threads blocked on `rlock` for both read locks and write locks, it is unspecified whether the readers acquire the lock first or whether a writer acquires the lock first.

Results are undefined if any of these functions are called with an uninitialised read-write lock.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_rwlock_unlock` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_rwlock_unlock` function will fail if:

- EINVAL** The value specified by `rwlock` does not refer to an initialised read-write lock object.
- EPERM** The current thread does not own the read-write lock.

Implementation Specifics

Similar functions are being developed by IEEE PASC. In keeping with its objective of ensuring that CAE Specifications are fully aligned with formal standards, The Open Group intends to add any new interfaces adopted by an official IEEE standard in this area.

Related Information

The `pthread.h` file.

The `pthread_rwlock_init` (“`pthread_rwlock_init`, `pthread_rwlock_destroy` Subroutine” on page 842), `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` (“`pthread_rwlock_wrlock` or `pthread_rwlock_trywrlock` Subroutines”), `pthread_rwlockattr_init` (“`pthread_rwlockattr_init` or `pthread_rwlockattr_destroy` Subroutines” on page 847), `pthread_rwlock_rdlock` (“`pthread_rwlock_rdlock` or `pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock` Subroutines” on page 843) subroutines.

pthread_rwlock_wrlock or pthread_rwlock_trywrlock Subroutines

Purpose

Locks a read-write lock object for writing.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_rwlock_wrlock (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock );
int pthread_rwlock_trywrlock (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock );
```

Description

The `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` function applies a write lock to the read-write lock referenced by `rwlock`. The calling thread acquires the write lock if no other thread (reader or writer) holds the read-write lock `rwlock`. Otherwise, the thread blocks (that is, does not return from the `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` call) until it can acquire the lock. Results are undefined if the calling thread holds the read-write lock (whether a read or write lock) at the time the call is made.

Implementations are allowed to favour writers over readers to avoid writer starvation.

The function `pthread_rwlock_trywrlock` applies a write lock like the `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` function, with the exception that the function fails if any thread currently holds `rwlock` (for reading or writing).

Results are undefined if any of these functions are called with an uninitialised read-write lock.

If a signal is delivered to a thread waiting for a read-write lock for writing, upon return from the signal handler the thread resumes waiting for the read-write lock for writing as if it was not interrupted.

Return Values

If successful, the `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

The function `pthread_rwlock_trywrlock` returns zero if the lock for writing on the read-write lock object referenced by `rwlock` is acquired. Otherwise an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The `pthread_rwlock_trywrlock` function will fail if:

EBUSY The read-write lock could not be acquired for writing because it was already locked for reading or writing.

The `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` and `pthread_rwlock_trywrlock` functions will fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by `rwlock` does not refer to an initialised read-write lock object.

EDEADLK The current thread already owns the read-write lock for writing or reading.

Implementation Specifics

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Realtime applications may encounter priority inversion when using read-write locks. The problem occurs when a high priority thread 'locks' a read-write lock that is about to be 'unlocked' by a low priority thread, but the low priority thread is preempted by a medium priority thread. This scenario leads to priority inversion; a high priority thread is blocked by lower priority threads for an unlimited period of time. During system design, realtime programmers must take into account the possibility of this kind of priority inversion. They can deal with it in a number of ways, such as by having critical sections that are guarded by read-write locks execute at a high priority, so that a thread cannot be preempted while executing in its critical section.

Related Information

The `pthread.h` file.

The `pthread_rwlock_init` ("pthread_rwlock_init, pthread_rwlock_destroy Subroutine" on page 842), `pthread_rwlock_unlock` ("pthread_rwlock_unlock Subroutine" on page 845), `pthread_rwlockattr_init` ("pthread_rwlockattr_init or pthread_rwlockattr_destroy Subroutines"), `pthread_rwlock_rdlock` ("pthread_rwlock_rdlock or pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock Subroutines" on page 843) subroutines.

pthread_rwlockattr_init or pthread_rwlockattr_destroy Subroutines

Purpose

Initialises and destroys read-write lock attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_rwlockattr_init (pthread_rwlockattr_t *attr);
int pthread_rwlockattr_destroy (pthread_rwlockattr_t *attr);
```

Description

The function **pthread_rwlockattr_init** initialises a read-write lock attributes object *attr* with the default value for all of the attributes defined by the implementation. Results are undefined if **pthread_rwlockattr_init** is called specifying an already initialised read-write lock attributes object.

After a read-write lock attributes object has been used to initialise one or more read-write locks, any function affecting the attributes object (including destruction) does not affect any previously initialised read-write locks.

The **pthread_rwlockattr_destroy** function destroys a read-write lock attributes object. The effect of subsequent use of the object is undefined until the object is re-initialised by another call to **pthread_rwlockattr_init**. An implementation may cause **pthread_rwlockattr_destroy** to set the object referenced by *attr* to an invalid value.

Return Value

If successful, the **pthread_rwlockattr_init** and **pthread_rwlockattr_destroy** functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_rwlockattr_init** function will fail if:

ENOMEM Insufficient memory exists to initialise the read-write lock attributes object.

The **pthread_rwlockattr_destroy** function will fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by *attr* is invalid.

Implementation Specifics

Similar functions are being developed by IEEE PASC. In keeping with its objective of ensuring that CAE Specifications are fully aligned with formal standards, The Open Group intends to add any new interfaces adopted by an official IEEE standard in this area.

Related Information

The **pthread.h** file.

The **pthread_rwlock_init** (“pthread_rwlock_init, pthread_rwlock_destroy Subroutine” on page 842), **pthread_rwlock_unlock** (“pthread_rwlock_unlock Subroutine” on page 845), **pthread_rwlock_wrlock** (“pthread_rwlock_wrlock or pthread_rwlock_trywrlock Subroutines” on page 846), **pthread_rwlock_rdlock** (“pthread_rwlock_rdlock or pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock Subroutines” on page 843), and **pthread_rwlockattr_getpshared** (“pthread_rwlockattr_getpshared or pthread_rwlockattr_setpshared Subroutines” on page 849) subroutines.

pthread_rwlockattr_getpshared or pthread_rwlockattr_setpshared Subroutines

Purpose

Gets and sets process-shared attribute of read-write lock attributes object.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_rwlockattr_getpshared (const pthread_rwlockattr_t *attr, int *pshared );
int pthread_rwlockattr_setpshared (pthread_rwlockattr_t *attr, int pshared);
```

Description

The process-shared attribute is set to `PTHREAD_PROCESS_SHARED` to permit a read-write lock to be operated upon by any thread that has access to the memory where the read-write lock is allocated, even if the read-write lock is allocated in memory that is shared by multiple processes. If the process-shared attribute is `PTHREAD_PROCESS_PRIVATE`, the read-write lock will only be operated upon by threads created within the same process as the thread that initialised the read-write lock; if threads of differing processes attempt to operate on such a read-write lock, the behaviour is undefined. The default value of the process-shared attribute is `PTHREAD_PROCESS_PRIVATE`.

The **pthread_rwlockattr_getpshared** function obtains the value of the process-shared attribute from the initialised attributes object referenced by *attr*. The **pthread_rwlockattr_setpshared** function is used to set the process-shared attribute in an initialised attributes object referenced by *attr*.

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_rwlockattr_setpshared** function returns zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Upon successful completion, the **pthread_rwlockattr_getpshared** returns zero and stores the value of the process-shared attribute of *attr* into the object referenced by the *pshared* parameter. Otherwise an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_rwlockattr_getpshared** and **pthread_rwlockattr_setpshared** functions will fail if:

EINVAL The value specified by *attr* is invalid.

The **pthread_rwlockattr_setpshared** function will fail if:

EINVAL The new value specified for the attribute is outside the range of legal values for that attribute.

Implementation Specifics

Similar functions are being developed by IEEE PASC. In keeping with its objective of ensuring that CAE Specifications are fully aligned with formal standards, The Open Group intends to add any new interfaces adopted by an official IEEE standard in this area.

Related Information

The `pthread.h` file.

The `pthread_rwlock_init` (“`pthread_rwlock_init`, `pthread_rwlock_destroy` Subroutine” on page 842), `pthread_rwlock_unlock` (“`pthread_rwlock_unlock` Subroutine” on page 845), `pthread_rwlock_wrlock` (“`pthread_rwlock_wrlock` or `pthread_rwlock_trywrlock` Subroutines” on page 846), `pthread_rwlock_rdlock` (“`pthread_rwlock_rdlock` or `pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock` Subroutines” on page 843), `pthread_rwlockattr_init` (“`pthread_rwlockattr_init` or `pthread_rwlockattr_destroy` Subroutines” on page 847) subroutines.

pthread_self Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the calling thread’s ID.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
pthread_t pthread_self (void);
```

Description

The `pthread_self` subroutine returns the calling thread’s ID.

Note: The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Return Values

The calling thread’s ID is returned.

Errors

No errors are defined.

The `pthread_self` function will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The `pthread_create` (“`pthread_create` Subroutine” on page 809) subroutine, `pthread_equal` (“`pthread_equal` Subroutine” on page 812) subroutine.

The `pthread.h` file.

Creating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_setcancelstate, pthread_setcanceltype or pthread_testcancel Subroutines

Purpose

Sets the calling thread's cancelability state.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int pthread_setcancelstate (int state, int * oldstate);  
int pthread_setcanceltype (int type, int * oldstype);  
int pthread_testcancel (void);
```

Description

The **pthread_setcancelstate** function atomically both sets the calling thread's cancelability state to the indicated state and returns the previous cancelability state at the location referenced by *oldstate*. Legal values for state are PTHREAD_CANCEL_ENABLE and PTHREAD_CANCEL_DISABLE.

The **pthread_setcanceltype** function atomically both sets the calling thread's cancelability type to the indicated type and returns the previous cancelability type at the location referenced by *oldtype*. Legal values for type are PTHREAD_CANCEL_DEFERRED and PTHREAD_CANCEL_ASYNCCHRONOUS.

The cancelability state and type of any newly created threads, including the thread in which **main** was first invoked, are PTHREAD_CANCEL_ENABLE and PTHREAD_CANCEL_DEFERRED respectively.

The **pthread_testcancel** function creates a cancellation point in the calling thread. The **pthread_testcancel** function has no effect if cancelability is disabled.

Parameters

<i>state</i>	Specifies the new cancelability state to set. It must have one of the following values: PTHREAD_CANCEL_DISABLE Disables cancelability; the thread is not cancelable. Cancellation requests are held pending. PTHREAD_CANCEL_ENABLE Enables cancelability; the thread is cancelable, according to its cancelability type. This is the default value.
<i>oldstate</i>	Points to where the previous cancelability state value will be stored.

Return Values

If successful, the **pthread_setcancelstate** and **pthread_setcanceltype** functions return zero. Otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **pthread_setcancelstate** function will fail if:

EINVAL The specified state is not PTHREAD_CANCEL_ENABLE or PTHREAD_CANCEL_DISABLE.

The **pthread_setcanceltype** function will fail if:

EINVAL The specified type is not `PTHREAD_CANCEL_DEFERRED` or `PTHREAD_CANCEL_ASYNCHRONOUS`.

These functions will not return an error code of `EINTR`.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **pthread_cancel** (“pthread_cancel Subroutine” on page 797) subroutine.

The **pthread.h** file.

Terminating Threads in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_setschedparam Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the current schedpolicy and schedparam attributes of a thread.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <sys/sched.h>
int pthread_setschedparam ( thread, schedpolicy, schedparam)
pthread_t thread;
int schedpolicy;
const struct sched_param *schedparam;
```

Description

The **pthread_setschedparam** subroutine dynamically sets the schedpolicy and schedparam attributes of the thread *thread*. The schedpolicy attribute specifies the scheduling policy of the thread. The schedparam attribute specifies the scheduling parameters of a thread created with this attributes object. The sched_priority field of the **sched_param** structure contains the priority of the thread. It is an integer value.

If the target thread has system contention scope, the process must have root authority to set the scheduling policy to either **SCHED_FIFO** or **SCHED_RR**.

Note: The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Parameters

<i>thread</i>	Specifies the target thread.
<i>schedpolicy</i>	Points to the schedpolicy attribute to set. It must have one of the following values: SCHED_FIFO Denotes first-in first-out scheduling. SCHED_RR Denotes round-robin scheduling. SCHED_OTHER Denotes the default operating system scheduling policy. It is the default value. Note: It is not permitted to change the priority of a thread when setting its scheduling policy to SCHED_OTHER. In this case, the priority is managed directly by the kernel, and the only legal value that can be passed to pthread_setschedparam is DEFAULT_PRIO, which is defined in pthread.h as 1.
<i>schedparam</i>	Points to where the scheduling parameters to set are stored. The sched_priority field must be in the range from 1 to 127, where 1 is the least favored priority, and 127 the most favored.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The **pthread_setschedparam** subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

EINVAL	The <i>thread</i> or <i>schedparam</i> parameters are not valid.
ENOSYS	The priority scheduling POSIX option is not implemented.
ENOTSUP	The value of the schedpolicy or schedparam attributes are not supported.
EPERM	The target thread has insufficient permission to perform the operation or is already engaged in a mutex protocol.
ESRCH	The thread <i>thread</i> does not exist.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime. The implementation of this subroutine is dependent on the priority scheduling POSIX option. The priority scheduling POSIX option is implemented in the operating system.

Related Information

The **pthread_getschedparam** (“pthread_getschedparam Subroutine” on page 818) subroutine, **pthread_attr_setschedparam** (“pthread_attr_setschedparam Subroutine” on page 793) subroutine.

Threads Scheduling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_sigmask Subroutine

Purpose

Examines and changes blocked signals.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthread.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <signal.h>
int pthread_sigmask (int how, const sigset_t *set, sigset_t *oset fp);
```

Description

Refer to **sigprocmask**.

pthread_signal_to_cancel_np Subroutine

Purpose

Cancels the specified thread.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthread.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_signal_to_cancel_np ( sigset_t *sigset, pthread_t *target);
```

Description

The **pthread_signal_to_cancel_np** subroutine cancels the target thread *thread* by creating a handler thread. The handler thread calls the **sigwait** subroutine with the *sigset* parameter, and cancels the target thread when the **sigwait** subroutine returns. Successive call to this subroutine override the previous one.

Notes:

1. The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The **pthread_signal_to_cancel_np** subroutine is not portable.

Parameters

sigset Specifies the set of signals to wait on.
thread Specifies the thread to cancel.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, 0 is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

Error Codes

The `pthread_signal_to_cancel_np` subroutine is unsuccessful if the following is true:

- EAGAIN** The handler thread cannot be created.
- EINVAL** The *sigset* or *thread* parameters are not valid.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is not POSIX compliant and is provided only for compatibility with DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The `pthread_cancel` (“pthread_cancel Subroutine” on page 797) subroutine, `sigwait` subroutine.

pthread_suspend_np and pthread_continue_np Subroutine

Purpose

Suspends execution of the pthread specified by *thread*.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_suspend_np(pthread_t thread);

int pthread_continue_np(pthread_t thread);
```

Description

The `pthread_suspend_np` routine immediately suspends the execution of the pthread specified by *thread*. On successful return from `pthread_suspend_np`, the suspended pthread is no longer executing. If `pthread_suspend_np` is called for a pthread that is already suspended, the pthread is unchanged and `pthread_suspend_np` returns successful.

The `pthread_continue_np` routine resumes the execution of a suspended pthread. If `pthread_continue_np` is called for a pthread that is not suspended, the pthread is unchanged and `pthread_continue_np` returns successful.

A suspended pthread will not be awakened by a signal. The signal stays pending until the execution of pthread is resumed by `pthread_continue_np`.

Note: Using `pthread_suspend_np` should only be used by advanced users because improper use of this subcommand can lead to application deadlock or the target thread may be suspended holding application locks. Nested suspension is not supported: a pthread that is suspended twice is continued by a single pthread continue.

Parameters

thread Specifies the target thread.

Return Values

Zero is returned when successful. A non-zero value indicates an error.

Error Codes

If any of the following conditions occur, `pthread_suspend_np` and `pthread_continue_np` fail and return the corresponding value:

ESRCH The *thread* attribute cannot be found in the current process.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

pthread_unlock_global_np Subroutine

Purpose

Unlocks the global mutex.

Library

Threads Library (`libpthreads.a`)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
void pthread_unlock_global_np ()
```

Description

The `pthread_unlock_global_np` subroutine unlocks the global mutex when each call to the `pthread_lock_global_np` subroutine is matched by a call to this routine. For example, if a thread called the `pthread_lock_global_np` three times, the global mutex is unlocked after the third call to the `pthread_unlock_global_np` subroutine.

If no threads are waiting for the global mutex, it becomes unlocked with no current owner. If one or more threads are waiting to lock the global mutex, exactly one thread returns from its call to the `pthread_lock_global_np` subroutine.

Notes:

1. The `pthread.h` header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the `-D_THREAD_SAFE` compilation flag should be used, or the `cc_r` compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.
2. The `pthread_unlock_global_np` subroutine is not portable.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

This subroutine is not POSIX compliant and is provided only for compatibility with DCE threads. It should not be used when writing new applications.

Related Information

The `pthread_lock_global_np` (“`pthread_lock_global_np` Subroutine” on page 829) subroutine.

Using Mutexes in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pthread_yield Subroutine

Purpose

Forces the calling thread to relinquish use of its processor.

Library

Threads Library (**libpthreads.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <pthread.h>
void pthread_yield ()
```

Description

The **pthread_yield** subroutine forces the calling thread to relinquish use of its processor, and to wait in the run queue before it is scheduled again. If the run queue is empty when the **pthread_yield** subroutine is called, the calling thread is immediately rescheduled.

If the thread has global contention scope (**PTHREAD_SCOPE_SYSTEM**), calling this subroutine acts like calling the **yield** subroutine. Otherwise, another local contention scope thread is scheduled.

The **pthread.h** header file must be the first included file of each source file using the threads library. Otherwise, the **-D_THREAD_SAFE** compilation flag should be used, or the **cc_r** compiler used. In this case, the flag is automatically set.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of the Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **yield** subroutine and the **sched_yield** subroutine.

Threads Scheduling in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

Threads Library Options and Threads Library Quick Reference in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

ptrace, ptracex, ptrace64 Subroutine

Purpose

Traces the execution of another process.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
#include <sys/reg.h>
#include <sys/ptrace.h>
#include <sys/ldr.h>
int ptrace ( Request, Identifier, Address, Data, Buffer)
int Request;
```

```

int Identifier;
int *Address;
int Data;
int *Buffer;

int ptracex ( request, identifier, addr, data, buff)
int request;
int identifier;
long long addr;
int data;
int *buff;

int ptrace64 ( request, identifier, addr, data, buff)
int request;
long long identifier;
long long addr;
int data;
int *buff;

```

Description

The **ptrace** subroutine allows a 32-bit process to trace the execution of another process. The **ptrace** subroutine is used to implement breakpoint debugging.

A debugged process executes normally until it encounters a signal. Then it enters a stopped state and its debugging process is notified with the **wait** subroutine.

Exception: If the process encounters the **SIGTRAP** signal, a signal handler for **SIGTRAP** exists, and fast traps (“Fast Trap Instructions” on page 859) have been enabled for the process, then the signal handler is called and the debugger is not notified. This exception only applies to AIX 4.3.3 and later releases.

While the process is in the stopped state, the debugger examines and modifies the memory image of the process being debugged by using the **ptrace** subroutine. For multi-threaded processes, the **getthrds** (“getthrds Subroutine” on page 360) subroutine identifies each kernel thread in the debugged process. Also, the debugging process can cause the debugged process to terminate or continue, with the possibility of ignoring the signal that caused it to stop.

As a security measure, the **ptrace** subroutine inhibits the set-user-ID facility on subsequent **exec** subroutines.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.3.1 and previous releases.) When a process is executing under **ptrace** control, portions of the process’s address space are recopied after **load**, **unload**, and **loadbind** calls. For a 32-bit process, the main program text (loaded in segment 1) and shared library modules (loaded in segment 13) is recopied. Any breakpoints or other modifications to these segments must be reinserted after **load**, **unload**, or **loadbind**. Changes to privately loaded modules persist. For a 64-bit process, shared library modules are recopied after **load** and **unload** are called. (For AIX 4.3 and AIX 4.3.1, these segments have a virtual address of 0x09000000xxxxxxx, where x denotes any value.) The segments for the main programs and the segments containing privately loaded modules are not recopied. When a 64-bit process calls **loadbind**, no segments are recopied and the debugger is not notified.

(This paragraph only applies to AIX 4.3.2 and later releases.) When a process executing under **ptrace** control calls **load** or **unload**, the debugger is notified and the **W_SLWTEd** flag is set in the status returned by **wait**. (A 32-bit process calling **loadbind** is stopped as well.) If the process being debugged has added modules in the shared library to its address space, the modules are added to the process’s private copy of the shared library segments. If shared library modules are removed from a process’s address space, the

modules are deleted from the process's private copy of the library text segment by freeing the pages that contain the module. No other changes to the segment are made, and existing breakpoints do not have to be reinserted.

To allow a debugger to generate code more easily (in order to handle fast trap instructions, for example), memory from the end of the main program up to the next segment boundary can be modified. That memory is read-only to the process but can be modified by the debugger.

When a process being traced forks, the child process is initialized with the unmodified main program and shared library segment, effectively removing breakpoints in these segments in the child process. If multiprocess debugging is enabled, new copies of the main program and shared library segments are made. Modifications to privately loaded modules, however, are not affected by a fork. These breakpoints will remain in the child process, and if these breakpoints are executed, a **SIGTRAP** signal will be generated and delivered to the process.

If a traced process initiates an **exec** subroutine, the process stops before executing the first instruction of the new image and returns the **SIGTRAP** signal.

Note: **ptrace** and **ptracex** are not supported in 64-bit mode.

Fast Trap Instructions

Note: The "Fast Trap Instructions" section only applies to AIX 4.3.3 and later releases.

Sometimes, allowing the process being debugged to handle certain trap instructions is useful, instead of causing the process to stop and notify the debugger. You can use this capability to patch running programs or programs whose source codes are not available. For a process to use this capability, you must enable fast traps, which requires you to make a **ptrace** call from a debugger on behalf of the process.

To let a process handle fast traps, a debugger uses the **ptrace** (**PT_SET**, *pid*, 0, **PTFLAG_FAST_TRAP**, 0) subroutine call. Cancel this capability with the **ptrace** (**PT_CLEAR**, *pid*, 0, **PTFLAG_FAST_TRAP**, 0) subroutine call. If a process is able to handle fast traps when the debugger detaches, the fast trap capability remains in effect. Consequently, when another debugger attaches to that process, fast trap processing is still enabled. When no debugger is attached to a process, **SIGTRAP** signals are handled in the same manner, regardless of whether fast traps are enabled.

A fast trap instruction is an unconditional *trap immediate* instruction in the form `twi 14,r13,0xNXXX`. This instruction has the binary form `0x0ddfNXXX`, where *N* is a hex digit ≥ 8 and *XXX* are any three hex digits. By using different values of `0xNXXX`, a debugger can generate different fast trap instructions, allowing a signal handler to quickly determine how to handle the signal. (The fast trap instruction is defined by the macro **_PTRACE_FASTTRAP**. The **_PTRACE_FASTTRAP_MASK** macro can be used to check whether a trap is a fast trap.)

Usually, a fast trap instruction is treated like any other trap instruction. However, if a process has a signal handler for **SIGTRAP**, the signal is not blocked, and the fast trap capability is enabled, then the signal handler is called and the debugger is not notified.

A signal handler can logically AND the trap instruction with **_PTRACE_FASTTRAP_NUM** (0x7FFF) to obtain an integer identifying which trap instruction was executed.

For the 64-bit Process

Use **ptracex** where the debuggee is a 64-bit process and the operation requested uses the third (*Address*) parameter to reference the debuggee's address space or is sensitive to register size. Use **ptrace64** if the second parameter (*identifier*) is a thread id from a 64-bit process. Note that **ptracex** and **ptrace64** will also support 32-bit debugees.

If returning or passing an **int** doesn't work for a 64-bit debuggee (for example, **PT_READ_GPR**), the *buffer* parameter takes the address for the result. Thus, with the **ptracex** subroutine, **PT_READ_GPR** and **PT_WRITE_GPR** take a pointer to an 8 byte area representing the register value.

In general, **ptracex** supports all the calls that **ptrace** does when they are modified for any that are extended for 64-bit addresses (for example, GPRs, LR, CTR, IAR, and MSR). Anything whose size increases for 64-bit processes must be allowed for in the obvious way (for example, **PT_REGSET** must be an array of long longs for a 64-bit debuggee).

Parameters

Request

Determines the action to be taken by the **ptrace** subroutine and has one of the following values:

PT_ATTACH

This request allows a debugging process to attach a current process and place it into trace mode for debugging. This request cannot be used if the target process is already being traced. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Address*, *Data*, and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following codes:

ESRCH

Process ID is not valid; the traced process is a kernel process; the process is currently being traced; or, the debugger or traced process already exists.

EPERM

Real or effective user ID of the debugger does not match that of the traced process, or the debugger does not have root authority.

EINVAL

The debugger and the traced process are the same.

PT_CLEAR

This request clears an internal flag or capability. The *Data* parameter specifies which flags to clear. The following flag can be cleared:

PTFLAG_FAST_TRAP

Disables the special handling of a fast trap instruction ("Fast Trap Instructions" on page 859). This allows all fast trap instructions causing an interrupt to generate a **SIGTRAP** signal.

The *Identifier* parameter specifies the process ID of the traced process. The *Address* parameter, *Buffer* parameter, and the unused bits in the *Data* parameter are reserved for future use and should be set to 0.

PT_CONTINUE

This request allows the process to resume execution. If the *Data* parameter is 0, all pending signals, including the one that caused the process to stop, are concealed before the process resumes execution. If the *Data* parameter is a valid signal number, the process resumes execution as if it had received that signal. If the *Address* parameter equals 1, the execution continues from where it stopped. If the *Address* parameter is not 1, it is assumed to be the address at which the process should resume execution. Upon successful completion, the value of the *Data* parameter is returned to the debugging process. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter is ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The signal to be sent to the traced process is not a valid signal number.

Note: For the **PT_CONTINUE** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with a 64-bit debuggee because the resume address needs 64 bits.

PTT_CONTINUE

This request asks the scheduler to resume execution of the kernel thread specified by *Identifier*. This kernel thread must be the one that caused the exception. The *Data* parameter specifies how to handle signals:

- If the *Data* parameter is 0, the kernel thread which caused the exception will be resumed as if the signal never occurred.
- If the *Data* parameter is a valid signal number, the kernel thread which caused the exception will be resumed as if it had received that signal.

The *Address* parameter specifies where to resume execution:

- If the *Address* parameter is 1, execution resumes from the address where it stopped.
- If the *Address* parameter contains an address value other than 1, execution resumes from that address.

The *Buffer* parameter should point to a PTHREADS structure, which contains a list of kernel thread identifiers to be started. This list should be NULL terminated if it is smaller than the maximum allowed.

On successful completion, the value of the *Data* parameter is returned to the debugging process. On unsuccessful completion, the value -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set as follows:

EINVAL

The *Identifier* parameter names the wrong kernel thread.

EIO The signal to be sent to the traced kernel thread is not a valid signal number.

ESRCH

The *Buffer* parameter names an invalid kernel thread. Each kernel thread in the list must be stopped and belong to the same process as the kernel thread named by the *Identifier* parameter.

Note: For the **PTT_CONTINUE** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with a 64-bit debuggee because the resume address needs 64 bits.

PT_DETACH

This request allows a debugged process, specified by the *Identifier* parameter, to exit trace mode. The process then continues running, as if it had received the signal whose number is contained in the *Data* parameter. The process is no longer traced and does not process any further **ptrace** calls. The *Address* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO Signal to be sent to the traced process is not a valid signal number.

PT_KILL

This request allows the process to terminate the same way it would with an **exit** subroutine.

PT_LDINFO

This request retrieves a description of the object modules that were loaded by the debugged process. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter is ignored. The *Address* parameter specifies the location where the loader information is copied. The *Data* parameter specifies the size of this area. The loader information is retrieved as a linked list of **ld_info** structures. The **ld_info** structures are defined in the `/usr/include/sys/ldr.h` file. The linked list is implemented so that the `ldinfo_nxt` field of each element gives the offset of the next element from this element. The `ldinfo_nxt` field of the last element has the value 0.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

ENOMEM

Either the area is not large enough to accommodate the loader information, or there is not enough memory to allocate an equivalent buffer in the kernel.

Note: For the **PT_LDINFO** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with a 64-bit debuggee because the source address needs 64 bits.

PT_MULTI

This request turns multiprocess debugging mode on and off, to allow debugging to continue across **fork** and **exec** subroutines. A 0 value for the *Data* parameter turns multiprocess debugging mode off, while all other values turn it on. When multiprocess debugging mode is in effect, any **fork** subroutine allows both the traced process and its newly created process to trap on the next instruction. If a traced process initiated an **exec** subroutine, the process stops before executing the first instruction of the new image and returns the **SIGTRAP** signal. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Address* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

Also, when multiprocess debugging mode is enabled, the following values are returned from the **wait** subroutine:

W_SEWTED

Process stopped during execution of the **exec** subroutine.

W_SFWTED

Process stopped during execution of the **fork** subroutine.

PT_READ_BLOCK

This request reads a block of data from the debugged process address space. The *Address* parameter points to the block of data in the process address space, and the *Data* parameter gives its length in bytes. The value of the *Data* parameter must not be greater than 1024. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter points to the location in the debugging process address space where the data is copied. Upon successful completion, the **ptrace** subroutine returns the value of the *Data* parameter.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following codes:

EIO The *Data* parameter is less than 1 or greater than 1024.

EIO The *Address* parameter is not a valid pointer into the debugged process address space.

EFAULT

The *Buffer* parameter does not point to a writable location in the debugging process address space.

Note: For the **PT_READ_BLOCK** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with a 64-bit debuggee because the source address needs 64 bits.

PT_READ_FPR

This request stores the value of a floating-point register into the location pointed to by the *Address* parameter. The *Data* parameter specifies the floating-point register, defined in the **sys/reg.h** file for the machine type on which the process is executed. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter is ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The *Data* parameter is not a valid floating-point register. The *Data* parameter must be in the range 256-287.

PTT_READ_FPRS

This request writes the contents of the 32 floating point registers to the area specified by the *Address* parameter. This area must be at least 256 bytes long. The *Identifier* parameter specifies the traced kernel thread. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

PT_READ_GPR

This request returns the contents of one of the general-purpose or special-purpose registers of the debugged process. The *Address* parameter specifies the register whose value is returned. The value of the *Address* parameter is defined in the **sys/reg.h** file for the machine type on which the process is executed. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored. The buffer points to long long target area.

Note: If **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with a 64-bit debuggee is used for this request, the register value is instead returned to the 8-byte area pointed to by the buffer pointer.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The *Address* is not a valid general-purpose or special-purpose register. The *Address* parameter must be in the range 0-31 or 128-136.

PTT_READ_GPRS

This request writes the contents of the 32 general purpose registers to the area specified by the *Address* parameter. This area must be at least 128 bytes long.

Note: If **ptracex** or **ptrace64** are used with a 64-bit debuggee for the **PTT_READ_GPRS** request, there must be at least a 256 byte target area. The *Identifier* parameter specifies the traced kernel thread. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

PT_READ_I or PT_READ_D

These requests return the word-aligned address in the debugged process address space

specified by the *Address* parameter. On all machines currently supported by AIX Version 4, the **PT_READ_I** and **PT_READ_D** instruction and data requests can be used with equal results. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Data* parameter is ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The *Address* is not word-aligned, or the *Address* is not valid. User blocks, kernel segments, and kernel extension segments are not considered as valid addresses.

Note: For the **PT_READ_I** or the **PT_READ_D** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with a 64-bit debuggee because the source address needs 64 bits.

PTT_READ_SPRS

This request writes the contents of the special purpose registers to the area specified by the *Address* parameter, which points to a **ptsprs** structure. The *Identifier* parameter specifies the traced kernel thread. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

Note: For the **PTT_READ_SPRS** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with the 64-bit debuggee because the new **ptxsprs** structure must be used.

PT_REATT

This request allows a new debugger, with the proper permissions, to trace a process that was already traced by another debugger. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Address*, *Data*, and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following codes:

ESRCH

The *Identifier* is not valid; or the traced process is a kernel process.

EPERM

Real or effective user ID of the debugger does not match that of the traced process, or the debugger does not have root authority.

EINVAL

The debugger and the traced process are the same.

PT_REGSET

This request writes the contents of all 32 general purpose registers to the area specified by the *Address* parameter. This area must be at least 128 bytes for the 32-bit debuggee or 256 bytes for the 64-bit debuggee. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The *Address* parameter points to a location outside of the allocated address space of the process.

Note: For the **PT_REGSET** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with the 64-bit debuggee because 64-bit registers requiring 256 bytes are returned.

PT_SET

This request sets an internal flag or capability. The *Data* parameter indicates which flags are set. The following flag can be set:

PTFLAG_FAST_TRAP

Enables the special handling of a fast trap instruction (“Fast Trap Instructions” on page 859). When a fast trap instruction is executed in a process that has a signal handler for **SIGTRAP**, the signal handler will be called even if the process is being traced.

The *Identifier* parameter specifies the process ID of the traced process. The *Address* parameter, *Buffer* parameter, and the unused bits in the *Data* parameter are reserved for future use and should be set to 0.

PT_TRACE_ME

This request must be issued by the debugged process to be traced. Upon receipt of a signal, this request sets the process trace flag, placing the process in a stopped state, rather than the action specified by the **sigaction** subroutine. The *Identifier*, *Address*, *Data*, and *Buffer* parameters are ignored. Do not issue this request if the parent process does not expect to trace the debugged process.

As a security measure, the **ptrace** subroutine inhibits the set-user-ID facility on subsequent **exec** subroutines, as shown in the following example:

```
if((childpid = fork()) == 0)
{ /* child process */
  ptrace(PT_TRACE_ME,0,0,0,0);
  execlp(          )/* your favorite exec*/
}
else
{ /* parent */
  /* wait for child to stop */
  rc = wait(status)
}
```

Note: This is the only request that should be performed by the child. The parent should perform all other requests when the child is in a stopped state.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

ESRCH

Process is debugged by a process that is not its parent.

PT_WRITE_BLOCK

This request writes a block of data into the debugged process address space. The *Address* parameter points to the location in the process address space to be written into. The *Data* parameter gives the length of the block in bytes, and must not be greater than 1024. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter points to the location in the debugging process address space where the data is copied. Upon successful completion, the value of the *Data* parameter is returned to the debugging process.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to one of the following codes:

EIO The *Data* parameter is less than 1 or greater than 1024.

EIO The *Address* parameter is not a valid pointer into the debugged process address space.

EFAULT

The *Buffer* parameter does not point to a readable location in the debugging process address space.

Note: For the **PT_WRITE_BLOCK** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with the 64-bit debuggee because 64-bit registers requiring 256 bytes are returned.

PT_WRITE_FPR

This request sets the floating-point register specified by the *Data* parameter to the value specified by the *Address* parameter. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter is ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The *Data* parameter is not a valid floating-point register. The *Data* parameter must be in the range 256-287.

PTT_WRITE_FPRS

This request updates the contents of the 32 floating point registers with the values specified in the area designated by the *Address* parameter. This area must be at least 256 bytes long. The *Identifier* parameter specifies the traced kernel thread. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

PT_WRITE_GPR

This request stores the value of the *Data* parameter in one of the process general-purpose or special-purpose registers. The *Address* parameter specifies the register to be modified. Upon successful completion, the value of the *Data* parameter is returned to the debugging process. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter is ignored.

Note: If **ptracex** or **ptrace64** are used with a 64-bit debuggee for the **PT_WRITE_GPR** request, the new register value is NOT passed via the *Data* parameter, but is instead passed via the 8-byte area pointed to by the buffer parameter.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The *Address* parameter is not a valid general-purpose or special-purpose register. The *Address* parameter must be in the range 0-31 or 128-136.

PTT_WRITE_GPRS

This request updates the contents of the 32 general purpose registers with the values specified in the area designated by the *Address* parameter. This area must be at least 128 bytes long. The *Identifier* parameter specifies the traced kernel thread. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

Note: For the **PTT_WRITE_GPRS** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with the 64-bit debuggee because 64-bit registers requiring 256 bytes are returned. The buffer points to long long source area.

PT_WRITE_I or PT_WRITE_D

These requests write the value of the *Data* parameter into the address space of the debugged process at the word-aligned address specified by the *Address* parameter. On all machines currently supported by AIX Version 4, instruction and data address spaces are not separated. The **PT_WRITE_I** and **PT_WRITE_D** instruction and data requests can be used with equal results. Upon successful completion, the value written into the address

space of the debugged process is returned to the debugging process. The *Identifier* parameter is interpreted as the process ID of the traced process. The *Buffer* parameter is ignored.

If this request is unsuccessful, -1 is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to the following code:

EIO The *Address* parameter points to a location in a pure procedure space and a copy cannot be made; the *Address* is not word-aligned; or, the *Address* is not valid. User blocks, kernel segments, and kernel extension segments are not considered valid addresses.

Note: For the or **PT_WRITE_I** or **PT_WRITE_D** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with a 64-bit debuggee because the target address needs 64 bits.

PTT_WRITE_SPRS

This request updates the special purpose registers with the values in the area specified by the *Address* parameter, which points to a **ptsprs** structure. The *Identifier* parameter specifies the traced kernel thread. The *Data* and *Buffer* parameters are ignored.

Identifier

Determined by the value of the *Request* parameter.

Address

Determined by the value of the *Request* parameter.

Data

Determined by the value of the *Request* parameter.

Buffer

Determined by the value of the *Request* parameter.

Note: For the **PTT_READ_SPRS** request, use **ptracex** or **ptrace64** with the 64-bit debuggee because the new **ptxsprs** structure must be used.

Error Codes

The **ptrace** subroutine is unsuccessful when one of the following is true:

- EFAULT** The *Buffer* parameter points to a location outside the debugging process address space.
- EINVAL** The debugger and the traced process are the same; or the *Identifier* parameter does not identify the thread that caused the exception.
- EIO** The *Request* parameter is not one of the values listed, or the *Request* parameter is not valid for the machine type on which the process is executed.
- ENOMEM** Either the area is not large enough to accommodate the loader information, or there is not enough memory to allocate an equivalent buffer in the kernel.
- EPERM** The *Identifier* parameter corresponds to a kernel thread which is stopped in kernel mode and whose computational state cannot be read or written.
- ESRCH** The *Identifier* parameter identifies a process or thread that does not exist, that has not executed a **ptrace** call with the **PT_TRACE_ME** request, or that is not stopped.

For **ptrace**: If the debuggee is a 64-bit process, the options that refer to GPRs or SPRs fail with **errno** = **EIO**, and the options that specify addresses are limited to 32-bits.

For **ptracex** or **ptrace64**: If the debuggee is a 32-bit process, the options that refer to GPRs or SPRs fail with **errno** = **EIO**, and the options that specify addresses in the debuggee's address space that are larger than $2^{32} - 1$ fail with **errno** set to **EIO**.

Also, the options **PT_READ_U** and **PT_WRITE_U** are not supported if the debuggee is a 64-bit program (errno = **ENOTSUP**).

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec** (“exec: execl, execl, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **getprocs** (“getprocs Subroutine” on page 338) subroutine, **getthrds** (“getthrds Subroutine” on page 360) subroutine, **load** (“load Subroutine” on page 491) subroutine, **sigaction** subroutine, **unload** subroutine, **wait**, **waitpid**, or **wait3** subroutine.

The **dbx** command.

ptsname Subroutine

Purpose

Returns the name of a pseudo-terminal device.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
char *ptsname ( FileDescriptor )  
int FileDescriptor
```

Description

The **ptsname** subroutine gets the path name of the slave pseudo-terminal associated with the master pseudo-terminal device defined by the *FileDescriptor* parameter.

Parameters

FileDescriptor Specifies the file descriptor of the master pseudo-terminal device

Return Values

The **ptsname** subroutine returns a pointer to a string containing the null-terminated path name of the pseudo-terminal device associated with the file descriptor specified by the *FileDescriptor* parameter. A null pointer is returned and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error if the file descriptor does not describe a pseudo-terminal device in the **/dev** directory.

Files

/dev/* Terminal device special files.

Related Information

The **ttyname** subroutine.

putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine

Purpose

Writes a character or a word to a stream.

Library

Standard I/O Package (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int putc ( Character, Stream)
int Character;
FILE *Stream;
```

```
int putchar (Character)
int Character;
```

```
int fputc (Character, Stream)
int Character;
FILE *Stream;
```

```
int putw ( Word, Stream)
int Word;
FILE *Stream;
```

Description

The **putc** and **putchar** macros write a character or word to a stream. The **fputc** and **putw** subroutines serve similar purposes but are true subroutines.

The **putc** macro writes the character *Character* (converted to an **unsigned char** data type) to the output specified by the *Stream* parameter. The character is written at the position at which the file pointer is currently pointing, if defined.

The **putchar** macro is the same as the **putc** macro except that **putchar** writes to the standard output.

The **fputc** subroutine works the same as the **putc** macro, but **fputc** is a true subroutine rather than a macro. It runs more slowly than **putc**, but takes less space per invocation.

Because **putc** is implemented as a macro, it incorrectly treats a *Stream* parameter with side effects, such as **putc(C, *f++)**. For such cases, use the **fputc** subroutine instead. Also, use **fputc** whenever you need to pass a pointer to this subroutine as a parameter to another subroutine.

The **putc** and **putchar** macros have also been implemented as subroutines for ANSI compatibility. To access the subroutines instead of the macros, insert **#undef putc** or **#undef putchar** at the beginning of the source file.

The **putw** subroutine writes the word (**int** data type) specified by the *Word* parameter to the output specified by the *Stream* parameter. The word is written at the position at which the file pointer, if defined,

is pointing. The size of a word is the size of an integer and varies from machine to machine. The **putw** subroutine does not assume or cause special alignment of the data in the file.

After the **fputcw**, **putcw**, **fputc**, **putc**, **fputs**, **puts**, or **putw** subroutine runs successfully, and before the next successful completion of a call either to the **fflush** or **fclose** subroutine on the same stream or to the **exit** or **abort** subroutine, the `st_ctime` and `st_mtime` fields of the file are marked for update.

Because of possible differences in word length and byte ordering, files written using the **putw** subroutine are machine-dependent, and may not be readable using the **getw** subroutine on a different processor.

With the exception of **stderr**, output streams are, by default, buffered if they refer to files, or line-buffered if they refer to terminals. The standard error output stream, **stderr**, is unbuffered by default, but using the **freopen** subroutine causes it to become buffered or line-buffered. Use the **setbuf** subroutine to change the stream buffering strategy.

When an output stream is unbuffered, information is queued for writing on the destination file or terminal as soon as it is written. When an output stream is buffered, many characters are saved and written as a block. When an output stream is line-buffered, each line of output is queued for writing on the destination terminal as soon as the line is completed (that is, as soon as a new-line character is written or terminal input is requested).

Parameters

<i>Stream</i>	Points to the file structure of an open file.
<i>Character</i>	Specifies a character to be written.
<i>Word</i>	Specifies a word to be written (not portable because word length and byte-ordering are machine-dependent).

Return Values

Upon successful completion, these functions each return the value written. If these functions fail, they return the constant **EOF**. They fail if the *Stream* parameter is not open for writing, or if the output file size cannot be increased. Because the **EOF** value is a valid integer, you should use the **ferror** subroutine to detect **putw** errors.

Error Codes

The **fputc** subroutine will fail if either the *Stream* is unbuffered or the *Stream* buffer needs to be flushed, and:

EAGAIN	The O_NONBLOCK flag is set for the file descriptor underlying <i>Stream</i> and the process would be delayed in the write operation.
EBADF	The file descriptor underlying <i>Stream</i> is not a valid file descriptor open for writing.
EFBIG	An attempt was made to write a file that exceeds the file size of the process limit or the maximum file size.
EFBIG	The file is a regular file and an attempt was made to write at or beyond the offset maximum.
EINTR	The write operation was terminated due to the receipt of a signal, and either no data was transferred or the implementation does not report partial transfers for this file.
	Note: Depending upon which library routine the application binds to, this subroutine may return EINTR . Refer to the signal Subroutine regarding sa_restart .
EIO	A physical I/O error has occurred, or the process is a member of a background process group attempting to perform a write subroutine to its controlling terminal, the TOSTOP flag is set, the process is neither ignoring nor blocking the SIGTTOU signal and the process group of the process is orphaned. This error may also be returned under implementation-dependent conditions.
ENOSPC	There was no free space remaining on the device containing the file.

EPIPE An attempt is made to write to a pipe or first-in-first-out (FIFO) that is not open for reading by any process. A **SIGPIPE** signal will also be sent to the process.

The **fputc** subroutine may fail if:

ENOMEM Insufficient storage space is available.

ENXIO A request was made of a nonexistent device, or the request was outside the capabilities of the device.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fclose** or **fflush** (“fclose or fflush Subroutine” on page 208) subroutine, **feof**, **ferror**, **clearerr**, or **fileno** (“feof, ferror, clearerr, or fileno Macro” on page 217) subroutine, **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fread** or **fwrite** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **getc**, **fgetc**, **getchar**, or **getw** (“getc, getchar, fgetc, or getw Subroutine” on page 284) subroutine, **getwc**, **fgetwc**, or **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **printf**, **fprintf**, **sprintf**, **NLprintf**, **NLfprintf**, **NLsprintf**, or **wsprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, wsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **putc**, **fputc**, or **putwchar** (“putc, putwchar, or fputc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **puts** or **fputs** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **setbuf** subroutine.

putenv Subroutine

Purpose

Sets an environment variable.

Library

Standard C Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

```
int putenv ( String )
char *String;
```

Description

Attention: Unpredictable results can occur if a subroutine passes the **putenv** subroutine a pointer to an automatic variable and then returns while the variable is still part of the environment.

The **putenv** subroutine sets the value of an environment variable by altering an existing variable or by creating a new one. The *String* parameter points to a string of the form *Name=Value*, where *Name* is the environment variable and *Value* is the new value for it.

The memory space pointed to by the *String* parameter becomes part of the environment, so that altering the string effectively changes part of the environment. The space is no longer used after the value of the environment variable is changed by calling the **putenv** subroutine again. Also, after the **putenv** subroutine is called, environment variables are not necessarily in alphabetical order.

The **putenv** subroutine manipulates the **environ** external variable and can be used in conjunction with the **getenv** subroutine. However, the *EnvironmentPointer* parameter, the third parameter to the main subroutine, is not changed.

The **putenv** subroutine uses the **malloc** subroutine to enlarge the environment.

Parameters

String A pointer to the *Name=Value* string.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, a value of 0 is returned. If the **malloc** subroutine is unable to obtain sufficient space to expand the environment, then the **putenv** subroutine returns a nonzero value.

Implementation Specifics

This subroutine is part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **exec**: **execl**, **execv**, **execle**, **execlp**, **execvp**, or **exec** (“exec: execl, execle, execlp, execv, execve, execvp, or exec Subroutine” on page 193) subroutine, **getenv** (“getenv Subroutine” on page 298) subroutine, **malloc** (“malloc, free, realloc, calloc, mallopt, mallinfo, alloca, or valloc Subroutine” on page 528) subroutine.

puts or fputs Subroutine

Purpose

Writes a string to a stream.

Library

Standard I/O Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int puts ( String )
const char *String;
```

```
int fputs ( String, Stream )
const char *String;
FILE *Stream;
```

Description

The **puts** subroutine writes the string pointed to by the *String* parameter to the standard output stream, **stdout**, and appends a new-line character to the output.

The **fputs** subroutine writes the null-terminated string pointed to by the *String* parameter to the output stream specified by the *Stream* parameter. The **fputs** subroutine does not append a new-line character.

Neither subroutine writes the terminating null character.

After the **fputwc**, **putwc**, **fputc**, **fputs**, **puts**, or **putw** subroutine runs successfully, and before the next successful completion of a call either to the **fflush** or **fclose** subroutine on the same stream or a call to the **exit** or **abort** subroutine, the *st_ctime* and *st_mtime* fields of the file are marked for update.

Parameters

String Points to a string to be written to output.
Stream Points to the **FILE** structure of an open file.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **puts** and **fputs** subroutines return the number of characters written. Otherwise, both subroutines return **EOF**, set an error indicator for the stream and set the **errno** global variable to indicate the error. This happens if the routines try to write to a file that has not been opened for writing.

Error Codes

If the **puts** or **fputs** subroutine is unsuccessful because the output stream specified by the *Stream* parameter is unbuffered or the buffer needs to be flushed, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EAGAIN Indicates that the **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set for the file descriptor specified by the *Stream* parameter and the process would be delayed in the write operation.
EBADF Indicates that the file descriptor specified by the *Stream* parameter is not a valid file descriptor open for writing.
EFBIG Indicates that an attempt was made to write to a file that exceeds the process' file size limit or the systemwide maximum file size.
EINTR Indicates that the write operation was terminated due to receipt of a signal and no data was transferred.

Note: Depending upon which library routine the application binds to, this subroutine may return **EINTR**. Refer to the **signal** subroutine regarding the **SA_RESTART** bit.

EIO Indicates that the process is a member of a background process group attempting to perform a write to its controlling terminal, the **TOSTOP** flag is set, the process is neither ignoring or blocking the **SIGTTOU** signal, and the process group of the process has no parent process.
ENOSPC Indicates that there was no free space remaining on the device containing the file specified by the *Stream* parameter.
EPIPE Indicates that an attempt is made to write to a pipe or first-in-first-out (FIFO) that is not open for reading by any process. A **SIGPIPE** signal will also be sent to the process.
ENOMEM Indicates that insufficient storage space is available.
ENXIO Indicates that a request was made of a nonexistent device, or the request was outside the capabilities of the device.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

The **fopen**, **freopen**, or **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fread**, or **fwrite** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **gets** or **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **getws** or **fgetws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387) subroutine, **printf**, **fprintf**, and **sprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **putc**, **putchar**, **fputc**, or **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **putwc**, **putwchar**, or **fputwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **putws** or **fputws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine.

The **feof**, **feofr**, **clearerr**, or **fileno** (“feof, feofr, clearerr, or fileno Macro” on page 217) macros.

List of String Manipulation Services.

putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine

Purpose

Writes a character or a word to a stream.

Library

Standard I/O Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
wint_t putwc( Character, Stream)
```

```
wint_t Character;
```

```
FILE *Stream;
```

```
wint_t putwchar(Character)
```

```
wint_t Character;
```

```
wint_t fputwc(Character, Stream)
```

```
wint_t Character;
```

```
FILE Stream;
```

Description

The **putwc** subroutine writes the wide character specified by the *Character* parameter to the output stream pointed to by the *Stream* parameter. The wide character is written as a multibyte character at the associated file position indicator for the stream, if defined. The subroutine then advances the indicator. If the file cannot support positioning requests, or if the stream was opened with append mode, the character is appended to the output stream.

The **putwchar** subroutine works like the **putwc** subroutine, except that **putwchar** writes the specified wide character to the standard output.

The **fputwc** subroutine works the same as the **putwc** subroutine.

Output streams, with the exception of **stderr**, are buffered by default if they refer to files, or line-buffered if they refer to terminals. The standard error output stream, **stderr**, is unbuffered by default, but using the **freopen** subroutine causes it to become buffered or line-buffered. Use the **setbuf** subroutine to change the stream's buffering strategy.

After the **fputwc**, **putwc**, **fputc**, **putc**, **fputs**, **puts**, or **putw** subroutine runs successfully, and before the next successful completion of a call either to the **fflush** or **fclose** subroutine on the same stream or to the **exit** or **abort** subroutine, the *st_ctime* and *st_mtime* fields of the file are marked for update.

Parameters

<i>Character</i>	Specifies a wide character of type wint_t .
<i>Stream</i>	Specifies a stream of output data.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **putwc**, **putwchar**, and **fputwc** subroutines return the wide character that is written. Otherwise **WEOF** is returned, the error indicator for the stream is set, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

If the **putwc**, **putwchar**, or **fputwc** subroutine fails because the stream is not buffered or data in the buffer needs to be written, it returns one or more of the following error codes:

EAGAIN	Indicates that the O_NONBLOCK flag is set for the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter, delaying the process during the write operation.
EBADF	Indicates that the file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is not valid and cannot be updated during the write operation.
EFBIG	Indicates that the process attempted to write to a file that already equals or exceeds the file-size limit for the process. The file is a regular file and an attempt was made to write at or beyond the offset maximum associated with the corresponding stream.
EILSEQ	Indicates that the wide-character code does not correspond to a valid character.
EINTR	Indicates that the process has received a signal that terminates the read operation.
EIO	Indicates that the process is in a background process group attempting to perform a write operation to its controlling terminal. The TOSTOP flag is set, the process is not ignoring or blocking the SIGTTOU flag, and the process group of the process is orphaned.
ENOMEM	Insufficient storage space is available.
ENOSPC	Indicates that no free space remains on the device containing the file.
ENXIO	Indicates a request was made of a non-existent device, or the request was outside the capabilities of the device.
EPIPE	Indicates that the process has attempted to write to a pipe or first-in-first-out (FIFO) that is not open for reading. The process will also receive a SIGPIPE signal.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Other wide character I/O subroutines: **fgetwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **fgetws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387) subroutine, **fputws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine, **getwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **getws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387) subroutine, **putws** (“putws or fputws Subroutine” on page 876) subroutine, **ungetwc** subroutine.

Related standard I/O subroutines: **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **fopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **fputc** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **fputs** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **fread** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **freopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fwrite** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **gets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **printf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **putc** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **putchar** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **puts** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **sprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine.

putws or fputws Subroutine

Purpose

Writes a wide-character string to a stream.

Library

Standard I/O Library (**libc.a**)

Syntax

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

```
int putws ( String )  
const wchar_t *String;
```

```
int fputws (String, Stream)  
const wchar_t *String;  
FILE *Stream;
```

Description

The **putws** subroutine writes the **const wchar_t** string pointed to by the *String* parameter to the standard output stream (**stdout**) as a multibyte character string and appends a new-line character to the output. In all other respects, the **putws** subroutine functions like the **puts** subroutine.

The **fputws** subroutine writes the **const wchar_t** string pointed to by the *String* parameter to the output stream as a multibyte character string. In all other respects, the **fputws** subroutine functions like the **fputs** subroutine.

After the **putws** or **fputws** subroutine runs successfully, and before the next successful completion of a call to the **fflush** or **fclose** subroutine on the same stream or a call to the **exit** or **abort** subroutine, the *st_ctime* and *st_mtime* fields of the file are marked for update.

Parameters

String Points to a string to be written to output.
Stream Points to the **FILE** structure of an open file.

Return Values

Upon successful completion, the **putws** and **fputws** subroutines return a nonnegative number. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned, and the **errno** global variable is set to indicate the error.

Error Codes

The **putws** or **fputws** subroutine is unsuccessful if the stream is not buffered or data in the buffer needs to be written, and one of the following errors occur:

EAGAIN The **O_NONBLOCK** flag is set for the file descriptor underlying the *Stream* parameter, which delays the process during the write operation.

EBADF	The file descriptor underlying the <i>Stream</i> parameter is not valid and cannot be updated during the write operation.
EFBIG	The process attempted to write to a file that already equals or exceeds the file-size limit for the process.
EINTR	The process has received a signal that terminates the read operation.
EIO	The process is in a background process group attempting to perform a write operation to its controlling terminal. The TOSTOP flag is set, the process is not ignoring or blocking the SIGTTOU flag, and the process group of the process is orphaned.
ENOSPC	No free space remains on the device containing the file.
EPIPE	The process has attempted to write to a pipe or first-in-first-out (FIFO) that is not open for reading. The process also receives a SIGPIPE signal.
EILSEQ	The wc wide-character code does not correspond to a valid character.

Implementation Specifics

These subroutines are part of Base Operating System (BOS) Runtime.

Related Information

Other wide-character I/O subroutines: **fgetwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **fgetws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387) subroutine, **fputwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **getwc** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **getwchar** (“getwc, fgetwc, or getwchar Subroutine” on page 385) subroutine, **getws** (“getws or fgetws Subroutine” on page 387) subroutine, **putwc** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **putwchar** (“putwc, putwchar, or fputwc Subroutine” on page 874) subroutine, **ungetwc** subroutine.

Related standard I/O subroutines: **fdopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fgets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **fopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **fputc** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **fputs** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **fread** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **freopen** (“fopen, fopen64, freopen, freopen64 or fdopen Subroutine” on page 230) subroutine, **fwrite** (“fread or fwrite Subroutine” on page 252) subroutine, **gets** (“gets or fgets Subroutine” on page 353) subroutine, **printf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine, **putc** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **putchar** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **puts** (“puts or fputs Subroutine” on page 872) subroutine, **putw** (“putc, putchar, fputc, or putw Subroutine” on page 869) subroutine, **sprintf** (“printf, fprintf, sprintf, vsprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, or vwsprintf Subroutine” on page 746) subroutine.

National Language Support Overview for Programming, Subroutines Overview, Understanding Wide Character Input/Output Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

pwdrestrict_method Subroutine

Purpose

Defines loadable password restriction methods.

Library

Syntax

```
int pwdrestrict_method (UserName, NewPassword, OldPassword, Message)
char * UserName;
```



```
char * NewPassword;  
char * OldPassword;  
char ** Message;
```

Description

The **pwdrestrict_method** subroutine extends the capability of the password restrictions software and lets an administrator enforce password restrictions that are not provided by the system software.

Whenever users change their passwords, the system software scans the **pwdchecks** attribute defined for that user for site specific restrictions. Since this attribute field can contain load module file names, for example, methods, it is possible for the administrator to write and install code that enforces site specific password restrictions.

The system evaluates the **pwdchecks** attribute's value field in a left to right order. For each method that the system encounters, the system loads and invokes that method. The system uses the **load** subroutine to load methods. It invokes the **load** subroutine with a *Flags* value of **1** and a *LibraryPath* value of */usr/lib*. Once the method is loaded, the system invokes the method.

To create a loadable module, use the **-e** flag of the **ld** command. Note that the name **pwdrestrict_method** given in the syntax is a generic name. The actual subroutine name can be anything (within the compiler's name space) except **main**. What is important is, that for whatever name you choose, you must inform the **ld** command of the name so that the **load** subroutine uses that name as the entry point into the module. In the following example, the C compiler compiles the **pwdrestrict.c** file and pass **-e pwdrestrict_method** to the **ld** command to create the method called **pwdrestrict**:

```
cc -e pwdrestrict_method -o pwdrestrict pwdrestrict.c
```

The convention of all password restriction methods is to pass back messages to the invoking subroutine. Do not print messages to stdout or stderr. This feature allows the password restrictions software to work across network connections where stdout and stderr are not valid. Note that messages must be returned in dynamically allocated memory to the invoking program. The invoking program will deallocate the memory once it is done with the memory.

There are many caveats that go along with loadable subroutine modules:

1. The values for *NewPassword* and *OldPassword* are the actual clear text passwords typed in by the user. If you copy these passwords into other parts of memory, clear those memory locations before returning back to the invoking program. This helps to prevent clear text passwords from showing up in core dumps. Also, do not copy these passwords into a file or anywhere else that another program can access. Clear text passwords should never exist outside of the process space.
2. Do not modify the current settings of the process' signal handlers.
3. Do not call any functions that will terminate the execution of the program (for example, the **exit** subroutine, the **exec** subroutine). Always return to the invoking program.
4. The code must be thread-safe.
5. The actual load module must be kept in a write protected environment. The load module and directory should be writable only by the root user.

One last note, all standard password restrictions are performed before any of the site specific methods are invoked. Thus, methods are the last restrictions to be enforced by the system.

Parameters

<i>UserName</i>	Specifies a "local" user name.
<i>NewPassword</i>	Specifies the new password in clear text (not encrypted). This value may be a NULL pointer. Clear text passwords are always in 7 bit ASCII.

<i>OldPassword</i>	Specifies the current password in clear text (not encrypted). This value may be a NULL pointer. Clear text passwords are always in 7 bit ASCII.
<i>Message</i>	Specifies the address of a pointer to malloc 'ed memory containing an NLS error message. The method is expected to supply the malloc 'ed memory and the message.

Return Values

The method is expected to return the following values. The return values are listed in order of precedence.

- 1 Internal error. The method could not perform its password evaluation. The method must set the **errno** variable. The method must supply an error message in *Message* unless it can't allocate memory for the message. If it cannot allocate memory, then it must return the NULL pointer in *Message*.
- 1 Failure. The password change did not meet the requirements of the restriction. The password restriction was properly evaluated and the password change was not accepted. The method must supply an error message in *Message*. The **errno** variable is ignored. Note that composition failures are cumulative, thus, even though a failure condition is returned, trailing composition methods will be invoked.
- 0 Success. The password change met the requirements of the restriction. If necessary, the method may supply a message in *Message*; otherwise, return the NULL pointer. The **errno** variable is ignored.

Appendix A. Base Operating System Error Codes for Services That Require Path-Name Resolution

The following errors apply to any service that requires path name resolution:

EACCES	Search permission is denied on a component of the path prefix.
EFAULT	The <i>Path</i> parameter points outside of the allocated address space of the process.
EIO	An I/O error occurred during the operation.
ELOOP	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the <i>Path</i> parameter.
ENAMETOOLONG	A component of a path name exceeded 255 characters and the process has the DisallowTruncation attribute (see the ulimit subroutine) or an entire path name exceeded 1023 characters.
ENOENT	A component of the path prefix does not exist.
ENOENT	A symbolic link was named, but the file to which it refers does not exist.
ENOENT	The path name is null.
ENOTDIR	A component of the path prefix is not a directory.
ESTALE	The root or current directory of the process is located in a virtual file system that is unmounted.

Related Information

List of File and Directory Manipulation Services.

Appendix B. ODM Error Codes

When an ODM subroutine is unsuccessful, a value of -1 is returned and the **odmerrno** variable is set to one of the following values:

ODMI_BAD_CLASSNAME	The specified object class name does not match the object class name in the file. Check path name and permissions.
ODMI_BAD_CLXNNAME	The specified collection name does not match the collection name in the file.
ODMI_BAD_CRIT	The specified search criteria is incorrectly formed. Make sure the criteria contains only valid descriptor names and the search values are correct. For information on qualifying criteria, see "Understanding ODM Object Searches" in <i>AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs</i> .
ODMI_BAD_LOCK	Cannot set a lock on the file. Check path name and permissions.
ODMI_BAD_TIMEOUT	The time-out value was not valid. It must be a positive integer.
ODMI_BAD_TOKEN	Cannot create or open the lock file. Check path name and permissions.
ODMI_CLASS_DNE	The specified object class does not exist. Check path name and permissions.
ODMI_CLASS_EXISTS	The specified object class already exists. An object class must not exist when it is created.
ODMI_CLASS_PERMS	The object class cannot be opened because of the file permissions.
ODMI_CLXNMAGICNO_ERR	The specified collection is not a valid object class collection.
ODMI_FORK	Cannot fork the child process. Make sure the child process is executable and try again.
ODMI_INTERNAL_ERR	An internal consistency problem occurred. Make sure the object class is valid or contact the person responsible for the system.
ODMI_INVALID_CLASS	The specified file is not an object class.
ODMI_INVALID_CLXN	Either the specified collection is not a valid object class collection or the collection does not contain consistent data.
ODMI_INVALID_PATH	The specified path does not exist on the file system. Make sure the path is accessible.
ODMI_LINK_NOT_FOUND	The object class that is accessed could not be opened. Make sure the linked object class is accessible.
ODMI_LOCK_BLOCKED	Cannot grant the lock. Another process already has the lock.
ODMI_LOCK_ENV	Cannot retrieve or set the lock environment variable. Remove some environment variables and try again.
ODMI_LOCK_ID	The lock identifier does not refer to a valid lock. The lock identifier must be the same as what was returned from the odm_lock ("odm_lock Subroutine" on page 621) subroutine.
ODMI_MAGICNO_ERR	The class symbol does not identify a valid object class.
ODMI_MALLOC_ERR	Cannot allocate sufficient storage. Try again later or contact the person responsible for the system.
ODMI_NO_OBJECT	The specified object identifier did not refer to a valid object.
ODMI_OPEN_ERR	Cannot open the object class. Check path name and permissions.
ODMI_OPEN_PIPE	Cannot open a pipe to a child process. Make sure the child process is executable and try again.
ODMI_PARAMS	The parameters passed to the subroutine were not correct. Make sure there are the correct number of parameters and that they are valid.
ODMI_READ_ONLY	The specified object class is opened as read-only and cannot be modified.
ODMI_READ_PIPE	Cannot read from the pipe of the child process. Make sure the child process is executable and try again.
ODMI_TOOMANYCLASSES	Too many object classes have been accessed. An application can only access less than 1024 object classes.
ODMI_UNLINKCLASS_ERR	Cannot remove the object class from the file system. Check path name and permissions.
ODMI_UNLINKCLXN_ERR	Cannot remove the object class collection from the file system. Check path name and permissions.

ODMI_UNLOCK

Cannot unlock the lock file. Make sure the lock file exists.

Related Information

List of ODM Commands and Subroutines in *AIX 5L Version 5.1 General Programming Concepts: Writing and Debugging Programs*.

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