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Linux Programmer's Manual

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NAME

**confstr** - get configuration dependent string variables

## SYNOPSIS

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

```
size_t confstr(int name, char *buf, size_t len);
```

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## DESCRIPTION

`confstr()` gets the value of configuration-dependent string variables.

The `name` argument is the system variable to be queried. The following variables are sup?

ported:

CS GNU LIBC VERSION (GNU C library only: since glibc 2.3.2)

A string which identifies the GNU C library version on this system (e.g., "glibc 2.3.4").

`_CS_GNU_LIBPTHREAD_VERSION` (GNU C library only; since glibc 2.3.2)

A string which identifies the POSIX implementation supplied by this C library (e.g., "NPTL 2.3.4" or "linuxthreads-0.10").

\_CS\_PATH

A value for the PATH variable which indicates where all the POSIX.2 standard utilities can be found.

If `buf` is not `NULL` and `len` is not zero, `confstr()` copies the value of the string to `buf` truncated to `len - 1` bytes if necessary, with a null byte ('`\0`') as terminator. This can

be detected by comparing the return value of `confstr()` against `len`.

If `len` is zero and `buf` is `NULL`, `confstr()` just returns the value as defined below.

## RETURN VALUE

If `name` is a valid configuration variable, `confstr()` returns the number of bytes (including the terminating null byte) that would be required to hold the entire value of that variable. This value may be greater than `len`, which means that the value in `buf` is truncated.

If `name` is a valid configuration variable, but that variable does not have a value, then `confstr()` returns 0. If `name` does not correspond to a valid configuration variable, `confstr()` returns 0, and `errno` is set to `EINVAL`.

## ERRORS

`EINVAL` The value of `name` is invalid.

## ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see `attributes(7)`.

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?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

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?`confstr()` ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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## CONFORMING TO

`POSIX.1-2001`, `POSIX.1-2008`.

## EXAMPLES

The following code fragment determines the path where to find the `POSIX.2` system utilities:

```
char *pathbuf;
size_t n;
n = confstr(_CS_PATH, NULL, (size_t) 0);
pathbuf = malloc(n);
if (pathbuf == NULL)
    abort();
confstr(_CS_PATH, pathbuf, n);
```

## SEE ALSO

`getconf(1)`, `sh(1)`, `exec(3)`, `fpathconf(3)`, `pathconf(3)`, `sysconf(3)`, `system(3)`

## COLOPHON

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