



Full credit is given to the above companies including the Operating System (OS) that this PDF file was generated!

Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'inotify_init1.2'

```
$ man inotify init1.2
```

INOTIFY_INIT(2)

Linux Programmer's Manual

INOTIFY INIT(2)

NAME

`inotify_init`, `inotify_init1` - initialize an inotify instance

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/inotify.h>  
  
int inotify_init(void);  
  
int inotify_init1(int flags);
```

DESCRIPTION

For an overview of the inotify API, see [inotify\(7\)](#).

`inotify_init()` initializes a new inotify instance and returns a file descriptor associated with a new inotify event queue.

If flags is 0, then inotify_init1() is the same as inotify_init(). The following values can be bitwise ORed in flags to obtain different behavior:

IN NONBLOCK

Set the O_NONBLOCK file status flag on the open file description (see `open(2)`) referred to by the new file descriptor. Using this flag saves extra calls to `fcntl(2)` to achieve the same result.

IN CLOEXEC

Set the close-on-exec (FD_CLOEXEC) flag on the new file descriptor. See the description of the O_CLOEXEC flag in open(2) for reasons why this may be useful.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these system calls return a new file descriptor. On error, -1 is returned, and errno is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

EINVAL (inotify_init1()) An invalid value was specified in flags.

EMFILE The user limit on the total number of inotify instances has been reached.

EMFILE The per-process limit on the number of open file descriptors has been reached.

ENFILE The system-wide limit on the total number of open files has been reached.

ENOMEM Insufficient kernel memory is available.

VERSIONS

inotify_init() first appeared in Linux 2.6.13; library support was added to glibc in version 2.4. inotify_init1() was added in Linux 2.6.27; library support was added to glibc in version 2.9.

CONFORMING TO

These system calls are Linux-specific.

SEE ALSO

inotify_add_watch(2), inotify_rm_watch(2), inotify(7)

COLOPHON

This page is part of release 5.10 of the Linux man-pages project. A description of the project, information about reporting bugs, and the latest version of this page, can be found at <https://www.kernel.org/doc/man-pages/>.