



Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'on_exit.3'

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ON_EXIT(3) Linux Programmer's Manual ON_EXIT(3)

NAME

on_exit - register a function to be called at normal process termination

SYNOPSIS

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

```
int on_exit(void (*function)(int , void *), void *arg);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature_test_macros(7)):

on_exit():

Since glibc 2.19:

```
_DEFAULT_SOURCE
```

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

```
_BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The `on_exit()` function registers the given function to be called at normal process termination, whether via `exit(3)` or via return from the program's `main()`. The function is passed the status argument given to the last call to `exit(3)` and the `arg` argument from `on_exit()`.

The same function may be registered multiple times: it is called once for each registration.

When a child process is created via `fork(2)`, it inherits copies of its parent's registrations. Upon a successful call to one of the `exec(3)` functions, all registrations are removed.

RETURN VALUE

The `on_exit()` function returns the value 0 if successful; otherwise it returns a nonzero value.

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

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CONFORMING TO

This function comes from SunOS 4, but is also present in `glibc`. It no longer occurs in Solaris (SunOS 5). Portable application should avoid this function, and use the standard `atexit(3)` instead.

NOTES

By the time function is executed, stack (auto) variables may already have gone out of scope. Therefore, `arg` should not be a pointer to a stack variable; it may however be a pointer to a heap variable or a global variable.

SEE ALSO

`_exit(2)`, `atexit(3)`, `exit(3)`

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