



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

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SYNOPSIS

Linux system calls.

DESCRIPTION

The `system` call is the fundamental interface between an application and the Linux kernel.

System calls and library wrapper functions

System calls are generally not invoked directly, but rather via wrapper functions in `glibc` (or perhaps some other library). For details of direct invocation of a system call, see `intro(2)`. Often, but not always, the name of the wrapper function is the same as the name of the system call that it invokes. For example, `glibc` contains a function `chdir()` which invokes the underlying "chdir" system call.

Often the `glibc` wrapper function is quite thin, doing little work other than copying arguments to the right registers before invoking the system call, and then setting `errno` appropriately after the system call has returned. (These are the same steps that are performed by `syscall(2)`, which can be used to invoke system calls for which no wrapper function is provided.) Note: system calls indicate a failure by returning a negative error number to the caller on architectures without a separate error register/flag, as noted in `syscall(2)`; when this happens, the wrapper function negates the returned error number (to make it positive), copies it to `er?`

no, and returns -1 to the caller of the wrapper.

Sometimes, however, the wrapper function does some extra work before invoking the system call. For example, nowadays there are (for reasons described below) two related system calls, `truncate(2)` and `truncate64(2)`, and the glibc `truncate()` wrapper function checks which of those system calls are provided by the kernel and determines which should be employed.

System call list

Below is a list of the Linux system calls. In the list, the Kernel column indicates the kernel version for those system calls that were new in Linux 2.2, or have appeared since that kernel version. Note the following points:

- * Where no kernel version is indicated, the system call appeared in kernel 1.0 or earlier.
- * Where a system call is marked "1.2" this means the system call probably appeared in a 1.1.x kernel version, and first appeared in a stable kernel with 1.2. (Development of the 1.2 kernel was initiated from a branch of kernel 1.0.6 via the 1.1.x unstable kernel series.)
- * Where a system call is marked "2.0" this means the system call probably appeared in a 1.3.x kernel version, and first appeared in a stable kernel with 2.0. (Development of the 2.0 kernel was initiated from a branch of kernel 1.2.x, somewhere around 1.2.10, via the 1.3.x unstable kernel series.)
- * Where a system call is marked "2.2" this means the system call probably appeared in a 2.1.x kernel version, and first appeared in a stable kernel with 2.2.0. (Development of the 2.2 kernel was initiated from a branch of kernel 2.0.21 via the 2.1.x unstable kernel series.)
- * Where a system call is marked "2.4" this means the system call probably appeared in a 2.3.x kernel version, and first appeared in a stable kernel with 2.4.0. (Development of the 2.4 kernel was initiated from a branch of kernel 2.2.8 via the 2.3.x unstable kernel series.)
- * Where a system call is marked "2.6" this means the system call probably appeared in a 2.5.x kernel version, and first appeared in a stable kernel with 2.6.0. (Development of kernel 2.6 was initiated from a branch of kernel 2.4.15 via the 2.5.x unstable kernel series.)
- * Starting with kernel 2.6.0, the development model changed, and new system calls

bfin_spinlock(2)	2.6.22	Blackfin only (port removed in Linux 4.17)
bind(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
bpf(2)	3.18	
brk(2)	1.0	
breakpoint(2)	2.2	ARM OABI only, defined with __ARM_NR prefix
cacheflush(2)	1.2	Not on x86
capget(2)	2.2	
capset(2)	2.2	
chdir(2)	1.0	
chmod(2)	1.0	
chown(2)	2.2	See chown(2) for version details
chown32(2)	2.4	
chroot(2)	1.0	
clock_adjtime(2)	2.6.39	
clock_getres(2)	2.6	
clock_gettime(2)	2.6	
clock_nanosleep(2)	2.6	
clock_settime(2)	2.6	
clone2(2)	2.4	IA-64 only
clone(2)	1.0	
clone3(2)	5.3	
close(2)	1.0	
cmpxchg_badaddr(2)	2.6.36	Tile only (port removed in Linux 4.17)
connect(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
copy_file_range(2)	4.5	
creat(2)	1.0	
create_module(2)	1.0	Removed in 2.6
delete_module(2)	1.0	
dma_memcpy(2)	2.6.22	Blackfin only (port removed

in Linux 4.17)

dup(2)	1.0	
dup2(2)	1.0	
dup3(2)	2.6.27	
epoll_create(2)	2.6	
epoll_create1(2)	2.6.27	
epoll_ctl(2)	2.6	
epoll_pwait(2)	2.6.19	
epoll_wait(2)	2.6	
eventfd(2)	2.6.22	
eventfd2(2)	2.6.27	
execv(2)	2.0	SPARC/SPARC64 only, for compatibility with SunOS
execve(2)	1.0	
execveat(2)	3.19	
exit(2)	1.0	
exit_group(2)	2.6	
faccessat(2)	2.6.16	
fadvise64(2)	2.6	
fadvise64_64(2)	2.6	
fallocate(2)	2.6.23	
fanotify_init(2)	2.6.37	
fanotify_mark(2)	2.6.37	
fchdir(2)	1.0	
fchmod(2)	1.0	
fchmodat(2)	2.6.16	
fchown(2)	1.0	
fchown32(2)	2.4	
fchownat(2)	2.6.16	
fcntl(2)	1.0	
fcntl64(2)	2.4	
fdatasync(2)	2.0	
fgetxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	

finit_module(2)	3.8	
flistxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
flock(2)	2.0	
fork(2)	1.0	
free_hugepages(2)	2.5.36	Removed in 2.5.44
fremovexattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
fsconfig(2)	5.2	
fsetxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
fsmount(2)	5.2	
fsopen(2)	5.2	
fspick(2)	5.2	
fstat(2)	1.0	
fstat64(2)	2.4	
fstatat64(2)	2.6.16	
fstatfs(2)	1.0	
fstatfs64(2)	2.6	
fsync(2)	1.0	
ftruncate(2)	1.0	
ftruncate64(2)	2.4	
futex(2)	2.6	
futimesat(2)	2.6.16	
get_kernel_syms(2)	1.0	Removed in 2.6
get_mempolicy(2)	2.6.6	
get_robust_list(2)	2.6.17	
get_thread_area(2)	2.6	
get_tls(2)	4.15	ARM OABI only, has __ARM_NR prefix
getcpu(2)	2.6.19	
getcwd(2)	2.2	
getdents(2)	2.0	
getdents64(2)	2.4	
getdomainname(2)	2.2	SPARC, SPARC64; available as osf_getdomainname(2)

		on Alpha since Linux 2.0
getdtablesize(2)	2.0	SPARC (removed in 2.6.26), available since Linux 2.0 on Alpha as osf_getdtablesize(2)
getegid(2)	1.0	
getegid32(2)	2.4	
geteuid(2)	1.0	
geteuid32(2)	2.4	
getgid(2)	1.0	
getgid32(2)	2.4	
getgroups(2)	1.0	
getgroups32(2)	2.4	
gethostname(2)	2.0	Alpha, was available on SPARC up to Linux 2.6.26
getitimer(2)	1.0	
getpeername(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
getpagesize(2)	2.0	Not on x86
getpgid(2)	1.0	
getpgrp(2)	1.0	
getpid(2)	1.0	
getppid(2)	1.0	
getpriority(2)	1.0	
getrandom(2)	3.17	
getresgid(2)	2.2	
getresgid32(2)	2.4	
getresuid(2)	2.2	
getresuid32(2)	2.4	
getrlimit(2)	1.0	
getrusage(2)	1.0	
getsid(2)	2.0	
getsockname(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
getsockopt(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
gettid(2)	2.4.11	

gettimeofday(2)	1.0	
getuid(2)	1.0	
getuid32(2)	2.4	
getunwind(2)	2.4.8	IA-64 only; deprecated
getxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
getxgid(2)	2.0	Alpha only; see NOTES
getxpid(2)	2.0	Alpha only; see NOTES
getxuid(2)	2.0	Alpha only; see NOTES
init_module(2)	1.0	
inotify_add_watch(2)	2.6.13	
inotify_init(2)	2.6.13	
inotify_init1(2)	2.6.27	
inotify_rm_watch(2)	2.6.13	
io_cancel(2)	2.6	
io_destroy(2)	2.6	
io_getevents(2)	2.6	
io_pgetevents(2)	4.18	
io_setup(2)	2.6	
io_submit(2)	2.6	
io_uring_enter(2)	5.1	
io_uring_register(2)	5.1	
io_uring_setup(2)	5.1	
ioctl(2)	1.0	
ioperm(2)	1.0	
iopl(2)	1.0	
ioprio_get(2)	2.6.13	
ioprio_set(2)	2.6.13	
ipc(2)	1.0	
kcmp(2)	3.5	
kern_features(2)	3.7	SPARC64 only
kexec_file_load(2)	3.17	
kexec_load(2)	2.6.13	
keyctl(2)	2.6.10	

kill(2)	1.0	
lchown(2)	1.0	See chown(2) for version details
lchown32(2)	2.4	
lgetxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
link(2)	1.0	
linkat(2)	2.6.16	
listen(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
listxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
llistxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
lookup_dcookie(2)	2.6	
lremovexattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
lseek(2)	1.0	
lsetxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
lstat(2)	1.0	
lstat64(2)	2.4	
madvise(2)	2.4	
mbind(2)	2.6.6	
memory_ordering(2)	2.2	SPARC64 only
metag_get_tls(2)	3.9	Metag only (port removed in Linux 4.17)
metag_set_fpu_flags(2)	3.9	Metag only (port removed in Linux 4.17)
metag_set_tls(2)	3.9	Metag only (port removed in Linux 4.17)
metag_setglobalbit(2)	3.9	Metag only (port removed in Linux 4.17)
membarrier(2)	3.17	
memfd_create(2)	3.17	
migrate_pages(2)	2.6.16	
mincore(2)	2.4	
mkdir(2)	1.0	
mkdirat(2)	2.6.16	

mknod(2)	1.0	
mknodat(2)	2.6.16	
mlock(2)	2.0	
mlock2(2)	4.4	
mlockall(2)	2.0	
mmap(2)	1.0	
mmap2(2)	2.4	
modify_ldt(2)	1.0	
mount(2)	1.0	
move_mount(2)	5.2	
move_pages(2)	2.6.18	
mprotect(2)	1.0	
mq_getsetattr(2)	2.6.6	
mq_notify(2)	2.6.6	
mq_open(2)	2.6.6	
mq_timedreceive(2)	2.6.6	
mq_timedsend(2)	2.6.6	
mq_unlink(2)	2.6.6	
mremap(2)	2.0	
msgctl(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
msgget(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
msgrcv(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
msgsnd(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
msync(2)	2.0	
munlock(2)	2.0	
munlockall(2)	2.0	
munmap(2)	1.0	
name_to_handle_at(2)	2.6.39	
nanosleep(2)	2.0	
newfstatat(2)	2.6.16	See stat(2)
nfsservctl(2)	2.2	Removed in 3.1
nice(2)	1.0	
old_adjtimex(2)	2.0	Alpha only; see NOTES

old_getrlimit(2)	2.4	Old variant of getrlimit(2) that used a different value for RLIM_INFINITY
oldfstat(2)	1.0	
oldlstat(2)	1.0	
oldolduname(2)	1.0	
oldstat(2)	1.0	
oldumount(2)	2.4.116	Name of the old umount(2) syscall on Alpha
olduname(2)	1.0	
open(2)	1.0	
open_by_handle_at(2)	2.6.39	
open_tree(2)	5.2	
openat(2)	2.6.16	
or1k_atomic(2)	3.1	OpenRISC 1000 only
pause(2)	1.0	
pciconfig_iobase(2)	2.2.15; 2.4	Not on x86
pciconfig_read(2)	2.0.26; 2.2	Not on x86
pciconfig_write(2)	2.0.26; 2.2	Not on x86
perf_event_open(2)	2.6.31	Was perf_counter_open() in 2.6.31; renamed in 2.6.32
personality(2)	1.2	
perfctr(2)	2.2	SPARC only; removed in 2.6.34
perfmonctl(2)	2.4	IA-64 only
pidfd_send_signal(2)	5.1	
pidfd_open(2)	5.3	
pipe(2)	1.0	
pipe2(2)	2.6.27	
pivot_root(2)	2.4	
pkey_alloc(2)	4.8	
pkey_free(2)	4.8	
pkey_mprotect(2)	4.8	
poll(2)	2.0.36; 2.2	

ppoll(2)	2.6.16	
prctl(2)	2.2	
pread(2)		Used for pread64(2) on AVR32 (port removed in Linux 4.12) and Blackfin (port removed in Linux 4.17)
pread64(2)		Added as "pread" in 2.2; renamed "pread64" in 2.6
preadv(2)	2.6.30	
preadv2(2)	4.6	
prlimit64(2)	2.6.36	
process_vm_readv(2)	3.2	
process_vm_writev(2)	3.2	
pselect6(2)	2.6.16	
ptrace(2)	1.0	
pwrite(2)		Used for pwrite64(2) on AVR32 (port removed in Linux 4.12) and Blackfin (port removed in Linux 4.17)
pwrite64(2)		Added as "pwrite" in 2.2; renamed "pwrite64" in 2.6
pwritev(2)	2.6.30	
pwritev2(2)	4.6	
query_module(2)	2.2	Removed in 2.6
quotactl(2)	1.0	
read(2)	1.0	
readahead(2)	2.4.13	
readdir(2)	1.0	
readlink(2)	1.0	
readlinkat(2)	2.6.16	
readv(2)	2.0	
reboot(2)	1.0	
recv(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)

recvfrom(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
recvmsg(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
recvmmsg(2)	2.6.33	
remap_file_pages(2)	2.6	Deprecated since 3.16
removexattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
rename(2)	1.0	
renameat(2)	2.6.16	
renameat2(2)	3.15	
request_key(2)	2.6.10	
restart_syscall(2)	2.6	
riscv_flush_icache(2)	4.15	RISC-V only
rmdir(2)	1.0	
rseq(2)	4.18	
rt_sigaction(2)	2.2	
rt_sigpending(2)	2.2	
rt_sigprocmask(2)	2.2	
rt_sigqueueinfo(2)	2.2	
rt_sigreturn(2)	2.2	
rt_sigsuspend(2)	2.2	
rt_sigtimedwait(2)	2.2	
rt_tgsigqueueinfo(2)	2.6.31	
rtas(2)	2.6.2	PowerPC/PowerPC64 only
s390_runtime_instr(2)	3.7	s390 only
s390_pci_mmio_read(2)	3.19	s390 only
s390_pci_mmio_write(2)	3.19	s390 only
s390_sthyi(2)	4.15	s390 only
s390_guarded_storage(2)	4.12	s390 only
sched_get_affinity(2)	2.6	Name of sched_getaffinity(2) on SPARC and SPARC64
sched_get_priority_max(2)	2.0	
sched_get_priority_min(2)	2.0	
sched_getaffinity(2)	2.6	
sched_getattr(2)	3.14	

sched_getparam(2)	2.0	
sched_getscheduler(2)	2.0	
sched_rr_get_interval(2)	2.0	
sched_set_affinity(2)	2.6	Name of sched_setaffinity(2) on SPARC and SPARC64
sched_setaffinity(2)	2.6	
sched_setattr(2)	3.14	
sched_setparam(2)	2.0	
sched_setscheduler(2)	2.0	
sched_yield(2)	2.0	
seccomp(2)	3.17	
select(2)	1.0	
semctl(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
semget(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
semop(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
semtimedop(2)	2.6; 2.4.22	
send(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
sendfile(2)	2.2	
sendfile64(2)	2.6; 2.4.19	
sendmmsg(2)	3.0	
sendmsg(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
sendto(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
set_mempolicy(2)	2.6.6	
set_robust_list(2)	2.6.17	
set_thread_area(2)	2.6	
set_tid_address(2)	2.6	
set_tls(2)	2.6.11	ARM OABI/EABI only (constant has __ARM_NR prefix)
setdomainname(2)	1.0	
setfsgid(2)	1.2	
setfsgid32(2)	2.4	
setfsuid(2)	1.2	
setfsuid32(2)	2.4	

setgid(2)	1.0	
setgid32(2)	2.4	
setgroups(2)	1.0	
setgroups32(2)	2.4	
sethae(2)	2.0	Alpha only; see NOTES
sethostname(2)	1.0	
setitimer(2)	1.0	
setns(2)	3.0	
setpgid(2)	1.0	
setpgrp(2)	2.0	Alternative name for setpgid(2) on Alpha
setpriority(2)	1.0	
setregid(2)	1.0	
setregid32(2)	2.4	
setresgid(2)	2.2	
setresgid32(2)	2.4	
setresuid(2)	2.2	
setresuid32(2)	2.4	
setreuid(2)	1.0	
setreuid32(2)	2.4	
setrlimit(2)	1.0	
setsid(2)	1.0	
setsockopt(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
settimeofday(2)	1.0	
setuid(2)	1.0	
setuid32(2)	2.4	
setup(2)	1.0	Removed in 2.2
setxattr(2)	2.6; 2.4.18	
sgetmask(2)	1.0	
shmat(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
shmctl(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
shmdt(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)
shmget(2)	2.0	See notes on ipc(2)

shutdown(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
sigaction(2)	1.0	
sigaltstack(2)	2.2	
signal(2)	1.0	
signalfd(2)	2.6.22	
signalfd4(2)	2.6.27	
sigpending(2)	1.0	
sigprocmask(2)	1.0	
sigreturn(2)	1.0	
sigsuspend(2)	1.0	
socket(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
socketcall(2)	1.0	
socketpair(2)	2.0	See notes on socketcall(2)
spill(2)	2.6.13	Xtensa only
splice(2)	2.6.17	
spu_create(2)	2.6.16	PowerPC/PowerPC64 only
spu_run(2)	2.6.16	PowerPC/PowerPC64 only
sram_alloc(2)	2.6.22	Blackfin (port removed in Linux 4.17)
sram_free(2)	2.6.22	Blackfin (port removed in Linux 4.17)
ssetmask(2)	1.0	
stat(2)	1.0	
stat64(2)	2.4	
statfs(2)	1.0	
statfs64(2)	2.6	
statx(2)	4.11	
stime(2)	1.0	
subpage_prot(2)	2.6.25	PowerPC/PowerPC64 only
swapcontext(2)	2.6.3	PowerPC/PowerPC64 only
switch_endian(2)	4.1	PowerPC64 only
swapcontext(2)	2.6.3	PowerPC only
swapoff(2)	1.0	

swapon(2)	1.0	
symlink(2)	1.0	
symlinkat(2)	2.6.16	
sync(2)	1.0	
sync_file_range(2)	2.6.17	
sync_file_range2(2)	2.6.22	
syncfs(2)	2.6.39	
sys_debug_setcontext(2)	2.6.11	PowerPC only
syscall(2)	1.0	Still available on ARM OABI and MIPS O32 ABI
sysfs(2)	1.2	
sysinfo(2)	1.0	
syslog(2)	1.0	
sysmips(2)	2.6.0	MIPS only
tee(2)	2.6.17	
tgkill(2)	2.6	
time(2)	1.0	
timer_create(2)	2.6	
timer_delete(2)	2.6	
timer_getoverrun(2)	2.6	
timer_gettime(2)	2.6	
timer_settime(2)	2.6	
timerfd_create(2)	2.6.25	
timerfd_gettime(2)	2.6.25	
timerfd_settime(2)	2.6.25	
times(2)	1.0	
tkill(2)	2.6; 2.4.22	
truncate(2)	1.0	
truncate64(2)	2.4	
ugetrlimit(2)	2.4	
umask(2)	1.0	
umount(2)	1.0	
umount2(2)	2.2	

uname(2)	1.0	
unlink(2)	1.0	
unlinkat(2)	2.6.16	
unshare(2)	2.6.16	
uselib(2)	1.0	
ustat(2)	1.0	
userfaultfd(2)	4.3	
usr26(2)	2.4.8.1	ARM OABI only
usr32(2)	2.4.8.1	ARM OABI only
utime(2)	1.0	
utimensat(2)	2.6.22	
utimes(2)	2.2	
utrap_install(2)	2.2	SPARC64 only
vfork(2)	2.2	
vhangup(2)	1.0	
vm86old(2)	1.0	Was "vm86"; renamed in 2.0.28/2.2
vm86(2)	2.0.28; 2.2	
vmsplice(2)	2.6.17	
wait4(2)	1.0	
waitid(2)	2.6.10	
waitpid(2)	1.0	
write(2)	1.0	
writew(2)	2.0	
xtensa(2)	2.6.13	Xtensa only

On many platforms, including x86-32, socket calls are all multiplexed (via glibc wrapper functions) through `socketcall(2)` and similarly System V IPC calls are multiplexed through `ipc(2)`.

Although slots are reserved for them in the system call table, the following system calls are not implemented in the standard kernel: `afs_syscall(2)`, `break(2)`, `ftime(2)`, `getpmsg(2)`, `gtty(2)`, `idle(2)`, `lock(2)`, `madvise1(2)`, `mpx(2)`, `phys(2)`, `prof(2)`, `profil(2)`, `putpmsg(2)`, `security(2)`, `stty(2)`, `tuxcall(2)`, `ulimit(2)`, and `vserver(2)` (see also `unimplemented(2)`). However, `ftime(3)`, `profil(3)`, and

ulimit(3) exist as library routines. The slot for phys(2) is in use since kernel 2.1.116 for umount(2); phys(2) will never be implemented. The getpmsg(2) and putpmsg(2) calls are for kernels patched to support STREAMS, and may never be in the standard kernel.

There was briefly set_zone_reclaim(2), added in Linux 2.6.13, and removed in 2.6.16; this system call was never available to user space.

NOTES

Roughly speaking, the code belonging to the system call with number `__NR_xxx` defined in `/usr/include/asm/unistd.h` can be found in the Linux kernel source in the routine `sys_xxx()`. There are many exceptions, however, mostly because older system calls were superseded by newer ones, and this has been treated somewhat unsystematically. On platforms with proprietary operating-system emulation, such as `sparc`, `sparc64`, and `alpha`, there are many additional system calls; `mips64` also contains a full set of 32-bit system calls.

Over time, changes to the interfaces of some system calls have been necessary. One reason for such changes was the need to increase the size of structures or scalar values passed to the system call. Because of these changes, certain architectures (notably, longstanding 32-bit architectures such as `i386`) now have various groups of related system calls (e.g., `truncate(2)` and `truncate64(2)`) which perform similar tasks, but which vary in details such as the size of their arguments. (As noted earlier, applications are generally unaware of this: the `glibc` wrapper functions do some work to ensure that the right system call is invoked, and that ABI compatibility is preserved for old binaries.) Examples of systems calls that exist in multiple versions are the following:

- * By now there are three different versions of `stat(2)`: `sys_stat()` (slot `__NR_oldstat`), `sys_newstat()` (slot `__NR_stat`), and `sys_stat64()` (slot `__NR_stat64`), with the last being the most current. A similar story applies for `lstat(2)` and `fsstat(2)`.
- * Similarly, the defines `__NR_oldolduname`, `__NR_olduname`, and `__NR_uname` refer to the routines `sys_olduname()`, `sys_uname()` and `sys_newuname()`.
- * In Linux 2.0, a new version of `vm86(2)` appeared, with the old and the new kernel routines being named `sys_vm86old()` and `sys_vm86()`.
- * In Linux 2.4, a new version of `getrlimit(2)` appeared, with the old and the new

kernel routines being named `sys_old_getrlimit()` (slot `__NR_getrlimit`) and `sys_getrlimit()` (slot `__NR_ugetrlimit`).

- * Linux 2.4 increased the size of user and group IDs from 16 to 32 bits. To support this change, a range of system calls were added (e.g., `chown32(2)`, `getuid32(2)`, `getgroups32(2)`, `setresuid32(2)`), superseding earlier calls of the same name without the "32" suffix.
- * Linux 2.4 added support for applications on 32-bit architectures to access large files (i.e., files for which the sizes and file offsets can't be represented in 32 bits.) To support this change, replacements were required for system calls that deal with file offsets and sizes. Thus the following system calls were added: `fcntl64(2)`, `getdents64(2)`, `stat64(2)`, `statfs64(2)`, `truncate64(2)`, and their analogs that work with file descriptors or symbolic links. These system calls supersede the older system calls which, except in the case of the "stat" calls, have the same name without the "64" suffix.

On newer platforms that only have 64-bit file access and 32-bit UIDs/GIDs (e.g., alpha, ia64, s390x, x86-64), there is just a single version of the UID/GID and file access system calls. On platforms (typically, 32-bit platforms) where the *64 and *32 calls exist, the other versions are obsolete.

- * The `rt_sig*` calls were added in kernel 2.2 to support the addition of real-time signals (see `signal(7)`). These system calls supersede the older system calls of the same name without the "rt_" prefix.
- * The `select(2)` and `mmap(2)` system calls use five or more arguments, which caused problems in the way argument passing on the i386 used to be set up. Thus, while other architectures have `sys_select()` and `sys_mmap()` corresponding to `__NR_select` and `__NR_mmap`, on i386 one finds `old_select()` and `old_mmap()` (routines that use a pointer to an argument block) instead. These days passing five arguments is not a problem any more, and there is a `__NR_newselect` that corresponds directly to `sys_select()` and similarly `__NR_mmap2`. s390x is the only 64-bit architecture that has `old_mmap()`.

Architecture-specific details: Alpha

- * `getxgid(2)` returns a pair of GID and effective GID via registers r0 and r20; it is provided instead of `getgid(2)` and `getegid(2)`.
- * `getxpid(2)` returns a pair of PID and parent PID via registers r0 and r20; it is

provided instead of `getpid(2)` and `getppid(2)`.

* `old_adjtimex(2)` is a variant of `adjtimex(2)` that uses `struct timeval32`, for compatibility with OSF/1.

* `getxuid(2)` returns a pair of GID and effective GID via registers `r0` and `r20`; it is provided instead of `getuid(2)` and `geteuid(2)`.

* `sethae(2)` is used for configuring the Host Address Extension register on low-cost Alphas in order to access address space beyond first 27 bits.

SEE ALSO

`intro(2)`, `syscall(2)`, `unimplemented(2)`, `errno(3)`, `libc(7)`, `vdso(7)`

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