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BIND(3P) POSIX Programmer's Manual BIND(3P)

PROLOG

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NAME

bind ? bind a name to a socket

SYNOPSIS

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

int bind(int socket, const struct sockaddr *address,
         socklen_t address_len);
```

DESCRIPTION

The bind() function shall assign a local socket address address to a socket identified by descriptor socket that has no local socket address assigned. Sockets created with the socket() function are initially un? named; they are identified only by their address family.

The bind() function takes the following arguments:

- socket Specifies the file descriptor of the socket to be bound.
- address Points to a sockaddr structure containing the address to be bound to the socket. The length and format of the address depend on the address family of the socket.
- address_len Specifies the length of the sockaddr structure pointed to

by the address argument.

The socket specified by `socket` may require the process to have appropriate privileges to use the `bind()` function.

If the address family of the socket is `AF_UNIX` and the pathname in `address` names a symbolic link, `bind()` shall fail and set `errno` to `[EADDRINUSE]`.

If the socket address cannot be assigned immediately and `O_NONBLOCK` is set for the file descriptor for the socket, `bind()` shall fail and set `errno` to `[EINPROGRESS]`, but the assignment request shall not be aborted, and the assignment shall be completed asynchronously. Subsequent calls to `bind()` for the same socket, before the assignment is completed, shall fail and set `errno` to `[EALREADY]`.

When the assignment has been performed asynchronously, `poll()`, `select()`, and `poll()` shall indicate that the file descriptor for the socket is ready for reading and writing.

RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, `bind()` shall return 0; otherwise, -1 shall be returned and `errno` set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

The `bind()` function shall fail if:

EADDRINUSE

The specified address is already in use.

EADDRNOTAVAIL

The specified address is not available from the local machine.

EAFNOSUPPORT

The specified address is not a valid address for the address family of the specified socket.

EALREADY

An assignment request is already in progress for the specified socket.

EBADF The socket argument is not a valid file descriptor.

EINPROGRESS

`O_NONBLOCK` is set for the file descriptor for the socket and the

assignment cannot be immediately performed; the assignment shall be performed asynchronously.

EINVAL The socket is already bound to an address, and the protocol does not support binding to a new address; or the socket has been shut down.

ENOBUFS

Insufficient resources were available to complete the call.

ENOTSOCK

The socket argument does not refer to a socket.

EOPNOTSUPP

The socket type of the specified socket does not support binding to an address.

If the address family of the socket is `AF_UNIX`, then `bind()` shall fail if:

EACCES A component of the path prefix denies search permission, or the requested name requires writing in a directory with a mode that denies write permission.

EDESTADDRREQ or **EISDIR**

The address argument is a null pointer.

EIO An I/O error occurred.

ELOOP A loop exists in symbolic links encountered during resolution of the pathname in address.

ENAMETOOLONG

The length of a component of a pathname is longer than `{NAME_MAX}`.

ENOENT A component of the path prefix of the pathname in address does not name an existing file or the pathname is an empty string.

ENOENT or **ENOTDIR**

The pathname in address contains at least one non-`<slash>` character and ends with one or more trailing `<slash>` characters. If the pathname without the trailing `<slash>` characters would name an existing file, an `[ENOENT]` error shall not occur.

ENOTDIR

A component of the path prefix of the pathname in address names an existing file that is neither a directory nor a symbolic link to a directory, or the pathname in address contains at least one non-`<slash>` character and ends with one or more trailing `<slash>` characters and the last pathname component names an existing file that is neither a directory nor a symbolic link to a directory.

EROFS The name would reside on a read-only file system.

The `bind()` function may fail if:

EACCES The specified address is protected and the current user does not have permission to bind to it.

EINVAL The `address_len` argument is not a valid length for the address family.

EISCONN

The socket is already connected.

ELOOP More than `{SYMLOOP_MAX}` symbolic links were encountered during resolution of the pathname in address.

ENAMETOOLONG

The length of a pathname exceeds `{PATH_MAX}`, or pathname resolution of a symbolic link produced an intermediate result with a length that exceeds `{PATH_MAX}`.

The following sections are informative.

EXAMPLES

The following code segment shows how to create a socket and bind it to a name in the `AF_UNIX` domain.

```
#define MY_SOCKET_PATH "/somepath"

int sfd;

struct sockaddr_un my_addr;

sfd = socket(AF_UNIX, SOCK_STREAM, 0);

if (sfd == -1)

    /* Handle error */;

memset(&my_addr, '\0', sizeof(struct sockaddr_un));

/* Clear structure */
```

```
my_addr.sun_family = AF_UNIX;
strncpy(my_addr.sun_path, MY_SOCKET_PATH, sizeof(my_addr.sun_path) -1);
if (bind(sfd, (struct sockaddr *) &my_addr,
    sizeof(struct sockaddr_un)) == -1)
    /* Handle error */;
```

APPLICATION USAGE

An application program can retrieve the assigned socket name with the `getsockname()` function.

RATIONALE

None.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

SEE ALSO

`connect()`, `getsockname()`, `listen()`, `socket()`

The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1-2017, `<sys_socket.h>`

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