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NAME

## [\\_lseek](#) - reposition read/write file offset

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int _lseek(unsigned int fd, unsigned long offset_high,
           unsigned long offset_low, loff_t *result,
           unsigned int whence);
```

Note: There is no glibc wrapper for this system call; see NOTES.

## DESCRIPTION

Note: for information about the `lseek(3)` library function, see `lseek64(3)`.

The `_lseek()` system call repositions the offset of the open file description associated with the file descriptor `fd` to the value

This new offset is a byte offset relative to the beginning of the file, the current file offset, or the end of the file, depending on whether whence is SEEK\_SET, SEEK\_CUR, or SEEK\_END, respectively.

The new file offset is returned in the argument result. The type `loff_t` is a 64-bit signed type.

This system call exists on various 32-bit platforms to support seeking to large file offsets.

## RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, `_llseek()` returns 0. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned and `errno` is set to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

`EBADF` `fd` is not an open file descriptor.

`EFAULT` Problem with copying results to user space.

`EINVAL` whence is invalid.

## CONFORMING TO

This function is Linux-specific, and should not be used in programs intended to be portable.

## NOTES

Glibc does not provide a wrapper for this system call. To invoke it directly, use `syscall(2)`. However, you probably want to use the `lseek(2)` wrapper function instead.

## SEE ALSO

`lseek(2)`, `open(2)`, `lseek64(3)`

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