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localtime - Local timezone configuration file

SYNOPSIS

/etc/localtime -> .. /usr/share/zoneinfo/...

DESCRIPTION

The `/etc/localtime` file configures the system-wide timezone of the local system that is used by applications for presentation to the user.

It should be an absolute or relative symbolic link pointing to /usr/share/zoneinfo/, followed by a timezone identifier such as "Europe/Berlin" or "Etc/UTC". The resulting link should lead to the corresponding binary tzfile(5) timezone data for the configured timezone.

Because the timezone identifier is extracted from the symlink target name of `/etc/localtime`, this file may not be a normal file or hardlink

If `/etc/localtime` is missing, the default "UTC" timezone is used.

The timezone may be overridden for individual programs by using the `$TZ` environment variable. See [environ\(7\)](#).

You may use `timedatectl(1)` to change the settings of this file from the command line during runtime. Use `systemd-firstboot(1)` to initialize the time zone on mounted (but not booted) system images.

SEE ALSO

systemd(1), tzset(3), localtime(3), timedatectl(1), systemd-

timedated.service(8), systemd-firstboot(1)

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