



## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'lutimes.3' command***

**\$ man lutimes.3**

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### NAME

futimes, lutimes - change file timestamps

### SYNOPSIS

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

int futimes(int fd, const struct timeval tv[2]);

int lutimes(const char *filename, const struct timeval tv[2]);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature\_test\_macros(7)):

futimes(), lutimes():

Since glibc 2.19:

    \_DEFAULT\_SOURCE

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

    \_BSD\_SOURCE

### DESCRIPTION

futimes() changes the access and modification times of a file in the same way as utimes(2), with the difference that the file whose timestamps are to be changed is specified via a file descriptor, fd, rather than via a pathname.

lutimes() changes the access and modification times of a file in the same way as utimes(2), with the difference that if filename refers to a symbolic link, then the link is not dereferenced: instead, the timestamps of the symbolic link are changed.

### RETURN VALUE

On success, zero is returned. On error, -1 is returned, and errno is set appropriately.

## ERRORS

Errors are as for utimes(2), with the following additions for futimes(2):

times(2):

EBADF fd is not a valid file descriptor.

ENOSYS The /proc filesystem could not be accessed.

The following additional error may occur for lutimes(2):

ENOSYS The kernel does not support this call; Linux 2.6.22 or later is required.

## VERSIONS

futimes(2) is available since glibc 2.3. lutimes(2) is available since glibc 2.6, and is implemented using the utimensat(2) system call, which is supported since kernel 2.6.22.

## 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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?futimes(), lutimes() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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## CONFORMING TO

These functions are not specified in any standard. Other than Linux, they are available only on the BSDs.

## SEE ALSO

utime(2), utimensat(2), symlink(7)

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