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PROLOG

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NAME

putmsg, putpmsg ? send a message on a STREAM (STREAMS)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stropts.h>

int putmsg(int fildes, const struct strbuf *ctlptr,
           const struct strbuf *dataptr, int flags);

int putpmsg(int fildes, const struct strbuf *ctlptr,
            const struct strbuf *dataptr, int band, int flags);
```

DESCRIPTION

The `putmsg()` function shall create a message from a process buffer(s) and send the message to a STREAMS file. The message may contain either a data part, a control part, or both. The data and control parts are distinguished by placement in separate buffers, as described below. The semantics of each part are defined by the STREAMS module that receives the message.

The `putpmsg()` function is equivalent to `putmsg()`, except that the process can send messages in different priority bands. Except where

noted, all requirements on `putmsg()` also pertain to `putpmsg()`.

The `fildes` argument specifies a file descriptor referencing an open STREAM. The `ctlptr` and `dataptr` arguments each point to a `strbuf` structure.

The `ctlptr` argument points to the structure describing the control part, if any, to be included in the message. The `buf` member in the `strbuf` structure points to the buffer where the control information resides, and the `len` member indicates the number of bytes to be sent. The `maxlen` member is not used by `putmsg()`. In a similar manner, the argument `dataptr` specifies the data, if any, to be included in the message.

The `flags` argument indicates what type of message should be sent and is described further below.

To send the data part of a message, the application shall ensure that `dataptr` is not a null pointer and the `len` member of `dataptr` is 0 or greater. To send the control part of a message, the application shall ensure that the corresponding values are set for `ctlptr`. No data (control) part shall be sent if either `dataptr(ctlptr)` is a null pointer or the `len` member of `dataptr(ctlptr)` is set to -1.

For `putmsg()`, if a control part is specified and `flags` is set to `RS_HIPRI`, a high priority message shall be sent. If no control part is specified, and `flags` is set to `RS_HIPRI`, `putmsg()` shall fail and set `errno` to `[EINVAL]`. If `flags` is set to 0, a normal message (priority band equal to 0) shall be sent. If a control part and data part are not specified and `flags` is set to 0, no message shall be sent and 0 shall be returned.

For `putpmsg()`, the flags are different. The `flags` argument is a bitmask with the following mutually-exclusive flags defined: `MSG_HIPRI` and `MSG_BAND`. If `flags` is set to 0, `putpmsg()` shall fail and set `errno` to `[EINVAL]`. If a control part is specified and `flags` is set to `MSG_HIPRI` and `band` is set to 0, a high-priority message shall be sent. If `flags` is set to `MSG_HIPRI` and either no control part is specified or `band` is set to a non-zero value, `putpmsg()` shall fail and set `errno` to `[EINVAL]`. If `flags` is set to `MSG_BAND`, then a message shall be sent in the

priority band specified by band. If a control part and data part are not specified and flags is set to MSG_BAND, no message shall be sent and 0 shall be returned.

The putmsg() function shall block if the STREAM write queue is full due to internal flow control conditions, with the following exceptions:

- * For high-priority messages, putmsg() shall not block on this condition and continues processing the message.
- * For other messages, putmsg() shall not block but shall fail when the write queue is full and O_NONBLOCK is set.

The putmsg() function shall also block, unless prevented by lack of internal resources, while waiting for the availability of message blocks in the STREAM, regardless of priority or whether O_NONBLOCK has been specified. No partial message shall be sent.

RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, putmsg() and putpmsg() shall return 0; otherwise, they shall return -1 and set errno to indicate the error.

ERRORS

The putmsg() and putpmsg() functions shall fail if:

EAGAIN A non-priority message was specified, the O_NONBLOCK flag is set, and the STREAM write queue is full due to internal flow control conditions; or buffers could not be allocated for the message that was to be created.

EBADF fildes is not a valid file descriptor open for writing.

EINTR A signal was caught during putmsg().

EINVAL An undefined value is specified in flags, or flags is set to RS_HIPRI or MSG_HIPRI and no control part is supplied, or the STREAM or multiplexer referenced by fildes is linked (directly or indirectly) downstream from a multiplexer, or flags is set to MSG_HIPRI and band is non-zero (for putpmsg() only).

ENOSR Buffers could not be allocated for the message that was to be created due to insufficient STREAMS memory resources.

ENOSTR A STREAM is not associated with fildes.

ENXIO A hangup condition was generated downstream for the specified

STREAM.

EPIPE or EIO

The `fd` argument refers to a STREAMS-based pipe and the other end of the pipe is closed. A SIGPIPE signal is generated for the calling thread.

ERANGE The size of the data part of the message does not fall within the range specified by the maximum and minimum packet sizes of the topmost STREAM module. This value is also returned if the control part of the message is larger than the maximum configured size of the control part of a message, or if the data part of a message is larger than the maximum configured size of the data part of a message.

In addition, `putmsg()` and `putpmsg()` shall fail if the STREAM head had processed an asynchronous error before the call. In this case, the value of `errno` does not reflect the result of `putmsg()` or `putpmsg()`, but reflects the prior error.

The following sections are informative.

EXAMPLES

Sending a High-Priority Message

The value of `fd` is assumed to refer to an open STREAMS file. This call to `putmsg()` does the following:

1. Creates a high-priority message with a control part and a data part, using the buffers pointed to by `ctrlbuf` and `databuf`, respectively.
2. Sends the message to the STREAMS file identified by `fd`.

```
#include <stropts.h>
```

```
#include <string.h>
```

```
...
```

```
int fd;
```

```
char *ctrlbuf = "This is the control part";
```

```
char *databuf = "This is the data part";
```

```
struct strbuf ctrl;
```

```
struct strbuf data;
```

```
int ret;

ctrl.buf = ctrlbuf;

ctrl.len = strlen(ctrlbuf);

data.buf = databuf;

data.len = strlen(databuf);

ret = putmsg(fd, &ctrl, &data, MSG_HIPRI);
```

Using putpmsg()

This example has the same effect as the previous example. In this example, however, the putpmsg() function creates and sends the message to the STREAMS file.

```
#include <stropts.h>
#include <string.h>
...
int fd;

char *ctrlbuf = "This is the control part";
char *databuf = "This is the data part";

struct strbuf ctrl;
struct strbuf data;

int ret;

ctrl.buf = ctrlbuf;

ctrl.len = strlen(ctrlbuf);

data.buf = databuf;

data.len = strlen(databuf);

ret = putpmsg(fd, &ctrl, &data, 0, MSG_HIPRI);
```

APPLICATION USAGE

None.

RATIONALE

None.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The putmsg() and putpmsg() functions may be removed in a future version.

SEE ALSO

Section 2.6, STREAMS, getmsg(), poll(), read(), write()

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

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