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\$ man rtime.3

RTIME(3) Linux Programmer's Manual RTIME(3)

NAME

rtime - get time from a remote machine

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <rpc/auth_des.h>

int rtime(struct sockaddr_in *addrp, struct rpc_timeval *timep,
          struct rpc_timeval *timeout);
```

DESCRIPTION

This function uses the Time Server Protocol as described in RFC 868 to obtain the time from a remote machine.

The Time Server Protocol gives the time in seconds since 00:00:00 UTC, 1 Jan 1900, and this function subtracts the appropriate constant in order to convert the result to seconds since the Epoch, 1970-01-01 00:00:00 +0000 (UTC).

When timeout is non-NULL, the udp/time socket (port 37) is used. Otherwise, the tcp/time socket (port 37) is used.

RETURN VALUE

On success, 0 is returned, and the obtained 32-bit time value is stored in timep->tv_sec. In case of error -1 is returned, and errno is set appropriately.

ERRORS

All errors for underlying functions (sendto(2), poll(2), recvfrom(2), connect(2), read(2)) can occur. Moreover:

EIO The number of returned bytes is not 4.

ETIMEDOUT

The waiting time as defined in timeout has expired.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at?

tributes(7).

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?rtime() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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NOTES

Only IPv4 is supported.

Some in.timed versions support only TCP. Try the example program with

use_tcp set to 1.

BUGS

rtime() in glibc 2.2.5 and earlier does not work properly on 64-bit ma?

chines.

EXAMPLES

This example requires that port 37 is up and open. You may check that

the time entry within /etc/inetd.conf is not commented out.

The program connects to a computer called "linux". Using "localhost"

does not work. The result is the localtime of the computer "linux".

```
#include <stdio.h>
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#include <stdlib.h>
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#include <errno.h>
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#include <string.h>
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#include <time.h>
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```
#include <rpc/auth_des.h>
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#include <netdb.h>
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static int use_tcp = 0;
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static char *servername = "linux";
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int
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main(void)
{
    struct sockaddr_in name;

    struct rpc_timeval time1 = {0,0};

    struct rpc_timeval timeout = {1,0};

    struct hostent *hent;

    int ret;

    memset(&name, 0, sizeof(name));

    sethostent(1);

    hent = gethostbyname(servername);

    memcpy(&name.sin_addr, hent->h_addr, hent->h_length);

    ret = rtime(&name, &time1, use_tcp ? NULL : &timeout);

    if (ret < 0)

        perror("rtime error");

    else {

        time_t t = time1.tv_sec;

        printf("%s\n", ctime(&t));

    }

    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);

}

```

SEE ALSO

ntpdate(1), inetd(8)

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