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SHMCTL(3P) POSIX Programmer's Manual SHMCTL(3P)

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NAME

shmctl ? XSI shared memory control operations

SYNOPSIS

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

int shmctl(int shmid, int cmd, struct shmid_ds *buf);
```

DESCRIPTION

The shmctl() function operates on XSI shared memory (see the Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1?2017, Section 3.346, Shared Memory Object).

It is unspecified whether this function interoperates with the realtime interprocess communication facilities defined in Section 2.8, Realtime.

The shmctl() function provides a variety of shared memory control operations as specified by cmd. The following values for cmd are available:

able:

IPC_STAT Place the current value of each member of the shmid_ds data structure associated with shmid into the structure pointed to by buf. The contents of the structure are defined in <sys/shm.h>.

IPC_SET Set the value of the following members of the `shmid_ds` data structure associated with `shmid` to the corresponding value found in the structure pointed to by `buf`:

`shm_perm.uid`

`shm_perm.gid`

`shm_perm.mode` Low-order nine bits.

Also, the `shm_ctime` timestamp shall be set to the current time, as described in Section 2.7.1, *IPC General Description*.

IPC_SET can only be executed by a process that has an effective user ID equal to either that of a process with appropriate privileges or to the value of `shm_perm.cuid` or `shm_perm.uid` in the `shmid_ds` data structure associated with `shmid`.

IPC_RMID Remove the shared memory identifier specified by `shmid` from the system and destroy the shared memory segment and `shmid_ds` data structure associated with it. **IPC_RMID** can only be executed by a process that has an effective user ID equal to either that of a process with appropriate privileges or to the value of `shm_perm.cuid` or `shm_perm.uid` in the `shmid_ds` data structure associated with `shmid`.

RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, `shmctl()` shall return 0; otherwise, it shall return -1 and set `errno` to indicate the error.

ERRORS

The `shmctl()` function shall fail if:

EACCES The argument `cmd` is equal to `IPC_STAT` and the calling process does not have read permission; see Section 2.7, *XSI Interprocess Communication*.

EINVAL The value of `shmid` is not a valid shared memory identifier, or the value of `cmd` is not a valid command.

EPERM The argument `cmd` is equal to `IPC_RMID` or `IPC_SET` and the effective user ID of the calling process is not equal to that of a

process with appropriate privileges and it is not equal to the value of `shm_perm.cuid` or `shm_perm.uid` in the data structure associated with `shmid`.

The `shmctl()` function may fail if:

EOVERFLOW

The `cmd` argument is `IPC_STAT` and the `gid` or `uid` value is too large to be stored in the structure pointed to by the `buf` argument.

The following sections are informative.

EXAMPLES

None.

APPLICATION USAGE

The POSIX Realtime Extension defines alternative interfaces for interprocess communication. Application developers who need to use IPC should design their applications so that modules using the IPC routines described in Section 2.7, XSI Interprocess Communication can be easily modified to use the alternative interfaces.

RATIONALE

None.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

SEE ALSO

Section 2.7, XSI Interprocess Communication, Section 2.8, Realtime, `shmat()`, `shmdt()`, `shmget()`, `shm_open()`, `shm_unlink()`
The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1-2017, Section 3.346, Shared Memory Object, `<sys_shm.h>`

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