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## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'sys\_uio.h.0p' command**

### **\$ man sys\_uio.h.0p**

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#### PROLOG

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#### NAME

sys/uio.h ? definitions for vector I/O operations

#### SYNOPSIS

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

#### DESCRIPTION

The <sys/uio.h> header shall define the `iovec` structure, which shall include at least the following members:

`void *iov_base` Base address of a memory region for input or output.

`size_t iov_len` The size of the memory pointed to by `iov_base`.

The <sys/uio.h> header uses the `iovec` structure for scatter/gather I/O.

The <sys/uio.h> header shall define the `ssize_t` and `size_t` types as described in <sys/types.h>.

The following shall be declared as functions and may also be defined as macros. Function prototypes shall be provided.

```
ssize_t readv(int, const struct iovec *, int);
```

```
ssize_t writev(int, const struct iovec *, int);
```

The following sections are informative.

## APPLICATION USAGE

The implementation can put a limit on the number of scatter/gather elements which can be processed in one call. The symbol `{IOV_MAX}` defined in `<limits.h>` should always be used to learn about the limits instead of assuming a fixed value.

## RATIONALE

Traditionally, the maximum number of scatter/gather elements the system can process in one call were described by the symbolic value `{UIO_MAXIOV}`. In IEEE Std 1003.1-2001 this value is replaced by the constant `{IOV_MAX}` which can be found in `<limits.h>`.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

## SEE ALSO

`<limits.h>`, `<sys_types.h>`

The System Interfaces volume of POSIX.1-2017, `read()`, `readv()`, `write()`, `writev()`

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