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NAME

time.h ? time types

SYNOPSIS

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

DESCRIPTION

Some of the functionality described on this reference page extends the ISO C standard. Applications shall define the appropriate feature test macro (see the System Interfaces volume of POSIX.1?2017, Section 2.2, The Compilation Environment) to enable the visibility of these symbols in this header.

The <time.h> header shall define the clock_t, size_t, time_t, types as described in <sys/types.h>.

The <time.h> header shall define the clockid_t and timer_t types as described in <sys/types.h>.

The <time.h> header shall define the locale_t type as described in <locale.h>.

The <time.h> header shall define the pid_t type as described in

<sys/types.h>.

The tag `sigevent` shall be declared as naming an incomplete structure type, the contents of which are described in the `<signal.h>` header.

The `<time.h>` header shall declare the `tm` structure, which shall include at least the following members:

```
int  tm_sec  Seconds [0,60].
int  tm_min  Minutes [0,59].
int  tm_hour Hour [0,23].
int  tm_mday Day of month [1,31].
int  tm_mon  Month of year [0,11].
int  tm_year Years since 1900.
int  tm_wday Day of week [0,6] (Sunday =0).
int  tm_yday Day of year [0,365].
int  tm_isdst Daylight Savings flag.
```

The value of `tm_isdst` shall be positive if Daylight Savings Time is in effect, 0 if Daylight Savings Time is not in effect, and negative if the information is not available.

The `<time.h>` header shall declare the `timespec` structure, which shall include at least the following members:

```
time_t tv_sec  Seconds.
long   tv_nsec Nanoseconds.
```

The `<time.h>` header shall also declare the `itimerspec` structure, which shall include at least the following members:

```
struct timespec it_interval Timer period.
struct timespec it_value    Timer expiration.
```

The `<time.h>` header shall define the following macros:

`NULL` As described in `<stddef.h>`.

`CLOCKS_PER_SEC`

A number used to convert the value returned by the `clock()` function into seconds. The value shall be an expression with type `clock_t`. The value of `CLOCKS_PER_SEC` shall be 1 million on XSI-conformant systems. However, it may be variable on other systems, and it should not be

assumed that `CLOCKS_PER_SEC` is a compile-time constant.

The `<time.h>` header shall define the following symbolic constants. The values shall have a type that is assignment-compatible with `clockid_t`.

`CLOCK_MONOTONIC`

The identifier for the system-wide monotonic clock, which is defined as a clock measuring real time, whose value cannot be set via `clock_settime()` and which cannot have negative clock jumps. The maximum possible clock jump shall be implementation-defined.

`CLOCK_PROCESS_CPUTIME_ID`

The identifier of the CPU-time clock associated with the process making a `clock()` or `timer*()` function call.

`CLOCK_REALTIME`

The identifier of the system-wide clock measuring real time.

`CLOCK_THREAD_CPUTIME_ID`

The identifier of the CPU-time clock associated with the thread making a `clock()` or `timer*()` function call.

The `<time.h>` header shall define the following symbolic constant:

`TIMER_ABSTIME` Flag indicating time is absolute. For functions taking timer objects, this refers to the clock associated with the timer.

The `<time.h>` header shall provide a declaration or definition for `getdate_err`. The `getdate_err` symbol shall expand to an expression of type `int`. It is unspecified whether `getdate_err` is a macro or an identifier declared with external linkage, and whether or not it is a modifiable lvalue. If a macro definition is suppressed in order to access an actual object, or a program defines an identifier with the name `getdate_err`, the behavior is undefined.

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

```
char *asctime(const struct tm *);
```

```
char *asctime_r(const struct tm *restrict, char *restrict);
```

```

clock_t  clock(void);

int      clock_getcpuclockid(pid_t, clockid_t *);

int      clock_getres(clockid_t, struct timespec *);

int      clock_gettime(clockid_t, struct timespec *);

int      clock_nanosleep(clockid_t, int, const struct timespec *,
                          struct timespec *);

int      clock_settime(clockid_t, const struct timespec *);

char     *ctime(const time_t *);

char     *ctime_r(const time_t *, char *);

double   difftime(time_t, time_t);

struct tm *getdate(const char *);

struct tm *gmtime(const time_t *);

struct tm *gmtime_r(const time_t *restrict, struct tm *restrict);

struct tm *localtime(const time_t *);

struct tm *localtime_r(const time_t *restrict, struct tm *restrict);

time_t   mktime(struct tm *);

int      nanosleep(const struct timespec *, struct timespec *);

size_t   strftime(char *restrict, size_t, const char *restrict,
                  const struct tm *restrict);

size_t   strftime_l(char *restrict, size_t, const char *restrict,
                    const struct tm *restrict, locale_t);

char     *strptime(const char *restrict, const char *restrict,
                  struct tm *restrict);

time_t   time(time_t *);

int      timer_create(clockid_t, struct sigevent *restrict,
                     timer_t *restrict);

int      timer_delete(timer_t);

int      timer_getoverrun(timer_t);

int      timer_gettime(timer_t, struct itimerspec *);

int      timer_settime(timer_t, int, const struct itimerspec *restrict,
                       struct itimerspec *restrict);

void     tzset(void);

```

The <time.h> header shall declare the following as variables:

```
extern int daylight;
extern long timezone;
extern char *tzname[];
```

Inclusion of the <time.h> header may make visible all symbols from the <signal.h> header.

The following sections are informative.

APPLICATION USAGE

The range [0,60] for `tm_sec` allows for the occasional leap second.

`tm_year` is a signed value; therefore, years before 1900 may be represented.

To obtain the number of clock ticks per second returned by the `times()` function, applications should call `sysconf(_SC_CLK_TCK)`.

RATIONALE

The range [0,60] seconds allows for positive or negative leap seconds.

The formal definition of UTC does not permit double leap seconds, so all mention of double leap seconds has been removed, and the range shortened from the former [0,61] seconds seen in earlier versions of this standard.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

SEE ALSO

<locale.h>, <signal.h>, <stddef.h>, <sys_types.h>

The System Interfaces volume of POSIX.1-2017, Section 2.2, The Compilation Environment, `asctime()`, `clock()`, `clock_getcpuclockid()`, `clock_gettime()`, `clock_nanosleep()`, `ctime()`, `difftime()`, `getdate()`, `gmtime()`, `localtime()`, `mktime()`, `mq_receive()`, `mq_send()`, `nanosleep()`, `pthread_getcpuclockid()`, `pthread_mutex_timedlock()`, `pthread_rwlock_timedrdlock()`, `pthread_rwlock_timedwrlock()`, `sem_timedwait()`, `strftime()`, `strptime()`, `sysconf()`, `time()`, `timer_create()`, `timer_delete()`, `timer_getoverrun()`, `tzset()`, `utime()`

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