



### ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'ioperm.2'***

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#### NAME

ioperm - set port input/output permissions

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/io.h> /* for glibc */  
  
int ioperm(unsigned long from, unsigned long num, int turn_on);
```

#### DESCRIPTION

ioperm() sets the port access permission bits for the calling thread for num bits starting from port address from. If turn\_on is nonzero, then permission for the specified bits is enabled; otherwise it is disabled. If turn\_on is nonzero, the calling thread must be privileged (CAP\_SYS\_RAWIO).

Before Linux 2.6.8, only the first 0x3ff I/O ports could be specified in this manner. For more ports, the iopl(2) system call had to be used (with a level argument of 3). Since Linux 2.6.8, 65,536 I/O ports can be specified.

Permissions are inherited by the child created by fork(2) (but see NOTES). Permissions are preserved across execve(2); this is useful for

giving port access permissions to unprivileged programs.

This call is mostly for the i386 architecture. On many other architectures it does not exist or will always return an error.

## RETURN VALUE

On success, zero is returned. On error, -1 is returned, and `errno` is set appropriately.

## ERRORS

`EINVAL` Invalid values for `from` or `num`.

`EIO` (on PowerPC) This call is not supported.

`ENOMEM` Out of memory.

`EPERM` The calling thread has insufficient privilege.

## CONFORMING TO

`ioperm()` is Linux-specific and should not be used in programs intended to be portable.

## NOTES

The `/proc/ioports` file shows the I/O ports that are currently allocated on the system.

Before Linux 2.4, permissions were not inherited by a child created by `fork(2)`.

Glibc has an `ioperm()` prototype both in `<sys/io.h>` and in `<sys/perm.h>`.

Avoid the latter, it is available on i386 only.

## SEE ALSO

`iopl(2)`, `outb(2)`, `capabilities(7)`

## COLOPHON

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