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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'program\_invocation\_name.3'

## *\$ man program\_invocation\_name.3*

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## NAME

program\_invocation\_name, program\_invocation\_short\_name - obtain name

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used to invoke calling program

#### SYNOPSIS

#define \_GNU\_SOURCE /\* See feature\_test\_macros(7) \*/

#include <errno.h>

extern char \*program\_invocation\_name;

extern char \*program\_invocation\_short\_name;

#### DESCRIPTION

program\_invocation\_name contains the name that was used to invoke the

calling program. This is the same as the value of argv[0] in main(),

with the difference that the scope of program\_invocation\_name is

global.

program\_invocation\_short\_name contains the basename component of name

that was used to invoke the calling program. That is, it is the same

value as program\_invocation\_name, with all text up to and including the

final slash (/), if any, removed.

These variables are automatically initialized by the glibc run-time

startup code.

#### CONFORMING TO

These variables are GNU extensions, and should not be used in programs intended to be portable.

## NOTES

The Linux-specific /proc/[number]/cmdline file provides access to simi? lar information.

SEE ALSO

proc(5)

## COLOPHON

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