



Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'readdir_r.3'

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NAME

readdir_r - read a directory

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <dirent.h>
```

```
int readdir_r(DIR *dirp, struct dirent *entry, struct dirent **result);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature_test_macros(7)):

```
readdir_r():
```

```
  _POSIX_C_SOURCE
```

```
  || /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

This function is deprecated; use readdir(3) instead.

The readdir_r() function was invented as a reentrant version of read?

dir(3). It reads the next directory entry from the directory stream

dirp, and returns it in the caller-allocated buffer pointed to by en?

try. For details of the dirent structure, see readdir(3).

A pointer to the returned buffer is placed in *result; if the end of

the directory stream was encountered, then NULL is instead returned in

*result.

It is recommended that applications use `readdir(3)` instead of `read?dir_r()`. Furthermore, since version 2.24, glibc deprecates `read?dir_r()`. The reasons are as follows:

- * On systems where `NAME_MAX` is undefined, calling `readdir_r()` may be unsafe because the interface does not allow the caller to specify the length of the buffer used for the returned directory entry.
- * On some systems, `readdir_r()` can't read directory entries with very long names. When the glibc implementation encounters such a name, `readdir_r()` fails with the error `ENAMETOOLONG` after the final directory entry has been read. On some other systems, `readdir_r()` may return a success status, but the returned `d_name` field may not be null terminated or may be truncated.
- * In the current POSIX.1 specification (POSIX.1-2008), `readdir(3)` is not required to be thread-safe. However, in modern implementations (including the glibc implementation), concurrent calls to `readdir(3)` that specify different directory streams are thread-safe. Therefore, the use of `readdir_r()` is generally unnecessary in multithreaded programs. In cases where multiple threads must read from the same directory stream, using `readdir(3)` with external synchronization is still preferable to the use of `readdir_r()`, for the reasons given in the points above.
- * It is expected that a future version of POSIX.1 will make `read?dir_r()` obsolete, and require that `readdir(3)` be thread-safe when concurrently employed on different directory streams.

RETURN VALUE

The `readdir_r()` function returns 0 on success. On error, it returns a positive error number (listed under ERRORS). If the end of the directory stream is reached, `readdir_r()` returns 0, and returns NULL in `*result`.

ERRORS

EBADF Invalid directory stream descriptor `dirp`.

ENAMETOOLONG

A directory entry whose name was too long to be read was encountered.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see attributes(7).

Interface Attribute Value
readdir_r() Thread safety MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

SEE ALSO

readdir(3)

COLOPHON

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