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NAME

fspick - select filesystem for reconfiguration

LIBRARY

Standard C library (libc, -lc)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <fcntl.h>            /* Definition of AT_* constants */
```

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

```
int fspick(int dirfd, const char *path, unsigned int flags);
```

DESCRIPTION

The `fspick()` system call is part of the suite of file-descriptor-based mount facilities in Linux.

`fspick()` creates a new filesystem configuration context for the extant `filesystem` instance associated with the `path` described by `dirfd` and `path`, places it into reconfiguration mode (similar to `mount(8)` with the `-o remount` option). A new file descriptor associated with the filesystem configuration context is then returned. The calling process must have the `CAP_SYS_ADMIN` capability in order to create a new filesystem configuration context.

The resultant file descriptor can be used with `fsconfig(2)` to specify the desired set of changes to filesystem parameters of the `filesystem` instance. Once the desired set of changes have been configured, the changes can be effectuated by calling `fsconfig(2)` with the `FSCONFIG_CMD_RECONFIGURE` command. In contrast to the behavior of `MS_REMOUNT` with `mount(2)`,

`fspick()` instantiates the filesystem configuration context with a copy of the extant filesystem's filesystem parameters; thus, subsequent `FSCONFIG_CMD_RECONFIGURE` operations

will only update filesystem parameters explicitly modified with `fsconfig(2)`.

As with `"*at()"` system calls, `fspick()` uses the `dirfd` argument in conjunction with the `path` argument to determine the path to operate on, as follows:

- ? If the pathname given in `path` is absolute, then `dirfd` is ignored.
- ? If the pathname given in `path` is relative and `dirfd` is the special value `AT_FDCWD`, then `path` is interpreted relative to the current working directory of the calling process (like `open(2)`).
- ? If the pathname given in `path` is relative, then it is interpreted relative to the directory referred to by the file descriptor `dirfd` (rather than relative to the current working directory of the calling process, as is done by `open(2)` for a relative pathname). In this case, `dirfd` must be a directory that was opened for reading (`O_RDONLY`) or using the `O_PATH` flag.
- ? If `path` is an empty string, and `flags` contains `FSPICK_EMPTY_PATH`, then the file descriptor `dirfd` is operated on directly. In this case, `dirfd` may refer to any type of file, not just a directory.

See `openat(2)` for an explanation of why the `dirfd` argument is useful.

`flags` can be used to control aspects of how `path` is resolved and properties of the returned file descriptor. A value for `flags` is constructed by bitwise ORing zero or more of the following constants:

`FSPICK_CLOEXEC`

Set the close-on-exec (`FD_CLOEXEC`) flag on the new file descriptor. See the description of the `O_CLOEXEC` flag in `open(2)` for reasons why this may be useful.

`FSPICK_EMPTY_PATH`

If `path` is an empty string, operate on the file referred to by `dirfd` (which may have been obtained from `open(2)`, `fsmount(2)`, or `open_tree(2)`). In this case, `dirfd` may refer to any type of file, not just a directory. If `dirfd` is `AT_FDCWD`, `fspick()` will operate on the current working directory of the calling process.

`FSPICK_SYMLINK_NOFOLLOW`

Do not follow symbolic links in the terminal component of `path`. If `path` references a symbolic link, the returned filesystem context will reference the filesystem that the symbolic link itself resides on.

FSPICK_NO_AUTOMOUNT

Do not automount the terminal ("basename") component of path if it is a directory that is an automount point. This allows you to reconfigure an automount point, rather than the location that would be mounted. This flag has no effect if the automount point has already been mounted over.

As with filesystem contexts created with `fsopen(2)`, the file descriptor returned by `fspick()` may be queried for message strings at any time by calling `read(2)` on the file descriptor. (See the "Message retrieval interface" subsection in `fsopen(2)` for more details on the message format.)

RETURN VALUE

On success, a new file descriptor is returned. On error, -1 is returned, and `errno` is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

EACCES Search permission is denied for one of the directories in the path prefix of path. (See also `path_resolution(7)`.)

EBADF path is relative but `dirfd` is neither `AT_FDCWD` nor a valid file descriptor.

EFAULT path is NULL or a pointer to a location outside the calling process's accessible address space.

EINVAL Invalid flag specified in flags.

ELOOP Too many symbolic links encountered when resolving path.

EMFILE The calling process has too many open files to create more.

ENAMETOOLONG

path is longer than `PATH_MAX`.

ENFILE The system has too many open files to create more.

ENOENT A component of path does not exist, or is a dangling symbolic link.

ENOENT path is an empty string, but `FSPICK_EMPTY_PATH` is not specified in flags.

ENOTDIR

A component of the path prefix of path is not a directory; or path is relative and `dirfd` is a file descriptor referring to a file other than a directory.

ENOMEM The kernel could not allocate sufficient memory to complete the operation.

EPERM The calling process does not have the required `CAP_SYS_ADMIN` capability.

STANDARDS

Linux.

HISTORY

Linux 5.2. glibc 2.36.

EXAMPLES

The following example sets the read-only flag on the filesystem instance referenced by the mount object attached at /tmp.

```
int fsfd = fspick(AT_FDCWD, "/tmp", FSPICK_CLOEXEC);  
fsconfig(fsfd, FSCONFIG_SET_FLAG, "ro", NULL, 0);  
fsconfig(fsfd, FSCONFIG_CMD_RECONFIGURE, NULL, NULL, 0);
```

The above procedure is roughly equivalent to the following mount operation using mount(2):

```
mount(NULL, "/tmp", NULL, MS_REMOUNT | MS_RDONLY, NULL);
```

With the notable caveat that in this example, mount(2) will clear all other filesystem parameters (such as MS_DIRSYNC or MS_SYNCHRONOUS); fsconfig(2) will only modify the ro parameter.

SEE ALSO

fsconfig(2), fsmount(2), fsopen(2), mount(2), mount_setattr(2), move_mount(2), open_tree(2),
mount_namespaces(7)

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