



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'io_setup.2'

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NAME

io_setup - create an asynchronous I/O context

LIBRARY

Standard C library (libc, -lc)

Alternatively, Asynchronous I/O library (libaio, -laio); see VERSIONS.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/aio_abi.h>            /* Defines needed types */
```

```
long io_setup(unsigned int nr_events, aio_context_t *ctx_idp);
```

Note: There is no glibc wrapper for this system call; see VERSIONS.

DESCRIPTION

Note: this page describes the raw Linux system call interface. The wrapper function provided by libaio uses a different type for the ctx_idp argument. See VERSIONS.

The io_setup() system call creates an asynchronous I/O context suitable for concurrently

processing nr_events operations. The ctx_idp argument must not point to an AIO context that

already exists, and must be initialized to 0 prior to the call. On successful creation of

the AIO context, *ctx_idp is filled in with the resulting handle.

RETURN VALUE

On success, io_setup() returns 0. For the failure return, see VERSIONS.

ERRORS

EAGAIN The specified nr_events exceeds the limit of available events, as defined in

/proc/sys/fs/aio-max-nr (see proc(5)).

EFAULT An invalid pointer is passed for ctx_idp.

EINVAL ctx_idp is not initialized, or the specified nr_events exceeds internal limits.

nr_events should be greater than 0.

ENOMEM Insufficient kernel resources are available.

ENOSYS io_setup() is not implemented on this architecture.

VERSIONS

glibc does not provide a wrapper for this system call. You could invoke it using syscall(2). But instead, you probably want to use the io_setup() wrapper function provided by libaio.

Note that the libaio wrapper function uses a different type (io_context_t *) for the ctx_idp argument. Note also that the libaio wrapper does not follow the usual C library conventions for indicating errors: on error it returns a negated error number (the negative of one of the values listed in ERRORS). If the system call is invoked via syscall(2), then the return value follows the usual conventions for indicating an error: -1, with errno set to a (positive) value that indicates the error.

STANDARDS

Linux.

HISTORY

Linux 2.5.

SEE ALSO

io_cancel(2), io_destroy(2), io_getevents(2), io_submit(2), aio(7)

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