



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'statvfs.3'

\$ man statvfs.3

statvfs(3) Library Functions Manual statvfs(3)

NAME

statvfs, fstatvfs - get filesystem statistics

LIBRARY

Standard C library (libc, -lc)

SYNOPSIS

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

int statvfs(const char *restrict path, struct statvfs *restrict buf);

int fstatvfs(int fd, struct statvfs *buf);
```

DESCRIPTION

The function statvfs() returns information about a mounted filesystem. path is the pathname of any file within the mounted filesystem. buf is a pointer to a statvfs structure defined approximately as follows:

```
struct statvfs {

    unsigned long  f_bsize; /* Filesystem block size */

    unsigned long  f_frsize; /* Fragment size */

    fsblkcnt_t     f_blocks; /* Size of fs in f_frsize units */

    fsblkcnt_t     f_bfree; /* Number of free blocks */

    fsblkcnt_t     f_bavail; /* Number of free blocks for
                               unprivileged users */

    fsfilcnt_t     f_files; /* Number of inodes */

    fsfilcnt_t     f_ffree; /* Number of free inodes */

    fsfilcnt_t     f_favail; /* Number of free inodes for
```

```

        unprivileged users */

    unsigned long f_fsid;    /* Filesystem ID */

    unsigned long f_flag;    /* Mount flags */

    unsigned long f_namemax; /* Maximum filename length */

};

```

Here the types `fsblkcnt_t` and `fsfilcnt_t` are defined in `<sys/types.h>`. Both used to be unsigned long.

The field `f_flag` is a bit mask indicating various options that were employed when mounting this filesystem. It contains zero or more of the following flags:

ST_MANDLOCK

Mandatory locking is permitted on the filesystem (see `fcntl(2)`).

ST_NOATIME

Do not update access times; see `mount(2)`.

ST_NODEV

Disallow access to device special files on this filesystem.

ST_NODIRATIME

Do not update directory access times; see `mount(2)`.

ST_NOEXEC

Execution of programs is disallowed on this filesystem.

ST_NOSUID

The set-user-ID and set-group-ID bits are ignored by `exec(3)` for executable files on this filesystem

ST_RDONLY

This filesystem is mounted read-only.

ST_RELATIME

Update atime relative to mtime/ctime; see `mount(2)`.

ST_SYNCHRONOUS

Writes are synched to the filesystem immediately (see the description of `O_SYNC` in `open(2)`).

It is unspecified whether all members of the returned struct have meaningful values on all filesystems.

`fstatvfs()` returns the same information about an open file referenced by descriptor `fd`.

ERRORS

(See also `path_resolution(7)`.)

EFAULT Buf or path points to an invalid address.

EIO An I/O error occurred while reading from the filesystem.

ENAMETOOLONG

(statvfs()) path is too long.

ENOENT (statvfs()) The file referred to by path does not exist.

ENOMEM Insufficient kernel memory was available.

ENOSYS The filesystem does not support this call.

ENOTDIR

(statvfs()) A component of the path prefix of path is not a directory.

EOVERFLOW

Some values were too large to be represented in the returned struct.

ATTRIBUTES

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

[illegible]

?	Interface	?	Attribute	?	Value	?
---	-----------	---	-----------	---	-------	---

[illegible]

? statvfs(), fstatvfs()	? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?
-------------------------	-----------------------------

[illegible]

VERSIONS

Only the ST_NOSUID and ST_RDONLY flags of the f_flag field are specified in POSIX.1. To ob?

tain definitions of the remaining flags, one must define `GNU_SOURCE`.

NOTES

The Linux kernel has system calls `statfs(2)` and `fstatfs(2)` to support this library call.

The glibc implementations of

```
pathconf(path, _PC_REC_XFER_ALIGN);
```

```
pathconf(path, _PC_ALLOC_SIZE_MIN);  
pathconf(path, _PC_REC_MIN_XFER_SIZE);
```

respectively use the `f_frsize`, `f_frsize`, and `f_bsize` fields returned by a call to `statvfs()` with the argument `path`.

Under Linux, `f_favail` is always the same as `f_ffree`, and there's no way for a filesystem to report otherwise. This is not an issue, since no filesystems with an inode root reservation exist.

STANDARDS

POSIX.1-2008.

HISTORY

POSIX.1-2001.

Before `glibc 2.13`, `statvfs()` populated the bits of the `f_flag` field by scanning the mount options shown in `/proc/mounts`. However, starting with `Linux 2.6.36`, the underlying `statfs(2)` system call provides the necessary information via the `f_flags` field, and since `glibc 2.13`, the `statvfs()` function will use information from that field rather than scanning `/proc/mounts`.

SEE ALSO

`statfs(2)`

Linux man-pages 6.17

2026-02-08

`statvfs(3)`