

**NAME**

`envz_add`, `envz_entry`, `envz_get`, `envz_merge`, `envz_remove`, `envz_strip` – environment string support

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <envz.h>
error_t envz_add(char **envz, size_t *envz_len,
                  const char *name, const char *value);
char *envz_entry(const char *envz, size_t envz_len, const char *name);
char *envz_get(const char *envz, size_t envz_len, const char *name);
error_t envz_merge(char **envz, size_t *envz_len,
                   const char *envz2, size_t envz2_len, int override);
void envz_remove(char **envz, size_t *envz_len, const char *name);
void envz_strip(char **envz, size_t *envz_len);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions are glibc-specific.

An argz vector is a pointer to a character buffer together with a length, see [argz\\_add\(3\)](#). An envz vector is a special argz vector, namely one where the strings have the form "name=value". Everything after the first '=' is considered to be the value. If there is no '=', the value is taken to be NULL. (While the value in case of a trailing '=' is the empty string "").

These functions are for handling envz vectors.

**envz\_add()** adds the string "name=value" (in case *value* is non-NUL) or "name" (in case *value* is NUL) to the envz vector (*\*envz*, *\*envz\_len*) and updates *\*envz* and *\*envz\_len*. If an entry with the same *name* existed, it is removed.

**envz\_entry()** looks for *name* in the envz vector (*envz*, *envz\_len*) and returns the entry if found, or NUL if not.

**envz\_get()** looks for *name* in the envz vector (*envz*, *envz\_len*) and returns the value if found, or NUL if not. (Note that the value can also be NUL, namely when there is an entry for *name* without '=' sign.)

**envz\_merge()** adds each entry in *envz2* to *\*envz*, as if with **envz\_add()**. If *override* is true, then values in *envz2* will supersede those with the same name in *\*envz*, otherwise not.

**envz\_remove()** removes the entry for *name* from (*\*envz*, *\*envz\_len*) if there was one.

**envz\_strip()** removes all entries with value NUL.

**RETURN VALUE**

All envz functions that do memory allocation have a return type of *error\_t*, and return 0 for success, and ENOMEM if an allocation error occurs.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
<code>envz_add()</code> , <code>envz_entry()</code> , <code>envz_get()</code> , <code>envz_merge()</code> , <code>envz_remove()</code> , <code>envz_strip()</code>	Thread safety	MT-Safe

**CONFORMING TO**

These functions are a GNU extension. Handle with care.

**EXAMPLE**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <envz.h>
```

```
int
main(int argc, char *argv[], char *envp[])
{
    int i, e_len = 0;
    char *str;

    for (i = 0; envp[i] != NULL; i++)
        e_len += strlen(envp[i]) + 1;

    str = envz_entry(*envp, e_len, "HOME");
    printf("%s\n", str);
    str = envz_get(*envp, e_len, "HOME");
    printf("%s\n", str);
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

**SEE ALSO**

[argz\\_add\(3\)](#)

**COLOPHON**

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