

blib Code Reference v1.0

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blib

blib - a bash library

The basic functions which are imported by default.

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version: Execute `blib version` or use `b_version`.

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The above statements apply to all modules of blib if not mentioned otherwise.

Coding Conventions

1. embrace the KISS principle
2. some general guidelines: <http://www.kfirlavi.com/blog/2012/11/14/defensive-bash-programming/>
3. use `b_[module]_[camel case function name]` to denote functions meant to be used by users of the library, `B_[module]_[upper case var name]` for global variables
4. use `BLIB_[module]_[upper case var name]` for global variables (to be avoided whenever possible) not meant to be used by library users (“private” variables); library users can use setters or getters
5. use the `BLIB_STORE` with the above naming conventions for “private” variables whenever possible
6. use `blib_[module]_[camel case function name]` to denote private functions not meant to be used by library users; the function name should not contain any underscores
7. the blib module itself is the only exception which can use `b_`, `B_`, `blib_`, `BLIB_` without module name
8. prefixes such as `t_`, `T_` and `UTD_` are exclusively related to test code
9. set exit codes (`!= 0 -> issue`) wherever it makes sense
10. keep the global namespace clean whenever possible
11. declare `-g` must be used in order to allow sourcing from a function (`b_import`)

12. modules must implement a function such as
b_[module]_getDeps
returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of the module
13. modules should provide a header similar to that of the blib source file in order to make the documentation generation work
14. modules may be placed in subfolders of arbitrary depth
15. use 0 to indicate true and 1 to indicate false for variables; for exit codes use a non-zero exit code to indicate the number of errors
16. functions should be tagged with the following tags, if applicable:
@StateChanging - the function changes the internal state of the script in a way that will not propagate to supershells (e.g. global variables) and should thus not be called from subshells (unless the user wants the state to only change in that shell)
@B_E - the function uses B_E for error handling and may thus behave differently depending on the implemented error handler

Library Usage

with the default bash options:

```
source blib
b_import [module]
```

Dependencies

```
dirname
readlink
whoami
sort
cat
mktemp
rm
su
```

Imports

no imports

Global Variables

B_TEST_MODE

blib/B_TEST_MODE

blib will set this variable to 0, if blib is running in test mode.

This variable may be used to bypass code during testing, if bats cannot test that code due to its limitations (e.g. for EXIT traps which bats uses for itself).

B_CALLER_NAME

blib/B_CALLER_NAME

Name of the executable or script as String which called blib and any child libraries.

B_ERR

blib/B_ERR

Global variable used for error handling throughout blib, cf. B_E.

It is recommended to always set an at least partially static error message on confirmed errors as variables may be empty (which would indicate “no error” for B_E).

B_RC

blib/B_RC

Can be used to set the return code for B_E in the case of an error. It defaults to 1.

This should be set to an integer value between 1 and 255. Any other value may cause undefined behaviour.

B_LIB_DIR

blib/B_LIB_DIR

Path of the blib installation directory.

B_SCRIPT

blib/B_SCRIPT

Global variable which can be used to obtain the two global variables B_SCRIPT_DIR and B_SCRIPT_NAME as follows:

```
eval "$B_SCRIPT"
```

B__SCRIPT__NAME

blib/B__SCRIPT__NAME

Path of the sourced or executed bash script executing the eval (symlinks are resolved) of B__SCRIPT.

B__SCRIPT__DIR

blib/B__SCRIPT__DIR

Name of the sourced or executed bash script executing the eval (symlinks are resolved) of B__SCRIPT.

Global Aliases

Alias expansion is automatically enabled by blib as it is required for its core functionality. So if you have strange aliases defined in your shell environment, this may cause undefined blib behaviour.

B__E

blib/B__E

The blib error handler: All blib modules use it whenever execution errors require special handling that the currently executing code cannot achieve.

Syntax:

```
B__ERR="This is an error message." ; B__E ;
```

If you need to set the return/exit code, you can do it with B__RC:

```
B__ERR="This is another error message." ; B__RC=6 ; B__E ;
```

Calling B__E means:

Check B__ERR for an error message and if there is one, handle it. It can be placed at the end of a line or on its own line. B__E will then process the error message in the way defined by the error handler (cf. `b__defaultErrorHandler`) and stop any further execution of code in the current context (function, script, ...) returning a non-zero exit code (1) unless the described error was fixed. In the latter unlikely case it'll let execution proceed.

The error handler can be re-defined at runtime with `b__setErrorHandler`.

Functions

b__printStackTrace [skip level]

blib/b__printStackTrace

[skip level]: skip that many levels of the stack trace (optional, default: 1 - skip this function call)

print the current stack trace in a human readable way

returns: stack trace with the first levels skipped as defined

b__nop

blib/b__nop

Do nothing.

returns: nothing; sets a zero exit code

b__version [part]

blib/b__version

Get the version of this blib instance.

[part]: Optional parameter defining the part of the version to retrieve (0: all as String (default), 1: major as Integer, 2: minor as Integer).

returns: blib version as string; always sets a zero exit code

b__defaultErrorHandler [error out] [print stderr] [print stack trace]

blib/b__defaultErrorHandler

The blib default error handler.

As any error handler it must

1. handle the error message (if not the error itself) lying in B_ERR
2. not take any non-numeric arguments
3. not error out itself
4. implement the below *[error out]* as its first parameter (to make b_setBE work)
5. return one of the following exit codes:
 - a) 0: **if and only if** the error was fixed entirely and the caller may ignore the error (i.e. probably never)
 - b) 1: The error wasn't fixed. Functions should return to their caller indicating an error (non-zero status code). Direct shell calls will exit. B_ERR is **not** reset to blank, i.e. the next call to B_E in the same context will cause another error. The caller may use this to either *throw* the error further or handle and clear the error.
 - c) 2: Force a stop of execution in the current shell / error out.

[error out]: Whether or not to call exit after the error message handling, if the error couldn't be handled (default: 0 = always error out / call exit). If set to 1, B_E will allow e.g. functions to return to their callers.

[print stderr]: Whether or not to print the error message to stderr (default: 0 = print).

[print stack trace]: Whether or not to print a stack trace to stderr (default: 0 = print).

returns: see the description above

b_setBE [error out]

blib/b_setBE

Set the [error out] behaviour of the currently configured error handler.

Contrary to b_setErrorHandler this function may be called by blib modules as all error handlers are required to support [error out] as parameter.

Example for switching the error out behaviour:

```
b_setBE 1
funcThatMayCallB_E #without subshell
ret=$?
b_resetErrorHandler
```

[error out]: see b_defaultErrorHandler (default: 0)

returns: nothing, always sets a zero exit code

@StateChanging

b_setErrorHandler [handler]

blib/b_setErrorHandler

Set the error handler for all future exections of B_E in the current scope.

You can do this in e.g. subshells to limit the effect.

blib modules should only use this function if absolutely necessary to temporarily modify the error behaviour whilst making sure that b_resetErrorHandler is called in the end. Otherwise it will prevent library users from setting the general behaviour in their scripts.

Usually you do not want to write an entirely new handler, but modify the b_defaultErrorHandler parameters with this setter or use b_setBE for that.

[handler]: Function to handle errors. See b_defaultErrorHandler for details.

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b__resetErrorHandler

blib/b__resetErrorHandler

Set the error handler to whatever it was before the last call to `b__setErrorHandler` or `b__setBE`.

returns: nothing, always sets a zero exit code

@StateChanging

b__getErrorHandler

blib/b__getErrorHandler

Get the currently for `B_E` configured error handler.

returns: the error handler function

b__silence [function] [param 1] .. [param p]

blib/b__silence

Call the given function with its parameters in the current shell context whilst suppressing all of its output to both stdout and stderr. Anything written to `B_ERR` however is passed to `B_E` (which can still write to stderr).

This function is useful when you want to keep an error message set with `B_ERR`, but discard everything else.

In contrast `yourfunction &> /dev/null` may also drop the error message, if you're using an error handler (see `B_E`) that writes to stdout or stderr.

[function]: The function to execute.

[param p]: An arbitrary number of function parameters.

returns: Sets the status code of the called function, but doesn't print anything. `B_E` is called on errors.

@B_E

b__info [message]

blib/b__info

Print the given message to stdout as info message.

[message]: to print to stdout

returns: nothing

b__enforceUser [user name]

blib/b__enforceUser

enforce that the user is the given one and if not, exit the script and set a non-zero status code

[user name]: user name to check against

returns: nothing

@B__E

b__isFunction [potential function name]

blib/b__isFunction

check whether the given function is defined

returns: zero exit code if the function is defined

b__getBlibModules

blib/b__getBlibModules

get all available blib module names as a newline-separated list

returns: all available blib module names as newline-separated list

b__listContains [list] [entry]

blib/b__listContains

check whether the given list contains the given entry

[list]: newline-separated list

[entry]: string to be found on a single line within the list (equality check)

returns: a zero exit code if the list contains the entry; a non-zero exit code otherwise

b__checkDeps [list]

blib/b__checkDeps

check whether the given list of dependencies is met by the system running this function.

[list]: newline-separated list of binaries or commands that the system must be able to execute

returns: list of dependencies not met; a non-zero exit code is set, if the list contains elements

b_blib_getDeps

blib/b_blib_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_import [module] [double import]

blib/b_import

Import the given module into the current context.

[module]: relative path of the module to import (relative to the blib/lib root directory)

[double import]: if set to 1, import the given module regardless of whether it was imported before (default: 0 = don't do duplicate imports)

returns: nothing, errors out if the import failed and sets a non-zero status code; if the import was successful or previously done, a zero exit code is set

@B_E

b_generateStandalone [function] [param 1] .. [param p] - [module dep 1] .. [module dep n] - [function dep 1] .. [function dep d]

blib/b_generateStandalone

Create a standalone variant of blib in a single file running the given function when called (sourcing that file will only make the functions available) and print that file to stdout.

The current execution state is not retained.

[function]: The function to call when the generated script is executed. All script parameters when calling [output file] are passed to this function. The function must be available in the current context.

[param p]: Static parameters to add to the function as single String. Dynamic parameters should be passed to the generated script.

[module dep i]: Names of the modules to include in the standalone file. They do not need to be imported.

[-]: Dash used as separator between the function dependencies and the modules. If none is provided, all parameters are assumed to be modules.

[function dep j]: An arbitrary number of functions that need to be added in order to satisfy the dependencies of the function to call (e.g. if function A is meant to be called, but uses function B internally, you'll have to pass B as one of its dependencies). Dependencies that can be found in added modules should *not* be added.

returns: Sets a zero exit code and prints the output file to stdout on success. May error out otherwise.

@B_E

b_execFuncAs [user] [function] [param 1] .. [param p] - [module dep 1] .. [module dep n] - [function dep 1] .. [function dep d]

blib/b_execFuncAs

Attempt to execute the Bash function as the given user.

Whether or not this works highly depends on the underlying OS and its (sudo & su) configuration. In particular this function may cause further execution to wait for the user to type in the password of the requested user.

If the given user is identical to the current user, b_execFuncAs may decide to run the function in the current context. Otherwise it may run in a different process.

[user]: User to execute the function as (default: root).

[function]: The function to execute.

[param p]: An arbitrary number of function parameters.

[-]: A dash as separator character between the various parameters.

[module dep i]: Names of the modules required by the function. They do not need to be imported by the function itself.

[function dep j]: An arbitrary number of functions that need to be added in order to satisfy the dependencies of the function to call (e.g. if function A is meant to be called, but uses function B internally, you'll have to pass B as one of its dependencies). Dependencies that can be found in added modules should *not* be added.

returns: Whatever the executed function returns. A non-zero exit code may also indicate that the user switch didn't work. In particular B_E is *not* called if the executed function returns an error.

@B_E

b_isModule [module name]

blib/b_isModule

Test whether the given name represents a blib module name.

returns: sets a zero exit code if the given name is a valid module name

arr

Collection of array related functions.

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Dependencies

printf

Imports

no imports

Functions

b_arr_getDeps

arr/b_arr_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_arr_join [delimiter] [array]

arr/b_arr_join

Join the given array; elements are separated with the given delimiter. The array is not checked to exist.

[delimiter]: String to use as delimiter.

[array]: expanded array to join, e.g. “\${arr[@]}”

returns: Joined version of the array. The exit code is always zero.

b_arr_contains [element] [array]

arr/b_arr_contains

Check whether an array contains an element.

[element]: element to check for its existence in the array

[array]: expanded array to check, e.g. “\${arr[@]}”

returns: an exit code of 0, if the element was found and 1 otherwise

cdoc

Generate code documentation in many formats (e.g. html, pdf, manpage, ...) from code comments.

Lines applicable for the documentation in your code are assumed to match static (configurable) regular expressions. These lines are then fed to pandoc in order to generate a single html page (or pdf, manpage, ...) as documentation. If no conversion is required (input format = desired output format), pandoc is bypassed.

It should be possible to use this way of generating code documentation with most programming languages (incl. bash). The defaults however are set for bash and the blib way of documenting its code, i.e. you'll have to use the getters and setters of this module if you want something different. For instance the default is to check for lines starting with `#+` (a special bash comment line) and add everything afterwards to the output documentation.

Various callback functions can be used to add content to the output of `b_cdoc_generate`. See the documentation of that function for details.

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Dependencies

mv
rm
mktemp

Imports

no imports

Functions

b_cdoc_getDeps

cdoc/b_cdoc_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_cdoc_setExtractionRegex [regex]

cdoc/b_cdoc_setExtractionRegex

Set the regular expression used to check for matching lines in code files. The first match (`${BASH_REMATCH[1]}`) is added to the documentation output.

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b_cdoc_getExtractionRegex

cdoc/b_cdoc_getExtractionRegex

See the setter.

returns: The property that was set.

b_cdoc_setFileFilterCallback [callback function name]

cdoc/b_cdoc_setFileFilterCallback

Set the function to call by `b_cdoc_generate` exactly once right after it computed the list of applicable source code files.

The callback function should be declared as follows:

`callback_function_name [file list]`

`[file list]:` newline-separated list of files (no directories!)
that `b_cdoc_generate` computed for document generation
(in that order)

returns: the newline-separated list to use by `b_cdoc_generate` for document generation (default: the input); a non-zero exit code will abort further processing

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b_cdoc__getFileFilterCallback

cdoc/b_cdoc__getFileFilterCallback

See the setter.

returns: The property that was set.

b_cdoc__setDocumentBeginCallback [callback function name]

cdoc/b_cdoc__setDocumentBeginCallback

Set the function to call by b_cdoc__generate exactly once right before it starts generating the output document.

The callback function should be declared as follows:

```
callback_function_name [document output file] [document output format]
[document output file]: path to the document output file
                        (may not exist and should not be written to)
[document output format]: chosen output format
returns: whatever should be added at the beginning of the output document;
        a non-zero exit code will abort further processing
```

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b_cdoc__getDocumentBeginCallback

cdoc/b_cdoc__getDocumentBeginCallback

See the setter.

returns: The property that was set.

b_cdoc__setPostProcessingCallback [callback function name]

cdoc/b_cdoc__setPostProcessingCallback

Set the function to call by b_cdoc__generate each time a code file was fully processed.

The callback function should be declared as follows:

```
callback_function_name [processed input] [input file] [document output format]
[processed input]: Everything that was found to match the
                  extraction regex in the [input file] by b_cdoc__generate.
[input file]:      The original input file.
[document output format]: chosen output format
returns:           whatever should be added to the output document for the
                  given input file (usually the processed input or some filtered
```


version of it); a non-zero exit code will abort further processing

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b_cdoc__getPostProcessingCallback

cdoc/b_cdoc__getPostProcessingCallback

See the setter.

returns: The property that was set.

b_cdoc__setDocumentEndCallback [callback function name]

cdoc/b_cdoc__setDocumentEndCallback

Set the function to call by `b_cdoc__generate` exactly once right after it generated the output document.

The callback function should be declared as follows:

`callback_function_name [document output file] [document output format]`

`[document output file]:` path to the document output file

(may not exist and should not be written to)

`[document output format]:` chosen output format

returns: whatever should be added to the end of the output document; a non-zero exit code will abort further processing

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b_cdoc__getDocumentEndCallback

cdoc/b_cdoc__getDocumentEndCallback

See the setter.

returns: The property that was set.

b_cdoc__setSpaceCallback [callback function name]

cdoc/b_cdoc__setSpaceCallback

Set the function to call by `b_cdoc__generate` each time it hits “space” (non-matching lines) between two matching lines.

The callback function should be declared as follows:

`callback_function_name` [matching line] [input file] [previous space count] [document output
[matching line]: The first matching line before which no match was found.
[input file]: The original input file.
[previous space count]: The number of times this function was previously
called for the currently processed file.
[document output format]: chosen output format
returns: whatever should be added in front of the matching line;
a non-zero exit code will abort further processing

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b_cdoc_getSpaceCallback

cdoc/b_cdoc_getSpaceCallback

See the setter.

returns: The property that was set.

b_cdoc_generate [input files] [output file] [output format] [additional pandoc options]

cdoc/b_cdoc_generate

Generate a documentation file from the given list of input files or directories.

pseudo code description for the document generation:

1. call the file filter callback to obtain the final list of input source code files to use for document generation, respect the order (default: use all files passed as input)
2. call the document begin callback function with the output file path to get user-specific output (default: do nothing)
3. for all input files:
 - i. for all lines of a file:
 - a) store lines matching `b_cdoc_getExtractionRegex` in a variable *o*
 - b) between any two matching lines for `b_cdoc_getExtractionRegex` that had a non-matching line in between them: call the space callback function (default: add an empty line to the output)
 - ii. pass *o* and the file name to the post processing callback function (default: return the input) - users could add e.g. the file name as section header here
 - iii. add the output of the post processing function to the output document
4. call the document end callback function with the output file path to get user-specific output (default: do nothing)
5. do all necessary output conversions using pandoc

[input files]: Newline-separated list of files or directories to generate the documentation from. The given order is respected; directories are recursively searched for files. It is currently assumed that these files are encoded in UTF-8.

[output file]: Path to the documentation file to generate. Should not exist.

[output format]: The target format of the documentation to generate. See pandoc for a list of available output formats. If none is specified, pandoc is bypassed and the input format is chosen as output format. Passing “pandoc” will let pandoc decide based on the extension of the output file.

[additional pandoc options]: All remaining parameters will be directly passed to pandoc. If none are provided, -s is implicitly added as default.

returns: Sets a non-zero exit code and exits the script on errors. output from pandoc and other calls may be printed. Otherwise nothing is returned.

@B_E

b_cdoc_generateBlibStyle [input files] [output file base path] [output format] [delete existing]

cdoc/b_cdoc_generateBlibStyle

A convenience wrapper for b_cdoc_generate which sets various reasonable parameters depending on the output format.

[input files]: see b_cdoc_generate

[output file base path]: path to a directory and base file name where to store the generated output documentation file; the final file name may differ as it is chosen by this function

[output format]: currently one of raw|html|pdf|man is supported (default: raw)

[delete existing]: whether or not to delete previously created output files (default: true/0); if set to false (1), the function will error out if a previously created file was found

returns: full path to the created documentation file on success; otherwise the function may error out

@B_E

Callback Functions

b_cdoc_cbPrintNewline

cdoc/b_cdoc_cbPrintNewline

Prints a newline character.

returns: nothing

`b_cdoc_cbPrintFirstParam [param]`

cdoc/b_cdoc_cbPrintFirstParam

Prints the first parameter.

[param]: The parameter to print.

returns: the first parameter

date

Collection of date and time related functions.

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Dependencies

date

Imports

no imports

Functions

b__date__getDeps

date/b__date__getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b__date__addDays [date] [days] [format] [utc flag]

date/b__date__addDays

Add the given number of days to the given date.

[date]: date to add days to; the format must be understood by the Unix date utility

[days]: number of days to add

[format]: output format of the date, in Unix date notation (default: use the localized output)

[utc flag]: if set to 0, use UTC as time zone if not specified for the input *and* use it for the output (default: 1 = local time zone)

returns: The input date with the given number of days added, in the requested format; returns a non-zero exit code on errors.

@B_E

b_date_diffSeconds [date 1] [date 2]

date/b_date_diffSeconds

Get the number of seconds between the two dates, i.e. [date 2] - [date 1].

[date 2], [date 1]: the two dates to subtract; the time one is assumed to be identical if not specified within the dates

returns: The number of seconds between the given two dates [date 2] - [date 1]; returns a non-zero exit code on errors.

@B_E

flog

Flexible log writer for bash supporting arbitrary piped output (files, network streams, stdout, stderr, ...) in a user-defined output format.
Log files can be automatically reduced to their last X lines.

In order to log to the system log, please use the logger command instead. This library is mostly meant for application logs handled in a more custom manner.

Currently only a single writer per instance of this library/thread is kept in memory, but you can user multiple one after another or in multiple threads. Each writer should have a dedicated log file to write to.

Exact format of log entries:

[header] [message]

[header]: Can be arbitrarily defined in the
 respective callback function. If nothing
 is defined, the below default header
 is used:

[default header] = '[default date] '

[default date]: current date in the format as used
 by date +"%F %T %Z" (the format can be changed)

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Dependencies

date
tail
cat
mktemp

Imports

fs

Global Variables

B_FLOG_SEV

flog/B_FLOG_SEV

Global map for human readable severities which may be used by users of this script.

It was inspired by the severities of RFC5424.

Currently supported values: emergency|alert|critical|crit|error|err|warning|warn|notice|informational|info|debug

Functions

b_flog_printSeverity [severity]

flog/b_flog_printSeverity

[severity]: see `b_flog_init`

Print the given severity in a way for logging. This function is meant to be used as building block for header functions.

returns: a printed version of the given severity for logging

b_flog_close

flog/b_flog_close

close the currently open log; is automatically called, but users may want to call it themselves to force the respective file descriptor to be closed before the program is ended

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b_flog_init [log file name] [header callback function] [log reduction lines]

flog/b_flog_init

Initialize this log writer. This function **must** be called before any others.

[log file name]: name of the log file to write to; special files such as /dev/stdout, /dev/stderr (default), /dev/tcp, /dev/udp are supported if your bash version supports them; the file doesn't need to exist, but directories above it must exist

[header callback function]: optional name of the function to be called whenever a new log entry is generated; the function must be defined as follows:

```
[header callback function] [severity]
[severity]: see [b_flog_log](#b_flog_log)
returns: the full header meant to be used for the current moment in time
         with the given severity (without knowing the message details)
         and sets a non-zero exit code on errors; errors may cause the
         message to be logged without header
```

[log reduction lines]: if set to a positive integer, reduce the log file approximately to that number of lines during logging (default: 3000) - see `b_flog_setLogReductionLinesApprox` for details; this option has no effect on non-file outputs (stdout, network output, ...)

returns: sets a non-zero exit code on errors and may exit the script

@StateChanging

@B_E

b_flog_log [message] [severity]

flog/b_flog_log

Log the given message with the given optional severity.

[message]: message to log

[severity]: users may pass arbitrary numbers or even Strings here, but it is recommended to stick to the priorities defined in `$BLIB_FLOG_SEV` (default: `#{B_FLOG_SEV["info"]}`)

returns: sets a non-zero exit code on errors and may exit the script

@B_E

b_flogErrorHandler [error out] [print stderr] [print stack trace] [print log errors] [log stack trace] [severity]

flog/b_flogErrorHandler

An alternative to `b__defaultErrorHandler` which will log program errors using `flog`.

[error out]: see `b__defaultErrorHandler` (default: 0)

[print stderr]: see `b__defaultErrorHandler` (default: 1 / log only)

[print stack trace]: see `b__defaultErrorHandler` (default: 1 / log only)

[print log errors]: whether or not to print errors related to the logging itself to `stderr` (default: 0 / print)

[log stack trace]: whether or not to log the stack trace (default: 1 / do not log it)

[severity]: the severity to use for all errors, defaults to `$_{B__FLOG__SEV["critical"]}`

returns: see `b__defaultErrorHandler`

b__flog__getDeps

flog/b__flog__getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b__flog__getDateFormat

flog/b__flog__getDateFormat

Get the date format used for the header by this log writer (see “man date” for explanations).

returns: see above

b__flog__setDateFormat [format string]

flog/b__flog__setDateFormat

Set the date format used for the header by this log writer (see “man date” for explanations).

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b__flog__getLogReductionLinesLowerBound

flog/b__flog__getLogReductionLinesLowerBound

Get the number of lines that the log file will at least have after a log file reduction.

returns: see above

b__flog_getLogReductionLinesUpperBound

flog/b__flog_getLogReductionLinesUpperBound

Get the maximum number of lines that the log file will have before it is reduced.

returns: see above

b__flog_setLogReductionLinesLowerBound [bound]

flog/b__flog_setLogReductionLinesLowerBound

Set the number of lines that the log file will at least have after a log file reduction.

[bound]: number of lines to use for that bound

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b__flog_setLogReductionLinesUpperBound

flog/b__flog_setLogReductionLinesUpperBound

Set the maximum number of lines that the log file will have before it is reduced.

[bound]: number of lines to use for that bound

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b__flog_setLogReductionLinesApprox [line count]

flog/b__flog_setLogReductionLinesApprox

Set the number of average number of lines that the log file should have; counts ≤ 0 indicate no limit.

[line count]: reduce the log after reaching $1.2 \times [\text{line count}]$ lines to $0.8 \times [\text{line count}]$ lines

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

b__flog_getHeaderFunction

flog/b__flog_getHeaderFunction

Get the name of the header callback function that is used.

returns: see above

b_flog_setHeaderFunction [header function]

flog/b_flog_setHeaderFunction

Set the name of the header callback function to be used.

[header function]: name of the header function to use

returns: nothing

@StateChanging

Header Functions

b_flog_defaultHeader [severity]

flog/b_flog_defaultHeader

Default header callback function used with **b_flog_init**.

[severity]: the default header ignores the severity

returns: the default header meant to be used for the current moment in time

b_flog_headerDateSeverity [severity]

flog/b_flog_headerDateSeverity

An alternative to the default header callback function which appends the severity to the default header.

[severity]: see **b_flog_init**

returns: the default header with the severity appended

b_flog_headerDateScriptSeverity [severity]

flog/b_flog_headerDateScriptSeverity

An alternative to the default header callback function which appends the calling script and the severity to the default header.

[severity]: see **b_flog_init**

returns: the default header with the calling script and severity appended

fs

Collection of file and file system related functions.

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Dependencies

wc
date
findmnt
mktemp
mount

Imports

no imports

Functions

b_fs_getDeps

fs/b_fs_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_fs_isEmptyDir [dir]

fs/b_fs_isEmptyDir

Check whether the given directory is empty or non-existing. It is not checked whether the passed parameter is a file preventing a directory from being created.

[dir]: full path to the directory to check

returns: a zero exit code if the directory does not exist or is empty

b_fs_getLastModifiedInDays [file]

fs/b_fs_getLastModifiedInDays

Get the number of days since when a file was last modified.

[file]: Full path to the file to check.

returns: The time in days since the last modification. Sets a non-zero exit code on errors.

@B_E

b_fs_getLineCount [file]

fs/b_fs_getLineCount

Get the number of lines of the given file.

[file]: full path to a file

returns: the number of lines; a non-zero exit code is set on errors

@B_E

b_fs_waitForFile [file] [maximum time]

fs/b_fs_waitForFile

Sleep until the given file appears. The check interval is 1s.

[file]: full path to the file or directory to wait for

[maximum time]: maximum time in s to wait for the file to appear (default: forever)

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the file appeared and a non-zero exit code on a timeout.

b_fs_getMountpoints [device]

fs/b_fs_getMountpoints

Get all mountpoints for the given device.

[device]: Full path to the device (incl. /dev/) for which to obtain the mountpoints.

returns: A newline-separated list of mountpoints where the given device is mounted to. Sets a non-zero exit code if no such mountpoints were found.

b_fs_mountIfNecessary [device] [mount point]

fs/b_fs_mountIfNecessary

Mount the given device if it isn't already mounted.

[device]: Full path to the device (incl. /dev/) to mount.

[mount point]: Full path where to mount the device. If no mount point is specified, a /tmp/ mount point is chosen. Non-existing directories are created. Is ignored if another mount point already exists.

returns: The chosen mount point or a newline-separated list of existing mount points on success; sets a non-zero exit code on failure.

@B_E

b_fs_createLoopDeviceIfNecessary [file]

fs/b_fs_createLoopDeviceIfNecessary

Create a loop device for the given file if no old one exists. May require root access rights.

[file]: File for which to create a loop device.

returns: Created loop device or previously used one (incl. /dev/). Sets a non-zero exit code, if no device could be created.

@B_E

http

Collection of http related functions.

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Dependencies

curl

Imports

no imports

Functions

b_http_getDeps

http/b_http_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_http_rawUrlEncode [string]

http/b_http_rawUrlEncode

Encode the given string according to RFC 3986.

[string]: to encode

returns: Returns a string in which all non-alphanumeric characters except `-.~` have been replaced with a percent (%) sign followed by two hex digits. This

is the encoding described in RFC 3986 for protecting literal characters from being interpreted as special URL delimiters, and for protecting URLs from being mangled by transmission media with character conversions (like some email systems). A non-zero exit code is set on errors.

@B_E

b_http_rawUrlDecode [string]

http/b_http_rawUrlDecode

Decode the given string encoded with `b_str_rawUrlEncode` or an equivalent function.

[string]: to decode

returns: The literal string with all hex characters replaced; a non-zero exit code is set on errors.

ini

Stateful ini reader for bash.

Currently only a single file per instance of this library/thread is kept in memory, but you can read multiple files one after another or in multiple threads.

Implementation Specifics:

- names/keys & values are case sensitive
- comment lines may start with ; or #
- whitespace lines are ignored
- duplicate names may result in undefined behaviour (usually the second will override the first)
- all characters following the = are considered part of the value (incl. whitespace); whitespace before and after the value may be trimmed by the getters though (check their description)
- values are not interpreted (e.g. quotes, escape characters, ...)
- whitespace around keys and around section qualifiers is ignored

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Dependencies

no dependencies

Imports

no imports

Functions

b__ini__getDeps

ini/b__ini__getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b__ini__read [ini file]

ini/b__ini__read

read the given ini file and keep it in thread-local memory so that subsequent calls to the b__ini__get functions will return the values from the ini file; subsequent calls to this function will update the internal state to represent the file last read in this thread

[ini file]: path to the ini file to read

returns: an error message on errors and sets a non-zero exit code on errors

@StateChanging

@B__E

b__ini__get [name] [section]

ini/b__ini__get

get the value for the ini entry with the given name as String in raw format

[name]: name/key of the ini entry to retrieve

[section]: section where to look for the entry with the given name (default: without section)

returns: value of the ini entry matching exactly the given section and name incl. any whitespace; a non-zero exit code is set if such an entry wasn't found or another error occurred

b_ini_getString [name] [section]

ini/b_ini_getString

get the value for the ini entry with the given name as String and remove all whitespace around the returned String

[name]: name/key of the ini entry to retrieve

[section]: section where to look for the entry with the given name (default: without section)

returns: value of the ini entry matching exactly the given section and name excl. any whitespace around; a non-zero exit code is set if such an entry wasn't found or another error occurred

b_ini_getInt [name] [section]

ini/b_ini_getInt

get the value for the ini entry with the given name as integer

[name]: see b_ini_get

[section]: see b_ini_get

returns: see b_ini_get; additionally it is checked whether the return value is an integer (if not, a non-zero exit code is set and the return value is undefined)

b_ini_getBool [name] [section]

ini/b_ini_getBool

get the value for the ini entry with the given name as boolean

[name]: see b_ini_get

[section]: see b_ini_get

returns: see b_ini_get; 0 is returned via echo for true, 1 for false; the exit code indicates a potential error during parsing or a missing entry (and *not* true/false)

mtx

Collection of mutex related functions.

Mutex: Only a single process may have it at any point in time.

Lock: A specific maximum number of processes may have it at any point in time.

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Dependencies

mkdir
touch
sleep
rm
rmdir
cat
mktemp

Imports

proc

Functions

b__mtx_getDeps

mtx/b__mtx_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b__mtx_setSleepTime [ms]

mtx/b__mtx_setSleepTime

Sets the time to sleep for this module whenever active polling is done (default: 500).

[ms]: time in milliseconds between active polling requests for e.g. mutexes done by this module; must be an integer

returns: Nothing, always sets a zero exit code.

b__mtx_getSleepTime

mtx/b__mtx_getSleepTime

Gets the time to sleep for this module whenever active polling is done.

returns: The currently set time to sleep in ms.

b__mtx__create [base dir]

mtx/b__mtx__create

Allocate a new mutex without claiming it (use b__mtx__try for that).

[base dir]: Path to an *existing* directory where to store the mutex (default: not specified). By default this module will pick a temporary location. If you need a mutex that persists across reboots, please set a directory that persists across reboots here. The path should point to a local, non-network file system destination. The module must be able to create remove files or directories there at will.

returns: A string identifying the mutex (mutex ID). Sets a non-zero exit code on errors.

@B_E

b__mtx__release [mutex] [block ID]

mtx/b__mtx__release

Release the given mutex so that it can be used by other block IDs/threads.

[mutex]: A mutex obtained via b__mtx__create.

[block ID]: The block ID for which to release the mutex (default: \$\$).

returns: Sets a non-zero exit code if the mutex could not be removed as another process is blocking it and a zero exit code on successful removal.

b__mtx__forceRelease [mutex]

mtx/b__mtx__forceRelease

Release the given mutex so that it can be used by other blockIDs/threads. Warning: This function can remove mutexes from other threads and should generally *only* be used for the removal of mutexes which are known to be stale by the calling application.

[mutex]: A mutex obtained via b__mtx__create.

returns: Nothing and sets a zero exit code.

b__mtx__try [mutex] [block ID] [claim stale] [claim own]

mtx/b__mtx__try

Attempt to obtain the given mutex. Return immediately even if it cannot be obtained.

[mutex]: A mutex obtained via b__mtx__create.

[block ID]: The ID to use by which to block (default: running (sub)shell process id \$\$). This should be the process ID of the process attempting to obtain the mutex or you should know what you're doing. If you're in a subshell that should have a mutex with other subshells, store their \$BASHPID and call the function with that.

[claim stale]: If set to 0, claim the mutex even if it is still blocked by some other process, but that process isn't running anymore. If set to 1 (default), the function returns without obtaining the mutex. In general this should only be used in situations where a mutex has a high probability of being stale (e.g. application start).

[claim own]: If set to 0 (default), claim the mutex if it appears to be blocked by the provided block ID. If set to 1, consider it blocked even then.

returns: The function incl. parameters to execute to remove the mutex if it was obtained and an error message stating the reason otherwise. The provided function *should* be called as part of an exit trap of the calling script or via eval. Sets an exit code of 0, if the mutex was obtained. An exit code of 1 is set, if the mutex was blocked and another non-zero exit code if some other error occurred (the mutex might be blocked even then).

Example code:

```
local mutex=""
local mutexRet=""
mutex="$(b_mtx_create)" || { B_ERR="Failed to create a mutex." ; B_E }
mutexRet="$(b_mtx_try "$mutex")" \
|| { B_ERR="Failed to obtain the mutex $mutex. Reason: $mutexRet" ; B_E }
#assuming the mutex is only meant to be removed after full
#execution of the script:
trap "$mutexRet" EXIT
#direct removal:
#b_mtx_release "$mutex"
```

b_mtx_waitFor [mutex] [block ID] [claim stale] [maximum time]

mtx/b_mtx_waitFor

Wait for the given mutex to become available. This will block script execution.

[mutex]: see b_mtx_try

[block ID]: see b_mtx_try

[claim stale]: see b_mtx_try

[maximum time]: maximum time in ms to wait for the mutex to become available (default: 0 = indefinitely)

returns: see b_mtx_try

os/osid

Functions for operating system identification.

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Dependencies

no dependencies

Imports

no imports

Functions

b__osid_getDeps

os/osid/b__osid_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b__osid_init [force]

os/osid/b__osid_init

[force]: if set to 0, force an init even if it would otherwise not be necessary (default: 1 - only initialize if it didn't happen before)

Initialize the osid module. It should normally *not* be necessary to call this function directly, but it will be called by the osid module internally as needed.

returns: May error out and set a non-zero exit code on failures.

b__osid_isDebian

os/osid/b__osid_isDebian

Check whether the OS running this function is a Debian Linux.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isDebianLike

os/osid/b__osid__isDebianLike

Check whether the OS running this function is a Debian Linux or one of its derivatives (e.g. ubuntu).

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isOpenSuse

os/osid/b__osid__isOpenSuse

Check whether the OS running this function is a OpenSUSE.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isFedora

os/osid/b__osid__isFedora

Check whether the OS running this function is a Fedora Linux.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isCentOS

os/osid/b__osid__isCentOS

Check whether the OS running this function is a CentOS.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isRedHat

os/osid/b__osid__isRedHat

Check whether the OS running this function is a RedHat Linux.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isUbuntu

os/osid/b__osid__isUbuntu

Check whether the OS running this function is an Ubuntu Linux.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isFedoraLike

os/osid/b__osid__isFedoraLike

Check whether the OS running this function is a Fedora Linux or one of its derivatives (e.g. CentOS, Red Hat, Qubes OS).

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isQubesDom0

os/osid/b__osid__isQubesDom0

Check whether the OS running this function is a Qubes OS in dom0.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

b__osid__isQubesVM

os/osid/b__osid__isQubesVM

Check whether the OS running this function is a Qubes OS in a VM.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the check returns true. Does not print any output.

os/qubes4/dom0

Collection of functions supporting scripting in Qubes OS 4.x dom0.

Important: Whenever you parse output from VMs to dom0, you **must** be extra careful and assume it totally untrusted as parsing bugs are a plausible attack vector for compromised VMs. Passing data to potentially compromised VMs of course also exposes that data's confidentiality.

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Imports

fs
proc
types

Functions

b_dom0_getDeps

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_dom0_qvmRun [parameter 1] ... [parameter n]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_qvmRun

A wrapper for qvm-run which sets reasonable defaults for shell scripting and applies various fixes.

Most calls to qvm-run should be made via this function rather than interacting with qvm-run directly as the Qubes OS qvm-run was designed with interactive shell usage in mind whereas this wrapper is intended for bash developers.

Particular features:

- a certain set of reasonable default parameters is used: -p -q -n -u root
- -n was set as auto-starting VMs during Bash scripting can heavily influence the user experience (imagine the VM being shut down manually by the user whilst a bash script is running -> constant restarts)
- stdin is redirected to /dev/null by default to avoid potential security implications (accidental reads from dom0 stdin passed to a VM); this can be overridden using -stdin
- stdout has the VM output and the exit code is the one of the VM
- distinguished exit conditions (executed command failed vs. qvm-run failed)
- workarounds for known Qubes bugs wrt qvm-run may be implemented here (e.g. qubes issues #3083, #4476, #4633 in the past)

Please note that calling this function will make your script wait for the execution of the commands in the client VM.

Wherever possible, this function should be combined with `b_silence` as the VM output shouldn't be trusted. Otherwise please keep in mind that **both** stdout *and* stderr may have untrusted output which may even contain binary data. In order to validate against binary data you can e.g. use `b_types_parseString`.

[parameters]: Any parameters supported by qvm-run. If you pass -a, the default -n will be overridden. If you pass -u, the default root user is overridden. If you pass -v, -q will be overridden. If you pass -stdin, even stdin is passed to qvm-run. -p can be overridden by using /dev/null redirection. Only the short parameter versions are supported.

returns: Sets the exit code of qvm-run and prints its output. May error out using B_E if qvm-run itself fails.

@B_E

b_dom0_getDispVMs

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_getDispVMs

Get a list of all currently existing disposable VMs.

[returns]: The currently existing disposable VMs as newline-separated list.

@B_E

b_dom0_startDispVM [template]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_startDispVM

Start a dispVM from the given template in the background and return its name. The disposable VM will remain started until it is shut down. If you only wish to execute a single command, please use b_dom0_qvmRun with the -dispVM parameter.

It may take a while for this function to obtain the name of the dispVM.

[template]: The template to use for the dispVM. If no template is specified, use the default Qubes template.

returns: Name of the dispVM that was started and sets a zero exit code on success. This function may error out.

@B_E

b_dom0_execIn [vm] [file] [user]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_execIn

Execute the file as bash code in the given VM and wait for it to finish.

See b_dom0_qvmRun for various notes and words of caution.

[vm]: Name of the VM where to execute the given string. The VM is assumed to be started.

[file]: Bash file to execute in the given VM.

[user]: user as which to execute the bash file (default: root)

returns: Whatever the executed Bash code prints in the VM to stderr or stdout; the status code is set to the one of the executed Bash code on success (0). Non-zero exit codes and error messages may come from both this function as well as the code executed in the given VM.

@B_E

b_dom0_execStrIn [vm] [string] [user]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_execStrIn

Execute the String as bash code in the given VM and wait for it to finish.

Convenience wrapper for b_dom0_execIn.

See b_dom0_qvmRun for various notes and words of caution.

[vm]: see b_dom0_execIn

[string]: Bash String to execute in the given VM.

[user]: see b_dom0_execIn

returns: see b_dom0_execIn; B_E is *not* called if the executed command returns an error

@B_E

b_dom0_execFuncIn [vm] [user] [function] [param 1] .. [param p] - [module dep 1] .. [module dep n] - [function dep 1] .. [function dep d]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_execFuncIn

Execute the Bash function in the given VM and wait for it to finish.

Convenience wrapper for b_dom0_execIn.

See b_dom0_qvmRun for various notes and words of caution.

[vm]: see b_dom0_execIn

[user]: see b_dom0_execIn

[function]: Name of the function as it is declared in the current scope.

[param p]: An arbitrary number of function parameters.

[-]: A dash as separator character between the various parameters.

[module dep i]: Names of the modules required by the function. They do not need to be imported by the function itself.

[function dep j]: An arbitrary number of functions that need to be added in order to satisfy the dependencies of the function to call (e.g. if function A is meant to be called, but uses function B internally, you'll have to pass B as one of its dependencies). Dependencies that can be found in added modules must *not* be added.

returns: see `b_dom0_execIn`; `B_E` is *not* called if the executed command returns an error

@B_E

b_dom0_waitForFileIn [vm] [file] [maximum time]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_waitForFileIn

Convenience wrapper for `b_fs_waitForFile`.

[vm]: VM where to execute.

@B_E

b_dom0_isMountedIn [vm] [device]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_isMountedIn

Check whether the device is mounted in the given VM.

[vm]: VM where to execute.

[device]: Full path to the device (incl. `/dev/`) to check.

returns: Sets a zero exit code if the device is mounted in the VM; a non-zero exit code means that it's either not mounted or some other error occurred.

@B_E

b_dom0_mountIfNecessary [vm] [device] [mount point]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_mountIfNecessary

Mount the given device in the target VM if it isn't already mounted there. Actually a wrapper for `b_fs_mountIfNecessary`.

[vm]: VM where to execute.

[device]: Full path to the device (incl. `/dev/`) to mount.

[mount point]: Full path where to mount the device. If no mount point is specified, a `/tmp/` mount point is chosen. Non-existing directories are created. Is ignored if another mount point already exists.

returns: The chosen mount point or a newline-separated list of existing mount points on success; sets a non-zero exit code on failure. As these strings are returned from the VM, extra care must be taken when parsing them.

@B_E

b_dom0_createLoopDeviceIfNecessary [vm] [file]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_createLoopDeviceIfNecessary

Create a loop device for the file in the given VM if no old one exists. Actually a wrapper for `b_fs_createLoopDeviceIfNecessary`.

This usually requires root privileges.

[vm]: VM where to execute.

[file]: File for which to create a loop device.

returns: Created loop device or previously used one (incl. /dev/). Sets a non-zero exit code, if no device could be created.

@B_E

b_dom0_copy [dom0 file] [target VM] [target VM dir] [overwrite]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_copy

Grab a file or directory in dom0 and push it to the given file path in the target VM.

[dom0 file]: location of the dom0 file or directory to read from, assumed to exist

[target VM]: VM to write to, assumed to exist. Must be started.

[target VM dir]: full path to the parent directory in the target VM to copy the file or directory to; non-existing parent directories are created; the name is taken from the name of the file/directory in dom0

[overwrite]: Whether or not to overwrite an existing [destination file] (default: 0 = overwrite).

returns: Sets an exit code of 0, if everything went fine, and a non-zero exit code otherwise.

@B_E

b_dom0_crossCopy [source VM] [source file] [target VM] [target VM dir] [overwrite]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_crossCopy

Cross copy a file or directory from one VM to another, initiated by dom0. No user prompt is displayed.

[source VM]: Where to copy the source file from. Must be started.

[source file]: The file or directory to copy.

[target VM]: Where to copy the file to. Must be started.

[target VM dir]: full path to the parent directory in the target VM to copy the file or directory to; non-existing parent directories are created; the name is taken from the name of the file/directory in dom0

[overwrite]: Whether or not to overwrite an existing [destination file] (default: 0 = overwrite).

returns: Sets an exit code of 0, if everything went fine, and a non-zero exit code otherwise.

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returns: Sets a zero exit code, if the VM was successfully started or was running and a non-zero exit code otherwise. B_E will only be called for internal errors.

b_dom0_ensureRunning [vm]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_ensureRunning

Start the given VM if needed.

[vm]: The VM to start.

returns: Sets a zero exit code, if the VM was successfully started or was running and a non-zero exit code otherwise. B_E will only be called for internal errors.

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b_dom0_isRunning [vm]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_isRunning

Check whether the given VM is running *and* fully operational / not hanging / not booting.

In contrast e.g. `qvm-check -running [vm]` appears to return true for VMs which are currently booting; `qvm-ls` doesn't check whether the OS of a VM is hanging. This should *not* be checked too often as it may be expensive.

[vm]: The VM to check.

returns: Sets a zero exit code, if the VM is running and a non-zero exit code otherwise. A non-zero exit code may e.g. also indicate that the VM doesn't exist. B_E will only be called for internal errors.

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b_dom0_exists [vm]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_exists

Check whether the given VM exists.

[vm]: The VM to check.

returns: Sets a zero exit code, if the VM exists a non-zero exit code otherwise.

b_dom0_openCrypt [vm] [device] [mapper name] [rw flag] [mount point] [key file] [type]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_openCrypt

In the given VM, open the given crypto device with dm-crypt and mount it to the mount point.

[vm]: The VM where to open the crypto device.

[device]: Full path to the device (incl. /dev/) to open.

[mapper name]: The name to assign to the decrypted version of the crypto block device. The created decrypted device will be found at */dev/mapper/[mapper name]*.

[rw flag]: 0=open read-write, 1=open read-only (default: 0)

[mount point]: Where to mount the decrypted data to. Non-existing directories will be created. If no mount point is specified, it will not be mounted (default).

[key file]: Full vm path to the key to use for decryption. If none is specified, password-based decryption is assumed and stdin will be read to obtain the password.

[type]: Type of encryption container to open: plain|luks|loopaes|tcrypt (default: luks)

returns: nothing (except for user interaction prompts if no key file is provided), but sets a non-zero exit code on errors

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b_dom0_closeCrypt [vm] [mapper name] [mount point]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_closeCrypt

Close a crypto device opened with b_dom0_openCrypt.

[vm]: The VM where to close the crypto device.

[mapper name]: The name used when it was opened.

[mount point]: If the decrypted data is mounted inside the [vm], please specify the mount point here so that it can be unmounted before closing the device. Otherwise the function will attempt to close the device without unmounting (likely to fail).

returns: nothing, but sets a non-zero exit code on errors

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b_dom0_attachFile [dom0 file] [target VM] [rw flag]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_attachFile

Attach the given file from dom0 (!) as block device to the target VM.

The function may attempt to acquire root privileges (and thus display a password prompt).

[dom0 file]: Full path to the file *in dom0* to attach.

[target VM]: VM to attach the file to. Must be started.

[rw flag]: If set to 0, attaches the dom0 file in r/w (read-write) mode. If set to 1 (default), attaches the file in r/o (read only) mode.

returns: The full path to the device created in the target VM and sets a zero exit code on success. Otherwise a non-zero exit code is set.

@B_E

b_dom0_attachVMDisk [source VM] [target VM] [dom0 working folder] [rw flag]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_attachVMDisk

Attach the entire private disk image (private.img) of the source VM to the target VM.

Warning: This is contradictory to all Qubes principles and should only be done if you know exactly what you're doing. Qubes OS even has some countermeasures to prevent accidental use of this feature which are bypassed here.

[source VM]: Name of the VM whose private disk to attach to the target VM. *All data* of that VM will be shared with the target VM. Will be shut down as part of this function and must remain shut down as long as the disk is attached.

[target VM]: VM where to attach the disk as block device to. Must be started.

[dom0 working folder]: Path to a folder that this function may use at will to create or delete temporary data. Must be on the same drive as /var/lib/qubes (for example /tmp/ does *not* work) and should **exclusively** be used for calls to

this function. Can safely be removed once your program finishes and the target VM is shut down.

[rw flag]: If set to 0, attaches the disk file in r/w (read-write) mode. If set to 1 (default), attaches the file in r/o (read only) mode.

returns: The full path to the device created in the target VM and sets a zero exit code on success. Otherwise a non-zero exit code is set.

@B_E

b_dom0_crossAttachDevice [source VM] [source device] [target VM]
[rw flag]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_crossAttachDevice

Attach the given block device from the source VM to the target VM.

This is merely a convenience wrapper for `qvm-block attach`.

[source VM]: VM where the source file can be found.

[source device]: Device to attach to the [target VM].

[target VM]: VM to attach the device to. Must be started.

[rw flag]: If set to 0, attaches the [source device] in r/w (read-write) mode. If set to 1 (default), attaches the file in r/o (read only) mode.

returns: The full path to the device created in the target VM and sets a zero exit code on success. Otherwise a non-zero exit code is set.

@B_E

b_dom0_crossAttachFile [source VM] [source file] [target VM] [rw flag]

os/qubes4/dom0/b_dom0_crossAttachFile

Attach the given file from the source VM as block device to the target VM.

[source VM]: VM where the source file can be found.

[source file]: File to attach as block device.

[target VM]: VM to attach the file to. Must be started.

[rw flag]: If set to 0, attaches the [source file] in r/w (read-write) mode. If set to 1 (default), attaches the file in r/o (read only) mode.

returns: The full path to the device created in the target VM and sets a zero exit code on success. Otherwise a non-zero exit code is set.

@B_E

b__dom0__detachDevice [vm] [device]

os/qubes4/dom0/b__dom0__detachDevice

Attempts to detach the given device from the VM. This may fail if the VM is using the device and thus it is usually a better idea to just shut the VM down.

[vm]: VM from which to detach the device.

[device]: Full path to the device in the VM. E.g. the return values of `b__dom0__crossAttachFile`, `b__dom0__attachFile` or `b__dom0__attachVMDisk`.

returns: nothing, but sets a zero exit code on success

@B__E

proc

Collection of process and thread related functions.

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Dependencies

tail

timeout

Imports

no imports

Functions

b__proc__getDeps

proc/b__proc__getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b__proc__pidExists [pid]

proc/b__proc__pidExists

Check whether the given process ID exists on the system.

[pid]: process ID to check for existence (process exists)

returns: A zero exit code, if it exists and a non-zero exit code if it doesn't; this function attempts to check the existence of the given process across *all* users, but it cannot guarantee correctness if the user running this script has very low privileges.

b_proc_waitForPid [pid] [maximum time]

proc/b_proc_waitForPid

Wait for the given process to exit. If it doesn't exist, exit immediately.

[pid]: process ID of the process to wait for

[maximum time]: maximum time in seconds to wait for the process to exit (default: 0 = indefinitely)

returns: Nothing, always sets a zero exit code. Use `b_proc_pidExists` if you need to know whether the process finished.

str

Collection of string related functions.

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Dependencies

no dependencies

Imports

no imports

Functions

b_str_getDeps

str/b_str_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b__str__stripQuotes [string]

str/b__str__stripQuotes

Remove any single or double quotes around the given string.

[string]: string which might be enclosed in single or double quotes (' or “)

returns: [string] without the enclosed single or double quotes, if there were any; if none were found the original string is returned; the exit code is always zero

b__str__trim [string]

str/b__str__trim

remove any whitespace from around a string

[string]: string to trim

returns: [string] beginning and ending without whitespace; the exit code is always zero

tcOLORS

Defines some tput related constants. In order to change terminal colors you can then use something such as

```
echo "$(tput setaf ${B_TCOLORS[red]})This is red, \  
$(tput setaf ${B_TCOLORS[blue]})this blue, $(tput sgr0)this normal."
```

tput can do a lot more than colors, see: man tput & man terminfo.

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Dependencies

tput

Imports

no imports

Global Variables

B_TCOLORS

tcolors/B_TCOLORS

Global map for human readable colors to tput style color identifiers.

Currently supported values: black|red|green|yellow|blue|magenta|cyan|white

Functions

b_tcolors_getDeps

tcolors/b_tcolors_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

traps

Collection of trap related functions.

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Dependencies

no dependencies

Imports

no imports

Functions

b_traps_getDeps

traps/b_traps_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_traps_getCodeFor [signal]

traps/b_traps_getCodeFor

Retrieve the current trap code / commands for the given signal.

returns: The current code and sets a zero exit code on success.

@B_E

b_traps_add [code] [signal] [tag]

traps/b_traps_add

Add the given commands to the given trap signal.

[code]: Whatever should be added to the trap.

[signal]: Name of the signal to add the commands to.

[tag]: An optional *unique* marker for these commands so that they can be removed with `b_traps_remove` later on.

returns: Whatever the internal call to *trap* to set the new trap returns.

@B_E

b_traps_remove [signal] [tag]

traps/b_traps_remove

Remove the commands tagged with the given tag from the signal trap.

[signal]: Name of the signal to remove the commands from.

[tag]: The *unique* marker to identify the commands to be removed.

returns: Nothing, but sets a zero exit code on success. May error out if the tag isn't found or the internal trap call failed.

@B_E

types

Functions for data type checks and conversions.

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Dependencies

mktemp
mkfifo
rm
wc
strings
tee
head

Imports

no imports

Global Variables

B_TYPES_ENCODINGS

types/B_TYPES_ENCODINGS

Global map for human readable string encodings which can be used for `b_types_parseString`.

Currently supported values: 7-bit|8-bit|16-bit-bigendian|16-bit-littleendian|32-bit-bigendian|32-bit-littleendian

See the strings manpage for further explanations.

Functions

b_types_getDeps

types/b_types_getDeps

Get the dependencies of this module.

returns: newline-separated list of dependencies of this module

b_types_parseString [encoding]

types/b_types_parseString

Checks whether whatever is lying in stdin is a string (and not binary) and if so, prints it to stdout.

Important:

- bash has major issues whenever binary data is involved. For example equality checks may return undefined results. So whenever you are unsure as to whether a variable is a string or not, better pass it through this function.
- The input is taken from *stdin* rather than as parameter as binary parameters may also cause issues (special bytes etc.).
- Even builtins such as **echo** do not necessarily play well with binary data. So it is recommended to pipe binary data through this function before further processing.

Examples:

```
#check a file
b_types_parseString < "/path/to/potential/binary" > /dev/null && echo "It is a string file."

#read parts of a file as string
str="$(dd if="/path/to/another/file" bs=1 skip=8 | b_types_parseString)"
[ $? -eq 0 ] && echo "Found the following string: $str"
```

[encoding]: The encoding of the string lying in *stdin*. Use `B_TYPES_ENCODINGS` for this parameter. Defaults to `${B_TYPES_ENCODINGS["7-bit"]}`, which makes sense in 99% of all cases as scripts should use ASCII only anyway (when no user-interaction is involved) in order to remain portable. Keep in mind that bash also needs to support the target encoding in order to support further processing.

returns: The data as String, if the input data was found to be a String. If no String was found to be lying in *stdin*, the output is an undefined string and a non-zero exit code is set. `B_E` is only called on exceptional errors.

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b_types_isInteger [string]

types/b_types_isInteger

Check whether the given String is an integer (positive or negative) or not.

[string]: The string to check. If it may be binary data, please make sure to pass it through `b_types_parseString` first.

returns: Nothing, but sets a zero exit code if and only if the given string represents an integer.

Reference List

`b_arr_contains`

`b_arr_getDeps`

b_arr_join
b_blib_getDeps
B_CALLER_NAME
b_cdoc_cbPrintFirstParam
b_cdoc_cbPrintNewline
b_cdoc_generate
b_cdoc_generateBlibStyle
b_cdoc_getDeps
b_cdoc_getDocumentBeginCallback
b_cdoc_getDocumentEndCallback
b_cdoc_getExtractionRegex
b_cdoc_getFileFilterCallback
b_cdoc_getPostProcessingCallback
b_cdoc_getSpaceCallback
b_cdoc_setDocumentBeginCallback
b_cdoc_setDocumentEndCallback
b_cdoc_setExtractionRegex
b_cdoc_setFileFilterCallback
b_cdoc_setPostProcessingCallback
b_cdoc_setSpaceCallback
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b_dom0_attachVMDisk
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b_dom0_copy
b_dom0_createLoopDeviceIfNecessary
b_dom0_crossAttachDevice

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