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(see opencreat.c, openexcl.c, and open.c)

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Example 1 `umask(S_RGRP|S_WGRP|S_XGRP)`

The read,write,execute bits associated with the group are masked off (ie. default permissions will be `rwX—rwX`).

creat()

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int creat(const char *path, mode_t mode)
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This function is equivalent to

```
open(path, O_WRONLY|O_CREAT|O_TRUNC, mode)
```

In earlier versions of Unix, the `open()` function's access parameter did not handle `O_CREAT` or `O_TRUNC`, so `open()` could only be used on pre-existing files.

Consequently, this function (`creat()`) really is no longer needed.

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	F_DUPFD	arg indicates file descriptor to be duplicated ($\text{fdesc}_{dup} \geq \text{fdesc}_{orig}$).

Duplicates file pos'n but they may have different descriptor flags.

NOTE: close-on-exec flag *not* duplicated!

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*(see fcntlget.c; illustrates access() and fcntl)
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Cannot remove directories using `unlink` without superuser privileges.

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