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# 1 CFLIB Documentation

## 1.1 Introduction and General Issues

CFLIB is a small, simple, flexible and portable ANSI C Library to be used as configuration interface for user programs. CFLIB builds and maintains a compact database structure consisting of a list of parameters with their name, content and some additional information about each parameter.

CFLIB targets the basic needs of technical, scientific or other programmers who want to spend minimal time on coding input, output, variable parsing, report generation and the like but still have a simple to use, reliable, flexible and portable configuration interface for their programs.

### Main Features:

- Commandline, environment and terminal input parsing
- Configuration files
- File search
- Template driven report generation
- Automatic time and date update

### See also:

- [Purpose of CFLIB](#)
- [CFLIB License](#)
- [The names "CFLIB", "libcf", "\\*cf\\*"](#)
- [General Notes](#)

## 1.2 Basic Usage

1. Include [cf.h](#)
2. Define the [Configuration Initializer](#), an array of [CONFIG](#) structures
3. Call [cfinit\(\)](#) with Configuration Initializer and Commandline. The most compact initialization is done by [cfstart\(\)](#), a wrapper function for [cfinit\(\)](#) that includes error reporting, usage message and (optional) debugging output. On initialization the following data sources are inspected or parsed in the order presented:

- Commandline Arguments (or compatible structure given to [cfinit\(\)](#)) according to the description in [Commandline Option for Parameter](#)
- Environment Variables
- [Configuration Files](#)
- Built-in User-defined Default from Configuration Initializer: [Parameter Default Value](#)
- Get parameter value from Standard Input `stdin`, if required

4. Use the [Retrieval Functions](#) `cfget*()` to access configuration parameters
5. Compile your program, linking the appropriate CFLIB library file for your platform and setup, usually the file name is *libcf.a* which means the library is referred to as "**cf**". You can change the names to fit into your setup: See [The names "CFLIB", "libcf", "\\*cf\\*"](#)
6. Run your program, test CFLIB functionality and adjust the [Configuration Initializer](#) according to your needs

**See also:**

[Simple Usage Example](#)  
[Configuration Parsing Levels and Source/Origin Options](#)  
[CFLIB Core Features](#)

## 1.3 Retrieval Functions

1. Get CFLIB Version and Copyright Information: [cfgetvers\(\)](#), [cfgetsubvers\(\)](#), [cfgetcpr\(\)](#)
2. Get Usage Message for Output: [cfgetusg\(\)](#)
3. Get Configuration Parameter Value:
  - Get parameter value: [cfget\(\)](#), interpretation of content and return type depend on the type setting in the parameter's [Special Options Mask](#)
  - Get string value: [cfgetstr\(\)](#)
  - Get integer value: [cfgetnum\(\)](#)
  - Get real/float value: [cfgetreal\(\)](#)
  - Inquire flag/switch status: [cfgetflag\(\)](#)
  - Get value of (next) residual command line argument: [cfgetres\(\)](#)

**Note:**

All of these functions except [cfgetres\(\)](#) require the parameter name as argument

## 1.4 Setting Parameters and Saving the Configuration

- [cfput\(\)](#) : Update or Add Parameter (Utility Function Macro).
- [cfputstr\(\)](#) : Update or Add Parameter *name* with string *content*.
- [cfputtime\(\)](#) : Set all Time and/or Date entries in CFLIB DB to *now* or *today*.
- [cfnosave\(\)](#) : Alter or query the [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) Flag of Parameter *name*.
- [cfsave\(\)](#) : Write configuration data to a Configuration File or `stdout`.
- See [Configuration Files](#) for details

## 1.5 General Utilities

These functions and Macros are used in the library but do not depend on the configuration database or any `cf*()` functions. They are (small) general tools that you can use in your program if you like.

- String Manipulation: [EatWhiteSpace\(\)](#), [RemoveCR\(\)](#), [RemoveTrailSpace\(\)](#)
- File Utilities: [FindFile\(\)](#), [BackupFile\(\)](#)
- Other Tools: [IsATerminal\(\)](#), [DelFlag\(\)](#), [SetFlag\(\)](#)

## 1.6 Advanced Usage

### 1.6.1 Error Handling

CFLIB maintains a simple global Error Stack that is used by library functions like [cfinit\(\)](#) when multiple errors can occur. Error Items consist of a numeric Error Code and (optionally) an Error Message string. Repeated calls to [cfgeterr\(\)](#) will successively return error entries while deleting them from the stack until the list is empty. User programs may also use the CFLIB error stack by calling [cfputerr\(\)](#) without the need to initialize a configuration.

For more details see: [Error Handling](#) - Error Codes, Functions and Structures.

### 1.6.2 Report Generation

- Generate Output from Template and current parameter values: [cform\(\)](#)

### 1.6.3 Configuration Debugging

These functions are thought to be used by the programmer working with CFLIB during development and testing of a program.

- Dump Configuration DB in human readable form: [cfdump\(\)](#)
- Test and Dump Configuration Initializer: [cfdinichk\(\)](#)

### 1.6.4 Get Information About a Configuration Parameter:

- Get source/origin of the parameter's value: [cfgetsrc\(\)](#)
- Inquire Bit from parameter's Special Options Mask by Offset: [cflagingq\(\)](#)

### 1.6.5 Other Functions and Features

- Exit Configuration: [cfexit\(\)](#)
- Expand User Home Directory in a File Path Parameter: [cfhomexp\(\)](#)
- General (internal) retrieval function: [cfgetent\(\)](#)

## 1.7 Compilation and Development Issues

- [Platforms](#)
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- [Building the Library](#)
- [System and Compiler dependent Defines](#)
- [Minimal CFLIB Replacement](#)

## 1.8 Help and Support

- **Help** is this documentation
- **Support** is the (open) source code
- The project is maintained from time to time as needed ;-)
- Comments, Bug Reports or (better) Bug Fixes are welcome!
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```

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## 3 Purpose of CFLIB

This library started as a Beginner Project in "C Library Building" following practical needs arising from scientific/technical modeling projects.

Most of the library code has been created in 1994/95 on an Atari ST4/16 MHz under TOS 2.05/MiNT 1.12 with gcc 2.5.8 and the Mintlibs Patchlevel 46. The C coding is probably not the best possible ;-) but the source as well as the executable and allocated memory structures are very compact, simple to modify and still fine for many applications that need a stable, portable and small configuration interface.

### 'Mission Statement' from 1994/95 README file:

CFLIB is meant to be a flexible, sound and easy to use tool for C programmers. It provides a set of functions for a standard method for feeding a C program with all the (external) information it needs to perform as desired with a minimum of expense for both the programmer and the user: arguments, commands, program input, configurable and/or installation dependent features, system settings and a lot more can be passed to the program through different interfaces: command line, environment, configuration files or sections within them, interactive input and last but not least a built-in default. So it should be a fast and easy task for both the programmer and the user to build and change a configuration. The library will always take more space and perform slower than code that is written and optimized for a specific requirement, but this will only be a noticeable disadvantage in some cases. The library also provides some special features such as file search, time and date handling, generating simple, text template driven reports, etc. It is suitable for creating a comfortable and/or individual user interface for existing programs that don't have one. Some basic ideas for the library came from looking at the *termcap* library for easy and portable terminal I/O.

## 4 General Notes

### 4.1 The names "CFLIB", "libcf", "\*cf"

All "names" in this library source and documentation are nothing but technical acronyms just as "src", "inc", "C" and are **not** registered names, trademarks or anything like that ;-) You may change the names of the library, the include file and on compilation the function names and defines to whatever you like :-)

### 4.2 Input and Output

CFLIB is designed to be usable as a **Filter** program that reads from `stdin` and writes to `stdout` wherever it was desirable.

None of the library functions will produce any terminal output (to `stdout` or `stderr`) unless:

- The `CF_QUERY` flag is set in the [Special Options Mask](#) of an entry and the parameter value is still unassigned after parsing all other possible sources in `cfinit()`.
- You call a function that reads from or writes to files with arguments that trigger the use of `stdin`, `stdout`, `stderr` etc. according to the function's documentation.

### 4.3 General (future) tasks

#### Todo

Make proper Man Pages with function references etc.

Make Doxygen Developer Documentation  
 More Modularization! Still very similar code in various functions

See also:

[Bug List](#)

## 4.4 Other general issues

- [Library Versions](#)

## 5 Simple Usage Example

```
/*
 * Find a File in Path
 *
 * Input:  Commandline or Environment
 *
 * Output: File path, Help message or Error message
 *
 * Compile: gcc fifi.c -o fifi -lcf -L../lib<platform>
 * Run:     ./fifi -h
 * Test:    ./fifi gcc
 */

#include <stdio.h>

#include "../include/cf.h"

int main( int argc, char **argv )
{
    int ret; char *tmp;

    CONFIG setting[] =
    {
        /* Name, Default Content, Commandline Option, Special Option Flags */
        { "PROGNAME", NULL, 'l', CF_FINDFILE|CF_SET_ARG|CF_NO_OPT_ARG, },
        { "FF_PATH",  NULL, ' ', CF_PATH, },
        { "help",     CF_FLAG_OFF, 'h', CF_FLAG|CF_LAST, },
    };

    if ( !( ret = cfstart( setting, argc, argv, "help", CFS_USG ) ) ){

        if( ( tmp = cfgetstr("PROGNAME") ) != NULL )

            fprintf( stdout, "%s\n", tmp );

    }

    return ret;
}
```

## 6 Configuration\_INITIALIZER

The **"Configuration\_INITIALIZER"** is the major interface between the user program and CFLIB.

It is an Array of [CONFIG](#) items, just as the CFLIB Configuration Database itself.

Every parameter is characterized by:

- [Parameter Name \(CONFIG::name\)](#)
- [Parameter Default Value \(CONFIG::inhalt\)](#)
- [Commandline Option for Parameter \(CONFIG::option\)](#)
- [Special Option Flags Mask for Parameter \(CONFIG::flag\)](#)

An example initializer may look like this:

```
const CONFIG initializer[] = {
    // name      default      option  flag
    { "SPI_PROFILE", "~/.spi.cnf", 'c', CF_SETFILE|CF_SET_ENV, },
    { "SPI_SYSCONF", "/etc/spi.cnf", ' ', CF_SYS_SETFILE|CF_NOSAVE, },
    { "SPI_DEFS", "loop-0.A", 'f', CF_SECTION, },
    { "SPI_ID", "", ' ', CF_SET_PRIV, },
    { "verbosity", "1", 'v', CF_INT|CF_CONCAT|CF_NOSAVE, },
    { "label_items", CF_FLAG_ON, 'l', CF_FLAG, },
    { "label_date", NULL, ' ', CF_DATE|CF_SET_PUT, },
    { "label_logo", NULL, 'L', 0, },
    { "output_file", NULL, 'o', CF_CONCAT|CF_QUERY, },
    { "TERM", "0.2", 'T', CF_STR|CF_IGN_ENV, },
    { "SCALE", "1", 'S', CF_REAL|CF_IGN_ENV, },
    { "LOOPMOD", "random", '1', CF_NO_OPT_ARG, },
    { "CYCLES", "2009", '2', CF_INT|CF_NO_OPT_ARG, },
    { "CF_DUMPVERB", CFD_COLHEAD, ' ', CF_INT|CF_NOSAVE|CF_LAST, },
};
```

The Configuration Initializer controls the behavior and actions of all **cf\*()** functions, starting with the control of [Parsing Levels in the Initialization Process](#).

## 6.1 Parameter Name

Every entry in the initializer must have a name, that is a non-empty string, which is searched for in the environment and in the configuration files and which is used as an argument to the inquiry functions. Parameters that have a name beginning with "CF\_" may have special meaning, see [CFLIB Parameters](#).

## 6.2 Parameter Default Value

As the default content of an entry you can specify a NULL pointer or a string, which may be empty. If [CF\\_FLAG](#) is set for that entry you should use the [CF\\_FLAG\\_ON](#) or [CF\\_FLAG\\_OFF](#) macros.

## 6.3 Commandline Option for Parameter

You can control whether and how an entry's content can be set from the Commandline by setting one of the following **"Option Specifier"** Characters (and Special Option Flags where indicated):

- '' (blank)
  - No Commandline Option for this Parameter
- 'c' (c = any "normal" character)
  - Looks for '-c <string>' on the Commandline

- Looks for '`-c<string>`' on the Commandline, if Flag [CF\\_CONCAT](#) is set in the Special Options Mask
- Looks for '`-c<char>`' on the Commandline, if Flag [CF\\_FLAG](#) is set in the Special Options Mask
- '`#`' (`#` = a positive number = 1, 2, 3, ...)
- Looks for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, ... '`<string>`' that is not part of an option, if Flag [CF\\_NO\\_OPT\\_ARG](#) is set in the Special Options Mask

## 6.4 Special Option Flags Mask for Parameter

Most of the magic happens here! ;-) The "**Special Options Mask**" is a Bitmask of type [CFFLAGTYP](#) in Configuration Entry Structure Member [CONFIG::flag](#) containing Type, Instruction and Information Flags for a Parameter. See [Special Options Mask](#) for details.

See also:

[Types of Parameters](#)  
[Configuration Parsing Levels and Source/Origin Options](#)

**Attention:**

The last entry in the initializer list must have the [CF\\_LAST](#) Flag set!

## 7 Configuration Parsing Levels and Source/Origin Options

CFLIB is designed to give you a maximum of possibilities for feeding parameters and parameter values into the configuration.

### 7.1 Origin Window

The library remembers the source/origin of all parameter values by setting one of the "**Source Flags**" in the "**Origin Window**" of the [Special Options Mask](#) ranging from Bit Offset 8 to 15 (see [Parsing Levels](#)). On initialization the Origin Window Flags [CF\\_SET\\_\\*](#) of an entry in the [Configuration Initializer](#) are used to control [Parsing Level Priorities](#).

### 7.2 Parsing Levels

"**Parsing Levels**" are equal to the Relative Bit Offset of the corresponding [CF\\_SET\\_\\*](#) Bit within the "Origin Window":

Parsing Level : Description (Source Flag)

- 0 = [CF\\_PUT](#) : Function Call or Automatic Initialization. ([CF\\_SET\\_PUT](#))
- 1 = [CF\\_ARG](#) : Commandline. ([CF\\_SET\\_ARG](#))
- 2 = [CF\\_ENV](#) : Environment. ([CF\\_SET\\_ENV](#))
- 3 = [CF\\_PRIV](#) : Private Configuration File. ([CF\\_SET\\_PRIV](#))

- 4 = [CFP\\_SYS](#) : System Configuration File. ([CF\\_SET\\_SYS](#))
- 5 : [CFP\\_DEF](#) : Built-in Default. ([CF\\_SET\\_DEF](#))
- 6 : [CFP\\_QRY](#) : Standard Input Channel. ([CF\\_SET\\_QRY](#))
- 7 : [CFP\\_RESERVED](#) : Reserved for CFLIB Subprojects

### 7.3 Parsing Levels in the Initialization Process

On initialization the Parsing Levels 1 through 6 are processed by [cfinit\(\)](#) in that order and priority. If a Parameter is found that has been defined in the Configuration\_INITIALIZER, its content is included as String Content of that parameter in the configuration database.

Whether and how the **Commandline** Arguments are used to get a parameter value depends on the [CONFIG::option](#) setting for that parameter and the Special Option Flags:

- [CF\\_CONCAT](#) : Argument is concatenated to option.
- [CF\\_NO\\_OPT\\_ARG](#) : Commandline argument not followig an option.

See details under [Commandline Option for Parameter](#).

The **Environment** can be excluded as a possible source of a parameter value by setting the Special Option Flag

- [CF\\_IGN\\_ENV](#) : Do not look for Environment Variable

**Configuration** Files are only used when corresponding entries are defined in the Configuration\_INITIALIZER, see [Parsing of Configuration Files](#) for details.

**Interactive** queries are not performed by default. If [cfinit\(\)](#) shall ask the user for interactive input of items that are still unresolved after parsing all lower levels, you must set Special Option Flag:

- [CF\\_QUERY](#) : Ask the user for unresolved item after configuration parsing.

If an entry may not be empty (NULL or string "") after initialization, you can have [cfinit\(\)](#) produce an appropriate error by setting the Special Option Flag:

- [CF\\_MUST](#) : Entry may not be empty (NULL or "").

#### 7.3.1 Parsing Level Priorities

More precise control of parsing levels priorities and origin control for a parameter is available through setting one of the Flags in the "Origin Window" of the parameter's [Special Options Mask](#) in the [Configuration\\_INITIALIZER](#) :

- [CF\\_SET\\_PUT](#) : Must be set by a function call / automatic processing: Set this Flag on Time or Date [Types of Parameters](#) for automatic initialization with *now* or *today*
- [CF\\_SET\\_ARG](#) : Force initialization from commandline, ignore anything else
- [CF\\_SET\\_ENV](#) : Let environment variable override earlier setting

- [CF\\_SET\\_PRIV](#) : Let variable from private configuration file override earlier setting
- [CF\\_SET\\_SYS](#) : Let variable from system configuration file override earlier setting
- [CF\\_SET\\_DEF](#) : Let default from Configuration Initializer override earlier setting
- [CF\\_SET\\_QRY](#) : Force setting from interactive Query (`stdin`)

## 7.4 Parsing of Configuration Files

To indicate that an entry in the initializer list given to [cfinit\(\)](#) represents the filename of one of the [Configuration Files](#), set one of the following Flags for that parameter:

- [CF\\_SETFILE](#) : Entry is Private Configuration File.
- [CF\\_SYS\\_SETFILE](#) : Entry is System Configuration File.

Within the system configuration file you can choose a section, from which information is read as from a single file. To specify an entry in the list referring to the name of that section give this entry the flag

- [CF\\_SECTION](#) : Section in Configuration File.

As the filenames for the two configuration files are themselves entries in the database, these levels are revisited, if necessary, in reverse order after parsing the built-in default.

## 7.5 Residual Items

Any commandline argument that did not match conditions for a parameter will be included in the configuration database as parameter without name marked with Flag [CF\\_RESID](#) in the [Special Options Mask](#). These additional entries from the command line can be accessed by successive calls to [cfgetres\(\)](#).

Residual items from one of the configuration files will also be accumulated in the database and can be accessed through inquiry by name with one of the [Retrieval Functions](#). This is especially useful together with the report generation function [cform\(\)](#).

# 8 Configuration Files

A major task of the library is handling import and export of configuration parameters from/to files.

CFLIB knows two types of configuration files:

- **"Private Configuration File"** - User and/or program specific file in simple format to be read on initialization and optionally be updated by [cfsave\(\)](#)
- **"System Configuration File"** - System and/or project specific file in extended format (supporting sections, see below) will only be used as a data source by [cfinit\(\)](#) and will not be touched by [cfsave\(\)](#) unless you explicitly specify the filename.



## 8.1 Configuration File Format

In a configuration file lines beginning with '#' are treated as comments and are ignored. Blank lines are ignored, too. A valid line in the file is of the form:

`<name> = <entry>`

Blank chars around the '=' are ignored. The name must match one of the entry's names in the initializer. In fact, any line not containing a '=' will be ignored, but it's better to indicate comments with '# ' !

The optional sections in the system configuration file begin with a line like:

`[<sectionname>]`

and end with another line like this or with the file's last line. Anything after the closing bracket is ignored.

A simple example of a valid configuration file could look like this:

```
# This is my private configuration file for Project 1356 Branch C in spe

Search_Path = /my/subproject/directory:/general/settings/directory
Section     = project_1356
Outfile     = my_subproject.cnf
ask_if_empty =
My_Flag = ON
VERBOSITY = 1
```

The corresponding system configuration file could look like this:

```
# This is a system wide configuration file
[some_other_program]
blah = blubber
...
[project_1356]
# Settings for Project 1356 Branch B
VERBOSITY = 3
Outfile = project_1356b.cnf
X_EUR_USD=1.4562
[some_other_project]
...
```

## 8.2 Reading Configuration Files

A search for configuration files and import of data from these sources is only performed by the function `cfinit()` on initialization and only when appropriate Special Option Flags are set as described under [Parsing of Configuration Files](#).

Configuration files are read once when the configuration database is initialized by a call to `cfinit()` or `cfstart()` using the internal function `cfileadfile()`.

## 8.3 Writing a (private) Configuration File

Parameter export does not depend on any specific setting and can be performed whenever and as often as you like. For writing a configuration file call `cfsave()` with either the name of the file or `NULL`, in which case the current value of the "Private Configuration File" parameter will be used, if it exists. If an entry has the `CF_NOSAVE` flag set, it is excluded from saving. The "System Configuration File" may not be referred to directly.

### Attention:

Writing **section** marks is **not** supported!

## 9 Types of Parameters

The internal format of a parameter's content [CONFIG::inhalt](#) is always a String (char Pointer).

The use and interpretation of parameters is controlled by a number of Flags in the [Special Options Mask](#) :

### 9.1 Parameter Data Types

- [CF\\_STR](#) : Entry is String. (**Default**).
- [CF\\_INT](#) : Entry is Integer.
- [CF\\_REAL](#) : Entry is Float.
- [CF\\_FLAG](#) : [FLAG Parameter Type](#)

### 9.2 Special Processing Instructions

Specific processing of a String Parameter's Value/Content in various CFLIB functions can be triggered by these Flags:

You can mark a parameter as Time **or** Date. These parameters will be initialized with *now* or *today* by [cfinit\(\)](#) when [Parsing Level Priorities](#) are controlled by a [CF\\_SET\\_PUT](#) Flag in the [Special Options Mask](#) or on call of [cfputtime\(\)](#):

- [CF\\_TIME](#) : Time string.
- [CF\\_DATE](#) : Date string.
- [CF\\_FINDFILE](#) : Entry is filename to be searched for in the path. [FindFile\(\)](#) will be used on initialization to search the file in the **path** found in Environment Variable **PATH**. You can specify an alternative search path for this functionality in another database parameter with Flag [CF\\_PATH](#) set in the corresponding [Configuration Initializer](#) entry. Depending on the Operating System a list of possible of **extensions** of executables will be tried, if no extension is given with the filename:
  - Linux, Unix: "sh", "pl"
  - DOS, Windows, OS2: "exe", "com", "bat", "cmd"
  - TOS, MinT: "ttp", "tos", "prg", "app", "gtp"
- [CF\\_EXPHOME](#) : Expand Home Directory. See [cfhomexp\(\)](#). [Configuration Files](#) will have home directory expanded by default

### 9.3 Special Handling Instructions

A parameter can be marked as a "**volatile**" entry that is not saved by [cfsave\(\)](#):

- [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) : Don't include in savefile / mark entry.

## 9.4 CFLIB Parameters

Some String Parameters in the configuration database are used by the library itself and are marked by one of the following Flags:

- **CF\_PRGNAME** : Running Program's Name from commandline. This parameter **always** exists as the **first** entry in a configuration database successfully initialized by `cfinit()`. The default parameter name used if there was no corresponding entry in the\_INITIALIZER is "**CF\_PRGNAME**".
- **CF\_SETFILE** : Entry is Private Configuration File. See [Configuration Files](#)
- **CF\_SYS\_SETFILE** : Entry is System Configuration File. See [Configuration Files](#)
- **CF\_SECTION** : Section in Configuration File. See [Configuration Files](#)
- **CF\_PATH** : Search Path (for FindFile feature). See [CF\\_FINDFILE](#) and [FindFile\(\)](#)
- **CF\_USAGE** : Usage Message format string. See [cfgetusg\(\)](#)

Optional Parameters for fine tuning CFLIB behavior without Special Option Flag, characterized by Parameter Name:

- "**CF\_DUMPVERB**" - Non-Default Verbosity Mode for [cfdump\(\)](#)

## 9.5 FLAG Parameter Type

The entry is treated like a boolean variable and the string content set from any of the [Configuration Parsing Levels and Source/Origin Options](#) except the default setting is interpreted as follows:

- **CF\_FLAG\_OFF** : String Content is:
  - beginning with a ' - '
  - "OFF" or "off"
  - "FALSE" or "false"
- **CF\_FLAG\_ON** : any other case

**Example:**

- \_INITIALIZER entry: { "extended\_message", CF\_FLAG\_OFF, 'x', CF\_FLAG, }
- Commandline: myprog -x-
- Configuration file: extended\_message = OFF

## 10 Advanced Usage Example

Setup [Configuration\\_INITIALIZER](#), generate Report and save [Configuration Files](#)

```
/*
 *   Generate Report from Template and Configuration
 *
 *   Input:  - Commandline, Environment, Section in System Configuration File,
 *           - Private Configuration File, Standard Input for Variables.
 *           - Text Template (Form).
```

```

*
*   Output: - Generated Report (Filled Form) to File or stdout,
*           - Configuration to Private Configuration File, Logfile or
*           Standard Output
*/

#include <stdio.h>

#include "../include/cf.h"

#define DEF_SETFILE "~/fill.cnf"
#define DEF_SYS_SETFILE "/etc/cfcommon.cnf"

int main( int argc, char **argv )
{
    int ecode;
    char *save, *infile, *outfile, line[CF_MAXERRSTR+1];
    char *savemode = "w";
    FILE *error_log = stderr;

    /* Hardcoded Configuration Setup and Defaults */
    CONFIG setting[] =
    {
        { "FILL_INFILE",    NULL,          'i', 0x0,          },
        { "FILL_OUTFILE",   NULL,          'o', 0x0,          },
        { "FILL_VARDELIM",  "$()",         'l', CF_CONCAT,     },
        { "verb",           CF_FLAG_OFF,    'v', CF_IGN_ENV|CF_FLAG, },
        { "help",           CF_FLAG_OFF,    'h', CF_IGN_ENV|CF_FLAG|CF_NOSAVE, },
        { "query",          CF_FLAG_OFF,    'q', CF_IGN_ENV|CF_FLAG, },
        { "TIME",           NULL,           't', CF_TIME|CF_SET_PUT, },
        { "DATE",           NULL,           'd', CF_DATE|CF_SET_PUT, },
        { "FILL_CNF",        DEF_SETFILE,    'p', CF_SETFILE,     },
        { "FILL_SAVE",       NULL,           's', CF_IGN_ENV|CF_CONCAT, },
        { "SAVE_DATA",       CF_FLAG_OFF,    'x', CF_FLAG|CF_IGN_ENV, },
        { "SFILE",           DEF_SYS_SETFILE, ' ', CF_SYS_SETFILE, },
        { "FILL_SECTION",   "fill_default", 'c', CF_SECTION|CF_LAST, },
    };

    /* Initialize with Error Reporting */
    if( cfini(setting,argc,argv) < 0 ){
        while( (ecode=cfgeterr(line,0)) == TRUE )
            fprintf( error_log, "error %d: %s", ecode, line );
        fflush(error_log);
        fputs( cfgetusg(), stderr );
        return (-1);
    }

    /* User Help and Configuration Overview */
    if( cfgetflag("help") ){
        fputs( cfgetusg(), stderr );
        if( cfgetflag("verbose") ){
            fprintf( stderr, "\nConfiguration Library PL %d - %s\n\nCurrent Configuration:\n\n",
                    cfgetvers(), cfgetcpr() );
            cfdump(stderr);
            fputs( "\nSources: 1=update function call, 2=commandline argument, 4=environment variable,\n",
                    stderr );
            fputs( "          8=private setfile, 10=system setfile, 20=built-in default, 40=interactive t",
                    stderr );
        }
        return (1);
    }

    switch(
        cfform( infile = cfgetstr("FILL_INFILE"),
                outfile = cfgetstr("FILL_OUTFILE"),
                cfgetstr("FILL_VARDELIM"),
                cfgetflag("query") )
    ){
        case CFE_FNF:
            fprintf(stderr,"read access error: %s\n",infile); break;
    }
}

```

```

        case CFE_WAE:
            fprintf(stderr, "write access error: %s\n", outfile); break;
    }

    if( cfgetflag("verb") ){
        if( outfile == NULL ) outfile = "<stdout>";
        fprintf( stderr, "blank form: %s, filled form: %s\n", infile, outfile );
    }

    if( cfgetflag("SAVE_DATA") ){
        cfnosave(NULL, CF_FLAG_ON);
        cfnosave("TIME", CF_FLAG_OFF);
        cfnosave("DATE", CF_FLAG_OFF);
    }
    if( (save = cfgetstr("FILL_SAVE")) != NULL ){
        if( cfgetflag("SAVE_DATA") ) savemode = "a";
        if( *save == '\0' )
            cfsave( NULL, savemode );
        else if( *save == '+' )
            cfsave( "", savemode );
        else
            cfsave( save, savemode );
    }

    return (0);
}

```

## 11 Compilation and Development

### 11.1 Library Versions

There is no strict versioning of the library. A Library "**Patchlevel**" is defined as an Integer Number counting "**Major Versions**". See [cfgetvers\(\)](#).

The individual source files contain more detailed version information and they all support a file version identifier `$Id$` for automatic update by SVN and other Source Management Tools. See [cfgetsubvers\(\)](#).

### 11.2 Platforms

The library source code is fairly simple ANSI C code and should compile and link without problems on most platforms. Most of the development has been done with different versions of the "**GNU C Compiler**" `gcc` and related tools. All source modules compile free of errors and warnings with:

```
"gcc -pedantic -pedantic-errors -Wall -Werror -ansi ..."
```

So, if you have `gcc`, use it! Any other ANSI C compiler should also work, at least after minimal adaption to the library setup, see [System and Compiler dependent Defines](#).

until now the library has been built and used under the following setups:

- gcc, Linux, Intel PC
- gcc, MinGW, MS Windows NT/XP, Intel PC
- gcc, MinT/TOS Atari ST
- cc, Unix, IBM AIX
- cc, Unix, SGI

- MSC, MS DOS/Windows Intel PC
- MSC, OS/2 Intel PC

## 11.3 Building the Library

Compiling the source modules and building the library should be a "straight forward" task:

- Make all objects from C sources, including [cf.h](#) and [cflib.h](#)
- Link the objects with `ar` or another tools to get a library executable

See also:

Makefiles under CFLIB project tree and [System and Compiler dependent Defines](#)

## 11.4 Binaries and Executables

- The library project should be seen as "pure" source/text code on distribution. Compile a library executable with a C compiler of your choice with appropriate setup for your platform.
- Binary and executable versions of the library found in the project tree should be seen as examples that worked under one specific setup but have not been intensively tested and may even not be up to date. If it works for you, feel free to use them. If you build a library executable which is not too ;-)  
dependent on a specific setup, you can include it as example in the project tree.

## 11.5 Minimal CFLIB Replacement

In project directory *src/examples* you may find a source file *cf\_minimal.c*. You can adapt this example to your need and include it in your C source list on compilation instead of linking the library executable. This makes user programs that use CFLIB functions independent of the library at the price of very reduced functionality, which may be desirable for specific executables or if you have problems with building the library on the target platform.

## 11.6 System and Compiler dependent Defines

The following Defines are used in the library source to decide whether to include certain header files and use certain functions or defines:

- **\_HAS\_PWD** : If defined, include `<pwd.h>` and make use of function `getpwnam()` in [cfhomexp\(\)](#) to find a user's home directory
- **\_HAS\_ISATTY** : If defined, use function `isatty()` to determine whether a stream is a terminal (for interactive query/input) in function [IsATerminal\(\)](#)
- **\_HAS\_LIMITS** : If defined, include `<limits.h>` and use **PATH\_MAX** defined therein in function [FindFile\(\)](#)

The following Defines can be used to control, which features or functions shall be excluded from the library build:

- **\_CF\_NOFINDFILE** : Function [FindFile\(\)](#), component findfile.c
- **\_CF\_NOSAVING** : Functions [cfsave\(\)](#) and [BackupFile\(\)](#), component cfwrite.c
- **\_CF\_NODEBUGGING** : Functions [cfdinichk\(\)](#) and [cfdump\(\)](#), component cfdebug.c

The following Defines can be used to switch on certain Debug Features:

- **DEBUG\_DINICHK** : Debug [cfdinichk\(\)](#)
- **DEBUG\_ERROR** : Debug [cfputerr\(\)](#)
- **DEBUG\_TIME** : Debug [cfputtime\(\)](#)
- **DEBUG\_NOSAVE** : Debug [cfsave\(\)](#)
- **DEBUG\_BACKUP** : Debug [BackupFile\(\)](#)
- **DEBUG\_FINDFILE** : Debug [FindFile\(\)](#) usage in [cfinit\(\)](#)
- **DEBUG\_FORM** : Debug [cform\(\)](#)

The following Defines can be used to switch on certain other Features:

- **\_PREFER\_BACKSLASH** : Prefer Backslash as Directory Separator in function [FindFile\(\)](#)
- **\_PATHSEP\_SEMICOLON** : Use Semicolon as Path Separator in function [FindFile\(\)](#), usually on systems where a ":" can appear in a directory path
- **\_PATHSEP\_COMMA** : Test Comma as Alternative Path Separator in function [FindFile\(\)](#)
- **\_CF\_RESID\_FREE** : Remove residual arguments after having read them all in [cfgetent\(\)](#)?

The following Platform dependent Defines are used in the library code:

- **unix**
- **linux**
- **atarist**
- **\_\_MINT\_\_**

## 12 Bug List

**Group [errors](#)** There are still errors without entry in error stack

**Global [IsATerminal](#)** ANSI C doesn't have function [isatty\(\)](#), we always return TRUE

## 13 Todo List

**Global [cfdinichk](#)** Make [cfdinichk\(\)](#) work as reliable, complete tool with much more testing and [Special Options Mask](#) validation!

**Global [cform](#)** Make [cform\(\)](#) work with buffers instead of files

**Page [General Notes](#)** Make proper Man Pages with function references etc.

Make Doxygen Developer Documentation

More Modularization! Still very similar code in various functions

## 14 Module Index

### 14.1 Modules

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## 15 Data Structure Index

### 15.1 Data Structures

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## 16 File Index

### 16.1 File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:



`include/cf.h` (C Header File for CFLIB Flexible Configuration Library )

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## 17 Module Documentation

### 17.1 CFLIB Core Features

Basic CFLIB Setup.

#### Data Structures

- struct `CONFIG`  
*CFLIB Configuration Database Entry.*

#### Defines

- #define `Patchlevel` "20"  
*CFLIB Identification.*
- #define `MAXCONF` 4096  
*Maximum number of entries in configuration database.*
- #define `CF_MAXERRSTR` 512  
*Maximum string length for error message.*
- #define `CF_MAXLINE` 20480  
*Maximum string length for setfile and form parsing.*
- #define `CF_MAXQLINE` 512  
*Maximum string length for query.*
- #define `CF_MAXUSAGE` 1024  
*Maximum string length for usage string.*
- #define `CF_USG_DEFCOLS` 80  
*Default terminal width for usage string.*
- #define `CF_MAXTIMEBUF` 256  
*Buffer size for time and day.*
- #define `TRUE` 1  
*TRUE, if not defined.*
- #define `FALSE` 0  
*FALSE, if not defined.*
- #define `NULL` (void \*) (0L)  
*NULL, if not defined.*

- `#define CF_FLAG_ON "\1"`  
*Flag is set.*
- `#define CF_FLAG_OFF ""`  
*Flag is not set.*
- `#define CF_NO_OPTION ' '`  
*Option is not set.*
- `#define TABLEN 8`  
*TAB length.*
- `#define CFP_PUT 0`  
*Function Call or Automatic Initialization.*
- `#define CFP_ARG 1`  
*Commandline.*
- `#define CFP_ENV 2`  
*Environment.*
- `#define CFP_PRIV 3`  
*Private Configuration File.*
- `#define CFP_SYS 4`  
*System Configuration File.*
- `#define CFP_DEF 5`  
*Built-in Default.*
- `#define CFP_QRY 6`  
*Standard Input Channel.*
- `#define CFP_RESERVED 7`  
*Reserved for Subprojects.*
- `#define CFS_NOT 0`  
*Start Mode: No action on error.*
- `#define CFS_ALL 1`  
*Start Mode: All error messages.*
- `#define CFS_NEG 2`  
*Start Mode: Only severe errors.*
- `#define CFS_USG 3`  
*Start Mode: Usage message if error was negative, error output like `CFS_NEG`.*
- `#define CFS_DEBUG 4`  
*Start Mode: Output like `CFS_USG` plus raw dump of configuration.*

## Functions

- int `cfinit` (`CONFIG *set`, int `ac`, char `**av`)  
*Initialize CFLIB Configuration Database and parse possible sources for database entries according to the settings in `set`.*
- void `cfexit` (void)  
*Free allocated memory and reset the configuration database and error stack.*
- int `cfstart` (`CONFIG *setting`, int `ac`, char `**av`, char `*help`, int `mode`)  
*Setup Configuration Database.*

## Variables

- `CONFIG * _conf` [`MAXCONF+1`]  
*Library Internal: CFLIB Configuration Database with at most `MAXCONF` parameters.*

### 17.1.1 Detailed Description

Basic CFLIB Setup.

- General Defines
- Parsing Levels
- Configuration Entries (aka Parameters)
- Configuration Database: Array of Configuration Entries
- Initialization of the Configuration Database
- Resetting the Configuration Database

### 17.1.2 Function Documentation

#### 17.1.2.1 int `cfinit` (`CONFIG * set`, int `ac`, char `** av`)

Initialize CFLIB Configuration Database and parse possible sources for database entries according to the settings in `set`.

#### Parameters:

- `set` **Configuration\_INITIALIZER** : Pointer to Array of `CONFIG` items containing parameter name, default value, **Commandline Option for Parameter** and **Special Options Mask**
- `ac` Argument Count from commandline or compatible
- `av` Argument String array from commandline or compatible structure

#### Returns:

- 0 : configuration database initialized successfully

- $>0$  : Count of non fatal errors
- $<0$  : Fatal error(s) occurred:
  - [CFE\\_MCF](#) : Memory allocation for Configuration Failed.
  - [CFE\\_MEF](#) : Memory allocation in Error routine Failed.
  - any other absolute value is total error count

See also:

[Configuration Parsing Levels and Source/Origin Options](#)

#### 17.1.2.2 void cfexit (void)

Free allocated memory and reset the configuration database and error stack.

This function should be used before a repeated call to [cfinit\(\)](#) or [cfstart\(\)](#). Furthermore, it may be desired to call [cfexit\(\)](#) when the configuration database occupies a lot of memory and is no longer needed.

#### 17.1.2.3 int cfstart (CONFIG \* *setting*, int *ac*, char \*\* *av*, char \* *help*, int *mode*)

Setup Configuration Database.

Check errors and output usage message, if required

##### Parameters:

*setting* pointer to initializer

*ac* argument count from commandline or compatible

*av* argument string array from comandline or compatible

*help* Help/Usage String

- Name of a [FLAG Parameter Type](#) entry to cause a usage message, if flag is set
- Omit, if NULL

*mode* How to handle [cfinit\(\)](#) return:

- [CFS\\_NOT](#) - Start Mode: No action on error.
- [CFS\\_ALL](#) - Start Mode: All error messages.
- [CFS\\_NEG](#) - Start Mode: Only severe errors.
- [CFS\\_USG](#) - Start Mode: Usage message if error was negative, error output like [CFS\\_NEG](#).
- [CFS\\_DEBUG](#) - Start Mode: Output like [CFS\\_USG](#) plus raw dump of configuration.

##### Returns:

- 0 : configuration database has been initialized successfully, no help or usage message required, no fatal errors
- 1 : no fatal errors occurred, usage message displayed
- -1 : fatal error(s) occurred

## 17.2 Special Options Mask

The "**Special Options Mask**" is a Bitmask of type [CFFLAGTYP](#) in Configuration Entry Structure Member [CONFIG::flag](#) containing Type, Instruction and Information Flags for a Parameter.

### Defines

- `#define CF\_LAST 0x0001`  
*Last entry in settings array.*
- `#define CF\_PATH 0x0002`  
*Search Path (for FindFile feature).*
- `#define CF\_SETFILE 0x0004`  
*Entry is Private Configuration File.*
- `#define CF\_SYS\_SETFILE 0x0008`  
*Entry is System Configuration File.*
- `#define CF\_SECTION 0x0010`  
*Section in Configuration File.*
- `#define CF\_PRGNAME 0x0020`  
*Running Program's Name from commandline.*
- `#define CF\_TIME 0x0040`  
*Time string.*
- `#define CF\_DATE 0x0080`  
*Date string.*
- `#define CF\_SET\_PUT 0x0100`  
*Source: Function Call.*
- `#define CF\_SET\_ARG 0x0200`  
*Source: Commandline Argument.*
- `#define CF\_SET\_ENV 0x0400`  
*Source: Environment Variable.*
- `#define CF\_SET\_PRIV 0x0800`  
*Source: Private Configuration File.*
- `#define CF\_SET\_SYS 0x1000`  
*Source: System Configuration File.*
- `#define CF\_SET\_DEF 0x2000`  
*Source: Built-in Default.*
- `#define CF\_SET\_QRY 0x4000`

*Source: Interactive Terminal Input.*

- `#define CF_NO_OPT_ARG 0x10000`  
*Commandline argument not followig an option.*
- `#define CF_CONCAT 0x20000`  
*Argument is concatenated to option.*
- `#define CF_IGN_ENV 0x40000`  
*Do not check environment for variable.*
- `#define CF_QUERY 0x80000`  
*Ask the user for unresolved item after configuration parsing.*
- `#define CF_STR 0x100000`  
*Entry is String.*
- `#define CF_INT 0x200000`  
*Entry is Integer.*
- `#define CF_FLAG 0x400000`  
*Entry is Flag.*
- `#define CF_REAL 0x800000`  
*Entry is Float.*
- `#define CF_FINDFILE 0x1000000`  
*Entry is filename to be searched for in the path.*
- `#define CF_MUST 0x2000000`  
*Entry may not be empty (NULL or "").*
- `#define CF_RESID 0x4000000`  
*Residual/additional entry from commandline/setfile/cfput.*
- `#define CF_USAGE 0x8000000`  
*Usage Message format string.*
- `#define CF_EXPHOME 0x10000000`  
*Expand Home Directory.*
- `#define CF_MALLOC 0x20000000`  
*Space for entry's content was mallocated.*
- `#define CF_FORCED 0x40000000`  
*Setting has been forced (already).*
- `#define CF_NOSAVE 0x80000000`  
*Don't include in savefile / mark entry.*

- #define [CF\\_SRC](#) (CF\_INT|CF\_FLAG)  
*Type for source/origin inquiry.*
- #define [CF\\_FLGINQ](#) (CF\_STR|CF\_FLAG)  
*Type for options mask inquiry.*
- #define [CF\\_TD](#) (CF\_DATE|CF\_TIME)  
*Date or Time entry.*

### Typedefs

- typedef unsigned long [CFFLAGTYP](#)  
*Special Options Mask Type.*

#### 17.2.1 Detailed Description

The "**Special Options Mask**" is a Bitmask of type [CFFLAGTYP](#) in Configuration Entry Structure Member [CONFIG::flag](#) containing Type, Instruction and Information Flags for a Parameter.

- Special CFLIB properties: [CFLIB Parameters](#)
- Source/Origin: [Parsing Levels](#)
- Initialization options: [Parsing Levels in the Initialization Process](#)
- Type/Interpretation Flags: [Parameter Data Types](#)
- [Special Processing Instructions](#)
- [Special Handling Instructions](#)
- Information/Status markers:
  - [CF\\_LAST](#) must appear in the [Configuration Initializer](#)
  - [CF\\_RESID](#) marks one of the [Residual Items](#)
  - [CF\\_MALLOC](#) and [CF\\_FORCED](#) are for library internal use

## 17.3 Error Handling

Error Codes, Functions and Structures.

### Data Structures

- struct [CONFERR](#)  
*Library Internal: Error List Item.*

**Defines**

- #define CFE\_INIT 0  
*INITialize error input.*
- #define CFE\_OK 0  
*No error / everything OKay.*
- #define CFE\_NEP 1  
*New Entry successfully Put into DB.*
- #define CFE\_EXIT 1  
*Finish error input.*
- #define CFE\_ORA 20  
*Option Requires an Argument.*
- #define CFE\_UKO 25  
*UnKnown Option.*
- #define CFE\_FNF 30  
*File Not Found, read access error.*
- #define CFE\_NSE 40  
*No Section specifier End found, missing "]".*
- #define CFE\_NSC 50  
*No private Setfile Configured.*
- #define CFE\_WAE 60  
*Write Access Error.*
- #define CFE\_IFP 61  
*Invalid Filename entry for Private setfile.*
- #define CFE\_EWN 70  
*Entry Without Name.*
- #define CFE\_ICF 80  
*Invalid Combination of Flags.*
- #define CFE\_EWC 90  
*Entry Without Content.*
- #define CFE\_UOS 100  
*Unlikely Option Specifier.*
- #define CFE\_IFC 110  
*Invalid Flag Combination.*



- #define CFE\_NLE 120  
*No Last Entry flag found.*
- #define CFE\_TIN 130  
*Error reTurn from stdIN query.*
- #define CFE\_EFE 140  
*Empty string in content for Filename Entry.*
- #define CFE\_USG 200  
*Entries missing: USaGge advice.*
- #define CFE\_URI 210  
*UnResolved Item (CF\_MUST was set!).*
- #define CFE\_FBF -500  
*File Backup Failed.*
- #define CFE\_BMF -510  
*Backup: Memory allocation Failed.*
- #define CFE\_BOF 520  
*Backup: Open source file Failed.*
- #define CFE\_BBF 530  
*Backup: open target Backup file Failed.*
- #define CFE\_BRF 540  
*Backup: Rename Failed.*
- #define CFE\_BWF 550  
*Backup: Write Failed.*
- #define CFE\_NCA -10  
*No Configuration database Available.*
- #define CFE\_NEA -20  
*No Entry with that name Available.*
- #define CFE\_NSS -30  
*No Source/origin is Set.*
- #define CFE\_ECP -40  
*Entry's Content is a NULL Pointer.*
- #define CFE\_MEF -100  
*Memory allocation in Error routine Failed.*
- #define CFE\_MCF -200  
*Memory allocation for Configuration Failed.*

- `#define CFE_INF -9999`  
*Integer iNquiry Failed (!).*
- `#define CFE_RNF -999.999`  
*Real/float iNquiry Failed (!).*

### Functions

- `int cfputerr (int ecode, char *string,...)`  
*Init, exit or append to Error List.*
- `int cfgeterr (char *string, size_t len)`  
*Error Code and Message Inquiry Function.*
- `void cfclearerr (void)`  
*Free all entries in error list.*
- `int cfrevert (void)`  
*Revert order of entries in error list from last->first to first->last.*

### Variables

- `CONFERR * _cferr = NULL`  
*Library Internal: Error List Pointer.*
- `int _errcnt = 0`  
*Library Internal: Error List Counter.*

#### 17.3.1 Detailed Description

Error Codes, Functions and Structures.

- Error Codes and their mnemonic descriptions

#### Bug

There are still errors without entry in error stack

- Library Internal Error Variables

- Error Functions

### 17.3.2 Function Documentation

#### 17.3.2.1 `int cfputerr (int ecode, char * string, ...)`

Init, exit or append to Error List.

**Parameters:**

*ecode* Error Code of the error that occurred

*string* Error message format string. Giving it a `NULL` pointer results in an empty error message string

... Arguments list according to format string

**Returns:**

- `<0` : A fatal error occurred (malloc failed)
- `>0` : Number of errors in error list

#### 17.3.2.2 `int cfgeterr (char * string, size_t len)`

Error Code and Message Inquiry Function.

**Parameters:**

*string* Pointer to a string, to which the error message should be copied. Giving it a `NULL` pointer will omit message return

*len* Size of string, if 0 `CF_MAXERRSTR` will be used

**Returns:**

- `0` : if no error is available, everything is alright
- `!=0` : error code of the next error in list

#### 17.3.2.3 `void cfclearerr (void)`

Free all entries in error list.

#### 17.3.2.4 `int cfrevert (void)`

Revert order of entries in error list from last->first to first->last.

**Returns:**

- `>=0` : Number of errors in error list
- `<0` : Inconsistency with old error count, absolute value is new error counter

## 17.4 Advanced Features

Debugging and Utility Functions.

### Defines

- `#define CFD_CFDUMP 0`  
*Dump Mask Minimal.*
- `#define CFD_LIBHEAD 1`  
*Dump option CFLIB header.*
- `#define CFD_COLHEAD 2`  
*Dump option Column headers.*
- `#define CFD_SRCFLAGS 4`  
*Dump option Source flag description.*
- `#define CFD_DEFAULT CFD_COLHEAD|CFD_SRCFLAGS`  
*Dump Mask Default.*

### Functions

- `int cfdump (FILE *fout)`  
*Debugging Function.*
- `int cfdinichk (CONFIG *set)`  
*Debugging Function (experimental).*
- `char * cfhomexp (char *name)`  
*Expand ~ or ~user in parameter content.*

#### 17.4.1 Detailed Description

Debugging and Utility Functions.

- Modes for `cfdump()`

#### 17.4.2 Function Documentation

##### 17.4.2.1 `int cfdump (FILE *fout)`

Debugging Function.

Dump CFLIB DB content to `fout`

Configuration options:

Set integer bitmask CFLIB variable "**CF\_DUMPVERB**" to

- = [CFD\\_CFDUMP](#) : Minimal
- & [CFD\\_LIBHEAD](#) : CFLIB header
- & [CFD\\_COLHEAD](#) : Column headers
- & [CFD\\_SRCFLAGS](#) : Source flag description
- = [CFD\\_DEFAULT](#) : Default dump verbosity

**Parameters:**

*fout* Pointer to File opened for writing or `stdout/stderr/...`

**Returns:**

- $>0$  : Number of entries in CFLIB DB
- $<0$  : An error occurred:
  - [CFE\\_NCA](#) : No configuration database available

#### 17.4.2.2 int cfdinichk (CONFIG \* *set*)

Debugging Function (**experimental**).

Initialize CFLIB DB using the default given by `set`, checking validity and plausibility of entries

**Parameters:**

*set* Pointer to initializing CONFIG-Array

**Returns:**

- 0 : No error occurred
- $\neq 0$  : An error occurred

**Todo**

Make `cfdinichk()` work as reliable, complete tool with much more testing and [Special Options Mask](#) validation!

#### 17.4.2.3 char\* cfhomeexp (char \* *name*)

Expand `~` or `~user` in parameter content.

This function is used by default when reading [Configuration Files](#) and on initialization of parameters with the Special Option Flag [CF\\_EXPHOME](#) set.

- The environment is checked for the variables `LOGNAME` or `USER`, if no user name is given ("`~/....`")

- The `passwd` file is searched for the users home directory, if possible
- Otherwise the environment variable `HOME` is checked
- If all that fails, `~` will be omitted, `~user` will expand to `"/user"`

**Parameters:**

*name* Entry's name

**Returns:**

- `NULL` : an error occurred:
  - No Configuration database Available.
  - Entry's Content is a `NULL` Pointer.
  - Memory allocation for Configuration Failed.
- `!=NULL` : String pointer to original or expanded filename

**17.5 Information Retrieval**

These functions and macros read entries from an initialized CFLIB database.

**Defines**

- `#define cfget(a) cfgetent(a,0)`  
*Get value (content) of named entry.*
- `#define cfgetstr(a) ((char *)cfgetent(a,CF_STR))`  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for String in content of named entry.*
- `#define cfgetnum(a) (*(int *)cfgetent(a,CF_INT))`  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Integer value in content of named entry.*
- `#define cfgetreal(a) (*(float *)cfgetent(a,CF_REAL))`  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Float (Real) value in content of named entry.*
- `#define cfgetflag(a) (*(int *)cfgetent(a,CF_FLAG))`  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Flag value in content of named entry.*
- `#define cfflaginq(a, b) (*(int *)cfgetent(a,CF_FLGINQ|(31&b)))`  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Bit set in entry's Special Options Flag [CONFIG::flag](#).*
- `#define cfgetsrc(a) (*(int *)cfgetent(a,CF_SRC))`  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Source of named entry's content.*
- `#define cfgetres() ((char *)cfgetent("",CF_RESID))`  
*Get next Residual Command Line Argument from CFLIB DB.*
- `#define cfgetcpr() "CFLIB (c) 1994-2009 Stefan Habermehl"`  
*Get Copyright Notice.*

## Functions

- void \* [cfgetent](#) (char \*name, [CFFLAGTYP](#) typ)  
*Library internal function, use appropriate Macro functions!*
- int [cfgetvers](#) (void)  
*Get Library Version/Patchlevel.*
- char \* [cfgetsubvers](#) (void)  
*Get Library Subversion Details.*
- char \* [cfgetusg](#) (void)  
*Get Usage Message for (Terminal) Output.*

### 17.5.1 Detailed Description

These functions and macros read entries from an initialized CFLIB database.

The exact name of the required parameter must be given as argument, where indicated.

### 17.5.2 Define Documentation

#### 17.5.2.1 #define cfget(a) cfgetent(a,0)

Get value (content) of named entry.

#### Parameters:

*a* Entry's name

#### Returns:

Depending on configured type, see [cfgetent\(\)](#) and Macro Definitions!

#### 17.5.2.2 #define cfgetstr(a) ((char \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_STR))

Inquire CFLIB DB for String in content of named entry.

#### Parameters:

*a* Entry's name

#### Returns:

- NULL : An error occurred:
  - No configuration database available
  - No entry of this name available
  - Content is really NULL, Check that with [cfgetflag\(\)](#) !!
- Any other : Pointer to string in content of entry name

### 17.5.2.3 #define cfgetnum(a) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_INT))

Inquire CFLIB DB for Integer value in content of named entry.

**Parameters:**

*a* Entry's name

**Returns:**

- [CFE\\_INF](#) : Integer inquiry failed because of
  - No configuration database available
  - No entry of this name available
  - Content doesn't begin with digit
  - Content is a `NULL` pointer
  - Content is really [CFE\\_INF](#), Check that with [cfgetstr\(\)](#) !!
- Any other : Integer value for named entry

### 17.5.2.4 #define cfgetreal(a) (\*(float \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_REAL))

Inquire CFLIB DB for Float (Real) value in content of named entry.

**Parameters:**

*a* Entry's name

**Returns:**

- [CFE\\_RNF](#) : Real/float value inquiry failed because of
  - No configuration database available
  - No entry of this name available
  - Content doesn't begin with digit or signum (+/-)
  - Content is a `NULL` pointer
  - Content is really [CFE\\_RNF](#), Check that with [cfgetstr\(\)](#) !!
- Any other : Float value for named entry

### 17.5.2.5 #define cfgetflag(a) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_FLAG))

Inquire CFLIB DB for Flag value in content of named entry.

**Parameters:**

*a* Entry's name

**Returns:**

- `TRUE (1)` : Flag is set



- FALSE (0) : Flag is not set
- <0 : An error occurred:
  - CFE\_NCA : No configuration database available
  - CFE\_NEA : No entry of this name available
  - CFE\_ECP : Entry's content is a NULL pointer

#### 17.5.2.6 #define cfflaginq(a, b) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_FLGINQ|(31&b)))

Inquire CFLIB DB for Bit set in entry's Special Options Fag [CONFIG::flag](#).

Debugging Function

##### Parameters:

- a* Entry's name  
*b* Bit Offset, 0<=*b*<=31

##### Returns:

- TRUE (1) : Flag is set
- FALSE (0) : Flag is not set
- <0 : An error occurred:
  - CFE\_NCA : No Configuration database Available.
  - CFE\_NEA : No Entry with that name Available.

#### 17.5.2.7 #define cfgetsrc(a) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_SRC))

Inquire CFLIB DB for Source of named entry's content.

##### Parameters:

- a* Entry's name

##### Returns:

- 0–6 : Source of entry's content:
  - 0 : [cfputstr\(\)](#) call
  - 1 : Command line / Arguments
  - 2 : Environment
  - 3 : Private Configuration File
  - 4 : System Configuration File
  - 5 : Default setting
  - 6 : Interactive input (query)
- <0 : An error occurred:
  - CFE\_NCA : No configuration database available
  - CFE\_NEA : No entry of this name available
  - CFE\_NSS : No source set (should not happen!)

### 17.5.2.8 #define cfgetres() ((char \*)cfgetent("",CF\_RESID))

Get next Residual Command Line Argument from CFLIB DB.

#### Returns:

- NULL : An error occurred:
  - No Configuration database Available.
  - No more residual arguments available
- Any other : Pointer to string content

#### See also:

[Residual Items](#)

### 17.5.2.9 #define cfgetcpr() "CFLIB (c) 1994-2009 Stefan Habermehl"

Get Copyright Notice.

#### Returns:

Pointer to Copyright Message String

## 17.5.3 Function Documentation

### 17.5.3.1 void\* cfgetent (char \* *name*, CFFLAGTYP *typ*)

Library internal function, use appropriate Macro functions!

Inquire configuration database for content of entry name

#### Parameters:

*name* Entry's name

*typ* Expected/required type of content:

- 0 : Get type from entry's flag
- [CF\\_INT](#) : Integer
- [CF\\_REAL](#) : Real
- [CF\\_FLAG](#) : Flag
- [CF\\_STR](#) : String
- [CF\\_SRC](#) : Source
- [CF\\_FLGINQ](#) : Bit in entry flag (bit no. in lowest bytes)
- [CF\\_RESID](#) : Residual argument
- Anything else : String

#### Returns:

- for [CF\\_STR](#), [CF\\_RESID](#) or default:

- `NULL` : An error occurred or nothing available:
  - No configuration database available
  - No entry of this name available
  - The entry's content is really `NULL`, Check that with `cfgetflag()` !!
  - No more residual argument (for `CF_RESID`)
- any other pointer to string in content of entry name
- for others: Pointer to return values of the corresponding macro function

### 17.5.3.2 `int cfgetvers (void)`

Get Library Version/Patchlevel.

#### Returns:

- `>0` : Library Patchlevel
- `<=0` : Error

### 17.5.3.3 `char* cfgetsubvers (void)`

Get Library Subversion Details.

The Patchlevel returned by this function should match `Patchlevel` in the public include file `cf.h`

#### Returns:

Library Patchlevel and Subversion (Source Revision marked by library internal header file `cflib.h`).

The return value is "burned" into the library executable and looks like:

```
CFLIB PL 20 $LastChangedRevision: 13 $
```

### 17.5.3.4 `char* cfgetusg (void)`

Get Usage Message for (Terminal) Output.

There are two flavours:

1. Let CFLIB do the job: Usage message is generated based on settings for commandline parsing and `Special Options Mask` found in the database
2. Deliver your own Usage Message: Just set the `CF_USAGE` Flag in the `Special Options Mask` of one parameter in the database to get a custom usage message (from hardcoded default, configuration file or environment). The delivered custom message string is taken as a format string for the `printf()` function: Use `"%s"` in the message string to have the program name inserted that CFLIB got from the default parameter `"CF_PRGNAME"` which by default is set to the name of the running program from the commandline at startup.

**Returns:**

- Pointer to usage string
- `NULL` : An error occurred:
  - No Configuration database Available.
  - `malloc()` for usage string failed

**See also:**

[`CF\_MAXUSAGE`](#) : Maximum string length for usage string.  
[`CF\_USG\_DEFCOLS`](#) : Default terminal width for usage string.

## 17.6 Setting and Saving the Configuration

Set/Update Parameter Values or Save a Configuration File.

**Functions**

- `int cfputstr` (`char *name`, `char *content`)  
*Update or Add Parameter name with string content.*
- `int cfputtime` (`CFFLAGTYP` `td`)  
*Set all Time and/or Date entries in CFLIB DB to now or today.*
- `int cfnosave` (`char *name`, `const char *onoff`)  
*Alter or query the [`CF\_NOSAVE`](#) Flag of Parameter name.*
- `int cfsave` (`char *file`, `const char *savemode`)  
*Write configuration data to a Configuration File or `stdout`.*

### 17.6.1 Detailed Description

Set/Update Parameter Values or Save a Configuration File.

### 17.6.2 Function Documentation

#### 17.6.2.1 `int cfputstr (char * name, char * content)`

Update or Add Parameter *name* with string *content*.

**Parameters:**

*name* [Parameter Name](#)  
*content* New (String) Content

**Returns:**

- [`CFE\_NEP`](#) : New Entry successfully Put into DB.

- 0 : Entry updated successfully
- <0 : An error occurred:
  - [CFE\\_NCA](#) : No Configuration database Available.
  - [CFE\\_MCF](#) : Memory allocation for Configuration Failed.

### 17.6.2.2 int cfputtime (CFFLAGTYP *td*)

Set all Time and/or Date entries in CFLIB DB to *now* or *today*.

#### Parameters:

*td* Target Selection Mask:

- [CF\\_TIME](#) : Set Time
- [CF\\_DATE](#) : Set Date
- [CF\\_TD](#) : Set Time and Date

#### Returns:

- >0 : Number of entries updated successfully
- <=0 : An error occurred:
  - [CFE\\_NCA](#) : No Configuration database Available.
  - [CFE\\_MCF](#) : Memory allocation for Configuration Failed.
  - [CFE\\_NEA](#) : No Entry with that name Available.

### 17.6.2.3 int cfnosave (char \* *name*, const char \* *onoff*)

Alter or query the [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) Flag of Parameter *name*.

When the configuration database is saved to a configuration file, the function [cfsave\(\)](#) will exclude all items with the [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) flag set from the output.

The [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) flag can be set in the Special Option Mask [CONFIG::flag](#) for every entry in the [Configuration Initializer](#) given to [cfinit\(\)](#) or [cfstart\(\)](#) or later be set with this function for parameters in the current configuration database [\\_conf](#)

[Residual Items](#) will have the [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) flag set by default.

#### Parameters:

*name* Entry's name

- " " : All entries
- NULL : All hardcoded entries

*onoff*

- [CF\\_FLAG\\_ON](#) : Set Flag
- [CF\\_FLAG\\_OFF](#) : Delete Flag
- "i" : Inquire Flag

#### Returns:

- 0 : Entry updated successfully / Flag is OFF (for "i")

- 1 : Flag is ON (for "i")
- !=0 or 1 : An Error occurred:
  - CFE\_NCA : No Configuration database Available.
  - CFE\_NEA : No Entry with that name Available.

#### 17.6.2.4 int cfsave (char \*file, const char \*savemode)

Write configuration data to a Configuration File or stdout.

Entries with the CF\_NOSAVE flag will be excluded from the output. Use cfnosave() to inquire or alter that flag for an entry.

##### Parameters:

- file**
- <string> : Name of regular file to be opened
  - " " : Write configuration to stdout
  - NULL : Private configuration file will be overwritten or created, if an appropriate entry exists
- savemode** File open mode:
- "w" : Overwrite
  - "a" : Append

##### Returns:

- 0 : Configuration has been saved to file successfully
- !=0 : An error occurred:
  - CFE\_NCA : No Configuration database Available.
  - CFE\_IFP : Invalid Filename entry for Private setfile.
  - CFE\_WAE : Write Access Error.

## 17.7 General Utilities

### Defines

- #define CF\_BACKBUFLLEN 102400  
*File copy buffer for BackupFile().*
- #define DelFlag(a, b) a&=(~b)  
*Delete bits of Mask b from Mask a.*
- #define SetFlag(a, b) a|=b  
*Set bits of Mask b in Mask a.*

## Functions

- void [RemoveCR](#) (char \*ptr)  
*String Utility Function.*
- void [RemoveTrailSpace](#) (char \*ptr)  
*String Utility Function.*
- char \* [EatWhiteSpace](#) (char \*ptr)  
*String Utility Function.*
- int [IsATerminal](#) (FILE \*fp)  
*Test whether stream is a terminal.*
- int [BackupFile](#) (const char \*file, char \*modus)  
*Copy or Rename File "file" to Backup File "file~" or "file.bak".*
- char \* [FindFile](#) (const char \*fname, const char \*fpath, const char \*const \*fext)  
*Find a File in Path trying Extensions.*

### 17.7.1 Function Documentation

#### 17.7.1.1 void RemoveCR (char \* ptr)

String Utility Function.

Strip Carriage Return at end of string (after fgets) by introducing zero byte at CR position. Original source was "STELM" by Kees and Lemmens.

#### Author:

Kees and Lemmens

#### Parameters:

*ptr* pointer to beginning of string

#### 17.7.1.2 void RemoveTrailSpace (char \* ptr)

String Utility Function.

Strip whitespaces at end of string by introducing zero byte after last non-whitespace character

#### Parameters:

*ptr* Pointer to beginning of string

### 17.7.1.3 char\* EatWhiteSpace (char \* *ptr*)

String Utility Function.

Set pointer to next non-whitespace-character in string. Original source was "STELM" by Kees and Lemmens.

**Author:**

Kees and Lemmens

**Parameters:**

*ptr* Pointer to beginning of string

**Returns:**

Pointer to next non-whitespace-character in string

### 17.7.1.4 int IsATerminal (FILE \* *fp*)

Test whether stream is a terminal.

**Parameters:**

*fp* File/Stream Pointer

**Returns:**

TRUE or FALSE

**Bug**

ANSI C doesn't have function isatty(), we always return TRUE

### 17.7.1.5 int BackupFile (const char \* *file*, char \* *modus*)

Copy or Rename File "*file*" to Backup File "*file*~" or "*file*.bak".

**Parameters:**

*file* Name of regular file to be opened

*modus* Backup Mode:

- "r" Rename
- "d" Duplicate, Copy
- "@e ?" Default "d"
- "@e ?d" docs-style (.bak)
- "@e ?c", "?? " Un\*x Style (~)



**Returns:**

- 0 : Configuration has been saved to file successfully
- !=0 : An error occurred:
  - CFE\_BOF : Invalid filename / open error
  - CFE\_BMF : Backup: Memory allocation Failed.
  - CFE\_BRF : Rename file failed
  - CFE\_BBF : Source file open error
  - CFE\_BWF : Target file write error

**17.7.1.6 char\* FindFile (const char \*fname, const char \*fpath, const char \*const \*fext)**

Find a File in Path trying Extensions.

**Author:**

Eric R. Smith

**License:**

Public Domain

**Parameters:**

*fname* File Name

*fpath* Search Path: String of Directories separated by **PATHSEP1** (':' or ';') or **PATHSEP2** (nothing or ',')

*fext* Array of possible Extensions (optional, default is OS dependent)

**Returns:**

The name by which the file was found or NULL

**17.8 Report Generation****Defines**

- #define CFE\_DEF\_VARDELIM "\$()"
 

*Default variable delimiter for cfform().*
- #define CFE\_MAXINC 8
 

*Maximum number of nested includes for cfform().*

**Functions**

- int cfform (char \*file, char \*outfile, char \*vd, int mode)
 

*Process a Template from file or stdin and write generated Report to File or stdout.*

### 17.8.1 Function Documentation

#### 17.8.1.1 `int cfform (char * file, char * outfile, char * vd, int mode)`

Process a Template from file or `stdin` and write generated Report to File or `stdout`.

The Report Template contains **Variables** like '`$(ident)`' or whatever you set in *vd*. *ident* may refer to a:

- Parameter Name like '`$(name)`' : Substitute variable by parameter's value (from DB)
- Include File Path like '`$(FILE:/my/path/to/incfile)`' : Substitute variable by content of include file
- File Path and Section Include like '`$(FILE:incfile#sect)`' : Include section from include file between [*sect*] and next [...]
- Variable File Include like '`$(FILE::varname)`' : Include file from location given in parameter *varname*

See also:

[Advanced Usage Example](#)

#### Todo

Make `cfform()` work with buffers instead of files

#### Parameters:

*file* Name of Template File, NULL for `stdin`

*outfile* Name of Output File, NULL for `stdout`

*vd* Variable Delimiters: string containing the three variable delimiters in the first three chars: to have variables like '`$(name)`', let the string be '`$()`'. This is also the default, if *vd* is NULL or string length < 3

*mode* Mode Mask:

- 0 : Normal
- 1 : Query for unresolved variables, (try to) include them in database
- 2 : Unset [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) flag for parsed vars
- 4 : Outfile Write *append*, else *write*

#### Returns:

- 0 : Configuration has been saved to file successfully
- !=0 : An error occurred:
  - [CFE\\_NCA](#) : No Configuration database Available.
  - [CFE\\_FNF](#) : File Not Found, read access error.
  - [CFE\\_WAE](#) : Write Access Error.

## 18 Data Structure Documentation

### 18.1 CONFERR Struct Reference

Library Internal: Error List Item.

### Data Fields

- struct \_cfe \* [next](#)  
*Next Error Pointer.*
- int [errcode](#)  
*Numeric Error Code.*
- char [errstr](#) [CF\_MAXERRSTR]  
*Error Message String of maximum length [CF\\_MAXERRSTR](#).*

#### 18.1.1 Detailed Description

Library Internal: Error List Item.

## 18.2 CONFIG Struct Reference

CFLIB Configuration Database Entry.

### Data Fields

- char \* [name](#)  
*Parameter Name*
- char \* [inhalt](#)  
*Parameter Content, see [Parameter Default Value](#).*
- char [option](#)  
*Commandline Option for Parameter*
- [CFFLAGTYP](#) flag  
*Special Options Mask*

#### 18.2.1 Detailed Description

CFLIB Configuration Database Entry.

## 19 File Documentation

### 19.1 include/cf.h File Reference

C Header File for CFLIB Flexible Configuration Library.

## Data Structures

- struct [CONFIG](#)  
*CFLIB Configuration Database Entry.*

## Defines

- #define [Patchlevel](#) "20"  
*CFLIB Identification.*
- #define [MAXCONF](#) 4096  
*Maximum number of entries in configuration database.*
- #define [CF\\_MAXERRSTR](#) 512  
*Maximum string length for error message.*
- #define [CF\\_MAXLINE](#) 20480  
*Maximum string length for setfile and form parsing.*
- #define [CF\\_MAXQLINE](#) 512  
*Maximum string length for query.*
- #define [CF\\_MAXUSAGE](#) 1024  
*Maximum string length for usage string.*
- #define [CF\\_USG\\_DEFCOLS](#) 80  
*Default terminal width for usage string.*
- #define [CF\\_MAXTIMEBUF](#) 256  
*Buffer size for time and day.*
- #define [TRUE](#) 1  
*TRUE, if not defined.*
- #define [FALSE](#) 0  
*FALSE, if not defined.*
- #define [NULL](#) (void \*) (0L)  
*NULL, if not defined.*
- #define [CF\\_FLAG\\_ON](#) "\1"  
*Flag is set.*
- #define [CF\\_FLAG\\_OFF](#) ""  
*Flag is not set.*
- #define [CF\\_NO\\_OPTION](#) ' '  
*Option is not set.*

- #define [TABLEN](#) 8  
*TAB length.*
- #define [CFP\\_PUT](#) 0  
*Function Call or Automatic Initialization.*
- #define [CFP\\_ARG](#) 1  
*Commandline.*
- #define [CFP\\_ENV](#) 2  
*Environment.*
- #define [CFP\\_PRIV](#) 3  
*Private Configuration File.*
- #define [CFP\\_SYS](#) 4  
*System Configuration File.*
- #define [CFP\\_DEF](#) 5  
*Built-in Default.*
- #define [CFP\\_QRY](#) 6  
*Standard Input Channel.*
- #define [CFP\\_RESERVED](#) 7  
*Reserved for Subprojects.*
- #define [CF\\_DEF\\_VARDELIM](#) "\$()"   
*Default variable delimiter for [cform\(\)](#).*
- #define [CF\\_MAXINC](#) 8  
*Maximum number of nested includes for [cform\(\)](#).*
- #define [CF\\_BACKBUFLN](#) 102400  
*File copy buffer for [BackupFile\(\)](#).*
- #define [CF\\_LAST](#) 0x0001  
*Last entry in settings array.*
- #define [CF\\_PATH](#) 0x0002  
*Search Path (for FindFile feature).*
- #define [CF\\_SETFILE](#) 0x0004  
*Entry is Private Configuration File.*
- #define [CF\\_SYS\\_SETFILE](#) 0x0008  
*Entry is System Configuration File.*
- #define [CF\\_SECTION](#) 0x0010  
*Section in Configuration File.*

- #define [CF\\_PRGNAME](#) 0x0020  
*Running Program's Name from commandline.*
- #define [CF\\_TIME](#) 0x0040  
*Time string.*
- #define [CF\\_DATE](#) 0x0080  
*Date string.*
- #define [CF\\_SET\\_PUT](#) 0x0100  
*Source: Function Call.*
- #define [CF\\_SET\\_ARG](#) 0x0200  
*Source: Commandline Argument.*
- #define [CF\\_SET\\_ENV](#) 0x0400  
*Source: Environment Variable.*
- #define [CF\\_SET\\_PRIV](#) 0x0800  
*Source: Private Configuration File.*
- #define [CF\\_SET\\_SYS](#) 0x1000  
*Source: System Configuration File.*
- #define [CF\\_SET\\_DEF](#) 0x2000  
*Source: Built-in Default.*
- #define [CF\\_SET\\_QRY](#) 0x4000  
*Source: Interactive Terminal Input.*
- #define [CF\\_NO\\_OPT\\_ARG](#) 0x10000  
*Commandline argument not followig an option.*
- #define [CF\\_CONCAT](#) 0x20000  
*Argument is concatenated to option.*
- #define [CF\\_IGN\\_ENV](#) 0x40000  
*Do not check environment for variable.*
- #define [CF\\_QUERY](#) 0x80000  
*Ask the user for unresolved item after configuration parsing.*
- #define [CF\\_STR](#) 0x100000  
*Entry is String.*
- #define [CF\\_INT](#) 0x200000  
*Entry is Integer.*
- #define [CF\\_FLAG](#) 0x400000

*Entry is Flag.*

- #define [CF\\_REAL](#) 0x800000  
*Entry is Float.*
- #define [CF\\_FINDFILE](#) 0x1000000  
*Entry is filename to be searched for in the path.*
- #define [CF\\_MUST](#) 0x2000000  
*Entry may not be empty (NULL or "").*
- #define [CF\\_RESID](#) 0x4000000  
*Residual/additional entry from commandline/setfile/cfput.*
- #define [CF\\_USAGE](#) 0x8000000  
*Usage Message format string.*
- #define [CF\\_EXPHOME](#) 0x10000000  
*Expand Home Directory.*
- #define [CF\\_MALLOC](#) 0x20000000  
*Space for entry's content was mallocated.*
- #define [CF\\_FORCED](#) 0x40000000  
*Setting has been forced (already).*
- #define [CF\\_NOSAVE](#) 0x80000000  
*Don't include in savefile / mark entry.*
- #define [CF\\_SRC](#) (CF\_INT|CF\_FLAG)  
*Type for source/origin inquiry.*
- #define [CF\\_FLGINQ](#) (CF\_STR|CF\_FLAG)  
*Type for options mask inquiry.*
- #define [CF\\_TD](#) (CF\_DATE|CF\_TIME)  
*Date or Time entry.*
- #define [CFE\\_INIT](#) 0  
*INITialize error input.*
- #define [CFE\\_OK](#) 0  
*No error / everything OKay.*
- #define [CFE\\_NEP](#) 1  
*New Entry successfully Put into DB.*
- #define [CFE\\_EXIT](#) 1  
*Finish error input.*

- #define CFE\_ORA 20  
*Option Requires an Argument.*
- #define CFE\_UKO 25  
*UnKnown Option.*
- #define CFE\_FNF 30  
*File Not Found, read access error.*
- #define CFE\_NSE 40  
*No Section specifier End found, missing "]".*
- #define CFE\_NSC 50  
*No private Setfile Configured.*
- #define CFE\_WAE 60  
*Write Access Error.*
- #define CFE\_IFP 61  
*Invalid Filename entry for Private setfile.*
- #define CFE\_EWN 70  
*Entry Without Name.*
- #define CFE\_ICF 80  
*Invalid Combination of Flags.*
- #define CFE\_EWC 90  
*Entry Without Content.*
- #define CFE\_UOS 100  
*Unlikely Option Specifier.*
- #define CFE\_IFC 110  
*Invalid Flag Combination.*
- #define CFE\_NLE 120  
*No Last Entry flag found.*
- #define CFE\_TIN 130  
*Error reTurn from stdIN query.*
- #define CFE\_EFE 140  
*Empty string in content for Filename Entry.*
- #define CFE\_USG 200  
*Entries missing: USaGge advice.*
- #define CFE\_URI 210  
*UnResolved Item (CF\_MUST was set!).*



- #define [CFE\\_FBF](#) -500  
*File Backup Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_BMF](#) -510  
*Backup: Memory allocation Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_BOF](#) 520  
*Backup: Open source file Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_BBF](#) 530  
*Backup: open target Backup file Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_BRF](#) 540  
*Backup: Rename Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_BWF](#) 550  
*Backup: Write Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_NCA](#) -10  
*No Configuration database Available.*
- #define [CFE\\_NEA](#) -20  
*No Entry with that name Available.*
- #define [CFE\\_NSS](#) -30  
*No Source/origin is Set.*
- #define [CFE\\_ECP](#) -40  
*Entry's Content is a NULL Pointer.*
- #define [CFE\\_MEF](#) -100  
*Memory allocation in Error routine Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_MCF](#) -200  
*Memory allocation for Configuration Failed.*
- #define [CFE\\_INF](#) -9999  
*Integer iNquiry Failed (!).*
- #define [CFE\\_RNF](#) -999.999  
*Real/float iNquiry Failed (!).*
- #define [CFS\\_NOT](#) 0  
*Start Mode: No action on error.*
- #define [CFS\\_ALL](#) 1  
*Start Mode: All error messages.*
- #define [CFS\\_NEG](#) 2

*Start Mode: Only severe errors.*

- #define [CFS\\_USG](#) 3  
*Start Mode: Usage message if error was negative, error output like [CFS\\_NEG](#).*
- #define [CFS\\_DEBUG](#) 4  
*Start Mode: Output like [CFS\\_USG](#) plus raw dump of configuration.*
- #define [CFD\\_CFDUMP](#) 0  
*Dump Mask Minimal.*
- #define [CFD\\_LIBHEAD](#) 1  
*Dump option CFLIB header.*
- #define [CFD\\_COLHEAD](#) 2  
*Dump option Column headers.*
- #define [CFD\\_SRCFLAGS](#) 4  
*Dump option Source flag description.*
- #define [CFD\\_DEFAULT](#) CFD\_COLHEAD|CFD\_SRCFLAGS  
*Dump Mask Default.*
- #define [cfget\(a\)](#) cfgetent(a,0)  
*Get value (content) of named entry.*
- #define [cfgetstr\(a\)](#) ((char \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_STR))  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for String in content of named entry.*
- #define [cfgetnum\(a\)](#) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_INT))  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Integer value in content of named entry.*
- #define [cfgetreal\(a\)](#) (\*(float \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_REAL))  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Float (Real) value in content of named entry.*
- #define [cfgetflag\(a\)](#) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_FLAG))  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Flag value in content of named entry.*
- #define [cfflaginq\(a, b\)](#) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_FLGINQ|(31&b)))  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Bit set in entry's Special Options Fag [CONFIG::flag](#).*
- #define [cfgetsrc\(a\)](#) (\*(int \*)cfgetent(a,CF\_SRC))  
*Inquire CFLIB DB for Source of named entry's content.*
- #define [cfgetres\(\)](#) ((char \*)cfgetent("",CF\_RESID))  
*Get next Residual Command Line Argument from CFLIB DB.*
- #define [cfgetcpr\(\)](#) "CFLIB (c) 1994-2009 Stefan Habermehl"  
*Get Copyright Notice.*

- `#define cfput(a, b) cfputstr(a, (char *)b)`  
*Update or Add Parameter (Utility Function Macro).*
- `#define DelFlag(a, b) a&=(~b)`  
*Delete bits of Mask b from Mask a.*
- `#define SetFlag(a, b) a|=b`  
*Set bits of Mask b in Mask a.*
- `#define __CF_H__`  
*Marker: cf.h has been included.*

### Typedefs

- `typedef unsigned long CFFLAGTYP`  
*Special Options Mask Type.*

### Functions

- `int cfinit (CONFIG *set, int argc, char **argv)`  
*Initialize CFLIB Configuration Database and parse possible sources for database entries according to the settings in set.*
- `void cfexit (void)`  
*Free allocated memory and reset the configuration database and error stack.*
- `int cfform (char *infile, char *outfile, char *vardelim, int mode)`  
*Process a Template from file or stdin and write generated Report to File or stdout.*
- `void * cfgetent (char *name, CFFLAGTYP typ)`  
*Library internal function, use appropriate Macro functions!*
- `char * cfhomexp (char *name)`  
*Expand ~ or ~user in parameter content.*
- `int cfgetvers (void)`  
*Get Library Version/Patchlevel.*
- `char * cfgetsubvers (void)`  
*Get Library Subversion Details.*
- `int cfnosave (char *name, const char *onoff)`  
*Alter or query the CF\_NOSAVE Flag of Parameter name.*
- `int cfputstr (char *name, char *content)`  
*Update or Add Parameter name with string content.*

- int [cfputtime](#) (CFFLAGTYP td)  
*Set all Time and/or Date entries in CFLIB DB to now or today.*
- char \* [cfgetusg](#) (void)  
*Get Usage Message for (Terminal) Output.*
- int [cfgeterr](#) (char \*string, size\_t len)  
*Error Code and Message Inquiry Function.*
- int [cfputerr](#) (int ecode, char \*string,...)  
*Init, exit or append to Error List.*
- void [cfclearerr](#) (void)  
*Free all entries in error list.*
- int [cfrevert](#) (void)  
*Revert order of entries in error list from last->first to first->last.*
- int [cfstart](#) (CONFIG \*set, int ac, char \*\*av, char \*help, int mode)  
*Setup Configuration Database.*
- int [cfdinichk](#) (CONFIG \*set)  
*Debugging Function (experimental).*
- int [cfdump](#) (FILE \*fout)  
*Debugging Function.*
- int [cfsave](#) (char \*fname, const char \*savemode)  
*Write configuration data to a Configuration File or stdout.*
- int [BackupFile](#) (const char \*file, char \*modus)  
*Copy or Rename File "file" to Backup File "file~" or "file.bak".*
- void [RemoveCR](#) (char \*string)  
*String Utility Function.*
- void [RemoveTrailSpace](#) (char \*string)  
*String Utility Function.*
- char \* [EatWhiteSpace](#) (char \*string)  
*String Utility Function.*
- int [IsATerminal](#) (FILE \*fp)  
*Test whether stream is a terminal.*
- char \* [FindFile](#) (const char \*fname, const char \*fpath, const char \*const \*fext)  
*Find a File in Path trying Extensions.*

### 19.1.1 Detailed Description

C Header File for CFLIB Flexible Configuration Library.

Public Functions and Definitions

**Note:**

Include this file in the source code and link with the library executable, usually referring to *libcf.a* by calling "`(g)cc -lcf ...`"

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### 19.1.2 Define Documentation

#### 19.1.2.1 `#define cfput(a, b) cfputstr(a,(char *)b)`

Update or Add Parameter (Utility Function Macro).

**Parameters:**

*a* [Parameter Name](#)

*b* New Content (Type casted to expected Char Pointer)

**Returns:**

[int cfputstr\(\)](#)

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