

NAME

`get_mempolicy` – retrieve NUMA memory policy for a thread

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <numaif.h>
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long get_mempolicy(int *mode, unsigned long *nodemask,
                  unsigned long maxnode, void *addr,
                  unsigned long flags);
```

Link with `-lnuma`.

DESCRIPTION

`get_mempolicy()` retrieves the NUMA policy of the calling thread or of a memory address, depending on the setting of *flags*.

A NUMA machine has different memory controllers with different distances to specific CPUs. The memory policy defines from which node memory is allocated for the thread.

If *flags* is specified as 0, then information about the calling thread's default policy (as set by `set_mempolicy(2)`) is returned, in the buffers pointed to by *mode* and *nodemask*. The value returned in these arguments may be used to restore the thread's policy to its state at the time of the call to `get_mempolicy()` using `set_mempolicy(2)`. When *flags* is 0, *addr* must be specified as NULL.

If *flags* specifies **MPOL_F_MEMS_ALLOWED** (available since Linux 2.6.24), the *mode* argument is ignored and the set of nodes (memories) that the thread is allowed to specify in subsequent calls to `mbind(2)` or `set_mempolicy(2)` (in the absence of any *mode flags*) is returned in *nodemask*. It is not permitted to combine **MPOL_F_MEMS_ALLOWED** with either **MPOL_F_ADDR** or **MPOL_F_NODE**.

If *flags* specifies **MPOL_F_ADDR**, then information is returned about the policy governing the memory address given in *addr*. This policy may be different from the thread's default policy if `mbind(2)` or one of the helper functions described in `numa(3)` has been used to establish a policy for the memory range containing *addr*.

If the *mode* argument is not NULL, then `get_mempolicy()` will store the policy mode and any optional *mode flags* of the requested NUMA policy in the location pointed to by this argument. If *nodemask* is not NULL, then the nodemask associated with the policy will be stored in the location pointed to by this argument. *maxnode* specifies the number of node IDs that can be stored into *nodemask*—that is, the maximum node ID plus one. The value specified by *maxnode* is always rounded to a multiple of `sizeof(unsigned long)*8`.

If *flags* specifies both **MPOL_F_NODE** and **MPOL_F_ADDR**, `get_mempolicy()` will return the node ID of the node on which the address *addr* is allocated into the location pointed to by *mode*. If no page has yet been allocated for the specified address, `get_mempolicy()` will allocate a page as if the thread had performed a read (load) access to that address, and return the ID of the node where that page was allocated.

If *flags* specifies **MPOL_F_NODE**, but not **MPOL_F_ADDR**, and the thread's current policy is **MPOL_INTERLEAVE**, then `get_mempolicy()` will return in the location pointed to by a non-NULL *mode* argument, the node ID of the next node that will be used for interleaving of internal kernel pages allocated on behalf of the thread. These allocations include pages for memory-mapped files in process memory ranges mapped using the `mmap(2)` call with the **MAP_PRIVATE** flag for read accesses, and in memory ranges mapped with the **MAP_SHARED** flag for all accesses.

Other flag values are reserved.

For an overview of the possible policies see `set_mempolicy(2)`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, `get_mempolicy()` returns 0; on error, `-1` is returned and *errno* is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

EFAULT

Part of all of the memory range specified by *nodemask* and *maxnode* points outside your accessible address space.

EINVAL

The value specified by *maxnode* is less than the number of node IDs supported by the system. Or *flags* specified values other than **MPOL_F_NODE** or **MPOL_F_ADDR**; or *flags* specified **MPOL_F_ADDR** and *addr* is NULL, or *flags* did not specify **MPOL_F_ADDR** and *addr* is not NULL. Or, *flags* specified **MPOL_F_NODE** but not **MPOL_F_ADDR** and the current thread policy is not **MPOL_INTERLEAVE**. Or, *flags* specified **MPOL_F_MEMS_ALLOWED** with either **MPOL_F_ADDR** or **MPOL_F_NODE**. (And there are other **EINVAL** cases.)

VERSIONS

The **get_mempolicy()** system call was added to the Linux kernel in version 2.6.7.

CONFORMING TO

This system call is Linux-specific.

NOTES

For information on library support, see **numa(7)**.

SEE ALSO

getcpu(2), **mbind(2)**, **mmap(2)**, **set_mempolicy(2)**, **numa(3)**, **numa(7)**, **numactl(8)**

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