

NAME

`io_getevents` – read asynchronous I/O events from the completion queue

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/aio_abi.h>    /* Defines needed types */
#include <linux/time.h>       /* Defines 'struct timespec' */
```

```
int io_getevents(aio_context_t ctx_id, long min_nr, long nr,
                 struct io_event *events, struct timespec *timeout);
```

Note: There is no glibc wrapper for this system call; see NOTES.

DESCRIPTION

The `io_getevents()` system call attempts to read at least `min_nr` events and up to `nr` events from the completion queue of the AIO context specified by `ctx_id`.

The `timeout` argument specifies the amount of time to wait for events, and is specified as a relative timeout in a structure of the following form:

```
struct timespec {
    time_t tv_sec;           /* seconds */
    long tv_nsec;           /* nanoseconds [0 .. 999999999] */
};
```

The specified time will be rounded up to the system clock granularity and is guaranteed not to expire early.

Specifying `timeout` as NULL means block indefinitely until at least `min_nr` events have been obtained.

RETURN VALUE

On success, `io_getevents()` returns the number of events read. This may be 0, or a value less than `min_nr`, if the `timeout` expired. It may also be a nonzero value less than `min_nr`, if the call was interrupted by a signal handler.

For the failure return, see NOTES.

ERRORS**EFAULT**

Either `events` or `timeout` is an invalid pointer.

EINTR

Interrupted by a signal handler; see `signal(7)`.

EINVAL

`ctx_id` is invalid. `min_nr` is out of range or `nr` is out of range.

ENOSYS

`io_getevents()` is not implemented on this architecture.

VERSIONS

The asynchronous I/O system calls first appeared in Linux 2.5.

CONFORMING TO

`io_getevents()` is Linux-specific and should not be used in programs that are intended to be portable.

NOTES

Glibc does not provide a wrapper function for this system call. You could invoke it using `syscall(2)`. But instead, you probably want to use the `io_getevents()` wrapper function provided by `libaio`.

Note that the `libaio` wrapper function uses a different type (`io_context_t`) for the `ctx_id` argument. Note also that the `libaio` wrapper does not follow the usual C library conventions for indicating errors: on error it returns a negated error number (the negative of one of the values listed in ERRORS). If the system call is invoked via `syscall(2)`, then the return value follows the usual conventions for indicating an error: `-1`, with `errno` set to a (positive) value that indicates the error.

BUGS

An invalid *ctx_id* may cause a segmentation fault instead of generating the error **EINVAL**.

SEE ALSO

io_cancel(2), **io_destroy(2)**, **io_setup(2)**, **io_submit(2)**, **aio(7)**, **time(7)**

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