

**NAME**

readdir – read directory entry

**SYNOPSIS**

```
int readdir(unsigned int fd, struct old_linux_dirent *dirp,
            unsigned int count);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This is not the function you are interested in. Look at **readdir(3)** for the POSIX conforming C library interface. This page documents the bare kernel system call interface, which is superseded by **getdents(2)**.

**readdir()** reads one *old\_linux\_dirent* structure from the directory referred to by the file descriptor *fd* into the buffer pointed to by *dirp*. The argument *count* is ignored; at most one *old\_linux\_dirent* structure is read.

The *old\_linux\_dirent* structure is declared as follows:

```
struct old_linux_dirent {
    long d_ino;          /* inode number */
    off_t d_off;         /* offset to this old_linux_dirent */
    unsigned short d_reclen; /* length of this d_name */
    char d_name[NAME_MAX+1]; /* filename (null-terminated) */
}
```

*d\_ino* is an inode number. *d\_off* is the distance from the start of the directory to this *old\_linux\_dirent*. *d\_reclen* is the size of *d\_name*, not counting the null terminator. *d\_name* is a null-terminated filename.

**RETURN VALUE**

On success, 1 is returned. On end of directory, 0 is returned. On error, -1 is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

**ERRORS****EBADF**

Invalid file descriptor *fd*.

**EFAULT**

Argument points outside the calling process's address space.

**EINVAL**

Result buffer is too small.

**ENOENT**

No such directory.

**ENOTDIR**

File descriptor does not refer to a directory.

**CONFORMING TO**

This system call is Linux-specific.

**NOTES**

Glibc does not provide a wrapper for this system call; call it using **syscall(2)**. You will need to define the *old\_linux\_dirent* structure yourself.

**SEE ALSO**

**getdents(2)**, **readdir(3)**

**COLOPHON**

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