

NAME

`sysfs` – get file system type information

SYNOPSIS

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int sysfs(int option, const char *fsname);
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int sysfs(int option, unsigned int fs_index, char *buf);
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DESCRIPTION

`sysfs()` returns information about the file system types currently present in the kernel. The specific form of the `sysfs()` call and the information returned depends on the *option* in effect:

- 1 Translate the file-system identifier string *fsname* into a file-system type index.
- 2 Translate the file-system type index *fs_index* into a null-terminated file-system identifier string. This string will be written to the buffer pointed to by *buf*. Make sure that *buf* has enough space to accept the string.
- 3 Return the total number of file system types currently present in the kernel.

The numbering of the file-system type indexes begins with zero.

RETURN VALUE

On success, `sysfs()` returns the file-system index for option **1**, zero for option **2**, and the number of currently configured file systems for option **3**. On error, `-1` is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

ERRORS**EFAULT**

Either *fsname* or *buf* is outside your accessible address space.

EINVAL

fsname is not a valid file-system type identifier; *fs_index* is out-of-bounds; *option* is invalid.

CONFORMING TO

SVr4.

NOTES

On Linux with the *proc* file system mounted on */proc*, the same information can be derived from */proc/filesystems*.

BUGS

There is no libc or glibc support. There is no way to guess how large *buf* should be.

COLOPHON

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