

**NAME**

lookup\_dcookie – return a directory entry's path

**SYNOPSIS**

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int lookup_dcookie(u64 cookie, char *buffer, size_t len);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Look up the full path of the directory entry specified by the value *cookie*. The cookie is an opaque identifier uniquely identifying a particular directory entry. The buffer given is filled in with the full path of the directory entry.

For **lookup\_dcookie()** to return successfully, the kernel must still hold a cookie reference to the directory entry.

**RETURN VALUE**

On success, **lookup\_dcookie()** returns the length of the path string copied into the buffer. On error, `-1` is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

**ERRORS****EFAULT**

The buffer was not valid.

**EINVAL**

The kernel has no registered cookie/directory entry mappings at the time of lookup, or the cookie does not refer to a valid directory entry.

**ENAMETOOLONG**

The name could not fit in the buffer.

**ENOMEM**

The kernel could not allocate memory for the temporary buffer holding the path.

**EPERM**

The process does not have the capability **CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN** required to look up cookie values.

**ERANGE**

The buffer was not large enough to hold the path of the directory entry.

**VERSIONS**

Available since Linux 2.5.43. The **ENAMETOOLONG** error return was added in 2.5.70.

**CONFORMING TO**

**lookup\_dcookie()** is Linux-specific.

**NOTES**

**lookup\_dcookie()** is a special-purpose system call, currently used only by the *oprofile* profiler. It relies on a kernel driver to register cookies for directory entries.

The path returned may be suffixed by the string " (deleted)" if the directory entry has been removed.

**COLOPHON**

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