

:mod:`select` --- Waiting for I/O completion

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Unknown directive type "module".

```
.. module:: select
   :synopsis: Wait for I/O completion on multiple streams.
```

This module provides access to the :c:func:`select` and :c:func:`poll` functions available in most operating systems, :c:func:`devpoll` available on Solaris and derivatives, :c:func:`epoll` available on Linux 2.5+ and :c:func:`kqueue` available on most BSD. Note that on Windows, it only works for sockets; on other operating systems, it also works for other file types (in particular, on Unix, it works on pipes). It cannot be used on regular files to determine whether a file has grown since it was last read.

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Note

The :mod:`selectors` module allows high-level and efficient I/O multiplexing, built upon the :mod:`select` module primitives. Users are encouraged to use the :mod:`selectors` module instead, unless they want precise control over the OS-level primitives used.

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

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The module defines the following:

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Unknown directive type "exception".

```
.. exception:: error

    A deprecated alias of :exc:`OSError`.

.. versionchanged:: 3.3
    Following :pep:`3151`, this class was made an alias of :exc:`OSError`.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: devpoll()

    (Only supported on Solaris and derivatives.) Returns a ``/dev/poll``
    polling object; see section :ref:`devpoll-objects` below for the
    methods supported by devpoll objects.

    :c:func:`devpoll` objects are linked to the number of file
    descriptors allowed at the time of instantiation. If your program
    reduces this value, :c:func:`devpoll` will fail. If your program
    increases this value, :c:func:`devpoll` may return an
    incomplete list of active file descriptors.

    The new file descriptor is :ref:`non-inheritable <fd_inheritance>`.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

.. versionchanged:: 3.4
    The new file descriptor is now non-inheritable.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: epoll(sizehint=-1, flags=0)

    (Only supported on Linux 2.5.44 and newer.) Return an edge polling object,
    which can be used as Edge or Level Triggered interface for I/O
    events.

    *sizehint* informs epoll about the expected number of events to be
    registered. It must be positive, or ``-1`` to use the default. It is only
    used on older systems where :c:func:`epoll_create1` is not available;
    otherwise it has no effect (though its value is still checked).

    *flags* is deprecated and completely ignored. However, when supplied, its
    value must be ``0`` or ``select.EPOLL_CLOEXEC``, otherwise ``OSError`` is
    raised.

    See the :ref:`epoll-objects` section below for the methods supported by
    epolling objects.

    ``epoll`` objects support the context management protocol: when used in a
    :keyword:`with` statement, the new file descriptor is automatically closed
    at the end of the block.

    The new file descriptor is :ref:`non-inheritable <fd_inheritance>`.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.3
    Added the *flags* parameter.

.. versionchanged:: 3.4
    Support for the :keyword:`with` statement was added.
    The new file descriptor is now non-inheritable.

.. deprecated:: 3.4
    The *flags* parameter. `select.EPOLL_CLOEXEC` is used by default now.
    Use :func:`os.set_inheritable` to make the file descriptor inheritable.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: poll()
```

(Not supported by all operating systems.) Returns a polling object, which supports registering and unregistering file descriptors, and then polling them for I/O events; see section `:ref:`poll-objects`` below for the methods supported by polling objects.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: kqueue()
```

(Only supported on BSD.) Returns a kernel queue object; see section `:ref:`kqueue-objects`` below for the methods supported by kqueue objects.

The new file descriptor is `:ref:`non-inheritable <fd_inheritance>``.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.4
    The new file descriptor is now non-inheritable.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: kevent(ident, filter=KQ_FILTER_READ, flags=KQ_EV_ADD, fflags=0, data=0, udata=0)
```

(Only supported on BSD.) Returns a kernel event object; see section `:ref:`kevent-objects`` below for the methods supported by kevent objects.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: select(rlist, wlist, xlist[, timeout])
```

This is a straightforward interface to the Unix `:c:func:`select`` system call. The first three arguments are iterables of 'waitable objects': either integers representing file descriptors or objects with a parameterless method named `:meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno`` returning such an integer:

- * `*rlist*`: wait until ready for reading
- * `*wlist*`: wait until ready for writing
- * `*xlist*`: wait for an "exceptional condition" (see the manual page for what your system considers such a condition)

Empty iterables are allowed, but acceptance of three empty iterables is platform-dependent. (It is known to work on Unix but not on Windows.) The optional `*timeout*` argument specifies a time-out as a floating point number

in seconds. When the `*timeout*` argument is omitted the function blocks until at least one file descriptor is ready. A time-out value of zero specifies a poll and never blocks.

The return value is a triple of lists of objects that are ready: subsets of the first three arguments. When the time-out is reached without a file descriptor becoming ready, three empty lists are returned.

```
.. index::
    single: socket() (in module socket)
    single: popen() (in module os)
```

Among the acceptable object types in the iterables are Python `:term:`file` objects <file object> (e.g. `sys.stdin`, or objects returned by :func:`open` or :func:`os.popen`), socket objects returned by :func:`socket.socket`. You may also define a :dfn:`wrapper` class yourself, as long as it has an appropriate :meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno` method (that really returns a file descriptor, not just a random integer).`

```
.. note::
```

```
.. index:: single: WinSock
```

File objects on Windows are not acceptable, but sockets are. On Windows, the underlying `:c:func:`select`` function is provided by the WinSock library, and does not handle file descriptors that don't originate from WinSock.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.5
```

The function is now retried with a recomputed timeout when interrupted by a signal, except if the signal handler raises an exception (see `:pep:`475`` for the rationale), instead of raising `:exc:`InterruptedError``.

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: PIPE_BUF
```

The minimum number of bytes which can be written without blocking to a pipe when the pipe has been reported as ready for writing by `:func:`~select.select``, `:func:`poll`` or another interface in this module. This doesn't apply to other kind of file-like objects such as sockets.

This value is guaranteed by POSIX to be at least 512.

```
.. availability:: Unix
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.2
```

/dev/poll Polling Objects

Solaris and derivatives have `/dev/poll`. While `:c:func:`select`` is O(highest file descriptor) and `:c:func:`poll`` is O(number of file descriptors), `/dev/poll` is O(active file descriptors).

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

`/dev/poll` behaviour is very close to the standard `:c:func:`poll`` object.

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: devpoll.close()

    Close the file descriptor of the polling object.

.. versionadded:: 3.4
```

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: devpoll.closed

    ``True`` if the polling object is closed.

.. versionadded:: 3.4
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: devpoll.fileno()

    Return the file descriptor number of the polling object.

.. versionadded:: 3.4
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: devpoll.register(fd[, eventmask])

    Register a file descriptor with the polling object. Future calls to the
    :meth:`poll` method will then check whether the file descriptor has any
    pending I/O events. *fd* can be either an integer, or an object with a
    :meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno` method that returns an integer. File objects
    implement :meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno`, so they can also be used as the argument.

    *eventmask* is an optional bitmask describing the type of events you want to
    check for. The constants are the same that with :c:func:`poll`
    object. The default value is a combination of the constants :const:`POLLIN`,
    :const:`POLLPRI`, and :const:`POLLOUT`.

.. warning::

    Registering a file descriptor that's already registered is not an
    error, but the result is undefined. The appropriate action is to
    unregister or modify it first. This is an important difference
    compared with :c:func:`poll`.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: devpoll.modify(fd[, eventmask])
```

This method does an `:meth:`unregister`` followed by a `:meth:`register``. It is (a bit) more efficient than doing the same explicitly.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: devpoll.unregister(fd)
```

Remove a file descriptor being tracked by a polling object. Just like the `:meth:`register`` method, `*fd*` can be an integer or an object with a `:meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno`` method that returns an integer.

Attempting to remove a file descriptor that was never registered is safely ignored.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: devpoll.poll([timeout])
```

Polls the set of registered file descriptors, and returns a possibly-empty list containing ``(fd, event)`` 2-tuples for the descriptors that have events or errors to report. `*fd*` is the file descriptor, and `*event*` is a bitmask with bits set for the reported events for that descriptor --- `:const:`POLLIN`` for waiting input, `:const:`POLLOUT`` to indicate that the descriptor can be written to, and so forth. An empty list indicates that the call timed out and no file descriptors had any events to report. If `*timeout*` is given, it specifies the length of time in milliseconds which the system will wait for events before returning. If `*timeout*` is omitted, `-1`, or `:const:`None``, the call will block until there is an event for this poll object.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.5
```

The function is now retried with a recomputed timeout when interrupted by a signal, except if the signal handler raises an exception (see `:pep:`475`` for the rationale), instead of raising `:exc:`InterruptedError``.

Edge and Level Trigger Polling (epoll) Objects

<https://linux.die.net/man/4/epoll>

eventmask

Constant	Meaning
<code>:const:`EPOLLIN`</code>	Available for read

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

Constant	Meaning
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLOUT'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 288); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	Available for write
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLPRI'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 290); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	Urgent data for read
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLERR'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 292); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	Error condition happened on the assoc. fd

Constant	Meaning
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLHUP'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 294); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Hang up happened on the assoc. fd</p>
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLET'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 296); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Set Edge Trigger behavior, the default is Level Trigger behavior</p>
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLONESHOT'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 299); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Set one-shot behavior. After one event is pulled out, the fd is internally disabled</p>
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLEXCLUSIVE'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 302); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Wake only one epoll object when the associated fd has an event. The default (if this flag is not set) is to wake all epoll objects polling on a fd.</p>

Constant	Meaning
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLRDHUP'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D: \onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 307); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Stream socket peer closed connection or shut down writing half of connection.</p>
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLRDNORM'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D: \onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 310); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Equivalent to <code>:const:'EPOLLIN'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D: \onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 310); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>
<p><code>:const:'EPOLLRDBAND'</code></p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D: \onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 312); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Priority data band can be read.</p>

Constant	Meaning
:const:'EPOLLWRNORM' <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 314); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Equivalent to :const:'EPOLLOUT'</p> <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 314); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>
:const:'EPOLLWRBAND' <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 316); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Priority data may be written.</p>
:const:'EPOLLMSG' <div> <p>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) select.rst, line 318); backlink</p> <p>Unknown interpreted text role "const".</p> </div>	<p>Ignored.</p>

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Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.6
   :const:'EPOLLEXCLUSIVE' was added. It's only supported by Linux Kernel 4.5
   or later.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: epoll.close()
```

Close the control file descriptor of the epoll object.

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: epoll.closed

    ``True`` if the epoll object is closed.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: epoll.fileno()

    Return the file descriptor number of the control fd.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: epoll.fromfd(fd)

    Create an epoll object from a given file descriptor.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: epoll.register(fd[, eventmask])

    Register a fd descriptor with the epoll object.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: epoll.modify(fd, eventmask)

    Modify a registered file descriptor.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: epoll.unregister(fd)

    Remove a registered file descriptor from the epoll object.

.. versionchanged:: 3.9
    The method no longer ignores the :data:`~errno.EBADF` error.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: epoll.poll(timeout=None, maxevents=-1)

Wait for events. timeout in seconds (float)

.. versionchanged:: 3.5
    The function is now retried with a recomputed timeout when interrupted by
    a signal, except if the signal handler raises an exception (see
    :pep:`475` for the rationale), instead of raising
    :exc:`InterruptedError`.
```

Polling Objects

The `:func:`poll`` system call, supported on most Unix systems, provides better scalability for network servers that service many, many clients at the same time. `:func:`poll`` scales better because the system call only requires listing the file descriptors of interest, while `:func:`select`` builds a bitmap, turns on bits for the fds of interest, and then afterward the whole bitmap has to be linearly scanned again. `:func:`select`` is $O(\text{highest file descriptor})$, while `:func:`poll`` is $O(\text{number of file descriptors})$.

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: poll.register(fd[, eventmask])

Register a file descriptor with the polling object. Future calls to the
:meth:`poll` method will then check whether the file descriptor has any
pending I/O events. *fd* can be either an integer, or an object with a
:meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno` method that returns an integer. File objects
implement :meth:`~!fileno`, so they can also be used as the argument.

*eventmask* is an optional bitmask describing the type of events you want to
check for, and can be a combination of the constants :const:`POLLIN`,
:const:`POLLPRI`, and :const:`POLLOUT`, described in the table below. If not
specified, the default value used will check for all 3 types of events.

+-----+-----+
| Constant          | Meaning                               |
+=====+=====+
| :const:`POLLIN`   | There is data to read                 |
```

:const:`POLLPRI`	There is urgent data to read	
:const:`POLLOUT`	Ready for output: writing will not block	
:const:`POLLERR`	Error condition of some sort	
:const:`POLLHUP`	Hung up	
:const:`POLLRDHUP`	Stream socket peer closed connection, or	
	shut down writing half of connection	
:const:`POLLNVAL`	Invalid request: descriptor not open	

Registering a file descriptor that's already registered is not an error, and has the same effect as registering the descriptor exactly once.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: poll.modify(fd, eventmask)
```

Modifies an already registered fd. This has the same effect as ``register(fd, eventmask)``. Attempting to modify a file descriptor that was never registered causes an :exc:`OSError` exception with errno :const:`ENOENT` to be raised.

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```
.. method:: poll.unregister(fd)
```

Remove a file descriptor being tracked by a polling object. Just like the :meth:`register` method, *fd* can be an integer or an object with a :meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno` method that returns an integer.

Attempting to remove a file descriptor that was never registered causes a :exc:`KeyError` exception to be raised.

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```
.. method:: poll.poll([timeout])
```

Polls the set of registered file descriptors, and returns a possibly-empty list containing ``(fd, event)`` 2-tuples for the descriptors that have events or errors to report. *fd* is the file descriptor, and *event* is a bitmask with bits set for the reported events for that descriptor --- :const:`POLLIN` for waiting input, :const:`POLLOUT` to indicate that the descriptor can be written to, and so forth. An empty list indicates that the call timed out and no file descriptors had any events to report. If *timeout* is given, it specifies the length of time in milliseconds which the system will wait for events before returning. If *timeout* is omitted, negative, or :const:`None`, the call will block until there is an event for this poll object.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.5
```

The function is now retried with a recomputed timeout when interrupted by a signal, except if the signal handler raises an exception (see :pep:`475` for the rationale), instead of raising :exc:`InterruptedError`.

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```
.. method:: kqueue.close()
```

Close the control file descriptor of the kqueue object.

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```
.. attribute:: kqueue.closed
```

``True`` if the kqueue object is closed.

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```
.. method:: kqueue.fileno()
```

Return the file descriptor number of the control fd.

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```
.. method:: kqueue.fromfd(fd)
```

Create a kqueue object from a given file descriptor.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: kqueue.control(changelist, max_events[, timeout]) -> eventlist
```

Low level interface to kevent

- changelist must be an iterable of kevent objects or ``None``
- max_events must be 0 or a positive integer
- timeout in seconds (floats possible); the default is ``None``, to wait forever

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.5
```

The function is now retried with a recomputed timeout when interrupted by a signal, except if the signal handler raises an exception (see :pep:`475` for the rationale), instead of raising :exc:`InterruptedError`.

Kevent Objects

<https://www.freebsd.org/cgi/man.cgi?query=kqueue&sektion=2>

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: kevent.ident
```

Value used to identify the event. The interpretation depends on the filter but it's usually the file descriptor. In the constructor `ident` can either be an int or an object with a `:meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno`` method. `kevent` stores the integer internally.

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: kevent.filter
```

Name of the kernel filter.

Constant	Meaning
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_READ`</code>	Takes a descriptor and returns whenever there is data available to read
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_WRITE`</code>	Takes a descriptor and returns whenever there is data available to write
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_AIO`</code>	AIO requests
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_VNODE`</code>	Returns when one or more of the requested events watched in <code>*fflag*</code> occurs
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_PROC`</code>	Watch for events on a process id
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_NETDEV`</code>	Watch for events on a network device [not available on macOS]
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_SIGNAL`</code>	Returns whenever the watched signal is delivered to the process
<code>:const:`KQ_FILTER_TIMER`</code>	Establishes an arbitrary timer

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: kevent.flags
```

Filter action.

Constant	Meaning
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_ADD`</code>	Adds or modifies an event
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_DELETE`</code>	Removes an event from the queue
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_ENABLE`</code>	Permits <code>control()</code> to return the event
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_DISABLE`</code>	Disables event
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_ONESHOT`</code>	Removes event after first occurrence
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_CLEAR`</code>	Reset the state after an event is retrieved
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_SYSFLAGS`</code>	internal event
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_FLAG1`</code>	internal event
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_EOF`</code>	Filter specific EOF condition
<code>:const:`KQ_EV_ERROR`</code>	See return values

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: kevent.fflags
```

Filter specific flags.

```
:const:`KQ_FILTER_READ` and :const:`KQ_FILTER_WRITE` filter flags:
```

Constant	Meaning
:const:`KQ_NOTE_LOWAT`	low water mark of a socket buffer

```
:const:`KQ_FILTER_VNODE` filter flags:
```

Constant	Meaning
:const:`KQ_NOTE_DELETE`	*unlink()* was called
:const:`KQ_NOTE_WRITE`	a write occurred
:const:`KQ_NOTE_EXTEND`	the file was extended
:const:`KQ_NOTE_ATTRIB`	an attribute was changed
:const:`KQ_NOTE_LINK`	the link count has changed
:const:`KQ_NOTE_RENAME`	the file was renamed
:const:`KQ_NOTE_REVOKE`	access to the file was revoked

```
:const:`KQ_FILTER_PROC` filter flags:
```

Constant	Meaning
:const:`KQ_NOTE_EXIT`	the process has exited
:const:`KQ_NOTE_FORK`	the process has called *fork()*
:const:`KQ_NOTE_EXEC`	the process has executed a new process
:const:`KQ_NOTE_PCTRLMASK`	internal filter flag
:const:`KQ_NOTE_PDATAMASK`	internal filter flag
:const:`KQ_NOTE_TRACK`	follow a process across *fork()*
:const:`KQ_NOTE_CHILD`	returned on the child process for *NOTE_TRACK*
:const:`KQ_NOTE_TRACKERR`	unable to attach to a child

```
:const:`KQ_FILTER_NETDEV` filter flags (not available on macOS):
```

Constant	Meaning
:const:`KQ_NOTE_LINKUP`	link is up
:const:`KQ_NOTE_LINKDOWN`	link is down
:const:`KQ_NOTE_LINKINV`	link state is invalid

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```
.. attribute:: kevent.data
```


Filter specific data.

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```
.. attribute:: kevent.udata
```

User defined value.