

:mod:`os` --- Miscellaneous operating system interfaces

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```
.. module:: os
   :synopsis: Miscellaneous operating system interfaces.
```

Source code: `:source:`Lib/os.py``

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This module provides a portable way of using operating system dependent functionality. If you just want to read or write a file see `:func:`open``, if you want to manipulate paths, see the `:mod:`os.path`` module, and if you want to read all the lines in all the files on the command line see the `:mod:`fileinput`` module. For creating temporary files and directories see the `:mod:`tempfile`` module, and for high-level file and directory handling see the `:mod:`shutil`` module.

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Notes on the availability of these functions:

- The design of all built-in operating system dependent modules of Python is such that as long as the same functionality is available, it uses the same interface; for example, the function `os.stat(path)` returns stat information about *path* in the same format (which happens to have originated with the POSIX interface).
- Extensions peculiar to a particular operating system are also available through the `:mod:`os`` module, but using them is of course a threat to portability.

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- All functions accepting path or file names accept both bytes and string objects, and result in an object of the same type, if a path or file name is returned.

- On VxWorks, `os.popen`, `os.fork`, `os.execv` and `os.spawn*p*` are not supported.

Note

All functions in this module raise `:exc:`OSError`` (or subclasses thereof) in the case of invalid or inaccessible file names and paths, or other arguments that have the correct type, but are not accepted by the operating system.

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```
.. exception:: error
```

An alias for the built-in `:exc:`OSError`` exception.

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```
.. data:: name
```

The name of the operating system dependent module imported. The following names have currently been registered: ```posix```, ```nt```, ```java```.

```
.. seealso::
```

`:attr:`sys.platform`` has a finer granularity. `:func:`os.uname`` gives system-dependent version information.

The `:mod:`platform`` module provides detailed checks for the system's identity.

File Names, Command Line Arguments, and Environment Variables

In Python, file names, command line arguments, and environment variables are represented using the string type. On some systems, decoding these strings to and from bytes is necessary before passing them to the operating system. Python uses the `:term:`filesystem encoding and error handler`` to perform this conversion (see `:func:`sys.getfilesystemencoding``).

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The `:term:`filesystem encoding and error handler`` are configured at Python startup by the `:x:func:`PyConfig_Read`` function: see `:x:member:`~PyConfig.filesystem_encoding`` and `:x:member:`~PyConfig.filesystem_errors`` members of `:x:type:`PyConfig``.

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Unknown interpreted text role "c.member".

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Unknown interpreted text role "c.member".

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```
.. versionchanged:: 3.1
   On some systems, conversion using the file system encoding may fail. In this
   case, Python uses the :ref:`surrogateescape` encoding error handler
   <surrogateescape>, which means that undecodable bytes are replaced by a
   Unicode character U+DCxx on decoding, and these are again translated to the
   original byte on encoding.
```

The `term` file system encoding `<filesystem encoding and error handler>` must guarantee to successfully decode all bytes below 128. If the file system encoding fails to provide this guarantee, API functions can raise `:exc:UnicodeError`.

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See also the `term` locale encoding.

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Python UTF-8 Mode

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```
.. versionadded:: 3.7
   See :pep:`540` for more details.
```

The Python UTF-8 Mode ignores the `term` locale encoding and forces the usage of the UTF-8 encoding:

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- Use UTF-8 as the `term` filesystem encoding `<filesystem encoding and error handler>`.

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- `:func:`sys.getfilesystemencoding()`` returns `'UTF-8'`.

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- `:func:`locale.getpreferredencoding()`` returns `'UTF-8'` (the `do_setlocale` argument has no effect).

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- `:data:`sys.stdin``, `:data:`sys.stdout``, and `:data:`sys.stderr`` all use UTF-8 as their text encoding, with the `surrogateescape` ref' error handler `<error-handlers>` being enabled for `:data:`sys.stdin`` and `:data:`sys.stdout`` (`:data:`sys.stderr`` continues to use `backslashreplace` as it does in the default locale-aware mode)

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- On Unix, `:func:`os.device_encoding`` returns `'UTF-8'` rather than the device encoding.

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Note that the standard stream settings in UTF-8 mode can be overridden by `:envvar:`PYTHONIOENCODING`` (just as they can

be in the default locale-aware mode).

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As a consequence of the changes in those lower level APIs, other higher level APIs also exhibit different default behaviours:

- Command line arguments, environment variables and filenames are decoded to text using the UTF-8 encoding.
- `:func:`os.fsdecode()`` and `:func:`os.fsencode()`` use the UTF-8 encoding.

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- `:func:`open()``, `:func:`io.open()``, and `:func:`codecs.open()`` use the UTF-8 encoding by default. However, they still use the strict error handler by default so that attempting to open a binary file in text mode is likely to raise an exception rather than producing nonsense data.

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The `:ref:`Python UTF-8 Mode <utf8-mode>`` is enabled if the `LC_CTYPE` locale is `C` or `POSIX` at Python startup (see the `:func:`PyConfig_Read`` function).

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It can be enabled or disabled using the `:option:`-X utf8 <-X>`` command line option and the `:envvar:`PYTHONUTF8`` environment variable.

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If the `envvar`:`PYTHONUTF8` environment variable is not set at all, then the interpreter defaults to using the current locale settings, *unless* the current locale is identified as a legacy ASCII-based locale (as described for `envvar`:`PYTHONCOERCECLOCALE`), and locale coercion is either disabled or fails. In such legacy locales, the interpreter will default to enabling UTF-8 mode unless explicitly instructed not to do so.

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The Python UTF-8 Mode can only be enabled at the Python startup. Its value can be read from `data`:`sys.flags.utf8_mode` `<sys.flags>`.

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See also the `ref` UTF-8 mode on Windows `<win-utf8-mode>` and the `term` filesystem encoding and error handler.

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Process Parameters

These functions and data items provide information and operate on the current process and user.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: ctermid()
```

Return the filename corresponding to the controlling terminal of the process.

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

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: environ
```

A `:term:` mapping object where keys and values are strings that represent the process environment. For example, `environ['HOME']` is the pathname of your home directory (on some platforms), and is equivalent to `getenv("HOME")` in C.

This mapping is captured the first time the `:mod:` `os` module is imported, typically during Python startup as part of processing `:file:` `site.py`. Changes to the environment made after this time are not reflected in `os.environ`, except for changes made by modifying `os.environ` directly.

This mapping may be used to modify the environment as well as query the environment. `:func:` `putenv` will be called automatically when the mapping is modified.

On Unix, keys and values use `:func:` `sys.getfilesystemencoding` and `'surrogateescape'` error handler. Use `data:` `environb` if you would like to use a different encoding.

```

.. note::

    Calling :func:`putenv` directly does not change ``os.environ``, so it's better
    to modify ``os.environ``.

.. note::

    On some platforms, including FreeBSD and macOS, setting ``environ`` may
    cause memory leaks. Refer to the system documentation for
    :c:func:`putenv`.

    You can delete items in this mapping to unset environment variables.
    :func:`unsetenv` will be called automatically when an item is deleted from
    ``os.environ``, and when one of the :meth:`pop` or :meth:`clear` methods is
    called.

.. versionchanged:: 3.9
    Updated to support :pep:`584`'s merge (``|``) and update (``|=``) operators.

```

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Unknown directive type "data".

```

.. data:: environb

    Bytes version of :data:`environ`: a :term:`mapping` object where both keys
    and values are :class:`bytes` objects representing the process environment.
    :data:`environ` and :data:`environb` are synchronized (modifying
    :data:`environb` updates :data:`environ`, and vice versa).

    :data:`environb` is only available if :data:`supports_bytes_environ` is
    ``True``.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

.. versionchanged:: 3.9
    Updated to support :pep:`584`'s merge (``|``) and update (``|=``) operators.

```

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```

.. function:: chdir(path)
             fchdir(fd)
             getcwd()

:noindex:

    These functions are described in :ref:`os-file-dir`.

```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```

.. function:: fsencode(filename)

    Encode :term:`path-like` <path-like object> *filename* to the
    :term:`filesystem encoding and error handler`; return :class:`bytes`
    unchanged.

    :func:`fsdecode` is the reverse function.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
    Support added to accept objects implementing the :class:`os.PathLike`
    interface.

```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```

.. function:: fsdecode(filename)

```

```
Decode the :term:`path-like` <path-like object>` *filename* from the
:term:`filesystem encoding and error handler`; return :class:`str`
unchanged.

:func:`fsencode` is the reverse function.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
    Support added to accept objects implementing the :class:`os.PathLike`
    interface.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fspath(path)
```

Return the file system representation of the path.

If :class:`str` or :class:`bytes` is passed in, it is returned unchanged. Otherwise :meth:`~os.PathLike.__fspath__` is called and its value is returned as long as it is a :class:`str` or :class:`bytes` object. In all other cases, :exc:`TypeError` is raised.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.6
```

An :term:`abstract base class` for objects representing a file system path, e.g. :class:`pathlib.PurePath`.

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

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Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.6
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Unknown directive type "abstractmethod".

```
.. abstractmethod:: __fspath__()
```

Return the file system path representation of the object.

The method should only return a :class:`str` or :class:`bytes` object, with the preference being for :class:`str`.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getenv(key, default=None)
```

Return the value of the environment variable *key* if it exists, or *default* if it doesn't. *key*, *default* and the result are str.

On Unix, keys and values are decoded with :func:`sys.getfilesystemencoding` and ``'surrogateescape'`` error handler. Use :func:`os.getenvb` if you would like to use a different encoding.

```
.. availability:: most flavors of Unix, Windows.
```


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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getenvb(key, default=None)

    Return the value of the environment variable *key* if it exists, or
    *default* if it doesn't. *key*, *default* and the result are bytes.

    :func:`getenvb` is only available if :data:`supports_bytes_environ`
    is ``True``.

    .. availability:: most flavors of Unix.

    .. versionadded:: 3.2
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: get_exec_path(env=None)

    Returns the list of directories that will be searched for a named
    executable, similar to a shell, when launching a process.
    *env*, when specified, should be an environment variable dictionary
    to lookup the PATH in.
    By default, when *env* is ``None``, :data:`environ` is used.

    .. versionadded:: 3.2
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getegid()

    Return the effective group id of the current process. This corresponds to the
    "set id" bit on the file being executed in the current process.

    .. availability:: Unix.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: geteuid()

    .. index:: single: user; effective id

    Return the current process's effective user id.

    .. availability:: Unix.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getgid()

    .. index:: single: process; group

    Return the real group id of the current process.

    .. availability:: Unix.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getgrouplist(user, group)
```

Return list of group ids that *user* belongs to. If *group* is not in the list, it is included; typically, *group* is specified as the group ID field from the password record for *user*.

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

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getgroups()
```

Return list of supplemental group ids associated with the current process.

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

```
.. note::
```

On macOS, :func:`getgroups` behavior differs somewhat from other Unix platforms. If the Python interpreter was built with a deployment target of :const:`10.5` or earlier, :func:`getgroups` returns the list of effective group ids associated with the current user process; this list is limited to a system-defined number of entries, typically 16, and may be modified by calls to :func:`setgroups` if suitably privileged. If built with a deployment target greater than :const:`10.5`, :func:`getgroups` returns the current group access list for the user associated with the effective user id of the process; the group access list may change over the lifetime of the process, it is not affected by calls to :func:`setgroups`, and its length is not limited to 16. The deployment target value, :const:`MACOSX_DEPLOYMENT_TARGET`, can be obtained with :func:`sysconfig.get_config_var`.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 388)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getlogin()
```

Return the name of the user logged in on the controlling terminal of the process. For most purposes, it is more useful to use :func:`getpass.getuser` since the latter checks the environment variables :envvar:`LOGNAME` or :envvar:`USERNAME` to find out who the user is, and falls back to ``pwd.getpwuid(os.getuid())[0]`` to get the login name of the current real user id.

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 400)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getpgid(pid)
```

Return the process group id of the process with process id *pid*. If *pid* is 0, the process group id of the current process is returned.

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

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 407)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getpgrp()
```

```
.. index:: single: process; group
```

Return the id of the current process group.

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

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 416)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getpid()

.. index:: single: process; id

Return the current process id.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 423)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getppid()

.. index:: single: process; id of parent

Return the parent's process id. When the parent process has exited, on Unix
the id returned is the one of the init process (1), on Windows it is still
the same id, which may be already reused by another process.

.. availability:: Unix, Windows.

.. versionchanged:: 3.2
    Added support for Windows.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 437)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getpriority(which, who)

.. index:: single: process; scheduling priority

Get program scheduling priority. The value *which* is one of
:const:`PRIO_PROCESS`, :const:`PRIO_PGRP`, or :const:`PRIO_USER`, and *who*
is interpreted relative to *which* (a process identifier for
:const:`PRIO_PROCESS`, process group identifier for :const:`PRIO_PGRP`, and a
user ID for :const:`PRIO_USER`). A zero value for *who* denotes
(respectively) the calling process, the process group of the calling process,
or the real user ID of the calling process.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 454)

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: PRIO_PROCESS
          PRIO_PGRP
          PRIO_USER

Parameters for the :func:`getpriority` and :func:`setpriority` functions.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 465)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getresuid()
```

Return a tuple (ruid, euid, suid) denoting the current process's real, effective, and saved user ids.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 475)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: getresgid()

Return a tuple (rgid, egid, sgid) denoting the current process's real, effective, and saved group ids.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 485)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: getuid()

.. index:: single: user; id

Return the current process's real user id.

.. availability:: Unix.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 494)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: initgroups(username, gid)

Call the system `initgroups()` to initialize the group access list with all of the groups of which the specified username is a member, plus the specified group id.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 505)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: putenv(key, value)

.. index:: single: environment variables; setting

Set the environment variable named `*key*` to the string `*value*`. Such changes to the environment affect subprocesses started with `:func:`os.system``, `:func:`popen`` or `:func:`fork`` and `:func:`execv``.

Assignments to items in `os.environ` are automatically translated into corresponding calls to `:func:`putenv``; however, calls to `:func:`putenv`` don't update `os.environ`, so it is actually preferable to assign to items of `os.environ`.

.. note::

On some platforms, including FreeBSD and macOS, setting `os.environ` may cause memory leaks. Refer to the system documentation for `:c:func:`putenv``.

.. audit-event:: os.putenv key,value os.putenv

.. versionchanged:: 3.9

The function is now always available.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 529)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setegid(egid)

    Set the current process's effective group id.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 536)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: seteuid(euid)

    Set the current process's effective user id.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 543)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setgid(gid)

    Set the current process' group id.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 550)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setgroups(groups)

    Set the list of supplemental group ids associated with the current process to
    *groups*. *groups* must be a sequence, and each element must be an integer
    identifying a group. This operation is typically available only to the superuser.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. note:: On macOS, the length of *groups* may not exceed the
    system-defined maximum number of effective group ids, typically 16.
    See the documentation for :func:`getgroups` for cases where it may not
    return the same group list set by calling setgroups().
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 563)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setpgrp()

    Call the system call :c:func:`setpgrp` or ``setpgrp(0, 0)`` depending on
    which version is implemented (if any). See the Unix manual for the semantics.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 571)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setpgid(pid, pgrp)

    Call the system call :c:func:`setpgid` to set the process group id of the
    process with id *pid* to the process group with id *pgrp*. See the Unix manual
```

for the semantics.

.. availability:: Unix.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 580)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: setpriority(which, who, priority)

.. index:: single: process; scheduling priority

Set program scheduling priority. The value **which** is one of :const:`PRIO_PROCESS`, :const:`PRIO_PGRP`, or :const:`PRIO_USER`, and **who** is interpreted relative to **which** (a process identifier for :const:`PRIO_PROCESS`, process group identifier for :const:`PRIO_PGRP`, and a user ID for :const:`PRIO_USER`). A zero value for **who** denotes (respectively) the calling process, the process group of the calling process, or the real user ID of the calling process. **priority** is a value in the range -20 to 19. The default priority is 0; lower priorities cause more favorable scheduling.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

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Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: setregid(rgid, egid)

Set the current process's real and effective group ids.

.. availability:: Unix.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 606)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: setresgid(rgid, egid, sgid)

Set the current process's real, effective, and saved group ids.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 615)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: setresuid(ruid, euid, suid)

Set the current process's real, effective, and saved user ids.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.2

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 624)

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: setreuid(ruid, euid)

Set the current process's real and effective user ids.

.. availability:: Unix.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 631)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getsid(pid)
```

Call the system call `:c:func:`getsid``. See the Unix manual for the semantics.

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

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 638)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setsid()
```

Call the system call `:c:func:`setsid``. See the Unix manual for the semantics.

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

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 645)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setuid(uid)
```

```
.. index:: single: user; id, setting
```

Set the current process's user id.

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

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 655)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: strerror(code)
```

Return the error message corresponding to the error code in `*code*`.
On platforms where `:c:func:`strerror`` returns ```NULL``` when given an unknown error number, `:exc:`ValueError`` is raised.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 662)

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: supports_bytes_environ
```

```True``` if the native OS type of the environment is bytes (eg. ```False``` on Windows).

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 670)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: umask(mask)
```

Set the current numeric umask and return the previous umask.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 675)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: uname()

.. index::
 single: gethostname() (in module socket)
 single: gethostbyaddr() (in module socket)

Returns information identifying the current operating system.
The return value is an object with five attributes:

* :attr:`sysname` - operating system name
* :attr:`nodename` - name of machine on network (implementation-defined)
* :attr:`release` - operating system release
* :attr:`version` - operating system version
* :attr:`machine` - hardware identifier

For backwards compatibility, this object is also iterable, behaving
like a five-tuple containing :attr:`sysname`, :attr:`nodename`,
:attr:`release`, :attr:`version`, and :attr:`machine`
in that order.

Some systems truncate :attr:`nodename` to 8 characters or to the
leading component; a better way to get the hostname is
:func:`socket.gethostname` or even
``socket.gethostbyaddr(socket.gethostname())``.

.. availability:: recent flavors of Unix.

.. versionchanged:: 3.3
 Return type changed from a tuple to a tuple-like object
 with named attributes.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 707)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: unsetenv(key)

.. index:: single: environment variables; deleting

Unset (delete) the environment variable named *key*. Such changes to the
environment affect subprocesses started with :func:`os.system`, :func:`popen` or
:func:`fork` and :func:`execv`.

Deletion of items in ``os.environ`` is automatically translated into a
corresponding call to :func:`unsetenv`; however, calls to :func:`unsetenv`
don't update ``os.environ``, so it is actually preferable to delete items of
``os.environ``.

.. audit-event:: os.unsetenv key os.unsetenv

.. versionchanged:: 3.9
 The function is now always available and is also available on Windows.
```

## File Object Creation

These functions create new **term** file objects <file object>. (See also :func:`~os.open` for opening file descriptors.)

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 731); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "term".

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 735)**

Unknown directive type "function".



```
.. function:: fdopen(fd, *args, **kwargs)
```

Return an open file object connected to the file descriptor `*fd*`. This is an alias of the `:func:`open`` built-in function and accepts the same arguments. The only difference is that the first argument of `:func:`fdopen`` must always be an integer.

## File Descriptor Operations

These functions operate on I/O streams referenced using file descriptors.

File descriptors are small integers corresponding to a file that has been opened by the current process. For example, standard input is usually file descriptor 0, standard output is 1, and standard error is 2. Further files opened by a process will then be assigned 3, 4, 5, and so forth. The name "file descriptor" is slightly deceptive; on Unix platforms, sockets and pipes are also referenced by file descriptors.

The `:meth:`~io.IOBase.fileno`` method can be used to obtain the file descriptor associated with a `:term:`file object`` when required. Note that using the file descriptor directly will bypass the file object methods, ignoring aspects such as internal buffering of data.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 757); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "meth".

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Unknown interpreted text role "term".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 763)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: close(fd)
```

Close file descriptor `*fd*`.

```
.. note::
```

This function is intended for low-level I/O and must be applied to a file descriptor as returned by `:func:`os.open`` or `:func:`pipe``. To close a "file object" returned by the built-in function `:func:`open`` or by `:func:`popen`` or `:func:`fdopen``, use its `:meth:`~io.IOBase.close`` method.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 775)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: closerange(fd_low, fd_high)
```

Close all file descriptors from `*fd_low*` (inclusive) to `*fd_high*` (exclusive), ignoring errors. Equivalent to (but much faster than)::

```
for fd in range(fd_low, fd_high):
 try:
 os.close(fd)
 except OSError:
 pass
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 787)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: copy_file_range(src, dst, count, offset_src=None, offset_dst=None)
```

Copy `*count*` bytes from file descriptor `*src*`, starting from offset `*offset_src*`, to file descriptor `*dst*`, starting from offset `*offset_dst*`. If `*offset_src*` is None, then `*src*` is read from the current position; respectively for `*offset_dst*`. The files pointed by `*src*` and `*dst*` must reside in the same filesystem, otherwise an `:exc:`OSError`` is raised with `:attr:`~OSError.errno`` set to `:data:`errno.EXDEV``.

This copy is done without the additional cost of transferring data from the kernel to user space and then back into the kernel. Additionally, some filesystems could implement extra optimizations. The copy is done as if both files are opened as binary.

The return value is the amount of bytes copied. This could be less than the amount requested.

.. availability:: Linux kernel >= 4.5 or glibc >= 2.27.

.. versionadded:: 3.8

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 809)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: device\_encoding(fd)

Return a string describing the encoding of the device associated with \*fd\* if it is connected to a terminal; else return :const:`None`.

On Unix, if the :ref:`Python UTF-8 Mode <utf8-mode>` is enabled, return ``'UTF-8'`` rather than the device encoding.

.. versionchanged:: 3.10

On Unix, the function now implements the Python UTF-8 Mode.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 821)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: dup(fd)

Return a duplicate of file descriptor \*fd\*. The new file descriptor is :ref:`non-inheritable <fd\_inheritance>`.

On Windows, when duplicating a standard stream (0: stdin, 1: stdout, 2: stderr), the new file descriptor is :ref:`inheritable <fd\_inheritance>`.

.. versionchanged:: 3.4

The new file descriptor is now non-inheritable.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 834)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: dup2(fd, fd2, inheritable=True)

Duplicate file descriptor \*fd\* to \*fd2\*, closing the latter first if necessary. Return \*fd2\*. The new file descriptor is :ref:`inheritable <fd\_inheritance>` by default or non-inheritable if \*inheritable\* is ``False``.

.. versionchanged:: 3.4

Add the optional \*inheritable\* parameter.

.. versionchanged:: 3.7

Return \*fd2\* on success. Previously, ``None`` was always returned.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 848)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: fchmod(fd, mode)

Change the mode of the file given by \*fd\* to the numeric \*mode\*. See the docs for :func:`chmod` for possible values of \*mode\*. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.chmod(fd, mode)``.

.. audit-event:: os.chmod path,mode,dir\_fd os.fchmod

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 859)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fchown(fd, uid, gid)

 Change the owner and group id of the file given by *fd* to the numeric *uid*
 and *gid*. To leave one of the ids unchanged, set it to -1. See
 :func:`chown`. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.chown(fd, uid,
 gid)``.

 .. audit-event:: os.chown path,uid,gid,dir_fd os.fchown

 .. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 871)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fdatsync(fd)

 Force write of file with filedescriptor *fd* to disk. Does not force update of
 metadata.

 .. availability:: Unix.

 .. note::
 This function is not available on MacOS.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 882)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fpathconf(fd, name)

 Return system configuration information relevant to an open file. *name*
 specifies the configuration value to retrieve; it may be a string which is the
 name of a defined system value; these names are specified in a number of
 standards (POSIX.1, Unix 95, Unix 98, and others). Some platforms define
 additional names as well. The names known to the host operating system are
 given in the ``pathconf_names`` dictionary. For configuration variables not
 included in that mapping, passing an integer for *name* is also accepted.

 If *name* is a string and is not known, :exc:`ValueError` is raised. If a
 specific value for *name* is not supported by the host system, even if it is
 included in ``pathconf_names``, an :exc:`OSError` is raised with
 :const:`errno.EINVAL` for the error number.

 As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.pathconf(fd, name)``.

 .. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 902)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fstat(fd)

 Get the status of the file descriptor *fd*. Return a :class:`stat_result`
 object.

 As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.stat(fd)``.

 .. seealso::

 The :func:`.stat` function.
```

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**main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 914)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fstatvfs(fd)
```

Return information about the filesystem containing the file associated with file descriptor \*fd\*, like :func:`statvfs`. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.statvfs(fd)``.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 923)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fsync(fd)
```

Force write of file with filedescriptor \*fd\* to disk. On Unix, this calls the native :c:func:`fsync` function; on Windows, the MS :c:func:`\_commit` function.

If you're starting with a buffered Python :term:`file object` \*f\*, first do ``f.flush()`` , and then do ``os.fsync(f.fileno())`` , to ensure that all internal buffers associated with \*f\* are written to disk.

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 935)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: ftruncate(fd, length)
```

Truncate the file corresponding to file descriptor \*fd\*, so that it is at most \*length\* bytes in size. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.truncate(fd, length)``.

```
.. audit-event:: os.truncate fd,length os.ftruncate
```

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.5
 Added support for Windows
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 949)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: get_blocking(fd)
```

Get the blocking mode of the file descriptor: ``False`` if the :data:`O\_NONBLOCK` flag is set, ``True`` if the flag is cleared.

See also :func:`set\_blocking` and :meth:`socket.socket.setblocking`.

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

```
.. versionadded:: 3.5
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 961)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: isatty(fd)
```

Return ``True`` if the file descriptor \*fd\* is open and connected to a tty(-like) device, else ``False``.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 967)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: lockf(fd, cmd, len)
```

Apply, test or remove a POSIX lock on an open file descriptor.

\*fd\* is an open file descriptor.

\*cmd\* specifies the command to use - one of :data:`F\_LOCK`, :data:`F\_TLOCK`, :data:`F\_ULOCK` or :data:`F\_TEST`.

\*len\* specifies the section of the file to lock.

```
.. audit-event:: os.lockf fd,cmd,len os.lockf
```

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

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 982)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: F_LOCK
 F_TLOCK
 F_ULOCK
 F_TEST
```

Flags that specify what action :func:`lockf` will take.

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

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 994)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: lseek(fd, pos, how)
```

Set the current position of file descriptor \*fd\* to position \*pos\*, modified by \*how\*: :const:`SEEK\_SET` or ``0`` to set the position relative to the beginning of the file; :const:`SEEK\_CUR` or ``1`` to set it relative to the current position; :const:`SEEK\_END` or ``2`` to set it relative to the end of the file. Return the new cursor position in bytes, starting from the beginning.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1003)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SEEK_SET
 SEEK_CUR
 SEEK_END
```

Parameters to the :func:`lseek` function. Their values are 0, 1, and 2, respectively.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

Some operating systems could support additional values, like

:data:`os.SEEK\_HOLE` or :data:`os.SEEK\_DATA`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1015)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: open(path, flags, mode=0o777, *, dir_fd=None)
```

Open the file \*path\* and set various flags according to \*flags\* and possibly its mode according to \*mode\*. When computing \*mode\*, the current umask value is first masked out. Return the file descriptor for the newly opened file. The new file descriptor is :ref:`non-inheritable` <fd\_inheritance>.

For a description of the flag and mode values, see the C run-time documentation; flag constants (like :const:`O\_RDONLY` and :const:`O\_WRONLY`) are defined in the :mod:`os` module. In particular, on Windows adding :const:`O\_BINARY` is needed to open files in binary mode.

```

This function can support :ref:`paths` relative to directory descriptors
<dir_fd>` with the *dir_fd* parameter.

.. audit-event:: open path,mode,flags os.open

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

.. note::

 This function is intended for low-level I/O. For normal usage, use the
 built-in function :func:`open`, which returns a :term:`file object` with
 :meth:`~file.read` and :meth:`~file.write` methods (and many more). To
 wrap a file descriptor in a file object, use :func:`fdopen`.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *dir_fd* argument.

.. versionchanged:: 3.5
 If the system call is interrupted and the signal handler does not raise an
 exception, the function now retries the system call instead of raising an
 :exc:`InterruptedError` exception (see :pep:`475` for the rationale).

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.

```

The following constants are options for the *flags* parameter to the :func:`~os.open` function. They can be combined using the bitwise OR operator `|`. Some of them are not available on all platforms. For descriptions of their availability and use, consult the :manpage:`open(2)` manual page on Unix or [the MSDN](#) on Windows.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1053); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1053); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "manpage".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1060)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```

.. data:: O_RDONLY
 O_WRONLY
 O_RDWR
 O_APPEND
 O_CREAT
 O_EXCL
 O_TRUNC

```

The above constants are available on Unix and Windows.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1071)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```

.. data:: O_DSYNC
 O_RSYNC
 O_SYNC
 O_NDELAY
 O_NONBLOCK
 O_NOCTTY
 O_CLOEXEC

```

The above constants are only available on Unix.

```

.. versionchanged:: 3.3
 Add :data:`O_CLOEXEC` constant.

```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1084)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: O_BINARY
 O_NOINHERIT
 O_SHORT_LIVED
 O_TEMPORARY
 O_RANDOM
 O_SEQUENTIAL
 O_TEXT
```

The above constants are only available on Windows.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1094)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: O_EVTONLY
 O_FSYNC
 O_SYMLINK
 O_NOFOLLOW_ANY
```

The above constants are only available on macOS.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.10
 Add :data:`O_EVTONLY`, :data:`O_FSYNC`, :data:`O_SYMLINK`
 and :data:`O_NOFOLLOW_ANY` constants.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1105)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: O_ASYNC
 O_DIRECT
 O_DIRECTORY
 O_NOFOLLOW
 O_NOATIME
 O_PATH
 O_TMPFILE
 O_SHLOCK
 O_EXLOCK
```

The above constants are extensions and not present if they are not defined by the C library.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.4
 Add :data:`O_PATH` on systems that support it.
 Add :data:`O_TMPFILE`, only available on Linux Kernel 3.11
 or newer.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1124)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: openpty()
```

```
.. index:: module: pty
```

Open a new pseudo-terminal pair. Return a pair of file descriptors ``(master, slave)`` for the pty and the tty, respectively. The new file descriptors are :ref:`non-inheritable <fd\_inheritance>`. For a (slightly) more portable approach, use the :mod:`pty` module.

```
.. availability:: some flavors of Unix.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.4
 The new file descriptors are now non-inheritable.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1139)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: pipe()
```

Create a pipe. Return a pair of file descriptors ``(r, w)`` usable for reading and writing, respectively. The new file descriptor is :ref:`non-inheritable <fd\_inheritance>`.

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.

.. versionchanged:: 3.4
 The new file descriptors are now non-inheritable.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1151)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: pipe2(flags)

 Create a pipe with flags set atomically.
 flags can be constructed by ORing together one or more of these values:
 :data:`O_NONBLOCK`, :data:`O_CLOEXEC`.
 Return a pair of file descriptors ``(r, w)`` usable for reading and writing,
 respectively.

.. availability:: some flavors of Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1164)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: posix_fallocate(fd, offset, len)

 Ensures that enough disk space is allocated for the file specified by fd
 starting from offset and continuing for len bytes.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1174)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: posix_fadvise(fd, offset, len, advice)

 Announces an intention to access data in a specific pattern thus allowing
 the kernel to make optimizations.
 The advice applies to the region of the file specified by fd starting at
 offset and continuing for len bytes.
 advice is one of :data:`POSIX_FADV_NORMAL`, :data:`POSIX_FADV_SEQUENTIAL`,
 :data:`POSIX_FADV_RANDOM`, :data:`POSIX_FADV_NOREUSE`,
 :data:`POSIX_FADV_WILLNEED` or :data:`POSIX_FADV_DONTNEED`.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1189)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: POSIX_FADV_NORMAL
 POSIX_FADV_SEQUENTIAL
 POSIX_FADV_RANDOM
 POSIX_FADV_NOREUSE
 POSIX_FADV_WILLNEED
 POSIX_FADV_DONTNEED

 Flags that can be used in advice in :func:`posix_fadvise` that specify
 the access pattern that is likely to be used.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```



**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1204)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: pread(fd, n, offset)

 Read at most *n* bytes from file descriptor *fd* at a position of *offset*,
 leaving the file offset unchanged.

 Return a bytestring containing the bytes read. If the end of the file
 referred to by *fd* has been reached, an empty bytes object is returned.

 .. availability:: Unix.

 .. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1217)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: preadv(fd, buffers, offset, flags=0)

 Read from a file descriptor *fd* at a position of *offset* into mutable
 :term:`bytes-like objects` <bytes-like object>` *buffers*, leaving the file
 offset unchanged. Transfer data into each buffer until it is full and then
 move on to the next buffer in the sequence to hold the rest of the data.

 The flags argument contains a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following
 flags:

 - :data:`RWF_HIPRI`
 - :data:`RWF_NOWAIT`

 Return the total number of bytes actually read which can be less than the
 total capacity of all the objects.

 The operating system may set a limit (:func:`sysconf` value
 ``SC_IOV_MAX``) on the number of buffers that can be used.

 Combine the functionality of :func:`os.readv` and :func:`os.pread`.

 .. availability:: Linux 2.6.30 and newer, FreeBSD 6.0 and newer,
 OpenBSD 2.7 and newer, AIX 7.1 and newer. Using flags requires
 Linux 4.6 or newer.

 .. versionadded:: 3.7
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1245)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: RWF_NOWAIT

 Do not wait for data which is not immediately available. If this flag is
 specified, the system call will return instantly if it would have to read
 data from the backing storage or wait for a lock.

 If some data was successfully read, it will return the number of bytes read.
 If no bytes were read, it will return ``-1`` and set errno to
 :data:`errno.EAGAIN`.

 .. availability:: Linux 4.14 and newer.

 .. versionadded:: 3.7
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1260)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: RWF_HIPRI

 High priority read/write. Allows block-based filesystems to use polling
 of the device, which provides lower latency, but may use additional
 resources.
```

Currently, on Linux, this feature is usable only on a file descriptor opened using the `:data:`O_DIRECT`` flag.

.. availability:: Linux 4.6 and newer.

.. versionadded:: 3.7

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1274)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: pwrite(fd, str, offset)

Write the bytestring in `*str*` to file descriptor `*fd*` at position of `*offset*`, leaving the file offset unchanged.

Return the number of bytes actually written.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1286)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: pwritev(fd, buffers, offset, flags=0)

Write the `*buffers*` contents to file descriptor `*fd*` at a offset `*offset*`, leaving the file offset unchanged. `*buffers*` must be a sequence of `:term:`bytes-like objects` <bytes-like object>`. Buffers are processed in array order. Entire contents of the first buffer is written before proceeding to the second, and so on.`

The flags argument contains a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following flags:

- `:data:`RWF_DSYNC``
- `:data:`RWF_SYNC``
- `:data:`RWF_APPEND``

Return the total number of bytes actually written.

The operating system may set a limit (`:func:`sysconf`` value ```SC_IOV_MAX```) on the number of buffers that can be used.

Combine the functionality of `:func:`os.writev`` and `:func:`os.pwrite``.

.. availability:: Linux 2.6.30 and newer, FreeBSD 6.0 and newer, OpenBSD 2.7 and newer, AIX 7.1 and newer. Using flags requires Linux 4.7 or newer.

.. versionadded:: 3.7

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1315)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: RWF\_DSYNC

Provide a per-write equivalent of the `:data:`O_DSYNC`` `:func:`os.open`` flag. This flag effect applies only to the data range written by the system call.

.. availability:: Linux 4.7 and newer.

.. versionadded:: 3.7

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1325)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: RWF\_SYNC

Provide a per-write equivalent of the `:data:`O_SYNC` :func:`os.open`` flag. This flag effect applies only to the data range written by the system call.

.. availability:: Linux 4.7 and newer.

.. versionadded:: 3.7

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1335)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: RWF\_APPEND

Provide a per-write equivalent of the `:data:`O_APPEND` :func:`os.open`` flag. This flag is meaningful only for `:func:`os.pwritev``, and its effect applies only to the data range written by the system call. The `*offset*` argument does not affect the write operation; the data is always appended to the end of the file. However, if the `*offset*` argument is ```-1```, the current file `*offset*` is updated.

.. availability:: Linux 4.16 and newer.

.. versionadded:: 3.10

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1349)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: read(fd, n)

Read at most `*n*` bytes from file descriptor `*fd*`.

Return a bytestring containing the bytes read. If the end of the file referred to by `*fd*` has been reached, an empty bytes object is returned.

.. note::

This function is intended for low-level I/O and must be applied to a file descriptor as returned by `:func:`os.open`` or `:func:`pipe``. To read a "file object" returned by the built-in function `:func:`open`` or by `:func:`popen`` or `:func:`fdopen``, or `:data:`sys.stdin``, use its `:meth:`~file.read`` or `:meth:`~file.readline`` methods.

.. versionchanged:: 3.5

If the system call is interrupted and the signal handler does not raise an exception, the function now retries the system call instead of raising an `:exc:`InterruptedError`` exception (see `:pep:`475`` for the rationale).

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1370)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: sendfile(out\_fd, in\_fd, offset, count)  
              sendfile(out\_fd, in\_fd, offset, count, headers=(), trailers=(), flags=0)

Copy `*count*` bytes from file descriptor `*in_fd*` to file descriptor `*out_fd*` starting at `*offset*`.

Return the number of bytes sent. When EOF is reached return ```0```.

The first function notation is supported by all platforms that define `:func:`sendfile``.

On Linux, if `*offset*` is given as ```None```, the bytes are read from the current position of `*in_fd*` and the position of `*in_fd*` is updated.

The second case may be used on macOS and FreeBSD where `*headers*` and `*trailers*` are arbitrary sequences of buffers that are written before and after the data from `*in_fd*` is written. It returns the same as the first case.

On macOS and FreeBSD, a value of ```0``` for `*count*` specifies to send until the end of `*in_fd*` is reached.

All platforms support sockets as `*out_fd*` file descriptor, and some platforms allow other types (e.g. regular file, pipe) as well.

Cross-platform applications should not use `*headers*`, `*trailers*` and `*flags*` arguments.

```
.. availability:: Unix.

.. note::

 For a higher-level wrapper of :func:`sendfile`, see
 :meth:`socket.socket.sendfile`.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

.. versionchanged:: 3.9
 Parameters *out* and *in* was renamed to *out_fd* and *in_fd*.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1409)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: set_blocking(fd, blocking)

 Set the blocking mode of the specified file descriptor. Set the
 :data:`O_NONBLOCK` flag if blocking is ``False``, clear the flag otherwise.

 See also :func:`get_blocking` and :meth:`socket.socket.setblocking`.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.5
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1421)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SF_NODISKIO
 SF_MNOWAIT
 SF_SYNC

 Parameters to the :func:`sendfile` function, if the implementation supports
 them.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1432)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SF_NOCACHE

 Parameter to the :func:`sendfile` function, if the implementation supports
 it. The data won't be cached in the virtual memory and will be freed afterwards.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.11
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1442)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: splice(src, dst, count, offset_src=None, offset_dst=None)

 Transfer *count* bytes from file descriptor *src*, starting from offset
 offset_src, to file descriptor *dst*, starting from offset *offset_dst*.
 At least one of the file descriptors must refer to a pipe. If *offset_src*
 is None, then *src* is read from the current position; respectively for
 offset_dst. The offset associated to the file descriptor that refers to a
 pipe must be ``None``. The files pointed by *src* and *dst* must reside in
 the same filesystem, otherwise an :exc:`OSError` is raised with
 :attr:`~OSError.errno` set to :data:`errno.EXDEV`.

 This copy is done without the additional cost of transferring data
 from the kernel to user space and then back into the kernel. Additionally,
 some filesystems could implement extra optimizations. The copy is done as if
```

both files are opened as binary.

Upon successful completion, returns the number of bytes spliced to or from the pipe. A return value of 0 means end of input. If *\*src\** refers to a pipe, then this means that there was no data to transfer, and it would not make sense to block because there are no writers connected to the write end of the pipe.

.. availability:: Linux kernel >= 2.6.17 and glibc >= 2.5

.. versionadded:: 3.10

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SPLICE_F_MOVE
 SPLICE_F_NONBLOCK
 SPLICE_F_MORE
```

.. versionadded:: 3.10

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1475)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: readv(fd, buffers)
```

Read from a file descriptor *\*fd\** into a number of mutable :term:`bytes-like` objects <bytes-like object>` *\*buffers\**. Transfer data into each buffer until it is full and then move on to the next buffer in the sequence to hold the rest of the data.

Return the total number of bytes actually read which can be less than the total capacity of all the objects.

The operating system may set a limit (:func:`sysconf` value ``SC\_IOV\_MAX``) on the number of buffers that can be used.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1493)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: tcgetpgrp(fd)
```

Return the process group associated with the terminal given by *\*fd\** (an open file descriptor as returned by :func:`os.open`).

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1501)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: tcsetpgrp(fd, pg)
```

Set the process group associated with the terminal given by *\*fd\** (an open file descriptor as returned by :func:`os.open`) to *\*pg\**.

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1509)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: ttyname(fd)
```

Return a string which specifies the terminal device associated with file descriptor `*fd*`. If `*fd*` is not associated with a terminal device, an exception is raised.

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1518)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: write(fd, str)

Write the bytestring in `*str*` to file descriptor `*fd*`.

Return the number of bytes actually written.

.. note::

This function is intended for low-level I/O and must be applied to a file descriptor as returned by `:func:`os.open`` or `:func:`pipe``. To write a "file object" returned by the built-in function `:func:`open`` or by `:func:`popen`` or `:func:`fdopen``, or `:data:`sys.stdout`` or `:data:`sys.stderr``, use its `:meth:`~file.write`` method.

.. versionchanged:: 3.5

If the system call is interrupted and the signal handler does not raise an exception, the function now retries the system call instead of raising an `:exc:`InterruptedError`` exception (see `:pep:`475`` for the rationale).

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1538)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: writev(fd, buffers)

Write the contents of `*buffers*` to file descriptor `*fd*`. `*buffers*` must be a sequence of `:term:`bytes-like objects` <bytes-like object>`. Buffers are processed in array order. Entire contents of the first buffer is written before proceeding to the second, and so on.`

Returns the total number of bytes actually written.

The operating system may set a limit (`:func:`sysconf`` value ```SC_IOV_MAX```) on the number of buffers that can be used.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

## Querying the size of a terminal

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1560)**

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

.. versionadded:: 3.3

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Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: get\_terminal\_size(fd=STDOUT\_FILENO)

Return the size of the terminal window as ```(columns, lines)```, tuple of type `:class:`terminal_size``.

The optional argument ```fd``` (default ```STDOUT_FILENO```, or standard output) specifies which file descriptor should be queried.

If the file descriptor is not connected to a terminal, an `:exc:`OSError`` is raised.

```
:func:`shutil.get_terminal_size` is the high-level function which
should normally be used, ``os.get_terminal_size`` is the low-level
implementation.
```

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

A subclass of tuple, holding (columns, lines) of the terminal window size.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1583)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: columns
```

Width of the terminal window in characters.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1587)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: lines
```

Height of the terminal window in characters.

## Inheritance of File Descriptors

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1597)**

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.4
```

A file descriptor has an "inheritable" flag which indicates if the file descriptor can be inherited by child processes. Since Python 3.4, file descriptors created by Python are non-inheritable by default.

On UNIX, non-inheritable file descriptors are closed in child processes at the execution of a new program, other file descriptors are inherited.

On Windows, non-inheritable handles and file descriptors are closed in child processes, except for standard streams (file descriptors 0, 1 and 2: stdin, stdout and stderr), which are always inherited. Using `:func:`spawn`* <spawn>` functions, all inheritable handles and all inheritable file descriptors are inherited. Using the `:mod:`subprocess`` module, all file descriptors except standard streams are closed, and inheritable handles are only inherited if the `close_fds` parameter is `False`.

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1614)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: get_inheritable(fd)
```

Get the "inheritable" flag of the specified file descriptor (a boolean).

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1618)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: set_inheritable(fd, inheritable)
```

Set the "inheritable" flag of the specified file descriptor.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1622)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: get_handle_inheritable(handle)

 Get the "inheritable" flag of the specified handle (a boolean).

.. availability:: Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1628)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: set_handle_inheritable(handle, inheritable)

 Set the "inheritable" flag of the specified handle.

.. availability:: Windows.
```

## Files and Directories

On some Unix platforms, many of these functions support one or more of these features:

- **specifying a file descriptor:** Normally the *path* argument provided to functions in the `mod:'os'` module must be a string specifying a file path. However, some functions now alternatively accept an open file descriptor for their *path* argument. The function will then operate on the file referred to by the descriptor. (For POSIX systems, Python will call the variant of the function prefixed with `f` (e.g. call `fchdir` instead of `chdir`).

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[backlink](#)

Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

You can check whether or not *path* can be specified as a file descriptor for a particular function on your platform using `:data:os.supports_fd`. If this functionality is unavailable, using it will raise a `:exc:NotImplementedError`.

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Unknown interpreted text role "data".

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Unknown interpreted text role "exc".

If the function also supports *dir\_fd* or *follow\_symlinks* arguments, it's an error to specify one of those when supplying *path* as a file descriptor.

- **paths relative to directory descriptors:** If *dir\_fd* is not `None`, it should be a file descriptor referring to a directory, and the path to operate on should be relative; path will then be relative to that directory. If the path is absolute, *dir\_fd* is ignored. (For POSIX systems, Python will call the variant of the function with an `at` suffix and possibly prefixed with `f` (e.g. call `faccessat` instead of `access`).

You can check whether or not *dir\_fd* is supported for a particular function on your platform using `:data:os.supports_dir_fd`. If it's unavailable, using it will raise a `:exc:NotImplementedError`.

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[backlink](#)

Unknown interpreted text role "data".

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[backlink](#)



Unknown interpreted text role "exc".

- **not following symlinks:** If `follow_symlinks` is `False`, and the last element of the path to operate on is a symbolic link, the function will operate on the symbolic link itself rather than the file pointed to by the link. (For POSIX systems, Python will call the `l...` variant of the function.)

You can check whether or not `follow_symlinks` is supported for a particular function on your platform using `:data:'os.supports_follow_symlinks'`. If it's unavailable, using it will raise a `:exc:'NotImplementedError'`.

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Unknown interpreted text role "data".

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[backlink](#)

Unknown interpreted text role "exc".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1688)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: access(path, mode, *, dir_fd=None, effective_ids=False, follow_symlinks=True)
```

Use the real uid/gid to test for access to `*path*`. Note that most operations will use the effective uid/gid, therefore this routine can be used in a `suid/sgid` environment to test if the invoking user has the specified access to `*path*`. `*mode*` should be `:const:'F_OK'` to test the existence of `*path*`, or it can be the inclusive OR of one or more of `:const:'R_OK'`, `:const:'W_OK'`, and `:const:'X_OK'` to test permissions. Return `:const:'True'` if access is allowed, `:const:'False'` if not. See the Unix man page `:manpage:'access(2)'` for more information.

This function can support specifying `:ref:'paths` relative to directory descriptors `<dir_fd>` and `:ref:'not following symlinks` `<follow_symlinks>`.

If `*effective_ids*` is `True`, `:func:'access'` will perform its access checks using the effective uid/gid instead of the real uid/gid. `*effective_ids*` may not be supported on your platform; you can check whether or not it is available using `:data:'os.supports_effective_ids'`. If it is unavailable, using it will raise a `:exc:'NotImplementedError'`.

.. note::

Using `:func:'access'` to check if a user is authorized to e.g. open a file before actually doing so using `:func:'open'` creates a security hole, because the user might exploit the short time interval between checking and opening the file to manipulate it. It's preferable to use `:term:'EAFF'` techniques. For example::

```
if os.access("myfile", os.R_OK):
 with open("myfile") as fp:
 return fp.read()
return "some default data"
```

is better written as::

```
try:
 fp = open("myfile")
except PermissionError:
 return "some default data"
else:
 with fp:
 return fp.read()
```

.. note::

I/O operations may fail even when `:func:'access'` indicates that they would succeed, particularly for operations on network filesystems which may have permissions semantics beyond the usual POSIX permission-bit model.

.. versionchanged:: 3.3

Added the `*dir_fd*`, `*effective_ids*`, and `*follow_symlinks*` parameters.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6

Accepts a `:term:'path-like object'`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1744)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: F_OK
 R_OK
 W_OK
 X_OK
```

Values to pass as the *\*mode\** parameter of :func:`access` to test the existence, readability, writability and executability of *\*path\**, respectively.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1754)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: chdir(path)

.. index:: single: directory; changing

Change the current working directory to *path*.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path_fd>`. The
descriptor must refer to an opened directory, not an open file.

This function can raise :exc:`OSError` and subclasses such as
:exc:`FileNotFoundError`, :exc:`PermissionError`, and :exc:`NotADirectoryError`.

.. audit-event:: os.chdir path os.chdir

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added support for specifying *path* as a file descriptor
 on some platforms.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1776)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: chflags(path, flags, *, follow_symlinks=True)

Set the flags of *path* to the numeric *flags*. *flags* may take a combination
(bitwise OR) of the following values (as defined in the :mod:`stat` module):

* :data:`stat.UF_NODUMP`
* :data:`stat.UF_IMMUTABLE`
* :data:`stat.UF_APPEND`
* :data:`stat.UF_OPAQUE`
* :data:`stat.UF_NOUNLINK`
* :data:`stat.UF_COMPRESSED`
* :data:`stat.UF_HIDDEN`
* :data:`stat.SF_ARCHIVED`
* :data:`stat.SF_IMMUTABLE`
* :data:`stat.SF_APPEND`
* :data:`stat.SF_NOUNLINK`
* :data:`stat.SF_SNAPSHOT`

This function can support :ref:`not following symlinks <follow_symlinks>`.

.. audit-event:: os.chflags path,flags os.chflags

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *follow_symlinks* argument.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1807)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: chmod(path, mode, *, dir_fd=None, follow_symlinks=True)

Change the mode of *path* to the numeric *mode*. *mode* may take one of the
following values (as defined in the :mod:`stat` module) or bitwise ORed
combinations of them:

* :data:`stat.S_ISUID`
* :data:`stat.S_ISGID`
* :data:`stat.S_ENFMT`
* :data:`stat.S_ISVTX`
* :data:`stat.S_IREAD`
* :data:`stat.S_IWRITE`
* :data:`stat.S_IXEXEC`
* :data:`stat.S_IRWXU`
* :data:`stat.S_IRUSR`
* :data:`stat.S_IWUSR`
* :data:`stat.S_IXUSR`
* :data:`stat.S_IRWXG`
* :data:`stat.S_IRGRP`
* :data:`stat.S_IWGRP`
* :data:`stat.S_IXGRP`
* :data:`stat.S_IRWXO`
* :data:`stat.S_IROTH`
* :data:`stat.S_IWOTH`
* :data:`stat.S_IXOTH`

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path_fd>`,
:ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir_fd>` and :ref:`not
following symlinks <follow_symlinks>`.

.. note::

 Although Windows supports :func:`chmod`, you can only set the file's
 read-only flag with it (via the ``stat.S_IWRITE`` and ``stat.S_IREAD``
 constants or a corresponding integer value). All other bits are ignored.

.. audit-event:: os.chmod path,mode,dir_fd os.chmod

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added support for specifying *path* as an open file descriptor,
 and the *dir_fd* and *follow_symlinks* arguments.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1853)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: chown(path, uid, gid, *, dir_fd=None, follow_symlinks=True)

Change the owner and group id of *path* to the numeric *uid* and *gid*. To
leave one of the ids unchanged, set it to -1.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path_fd>`,
:ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir_fd>` and :ref:`not
following symlinks <follow_symlinks>`.

See :func:`shutil.chown` for a higher-level function that accepts names in
addition to numeric ids.

.. audit-event:: os.chown path,uid,gid,dir_fd os.chown

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added support for specifying *path* as an open file descriptor,
 and the *dir_fd* and *follow_symlinks* arguments.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Supports a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 1877)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: chroot(path)

Change the root directory of the current process to *path*.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1887)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fchdir(fd)
```

Change the current working directory to the directory represented by the file descriptor *\*fd\**. The descriptor must refer to an opened directory, not an open file. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.chdir(fd)``.

```
.. audit-event:: os.chdir path os.fchdir
```

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1898)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getcwd()
```

Return a string representing the current working directory.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1903)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getcwdb()
```

Return a bytestring representing the current working directory.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.8
 The function now uses the UTF-8 encoding on Windows, rather than the ANSI
 code page: see :pep:`529` for the rationale. The function is no longer
 deprecated on Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1913)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: lchflags(path, flags)
```

Set the flags of *\*path\** to the numeric *\*flags\**, like :func:`chflags`, but do not follow symbolic links. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.chflags(path, flags, follow\_symlinks=False)``.

```
.. audit-event:: os.chflags path,flags os.lchflags
```

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

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1927)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: lchmod(path, mode)
```

Change the mode of *\*path\** to the numeric *\*mode\**. If *path* is a symlink, this affects the symlink rather than the target. See the docs for :func:`chmod` for possible values of *\*mode\**. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.chmod(path, mode, follow\_symlinks=False)``.

```
.. audit-event:: os.chmod path,mode,dir_fd os.lchmod
```

```
.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1941)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: lchown(path, uid, gid)

Change the owner and group id of *path* to the numeric *uid* and *gid*. This
function will not follow symbolic links. As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent
to ``os.chown(path, uid, gid, follow_symlinks=False)``.

.. audit-event:: os.chown path,uid,gid,dir_fd os.lchown

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1955)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: link(src, dst, *, src_dir_fd=None, dst_dir_fd=None, follow_symlinks=True)

Create a hard link pointing to *src* named *dst*.

This function can support specifying *src_dir_fd* and/or *dst_dir_fd* to
supply :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir_fd>`, and :ref:`not
following symlinks <follow_symlinks>`.

.. audit-event:: os.link src,dst,src_dir_fd,dst_dir_fd os.link

.. availability:: Unix, Windows.

.. versionchanged:: 3.2
 Added Windows support.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added the *src_dir_fd*, *dst_dir_fd*, and *follow_symlinks* arguments.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for *src* and *dst*.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 1977)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: listdir(path='.')

Return a list containing the names of the entries in the directory given by
path. The list is in arbitrary order, and does not include the special
entries ``'.'`` and ``'..'`` even if they are present in the directory.
If a file is removed from or added to the directory during the call of
this function, whether a name for that file be included is unspecified.

path may be a :term:`path-like object`. If *path* is of type ``bytes``
(directly or indirectly through the :class:`PathLike` interface),
the filenames returned will also be of type ``bytes``;
in all other circumstances, they will be of type ``str``.

This function can also support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor
<path_fd>`; the file descriptor must refer to a directory.

.. audit-event:: os.listdir path os.listdir

.. note::
 To encode ``str`` filenames to ``bytes``, use :func:`~os.fsencode`.

.. seealso::

 The :func:`scandir` function returns directory entries along with
 file attribute information, giving better performance for many
 common use cases.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.2
 The *path* parameter became optional.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added support for specifying *path* as an open file descriptor.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2014)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: lstat(path, *, dir_fd=None)

 Perform the equivalent of an :c:func:`lstat` system call on the given path.
 Similar to :func:`~os.stat`, but does not follow symbolic links. Return a
 :class:`stat_result` object.

 On platforms that do not support symbolic links, this is an alias for
 :func:`~os.stat`.

 As of Python 3.3, this is equivalent to ``os.stat(path, dir_fd=dir_fd,
 follow_symlinks=False)``.

 This function can also support :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors
 <dir_fd>`.

.. seealso::

 The :func:`~.stat` function.

.. versionchanged:: 3.2
 Added support for Windows 6.0 (Vista) symbolic links.

.. versionchanged:: 3.3
 Added the *dir_fd* parameter.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.

.. versionchanged:: 3.8
 On Windows, now opens reparse points that represent another path
 (name surrogates), including symbolic links and directory junctions.
 Other kinds of reparse points are resolved by the operating system as
 for :func:`~os.stat`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2049)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: mkdir(path, mode=0o777, *, dir_fd=None)

 Create a directory named *path* with numeric mode *mode*.

 If the directory already exists, :exc:`FileExistsError` is raised. If a parent
 directory in the path does not exist, :exc:`FileNotFoundError` is raised.

.. _mkdir_modebits:

 On some systems, *mode* is ignored. Where it is used, the current umask
 value is first masked out. If bits other than the last 9 (i.e. the last 3
 digits of the octal representation of the *mode*) are set, their meaning is
 platform-dependent. On some platforms, they are ignored and you should call
 :func:`chmod` explicitly to set them.

 This function can also support :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors
 <dir_fd>`.

 It is also possible to create temporary directories; see the
 :mod:`tempfile` module's :func:`tempfile.mkdtemp` function.

.. audit-event:: os.mkdir path,mode,dir_fd os.mkdir

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *dir_fd* argument.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2079)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: makedirs(name, mode=0o777, exist_ok=False)
```

```
.. index::
 single: directory; creating
 single: UNC paths; and os.makedirs()
```

Recursive directory creation function. Like :func:`mkdir`, but makes all intermediate-level directories needed to contain the leaf directory.

The *mode* parameter is passed to :func:`mkdir` for creating the leaf directory; see :ref:`the mkdir() description <mkdir\_modebits>` for how it is interpreted. To set the file permission bits of any newly-created parent directories you can set the *umask* before invoking :func:`makedirs`. The file permission bits of existing parent directories are not changed.

If *exist\_ok* is ``False`` (the default), a :exc:`FileExistsError` is raised if the target directory already exists.

```
.. note::
```

```
 :func:`makedirs` will become confused if the path elements to create
 include :data:`pardir` (eg. .. on UNIX systems).
```

This function handles UNC paths correctly.

```
.. audit-event:: os.mkdir path,mode,dir_fd os.makedirs
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.2
 The exist_ok parameter.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.4.1
```

```
 Before Python 3.4.1, if exist_ok was ``True`` and the directory existed,
 :func:`makedirs` would still raise an error if mode did not match the
 mode of the existing directory. Since this behavior was impossible to
 implement safely, it was removed in Python 3.4.1. See :issue:`21082`.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.7
 The mode argument no longer affects the file permission bits of
 newly-created intermediate-level directories.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: mkfifo(path, mode=0o666, *, dir_fd=None)
```

Create a FIFO (a named pipe) named *path* with numeric mode *mode*. The current *umask* value is first masked out from the mode.

This function can also support :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir\_fd>`.

FIFOs are pipes that can be accessed like regular files. FIFOs exist until they are deleted (for example with :func:`os.unlink`). Generally, FIFOs are used as rendezvous between "client" and "server" type processes: the server opens the FIFO for reading, and the client opens it for writing. Note that :func:`mkfifo` doesn't open the FIFO --- it just creates the rendezvous point.

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

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
 The dir_fd argument.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2147)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: mknod(path, mode=0o600, device=0, *, dir_fd=None)
```

Create a filesystem node (file, device special file or named pipe) named \*path\*. \*mode\* specifies both the permissions to use and the type of node to be created, being combined (bitwise OR) with one of ``stat.S\_IFREG``, ``stat.S\_IFCHR``, ``stat.S\_IFBLK``, and ``stat.S\_IFIFO`` (those constants are available in :mod:`stat`). For ``stat.S\_IFCHR`` and ``stat.S\_IFBLK``, \*device\* defines the newly created device special file (probably using :func:`os.makedev`), otherwise it is ignored.

This function can also support :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir\_fd>`.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3  
The \*dir\_fd\* argument.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6  
Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2169)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: major(device)
```

Extract the device major number from a raw device number (usually the :attr:`st\_dev` or :attr:`st\_rdev` field from :c:type:`stat`).

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2175)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: minor(device)
```

Extract the device minor number from a raw device number (usually the :attr:`st\_dev` or :attr:`st\_rdev` field from :c:type:`stat`).

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2181)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: makedev(major, minor)
```

Compose a raw device number from the major and minor device numbers.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2186)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: pathconf(path, name)
```

Return system configuration information relevant to a named file. \*name\* specifies the configuration value to retrieve; it may be a string which is the name of a defined system value; these names are specified in a number of standards (POSIX.1, Unix 95, Unix 98, and others). Some platforms define additional names as well. The names known to the host operating system are given in the ``pathconf\_names`` dictionary. For configuration variables not included in that mapping, passing an integer for \*name\* is also accepted.

If \*name\* is a string and is not known, :exc:`ValueError` is raised. If a specific value for \*name\* is not supported by the host system, even if it is included in ``pathconf\_names``, an :exc:`OSError` is raised with :const:`errno.EINVAL` for the error number.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path\_fd>`.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6  
Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.



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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: pathconf_names
```

Dictionary mapping names accepted by :func:`pathconf` and :func:`fpathconf` to the integer values defined for those names by the host operating system. This can be used to determine the set of names known to the system.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2219)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: readlink(path, *, dir_fd=None)
```

Return a string representing the path to which the symbolic link points. The result may be either an absolute or relative pathname; if it is relative, it may be converted to an absolute pathname using ``os.path.join(os.path.dirname(path), result)``.

If the *\*path\** is a string object (directly or indirectly through a :class:`PathLike` interface), the result will also be a string object, and the call may raise a `UnicodeDecodeError`. If the *\*path\** is a bytes object (direct or indirectly), the result will be a bytes object.

This function can also support :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir\_fd>`.

When trying to resolve a path that may contain links, use :func:`~os.path.realpath` to properly handle recursion and platform differences.

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.2
 Added support for Windows 6.0 (Vista) symbolic links.
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *dir_fd* argument.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` on Unix.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.8
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` and a bytes object on Windows.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.8
 Added support for directory junctions, and changed to return the
 substitution path (which typically includes ``\\?\\`` prefix) rather
 than the optional "print name" field that was previously returned.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: remove(path, *, dir_fd=None)
```

Remove (delete) the file *\*path\**. If *\*path\** is a directory, an :exc:`IsADirectoryError` is raised. Use :func:`rmdir` to remove directories. If the file does not exist, a :exc:`FileNotFoundError` is raised.

This function can support :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir\_fd>`.

On Windows, attempting to remove a file that is in use causes an exception to be raised; on Unix, the directory entry is removed but the storage allocated to the file is not made available until the original file is no longer in use.

This function is semantically identical to :func:`unlink`.

```
.. audit-event:: os.remove path,dir_fd os.remove
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *dir_fd* argument.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2281)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: removedirs(name)

 .. index:: single: directory; deleting

 Remove directories recursively. Works like :func:`rmdir` except that, if the
 leaf directory is successfully removed, :func:`removedirs` tries to
 successively remove every parent directory mentioned in *path* until an error
 is raised (which is ignored, because it generally means that a parent directory
 is not empty). For example, os.removedirs('foo/bar/baz') will first remove
 the directory 'foo/bar/baz', and then remove 'foo/bar' and 'foo' if
 they are empty. Raises :exc:`OSError` if the leaf directory could not be
 successfully removed.

 .. audit-event:: os.remove path,dir_fd os.removedirs

 .. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2300)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: rename(src, dst, *, src_dir_fd=None, dst_dir_fd=None)

 Rename the file or directory *src* to *dst*. If *dst* exists, the operation
 will fail with an :exc:`OSError` subclass in a number of cases:

 On Windows, if *dst* exists a :exc:`FileExistsError` is always raised.

 On Unix, if *src* is a file and *dst* is a directory or vice-versa, an
 :exc:`IsADirectoryError` or a :exc:`NotADirectoryError` will be raised
 respectively. If both are directories and *dst* is empty, *dst* will be
 silently replaced. If *dst* is a non-empty directory, an :exc:`OSError`
 is raised. If both are files, *dst* it will be replaced silently if the user
 has permission. The operation may fail on some Unix flavors if *src* and
 dst are on different filesystems. If successful, the renaming will be an
 atomic operation (this is a POSIX requirement).

 This function can support specifying *src_dir_fd* and/or *dst_dir_fd* to
 supply :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir_fd>`.

 If you want cross-platform overwriting of the destination, use :func:`replace`.

 .. audit-event:: os.rename src,dst,src_dir_fd,dst_dir_fd os.rename

 .. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *src_dir_fd* and *dst_dir_fd* arguments.

 .. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for *src* and *dst*.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2330)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: renames(old, new)

 Recursive directory or file renaming function. Works like :func:`rename`, except
 creation of any intermediate directories needed to make the new pathname good is
 attempted first. After the rename, directories corresponding to rightmost path
 segments of the old name will be pruned away using :func:`removedirs`.

 .. note::

 This function can fail with the new directory structure made if you lack
 permissions needed to remove the leaf directory or file.

 .. audit-event:: os.rename src,dst,src_dir_fd,dst_dir_fd os.renames
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for *old* and *new*.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2348)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: replace(src, dst, *, src_dir_fd=None, dst_dir_fd=None)

 Rename the file or directory *src* to *dst*. If *dst* is a directory,
 :exc:`OSError` will be raised. If *dst* exists and is a file, it will
 be replaced silently if the user has permission. The operation may fail
 if *src* and *dst* are on different filesystems. If successful,
 the renaming will be an atomic operation (this is a POSIX requirement).

 This function can support specifying *src_dir_fd* and/or *dst_dir_fd* to
 supply :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir_fd>`.

 .. audit-event:: os.rename src,dst,src_dir_fd,dst_dir_fd os.replace

 .. versionadded:: 3.3

 .. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for *src* and *dst*.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: rmdir(path, *, dir_fd=None)

 Remove (delete) the directory *path*. If the directory does not exist or is
 not empty, a :exc:`FileNotFoundError` or an :exc:`OSError` is raised
 respectively. In order to remove whole directory trees,
 :func:`shutil.rmtree` can be used.

 This function can support :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors
 <dir_fd>`.

 .. audit-event:: os.rmdir path,dir_fd os.rmdir

 .. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *dir_fd* parameter.

 .. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2386)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: scandir(path='.')

 Return an iterator of :class:`os.DirEntry` objects corresponding to the
 entries in the directory given by *path*. The entries are yielded in
 arbitrary order, and the special entries ``'.'`` and ``'..'`` are not
 included. If a file is removed from or added to the directory after
 creating the iterator, whether an entry for that file be included is
 unspecified.

 Using :func:`scandir` instead of :func:`listdir` can significantly
 increase the performance of code that also needs file type or file
 attribute information, because :class:`os.DirEntry` objects expose this
 information if the operating system provides it when scanning a directory.
 All :class:`os.DirEntry` methods may perform a system call, but
 :func:`~os.DirEntry.is_dir` and :func:`~os.DirEntry.is_file` usually only
 require a system call for symbolic links; :func:`os.DirEntry.stat`
 always requires a system call on Unix but only requires one for
 symbolic links on Windows.

 path may be a :term:`path-like object`. If *path* is of type ``bytes``
 (directly or indirectly through the :class:`PathLike` interface),
 the type of the :attr:`~os.DirEntry.name` and :attr:`~os.DirEntry.path`
 attributes of each :class:`os.DirEntry` will be ``bytes``; in all other
 circumstances, they will be of type ``str``.

 This function can also support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor
```

```

<path_fd>`; the file descriptor must refer to a directory.

.. audit-event:: os.scandir path os.scandir

The :func:`scandir` iterator supports the :term:`context manager` protocol
and has the following method:

.. method:: scandir.close()

 Close the iterator and free acquired resources.

 This is called automatically when the iterator is exhausted or garbage
 collected, or when an error happens during iterating. However it
 is advisable to call it explicitly or use the :keyword:`with`
 statement.

.. versionadded:: 3.6

The following example shows a simple use of :func:`scandir` to display all
the files (excluding directories) in the given *path* that don't start with
`'.'`. The ``entry.is_file()`` call will generally not make an additional
system call::

 with os.scandir(path) as it:
 for entry in it:
 if not entry.name.startswith('.') and entry.is_file():
 print(entry.name)

.. note::

 On Unix-based systems, :func:`scandir` uses the system's
 `opendir() <http://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/009695399/functions/opendir.html>`_
 and
 `readdir() <http://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/009695399/functions/readdir_r.html>`_
 functions. On Windows, it uses the Win32
 `FindFirstFileW <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/aa364418(v=vs.85).aspx>`
 and
 `FindNextFileW <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/aa364428(v=vs.85).aspx>`
 functions.

.. versionadded:: 3.5

.. versionadded:: 3.6
 Added support for the :term:`context manager` protocol and the
 :func:`~scandir.close()` method. If a :func:`scandir` iterator is neither
 exhausted nor explicitly closed a :exc:`ResourceWarning` will be emitted
 in its destructor.

 The function accepts a :term:`path-like object`.

.. versionchanged:: 3.7
 Added support for :ref:`file descriptors <path_fd>` on Unix.

```

Object yielded by :func:`scandir` to expose the file path and other file attributes of a directory entry.

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:func:`scandir` will provide as much of this information as possible without making additional system calls. When a `stat()` or `lstat()` system call is made, the `os.DirEntry` object will cache the result.

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`os.DirEntry` instances are not intended to be stored in long-lived data structures; if you know the file metadata has changed or if a long time has elapsed since calling :func:`scandir`, call `os.stat(entry.path)` to fetch up-to-date information.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2475); [backlink](#)**

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Because the `os.DirEntry` methods can make operating system calls, they may also raise :exc:`OSError`. If you need very fine-grained control over errors, you can catch :exc:`OSError` when calling one of the `os.DirEntry` methods and handle as appropriate.

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**main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2480); [backlink](#)**

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To be directly usable as a `term` 'path-like object', `os.DirEntry` implements the `class:PathLike` interface.

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Unknown interpreted text role "term".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2485); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "class".

Attributes and methods on a `os.DirEntry` instance are as follows:

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: name
```

The entry's base filename, relative to the `:func:`scandir`` `*path*` argument.

The `:attr:`name`` attribute will be ```bytes``` if the `:func:`scandir`` `*path*` argument is of type ```bytes``` and ```str``` otherwise. Use `:func:`~os.fsdecode`` to decode byte filenames.

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: path
```

The entry's full path name: equivalent to ```os.path.join(scandir_path, entry.name)``` where `*scandir_path*` is the `:func:`scandir`` `*path*` argument. The path is only absolute if the `:func:`scandir`` `*path*` argument was absolute. If the `:func:`scandir`` `*path*` argument was a `:ref:`file descriptor <path_fd>`, the `:attr:`path`` attribute is the same as the `:attr:`name`` attribute.

The `:attr:`path`` attribute will be ```bytes``` if the `:func:`scandir`` `*path*` argument is of type ```bytes``` and ```str``` otherwise. Use `:func:`~os.fsdecode`` to decode byte filenames.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2512)**

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: inode()
```

Return the inode number of the entry.

The result is cached on the ```os.DirEntry``` object. Use ```os.stat(entry.path, follow_symlinks=False).st_ino``` to fetch up-to-date information.

On the first, uncached call, a system call is required on Windows but not on Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2523)**

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: is_dir(*, follow_symlinks=True)
```

Return ``True`` if this entry is a directory or a symbolic link pointing to a directory; return ``False`` if the entry is or points to any other kind of file, or if it doesn't exist anymore.

If `*follow_symlinks*` is ``False``, return ``True`` only if this entry is a directory (without following symlinks); return ``False`` if the entry is any other kind of file or if it doesn't exist anymore.

The result is cached on the ``os.DirEntry`` object, with a separate cache for `*follow_symlinks*` ``True`` and ``False``. Call `:func:`os.stat`` along with `:func:`stat.S_ISDIR`` to fetch up-to-date information.

On the first, uncached call, no system call is required in most cases. Specifically, for non-symlinks, neither Windows or Unix require a system call, except on certain Unix file systems, such as network file systems, that return `dirent.d_type == DT_UNKNOWN`. If the entry is a symlink, a system call will be required to follow the symlink unless `*follow_symlinks*` is ``False``.

This method can raise `:exc:`OSError``, such as `:exc:`PermissionError``, but `:exc:`FileNotFoundError`` is caught and not raised.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2547)**

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: is_file(*, follow_symlinks=True)
```

Return ``True`` if this entry is a file or a symbolic link pointing to a file; return ``False`` if the entry is or points to a directory or other non-file entry, or if it doesn't exist anymore.

If `*follow_symlinks*` is ``False``, return ``True`` only if this entry is a file (without following symlinks); return ``False`` if the entry is a directory or other non-file entry, or if it doesn't exist anymore.

The result is cached on the ``os.DirEntry`` object. Caching, system calls made, and exceptions raised are as per `:func:`~os.DirEntry.is_dir``.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2560)**

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: is_symlink()
```

Return ``True`` if this entry is a symbolic link (even if broken); return ``False`` if the entry points to a directory or any kind of file, or if it doesn't exist anymore.

The result is cached on the ``os.DirEntry`` object. Call `:func:`os.path.islink`` to fetch up-to-date information.

On the first, uncached call, no system call is required in most cases. Specifically, neither Windows or Unix require a system call, except on certain Unix file systems, such as network file systems, that return `dirent.d_type == DT_UNKNOWN`.

This method can raise `:exc:`OSError``, such as `:exc:`PermissionError``, but `:exc:`FileNotFoundError`` is caught and not raised.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: stat(*, follow_symlinks=True)
```

Return a `:class:`stat_result`` object for this entry. This method follows symbolic links by default; to stat a symbolic link add the `follow_symlinks=False` argument.

On Unix, this method always requires a system call. On Windows, it only requires a system call if `*follow_symlinks*` is ``True`` and the entry is a reparse point (for example, a symbolic link or directory junction).

On Windows, the `st_ino`, `st_dev` and `st_nlink` attributes of the `:class:`stat_result`` are always set to zero. Call `:func:`os.stat`` to get these attributes.

The result is cached on the `os.DirEntry` object, with a separate cache for `*follow_symlinks*` `True` and `False`. Call `os.stat` to fetch up-to-date information.

Note that there is a nice correspondence between several attributes and methods of `os.DirEntry` and of `class: pathlib.Path`. In particular, the `name` attribute has the same meaning, as do the `is_dir()`, `is_file()`, `is_symlink()` and `stat()` methods.

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Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.5
```

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Unknown directive type "versionchanged".

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Added support for the :class:`~os.PathLike` interface. Added support
 for :class:`bytes` paths on Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2609)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: stat(path, *, dir_fd=None, follow_symlinks=True)

 Get the status of a file or a file descriptor. Perform the equivalent of a
 :cfunc:`stat` system call on the given path. *path* may be specified as
 either a string or bytes -- directly or indirectly through the :class:`PathLike`
 interface -- or as an open file descriptor. Return a :class:`stat_result`
 object.

 This function normally follows symlinks; to stat a symlink add the argument
 follow_symlinks=False, or use :func:`lstat`.

 This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path_fd>` and
 :ref:`not following symlinks <follow_symlinks>`.

 On Windows, passing follow_symlinks=False will disable following all
 name-surrogate reparse points, which includes symlinks and directory
 junctions. Other types of reparsing points that do not resemble links or that
 the operating system is unable to follow will be opened directly. When
 following a chain of multiple links, this may result in the original link
 being returned instead of the non-link that prevented full traversal. To
 obtain stat results for the final path in this case, use the
 :func:`os.path.realpath` function to resolve the path name as far as
 possible and call :func:`lstat` on the result. This does not apply to
 dangling symlinks or junction points, which will raise the usual exceptions.

 .. index:: module: stat

 Example::

 >>> import os
 >>> statinfo = os.stat('somefile.txt')
 >>> statinfo
 os.stat_result(st_mode=33188, st_ino=7876932, st_dev=234881026,
 st_nlink=1, st_uid=501, st_gid=501, st_size=264, st_atime=1297230295,
 st_mtime=1297230027, st_ctime=1297230027)
 >>> statinfo.st_size
 264

 .. seealso::

 :func:`fstat` and :func:`lstat` functions.

 .. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added the dir_fd and follow_symlinks arguments, specifying a file
 descriptor instead of a path.

 .. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.8
On Windows, all reparse points that can be resolved by the operating
system are now followed, and passing ``follow_symlinks=False``
disables following all name surrogate reparse points. If the operating
system reaches a reparse point that it is not able to follow, *stat* now
returns the information for the original path as if
``follow_symlinks=False`` had been specified instead of raising an error.
```

Object whose attributes correspond roughly to the members of the `c.type:'stat'` structure. It is used for the result of `func:'os.stat'`, `func:'os.fstat'` and `func:'os.lstat'`.

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Unknown interpreted text role "c.type".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2669); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2669); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2669); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

Attributes:

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2675)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_mode

File mode: file type and file mode bits (permissions).
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2679)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_ino

Platform dependent, but if non-zero, uniquely identifies the
file for a given value of ``st_dev``. Typically:

* the inode number on Unix,
* the `file index
<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa363788>`_ on
Windows
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2689)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_dev

Identifier of the device on which this file resides.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2693)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_nlink
```



Number of hard links.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2697)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

.. attribute:: st\_uid

User identifier of the file owner.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2701)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

.. attribute:: st\_gid

Group identifier of the file owner.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2705)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

.. attribute:: st\_size

Size of the file in bytes, if it is a regular file or a symbolic link.  
The size of a symbolic link is the length of the pathname it contains,  
without a terminating null byte.

#### Timestamps:

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2713)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

.. attribute:: st\_atime

Time of most recent access expressed in seconds.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2717)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

.. attribute:: st\_mtime

Time of most recent content modification expressed in seconds.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2721)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

.. attribute:: st\_ctime

Platform dependent:

- \* the time of most recent metadata change on Unix,
- \* the time of creation on Windows, expressed in seconds.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2728)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

.. attribute:: st\_atime\_ns

Time of most recent access expressed in nanoseconds as an integer.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2732)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_mtime_ns
```

Time of most recent content modification expressed in nanoseconds as an integer.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2737)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_ctime_ns
```

Platform dependent:

- \* the time of most recent metadata change on Unix,
- \* the time of creation on Windows, expressed in nanoseconds as an integer.

## Note

The exact meaning and resolution of the `:attr:'st_atime'`, `:attr:'st_mtime'`, and `:attr:'st_ctime'` attributes depend on the operating system and the file system. For example, on Windows systems using the FAT or FAT32 file systems, `:attr:'st_mtime'` has 2-second resolution, and `:attr:'st_atime'` has only 1-day resolution. See your operating system documentation for details.

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Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2747); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2747); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2747); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2747); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

Similarly, although `:attr:'st_atime_ns'`, `:attr:'st_mtime_ns'`, and `:attr:'st_ctime_ns'` are always expressed in nanoseconds, many systems do not provide nanosecond precision. On systems that do provide nanosecond precision, the floating-point object used to store `:attr:'st_atime'`, `:attr:'st_mtime'`, and `:attr:'st_ctime'` cannot preserve all of it, and as such will be slightly inexact. If you need the exact timestamps you should always use `:attr:'st_atime_ns'`, `:attr:'st_mtime_ns'`, and `:attr:'st_ctime_ns'`.

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Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2754); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2754); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2754); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2754); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2754); [backlink](#)**

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Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2754); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

On some Unix systems (such as Linux), the following attributes may also be available:

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2766)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_blocks
```

Number of 512-byte blocks allocated for file.  
This may be smaller than :attr:`st\_size`/512 when the file has holes.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2771)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_blksize
```

"Preferred" blocksize for efficient file system I/O. Writing to a file in smaller chunks may cause an inefficient read-modify-rewrite.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2776)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_rdev

 Type of device if an inode device.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2780)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_flags

 User defined flags for file.
```

On other Unix systems (such as FreeBSD), the following attributes may be available (but may be only filled out if root tries to use them):

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2787)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_gen

 File generation number.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2791)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_birthtime

 Time of file creation.
```

On Solaris and derivatives, the following attributes may also be available:

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2798)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_fstype

 String that uniquely identifies the type of the filesystem that
 contains the file.
```

On macOS systems, the following attributes may also be available:

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2805)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_rsize

 Real size of the file.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2809)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_creator

 Creator of the file.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2813)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_type

File type.
```

On Windows systems, the following attributes are also available:

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2819)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_file_attributes

Windows file attributes: ``dwFileAttributes`` member of the
``BY_HANDLE_FILE_INFORMATION`` structure returned by
:c:func:`GetFileInformationByHandle`. See the ``FILE_ATTRIBUTE_*``
constants in the :mod:`stat` module.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2826)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: st_reparse_tag

When :attr:`st_file_attributes` has the ``FILE_ATTRIBUTE_REPARSE_POINT``
set, this field contains the tag identifying the type of reparse point.
See the ``IO_REPARSE_TAG_*`` constants in the :mod:`stat` module.
```

The standard module `mod:stat` defines functions and constants that are useful for extracting information from a `:ctype:stat` structure. (On Windows, some items are filled with dummy values.)

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2832); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "ctype".

For backward compatibility, a `:class:stat_result` instance is also accessible as a tuple of at least 10 integers giving the most important (and portable) members of the `:ctype:stat` structure, in the order `:attr:st_mode`, `:attr:st_ino`, `:attr:st_dev`, `:attr:st_nlink`, `:attr:st_uid`, `:attr:st_gid`, `:attr:st_size`, `:attr:st_atime`, `:attr:st_mtime`, `:attr:st_ctime`. More items may be added at the end by some implementations. For compatibility with older Python versions, accessing `:class:stat_result` as a tuple always returns integers.

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

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Unknown interpreted text role "ctype".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2836); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2836); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2836); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3** (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2836); [backlink](#)

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3** (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2836); [backlink](#)

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

**System Message: ERROR/3** (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2836); [backlink](#)

Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

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Unknown interpreted text role "attr".

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

**System Message: ERROR/3** (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2845)

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added the :attr:`st_atime_ns`, :attr:`st_mtime_ns`, and
 :attr:`st_ctime_ns` members.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3** (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2849)

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.5
 Added the :attr:`st_file_attributes` member on Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3** (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2852)

Unknown directive type "versionchanged".

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.5
 Windows now returns the file index as :attr:`st_ino` when
 available.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3** (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2856)

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.7
 Added the :attr:`st_fstype` member to Solaris/derivatives.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2859)**

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.8
 Added the :attr:`st_reparse_tag` member on Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2862)**

Unknown directive type "versionchanged".

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.8
 On Windows, the :attr:`st_mode` member now identifies special
 files as :const:`S_IFCHR`, :const:`S_IFIFO` or :const:`S_IFBLK`
 as appropriate.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2867)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: statvfs(path)

 Perform a :c:func:`statvfs` system call on the given path. The return value is
 an object whose attributes describe the filesystem on the given path, and
 correspond to the members of the :c:type:`statvfs` structure, namely:
 :attr:`f_bsize`, :attr:`f_frsize`, :attr:`f_blocks`, :attr:`f_bfree`,
 :attr:`f_bavail`, :attr:`f_files`, :attr:`f_ffree`, :attr:`f_favail`,
 :attr:`f_flag`, :attr:`f_namemax`, :attr:`f_fsid`.

 Two module-level constants are defined for the :attr:`f_flag` attribute's
 bit-flags: if :const:`ST_RDONLY` is set, the filesystem is mounted
 read-only, and if :const:`ST_NOSUID` is set, the semantics of
 setuid/setgid bits are disabled or not supported.

 Additional module-level constants are defined for GNU/glibc based systems.
 These are :const:`ST_NODEV` (disallow access to device special files),
 :const:`ST_NOEXEC` (disallow program execution), :const:`ST_SYNCHRONOUS`
 (writes are synced at once), :const:`ST_MANDLOCK` (allow mandatory locks on an FS),
 :const:`ST_WRITE` (write on file/directory/symlink), :const:`ST_APPEND`
 (append-only file), :const:`ST_IMMUTABLE` (immutable file), :const:`ST_NOATIME`
 (do not update access times), :const:`ST_NODIRATIME` (do not update directory access
 times), :const:`ST_RELATIME` (update atime relative to mtime/ctime).

 This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path_fd>`.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionchanged:: 3.2
 The :const:`ST_RDONLY` and :const:`ST_NOSUID` constants were added.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added support for specifying *path* as an open file descriptor.

.. versionchanged:: 3.4
 The :const:`ST_NODEV`, :const:`ST_NOEXEC`, :const:`ST_SYNCHRONOUS`,
 :const:`ST_MANDLOCK`, :const:`ST_WRITE`, :const:`ST_APPEND`,
 :const:`ST_IMMUTABLE`, :const:`ST_NOATIME`, :const:`ST_NODIRATIME`,
 and :const:`ST_RELATIME` constants were added.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.

.. versionadded:: 3.7
 Added :attr:`f_fsid`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 2913)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: supports_dir_fd

 A :class:`set` object indicating which functions in the :mod:`os`
 module accept an open file descriptor for their *dir_fd* parameter.
```

Different platforms provide different features, and the underlying functionality Python uses to implement the `*dir_fd*` parameter is not available on all platforms Python supports. For consistency's sake, functions that may support `*dir_fd*` always allow specifying the parameter, but will throw an exception if the functionality is used when it's not locally available. (Specifying ```None``` for `*dir_fd*` is always supported on all platforms.)

To check whether a particular function accepts an open file descriptor for its `*dir_fd*` parameter, use the ```in``` operator on ```supports_dir_fd```. As an example, this expression evaluates to ```True``` if `:func:`os.stat`` accepts open file descriptors for `*dir_fd*` on the local platform::

```
os.stat in os.supports_dir_fd
```

Currently `*dir_fd*` parameters only work on Unix platforms; none of them work on Windows.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2938)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: supports_effective_ids
```

A `:class:`set`` object indicating whether `:func:`os.access`` permits specifying ```True``` for its `*effective_ids*` parameter on the local platform. (Specifying ```False``` for `*effective_ids*` is always supported on all platforms.) If the local platform supports it, the collection will contain `:func:`os.access``; otherwise it will be empty.

This expression evaluates to ```True``` if `:func:`os.access`` supports ```effective_ids=True``` on the local platform::

```
os.access in os.supports_effective_ids
```

Currently `*effective_ids*` is only supported on Unix platforms; it does not work on Windows.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2957)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: supports_fd
```

A `:class:`set`` object indicating which functions in the `:mod:`os`` module permit specifying their `*path*` parameter as an open file descriptor on the local platform. Different platforms provide different features, and the underlying functionality Python uses to accept open file descriptors as `*path*` arguments is not available on all platforms Python supports.

To determine whether a particular function permits specifying an open file descriptor for its `*path*` parameter, use the ```in``` operator on ```supports_fd```. As an example, this expression evaluates to ```True``` if `:func:`os.chdir`` accepts open file descriptors for `*path*` on your local platform::

```
os.chdir in os.supports_fd
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 2977)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: supports_follow_symlinks
```

A `:class:`set`` object indicating which functions in the `:mod:`os`` module accept ```False``` for their `*follow_symlinks*` parameter on the local platform. Different platforms provide different features, and the underlying functionality Python uses to implement `*follow_symlinks*` is not available on all platforms Python supports. For consistency's sake, functions that may support `*follow_symlinks*` always allow specifying the parameter, but



will throw an exception if the functionality is used when it's not locally available. (Specifying ``True`` for `*follow_symlinks*` is always supported on all platforms.)

To check whether a particular function accepts ``False`` for its `*follow_symlinks*` parameter, use the ``in`` operator on ``supports\_follow\_symlinks``. As an example, this expression evaluates to ``True`` if you may specify ``follow\_symlinks=False`` when calling `:func:`os.stat`` on the local platform::

```
os.stat in os.supports_follow_symlinks

.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: symlink(src, dst, target_is_directory=False, *, dir_fd=None)
```

Create a symbolic link pointing to `*src*` named `*dst*`.

On Windows, a symlink represents either a file or a directory, and does not morph to the target dynamically. If the target is present, the type of the symlink will be created to match. Otherwise, the symlink will be created as a directory if `*target_is_directory*` is ``True`` or a file symlink (the default) otherwise. On non-Windows platforms, `*target_is_directory*` is ignored.

This function can support `:ref:`paths`` relative to directory descriptors `<dir_fd>`.

```
.. note::
```

On newer versions of Windows 10, unprivileged accounts can create symlinks if Developer Mode is enabled. When Developer Mode is not available/enabled, the `*SeCreateSymbolicLinkPrivilege*` privilege is required, or the process must be run as an administrator.

`:exc:`OSError`` is raised when the function is called by an unprivileged user.

```
.. audit-event:: os.symlink src,dst,dir_fd os.symlink
```

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.2
 Added support for Windows 6.0 (Vista) symbolic links.
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added the *dir_fd* argument, and now allow *target_is_directory*
 on non-Windows platforms.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for *src* and *dst*.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.8
 Added support for unelevated symlinks on Windows with Developer Mode.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3042)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sync()
```

Force write of everything to disk.

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

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3051)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: truncate(path, length)
```

Truncate the file corresponding to `*path*`, so that it is at most `*length*` bytes in size.

This function can support `:ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path_fd>``.

```
.. audit-event:: os.truncate path,length os.truncate

.. availability:: Unix, Windows.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

.. versionchanged:: 3.5
 Added support for Windows

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3071)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: unlink(path, *, dir_fd=None)

Remove (delete) the file *path*. This function is semantically
identical to :func:`remove`; the ``unlink`` name is its
traditional Unix name. Please see the documentation for
:func:`remove` for further information.

.. audit-event:: os.remove path,dir_fd os.unlink

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 The *dir_fd* parameter.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3087)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: utime(path, times=None, *[, ns], dir_fd=None, follow_symlinks=True)

Set the access and modified times of the file specified by *path*.

:func:`utime` takes two optional parameters, *times* and *ns*.
These specify the times set on *path* and are used as follows:

- If *ns* is specified,
 it must be a 2-tuple of the form ``(atime_ns, mtime_ns)``
 where each member is an int expressing nanoseconds.
- If *times* is not ``None``,
 it must be a 2-tuple of the form ``(atime, mtime)``
 where each member is an int or float expressing seconds.
- If *times* is ``None`` and *ns* is unspecified,
 this is equivalent to specifying ``ns=(atime_ns, mtime_ns)``
 where both times are the current time.

It is an error to specify tuples for both *times* and *ns*.

Note that the exact times you set here may not be returned by a subsequent
:func:`~os.stat` call, depending on the resolution with which your operating
system records access and modification times; see :func:`~os.stat`. The best
way to preserve exact times is to use the *st_atime_ns* and *st_mtime_ns*
fields from the :func:`os.stat` result object with the *ns* parameter to
``utime``.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path_fd>`,
:ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir_fd>` and :ref:`not
following symlinks <follow_symlinks>`.

.. audit-event:: os.utime path,times,ns,dir_fd os.utime

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added support for specifying *path* as an open file descriptor,
 and the *dir_fd*, *follow_symlinks*, and *ns* parameters.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3127)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: walk(top, topdown=True, onerror=None, followlinks=False)
```

```
.. index::
 single: directory; walking
 single: directory; traversal
```

Generate the file names in a directory tree by walking the tree either top-down or bottom-up. For each directory in the tree rooted at directory *\*top\** (including *\*top\** itself), it yields a 3-tuple ``(dirpath, dirnames, filenames)``.

*\*dirpath\** is a string, the path to the directory. *\*dirnames\** is a list of the names of the subdirectories in *\*dirpath\** (excluding ``'.'`` and ``'..'``). *\*filenames\** is a list of the names of the non-directory files in *\*dirpath\**. Note that the names in the lists contain no path components. To get a full path (which begins with *\*top\**) to a file or directory in *\*dirpath\**, do ``os.path.join(dirpath, name)``. Whether or not the lists are sorted depends on the file system. If a file is removed from or added to the *\*dirpath\** directory during generating the lists, whether a name for that file be included is unspecified.

If optional argument *\*topdown\** is ``True`` or not specified, the triple for a directory is generated before the triples for any of its subdirectories (directories are generated top-down). If *\*topdown\** is ``False``, the triple for a directory is generated after the triples for all of its subdirectories (directories are generated bottom-up). No matter the value of *\*topdown\**, the list of subdirectories is retrieved before the tuples for the directory and its subdirectories are generated.

When *\*topdown\** is ``True``, the caller can modify the *\*dirnames\** list in-place (perhaps using `:keyword:del` or slice assignment), and `:func:walk` will only recurse into the subdirectories whose names remain in *\*dirnames\**; this can be used to prune the search, impose a specific order of visiting, or even to inform `:func:walk` about directories the caller creates or renames before it resumes `:func:walk` again. Modifying *\*dirnames\** when *\*topdown\** is ``False`` has no effect on the behavior of the walk, because in bottom-up mode the directories in *\*dirnames\** are generated before *\*dirpath\** itself is generated.

By default, errors from the `:func:scandir` call are ignored. If optional argument *\*onerror\** is specified, it should be a function; it will be called with one argument, an `:exc:OSError` instance. It can report the error to continue with the walk, or raise the exception to abort the walk. Note that the filename is available as the `filename` attribute of the exception object.

By default, `:func:walk` will not walk down into symbolic links that resolve to directories. Set *\*followlinks\** to ``True`` to visit directories pointed to by symlinks, on systems that support them.

```
.. note::
```

Be aware that setting *\*followlinks\** to ``True`` can lead to infinite recursion if a link points to a parent directory of itself. `:func:walk` does not keep track of the directories it visited already.

```
.. note::
```

If you pass a relative pathname, don't change the current working directory between resumptions of `:func:walk`. `:func:walk` never changes the current directory, and assumes that its caller doesn't either.

This example displays the number of bytes taken by non-directory files in each directory under the starting directory, except that it doesn't look under any CVS subdirectory::

```
import os
from os.path import join, getsize
for root, dirs, files in os.walk('python/Lib/email'):
 print(root, "consumes", end=" ")
 print(sum(getsize(join(root, name)) for name in files), end=" ")
 print("bytes in", len(files), "non-directory files")
 if 'CVS' in dirs:
 dirs.remove('CVS') # don't visit CVS directories
```

In the next example (simple implementation of `:func:shutil.rmtree`), walking the tree bottom-up is essential, `:func:rmdir` doesn't allow deleting a directory before the directory is empty::

```
Delete everything reachable from the directory named in "top",
assuming there are no symbolic links.
CAUTION: This is dangerous! For example, if top == '/', it
could delete all your disk files.
import os
for root, dirs, files in os.walk(top, topdown=False):
```

```

 for name in files:
 os.remove(os.path.join(root, name))
 for name in dirs:
 os.rmdir(os.path.join(root, name))

.. audit-event:: os.walk top,topdown,onerror,followlinks os.walk

.. versionchanged:: 3.5
 This function now calls :func:`os.scandir` instead of :func:`os.listdir`,
 making it faster by reducing the number of calls to :func:`os.stat`.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.

```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3225)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: fwalk(top='.', topdown=True, onerror=None, *, follow_symlinks=False, dir_fd=None)
```

```

.. index::
 single: directory; walking
 single: directory; traversal

```

This behaves exactly like :func:`walk`, except that it yields a 4-tuple ``(dirpath, dirnames, filenames, dirfd)``, and it supports ``dir\_fd``.

\*dirpath\*, \*dirnames\* and \*filenames\* are identical to :func:`walk` output, and \*dirfd\* is a file descriptor referring to the directory \*dirpath\*.

This function always supports :ref:`paths relative to directory descriptors <dir\_fd>` and :ref:`not following symlinks <follow\_symlinks>`. Note however that, unlike other functions, the :func:`fwalk` default value for \*follow\_symlinks\* is ``False``.

```
.. note::
```

Since :func:`fwalk` yields file descriptors, those are only valid until the next iteration step, so you should duplicate them (e.g. with :func:`dup`) if you want to keep them longer.

This example displays the number of bytes taken by non-directory files in each directory under the starting directory, except that it doesn't look under any CVS subdirectory::

```

import os
for root, dirs, files, rootfd in os.fwalk('python/Lib/email'):
 print(root, "consumes", end="")
 print(sum([os.stat(name, dir_fd=rootfd).st_size for name in files]),
 end="")
 print("bytes in", len(files), "non-directory files")
 if 'CVS' in dirs:
 dirs.remove('CVS') # don't visit CVS directories

```

In the next example, walking the tree bottom-up is essential:

:func:`rmdir` doesn't allow deleting a directory before the directory is empty::

```

Delete everything reachable from the directory named in "top",
assuming there are no symbolic links.
CAUTION: This is dangerous! For example, if top == '/', it
could delete all your disk files.
import os
for root, dirs, files, rootfd in os.fwalk(top, topdown=False):
 for name in files:
 os.unlink(name, dir_fd=rootfd)
 for name in dirs:
 os.rmdir(name, dir_fd=rootfd)

```

```
.. audit-event:: os.fwalk top,topdown,onerror,follow_symlinks,dir_fd os.fwalk
```

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

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.7
 Added support for :class:`bytes` paths.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-**

main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3289)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: memfd_create(name[, flags=os.MFD_CLOEXEC])
```

Create an anonymous file and return a file descriptor that refers to it. \*flags\* must be one of the ``os.MFD\*`` constants available on the system (or a bitwise ORed combination of them). By default, the new file descriptor is :ref:`non-inheritable <fd\_inheritance>`.

The name supplied in \*name\* is used as a filename and will be displayed as the target of the corresponding symbolic link in the directory ``/proc/self/fd/``. The displayed name is always prefixed with ``memfd:`` and serves only for debugging purposes. Names do not affect the behavior of the file descriptor, and as such multiple files can have the same name without any side effects.

.. availability:: Linux 3.17 or newer with glibc 2.27 or newer.

.. versionadded:: 3.8

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: MFD_CLOEXEC
 MFD_ALLOW_SEALING
 MFD_HUGETLB
 MFD_HUGE_SHIFT
 MFD_HUGE_MASK
 MFD_HUGE_64KB
 MFD_HUGE_512KB
 MFD_HUGE_1MB
 MFD_HUGE_2MB
 MFD_HUGE_8MB
 MFD_HUGE_16MB
 MFD_HUGE_32MB
 MFD_HUGE_256MB
 MFD_HUGE_512MB
 MFD_HUGE_1GB
 MFD_HUGE_2GB
 MFD_HUGE_16GB
```

These flags can be passed to :func:`memfd\_create`.

.. availability:: Linux 3.17 or newer with glibc 2.27 or newer. The ``MFD\_HUGE\*`` flags are only available since Linux 4.14.

.. versionadded:: 3.8

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: eventfd(initval[, flags=os.EFD_CLOEXEC])
```

Create and return an event file descriptor. The file descriptors supports raw :func:`read` and :func:`write` with a buffer size of 8, :func:`~select.select`, :func:`~select.poll` and similar. See man page :manpage:`eventfd(2)` for more information. By default, the new file descriptor is :ref:`non-inheritable <fd\_inheritance>`.

\*initval\* is the initial value of the event counter. The initial value must be an 32 bit unsigned integer. Please note that the initial value is limited to a 32 bit unsigned int although the event counter is an unsigned 64 bit integer with a maximum value of 2<sup>64</sup> - 2.

\*flags\* can be constructed from :const:`EFD\_CLOEXEC`, :const:`EFD\_NONBLOCK`, and :const:`EFD\_SEMAPHORE`.

If :const:`EFD\_SEMAPHORE` is specified and the event counter is non-zero, :func:`eventfd\_read` returns 1 and decrements the counter by one.

If :const:`EFD\_SEMAPHORE` is not specified and the event counter is non-zero, :func:`eventfd\_read` returns the current event counter value and resets the counter to zero.

If the event counter is zero and :const:`EFD\_NONBLOCK` is not specified, :func:`eventfd\_read` blocks.

:func:`eventfd\_write` increments the event counter. Write blocks if the write operation would increment the counter to a value larger than 2<sup>64</sup> - 2.

Example::

```
import os

semaphore with start value '1'
fd = os.eventfd(1, os.EFD_SEMAPHORE | os.EFC_CLOEXEC)
try:
 # acquire semaphore
 v = os.eventfd_read(fd)
 try:
 do_work()
 finally:
 # release semaphore
 os.eventfd_write(fd, v)
finally:
 os.close(fd)

.. availability:: Linux 2.6.27 or newer with glibc 2.8 or newer.

.. versionadded:: 3.10
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3385)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: eventfd_read(fd)

Read value from an :func:`eventfd` file descriptor and return a 64 bit
unsigned int. The function does not verify that *fd* is an :func:`eventfd`.

.. availability:: See :func:`eventfd`

.. versionadded:: 3.10
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3394)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: eventfd_write(fd, value)

Add value to an :func:`eventfd` file descriptor. *value* must be a 64 bit
unsigned int. The function does not verify that *fd* is an :func:`eventfd`.

.. availability:: See :func:`eventfd`

.. versionadded:: 3.10
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3403)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EFD_CLOEXEC

Set close-on-exec flag for new :func:`eventfd` file descriptor.

.. availability:: See :func:`eventfd`

.. versionadded:: 3.10
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3411)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EFD_NONBLOCK

Set :const:`O_NONBLOCK` status flag for new :func:`eventfd` file
descriptor.

.. availability:: See :func:`eventfd`

.. versionadded:: 3.10
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3420)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EFD_SEMAPHORE
```

Provide semaphore-like semantics for reads from a :func:`eventfd` file descriptor. On read the internal counter is decremented by one.

```
.. availability:: Linux 2.6.30 or newer with glibc 2.8 or newer.
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.10
```

## Linux extended attributes

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3433)**

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

These functions are all available on Linux only.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3437)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getxattr(path, attribute, *, follow_symlinks=True)
```

Return the value of the extended filesystem attribute *\*attribute\** for *\*path\**. *\*attribute\** can be bytes or str (directly or indirectly through the :class:`PathLike` interface). If it is str, it is encoded with the filesystem encoding.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path\_fd>` and :ref:`not following symlinks <follow\_symlinks>`.

```
.. audit-event:: os.getxattr path,attribute os.getxattr
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for *path* and *attribute*.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3453)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: listxattr(path=None, *, follow_symlinks=True)
```

Return a list of the extended filesystem attributes on *\*path\**. The attributes in the list are represented as strings decoded with the filesystem encoding. If *\*path\** is ``None``, :func:`listxattr` will examine the current directory.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path\_fd>` and :ref:`not following symlinks <follow\_symlinks>`.

```
.. audit-event:: os.listxattr path os.listxattr
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3469)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: removexattr(path, attribute, *, follow_symlinks=True)
```

Removes the extended filesystem attribute *\*attribute\** from *\*path\**. *\*attribute\** should be bytes or str (directly or indirectly through the :class:`PathLike` interface). If it is a string, it is encoded with the :term:`filesystem encoding and error handler`.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path\_fd>` and :ref:`not following symlinks <follow\_symlinks>`.

.. audit-event:: os.removexattr path,attribute os.removexattr

.. versionchanged:: 3.6  
Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for \*path\* and \*attribute\*.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3485)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: setxattr(path, attribute, value, flags=0, \*, follow\_symlinks=True)

Set the extended filesystem attribute \*attribute\* on \*path\* to \*value\*. \*attribute\* must be a bytes or str with no embedded NULs (directly or indirectly through the :class:`PathLike` interface). If it is a str, it is encoded with the :term:`filesystem encoding and error handler`. \*flags\* may be :data:`XATTR\_REPLACE` or :data:`XATTR\_CREATE`. If :data:`XATTR\_REPLACE` is given and the attribute does not exist, ``ENODATA`` will be raised. If :data:`XATTR\_CREATE` is given and the attribute already exists, the attribute will not be created and ``EEXISTS`` will be raised.

This function can support :ref:`specifying a file descriptor <path\_fd>` and :ref:`not following symlinks <follow\_symlinks>`.

.. note::

A bug in Linux kernel versions less than 2.6.39 caused the flags argument to be ignored on some filesystems.

.. audit-event:: os.setxattr path,attribute,value,flags os.setxattr

.. versionchanged:: 3.6  
Accepts a :term:`path-like object` for \*path\* and \*attribute\*.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3510)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: XATTR\_SIZE\_MAX

The maximum size the value of an extended attribute can be. Currently, this is 64 KiB on Linux.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3516)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: XATTR\_CREATE

This is a possible value for the flags argument in :func:`setxattr`. It indicates the operation must create an attribute.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3522)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: XATTR\_REPLACE

This is a possible value for the flags argument in :func:`setxattr`. It indicates the operation must replace an existing attribute.

## Process Management

These functions may be used to create and manage processes.

The various :func:`exec\*` <exec> functions take a list of arguments for the new program loaded into the process. In each case, the



first of these arguments is passed to the new program as its own name rather than as an argument a user may have typed on a command line. For the C programmer, this is the `argv[0]` passed to a program's `c:func:main`. For example, `os.execv('/bin/echo', ['foo', 'bar'])` will only print `bar` on standard output; `foo` will seem to be ignored.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3535); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3535); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3544)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: abort()
```

Generate a `:const:`SIGABRT`` signal to the current process. On Unix, the default behavior is to produce a core dump; on Windows, the process immediately returns an exit code of ``3``. Be aware that calling this function will not call the Python signal handler registered for `:const:`SIGABRT`` with `:func:`signal.signal``.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3553)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: add_dll_directory(path)
```

Add a path to the DLL search path.

This search path is used when resolving dependencies for imported extension modules (the module itself is resolved through `sys.path`), and also by `:mod:`ctypes``.

Remove the directory by calling `**close()` on the returned object or using it in a `:keyword:`with`` statement.

See the `Microsoft documentation <https://msdn.microsoft.com/44228cf2-6306-466c-8f16-f513cd3ba8b5>`\_ for more information about how DLLs are loaded.

```
.. audit-event:: os.add_dll_directory path os.add_dll_directory
```

```
.. availability:: Windows.
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.8
```

Previous versions of CPython would resolve DLLs using the default behavior for the current process. This led to inconsistencies, such as only sometimes searching `:envvar:`PATH`` or the current working directory, and OS functions such as ``AddDllDirectory`` having no effect.

In 3.8, the two primary ways DLLs are loaded now explicitly override the process-wide behavior to ensure consistency. See the `:ref:`porting notes <bpo-36085-whatsnew>`` for information on updating libraries.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3585)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: execl(path, arg0, arg1, ...)
 execl(path, arg0, arg1, ..., env)
 execlp(file, arg0, arg1, ...)
 execlpe(file, arg0, arg1, ..., env)
 execv(path, args)
 execve(path, args, env)
 execvp(file, args)
 execvpe(file, args, env)
```

These functions all execute a new program, replacing the current process; they do not return. On Unix, the new executable is loaded into the current process,

and will have the same process id as the caller. Errors will be reported as :exc:`OSError` exceptions.

The current process is replaced immediately. Open file objects and descriptors are not flushed, so if there may be data buffered on these open files, you should flush them using :func:`sys.stdout.flush` or :func:`os.fsync` before calling an :func:`exec`\* <execl>\* function.

The "l" and "v" variants of the :func:`exec`\* <execl>\* functions differ in how command-line arguments are passed. The "l" variants are perhaps the easiest to work with if the number of parameters is fixed when the code is written; the individual parameters simply become additional parameters to the :func:`execl`\* functions. The "v" variants are good when the number of parameters is variable, with the arguments being passed in a list or tuple as the \*args\* parameter. In either case, the arguments to the child process should start with the name of the command being run, but this is not enforced.

The variants which include a "p" near the end (:func:`execlp`, :func:`execlpe`, :func:`execvp`, and :func:`execvpe`) will use the :envvar:`PATH` environment variable to locate the program \*file\*. When the environment is being replaced (using one of the :func:`exec`\*e <execl>\* variants, discussed in the next paragraph), the new environment is used as the source of the :envvar:`PATH` variable. The other variants, :func:`execl`, :func:`execl`, :func:`execv`, and :func:`execve`, will not use the :envvar:`PATH` variable to locate the executable; \*path\* must contain an appropriate absolute or relative path.

For :func:`execl`, :func:`execlpe`, :func:`execve`, and :func:`execvpe` (note that these all end in "e"), the \*env\* parameter must be a mapping which is used to define the environment variables for the new process (these are used instead of the current process' environment); the functions :func:`execl`, :func:`execlp`, :func:`execv`, and :func:`execvp` all cause the new process to inherit the environment of the current process.

For :func:`execve` on some platforms, \*path\* may also be specified as an open file descriptor. This functionality may not be supported on your platform; you can check whether or not it is available using :data:`os.supports\_fd`. If it is unavailable, using it will raise a :exc:`NotImplementedError`.

```
.. audit-event:: os.exec path,args,env os.execl

.. availability:: Unix, Windows.

.. versionadded:: 3.3
 Added support for specifying *path* as an open file descriptor
 for :func:`execve`.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
 Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: _exit(n)

Exit the process with status *n*, without calling cleanup handlers, flushing
stdio buffers, etc.

.. note::

The standard way to exit is ``sys.exit(n)``. :func:`_exit` should
normally only be used in the child process after a :func:`fork`.
```

The following exit codes are defined and can be used with :func:`\_exit`, although they are not required. These are typically used for system programs written in Python, such as a mail server's external command delivery program

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

#### Note

Some of these may not be available on all Unix platforms, since there is some variation. These constants are defined where they are defined by the underlying platform.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3668)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EX_OK
```

Exit code that means no error occurred. May be taken from the defined value of ``EXIT\_SUCCESS`` on some platforms. Generally has a value of zero.

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3676)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EX_USAGE
```

Exit code that means the command was used incorrectly, such as when the wrong number of arguments are given.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3684)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EX_DATAERR
```

Exit code that means the input data was incorrect.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3691)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EX_NOINPUT
```

Exit code that means an input file did not exist or was not readable.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3698)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EX_NOUSER
```

Exit code that means a specified user did not exist.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3705)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EX_NOHOST
```

Exit code that means a specified host did not exist.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3712)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: EX_UNAVAILABLE
```

Exit code that means that a required service is unavailable.

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3719)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_SOFTWARE

Exit code that means an internal software error was detected.

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3726)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_OSERR

Exit code that means an operating system error was detected, such as the inability to fork or create a pipe.

.. availability:: Unix.

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Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_OSFILE

Exit code that means some system file did not exist, could not be opened, or had some other kind of error.

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3742)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_CANTCREAT

Exit code that means a user specified output file could not be created.

.. availability:: Unix.

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Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_IOERR

Exit code that means that an error occurred while doing I/O on some file.

.. availability:: Unix.

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Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_TEMPFAIL

Exit code that means a temporary failure occurred. This indicates something that may not really be an error, such as a network connection that couldn't be

made during a retryable operation.

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3765)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_PROTOCOL

Exit code that means that a protocol exchange was illegal, invalid, or not understood.

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3773)**

Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_NOPERM

Exit code that means that there were insufficient permissions to perform the operation (but not intended for file system problems).

.. availability:: Unix.

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Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_CONFIG

Exit code that means that some kind of configuration error occurred.

.. availability:: Unix.

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Unknown directive type "data".

.. data:: EX\_NOTFOUND

Exit code that means something like "an entry was not found".

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 3795)**

Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: fork()

Fork a child process. Return ``0`` in the child and the child's process id in the parent. If an error occurs :exc:`OSError` is raised.

Note that some platforms including FreeBSD <= 6.3 and Cygwin have known issues when using ``fork()`` from a thread.

.. audit-event:: os.fork "" os.fork

.. versionchanged:: 3.8

Calling ``fork()`` in a subinterpreter is no longer supported (:exc:`RuntimeError` is raised).

.. warning::

See :mod:`ssl` for applications that use the SSL module with fork().

.. availability:: Unix.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3816)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: forkpty()

 Fork a child process, using a new pseudo-terminal as the child's controlling
 terminal. Return a pair of ``(pid, fd)`, where *pid* is ``0`` in the child, the
 new child's process id in the parent, and *fd* is the file descriptor of the
 master end of the pseudo-terminal. For a more portable approach, use the
 :mod:`pty` module. If an error occurs :exc:`OSError` is raised.

.. audit-event:: os.forkpty "" os.forkpty

.. versionchanged:: 3.8
 Calling ``forkpty()`` in a subinterpreter is no longer supported
 (:exc:`RuntimeError` is raised).

.. availability:: some flavors of Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3833)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: kill(pid, sig)

.. index::
 single: process; killing
 single: process; signalling

 Send signal *sig* to the process *pid*. Constants for the specific signals
 available on the host platform are defined in the :mod:`signal` module.

 Windows: The :data:`signal.CTRL_C_EVENT` and
 :data:`signal.CTRL_BREAK_EVENT` signals are special signals which can
 only be sent to console processes which share a common console window,
 e.g., some subprocesses. Any other value for *sig* will cause the process
 to be unconditionally killed by the TerminateProcess API, and the exit code
 will be set to *sig*. The Windows version of :func:`kill` additionally takes
 process handles to be killed.

 See also :func:`signal.thread_kill`.

.. audit-event:: os.kill pid,sig os.kill

.. versionadded:: 3.2
 Windows support.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3858)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: killpg(pgid, sig)

.. index::
 single: process; killing
 single: process; signalling

 Send the signal *sig* to the process group *pgid*.

.. audit-event:: os.killpg pgid,sig os.killpg

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 3871)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: nice(increment)

 Add *increment* to the process's "niceness". Return the new niceness.
```

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

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: pidfd_open(pid, flags=0)
```

Return a file descriptor referring to the process *\*pid\**. This descriptor can be used to perform process management without races and signals. The *\*flags\** argument is provided for future extensions; no flag values are currently defined.

See the `:manpage:pidfd_open(2)` man page for more details.

```
.. availability:: Linux 5.3+
.. versionadded:: 3.9
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: plock(op)
```

Lock program segments into memory. The value of *\*op\** (defined in `<sys/lock.h>`) determines which segments are locked.

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

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: popen(cmd, mode='r', buffering=-1)
```

Open a pipe to or from command *\*cmd\**. The return value is an open file object connected to the pipe, which can be read or written depending on whether *\*mode\** is `'r'` (default) or `'w'`. The *\*buffering\** argument has the same meaning as the corresponding argument to the built-in `func:open` function. The returned file object reads or writes text strings rather than bytes.

The `close` method returns `const:None` if the subprocess exited successfully, or the subprocess's return code if there was an error. On POSIX systems, if the return code is positive it represents the return value of the process left-shifted by one byte. If the return code is negative, the process was terminated by the signal given by the negated value of the return code. (For example, the return value might be `- signal.SIGKILL` if the subprocess was killed.) On Windows systems, the return value contains the signed integer return code from the child process.

On Unix, `func:waitstatus_to_exitcode` can be used to convert the `close` method result (exit status) into an exit code if it is not `None`. On Windows, the `close` method result is directly the exit code (or `None`).

This is implemented using `class:subprocess.Popen`; see that class's documentation for more powerful ways to manage and communicate with subprocesses.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: posix_spawn(path, argv, env, *, file_actions=None, \
 setpgroup=None, resetids=False, setsid=False, setsigmask=(), \
 setsigdef=(), scheduler=None)
```

Wraps the `func:posix_spawn` C library API for use from Python.

Most users should use `func:subprocess.run` instead of `func:posix_spawn`.

The positional-only arguments `*path*`, `*args*`, and `*env*` are similar to `:func:`execve``.

The `*path*` parameter is the path to the executable file. The `*path*` should contain a directory. Use `:func:`posix_spawn`` to pass an executable file without directory.

The `*file_actions*` argument may be a sequence of tuples describing actions to take on specific file descriptors in the child process between the C library implementation's `:c:func:`fork`` and `:c:func:`exec`` steps. The first item in each tuple must be one of the three type indicator listed below describing the remaining tuple elements:

```
.. data:: POSIX_SPAWN_OPEN

 (`os.POSIX_SPAWN_OPEN`, *fd*, *path*, *flags*, *mode*)

 Performs ``os.dup2(os.open(path, flags, mode), fd)``.

.. data:: POSIX_SPAWN_CLOSE

 (`os.POSIX_SPAWN_CLOSE`, *fd*)

 Performs ``os.close(fd)``.

.. data:: POSIX_SPAWN_DUP2

 (`os.POSIX_SPAWN_DUP2`, *fd*, *new_fd*)

 Performs ``os.dup2(fd, new_fd)``.
```

These tuples correspond to the C library `:c:func:`posix_spawn_file_actions_addopen``, `:c:func:`posix_spawn_file_actions_addclose``, and `:c:func:`posix_spawn_file_actions_adddup2`` API calls used to prepare for the `:c:func:`posix_spawn`` call itself.

The `*setpgroup*` argument will set the process group of the child to the value specified. If the value specified is 0, the child's process group ID will be made the same as its process ID. If the value of `*setpgroup*` is not set, the child will inherit the parent's process group ID. This argument corresponds to the C library `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_SETPGROUP`` flag.

If the `*resetids*` argument is ```True``` it will reset the effective UID and GID of the child to the real UID and GID of the parent process. If the argument is ```False```, then the child retains the effective UID and GID of the parent. In either case, if the set-user-ID and set-group-ID permission bits are enabled on the executable file, their effect will override the setting of the effective UID and GID. This argument corresponds to the C library `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_RESETIDS`` flag.

If the `*setsid*` argument is ```True```, it will create a new session ID for ``posix_spawn``. `*setsid*` requires `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_SETSID`` or `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_SETSID_NP`` flag. Otherwise, `:exc:`NotImplementedError`` is raised.

The `*setsigmask*` argument will set the signal mask to the signal set specified. If the parameter is not used, then the child inherits the parent's signal mask. This argument corresponds to the C library `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_SETSIGMASK`` flag.

The `*sigdef*` argument will reset the disposition of all signals in the set specified. This argument corresponds to the C library `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_SETSIGDEF`` flag.

The `*scheduler*` argument must be a tuple containing the (optional) scheduler policy and an instance of `:class:`sched_param`` with the scheduler parameters. A value of ```None``` in the place of the scheduler policy indicates that is not being provided. This argument is a combination of the C library `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_SETSCHEDPARAM`` and `:c:data:`POSIX_SPAWN_SETSCHEDULER`` flags.

```
.. audit-event:: os.posix_spawn path,argv,env os.posix_spawn

.. versionadded:: 3.8

.. availability:: Unix.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: posix_spawn(path, argv, env, *, file_actions=None, \
 setpgroup=None, resetids=False, setsid=False, setsigmask=(), \
 setsigdef=(), scheduler=None)
```



```
Similar to :func:`posix_spawn` except that the system searches
for the *executable* file in the list of directories specified by the
:envvar:`PATH` environment variable (in the same way as for ``execvp(3)``).
```

```
.. audit-event:: os.posix_spawn path,argv,env os.posix_spawnp

.. versionadded:: 3.8

.. availability:: See :func:`posix_spawn` documentation.
```

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. availability:: Unix.
.. versionadded:: 3.7
```

Unknown directive type "function".

The "l" and "v" variants of the `:func:\spawn\* <spawnl>` functions differ in how command-line arguments are passed. The "l" variants are perhaps the easiest to work with if the number of parameters is fixed when the code is written; the individual parameters simply become additional parameters to the

:func:`spawnl` functions. The "v" variants are good when the number of parameters is variable, with the arguments being passed in a list or tuple as the \*args\* parameter. In either case, the arguments to the child process must start with the name of the command being run.

The variants which include a second "p" near the end (:func:`spawnlp`, :func:`spawnlpe`, :func:`spawnvp`, and :func:`spawnvpe`) will use the :envvar:`PATH` environment variable to locate the program \*file\*. When the environment is being replaced (using one of the :func:`spawn`\*e\* <spawnl> variants, discussed in the next paragraph), the new environment is used as the source of the :envvar:`PATH` variable. The other variants, :func:`spawnl`, :func:`spawnle`, :func:`spawnv`, and :func:`spawnve`, will not use the :envvar:`PATH` variable to locate the executable; \*path\* must contain an appropriate absolute or relative path.

For :func:`spawnle`, :func:`spawnlpe`, :func:`spawnve`, and :func:`spawnvpe` (note that these all end in "e"), the \*env\* parameter must be a mapping which is used to define the environment variables for the new process (they are used instead of the current process' environment); the functions :func:`spawnl`, :func:`spawnlp`, :func:`spawnv`, and :func:`spawnvp` all cause the new process to inherit the environment of the current process. Note that keys and values in the \*env\* dictionary must be strings; invalid keys or values will cause the function to fail, with a return value of ``127``.

As an example, the following calls to :func:`spawnlp` and :func:`spawnvpe` are equivalent::

```
import os
os.spawnlp(os.P_WAIT, 'cp', 'cp', 'index.html', '/dev/null')

L = ['cp', 'index.html', '/dev/null']
os.spawnvpe(os.P_WAIT, 'cp', L, os.environ)

.. audit-event:: os.spawn mode,path,args,env os.spawnl

.. availability:: Unix, Windows. :func:`spawnlp`, :func:`spawnlpe`, :func:`spawnvp`
and :func:`spawnvpe` are not available on Windows. :func:`spawnle` and
:func:`spawnve` are not thread-safe on Windows; we advise you to use the
:mod:`subprocess` module instead.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6
Accepts a :term:`path-like object`.
```

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: P_NOWAIT
P_NOWAITO
```

Possible values for the \*mode\* parameter to the :func:`spawn`\* <spawnl> family of functions. If either of these values is given, the :func:`spawn`\* functions will return as soon as the new process has been created, with the process id as the return value.

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: P_WAIT
```

Possible value for the \*mode\* parameter to the :func:`spawn`\* <spawnl> family of functions. If this is given as \*mode\*, the :func:`spawn`\* functions will not return until the new process has run to completion and will return the exit code of the process the run is successful, or ``-signal`` if a signal kills the process.

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: P_DETACH
P_OVERLAY
```

Possible values for the `*mode*` parameter to the `:func:`spawn`` <spawnl> family of functions. These are less portable than those listed above. `:const:`P_DETACH`` is similar to `:const:`P_NOWAIT``, but the new process is detached from the console of the calling process. If `:const:`P_OVERLAY`` is used, the current process will be replaced; the `:func:`spawn`` <spawnl> function will not return.

.. availability:: Windows.

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Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: startfile(path, [operation], [arguments], [cwd], [show\_cmd])

Start a file with its associated application.

When `*operation*` is not specified or ```'open'```, this acts like double-clicking the file in Windows Explorer, or giving the file name as an argument to the `:program:`start`` command from the interactive command shell: the file is opened with whatever application (if any) its extension is associated.

When another `*operation*` is given, it must be a "command verb" that specifies what should be done with the file. Common verbs documented by Microsoft are ```'print'``` and ```'edit'``` (to be used on files) as well as ```'explore'``` and ```'find'``` (to be used on directories).

When launching an application, specify `*arguments*` to be passed as a single string. This argument may have no effect when using this function to launch a document.

The default working directory is inherited, but may be overridden by the `*cwd*` argument. This should be an absolute path. A relative `*path*` will be resolved against this argument.

Use `*show_cmd*` to override the default window style. Whether this has any effect will depend on the application being launched. Values are integers as supported by the Win32 `:c:func:`ShellExecute`` function.

`:func:`startfile`` returns as soon as the associated application is launched. There is no option to wait for the application to close, and no way to retrieve the application's exit status. The `*path*` parameter is relative to the current directory or `*cwd*`. If you want to use an absolute path, make sure the first character is not a slash (```'/'```) Use `:mod:`pathlib`` or the `:func:`os.path.normpath`` function to ensure that paths are properly encoded for Win32.

To reduce interpreter startup overhead, the Win32 `:c:func:`ShellExecute`` function is not resolved until this function is first called. If the function cannot be resolved, `:exc:`NotImplementedError`` will be raised.

.. audit-event:: os.startfile path,operation os.startfile

.. audit-event:: os.startfile/2 path,operation,arguments,cwd,show\_cmd os.startfile

.. availability:: Windows.

.. versionchanged:: 3.10

Added the `*arguments*`, `*cwd*` and `*show_cmd*` arguments, and the ```os.startfile/2``` audit event.

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Unknown directive type "function".

.. function:: system(command)

Execute the command (a string) in a subshell. This is implemented by calling the Standard C function `:c:func:`system``, and has the same limitations. Changes to `:data:`sys.stdin``, etc. are not reflected in the environment of the executed command. If `*command*` generates any output, it will be sent to the interpreter standard output stream. The C standard does not specify the meaning of the return value of the C function, so the return value of the Python function is system-dependent.

On Unix, the return value is the exit status of the process encoded in the format specified for `:func:`wait``.

On Windows, the return value is that returned by the system shell after running `*command*`. The shell is given by the Windows environment variable `:envvar:`COMSPEC``: it is usually `:program:`cmd.exe``, which returns the exit

status of the command run; on systems using a non-native shell, consult your shell documentation.

The `:mod:`subprocess`` module provides more powerful facilities for spawning new processes and retrieving their results; using that module is preferable to using this function. See the `:ref:`subprocess-replacements`` section in the `:mod:`subprocess`` documentation for some helpful recipes.

On Unix, `:func:`waitstatus_to_exitcode`` can be used to convert the result (exit status) into an exit code. On Windows, the result is directly the exit code.

```
.. audit-event:: os.system command os.system
```

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4253)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: times()
```

Returns the current global process times.  
The return value is an object with five attributes:

- \* `:attr:`!user`` - user time
- \* `:attr:`!system`` - system time
- \* `:attr:`!children_user`` - user time of all child processes
- \* `:attr:`!children_system`` - system time of all child processes
- \* `:attr:`!elapsed`` - elapsed real time since a fixed point in the past

For backwards compatibility, this object also behaves like a five-tuple containing `:attr:`!user``, `:attr:`!system``, `:attr:`!children_user``, `:attr:`!children_system``, and `:attr:`!elapsed`` in that order.

See the Unix manual page

`:manpage:`times(2)`` and `:manpage:`times(3)`` manual page on Unix or ``the GetProcessTimes MSDN` <https://docs.microsoft.com/windows/win32/api/processthreadsapi/nf-processthreadsapi-getprocesstime> on Windows. On Windows, only `:attr:`!user`` and `:attr:`!system`` are known; the other attributes are

```
.. availability:: Unix, Windows.
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.3
```

Return type changed from a tuple to a tuple-like object with named attributes.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4280)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: wait()
```

Wait for completion of a child process, and return a tuple containing its pid and exit status indication: a 16-bit number, whose low byte is the signal number that killed the process, and whose high byte is the exit status (if the signal number is zero); the high bit of the low byte is set if a core file was produced.

`:func:`waitstatus_to_exitcode`` can be used to convert the exit status into an exit code.

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

```
.. seealso::
```

`:func:`waitpid`` can be used to wait for the completion of a specific child process and has more options.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4298)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: waitid(idtype, id, options)
```

Wait for the completion of one or more child processes.

\*`idtype`\* can be `:data:`P_PID``, `:data:`P_PGID``, `:data:`P_ALL``, or `:data:`P_PIDFD`` on Linux.

\*`id`\* specifies the pid to wait on.

`*options*` is constructed from the ORing of one or more of `:data:`WEXITED``, `:data:`WSTOPPED`` or `:data:`WCONTINUED`` and additionally may be ORed with `:data:`WNOHANG`` or `:data:`WNOWAIT``. The return value is an object representing the data contained in the `:c:type:`siginfo_t`` structure, namely: `:attr:`si_pid``, `:attr:`si_uid``, `:attr:`si_signo``, `:attr:`si_status``, `:attr:`si_code`` or ```None``` if `:data:`WNOHANG`` is specified and there are no children in a waitable state.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4316)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: P_PID
 P_PGID
 P_ALL
```

These are the possible values for `*idtype*` in `:func:`waitid``. They affect how `*id*` is interpreted.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4327)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: P_PIDFD
```

This is a Linux-specific `*idtype*` that indicates that `*id*` is a file descriptor that refers to a process.

.. availability:: Linux 5.4+

.. versionadded:: 3.9

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4336)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: WEXITED
 WSTOPPED
 WNOWAIT
```

Flags that can be used in `*options*` in `:func:`waitid`` that specify what child signal to wait for.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4348)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: CLD_EXITED
 CLD_KILLED
 CLD_DUMPED
 CLD_TRAPPED
 CLD_STOPPED
 CLD_CONTINUED
```

These are the possible values for `:attr:`si_code`` in the result returned by `:func:`waitid``.

.. availability:: Unix.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

.. versionchanged:: 3.9

Added `:data:`CLD_KILLED`` and `:data:`CLD_STOPPED`` values.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4366)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: waitpid(pid, options)
```

The details of this function differ on Unix and Windows.

On Unix: Wait for completion of a child process given by process id *\*pid\**, and return a tuple containing its process id and exit status indication (encoded as for `:func:`wait``). The semantics of the call are affected by the value of the integer *\*options\**, which should be `0` for normal operation.

If *\*pid\** is greater than `0`, `:func:`waitpid`` requests status information for that specific process. If *\*pid\** is `0`, the request is for the status of any child in the process group of the current process. If *\*pid\** is `-1`, the request pertains to any child of the current process. If *\*pid\** is less than `-1`, status is requested for any process in the process group `-pid` (the absolute value of *\*pid\**).

An `:exc:`OSError`` is raised with the value of `errno` when the syscall returns `-1`.

On Windows: Wait for completion of a process given by process handle *\*pid\**, and return a tuple containing *\*pid\**, and its exit status shifted left by 8 bits (shifting makes cross-platform use of the function easier). A *\*pid\** less than or equal to `0` has no special meaning on Windows, and raises an exception. The value of integer *\*options\** has no effect. *\*pid\** can refer to any process whose id is known, not necessarily a child process. The `:func:`spawn`` <spawnl> functions called with `:const:`P_NOWAIT`` return suitable process handles.

`:func:`waitstatus_to_exitcode`` can be used to convert the exit status into an exit code.

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

If the system call is interrupted and the signal handler does not raise an exception, the function now retries the system call instead of raising an `:exc:`InterruptedError`` exception (see `:pep:`475`` for the rationale).

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4402)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: wait3(options)
```

Similar to `:func:`waitpid``, except no process id argument is given and a 3-element tuple containing the child's process id, exit status indication, and resource usage information is returned. Refer to `:mod:`resource``.\ `:func:`~resource.getrusage`` for details on resource usage information. The option argument is the same as that provided to `:func:`waitpid`` and `:func:`wait4``.

`:func:`waitstatus_to_exitcode`` can be used to convert the exit status into an exitcode.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4417)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: wait4(pid, options)
```

Similar to `:func:`waitpid``, except a 3-element tuple, containing the child's process id, exit status indication, and resource usage information is returned. Refer to `:mod:`resource``.\ `:func:`~resource.getrusage`` for details on resource usage information. The arguments to `:func:`wait4`` are the same as those provided to `:func:`waitpid``.

`:func:`waitstatus_to_exitcode`` can be used to convert the exit status into an exitcode.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4431)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: waitstatus_to_exitcode(status)

 Convert a wait status to an exit code.

 On Unix:

 * If the process exited normally (if ``WIFEXITED(status)`` is true),
 return the process exit status (return ``WEXITSTATUS(status)``):
 result greater than or equal to 0.
 * If the process was terminated by a signal (if ``WIFSIGNALED(status)`` is
 true), return ``-signal`` where *signal* is the number of the signal that
 caused the process to terminate (return ``WTERMSIG(status)``):
 result less than 0.
 * Otherwise, raise a :exc:`ValueError`.

 On Windows, return *status* shifted right by 8 bits.

 On Unix, if the process is being traced or if :func:`waitpid` was called
 with :data:`WUNTRACED` option, the caller must first check if
 ``WIFSTOPPED(status)`` is true. This function must not be called if
 ``WIFSTOPPED(status)`` is true.

 .. seealso::

 :func:`WIFEXITED`, :func:`WEXITSTATUS`, :func:`WIFSIGNALED`,
 :func:`WTERMSIG`, :func:`WIFSTOPPED`, :func:`WSTOPSIG` functions.

 .. versionadded:: 3.9
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4461)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: WNOHANG

 The option for :func:`waitpid` to return immediately if no child process status
 is available immediately. The function returns ``(0, 0)`` in this case.

 .. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4469)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: WCONTINUED

 This option causes child processes to be reported if they have been continued
 from a job control stop since their status was last reported.

 .. availability:: some Unix systems.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4477)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: WUNTRACED

 This option causes child processes to be reported if they have been stopped but
 their current state has not been reported since they were stopped.

 .. availability:: Unix.
```

The following functions take a process status code as returned by :func:`system`, :func:`wait`, or :func:`waitpid` as a parameter. They may be used to determine the disposition of a process.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4485); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4485); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4489)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: WCOREDUMP(status)

Return ``True`` if a core dump was generated for the process, otherwise
return ``False``.

This function should be employed only if :func:`WIFSIGNALED` is true.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4499)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: WIFCONTINUED(status)

Return ``True`` if a stopped child has been resumed by delivery of
:data:`~signal.SIGCONT` (if the process has been continued from a job
control stop), otherwise return ``False``.

See :data:`WCONTINUED` option.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4510)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: WIFSTOPPED(status)

Return ``True`` if the process was stopped by delivery of a signal,
otherwise return ``False``.

:func:`WIFSTOPPED` only returns ``True`` if the :func:`waitpid` call was
done using :data:`WUNTRACED` option or when the process is being traced (see
:manpage:`ptrace(2)`).

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4521)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: WIFSIGNALED(status)

Return ``True`` if the process was terminated by a signal, otherwise return
``False``.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4529)**

Unknown directive type "function".



```
.. function:: WIFEXITED(status)

Return ``True`` if the process exited terminated normally, that is,
by calling ``exit()`` or ``_exit()`` or by returning from ``main()``;
otherwise return ``False``.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4538)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: WEXITSTATUS(status)

Return the process exit status.

This function should be employed only if :func:`WIFEXITED` is true.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4547)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: WSTOPSIG(status)

Return the signal which caused the process to stop.

This function should be employed only if :func:`WIFSTOPPED` is true.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4556)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: WTERMSIG(status)

Return the number of the signal that caused the process to terminate.

This function should be employed only if :func:`WIFSIGNALED` is true.

.. availability:: Unix.
```

## Interface to the scheduler

These functions control how a process is allocated CPU time by the operating system. They are only available on some Unix platforms. For more detailed information, consult your Unix manpages.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4572)**

Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

The following scheduling policies are exposed if they are supported by the operating system

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4577)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SCHED_OTHER

The default scheduling policy.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-**

**main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4581)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SCHED_BATCH
```

Scheduling policy for CPU-intensive processes that tries to preserve interactivity on the rest of the computer.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4586)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SCHED_IDLE
```

Scheduling policy for extremely low priority background tasks.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4590)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SCHED_SPORADIC
```

Scheduling policy for sporadic server programs.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4594)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SCHED_FIFO
```

A First In First Out scheduling policy.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4598)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SCHED_RR
```

A round-robin scheduling policy.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4602)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: SCHED_RESET_ON_FORK
```

This flag can be OR'ed with any other scheduling policy. When a process with this flag set forks, its child's scheduling policy and priority are reset to the default.

This class represents tunable scheduling parameters used in `:func:`sched_setparam``, `:func:`sched_setscheduler``, and `:func:`sched_getparam``. It is immutable.

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4611); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4611); [backlink](#)**

Unknown interpreted text role "func".

At the moment, there is only one possible parameter:

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4617)**

Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: sched_priority

 The scheduling priority for a scheduling policy.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4622)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_get_priority_min(policy)

 Get the minimum priority value for *policy*. *policy* is one of the
 scheduling policy constants above.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4628)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_get_priority_max(policy)

 Get the maximum priority value for *policy*. *policy* is one of the
 scheduling policy constants above.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4634)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_setscheduler(pid, policy, param)

 Set the scheduling policy for the process with PID *pid*. A *pid* of 0 means
 the calling process. *policy* is one of the scheduling policy constants
 above. *param* is a :class:`sched_param` instance.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4641)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_getscheduler(pid)

 Return the scheduling policy for the process with PID *pid*. A *pid* of 0
 means the calling process. The result is one of the scheduling policy
 constants above.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4648)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_setparam(pid, param)

 Set the scheduling parameters for the process with PID *pid*. A *pid* of 0
 means the calling process. *param* is a :class:`sched_param` instance.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4654)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_getparam(pid)
```

Return the scheduling parameters as a `:class:`sched_param`` instance for the process with PID `*pid*`. A `*pid*` of 0 means the calling process.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4660)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_rr_get_interval(pid)
```

Return the round-robin quantum in seconds for the process with PID `*pid*`. A `*pid*` of 0 means the calling process.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4666)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_yield()
```

Voluntarily relinquish the CPU.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4671)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_setaffinity(pid, mask)
```

Restrict the process with PID `*pid*` (or the current process if zero) to a set of CPUs. `*mask*` is an iterable of integers representing the set of CPUs to which the process should be restricted.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4678)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sched_getaffinity(pid)
```

Return the set of CPUs the process with PID `*pid*` (or the current process if zero) is restricted to.

## Miscellaneous System Information

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4690)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: confstr(name)
```

Return string-valued system configuration values. `*name*` specifies the configuration value to retrieve; it may be a string which is the name of a defined system value; these names are specified in a number of standards (POSIX, Unix 95, Unix 98, and others). Some platforms define additional names as well. The names known to the host operating system are given as the keys of the ```confstr_names``` dictionary. For configuration variables not included in that mapping, passing an integer for `*name*` is also accepted.

If the configuration value specified by `*name*` isn't defined, ```None``` is returned.

If `*name*` is a string and is not known, `:exc:`ValueError`` is raised. If a specific value for `*name*` is not supported by the host system, even if it is included in ```confstr_names```, an `:exc:`OSError`` is raised with `:const:`errno.EINVAL`` for the error number.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4711)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: confstr_names
```

Dictionary mapping names accepted by :func:`confstr` to the integer values defined for those names by the host operating system. This can be used to determine the set of names known to the system.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4720)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: cpu_count()
```

Return the number of CPUs in the system. Returns ``None`` if undetermined.

This number is not equivalent to the number of CPUs the current process can use. The number of usable CPUs can be obtained with ``len(os.sched\_getaffinity(0))``

```
.. versionadded:: 3.4
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4732)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getloadavg()
```

Return the number of processes in the system run queue averaged over the last 1, 5, and 15 minutes or raises :exc:`OSError` if the load average was unobtainable.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4741)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: sysconf(name)
```

Return integer-valued system configuration values. If the configuration value specified by \*name\* isn't defined, ``-1`` is returned. The comments regarding the \*name\* parameter for :func:`confstr` apply here as well; the dictionary that provides information on the known names is given by ``sysconf\_names``.

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

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4751)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: sysconf_names
```

Dictionary mapping names accepted by :func:`sysconf` to the integer values defined for those names by the host operating system. This can be used to determine the set of names known to the system.

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

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.11
 Add ``SC_MINSIGSTKSZ`` name.
```

The following data values are used to support path manipulation operations. These are defined for all platforms.

Higher-level operations on pathnames are defined in the `mod:`os.path`` module.

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

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Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: single: . (dot); in pathnames
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4769)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: curdir
```

The constant string used by the operating system to refer to the current directory. This is ``'.'`` for Windows and POSIX. Also available via :mod:`os.path`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4776)**

Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: single: ..; in pathnames
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4777)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: pardir
```

The constant string used by the operating system to refer to the parent directory. This is ``'..'`` for Windows and POSIX. Also available via :mod:`os.path`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4784)**

Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: single: / (slash); in pathnames
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4785)**

Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: single: \ (backslash); in pathnames (Windows)
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4786)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: sep
```

The character used by the operating system to separate pathname components. This is ``'/'`` for POSIX and ``'\\'`` for Windows. Note that knowing this is not sufficient to be able to parse or concatenate pathnames --- use :func:`os.path.split` and :func:`os.path.join` --- but it is occasionally useful. Also available via :mod:`os.path`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-**

**main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4795)**

Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: single: / (slash); in pathnames
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4796)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: altsep
```

An alternative character used by the operating system to separate pathname components, or ``None`` if only one separator character exists. This is set to ``'/'`` on Windows systems where ``sep`` is a backslash. Also available via :mod:`os.path`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4804)**

Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: single: . (dot); in pathnames
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4805)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: extsep
```

The character which separates the base filename from the extension; for example, the ``'.'`` in :file:`os.py`. Also available via :mod:`os.path`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4811)**

Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: single: : (colon); path separator (POSIX)
single: ; (semicolon)
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4813)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: pathsep
```

The character conventionally used by the operating system to separate search path components (as in :envvar:`PATH`), such as ``':'`` for POSIX or ``';'`` for Windows. Also available via :mod:`os.path`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4820)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: defpath
```

The default search path used by :func:`exec\\*p\\* <execl>` and :func:`spawn\\*p\\* <spawnl>` if the environment doesn't have a ``'PATH'`` key. Also available via :mod:`os.path`.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library) os.rst, line 4827)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: linesep
```

The string used to separate (or, rather, terminate) lines on the current platform. This may be a single character, such as `'\n'` for POSIX, or multiple characters, for example, `'\r\n'` for Windows. Do not use `*os.linesep*` as a line terminator when writing files opened in text mode (the default); use a single `'\n'` instead, on all platforms.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4836)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: devnull
```

The file path of the null device. For example: `'/dev/null'` for POSIX, `'nul'` for Windows. Also available via `:mod:`os.path``.

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4841)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: RTLD_LAZY
 RTLD_NOW
 RTLD_GLOBAL
 RTLD_LOCAL
 RTLD_NODELETE
 RTLD_NOLOAD
 RTLD_DEEPBIND
```

Flags for use with the `:func:`~sys.setdlopenflags`` and `:func:`~sys.getdlopenflags`` functions. See the Unix manual page `:manpage:`dlopen(3)`` for what the different flags mean.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

## Random numbers

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4860)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: getrandom(size, flags=0)
```

Get up to `*size*` random bytes. The function can return less bytes than requested.

These bytes can be used to seed user-space random number generators or for cryptographic purposes.

`getrandom()` relies on entropy gathered from device drivers and other sources of environmental noise. Unnecessarily reading large quantities of data will have a negative impact on other users of the `dev/random` and `dev/urandom` devices.

The flags argument is a bit mask that can contain zero or more of the following values ORed together: `:py:data:`os.GRND_RANDOM`` and `:py:data:`GRND_NONBLOCK``.

See also the `Linux getrandom() manual page` <http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man2/getrandom.2.html>.

```
.. availability:: Linux 3.17 and newer.
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.6
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4884)**

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: urandom(size)
```

Return a bytestring of `*size*` random bytes suitable for cryptographic use.

This function returns random bytes from an OS-specific randomness source. The returned data should be unpredictable enough for cryptographic applications,



though its exact quality depends on the OS implementation.

On Linux, if the `getrandom()` syscall is available, it is used in blocking mode: block until the system urandom entropy pool is initialized (128 bits of entropy are collected by the kernel). See the :pep:`524` for the rationale. On Linux, the `getrandom` function can be used to get random bytes in non-blocking mode (using the `data:GRND_NONBLOCK` flag) or to poll until the system urandom entropy pool is initialized.

On a Unix-like system, random bytes are read from the `/dev/urandom` device. If the `/dev/urandom` device is not available or not readable, the `exc:NotImplementedError` exception is raised.

On Windows, it will use `BCryptGenRandom()`.

```
.. seealso::
 The :mod:`secrets` module provides higher level functions. For an
 easy-to-use interface to the random number generator provided by your
 platform, please see :class:`random.SystemRandom`.

.. versionchanged:: 3.6.0
 On Linux, getrandom() is now used in blocking mode to increase the
 security.

.. versionchanged:: 3.5.2
 On Linux, if the getrandom() syscall blocks (the urandom entropy pool
 is not initialized yet), fall back on reading /dev/urandom.

.. versionchanged:: 3.5
 On Linux 3.17 and newer, the getrandom() syscall is now used
 when available. On OpenBSD 5.6 and newer, the C getentropy()
 function is now used. These functions avoid the usage of an internal file
 descriptor.

.. versionchanged:: 3.11
 On Windows, BCryptGenRandom() is used instead of CryptGenRandom()
 which is deprecated.
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4928)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: GRND_NONBLOCK
```

By default, when reading from `/dev/random`, `getrandom` blocks if no random bytes are available, and when reading from `/dev/urandom`, it blocks if the entropy pool has not yet been initialized.

If the `py:data:GRND_NONBLOCK` flag is set, then `getrandom` does not block in these cases, but instead immediately raises `exc:BlockingIOError`.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.6
```

**System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\ (cpython-main) (Doc) (library)os.rst, line 4939)**

Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: GRND_RANDOM
```

If this bit is set, then random bytes are drawn from the `/dev/random` pool instead of the `/dev/urandom` pool.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.6
```