Files and directories

Contents

- File system = file data + file attribute
 - File attributes
 - Type, permission, size, time, user/group ID
 - File attributes modification
 - chown, chmod, ...
 - Symbolic link
 - Directories

stat(), fstat(), lstat()

```
#include <sys/stat.h>

int stat(const char *pathname, struct stat *buf);
int fstat(int filedes, struct stat *buf);
int lstat(const char *pathname, struct stat *buf);
All three return: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

- stat
 - Gets information about the named file.
- fstat
 - Gets information about the file that is already open.
- Istat
 - Gets information about the symbolic link itself.
 - If pathname is not a symbolic link, equivalent to stat.

stat(), fstat(), lstat()

Status structure

can differ among implementations

```
struct stat {
	mode_t st_mode; /* file type & mode (permissions) */
	ino_t st_ino; /* i-node number (serial number) */
	dev_t st_dev; /* device number (file system) */
	nlink_t st_nlink; /* number of links */
	uid_t st_uid; /* user ID of owner */
	gid_t st_gid; /* group ID of owner */
	off_t st_size; /* size in bytes, for regular files */
	time_t st_atime; /* time of last access */
	time_t st_mtime; /* time of last modification */
	time_t st_ctime; /* time of last file status change */
};
```

- Format of 'st_mode'
 - Composed of three parts: file type, special bit, and file permission bit.

	type		special	permission	
15	5 1	2	9		0

file type

```
#define S_IFSOCK 0140000
                                  /* socket */
#define S_IFLNK
                                  /* symbolic link */
                  0120000
 #define S_IFREG
                                  /* regular */
                   0100000
#define S_IFBLK
                                  /* block special */
                  0060000
#define S_IFDIR
                   0040000
                                  /* directory */
#define S_IFCHR 0020000
                                  /* character special */
 #define S_IFIFO
                   0010000
                                  /* FIFO */
```

special bits

- #define S_ISUID 0004000 /* set uid on execution */
- #define S_ISGID 0002000 /* set group id on execution */
- #define S_ISVTX 0001000 /* save text(sticky bit) */

Usage of the sticky bit

- -In early time, used to save a running program to swap area for speed up.
 - → Needless because of the virtual memory
- -Currently, it was extended for the following functions
 - In /tmp and /var/spool/uucppublic, all files are readable, writable, and executable by all users.
 - But, the files must not be deleted/renamed by non-owner.
 - Thus, the sticky bit is set in these directories.

permission bits

```
/* read permission: owner */
  #define S_IRUSR 00400
                          /* write permission: owner */
 #define S_IWUSR 00200
 #define S_IXUSR 00100
                           /* execute permission: owner */
                           /* read permission: group */
#define S_IRGRP 00040
 #define S_IWGRP 00020
                           /* write permission: group */
 #define S_IXGRP 00010
                           /* execute permission: group */
  #define S_IROTH 00004
                           /* read permission: other */
 #define S_IWOTH 00002
                           /* write permission: other */
  #define S_IXOTH 00001
                           /* execute permission: other */
```

About file type

- Regular file
 - Contains some form of data.
 - No distinction to UNIX kernel whether the data is text or binary. (Applications interpret the file contents.)
- Directory
 - Contains the <u>names</u> of other files and <u>pointers to</u> <u>information</u> on these files.
- Block special file
 - Provides buffered I/O access in fixed-size units to devices
 - E.g. disk

- About file type(cont.)
 - Character special file
 - Provides unbuffered I/O access in variable-sized units to devices
 - Keyboard, mouse, ...
 - FIFO
 - used for communication between processes.
 - Also called named pipe
 - Socket
 - used for network communication between processes.
 - Symbolic link
 - Points to another file.

File type macros

• Argument of macros is the st_mode from the stat structure.

Macro	Type of file
S_ISREG() S_ISDIR() S_ISCHR() S_ISBLK() S_ISFIFO() S_ISLNK() S_ISSOCK()	regular file directory file character special file block special file pipe or FIFO symbolic link socket

example

```
#include "apue.h"
int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
  int
         i;
  struct stat buf;
  char
          *ptr;
  for (i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
     printf("%s: ", argv[i]);
     if (lstat(argv[i], \&buf) < 0) {
       err_ret("lstat error");
       continue;
```

```
if (S ISREG(buf.st mode))
     ptr = "regular";
   else if (S ISDIR(buf.st mode))
     ptr = "directory";
   else if (S ISCHR(buf.st mode))
     ptr = "character special";
   else if (S ISBLK(buf.st mode))
     ptr = "block special";
   else if (S ISFIFO(buf.st mode))
     ptr = "fifo";
   else if (S ISLNK(buf.st mode))
     ptr = "symbolic link";
   else if (S ISSOCK(buf.st mode))
     ptr = "socket";
   else
     ptr = "** unknown mode **";
   printf("%s\n", ptr);
exit(0);
```

Running result

different file types in a Linux systems

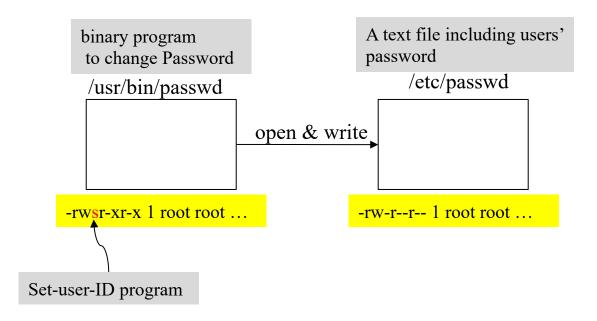
File type	Count	Percentage
regular file	226,856	88.22 %
directory	23,017	8.95
symbolic link	6,442	2.51
character special	447	0.17
block special	312	0.12
socket	69	0.03
FIFO	1	0.00

Set-user-ID and set-group-ID

- Every process has six or more than IDs
- real ID and effective ID
 - real user(group) ID
 - Identifies who we really are.
 - Written in the password file(/etc/passwd,/etc/shadow).
 - effective user(group) ID
 - Determines file access permission.
 - Normally, effective user(group) ID = real user(group) ID.
 - But, effective user(group) ID can be different from the real user(group) ID, in the case of programs with the setuid(setgid) bit set.

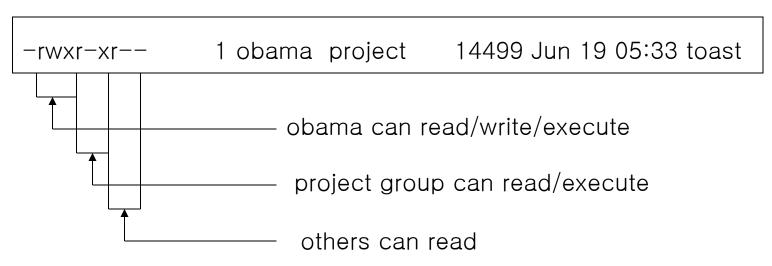
Set-user-ID and set-group-ID

- In case of changing password by using passwd program
 - Has a root's privilege while passwd program is running
 - Real user ID of passwd program: user
 - Effective user ID of passwd program: root



- R/W/X of user, group, others
 - Read
 - file: can read the file data?(able to copy?)
 - Directory: can read the file list?(i.e., able to run 'ls'?)
 - write
 - File: can modify the file data?
 - Directory: can create or delete the file?
 - execute
 - File: can execute the file?
 - Directory: can move there?(i.e., able to run 'cd'?)

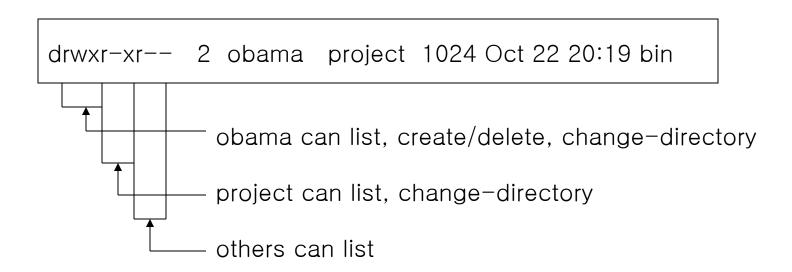
File permission example



Character	Permission	Octal
R	Read	4
W	Write	2
X	Execute	1

Character	Permission	Value
	None	0
r	readable	4
rw-	readable/writable	6
rwx	readable/writable/executable	7
r-x	readable/executable	5
x	executable	1

Directory permission example

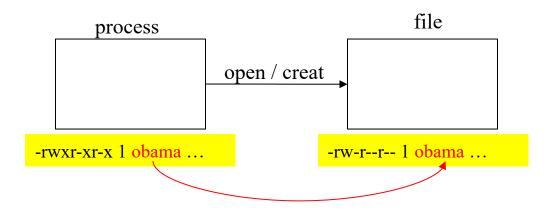


Frequently used file access permissions

-r 644 -rw- 666 700 755 777 711 700 755	Permission	Value
-rw- 666 700 755 777 777 700 700 755	-rw	600
700 xr-x 755 xrwx 777 xx 711 700 xr-x 755	rw-rr	644
xr-x 755 xrwx 777 xx 711 700 xr-x 755	rw-rw-rw-	666
? xx 711 700 xr-x 755	wx	700
* 711 700 *r-x 755	rwxr-xr-x	755
700 kr-x 755	rwxrwx	777
xr-x 755	rwxxx	711
	rwx	700
xx 711	lrwxr-xr-x	755
	rwxxx	711

Ownerships of new files

- When a file is created using open or create
 - Generally, the user ID of a new file is set to the effective user ID of the process.
 - What about group ID? There are two options.



access()

#include <unistd.h>

int access(const char *pathname, int mode);

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

- Check the access permission based on real ID.
- mode

mode	Description
R_OK	test for read permission
$W_{-}OK$	test for write permission
X_OK	test for execute permission
F_OK	test for existence of file

access()

example

```
#include "apue.h"
#include <fcntl.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  if (argc != 2)
     err quit("usage: a.out <pathname>");
  if (access(argv[1], R_OK) < 0)
     err ret("access error for %s", argv[1]);
  else
    printf("read access OK\n");
if (open(argv[1], O RDONLY) < 0)
     err ret("open error for %s", argv[1]);
  else
    printf("open for reading OK\n");
  exit(0);
```

access()

Execution

```
$ whoami
obama
$ ls -l a.out
-rwxrwxr-x 1 obama project 15945 Nov 30 12:10 a.out
$ ./a.out a.out
read access OK
open for reading OK
$ ls -l /etc/shadow
-r----- 1 root root 1315 Jul 17 2002 /etc/shadow
$ ./a.out /etc/shadow
access error for /etc/shadow
open error for /etc/shadow
$ sudo chown root a.out
$ sudo chmod u+s a.out
$ ls -l a.out
-rwsrwxr-x 1 root project 16216 9월 23 18:00 a.out
$ ./a.out /etc/shadow
access error for /etc/shadow
open for reading OK
```

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
mode_t umask(mode_t cmask);
Returns: previous file mode creation mask
```

- Set the file mode creation mask
- permissions in the umask are turned off from the mode argument to open()

```
umask(022);
fd = creat("tmp", 0666);
...

→ permission of "tmp" is -rw-r--r- (0644)
```

The umask file access permission bits <sys/stat.h>

st_mode mask	Meaning	Mask bit
S_IRUSR	user-read	0400
S_IWUSR	user-write	0200
S_IXUSR	user-execute	0100
S_IRGRP	group-read	0040
S_IWGRP	group-write	0020
S_IXGRP	group-execute	0010
S_IROTH	other-read	0004
S_IWOTH	other-write	0002
S_IXOTH	other-execute	0001

Example

```
#include "apue.h"
#include <fcntl.h>
#define RWRWRW (S IRUSR|S IWUSR|S IRGRP|S IWGRP|S IROTH|S IWOTH)
int
main(void)
                            666
  umask(0);
  if (creat("foo", RWRWRW) < 0)
                                               066
    err sys("creat error for foo");
  umask(S_IRGRP | S_IWGRP | S_IROTH | S_IWOTH);
  if (creat("bar", RWRWRW) < 0)
    err_sys("creat error for bar"); 600
  exit(0);
```

Execution

運 참고) umask utility

```
$ umask first print the current file mode creation mask 002
$ umask -S print the symbolic form

u=rwx, g=rwx, o=rx
$ umask 027 change the file mode creation mask
$ umask -S umask -S u=rwx, g=rx, o=
```

chmod() and fchmod()

- Change the file access permission
 - chmod: for the specified file
 - fchmod: for an open file
- To change the permission bits of a file
 - the effective user ID of the process must be equal to the owner ID of the file, or
 - the process must have super-user permissions.

chmod() and fchmod()

Mode (in <sys/stat.h>)

mode	Description
S_ISUID	set-user-ID on execution
S_{ISGID}	set-group-ID on execution
S_{ISVTX}	saved-text (sticky bit)
S_{IRWXU}	read, write, and execute by user (owner)
S_IRUSR	read by user (owner)
S_{IWUSR}	write by user (owner)
S_{IXUSR}	execute by user (owner)
S_{IRWXG}	read, write, and execute by group
S_{IRGRP}	read by group
S_{IWGRP}	write by group
S_{IXGRP}	execute by group
S_{IRWXO}	read, write, and execute by other (world)
S_{IROTH}	read by other (world)
S_{IWOTH}	write by other (world)
_S_IXOTH	execute by other (world)

chmod() and fchmod()

Example

```
#include "apue.h"
int main(void)
                statbuf;
   struct stat
   /* turn on group-execute and turn off group-write */
   if (stat("foo", &statbuf) < 0)
     err sys("stat error for foo");
   if (chmod("foo", (statbuf.st mode & ~S IWGRP) | S ISGID) < 0)
     err sys("chmod error for foo");
   /* set absolute mode to "rw-r--r-" */
   if (chmod("bar", S_IRUSR | S_IWUSR | S_IRGRP | S_IROTH) < 0)
     err sys("chmod error for bar");
   exit(0);
```

chmod() and fchmod()

Execution

s: set-group-ID bit is set w/ the group-execution bit being set

S: set-group-ID bit is set w.o. the group-execution bit being set

* Sticky bit is represented by 't' or 'T' in Other's execution bit location.

chown(), fchown(), and lchown()

- Change the user ID and the group ID
 - chown: of the specified file
 - fchown: of an open file
 - lchown: of the symbolic link itself, not the file pointed to by the symbolic link
- In BSD-based system, only superuser may change the owner of a file.
- If the arguments owner or group is specified as -1, then the corresponding ID is not changed.

File Size

- st_size in stat structure
 - The size of the file in bytes
 - Valid only for regular, directory, and symbolic link files
 - In a symbolic link file, it denotes the length of the pathname of the target file.
- For block sizes,
 - st_blksize : the block size for I/O
 - st_blocks : the actual number of blocks allocated

truncate()

- Truncate an existing file to length bytes
 - Emptying a file is a special case
 - Open a file with O_TRUNC flag
 - May make a hole

link()

#include <unistd.h>

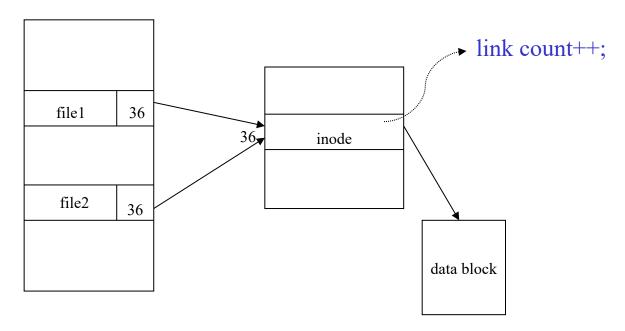
int link(const char *existingpath, const char *newpath);

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

- Create a link(hard link) to an existing file
 - creates a new directory entry, newpath, that references the existing file existingpath.
 - If newpath exists, an error is returned.

link()

link("file1", "file2");



- It is impossible to tell which name was the original.
- Hard links, as created by link, cannot span file systems.

unlink()

```
#include <unistd.h>
int unlink(const char *pathname);
Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

- Removes the directory entry and decrements the link count of the file referenced by pathname.
 - If other process has opened the file, its contents will not be deleted.
 - When the link count reaches 0, file content is deleted.
- Useful to ensure that a temporary file won't be left in case the process crashes (see the following example.)

```
#include "apue.h"
#include <fcntl.h>
int
main(void)
{
    if (open("tempfile", O_RDWR) < 0)
        err_sys("open error");
    if (unlink("tempfile") < 0)
        err_sys("unlink error");
    printf("file unlinked\n");
    sleep(15);
    printf("done\n");
    exit(0);
}</pre>
```

Figure 4.16 Open a file and then unlink it

Symbolic links

- hard link points directly to the inode of the file.
 - The link and the file should reside in the same file system.
 - Only the superuser can create a hard link to a directory.
- symbolic link is an indirect pointer to a file.
 - There are no file system limitations on a symbolic link.
 - Anyone can create a symbolic link to a directory
- See Figure 4.17 for treatment of symbolic links by various functions

Function	Does not follow symbolic link	Follows symbolic link
access		•
chdir		•
chmod		•
chown		•
creat		•
exec		•
lchown	•	
link		•
lstat	•	
open		•
opendir		•
pathconf		•
readlink	•	
remove	•	
rename	•	
stat		•
truncate		•
unlink	•	

Figure 4.17 Treatment of symbolic links by various functions

symlink()

#include <unistd.h>

int symlink(const char *actualpath, const char *sympath);
Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

- Create a new directory entry, sympath that points to actualpath.
 - Not require that actualpath exist when the symbolic link is created.
 - Actualpath and sympath need not reside in the same file system.

symlink()

Dangling link

may point to a non-existing file

```
$ In -s /no/such/file myfile create a symbolic link

$ Is myfile

myfile ls says it's there

$ cat myfile so we try to look at it

cat: myfile: No such file or directory

$ Is -1 myfile try -1 option

lrwxrwxrwx 1 sar 13 Jan 22 00:26 myfile -> /no/such/file

$
```

```
$ In -s testfile newfile
$ Is -l newfile

lrwxrwxrwx 1 yhshin users 8 Aug 27 20:02 newfile -> testfile
$ rm testfile
$ cat newfile
cat: newfile: No such file or directory
$
```

readlink()

#include <unistd.h>

ssize_t readlink(const char *pathname, char *buf, size_t bufsize);

Returns: number of bytes read if OK, -1 on error

read value of a symbolic link

places the contents of the symbolic link path in the buffer buf, which has size bufsiz.

Return value

- the count of characters placed in the buffer if it succeeds
- -1 if an error occurs

remove()

```
#include <stdio.h>
int remove(const char *pathname);
Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

- Unlink a file or a directory
 - For a file, identical to unlink.
 - For a directory, identical to rmdir.

rename()

#include <stdio.h>

int rename(const char *oldname, const char *newname);

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

Rename

- renames a file or a directory.
- oldname and newname should be in the same file system.

File times

The three time values associated with each file (see Figure 4.20)

Field	Description	Example	ls(1) option
st_atime	last-access time of file data	read	-u
st_mtime	last-modification time of file data	write	default
st_ctime	last-change time of i-node status	chmod, chown	-c

- st_mtime: time the file contents were last modified.
- st_ctime: time the inode of the file was last modified.

Function	Referenced file or directory		Parent directory of referenced file or directory		Section	Note		
	a	m	С	a	m	С		
chmod, fchmod			•				4.9	
chown, fchown			•				4.11	
creat	•	•	•		•	•	3.4	O_CREAT new file
creat		•	•				3.4	O_TRUNC existing file
exec	•						8.10	
lchown			•				4.11	
link			•		•	•	4.15	parent of second argument
mkdir	•	•	•		•	•	4.21	
mkfifo	•	•	•		•	•	15.5	
open	•	•	•		•	•	3.3	O_CREAT new file
open		•	•				3.3	O_TRUNC existing file
pipe	•	•	•				15.2	
read	•						3.7	
remove			•		•	•	4.15	remove file = unlink
remove					•	•	4.15	remove directory = rmdir
rename			•		•	•	4.16	for both arguments
rmdir					•	•	4.21	
truncate, ftruncate		•	•				4.13	
unlink			•		•	•	4.15	
utimes, utimensat, futimens	•	•	•				4.20	
write		•	•				3.8	

Figure 4.20 Effect of various functions on the access, modification, and changed-status times

```
#include <utime.h>
int utime(const char *pathname, const struct utimbuf *times);
Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

- Change the access time and modified time
 - utimbuf structure

```
struct utimbuf {
    time_t actime; /* access time */
    time_t modtime; /* modification time */
}
```

- If times is NULL, the access and modification times of the file are set to the current time.
- st_ctime is automatically updated when the utime is called.

example

```
#include "apue.h"
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <utime.h>
int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
  int
             i, fd;
  struct stat
               statbuf;
  struct utimbuf timebuf;
  for (i = 1; i < argc; i++)
     if (stat(argv[i], &statbuf) < 0) { /* fetch current times */
       err_ret("%s: stat error", argv[i]);
       continue;
```

example(cont.)

```
if ((fd = open(argv[i], O_RDWR | O_TRUNC)) < 0) { /* truncate */
     err ret("%s: open error", argv[i]);
    continue;
  close(fd);
  timebuf.actime = statbuf.st_atime;
  timebuf.modtime = statbuf.st mtime;
  if (utime(argv[i], &timebuf) < 0) { /* reset times */
     err ret("%s: utime error", argv[i]);
     continue;
exit(0);
```

Execution

```
look at sizes and last-modification times
$ ls -l changemod times
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 15019 Nov 18 18:53 changemod
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 16172 Nov 19 20:05 times
$ ls -lu changemod times
                             look at last-access times
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 15019 Nov 18 18:53 changemod
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 16172 Nov 19 20:05 times
$ date
                             print today's date
Thu Jan 22 06:55:17 EST 2004
$ ./a.out changemod times
                             run the program in the previous page
                             and check the results
$ ls -l changemod times
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 0 Nov 18 18:53 changemod
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 0 Nov 19 20:05 times
$ ls -lu changemod times
                             check the last-access times also
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 0 Nov 18 18:53 changemod
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 0 Nov 19 20:05 times
$ ls -lc changemod times
                             and the changed-status times
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 0 Jan 22 06:55 changemod
-rwxrwxr-x 1 sar 0 Jan 22 06:55 times
$
```

mkdir()

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
int mkdir(const char *pathname, mode_t mode);
Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

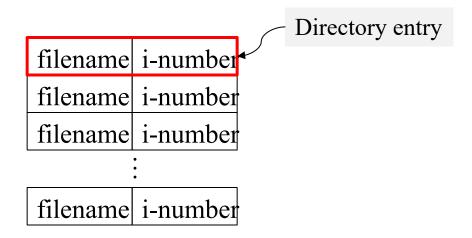
- Create a new empty directory.
 - The entries for dot and dot-dot are automatically created.

rmdir()

```
#include <unistd.h>
int rmdir(const char *pathname);
Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

- Delete an empty directory.
 - An empty directory is one that contains entries only for dot and dot-dot.

- Write permission bits for a directory
 - Means that we can create/remove files in the directory.
 - Does not mean that we can write to the directory itself.
 - We need some APIs that can deal with directory itself.



A typical directory format (Details of directory formats are system dependent.)

```
#include <dirent.h>

DIR *opendir(const char *pathname);
int closedir(DIR *dp);

Returns: pointer if OK, NULL on error

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

- Open a directory/close an open directory
 - DIR: represents a directory stream
 - Defined in <dirent.h>.
 - Similar to FILE type in the standard I/O library.

```
#include <dirent.h>
struct dirent *readdir(DIR *dp);
Returns: pointer if OK, NULL at end of directory or error
```

Read directory entry into a dirent structure.

- On the first call, the first directory entry is read into dirent.
- On completion, the directory pointer is moved onto the next entry in the directory.
- If the end of the directory is reached, NULL is returned.

#include <dirent.h>

void rewinddir(DIR *dp);

- If you want to reread from the beginning of directory, use rewinddir.
 - Following the rewinddir call the next readdir will return the first entry of the directory.

example

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <dirent.h>
main (int argc, char ** argv)
           char pathname[128];
           if (argc == 1) {
                      strcpy(pathname, ".");
           else if (argc > 2) {
                      printf("Too many parameter...\n");
                      exit(1);
           else {
                      strcpy(pathname, argv[1]);
           if (my_double_ls(pathname) ==-1) printf("Could not open the directory\n");
                                                                                      60
```

example (cont.)

```
int my double ls (const char *name) {
           struct dirent *d;
           DIR *dp;
           if ((dp = opendir(name)) == NULL)
                      return (-1);
           while (d = readdir(dp)) {
                      if (d->d ino !=0)
                      printf ("%s\n", d->d_name);
           rewinddir(dp);
           while (d = readdir(dp)) {
                      if (d->d ino != 0)
                      printf ("%s\n", d->d name);
           closedir(dp);
           return (0);
                                                                                     61
```

Execution

```
$ ls temp_dir/
abc bookmark fred
$ ./a.out temp_dir/
fred
abc
bookmark
fred
abc
bookmark
```

chdir() and fchdir()

```
#include <unistd.h>
int chdir(const char *pathname);
int fchdir(int filedes);
Both return: 0 if OK, -1 on error
```

- Change the current working directory.
 - Specify the new current working directory either as a pathname or file descriptor.

chdir() and fchdir()

Example

```
#include "apue.h"

int main(void)
{
     if (chdir("/tmp") < 0)
          err_sys("chdir failed");
     printf("chdir to /tmp succeeded\n");
     exit(0);
}</pre>
```

\$ gcc -o mycd chdir.c

chdir() and fchdir()

Execution

```
$ pwd
/usr/lib
$ mycd
chdir to /tmp succeeded
$ pwd
/usr/lib
$
```

- Current working directory of shell didn't change after mycd.
- Each program is run in a separate process
 - → current working directory of shell is unaffected by chdir in mycd.
- Note that "cd" is a built-in shell command!

getcwd()

- Obtain the current working directory.
 - Copies an absolute pathname of the current working directory to the array pointed to by buf of length, size.
 - size must be large enough to accommodate
 - the absolute pathname + a terminating null byte.

getcwd()

example

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#define SIZE 200
void my pwd (void);
int main()
    my_pwd();
void my_pwd (void) {
    char dirname[SIZE];
    if ( getcwd(dirname, SIZE) == NULL)
         perror("getcwd error");
    else
         printf("%s\n", dirname);
```

getcwd()

Execution

\$./a.out

/home/obama/test

\$