- write
- opendir

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o DIR *opendir(const char *name);
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- o #include <dirent.h>
- o opens a directory stream
- returns DIR \*
- in case of error, a null pointer is returned and errno is set

### • readdir

- struct dirent \*readdir(DIR \*dirp);
- o #include <dirent.h>
- returns dirent at the current pointer
- The order in which filenames are read by successive calls to readdir() depends on the filesystem implementation; it is unlikely that the names will be sorted in any fashion.
- if entries for . and .. exist, they are returned
- The pointer returned by readdir() points to data which may be overwritten by another call to readdir() on the same directory stream. This data is not overwritten by another call to 
  readdir() on a different directory stream.
- If a file is removed from or added to the directory after the most recent call to opendir() or rewinddir(), whether a subsequent call to readdir() returns an entry for that file is unspecified.
- When an error is encountered, a null pointer is returned and erro is set to indicate the error. When the end of the directory is encountered, a null pointer is returned and erro is not changed.
- THEREFORE, set errno to zero before making a call, if you wish to check for error situations

### closedir

- o int closedir(DIR \*dirp);
- o #include <dirent.h>
- ∘ returns -1 in case of error and errno is set

## • stat

- o int stat(const char \*path, struct stat \*buf);
- o returns 0 on success and −1 on error
- These functions return information about a file. No permissions are required on the file itself, but-in the case of stat() and lstat() execute (search) permission is required on all of the directories in path that lead to the file.

#### • lstat

• identical to stat except that if path is a symbolic link, the link itself is stat-ed, not the file that it refers to.

## getpwuid

- struct passwd \*getpwuid(uid t uid);
- % #include <pwd.h>
- · search the user database for an entry with a matching uid
- Applications wishing to check for error situations should set errno to 0 before calling <code>getpwuid()</code>. If <code>getpwuid()</code> returns a null pointer and errno is set to non-zero, an error occurred.
- The return value may point to a static area which is overwritten by a subsequent call to getpwent(), getpwnam(), or getpwuid().

## getgrgid

- struct group \*getgrgid(gid\_t gid);
- o #include <grp.h>
- The return value may point to a static area which is overwritten by a subsequent call to getpwent(), getpwnam(), or getpwuid().

## • listxattr

- ssize\_t listxattr(const char \*path, char \*list, size\_t size);
- #include <sys/xattr.h>
- retrieves the list of extended attribute names associated with the given path in the filesystem.
- The retrieved list is placed in list, a caller-allocated buffer whose size (in bytes) is specified in the
  argument size. The list is the set of (null-terminated) names, one after the other. Names of extended
  attributes to which the calling process does not have access may be omitted from the list. The length of
  the attribute name list is returned.
- A single extended attribute name is a null-terminated string. The name includes a namespace prefix; there may be several, disjoint namespaces associated with an individual inode.
- If size is specified as zero, these calls return the current size of the list of extended attribute names
  (and leave list unchanged). This can be used to determine the size of the buffer that should be supplied
  in a subsequent call. (But, bear in mind that there is a possibility that the set of extended attributes may
  change between the two calls, so that it is still necessary to check the return status from the second
  call.)

## getxattr

- ssize\_t getxattr(const char \*path, const char \*name, void \*value, size\_t size);
- Extended attributes are name:value pairs associated with inodes (files, directories, symbolic links, etc.). They are extensions to the normal attributes which are associated with all inodes in the system (i.e., the stat(2) data).
- retrieves the value of the extended attribute identified by name and associated with the given path in the filesystem. The attribute value is placed in the buffer pointed to by value; size specifies the size of that buffer. The return value of the call is the number of bytes placed in value.

### • time

- o time t time( time t \*second )
- o returns the time since 00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970 (Unix timestamp) in seconds
- ctime
  - o char \*ctime(const time t \*timer)
  - returns a string representing the localtime based on the argument timer.
  - The returned string has the following format: Www Mmm dd hh:mm:ss yyyy, where Www is the weekday, Mmm the month in letters, dd the day of the month, hh:mm:ss the time, and yyyy the year.
- readlink
  - ssize\_t readlink(const char \*pathname, char \*buf, size\_t bufsiz);
  - readlink() places the contents of the symbolic link pathname in the buffer buf, which has size bufsiz.
  - readlink() does NOT append a null byte to buf.
  - On success, these calls return the number of bytes placed in buf. (If the returned value equals bufsiz, then truncation may have occurred.) On error, -1 is returned and error is set to indicate the error.
- malloc
- free
- perror
- strerror
- exit

# Structs and typedefs

## dirent

o Only the fields d\_name and (as an XSI extension) d\_ino are specified in POSIX.1. Other than Linux, the d\_type field is available mainly only on BSD systems. The remaining fields are available on many, but not all systems. Under glibc, programs can check for the availability of the fields not defined in POSIX.1 by testing whether the macros \_\_DIRENT\_HAVE\_D\_NAMLEN\_,

\_DIRENT\_HAVE\_D\_RECLEN , \_DIRENT\_HAVE\_D\_OFF , or \_DIRENT\_HAVE\_D\_TYPE are defined.

- o char d name[] null-terminated file name
- ino\_t d\_fileno file serial number
  - the same as st ino returned by stat
  - unspecified for symbolic links
- unsigned char d namelen length of the file name
- o unsigned char d type type of the file

- DT\_UNKNOWN (BSD extension) the type is unknown or the filesystem doesn't have support to return the type of the file
- DT REG regular file
- DT DIR directory
- DT\_FIFO named pipe
- DT SOCK local-domain socket
- DT CHR character device
- DT BLK block device
- DT LNK symbolic link

## 2. stat

- dev t st dev id of device containing file
- ino t st ino inode number
- mode\_t st\_mode file type and mode
  - #include <string.h>; strmode(st\_mode mode, char \*buf);
- nlink\_t st\_nlink number of hard links
  - short unsigned int
- uid\_t st\_uid user ID of owner
  - unsigned int
- gid t st gid group ID of owner
- dev t st rdev device ID (if special file)
- off t st size total size (in bytes)
- blksize t st blksize block size for filesystem I/O
- blkcnt t st blocks number of 512B blocks allocated
- struct timespec st\_atimespec time of last access
- struct timespec st mtimespec time of last modification
- struct timespec st ctimespec time of last status change

## 3. timespec

- o #include <time.h>
- <u>time\_t tv\_sec</u> number of whole seconds elapsed since the epoch (for a simple calendar time) or since some other starting point (for an elapsed time)
- o long int tv nsec number of nanoseconds elapsed since the time given by tv spec
  - is and must be supplied in the range greater than or equal to zero, and less than 1'000'000'000

### 4. passwd

- char \*pw name User's login name.
- uid\_t pw\_uid Numerical user ID.

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• gid_t pw_gid - Numerical group ID.
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- o char \*pw\_dir Initial working directory.
- char \*pw\_shell Program to use as shell.

## 5. group

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• char *gr name; - Group name.
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- char \*gr\_passwd; Encrypted password.
- gid\_t gr\_gid; Group ID.
- char \*\*gr mem; List of group members.

## 6. time t

- ISO C defines time\_t as an arithmetic type, but does not specify any particular type, range, resolution, or encoding for it. Also unspecified are the meanings of arithmetic operations applied to time values.
- implement time\_t as an integer or real-floating type (typically a 32- or 64-bit integer) which represents the number of seconds since the start of the Unix epoch: midnight UTC of January 1, 1970 (not counting leap seconds). Some systems correctly handle negative time values, while others do not. Systems using a signed 32-bit time\_t type are susceptible to the Year 2038 problem.

## **Errors**

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## Requirements

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