# NAME

Sys::Virt::Stream - Represent & manage a libvirt stream

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The Sys::Virt::Stream module represents a stream managed by the virtual machine monitor.

#### **METHODS**

#### my \$st Sys::Virt::Stream->new(\$conn, \$flags);

Creates a new data stream, ready for use with a stream based API. The optional \$flags parameter can be used to configure the stream as non-blocking

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#### \$st->abort()

Abort I/O on the stream. Either this function or finish must be called on any stream which has been activated

#### \$st->finish()

Complete I/O on the stream. Either this function or abort must be called on any stream which has been activated

## \$rv = \$st->recv(\$data, \$nbytes, \$flags=0)

Receive up to \$nbytes worth of data, copying into \$data. Returns the number of bytes read, or -3 if hole is reached and \$flags contains RECV\_STOP\_AT\_HOLE, or -2 if I/O would block, or -1 on error. The \$flags parameter accepts the following flags:

## Sys::Virt::Stream::RECV\_STOP\_AT\_HOLE

If this flag is set, the recv function will stop reading from stream if it has reached a hole. In that case, -3 is returned and recv\_hole should be called to get the hole size.

## \$rv = \$st->send(\$data, \$nbytes)

Send up to nbytes worth of data, copying from data. Returns the number of bytes sent, or -2 if I/O would block, or -1 on error.

#### $rv = st->recv_hole(flags=0)$

Determine the amount of the empty space (in bytes) to be created in a stream's target file when uploading or downloading sparsely populated files. This is the counterpart to send\_hole. The optional \$flags parameter is currently unused and defaults to zero if omitted.

## \$st->send\_hole(\$length, \$flags=0)

Rather than transmitting empty file space, this method directs the stream target to create \$length bytes of empty space. This method would be used when uploading or downloading sparsely populated files to avoid the needless copy of empty file space. The optional \$flags parameter is currently unused and defaults to zero if omitted.

# \$st->recv\_all(\$handler)

Receive all data available from the stream, invoking  $\$  to process the data. The  $\$  parameter must be a function which expects three arguments, the  $\$  stream object, a scalar containing the data received and a data byte count. The function should return the number of bytes processed, or -1 upon error.

#### \$st->send\_all(\$handler)

Send all data produced by  $\$  to the stream. The  $\$  handler parameter must be a function which expects three arguments, the  $\$  stream object, a scalar which must be filled with data and a maximum data byte count desired. The function should return the number of bytes filled, 0 on end of file, or -1 upon error

#### \$st->sparse\_recv\_all(\$handler, \$hole\_handler)

Receive all data available from the sparse stream, invoking \$handler to process the data. The \$handler parameter must be a function which expects three arguments, the \$st stream object, a scalar containing the data received and a data byte count. The function should return the number of bytes processed, or -1 upon error. The second argument \$hole\_handler is a function which expects two arguments: the \$st stream and a scalar, number describing the size of the hole in the stream (in bytes). The \$hole\_handler is expected to return a non-negative number on success

(usually 0) and a negative number (usually -1) otherwise.

\$st->sparse\_send\_all(\$handler, \$hole\_handler, \$skip\_handler)

Send all data produced by \$handler to the stream. The \$handler parameter must be a function which expects three arguments, the \$st stream object, a scalar which must be filled with data and a maximum data byte count desired. The function should return the number of bytes filled, 0 on end of file, or -1 upon error. The second argument \$hole\_handler is a function expecting just one argument \$st and returning an array of two elements (\$in\_data, \$section\_len) where \$in\_data has zero or non-zero value if underlying file is in a hole or data section respectively. The \$section\_len then is the number of remaining bytes in the current section in the underlying file. Finally, the third \$skip\_handler is a function expecting two arguments \$st and \$length which moves cursor in the underlying file for \$length bytes. The \$skip\_handler is expected to return a non-negative number on success (usually 0) and a negative number (usually -1) otherwise.

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## \$st->add\_callback(\$events, \$coderef)

Register a callback to be invoked whenever the stream has one or more events from \$events mask set. The \$coderef must be a subroutine that expects 2 parameters, the original \$st object and the new \$events mask

\$st->update\_callback(\$events)

Change the event mask for a previously registered callback to \$events

\$st->remove\_callback();

Remove a previously registered callback

## **CONSTANTS**

Sys::Virt::Stream::NONBLOCK

Create a stream which will not block when performing I/O

Sys::Virt::Stream::EVENT\_READABLE

The stream has data available for read without blocking

Sys::Virt::Stream::EVENT\_WRITABLE

The stream has ability to write data without blocking

Sys::Virt::Stream::EVENT\_ERROR
An error occurred on the stream

Sys::Virt::Stream::EVENT\_HANGUP

The remote end of the stream closed

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Sys::Virt, Sys::Virt::Error, http://libvirt.org