

NAME

localtime – Local timezone configuration file

SYNOPSIS

/etc/localtime -> ../usr/share/zoneinfo/...

DESCRIPTION

The /etc/localtime file configures the system-wide timezone of the local system that is used by applications for presentation to the user. It should be an absolute or relative symbolic link pointing to /usr/share/zoneinfo/, followed by a timezone identifier such as "Europe/Berlin" or "Etc/UTC". The resulting link should lead to the corresponding binary **tzfile(5)** timezone data for the configured timezone.

Because the timezone identifier is extracted from the symlink target name of /etc/localtime, this file may not be a normal file or hardlink.

If /etc/localtime is missing, the default "UTC" timezone is used.

The timezone may be overridden for individual programs by using the *\$TZ* environment variable. See **environ(7)**.

You may use **timedatectl(1)** to change the settings of this file from the command line during runtime. Use **systemd-firstboot(1)** to initialize the time zone on mounted (but not booted) system images.

SEE ALSO

systemd(1), **tzset(3)**, **localtime(3)**, **timedatectl(1)**, **systemd-timedated.service(8)**, **systemd-firstboot(1)**