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# SCHED\_GET\_PRIORITY\_MAX(2) Linux Programmer's ManualSCHED\_GET\_PRIORITY\_MAX(2)

#### NAME top

sched\_get\_priority\_max, sched\_get\_priority\_min - get static priority
range

### SYNOPSIS top

```
#include <sched.h>
int sched_get_priority_max(int policy);
int sched_get_priority_min(int policy);
```

#### DESCRIPTION top

sched\_get\_priority\_max() returns the maximum priority value that can be used with the scheduling algorithm identified by policy. sched\_get\_priority\_min() returns the minimum priority value that can be used with the scheduling algorithm identified by policy. Supported policy values are SCHED\_FIFO, SCHED\_RR, SCHED\_OTHER, SCHED\_BATCH, SCHED\_IDLE, and SCHED\_DEADLINE. Further details about these policies can be found in sched(7).

Processes with numerically higher priority values are scheduled before processes with numerically lower priority values. Thus, the value returned by **sched\_get\_priority\_max**() will be greater than the value returned by **sched\_get\_priority\_min**().

Linux allows the static priority range 1 to 99 for the **SCHED\_FIFO** and **SCHED\_RR** policies, and the priority 0 for the remaining policies. Scheduling priority ranges for the various policies are not alterable.

The range of scheduling priorities may vary on other POSIX systems, thus it is a good idea for portable applications to use a virtual priority range and map it to the interval given by **sched\_get\_priority\_max**() and **sched\_get\_priority\_min** POSIX.1 requires a spread of at least 32 between the maximum and the minimum values for **SCHED\_FIFO** and **SCHED\_RR**.

POSIX systems on which sched\_get\_priority\_max() and sched\_get\_priority\_min() are available define \_POSIX\_PRIORITY\_SCHEDULING in <unistd.h>.

## RETURN VALUE top

On success, **sched\_get\_priority\_max()** and **sched\_get\_priority\_min()** return the maximum/minimum priority value for the named scheduling policy. On error, -1 is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

### ERRORS top

**EINVAL** The argument *policy* does not identify a defined scheduling policy.

#### CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

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### SEE ALSO top

```
sched_getaffinity(2), sched_getparam(2), sched_getscheduler(2),
sched_setaffinity(2), sched_setparam(2), sched_setscheduler(2),
sched(7)
```

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