

BUILDING notes for code in *The Linux Programming Interface*

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!
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If you have difficulty building the programs, then the problem is most likely one of the following:

- a) A configuration issue on your system (e.g., do you have the 'libacl' library installed?).
- b) You are using a system with an older Linux kernel or an older version of glibc. If this is so, your system may not provide a more recent system call or library function, or the glibc headers may not provide a needed function declaration or constant definition.

I can't really help with fixing these problems. However, do take a look at the online code FAQ (<http://man7.org/tlpi/code/faq.html>) for some frequently asked questions about the code. You may find the answer to your problem there.

If, after ensuring that the problem is not a configuration issue on your system (did you try compiling the program(s) on a different system?) and checking the FAQ, you still have a problem *and* you have a solution, then please do let me know, and I will publish the fix on the web site.

Unpacking the code tarball
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Unpacking the tarball with the command

```
tar xzf tlpi-YYMMDD-xxxx.tar.gz
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will create a directory tree 'tlpi-xxxx' containing all of the source code ("xxxx" will be either "dist" or "book" depending on which version of the source code tarball you downloaded).

Building the programs on Linux
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(For instructions on building the programs on other UNIX implementations, see the notes lower down in this file.)

The methods described below involve the use of 'make'. If you need more information on 'make', try the command 'man make' or 'info make'.

Method A - Building all programs in all directories

Go into the 'tlpi' subdirectory, and type 'make':

```
cd tlpi-xxxx
make
```

This will build all programs in all subdirectories.

Method B - Build programs in individual directories

1) First, build the library used by all programs:

```
cd lib
make          # This will make libtlpi.a and place
               # it in the parent directory
```

2) Build programs using the 'Makefile' in each subdirectory.

In each subdirectory, there is a file called 'Makefile' that can be used with the 'make' command to build the programs in that directory. To build a particular program you can simply say:

```
make progname
```

where 'progname' is one of the C (main) programs in the directory. Thus, to build the executable for the program 'copy.c' you would use the command:

```
make copy
```

Each makefile also contains the following special targets (which are named according to the usual 'make' conventions):

all This target will build all programs in the subdirectory.
 Simply enter the command:

```
make all
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clean    This target cleans up, by removing all executables and object
         files created by the makefile:
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make clean
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Building the programs on other UNIX implementations
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I have gone to some effort to ensure that, where possible, the programs work on other UNIX implementations also.

Obviously, some of the example programs employ Linux-specific features, and won't compile on other UNIX implementations. As a first indication of what works on Linux, and what may work elsewhere, look in the makefiles in each directory. Most of the makefiles define two macros:

```
LINUX_EXE      These are programs that probably won't work
                on anything other than Linux.
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GEN_EXE        These programs may compile on other UNIX implementations.
                I say "may", because of course not all implementations
                provide exactly the same features. The presence of a
                program in this list indicates that it compiles and runs
                on at least some UNIX implementations other than Linux.
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Instructions
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1. Edit Makefile.inc in the 'tlpi' root directory to modify the definitions of the CFLAGS and LDLIBS macros (and possibly other macros depending on your version of make(1)) as appropriate. Probably you'll need to define CFLAGS as follows:

```
CFLAGS += -g -I${TLPI_INCL_DIR}
```

The setting of LDLIBS is a bit harder to determine. As well as listing the library for this book, you should include '-l' linker options for any other libraries that the programs may need. For example, the following is suitable on Solaris 8:

```
LDLIBS = ${TLPI_LIB} -lsocket -lnsl -lrt -ldl -lm -lresolv
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**** NOTE:    Under the 'tlpi' root directory you'll find a few sample
                replacement files for 'Makefile.inc', named
                'Makefile.inc.*'. You may be able to simply copy the
                appropriate file to 'Makefile.inc'.
```

2. Try the following to build all of the GEN_EXE programs:

```
cd tlpi-xxxx
make -k allgen
```

The '-k' option tells 'make' to build as much as possible, so that if a particular program won't compile, 'make' goes on to attempt to build the remaining programs.