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## NAME

sys/msg.h – XSI message queue structures

## SYNOPSIS

```
[XSI]  #include <sys/msg.h> 
```

## DESCRIPTION

The `<sys/msg.h>` header shall define the following data types through **typedef**:

**msgqnum\_t**

Used for the number of messages in the message queue.

**msglen\_t**

Used for the number of bytes allowed in a message queue.

These types shall be unsigned integer types that are able to store values at least as large as a type **unsigned short**.

The `<sys/msg.h>` header shall define the following symbolic constant as a message operation flag:

**MSG\_NOERROR**

No error if big message.

The `<sys/msg.h>` header shall define the **msqid\_ds** structure, which shall include the following members:

```
struct ipc_perm msg_perm  Operation permission structure.
msgqnum_t      msg_qnum   Number of messages currently on queue.
msglen_t       msg_qbytes Maximum number of bytes allowed on queue.
pid_t          msg_lspid  Process ID of last msgsnd().
pid_t          msg_lrpid  Process ID of last msgrcv().
time_t         msg_stime  Time of last msgsnd().
time_t         msg_rtime  Time of last msgrcv().
time_t         msg_ctime  Time of last change.
```

The `<sys/msg.h>` header shall define the **pid\_t**, **size\_t**, **ssize\_t**, and **time\_t** types as described in [<sys/types.h>](#).

The following shall be declared as functions and may also be defined as macros. Function prototypes shall be provided.

```
int      msgctl(int, int, struct msqid_ds *);
int      msgget(key_t, int);
ssize_t  msgrcv(int, void *, size_t, long, int);
int      msgsnd(int, const void *, size_t, int);
```

In addition, the `<sys/msg.h>` header shall include the [<sys/ipc.h>](#) header.

*The following sections are informative.*

## APPLICATION USAGE

None.

## RATIONALE

None.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

## SEE ALSO

[<sys/ipc.h>](#), [<sys/types.h>](#)

XSH [msgctl](#), [msgget](#), [msgrcv](#), [msgsnd](#)

## CHANGE HISTORY

First released in Issue 2. Derived from System V Release 2.0.

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Austin Group Interpretation 1003.1-2001 #179 is applied.

This reference page is clarified with respect to macros and symbolic constants.

*End of informative text.*

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