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archive_read_ahead,
archive_read_header,
archive_read_open,
archive_read_open_filename,
archive_read_open_memory,
archive_read_set_name,
archive_read_set_name_userdata,
archive_read_set_userdata — functions for reading objects from disk

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LIBRARY

Streaming Archive Library (libarchive, -larchive)

SYNOPSIS

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#include <archive.h>

struct archive *
archive_read_ahead (void);

int
archive_read_set_ahead(struct archive *, int);

int
archive_read_set_header(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_set_payload(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_set_footer(struct archive *);

const char *
archive_read_name(struct archive *, gid_t);

const char *
archive_read_uid(struct archive *, uid_t);

int
archive_read_name_userdata(struct archive *, void *,
    const char *(*lookup)(void *, gid_t), void (*cleanup)(void *));

int
archive_read_uid_userdata(struct archive *, void *,
    const char *(*lookup)(void *, uid_t), void (*cleanup)(void *));

int
archive_read_set_userdata(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_entry_header(struct archive *,
    struct archive_entry *, int fd, const struct stat *);

```

DESCRIPTION

These functions provide an API for reading information about objects on disk. In particular, they provide an interface for populating struct archive_entry objects.

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archive_read_ahead ()
    Allocates and initializes a struct archive object suitable for reading object information from disk.

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archive_read_set_eaflags()

Configures various behavior options when reading entries from disk. The flags field consists of a bitwise OR of one or more of the following values:

ARCHIVE_READ_EAFLAG_NODUMP

Skip files and directories with the nodump file attribute (file flag) set. By default, the nodump file attribute is ignored.

ARCHIVE_READ_EAFLAG_COPYFILE

Mac OS X specific. Read metadata (ACLs and extended attributes) with `copyfile(3)`. By default, metadata is read using `copyfile(3)`.

ARCHIVE_READ_EAFLAG_NOACL

Do not read Access Control Lists. By default, ACLs are read from disk.

ARCHIVE_READ_EAFLAG_NOFLAGS

Do not read file attributes (file flags). By default, file attributes are read from disk. See `chattr(1)` (Linux) or `chflags(1)` (FreeBSD, Mac OS X) for more information on file attributes.

ARCHIVE_READ_EAFLAG_NOMOUNTPOINTS

Do not traverse mount points. By default, mount points are traversed.

ARCHIVE_READ_EAFLAG_NOXATTRS

Do not read extended file attributes (xattrs). By default, extended file attributes are read from disk. See `xattr(7)` (Linux), `xattr(2)` (Mac OS X), or `getextattr(8)` (FreeBSD) for more information on extended file attributes.

ARCHIVE_READ_EAFLAG_RESTOREAT

Restore access time of traversed files. By default, access time of traversed files is not restored.

archive_read_set_eaflags_logical(),

archive_read_set_eaflags_physical(),

archive_read_set_eaflags_hybrid()

This sets the mode used for handling symbolic links. The “logical” mode follows all symbolic links. The “physical” mode does not follow any symbolic links. The “hybrid” mode currently behaves identically to the “logical” mode.

archive_read_set_eaflags_name(), archive_read_set_eaflags_uid()

Returns a user or group name given a gid or uid value. By default, these always return a NULL string.

archive_read_set_eaflags_name_lookup(), archive_read_set_eaflags_uid_lookup()

These allow you to override the functions used for user and group name lookups. You may also provide a void * pointer to a private data structure and a cleanup function for that data. The cleanup function will be invoked when the struct archive object is destroyed or when new lookup functions are registered.

archive_read_set_eaflags_standard_lookup()

This convenience function installs a standard set of user and group name lookup functions. These functions use `getpwuid(3)` and `getgrgid(3)` to convert ids to names, defaulting to NULL if the names cannot be looked up. These functions also implement a simple memory cache to reduce the number of calls to `getpwuid(3)` and `getgrgid(3)`.

archive_read_set_eaflags_populate()

Populates a struct archive_entry object with information about a particular file. The archive_entry object must have already been created with `archive_entry_new(3)` and at least one of the source path or path fields must already be set. (If both are set, the source path will be used.)

Information is read from disk using the path name from the struct archive_entry object. If a file descriptor is provided, some information will be obtained using that file descriptor, on platforms that support the appropriate system calls.

If a pointer to a struct stat is provided, information from that structure will be used instead of reading from the disk where appropriate. This can provide performance benefits in scenarios where struct stat information has already been read from the disk as a side effect of some other operation. (For example, directory traversal libraries often provide this information.)

Where necessary, user and group ids are converted to user and group names using the currently-registered lookup functions above. This affects the file ownership fields and ACL values in the struct archive_entry object.

More information about the *struct archive* object and the overall design of the library can be found in the `libarchive(3)` overview.

EXAMPLES

The following illustrates basic usage of the library by showing how to use it to copy an item on disk into an archive.

```
void
file_to_archive(struct archive *a, const char *name)
{
    char buff[8192];
    size_t bytes_read;
    struct archive *ard;
    struct archive_entry *entry;
    int fd;

    ard = archive_read_disk_new();
    archive_read_disk_set_standard_lookup(ard);
    entry = archive_entry_new();
    fd = open(name, O_RDONLY);
    if (fd < 0)
        return;
    archive_entry_copy_pathname(entry, name);
    archive_read_disk_entry_from_file(ard, entry, fd, NULL);
    archive_write_header(a, entry);
    while ((bytes_read = read(fd, buff, sizeof(buff))) > 0)
        archive_write_data(a, buff, bytes_read);
    archive_write_finish_entry(a);
    archive_read_free(ard);
    archive_entry_free(entry);
}
```

RETURN VALUES

Most functions return `ARCHIVE_OK` (zero) on success, or one of several negative error codes for errors. Specific error codes include: `ARCHIVE_WARN` for operations that might succeed if retried, `ARCHIVE_EOF` for unusual conditions that do not prevent further operations, and `ARCHIVE_FATAL` for serious errors that make remaining operations impossible.

`archive_read_disk_new()` returns a pointer to a newly-allocated struct archive object or NULL if the allocation failed for any reason.

`archive_read_entry_name()` and `archive_read_entry_path()` return `const char *` pointers to the textual name or NULL if the lookup failed for any reason. The returned pointer points to internal storage that may be reused on the next call to either of these functions; callers should copy the string if they need to continue accessing it.

ERRORS

Detailed error codes and textual descriptions are available from the `archive_errno()` and `archive_error_string()` functions.

SEE ALSO

`tar(1)`, `archive_read(3)`, `archive_util(3)`, `archive_write(3)`, `archive_write_disk(3)`, `libarchive(3)`

HISTORY

The `libarchive` library first appeared in FreeBSD 5.3. The `archive_read_entry` interface was added to `libarchive 2.6` and first appeared in FreeBSD 8.0.

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BUGS

The “standard” user name and group name lookup functions are not the defaults because `getgrgid(3)` and `getpwuid(3)` are sometimes too large for particular applications. The current design allows the application author to use a more compact implementation when appropriate.

The full list of metadata read from disk by `archive_read_entry_metadata()` is necessarily system-dependent.

The `archive_read_entry_metadata()` function reads as much information as it can from disk. Some method should be provided to limit this so that clients who do not need ACLs, for instance, can avoid the extra work needed to look up such information.

This API should provide a set of methods for walking a directory tree. That would make it a direct parallel of the `archive_read(3)` API. When such methods are implemented, the “hybrid” symbolic link mode will make sense.