NAME

opendir − open a directory / readdir − read a directory

SYNOPSIS

#include <sys/types.h>

#include <dirent.h>

DIR *opendir(const char *_name_);

struct dirent *readdir(DIR *_dir_);
int readdir_r(DIR *_dirp_, struct dirent *_entry_, struct dirent **_result_);

DESCRIPTION opendir

The **opendir()** function opens a directory stream corresponding to the directory *name*, and returns a pointer to the directory stream. The stream is positioned at the first entry in the directory.

RETURN VALUE

The **opendir()** function returns a pointer to the directory stream or NULL if an error occurred.

DESCRIPTION readdir

The **readdir()** function returns a pointer to a dirent structure representing the next directory entry in the directory stream pointed to by *dir*. It returns NULL on reaching the end-of-file or if an error occurred.

DESCRIPTION readdir_r

The **readdir_r()** function initializes the structure referenced by *entry* and stores a pointer to this structure in *result*. On successful return, the pointer returned at **result* will have the same value as the argument *entry*. Upon reaching the end of the directory stream, this pointer will have the value NULL.

The data returned by **readdir()** is overwritten by subsequent calls to **readdir()** for the **same** directory stream.

The *dirent* structure is defined as follows:

```
struct dirent {
    long          d_ino;        /* inode number */
    off_t         d_off;        /* offset to the next dirent */
    unsigned short  d_reclen;   /* length of this record */
    unsigned char   d_type;     /* type of file */
    char          d_name[256];  /* filename */
};
```

RETURN VALUE

The **readdir()** function returns a pointer to a dirent structure, or NULL if an error occurs or end-of-file is reached.

readdir_r() returns 0 if successful or an error number to indicate failure.

ERRORS

EACCES
Permission denied.

ENOENT
Directory does not exist, or *name* is an empty string.

ENOTDIR
name is not a directory.

NAME

dup, dup2 − duplicate a file descriptor

SYNOPSIS

#include <unistd.h>

int dup(int *oldfd***);**
int dup2(int *oldfd***, int** *newfd***);**

DESCRIPTION

dup() and **dup2**() create a copy of the file descriptor *oldfd*.

dup() uses the lowest-numbered unused descriptor for the new descriptor.

dup2() makes *newfd* be the copy of *oldfd*, closing *newfd* first if necessary, but note the following:

* If *oldfd* is not a valid file descriptor, then the call fails, and *newfd* is not closed.
* If *oldfd* is a valid file descriptor, and *newfd* has the same value as *oldfd*, then **dup2**() does nothing, and returns *newfd*.

After a successful return from **dup**() or **dup2**(), the old and new file descriptors may be used interchangeably. They refer to the same open file description (see **open**(2)) and thus share file offset and file status flags; for example, if the file offset is modified by using **lseek**(2) on one of the descriptors, the offset is also changed for the other.

The two descriptors do not share file descriptor flags (the close-on-exec flag). The close-on-exec flag (**FD_CLOEXEC**; see **fcntl**(2)) for the duplicate descriptor is off.

RETURN VALUE

dup() and **dup2**() return the new descriptor, or −1 if an error occurred (in which case, *errno* is set appropriately).

ERRORS

EBADF
oldfd isn't an open file descriptor, or *newfd* is out of the allowed range for file descriptors.

EBUSY
(Linux only) This may be returned by **dup2**() during a race condition with **open**(2) and **dup**().

EINTR
The **dup2**() call was interrupted by a signal; see **signal**(7).

EMFILE
The process already has the maximum number of file descriptors open and tried to open a new one.

CONFORMING TO

SVr4, 4.3BSD, POSIX.1-2001.

NOTES

The error returned by **dup2**() is different from that returned by **fcntl(**..., **F_DUPFD**, ...**)** when *newfd* is out of range. On some systems **dup2**() also sometimes returns **EINVAL** like **F_DUPFD**.

If *newfd* was open, any errors that would have been reported at **close**(2) time are lost. A careful programmer will not use **dup2**() without closing *newfd* first.

SEE ALSO

close(2), **fcntl**(2), **open**(2)

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NAME

exec, execl, execv, execle, execve, execlp, execvp − execute a file

SYNOPSIS

#include <unistd.h>

int execl(const char * *path***, const char *** *arg0***, . . ., const char *** *argn***, char *** /*NULL*/**);**

int execv(const char * *path***, char *const** *argv[ ]***);**

int execle(const char * *path***,char *const** *arg0[ ]***, . . . , const char *** *argn***,**
char * /*NULL*/**, char *const** *envp[ ]***);**

int execve (const char * *path***, char *const** *argv[ ]* **char *const** *envp[ ]***);**

int execlp (const char * *file***, const char *** *arg0***, . . ., const char *** *argn***, char *** /*NULL*/**);**

int execvp (const char * *file***, char *const** *argv[ ]***);**

DESCRIPTION

Each of the functions in the **exec** family overlays a new process image on an old process. The new process image is constructed from an ordinary, executable file. This file is either an executable object file, or a file of data for an interpreter. There can be no return from a successful call to one of these functions because the calling process image is overlaid by the new process image.

When a C program is executed, it is called as follows:

int main (int argc, char ∗**argv[], char** ∗**envp[]);**

where *argc* is the argument count, *argv* is an array of character pointers to the arguments themselves, and *envp* is an array of character pointers to the environment strings. As indicated, *argc* is at least one, and the first member of the array points to a string containing the name of the file.

The arguments *arg0***,** . . ., *argn* point to null-terminated character strings. These strings constitute the argument list available to the new process image. Conventionally at least *arg0* should be present. The *arg0* argument points to a string that is the same as *path* (or the last component of *path*). The list of argument strings is terminated by a **(char** ∗**)0** argument.

The *argv* argument is an array of character pointers to null-terminated strings. These strings constitute the argument list available to the new process image. By convention, *argv* must have at least one member, and it should point to a string that is the same as *path* (or its last component). The *argv* argument is terminated by a null pointer.

The *path* argument points to a path name that identifies the new process file.

The *file* argument points to the new process file. If *file* does not contain a slash character, the path prefix for this file is obtained by a search of the directories passed in the **PATH** environment variable (see **environ**(5)).

File descriptors open in the calling process remain open in the new process.

Signals that are being caught by the calling process are set to the default disposition in the new process image (see **signal**(3C)). Otherwise, the new process image inherits the signal dispositions of the calling process.

RETURN VALUES

If a function in the **exec** family returns to the calling process, an error has occurred; the return value is **−1** and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

NAME

clearerr, feof, ferror, fileno − check and reset stream status

SYNOPSIS

#include <stdio.h>

void clearerr(FILE * *stream***);**
int feof(FILE * *stream***);**
int ferror(FILE * *stream***);**
int fileno(FILE * *stream***);**

DESCRIPTION

The function **clearerr**() clears the end-of-file and error indicators for the stream pointed to by *stream*.

The function **feof**() tests the end-of-file indicator for the stream pointed to by *stream*, returning non-zero if it is set. The end-of-file indicator can only be cleared by the function **clearerr**().

The function **ferror**() tests the error indicator for the stream pointed to by *stream*, returning non-zero if it is set. The error indicator can only be reset by the **clearerr**() function.

The function **fileno**() examines the argument *stream* and returns its integer descriptor.

For non-locking counterparts, see **unlocked_stdio**(3).

ERRORS

These functions should not fail and do not set the external variable *errno*. (However, in case **fileno**() detects that its argument is not a valid stream, it must return −1 and set *errno* to **EBADF**.)

CONFORMING TO

The functions **clearerr**(), **feof**(), and **ferror**() conform to C89 and C99.

SEE ALSO

open(2), **fdopen**(3), **stdio**(3), **unlocked_stdio**(3)

NAME

fopen, fdopen − stream open functions

SYNOPSIS

#include <stdio.h>

FILE *fopen(const char * *path***, const char *** *mode***);**
FILE *fdopen(int *fildes***, const char *** *mode***);**

DESCRIPTION

The **fopen** function opens the file whose name is the string pointed to by *path* and associates a stream with it.

The argument *mode* points to a string beginning with one of the following sequences (Additional characters may follow these sequences.):

r Open text file for reading. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

r+ Open for reading and writing. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

w Truncate file to zero length or create text file for writing. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

w+ Open for reading and writing. The file is created if it does not exist, otherwise it is truncated. The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file.

a Open for appending (writing at end of file). The file is created if it does not exist. The stream is positioned at the end of the file.

a+ Open for reading and appending (writing at end of file). The file is created if it does not exist. The stream is positioned at the end of the file.

The **fdopen** function associates a stream with the existing file descriptor, *fildes*. The *mode* of the stream (one of the values "r", "r+", "w", "w+", "a", "a+") must be compatible with the mode of the file descriptor. The file position indicator of the new stream is set to that belonging to *fildes*, and the error and end-of-file indicators are cleared. Modes "w" or "w+" do not cause truncation of the file. The file descriptor is not dup'ed, and will be closed when the stream created by **fdopen** is closed. The result of applying **fdopen** to a shared memory object is undefined.

RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion **fopen**, **fdopen** and **freopen** return a **FILE** pointer. Otherwise, **NULL** is returned and the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

EINVAL
The *mode* provided to **fopen**, **fdopen**, or **freopen** was invalid.

The **fopen**, **fdopen** and **freopen** functions may also fail and set *errno* for any of the errors specified for the routine **malloc**(3).

The **fopen** function may also fail and set *errno* for any of the errors specified for the routine **open**(2).

The **fdopen** function may also fail and set *errno* for any of the errors specified for the routine **fcntl**(2).

SEE ALSO

open(2), **fclose**(3), **fileno**(3)

NAME

sigaction − POSIX signal handling functions.

SYNOPSIS

#include <signal.h>

int sigaction(int *signum***, const struct sigaction *** *act***, struct sigaction *** *oldact***);**

DESCRIPTION

The **sigaction** system call is used to change the action taken by a process on receipt of a specific signal.

signum specifies the signal and can be any valid signal except **SIGKILL** and **SIGSTOP**.

If *act* is non−null, the new action for signal *signum* is installed from *act*. If *oldact* is non−null, the previous action is saved in *oldact*.

The **sigaction** structure is defined as something like

```
struct sigaction {
    void (*sa_handler)(int);
    void (*sa_sigaction)(int, siginfo_t *, void *);
    sigset_t sa_mask;
    int sa_flags;
    void (*sa_restorer)(void);
}
```

On some architectures a union is involved - do not assign to both *sa_handler* and *sa_sigaction*.

The *sa_restorer* element is obsolete and should not be used. POSIX does not specify a *sa_restorer* element.

sa_handler specifies the action to be associated with *signum* and may be **SIG_DFL** for the default action, **SIG_IGN** to ignore this signal, or a pointer to a signal handling function.

sa_mask gives a mask of signals which should be blocked during execution of the signal handler. In addition, the signal which triggered the handler will be blocked, unless the **SA_NODEFER** or **SA_NOMASK** flags are used.

sa_flags specifies a set of flags which modify the behaviour of the signal handling process. It is formed by the bitwise OR of zero or more of the following:

SA_NOCLDSTOP
If *signum* is **SIGCHLD**, do not receive notification when child processes stop (i.e., when child processes receive one of **SIGSTOP**, **SIGTSTP**, **SIGTTIN** or **SIGTTOU**).

SA_RESTART
Provide behaviour compatible with BSD signal semantics by making certain system calls restartable across signals.

RETURN VALUES

sigaction returns 0 on success and -1 on error.

ERRORS

EINVAL
An invalid signal was specified. This will also be generated if an attempt is made to change the action for **SIGKILL** or **SIGSTOP**, which cannot be caught.

SEE ALSO

kill(1), **kill**(2), **killpg**(2), **pause**(2), **sigsetops**(3),

NAME

sigprocmask − change and/or examine caller's signal mask
sigsuspend − install a signal mask and suspend caller until signal

SYNOPSIS

#include <signal.h>

int sigprocmask(int *how***, const sigset_t ****set***, sigset_t ****oset***);**

int sigsuspend(const sigset_t ****set*);**

DESCRIPTION sigprocmask

The **sigprocmask( )** function is used to examine and/or change the caller's signal mask. If the value is **SIG_BLOCK**, the set pointed to by the argument *set* is added to the current signal mask. If the value is **SIG_UNBLOCK**, the set pointed by the argument *set* is removed from the current signal mask. If the value is **SIG_SETMASK**, the current signal mask is replaced by the set pointed to by the argument *set*. If the argument *oset* is not NULL, the previous mask is stored in the space pointed to by *oset*. If the value of the argument *set* is NULL, the value *how* is not significant and the caller's signal mask is unchanged; thus, the call can be used to inquire about currently blocked signals.

If there are any pending unblocked signals after the call to **sigprocmask( )**, at least one of those signals will be delivered before the call to **sigprocmask( )** returns.

It is not possible to block those signals that cannot be ignored this restriction is silently imposed by the system. See **sigaction**(2).

If **sigprocmask( )** fails, the caller's signal mask is not changed.

RETURN VALUES

On success, **sigprocmask( )** returns **0**. On failure, it returns **−1** and sets **errno** to indicate the error.

ERRORS

sigprocmask( ) fails if any of the following is true:

EFAULT *set* or *oset* points to an illegal address.

EINVAL The value of the *how* argument is not equal to one of the defined values.

DESCRIPTION sigsuspend

sigsuspend( ) replaces the caller's signal mask with the set of signals pointed to by the argument *set* and then suspends the caller until delivery of a signal whose action is either to execute a signal catching function or to terminate the process.

If the action is to terminate the process, **sigsuspend( )** does not return. If the action is to execute a signal catching function, **sigsuspend( )** returns after the signal catching function returns. On return, the signal mask is restored to the set that existed before the call to **sigsuspend( )**.

It is not possible to block those signals that cannot be ignored (see **signal**(5)); this restriction is silently imposed by the system.

RETURN VALUES

Since **sigsuspend( )** suspends process execution indefinitely, there is no successful completion return value. On failure, it returns −1 and sets **errno** to indicate the error.

ERRORS

sigsuspend( ) fails if either of the following is true:

EFAULT *set* points to an illegal address.

EINTR A signal is caught by the calling process and control is returned from the signal catching function.

SEE ALSO

sigaction(2), **sigsetops**(3C),

NAME

sigsetops, sigemptyset, sigfillset, sigaddset, sigdelset, sigismember − manipulate sets of signals

SYNOPSIS

#include <signal.h>

int sigemptyset(sigset_t ****set*);**

int sigfillset(sigset_t ****set*);**

int sigaddset(sigset_t ****set*, int** *signo***);**

int sigdelset(sigset_t ****set*, int** *signo***);**

int sigismember(sigset_t ****set*, int** *signo***);**

DESCRIPTION

These functions manipulate *sigset_t* data types, representing the set of signals supported by the implementation.

sigemptyset( ) initializes the set pointed to by *set* to exclude all signals defined by the system.

sigfillset( ) initializes the set pointed to by *set* to include all signals defined by the system.

sigaddset( ) adds the individual signal specified by the value of *signo* to the set pointed to by *set.*

sigdelset( ) deletes the individual signal specified by the value of *signo* from the set pointed to by *set*.

sigismember( ) checks whether the signal specified by the value of *signo* is a member of the set pointed to by *set*.

Any object of type *sigset_t* must be initialized by applying either **sigemptyset( )** or **sigfillset( )** before applying any other operation.

RETURN VALUES

Upon successful completion, the **sigismember( )** function returns a value of one if the specified signal is a member of the specified set, or a value of 0 if it is not. Upon successful completion, the other functions return a value of 0. Otherwise a value of −1 is returned and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

sigaddset( ), **sigdelset( )**, and **sigismember( )** will fail if the following is true:

EINVAL The value of the *signo* argument is not a valid signal number.

sigfillset( ) will fail if the following is true:

EFAULT The *set* argument specifies an invalid address.

SEE ALSO

sigaction(2), **sigpending**(2), **sigprocmask**(2), **sigsuspend**(2), **attributes**(5), **signal**(5)

NAME

printf, fprintf, sprintf, snprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vsprintf, vsnprintf − formatted output conversion

SYNOPSIS

#include <stdio.h>

int printf(const char * *format*, **...);**
int fprintf(FILE * *stream*, **const char *** *format*, **...);**
int sprintf(char * *str*, **const char *** *format*, **...);**
int snprintf(char * *str*, **size_t** *size*, **const char *** *format*, **...);**

...

DESCRIPTION

The functions in the **printf**() family produce output according to a *format* as described below. The functions **printf**() and **vprintf**() write output to *stdout*, the standard output stream; **fprintf**() and **vfprintf**() write output to the given output *stream*; **sprintf**(), **snprintf**(), **vsprintf**() and **vsnprintf**() write to the character string *str*.

The functions **snprintf**() and **vsnprintf**() write at most *size* bytes (including the trailing null byte ('\0')) to *str*.

These eight functions write the output under the control of a *format* string that specifies how subsequent arguments (or arguments accessed via the variable-length argument facilities of **stdarg**(3)) are converted for output.

Return value

Upon successful return, these functions return the number of characters printed (not including the trailing '\0' used to end output to strings).

The functions **snprintf**() and **vsnprintf**() do not write more than *size* bytes (including the trailing '\0'). If the output was truncated due to this limit then the return value is the number of characters (not including the trailing '\0') which would have been written to the final string if enough space had been available. Thus, a return value of *size* or more means that the output was truncated. (See also below under NOTES.)

If an output error is encountered, a negative value is returned.

Format of the format string

The format string is a character string, beginning and ending in its initial shift state, if any. The format string is composed of zero or more directives: ordinary characters (not **%**), which are copied unchanged to the output stream; and conversion specifications, each of which results in fetching zero or more subsequent arguments. Each conversion specification is introduced by the character **%**, and ends with a *conversion specifier*. In between there may be (in this order) zero or more *flags*, an optional minimum *field width*, an optional *precision* and an optional *length modifier*.

The conversion specifier

A character that specifies the type of conversion to be applied. An example for a conversion specifier is:

s The *const char* * argument is expected to be a pointer to an array of character type (pointer to a string). Characters from the array are written up to (but not including) a terminating null byte ('\0'); if a precision is specified, no more than the number specified are written. If a precision is given, no null byte need be present; if the precision is not specified, or is greater than the size of the array, the array must contain a terminating null byte.

SEE ALSO

printf(1), **asprintf**(3), **dprintf**(3), **scanf**(3), **setlocale**(3), **wcrtomb**(3), **wprintf**(3), **locale**(5)

NAME

stat, fstat, lstat − get file status

SYNOPSIS

#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int stat(const char * *path*, **struct stat *** *buf*);
int fstat(int *fd*, **struct stat *** *buf*);
int lstat(const char * *path*, **struct stat *** *buf*);

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see **feature_test_macros**(7)):

lstat(): _BSD_SOURCE || _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500

DESCRIPTION

These functions return information about a file. No permissions are required on the file itself, but — in the case of **stat**() and **lstat**() — execute (search) permission is required on all of the directories in *path* that lead to the file.

stat() stats the file pointed to by *path* and fills in *buf*.

lstat() is identical to **stat**(), except that if *path* is a symbolic link, then the link itself is stat-ed, not the file that it refers to.

fstat() is identical to **stat**(), except that the file to be stat-ed is specified by the file descriptor *fd*.

All of these system calls return a *stat* structure, which contains the following fields:

```
struct stat {
    dev_t     st_dev;     /* ID of device containing file */
    ino_t     st_ino;     /* inode number */
    mode_t    st_mode;    /* protection */
    nlink_t   st_nlink;   /* number of hard links */
    uid_t     st_uid;     /* user ID of owner */
    gid_t     st_gid;     /* group ID of owner */
    dev_t     st_rdev;    /* device ID (if special file) */
    off_t     st_size;    /* total size, in bytes */
    blksize_t st_blksize; /* blocksize for file system I/O */
    blkcnt_t  st_blocks;  /* number of blocks allocated */
    time_t    st_atime;   /* time of last access */
    time_t    st_mtime;   /* time of last modification */
    time_t    st_ctime;   /* time of last status change */
};
```

The *st_dev* field describes the device on which this file resides.

The *st_rdev* field describes the device that this file (inode) represents.

The *st_size* field gives the size of the file (if it is a regular file or a symbolic link) in bytes. The size of a symlink is the length of the pathname it contains, without a trailing null byte.

The *st_blocks* field indicates the number of blocks allocated to the file, 512-byte units. (This may be smaller than *st_size*/512 when the file has holes.)

The *st_blksize* field gives the "preferred" blocksize for efficient file system I/O. (Writing to a file in smaller chunks may cause an inefficient read-modify-rewrite.)

Not all of the Linux file systems implement all of the time fields. Some file system types allow mounting in such a way that file accesses do not cause an update of the *st_atime* field. (See "noatime" in **mount**(8).)

The field *st_atime* is changed by file accesses, for example, by **execve**(2), **mknod**(2), **pipe**(2), **utime**(2) and **read**(2) (of more than zero bytes). Other routines, like **mmap**(2), may or may not update *st_atime*.

The field *st_mtime* is changed by file modifications, for example, by **mknod**(2), **truncate**(2), **utime**(2) and **write**(2) (of more than zero bytes). Moreover, *st_mtime* of a directory is changed by the creation or deletion of files in that directory. The *st_mtime* field is *not* changed for changes in owner, group, hard link count, or mode.

The field *st_ctime* is changed by writing or by setting inode information (i.e., owner, group, link count, mode, etc.).

The following POSIX macros are defined to check the file type using the *st_mode* field:

S_ISREG(m)	is it a regular file?
S_ISDIR(m)	directory?
S_ISCHR(m)	character device?
S_ISBLK(m)	block device?
S_ISFIFO(m)	FIFO (named pipe)?
S_ISLNK(m)	symbolic link? (Not in POSIX.1-1996.)
S_ISSOCK(m)	socket? (Not in POSIX.1-1996.)

RETURN VALUE

On success, zero is returned. On error, −1 is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

ERRORS

EACCES
Search permission is denied for one of the directories in the path prefix of *path*. (See also **path_resolution**(7).)

EBADF
fd is bad.

EFAULT
Bad address.

ELOOP
Too many symbolic links encountered while traversing the path.

ENAMETOOLONG
File name too long.

ENOENT
A component of the path *path* does not exist, or the path is an empty string.

ENOMEM
Out of memory (i.e., kernel memory).

ENOTDIR
A component of the path is not a directory.

SEE ALSO

access(2), **chmod**(2), **chown**(2), **fstatat**(2), **readlink**(2), **utime**(2), **capabilities**(7), **symlink**(7)

NAME

waitpid − wait for child process to change state

SYNOPSIS

#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>

pid_t waitpid(pid_t *pid***, int ****stat_loc***, int** *options***);**

DESCRIPTION

waitpid( ) suspends the calling process until one of its children changes state; if a child process changed state prior to the call to **waitpid( )**, return is immediate. *pid* specifies a set of child processes for which status is requested.

If *pid* is equal to **(pid_t)−1**, status is requested for any child process.

If *pid* is greater than **(pid_t)0**, it specifies the process ID of the child process for which status is requested.

If *pid* is equal to **(pid_t)0** status is requested for any child process whose process group ID is equal to that of the calling process.

If *pid* is less than **(pid_t)−1**, status is requested for any child process whose process group ID is equal to the absolute value of *pid*.

If **waitpid( )** returns because the status of a child process is available, then that status may be evaluated with the macros defined by **wstat**(5). If the calling process had specified a non-zero value of *stat_loc*, the status of the child process will be stored in the location pointed to by *stat_loc*.

The *options* argument is constructed from the bitwise inclusive OR of zero or more of the following flags, defined in the header **<sys/wait.h>**:

WCONTINUED	The status of any continued child process specified by *pid*, whose status has not been reported since it continued, is also reported to the calling process.
WNOHANG	**waitpid( )** will not suspend execution of the calling process if status is not immediately available for one of the child processes specified by *pid*.
WNOWAIT	Keep the process whose status is returned in *stat_loc* in a waitable state. The process may be waited for again with identical results.

RETURN VALUES

If **waitpid( )** returns because the status of a child process is available, this function returns a value equal to the process ID of the child process for which status is reported. If **waitpid( )** returns due to the delivery of a signal to the calling process, **−1** is returned and **errno** is set to **EINTR**. If this function was invoked with **WNOHANG** set in *options*, it has at least one child process specified by *pid* for which status is not available, and status is not available for any process specified by *pid*, **0** is returned. Otherwise, **−1** is returned, and **errno** is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

waitpid( ) will fail if one or more of the following is true:

ECHILD	The process or process group specified by *pid* does not exist or is not a child of the calling process or can never be in the states specified by *options*.
EINTR	**waitpid( )** was interrupted due to the receipt of a signal sent by the calling process.
EINVAL	An invalid value was specified for *options*.

SEE ALSO

exec(2), **exit**(2), **fork**(2), **sigaction**(2), **wstat**(5)