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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'io\_setup.2'

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NAME

io\_setup - create an asynchronous I/O context

#### **SYNOPSIS**

#include linux/aio\_abi.h> /\* Defines needed types \*/

long io\_setup(unsigned nr\_events, aio\_context\_t \*ctx\_idp);

Note: There is no glibc wrapper for this system call; see NOTES.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Note: this page describes the raw Linux system call interface. The wrapper function pro? vided by libaio uses a different type for the ctx\_idp argument. See NOTES.

The io\_setup() system call creates an asynchronous I/O context suitable for concurrently processing nr\_events operations. The ctx\_idp argument must not point to an AIO context that already exists, and must be initialized to 0 prior to the call. On successful cre? ation of the AIO context, \*ctx\_idp is filled in with the resulting handle.

#### **RETURN VALUE**

On success, io setup() returns 0. For the failure return, see NOTES.

#### **ERRORS**

EAGAIN The specified nr\_events exceeds the limit of available events, as defined in /proc/sys/fs/aio-max-nr (see proc(5)).

EFAULT An invalid pointer is passed for ctx\_idp.

EINVAL ctx\_idp is not initialized, or the specified nr\_events exceeds internal limits.

nr\_events should be greater than 0.

ENOSYS io setup() is not implemented on this architecture.

## **VERSIONS**

The asynchronous I/O system calls first appeared in Linux 2.5.

#### **CONFORMING TO**

io\_setup() is Linux-specific and should not be used in programs that are intended to be portable.

## **NOTES**

Glibc does not provide a wrapper function for this system call. You could invoke it using syscall(2). But instead, you probably want to use the io\_setup() wrapper function pro? vided by libaio.

Note that the libaio wrapper function uses a different type (io\_context\_t \*) for the ctx\_idp argument. Note also that the libaio wrapper does not follow the usual C library conventions for indicating errors: on error it returns a negated error number (the nega? tive of one of the values listed in ERRORS). If the system call is invoked via syscall(2), then the return value follows the usual conventions for indicating an error:

-1, with errno set to a (positive) value that indicates the error.

## SEE ALSO

io cancel(2), io destroy(2), io getevents(2), io submit(2), aio(7)

# **COLOPHON**

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