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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'pthread\_rwlockattr\_getkind\_np.3'

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PTHREAD\_RWLOCKATTR\_SETKIND\_NP(3) Library Functions Manual PTHREAD\_RWLOCKATTR\_SETKIND\_NP(3)

NAME

pthread\_rwlockattr\_setkind\_np, pthread\_rwlockattr\_getkind\_np - set/get the read-write lock

kind of the thread read-write lock attribute object

#### SYNOPSIS

#include <pthread.h>

int pthread\_rwlockattr\_setkind\_np(pthread\_rwlockattr\_t \*attr,

int pref);

int pthread\_rwlockattr\_getkind\_np(const pthread\_rwlockattr\_t \*attr,

int \*pref);

Compile and link with -pthread.

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature\_test\_macros(7)):

pthread\_rwlockattr\_setkind\_np(), pthread\_rwlockattr\_getkind\_np():

\_XOPEN\_SOURCE >= 500 || \_POSIX\_C\_SOURCE >= 200809L

### DESCRIPTION

The pthread\_rwlockattr\_setkind\_np() function sets the "lock kind" attribute of the read-

write lock attribute object referred to by attr to the value specified in pref. The argu?

ment pref may be set to one of the following:

### PTHREAD\_RWLOCK\_PREFER\_READER\_NP

This is the default. A thread may hold multiple read locks; that is, read locks are recursive. According to The Single Unix Specification, the behavior is unspec? ified when a reader tries to place a lock, and there is no write lock but writers are waiting. Giving preference to the reader, as is set by PTHREAD\_RWLOCK\_PRE?

FER\_READER\_NP, implies that the reader will receive the requested lock, even if a

writer is waiting. As long as there are readers, the writer will be starved.

#### PTHREAD\_RWLOCK\_PREFER\_WRITER\_NP

This is intended as the write lock analog of PTHREAD\_RWLOCK\_PREFER\_READER\_NP. This is ignored by glibc because the POSIX requirement to support recursive read locks would cause this option to create trivial deadlocks; instead use

PTHREAD\_RWLOCK\_PREFER\_WRITER\_NONRECURSIVE\_NP which ensures the application devel? oper will not take recursive read locks thus avoiding deadlocks.

#### PTHREAD\_RWLOCK\_PREFER\_WRITER\_NONRECURSIVE\_NP

Setting the lock kind to this avoids writer starvation as long as any read locking

is not done in a recursive fashion.

The pthread\_rwlockattr\_getkind\_np() function returns the value of the lock kind attribute of the read-write lock attribute object referred to by attr in the pointer pref.

#### **RETURN VALUE**

On success, these functions return 0. Given valid pointer arguments, pthread\_rwlock? attr\_getkind\_np() always succeeds. On error, pthread\_rwlockattr\_setkind\_np() returns a nonzero error number.

#### ERRORS

EINVAL pref specifies an unsupported value.

#### VERSIONS

The pthread\_rwlockattr\_getkind\_np() and pthread\_rwlockattr\_setkind\_np() functions first appeared in glibc 2.1.

#### CONFORMING TO

These functions are non-standard GNU extensions; hence the suffix "\_np" (nonportable) in the names.

#### SEE ALSO

pthreads(7)

#### COLOPHON

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