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### ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'sched\_setscheduler.2'***

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SCHED\_SETSCHEDULER(2)                      Linux Programmer's Manual                      SCHED\_SETSCHEDULER(2)

NAME

    sched\_setscheduler, sched\_getscheduler - set and get scheduling policy/parameters

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sched.h>

int sched_setscheduler(pid_t pid, int policy,
                      const struct sched_param *param);

int sched_getscheduler(pid_t pid);
```

DESCRIPTION

The `sched_setscheduler()` system call sets both the scheduling policy and parameters for the thread whose ID is specified in `pid`. If `pid` equals zero, the scheduling policy and parameters of the calling thread will be set.

The scheduling parameters are specified in the `param` argument, which is a pointer to a structure of the following form:

```
struct sched_param {
    ...
    int sched_priority;
    ...
};
```

In the current implementation, the structure contains only one field, `sched_priority`. The interpretation of `param` depends on the selected policy.

Currently, Linux supports the following "normal" (i.e., non-real-time) scheduling policies as values that may be specified in `policy`:

`SCHED_OTHER` the standard round-robin time-sharing policy;

`SCHED_BATCH` for "batch" style execution of processes; and

`SCHED_IDLE` for running very low priority background jobs.

For each of the above policies, `param->sched_priority` must be 0.

Various "real-time" policies are also supported, for special time-critical applications that need precise control over the way in which runnable threads are selected for execution. For the rules governing when a process may use these policies, see `sched(7)`. The real-time policies that may be specified in policy are:

`SCHED_FIFO` a first-in, first-out policy; and

`SCHED_RR` a round-robin policy.

For each of the above policies, `param->sched_priority` specifies a scheduling priority for the thread. This is a number in the range returned by calling `sched_get_priority_min(2)` and `sched_get_priority_max(2)` with the specified policy. On Linux, these system calls return, respectively, 1 and 99.

Since Linux 2.6.32, the `SCHED_RESET_ON_FORK` flag can be ORed in policy when calling `sched_setscheduler()`. As a result of including this flag, children created by `fork(2)` do not inherit privileged scheduling policies. See `sched(7)` for details.

`sched_getscheduler()` returns the current scheduling policy of the thread identified by `pid`. If `pid` equals zero, the policy of the calling thread will be retrieved.

## RETURN VALUE

On success, `sched_setscheduler()` returns zero. On success, `sched_getscheduler()` returns the policy for the thread (a nonnegative integer). On error, both calls return -1, and `errno` is set appropriately.

## ERRORS

`EINVAL` Invalid arguments: `pid` is negative or `param` is `NULL`.

`EINVAL` (`sched_setscheduler()`) `policy` is not one of the recognized policies.

`EINVAL` (`sched_setscheduler()`) `param` does not make sense for the specified policy.

`EPERM` The calling thread does not have appropriate privileges.

`ESRCH` The thread whose ID is `pid` could not be found.

## CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008 (but see `BUGS` below). The `SCHED_BATCH` and `SCHED_IDLE` policies are Linux-specific.

## NOTES

Further details of the semantics of all of the above "normal" and "real-time" scheduling policies can be found in the sched(7) manual page. That page also describes an additional policy, SCHED\_DEADLINE, which is settable only via sched\_setattr(2).

POSIX systems on which sched\_setscheduler() and sched\_getscheduler() are available define \_POSIX\_PRIORITY\_SCHEDULING in <unistd.h>.

POSIX.1 does not detail the permissions that an unprivileged thread requires in order to call sched\_setscheduler(), and details vary across systems. For example, the Solaris 7 manual page says that the real or effective user ID of the caller must match the real user ID or the save set-user-ID of the target.

The scheduling policy and parameters are in fact per-thread attributes on Linux. The value returned from a call to gettid(2) can be passed in the argument pid. Specifying pid as 0 will operate on the attributes of the calling thread, and passing the value returned from a call to getpid(2) will operate on the attributes of the main thread of the thread group. (If you are using the POSIX threads API, then use pthread\_setschedparam(3), pthread\_getschedparam(3), and pthread\_setschedprio(3), instead of the sched\_\*(2) system calls.)

## BUGS

POSIX.1 says that on success, sched\_setscheduler() should return the previous scheduling policy. Linux sched\_setscheduler() does not conform to this requirement, since it always returns 0 on success.

## SEE ALSO

chrt(1), nice(2), sched\_get\_priority\_max(2), sched\_get\_priority\_min(2), sched\_getaffinity(2), sched\_getattr(2), sched\_getparam(2), sched\_rr\_get\_interval(2), sched\_setaffinity(2), sched\_setattr(2), sched\_setparam(2), sched\_yield(2), setpriority(2), capabilities(7), cpuset(7), sched(7)

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