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NAME

   setenv - change or add an environment variable

SYNOPSIS

   #include <stdlib.h>

   int setenv(const char *name, const char *value, int overwrite);

   int unsetenv(const char *name);

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

   setenv(), unsetenv():

      _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L

         || /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE

DESCRIPTION

   The setenv() function adds the variable name to the environment with the value value, if

   name does not already exist. If name does exist in the environment, then its value is

   changed to value if overwrite is nonzero; if overwrite is zero, then the value of name is

   not changed (and setenv() returns a success status). This function makes copies of the

   strings pointed to by name and value (by contrast with putenv(3)).

   The unsetenv() function deletes the variable name from the environment. If name does not

   exist in the environment, then the function succeeds, and the environment is unchanged.

RETURN VALUE

   setenv() and unsetenv() functions return zero on success, or -1 on error, with errno set

   to indicate the cause of the error.

ERRORS

EINVAL name is NULL, points to a string of length 0, or contains an '=' character.

ENOMEM Insufficient memory to add a new variable to the environment.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see attributes(7).

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?setenv(), unsetenv() ? Thread safety ? MT-Unsafe const:env ?

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CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, 4.3BSD.

NOTES

POSIX.1 does not require setenv() or unsetenv() to be reentrant.

Prior to glibc 2.2.2, unsetenv() was prototyped as returning void; more recent glibc ver?

sions follow the POSIX.1-compliant prototype shown in the SYNOPSIS.

BUGS

POSIX.1 specifies that if name contains an '=' character, then setenv() should fail with

the error EINVAL; however, versions of glibc before 2.3.4 allowed an '=' sign in name.

SEE ALSO

clearenv(3), getenv(3), putenv(3), environ(7)

COLOPHON

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