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# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'futimes.3' command

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NAME

futimes, lutimes - change file timestamps

#### **SYNOPSIS**

#include <sys/time.h>

int futimes(int fd, const struct timeval tv[2]);

int lutimes(const char \*filename, const struct timeval tv[2]);

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

futimes(), lutimes():

Since glibc 2.19:

\_DEFAULT\_SOURCE

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

\_BSD\_SOURCE

## **DESCRIPTION**

futimes() changes the access and modification times of a file in the same way as utimes(2), with the difference that the file whose time? stamps are to be changed is specified via a file descriptor, fd, rather than via a pathname.

lutimes() changes the access and modification times of a file in the same way as utimes(2), with the difference that if filename refers to a symbolic link, then the link is not dereferenced: instead, the time? stamps of the symbolic link are changed.

RETURN VALUE Page 1/2

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

#### **ERRORS**

Errors are as for utimes(2), with the following additions for fu? times():

EBADF fd is not a valid file descriptor.

ENOSYS The /proc filesystem could not be accessed.

The following additional error may occur for lutimes():

ENOSYS The kernel does not support this call; Linux 2.6.22 or later is required.

#### **VERSIONS**

futimes() is available since glibc 2.3. lutimes() is available since glibc 2.6, and is implemented using the utimensat(2) system call, which is supported since kernel 2.6.22.

#### **ATTRIBUTES**

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

?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

?futimes(), lutimes()? Thread safety? MT-Safe?

### **CONFORMING TO**

These functions are not specified in any standard. Other than Linux, they are available only on the BSDs.

# SEE ALSO

utime(2), utimensat(2), symlink(7)

### **COLOPHON**

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