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

### ***\$ man mkdtemp.3***

MKDTEMP(3)                   Linux Programmer's Manual                   MKDTEMP(3)

#### NAME

mkdtemp - create a unique temporary directory

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
char *mkdtemp(char *template);
```

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

```
mkdtemp():
```

```
/* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE
```

```
|| /* Glibc 2.19 and earlier: */ _BSD_SOURCE
```

```
|| /* Since glibc 2.10: */ _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200809L
```

#### DESCRIPTION

The `mkdtemp()` function generates a uniquely named temporary directory from `template`. The last six characters of `template` must be `XXXXXX` and these are replaced with a string that makes the directory name unique.

The directory is then created with permissions `0700`. Since it will be modified, `template` must not be a string constant, but should be declared as a character array.

#### RETURN VALUE

The `mkdtemp()` function returns a pointer to the modified `template` string on success, and `NULL` on failure, in which case `errno` is set appropriately.

#### ERRORS

EINVAL The last six characters of template were not XXXXXX. Now template is unchanged.

Also see mkdir(2) for other possible values for errno.

#### VERSIONS

Available since glibc 2.1.91.

#### ATTRIBUTES

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

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?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

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?mkdtemp() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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#### CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2008. This function is present on the BSDs.

#### SEE ALSO

mktemp(1), mkdir(2), mkstemp(3), mktemp(3), tempnam(3), tmpfile(3), tmpnam(3)

#### COLOPHON

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