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

NAME

mq_getattr, mq_setattr - get/set message queue attributes

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <mqueue.h>

int mq_getattr(mqd_t mqdes, struct mq_attr *attr);

int mq_setattr(mqd_t mqdes, const struct mq_attr *newattr,
               struct mq_attr *oldattr);
```

Link with -lrt.

DESCRIPTION

mq_getattr() and mq_setattr() respectively retrieve and modify attributes of the message queue referred to by the message queue descriptor mqdes.

mq_getattr() returns an mq_attr structure in the buffer pointed by attr. This structure is defined as:

```
struct mq_attr {
    long mq_flags;     /* Flags: 0 or O_NONBLOCK */
    long mq_maxmsg;   /* Max. # of messages on queue */
    long mq_msgsize;   /* Max. message size (bytes) */
    long mq_curmsgs;   /* # of messages currently in queue */
};
```

The mq_flags field contains flags associated with the open message queue description. This field is initialized when the queue is created

by mq_open(3). The only flag that can appear in this field is O_NONBLOCK.

The mq_maxmsg and mq_msgsize fields are set when the message queue is created by mq_open(3). The mq_maxmsg field is an upper limit on the number of messages that may be placed on the queue using mq_send(3).

The mq_msgsize field is an upper limit on the size of messages that may be placed on the queue. Both of these fields must have a value greater than zero. Two /proc files that place ceilings on the values for these fields are described in mq_overview(7).

The mq_curmsgs field returns the number of messages currently held in the queue.

mq_setattr() sets message queue attributes using information supplied in the mq_attr structure pointed to by newattr. The only attribute that can be modified is the setting of the O_NONBLOCK flag in mq_flags.

The other fields in newattr are ignored. If the oldattr field is not NULL, then the buffer that it points to is used to return an mq_attr structure that contains the same information that is returned by mq_getattr().

RETURN VALUE

On success mq_getattr() and mq_setattr() return 0; on error, -1 is returned, with errno set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

- EBADF The message queue descriptor specified in mqdes is invalid.
- EINVAL newattr->mq_flags contained set bits other than O_NONBLOCK.

ATTRIBUTES

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

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NOTES

On Linux, `mq_getattr()` and `mq_setattr()` are library functions layered on top of the `mq_getsetattr(2)` system call.

EXAMPLES

The program below can be used to show the default `mq_maxmsg` and `mq_msg?` size values that are assigned to a message queue that is created with a call to `mq_open(3)` in which the `attr` argument is `NULL`. Here is an example run of the program:

```
$ ./a.out /testq  
  
Maximum # of messages on queue: 10  
  
Maximum message size:      8192
```

Since Linux 3.5, the following `/proc` files (described in `mq_overview(7)`) can be used to control the defaults:

```
$ uname -sr  
  
Linux 3.8.0  
  
$ cat /proc/sys/fs/mqueue/msg_default  
  
10  
  
$ cat /proc/sys/fs/mqueue/msgsize_default  
  
8192
```

Program source

```
#include <mqueue.h>  
  
#include <sys/stat.h>  
  
#include <fcntl.h>  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
#include <stdlib.h>  
  
#include <unistd.h>  
  
#define errExit(msg) do { perror(msg); exit(EXIT_FAILURE); \  
    } while (0)  
  
int  
  
main(int argc, char *argv[])  
{  
    mqd_t mqd;
```

```

struct mq_attr attr;

if (argc != 2) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s mq-name\n", argv[0]);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

mqd = mq_open(argv[1], O_CREAT | O_EXCL, S_IRUSR | S_IWUSR, NULL);

if (mqd == (mqd_t) -1)
    errExit("mq_open");

if (mq_getattr(mqd, &attr) == -1)
    errExit("mq_getattr");

printf("Maximum # of messages on queue: %ld\n", attr.mq_maxmsg);
printf("Maximum message size: %ld\n", attr.mq_msgsize);

if (mq_unlink(argv[1]) == -1)
    errExit("mq_unlink");

exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

```

SEE ALSO

mq_close(3), mq_notify(3), mq_open(3), mq_receive(3), mq_send(3),
mq_unlink(3), mq_overview(7)

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