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NAME

inet_aton, inet_addr, inet_network, inet_ntoa, inet_makeaddr,

inet_Inaof, inet_netof - Internet address manipulation routines

SYNOPSIS

inet_aton(), inet_ntoa():

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#include <sys/socket.h>

#include <netinet/in.h>

#include <arpa/inet.h>

int inet_aton(const char *cp, struct in_addr *inp);

in_addr_t inet_addr(const char *cp);

in_addr_t inet_network(const char *cp);

char *inet_ntoa(struct in_addr in);

struct in_addr inet_makeaddr(in_addr_t net, in_addr_t host);

in_addr_t inet_lnaof(struct in_addr in);

in_addr_t inet_netof(struct in_addr in);

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature_test_macros(7)):
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Since glibc 2.19: Page 1/6

_DEFAULT_SOURCE

In glibc up to and including 2.19:

_BSD_SOURCE || _BSD_SOURCE

DESCRIPTION

inet_aton() converts the Internet host address cp from the IPv4 num? bers-and-dots notation into binary form (in network byte order) and stores it in the structure that inp points to. inet_aton() returns nonzero if the address is valid, zero if not. The address supplied in cp can have one of the following forms:

- a.b.c.d Each of the four numeric parts specifies a byte of the ad?dress; the bytes are assigned in left-to-right order to pro?duce the binary address.
- a.b.c Parts a and b specify the first two bytes of the binary ad?

 dress. Part c is interpreted as a 16-bit value that defines
 the rightmost two bytes of the binary address. This notation
 is suitable for specifying (outmoded) Class B network ad?
 dresses.
- a.b Part a specifies the first byte of the binary address. Part
 b is interpreted as a 24-bit value that defines the rightmost
 three bytes of the binary address. This notation is suitable
 for specifying (outmoded) Class A network addresses.
- a The value a is interpreted as a 32-bit value that is stored directly into the binary address without any byte rearrange? ment.

In all of the above forms, components of the dotted address can be specified in decimal, octal (with a leading 0), or hexadecimal, with a leading 0X). Addresses in any of these forms are collectively termed IPV4 numbers-and-dots notation. The form that uses exactly four deci? mal numbers is referred to as IPv4 dotted-decimal notation (or some? times: IPv4 dotted-quad notation).

inet_aton() returns 1 if the supplied string was successfully inter? preted, or 0 if the string is invalid (errno is not set on error).

The inet_addr() function converts the Internet host address cp from

IPv4 numbers-and-dots notation into binary data in network byte order. If the input is invalid, INADDR_NONE (usually -1) is returned. Use of this function is problematic because -1 is a valid address (255.255.255.255). Avoid its use in favor of inet_aton(), inet_pton(3), or getaddrinfo(3), which provide a cleaner way to indi? cate error return.

The inet_network() function converts cp, a string in IPv4 numbers-and-dots notation, into a number in host byte order suitable for use as an Internet network address. On success, the converted address is re? turned. If the input is invalid, -1 is returned.

The inet_ntoa() function converts the Internet host address in, given in network byte order, to a string in IPv4 dotted-decimal notation.

The string is returned in a statically allocated buffer, which subse? quent calls will overwrite.

The inet_lnaof() function returns the local network address part of the Internet address in. The returned value is in host byte order.

The inet_netof() function returns the network number part of the Inter? net address in. The returned value is in host byte order.

The inet_makeaddr() function is the converse of inet_netof() and inet_lnaof(). It returns an Internet host address in network byte or? der, created by combining the network number net with the local address host, both in host byte order.

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The structure in_addr as used in inet_ntoa(), inet_makeaddr(), inet_lnaof(), and inet_netof() is defined in <netinet/in.h> as: typedef uint32_t in_addr_t;
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struct in_addr {
in_addr_t s_addr;
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};

ATTRIBUTES

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

?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ? Page 3/6

CONFORMING TO

inet_addr(), inet_ntoa(): POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008, 4.3BSD.
inet_aton() is not specified in POSIX.1, but is available on most sys?
tems.

On x86 architectures, the host byte order is Least Significant Byte

NOTES

first (little endian), whereas the network byte order, as used on the Internet, is Most Significant Byte first (big endian).
inet_Inaof(), inet_netof(), and inet_makeaddr() are legacy functions that assume they are dealing with classful network addresses. Classful networking divides IPv4 network addresses into host and network compo?

Class A This address type is indicated by the value 0 in the most significant bit of the (network byte ordered) address. The network address is contained in the most significant byte, and the host address occupies the remaining three bytes.

nents at byte boundaries, as follows:

- Class B This address type is indicated by the binary value 10 in the most significant two bits of the address. The network ad?

 dress is contained in the two most significant bytes, and the host address occupies the remaining two bytes.
- Class C This address type is indicated by the binary value 110 in the most significant three bits of the address. The network ad?

 dress is contained in the three most significant bytes, and the host address occupies the remaining byte.

Classful network addresses are now obsolete, having been superseded by Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR), which divides addresses into

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network and host components at arbitrary bit (rather than byte) bound? aries.
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EXAMPLES

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An example of the use of inet_aton() and inet_ntoa() is shown below.
    Here are some example runs:
      $ ./a.out 226.000.000.037 # Last byte is in octal
      226.0.0.31
      $ ./a.out 0x7f.1
                              # First byte is in hex
      127.0.0.1
 Program source
    #define _BSD_SOURCE
    #include <arpa/inet.h>
    #include <stdio.h>
    #include <stdlib.h>
    int
    main(int argc, char *argv[])
    {
      struct in addr addr;
      if (argc != 2) {
         fprintf(stderr, "%s <dotted-address>\n", argv[0]);
         exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
      }
      if (inet_aton(argv[1], &addr) == 0) {
         fprintf(stderr, "Invalid address\n");
         exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
      printf("%s\n", inet_ntoa(addr));
      exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
    }
SEE ALSO
    byteorder(3), getaddrinfo(3), gethostbyname(3), getnameinfo(3), getne?
    tent(3), inet_net_pton(3), inet_ntop(3), inet_pton(3), hosts(5), net?
    works(5)
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