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### ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'inotify\_rm\_watch.2'***

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#### **NAME**

inotify\_rm\_watch - remove an existing watch from an inotify instance

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <sys/inotify.h>

int inotify_rm_watch(int fd, int wd);
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

inotify\_rm\_watch() removes the watch associated with the watch descriptor wd from the inotify instance associated with the file descriptor fd.

Removing a watch causes an IN\_IGNORED event to be generated for this watch descriptor. (See inotify(7).)

#### **RETURN VALUE**

On success, inotify\_rm\_watch() returns zero. On error, -1 is returned and errno is set to indicate the cause of the error.

#### **ERRORS**

EBADF fd is not a valid file descriptor.

EINVAL The watch descriptor wd is not valid; or fd is not an inotify

file descriptor.

## VERSIONS

Inotify was merged into the 2.6.13 Linux kernel.

## CONFORMING TO

This system call is Linux-specific.

## SEE ALSO

`inotify_add_watch(2)`, `inotify_init(2)`, `inotify(7)`

## COLOPHON

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