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MKDIR(2) Linux Programmer's Manual MKDIR(2)

NAME

mkdir, mkdirat - create a directory

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
int mkdir(const char *pathname, mode_t mode);
#include <fcntl.h>           /* Definition of AT_* constants */
#include <sys/stat.h>
int mkdirat(int dirfd, const char *pathname, mode_t mode);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature_test_macros(7)):

mkdirat():

Since glibc 2.10:

```
  _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200809L
```

Before glibc 2.10:

```
  _ATFILE_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

mkdir() attempts to create a directory named pathname.

The argument `mode` specifies the mode for the new directory (see in? `ode(7)`). It is modified by the process's `umask` in the usual way: in the absence of a default ACL, the mode of the created directory is $(mode \& \sim umask \& 0777)$. Whether other mode bits are honored for the created directory depends on the operating system. For Linux, see NOTES below.

The newly created directory will be owned by the effective user ID of the process. If the directory containing the file has the `set-group-ID` bit set, or if the filesystem is mounted with BSD group semantics (`mount -o bsdgroups` or, synonymously `mount -o grpuid`), the new directory will inherit the group ownership from its parent; otherwise it will be owned by the effective group ID of the process.

If the parent directory has the `set-group-ID` bit set, then so will the newly created directory.

`mkdirat()`

The `mkdirat()` system call operates in exactly the same way as `mkdir()`, except for the differences described here.

If the `pathname` given in `pathname` is relative, then it is interpreted relative to the directory referred to by the file descriptor `dirfd` (rather than relative to the current working directory of the calling process, as is done by `mkdir()` for a relative `pathname`).

If `pathname` is relative and `dirfd` is the special value `AT_FDCWD`, then `pathname` is interpreted relative to the current working directory of the calling process (like `mkdir()`).

If `pathname` is absolute, then `dirfd` is ignored.

See `openat(2)` for an explanation of the need for `mkdirat()`.

RETURN VALUE

`mkdir()` and `mkdirat()` return zero on success, or `-1` if an error occurred (in which case, `errno` is set appropriately).

ERRORS

EACCES The parent directory does not allow write permission to the process, or one of the directories in `pathname` did not allow search permission. (See also `path_resolution(7)`.)

EDQUOT The user's quota of disk blocks or inodes on the filesystem has been exhausted.

EEXIST pathname already exists (not necessarily as a directory). This includes the case where pathname is a symbolic link, dangling or not.

EFAULT pathname points outside your accessible address space.

EINVAL The final component ("basename") of the new directory's pathname is invalid (e.g., it contains characters not permitted by the underlying filesystem).

ELOOP Too many symbolic links were encountered in resolving pathname.

EMLINK The number of links to the parent directory would exceed LINK_MAX.

ENAMETOOLONG

pathname was too long.

ENOENT A directory component in pathname does not exist or is a dangling symbolic link.

ENOMEM Insufficient kernel memory was available.

ENOSPC The device containing pathname has no room for the new directory.

ENOSPC The new directory cannot be created because the user's disk quota is exhausted.

ENOTDIR

A component used as a directory in pathname is not, in fact, a directory.

EPERM The filesystem containing pathname does not support the creation of directories.

EROFS pathname refers to a file on a read-only filesystem.

The following additional errors can occur for `mkdirat()`:

EBADF `dirfd` is not a valid file descriptor.

ENOTDIR

pathname is relative and `dirfd` is a file descriptor referring to a file other than a directory.

mkdirat() was added to Linux in kernel 2.6.16; library support was added to glibc in version 2.4.

CONFORMING TO

mkdir(): SVr4, BSD, POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

mkdirat(): POSIX.1-2008.

NOTES

Under Linux, apart from the permission bits, the S_ISVTX mode bit is also honored.

There are many infelicities in the protocol underlying NFS. Some of these affect mkdir().

Glibc notes

On older kernels where mkdirat() is unavailable, the glibc wrapper function falls back to the use of mkdir(). When pathname is a relative pathname, glibc constructs a pathname based on the symbolic link in /proc/self/fd that corresponds to the dirfd argument.

SEE ALSO

mkdir(1), chmod(2), chown(2), mknod(2), mount(2), rmdir(2), stat(2), umask(2), unlink(2), acl(5), path_resolution(7)

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