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### ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'pthread\_exit.3'***

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#### NAME

pthread\_exit - terminate calling thread

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <pthread.h>
```

```
void pthread_exit(void *retval);
```

Compile and link with -pthread.

#### DESCRIPTION

The pthread\_exit() function terminates the calling thread and returns a value via retval that (if the thread is joinable) is available to another thread in the same process that calls pthread\_join(3).

Any clean-up handlers established by pthread\_cleanup\_push(3) that have not yet been popped, are popped (in the reverse of the order in which they were pushed) and executed. If the thread has any thread-specific data, then, after the clean-up handlers have been executed, the corresponding destructor functions are called, in an unspecified order.

When a thread terminates, process-shared resources (e.g., mutexes, condition variables, semaphores, and file descriptors) are not released,

and functions registered using `atexit(3)` are not called.

After the last thread in a process terminates, the process terminates as by calling `exit(3)` with an exit status of zero; thus, process-shared resources are released and functions registered using `atexit(3)` are called.

#### RETURN VALUE

This function does not return to the caller.

#### ERRORS

This function always succeeds.

#### ATTRIBUTES

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

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#### CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

#### NOTES

Performing a return from the start function of any thread other than the main thread results in an implicit call to `pthread_exit()`, using the function's return value as the thread's exit status.

To allow other threads to continue execution, the main thread should terminate by calling `pthread_exit()` rather than `exit(3)`.

The value pointed to by `retval` should not be located on the calling thread's stack, since the contents of that stack are undefined after the thread terminates.

#### BUGS

Currently, there are limitations in the kernel implementation logic for `wait(2)`ing on a stopped thread group with a dead thread group leader.

This can manifest in problems such as a locked terminal if a `stop` signal is sent to a foreground process whose thread group leader has al?

ready called `pthread_exit()`.

#### SEE ALSO

`pthread_create(3)`, `pthread_join(3)`, `pthreads(7)`

#### COLOPHON

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