

**NAME**

"IO::Async::Loop::Epoll" – use "IO::Async" with "epoll" on Linux

**SYNOPSIS**

```
use IO::Async::Loop::Epoll;

use IO::Async::Stream;
use IO::Async::Signal;

my $loop = IO::Async::Loop::Epoll->new();

$loop->add( IO::Async::Stream->new(
    read_handle => \*STDIN,
    on_read => sub {
        my ( $self, $buffref ) = @_;
        while( $$buffref =~ s/^(.*)\r?\n// ) {
            print "You said: $1\n";
        }
    },
) );

$loop->add( IO::Async::Signal->new(
    name => 'INT',
    on_receipt => sub {
        print "SIGINT, will now quit\n";
        $loop->loop_stop;
    },
) );

$loop->loop_forever();
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This subclass of IO::Async::Loop uses `epoll(7)` on Linux to perform read-ready and write-ready tests so that the O(1) high-performance multiplexing of Linux's `epoll_pwait(2)` syscall can be used.

The `epoll` Linux subsystem uses a persistent registration system, meaning that better performance can be achieved in programs using a large number of filehandles. Each `epoll_pwait(2)` syscall only has an overhead proportional to the number of ready filehandles, rather than the total number being watched. For more detail, see the `epoll(7)` manpage.

This class uses the `epoll_pwait(2)` system call, which atomically switches the process's signal mask, performs a wait exactly as `epoll_wait(2)` would, then switches it back. This allows a process to block the signals it cares about, but switch in an empty signal mask during the poll, allowing it to handle file IO and signals concurrently.

**CONSTRUCTOR****new**

```
$loop = IO::Async::Loop::Epoll->new()
```

This function returns a new instance of a IO::Async::Loop::Epoll object.

**METHODS**

As this is a subclass of IO::Async::Loop, all of its methods are inherited. Expect where noted below, all of the class's methods behave identically to IO::Async::Loop.

**loop\_once**

```
$count = $loop->loop_once( $timeout )
```

This method calls `epoll_pwait(2)`, and processes the results of that call. It returns the total number of IO::Async::Notifier callbacks invoked, or undef if the underlying `epoll_pwait()` method

returned an error. If the `epoll_pwait()` was interrupted by a signal, then 0 is returned instead.

**SEE ALSO**

- `Linux::Epoll` – O(1) multiplexing for Linux
- `IO::Async::Loop::Poll` – use `IO::Async` with `poll(2)`

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