

NAME

`bindresvport` – bind a socket to a privileged IP port

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
```

```
int bindresvport(int sockfd, struct sockaddr_in *sin);
```

DESCRIPTION

`bindresvport()` is used to bind the socket referred to by the file descriptor `sockfd` to a privileged anonymous IP port, that is, a port number arbitrarily selected from the range 512 to 1023.

If the `bind(2)` performed by `bindresvport()` is successful, and `sin` is not NULL, then `sin->sin_port` returns the port number actually allocated.

`sin` can be NULL, in which case `sin->sin_family` is implicitly taken to be `AF_INET`. However, in this case, `bindresvport()` has no way to return the port number actually allocated. (This information can later be obtained using `getsockname(2)`.)

RETURN VALUE

`bindresvport()` returns 0 on success; otherwise `-1` is returned and `errno` set to indicate the cause of the error.

ERRORS

`bindresvport()` can fail for any of the same reasons as `bind(2)`. In addition, the following errors may occur:

EACCES

The calling process was not privileged (on Linux: the calling process did not have the `CAP_NET_BIND_SERVICE` capability in the user namespace governing its network namespace).

EADDRINUSE

All privileged ports are in use.

EAFNOSUPPORT (EPFNOSUPPORT in glibc 2.7 and earlier)

`sin` is not NULL and `sin->sin_family` is not `AF_INET`.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
<code>bindresvport()</code>	Thread safety	glibc >= 2.17: MT-Safe glibc < 2.17: MT-Unsafe

The `bindresvport()` function uses a static variable that was not protected by a lock before glibc 2.17, rendering the function MT-Unsafe.

CONFORMING TO

Not in POSIX.1. Present on the BSDs, Solaris, and many other systems.

NOTES

Unlike some `bindresvport()` implementations, the glibc implementation ignores any value that the caller supplies in `sin->sin_port`.

SEE ALSO

`bind(2)`, `getsockname(2)`

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