NAME

perfmonctl − interface to IA-64 performance monitoring unit

SYNOPSIS

#include <syscall.h>
#include <perfmon.h>

long perfmonctl(int *fd*, **int** *cmd*, **void ****arg*, **int** *narg*);
Note: There is no glibc wrapper for this system call; see NOTES.

DESCRIPTION

The IA-64-specific **perfmonctl**() system call provides an interface to the PMU (performance monitoring unit). The PMU consists of PMD (performance monitoring data) registers and PMC (performance monitoring control) registers, which gather hardware statistics.

perfmonctl() applies the operation *cmd* to the input arguments specified by *arg*. The number of arguments is defined by *narg*. The *fd* argument specifies the perfmon context to operate on.

Supported values for *cmd* are:

PFM_CREATE_CONTEXT
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_CREATE_CONTEXT, pfarg_context_t ****ctxt*, **1);**
Set up a context.

The *fd* parameter is ignored. A new perfmon context is created as specified in *ctxt* and its file descriptor is returned in *ctxt->ctx_fd*.

The file descriptor can be used in subsequent calls to **perfmonctl**() and can be used to read event notifications (type *pfm_msg_t*) using **read**(2). The file descriptor is pollable using **select**(2), **poll**(2), and **epoll**(7).

The context can be destroyed by calling **close**(2) on the file descriptor.

PFM_WRITE_PMCS
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_WRITE_PMCS, pfarg_reg_t ****pmcs*, **n);**
Set PMC registers.

PFM_WRITE_PMDS
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_WRITE_PMDS, pfarg_reg_t ****pmds*, **n);**
Set PMD registers.

PFM_READ_PMDS
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_READ_PMDS, pfarg_reg_t ****pmds*, **n);**
Read PMD registers.

PFM_START
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_START, NULL, 0);**
Start monitoring.

PFM_STOP
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_STOP, NULL, 0);**
Stop monitoring.

PFM_LOAD_CONTEXT
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_LOAD_CONTEXT, pfarg_load_t ****largs*, **1);**
Attach the context to a thread.

PFM_UNLOAD_CONTEXT
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_UNLOAD_CONTEXT, NULL, 0);**
Detach the context from a thread.

PFM_RESTART
perfmonctl(int *fd*, **PFM_RESTART, NULL, 0);**
Restart monitoring after receiving an overflow notification.

PFM_GET_FEATURES
perfmonctl(int *fd***, PFM_GET_FEATURES, pfarg_features_t ****arg***, 1);**

PFM_DEBUG
perfmonctl(int *fd***, PFM_DEBUG,** *val***, 0);**
If *val* is nonzero, enable debugging mode, otherwise disable.

PFM_GET_PMC_RESET_VAL
perfmonctl(int *fd***, PFM_GET_PMC_RESET_VAL, pfarg_reg_t ****req***, n);**
Reset PMC registers to default values.

RETURN VALUE

perfmonctl() returns zero when the operation is successful. On error, −1 is returned and *errno* is set to indicate the cause of the error.

VERSIONS

perfmonctl() is available since Linux 2.4.

CONFORMING TO

perfmonctl() is Linux-specific and is available only on the IA-64 architecture.

NOTES

Glibc does not provide a wrapper for this system call; call it using **syscall**(2).

SEE ALSO

gprof(1)

The perfmon2 interface specification

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