

**NAME**

lookup\_dcookie - return a directory entry's path

**SYNOPSIS**

```
int lookup_dcookie(u64 cookie, char *buffer, size_t len);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Look up the full path of the directory entry specified by the value *cookie*. The cookie is an opaque identifier uniquely identifying a particular directory entry. The buffer given is filled in with the full path of the directory entry.

For `lookup_dcookie()` to return successfully, the kernel must still hold a cookie reference to the directory entry.

**RETURN VALUE**

On success, `lookup_dcookie()` returns the length of the path string copied into the buffer. On error, -1 is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

**ERRORS****EFAULT**

The buffer was not valid.

**EINVAL**

The kernel has no registered cookie/directory entry mappings at the time of lookup, or the cookie does not refer to a valid directory entry.

**ENAMETOOLONG**

The name could not fit in the buffer.

**ENOMEM**

The kernel could not allocate memory for the temporary buffer holding the path.

**EPERM**

The process does not have the capability `CAP_SYS_ADMIN` required to look up cookie values.

**ERANGE**

The buffer was not large enough to hold the path of the directory entry.

**VERSIONS**

Available since Linux 2.5.43. The **ENAMETOOLONG** error return was added in 2.5.70.

**CONFORMING TO**

`lookup_dcookie()` is Linux-specific.

**NOTES**

`lookup_dcookie()` is a special-purpose system call, currently used only by the oprofile profiler. It relies on a kernel driver to register cookies for directory entries.

The path returned may be suffixed by the string (deleted) if the directory entry has been removed.

**COLOPHON**

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