

NAME

lookup_dcookie - return a directory entry's path

SYNOPSIS

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

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