

NAME

statvfs, fstatvfs - get filesystem statistics

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/statvfs.h>
```

```
int statvfs(const char *path, struct statvfs *buf);
```

```
int fstatvfs(int fd, struct statvfs *buf);
```

DESCRIPTION

The function `statvfs()` returns information about a mounted filesystem. `path` is the pathname of any file within the mounted filesystem. `buf` is a pointer to a `statvfs` structure defined approximately as follows:

```
struct statvfs {
    unsigned long f_bsize; /* Filesystem block size */
    unsigned long f_frsize; /* Fragment size */
    fsblkcnt_t f_blocks; /* Size of fs in f_frsize units */
    fsblkcnt_t f_bfree; /* Number of free blocks */
    fsblkcnt_t f_bavail; /* Number of free blocks for
    unprivileged users */
    fsfilcnt_t f_files; /* Number of inodes */
    fsfilcnt_t f_ffree; /* Number of free inodes */
    fsfilcnt_t f_favail; /* Number of free inodes for
    unprivileged users */
    unsigned long f_fsid; /* Filesystem ID */
    unsigned long f_flag; /* Mount flags */
    unsigned long f_namemax; /* Maximum filename length */
};
```

Here the types `fsblkcnt_t` and `fsfilcnt_t` are defined in `<sys/types.h>`. Both used to be *unsigned long*.

The field `f_flag` is a bit mask indicating various options that were employed when mounting this filesystem. It contains zero or more of the following flags:

ST_MANDLOCK

Mandatory locking is permitted on the filesystem (see [fcntl\(2\)](#)).

ST_NOATIME

Do not update access times; see [mount\(2\)](#).

ST_NODEV

Disallow access to device special files on this filesystem.

ST_NODIRATIME

Do not update directory access times; see [mount\(2\)](#).

ST_NOEXEC

Execution of programs is disallowed on this filesystem.

ST_NOSUID

The set-user-ID and set-group-ID bits are ignored by [exec\(3\)](#) for executable files on this filesystem

ST_RDONLY

This filesystem is mounted read-only.

ST_RELATIME

Update atime relative to mtime/ctime; see [mount\(2\)](#).

ST_SYNCHRONOUS

Writes are synched to the filesystem immediately (see the description of `O_SYNC` in [open\(2\)](#)).

It is unspecified whether all members of the returned struct have meaningful values on all filesystems.

`fstatvfs()` returns the same information about an open file referenced by descriptor `fd`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, zero is returned. On error, -1 is returned, and *errno* is set appropriately.

ERRORS**EACCES**

(**statvfs()**) Search permission is denied for a component of the path prefix of *path*. (See also [path_resolution\(7\)](#).)

EBADF

(**fstatvfs()**) *fd* is not a valid open file descriptor.

EFAULT

Buf or *path* points to an invalid address.

EINTR

This call was interrupted by a signal; see [signal\(7\)](#).

EIO

An I/O error occurred while reading from the filesystem.

ELOOP

(**statvfs()**) Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating *path*.

ENAMETOOLONG

(**statvfs()**) *path* is too long.

ENOENT

(**statvfs()**) The file referred to by *path* does not exist.

ENOMEM

Insufficient kernel memory was available.

ENOSYS

The filesystem does not support this call.

ENOTDIR

(**statvfs()**) A component of the path prefix of *path* is not a directory.

E_OVERFLOW

Some values were too large to be represented in the returned struct.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

Interface	Attribute	Value
statvfs() , fstatvfs()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

Only the **ST_NOSUID** and **ST_RDONLY** flags of the *f_flag* field are specified in POSIX.1. To obtain definitions of the remaining flags, one must define **_GNU_SOURCE**.

NOTES

The Linux kernel has system calls [statfs\(2\)](#) and [fstatfs\(2\)](#) to support this library call.

In glibc versions before 2.13, **statvfs()** populated the bits of the *f_flag* field by scanning the mount options shown in */proc/mounts*. However, starting with Linux 2.6.36, the underlying [statfs\(2\)](#) system call provides the necessary information via the *f_flags* field, and since glibc version 2.13, the **statvfs()** function will use information from that field rather than scanning */proc/mounts*.

The glibc implementations of

```
pathconf(path, _PC_REC_XFER_ALIGN);
pathconf(path, _PC_ALLOC_SIZE_MIN);
pathconf(path, _PC_REC_MIN_XFER_SIZE);
```

respectively use the *f_frsize*, *f_frsize*, and *f_bsize* fields returned by a call to **statvfs()** with the argument *path*.

SEE ALSO

[statfs\(2\)](#)

COLOPHON

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