

NAME

localtime - Local timezone configuration file

SYNOPSIS

/etc/localtime -> ../usr/share/zoneinfo/...

DESCRIPTION

The /etc/localtime file configures the system-wide timezone of the local system that is used by applications for presentation to the user. It should be an absolute or relative symbolic link pointing to /usr/share/zoneinfo/, followed by a timezone identifier such as Europe/Berlin or Etc/UTC. The resulting link should lead to the corresponding binary [tzfile\(5\)](#) timezone data for the configured timezone.

Because the timezone identifier is extracted from the symlink target name of /etc/localtime, this file may not be a normal file or hardlink.

The timezone may be overridden for individual programs by using the TZ environment variable. See [environ\(7\)](#).

You may use [timedatectl\(1\)](#) to change the settings of this file from the command line.

SEE ALSO

[systemd\(1\)](#), [tzset\(3\)](#), [localtime\(3\)](#), [timedatectl\(1\)](#), [systemd-timedated.service\(8\)](#)