

## **Cygwin API Reference**

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## **Abstract**

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# Chapter 1

## Compatibility

### 1.1 System interfaces compatible with the Single UNIX® Specification Version 5:

Note that the core of the Single UNIX® Specification Version 5 is POSIX®.1-2024 also simultaneously IEEE Std 1003.1™-2024 Edition, The ®Open Group Base Specifications Issue 8 (see <https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9799919799/>), and ISO®/IEC DIS 9945 Information technology - Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX®) base specifications - Issue 8.

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wsnrtombs
wspbrk
wsrchr
wsrtombs
wssp
wsstr
wcstod
wcstof
wcstoimax
wcstok
wcstol
wcstold
wcstoll
wcstombs
wcstoul
wcstoull
wcstoumax
wcswidth
wctxfrm
wctxfrm_l
wctob
wctomb
wctrans
wctrans_l
wctype
wctype_l
wcwidth
wmemchr
wmemcmp
wmemcpy
wmemmove
wmemset
wordexp
wordfree
wprintf
write
writev
wscanf
y0
y1
yn
```

## 1.2 System interfaces compatible with BSD functions:

```
__b64_ntop
__b64_pton
arc4random
arc4random_addrandom
arc4random_buf
arc4random_stir
arc4random_uniform
bindresvport
bindresvport_sa
cfmakeraw
cfsetspeed
clearerr_unlocked
close_range
daemon
dn_comp
dn_expand
dn_skipname
drem
eaccess
endusershell
err
errx
explicit_bzero
feof_unlocked
ferror_unlocked
fflush_unlocked
fgetc_unlocked
fileno_unlocked
finite
finitef
finitel
fiprintf
flock      (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
fls
flsl
flsl1
forkpty
fpurge
fputc_unlocked
fread_unlocked
freeifaddrs
fstatfs
fts_children
fts_close
fts_get_clientptr
fts_get_stream
fts_open
fts_read
fts_set
fts_set_clientptr
funopen
futimes
fwrite_unlocked
gamma
gamma_r
gammaf
gammaf_r
getdomainname
getdtablesize
```

```
getgrouplist
getifaddrs
getloadavg
getpagesize
getpeereid
getprogname
getusershell
herror
hstrerror
inet_aton
inet_makeaddr
inet_netof
inet_network
initgroups
iruserok
iruserok_sa
issetugid
login
login_tty
logout
logwtmp
madvise
mkstemp
openpty
rcmd
rcmd_af
reallocf
res_close
res_init
res_mkquery
res_nclose
res_ninit
res_nmkquery
res_nquery
res_nquerydomain
res_nsearch
res_nsend
res_query
res_querydomain
res_search
res_send
revoke
rexec
rpmatch
rresvport
rresvport_af
ruserok
sbrk
setbuffer
setgroups
sethostname
setlinebuf
setpassent
setprogname
settimeofday
setusershell
statfs
strcasestr
strsep
timingsafe_bcmp
timingsafe_memcmp
updwtmp
```

```
valloc
verr
verrx
vhangup      (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
vsyslog
vwarn
vwarnx
wait3
wait4
warn
warnx
```

### 1.3 System interfaces compatible with GNU or Linux extensions:

```
__mempcpy
argz_add
argz_add_sep
argz_append
argz_count
argz_create
argz_create_sep
argz_delete
argz_extract
argz_insert
argz_next
argz_replace
argz_stringify
asnprintf
asprintf_r
basename      (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
canonicalize_file_name
clearenv
clog10
clog10f
clog10l
close_range    (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
crypt_r        (available in external "libcrypt" library)
dremf
envz_add
envz_entry
envz_get
envz_merge
envz_remove
envz_strip
error
error_at_line
euidaccess
execvpe
expl0
expl0f
expl0l
fallocate      (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
fcloseall
fcloseall_r
fedisableexcept
feenableexcept
fegetexcept
fgets_unlocked
fgetwc_unlocked
```

```
fgetws_unlocked
fgetxattr
flistxattr
fopencookie
fputs_unlocked
fputwc_unlocked
fputws_unlocked
fremovexattr
fsetxattr
get_avphys_pages
get_current_dir_name
get_nprocs
get_nprocs_conf
get_phys_pages
getmntent_r
getopt_long
getopt_long_only
getpt
getwc_unlocked
getwchar_unlocked
getxattr
lgetxattr
listxattr
llistxattr
lremovexattr
lsetxattr
mempcpy
memrchr
mkostemps
posix_spawn_file_actions_addchdir_np
posix_spawn_file_actions_addfchdir_np
pow10
pow10f
pow10l
pthread_getaffinity_np
pthread_getattr_np
pthread_getname_np
pthread_setaffinity_np
pthread_setname_np
pthread_sigqueue
pthread_timedjoin_np
pthread_tryjoin_np
putwc_unlocked
putwchar_unlocked
quotactl
rawmemchr
removexattr
renameat2      (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
scandirat
sched_getaffinity
sched_getcpu
sched_setaffinity
setxattr
signalfd
sincos
sincosf
sincosl
strchrnul
strptime_l
strtod_l
strtof_l
strtoul_l
```

```
strtold_l
strtoll_l
strtoul_l
strtoull_l
strverscmp
sysinfo
tdestroy
timegm
timelocal
timerfd_create
timerfd_gettime
timerfd_settime
toascii_l
updwtmpx
utmpxname
vasnprintf
vasprintf_r
versionsort
wcsftime_l
wcstod_l
wcstof_l
wcstol_l
wcstold_l
wcstoll_l
wcstoul_l
wcstoull_l
wmempcpy
```

## 1.4 System interfaces compatible with Solaris or SunOS functions:

```
__fbufsize
__flbf
__fpending
__fpurge
__freadable
__freading
__fsetlocking
__fwritable
__fwriting
__xdrrec_getrec    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
__xdrrec_setnonblock (available in external "libtirpc" library)
acl                (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
aclcheck           (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
aclfrommode        (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
aclfrompbits       (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
aclfromtext        (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
aclsort            (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
acltomode          (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
acltopbits         (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
acltotext          (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
endmntent
facl               (see chapter "Implementation Notes")
fegetprec
fesetprec
futimesat
getmntent
memalign
setmntent
xdr_array          (available in external "libtirpc" library)
```

```

xdr_bool      (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_bytes     (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_char      (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_double    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_enum      (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_float     (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_free      (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_hyper     (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_int       (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_int16_t   (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_int32_t   (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_int64_t   (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_int8_t    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_long      (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_longlong_t (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_netobj    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_opaque    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_pointer   (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_reference (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_short     (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_sizeof    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_string    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_char    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_hyper   (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_int     (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_int16_t (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_int32_t (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_int64_t (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_int8_t  (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_long    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_longlong_t (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_u_short   (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_uint16_t  (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_uint32_t  (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_uint64_t  (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_uint8_t   (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_union     (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_vector    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_void      (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdr_wrapstring (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdrmem_create (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdrrec_create (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdrrec_endofrecord (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdrrec_eof    (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdrrec_skiprecord (available in external "libtirpc" library)
xdrstdio_create (available in external "libtirpc" library)

```

## 1.5 System interfaces not in POSIX but compatible with ISO C requirements:

```

c8rtomb      (ISO C23)
mbrtoc8      (ISO C23)

```

## 1.6 Other UNIX® system interfaces, not in POSIX.1-2024, or deprecated:

```

_longjmp      (SUSv4)
_setjmp       (SUSv4)

```

```
_tolower      (SUSv4)
_toupper      (SUSv4)
acl_add_perm   (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_calc_mask  (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_check      (libacl)
acl_clear_perms (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_cmp        (libacl)
acl_copy_entry (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_copy_ext   (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_copy_int   (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_create_entry (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_delete_def_file (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_delete_entry (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_delete_perm (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_dup        (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_entries    (libacl)
acl_equiv_mode (libacl)
acl_error      (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_extended_fd (libacl)
acl_extended_file (libacl)
acl_extended_file_nofollow (libacl)
acl_free       (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_from_mode  (libacl)
acl_from_text  (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_get_entry  (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_get_fd     (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_get_fd_np  (FreeBSD, NetBSD)
acl_get_file   (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_get_link_np (FreeBSD, NetBSD)
acl_get_perm   (libacl)
acl_get_perm_np (FreeBSD, NetBSD)
acl_get_permset (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_get_qualifier (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_get_tag_type (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_init       (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_is_trivial_np (FreeBSD, NetBSD)
acl_set_fd     (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_set_fd_np  (FreeBSD, NetBSD)
acl_set_file   (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_set_link_np (FreeBSD, NetBSD)
acl_set_permset (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_set_qualifier (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_set_tag_type (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_size       (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_strip_np   (FreeBSD, NetBSD)
acl_to_any_text (libacl)
acl_to_text    (POSIX.1e draft)
acl_valid      (POSIX.1e draft)
atoff         (AIX)
bcmp          (POSIX.1-2001, SUSv3)
bcopy         (SUSv3)
bzero         (SUSv3)
chroot        (SUSv2 - see chapter "Implementation Notes")
clock_setres   (QNX, VxWorks - see chapter "Implementation Notes")
cuserid        (POSIX.1-1988, SUSv2)
ecvt          (SUSv3)
endutent      (XPG2)
fcvt          (SUSv3)
ftime         (SUSv3)
ftw           (SUSv4)
gcvt          (SUSv3)
getcontext     (SUSv3)
```

```
gethostbyaddr    (SUSv3)
gethostbyname    (SUSv3)
gethostbyname2   (first defined in BIND 4.9.4)
getitimer        (SUSv4 - see chapter "Implementation Notes")
getpass          (SUSv2)
gets             (SUSv4)
gettimeofday     (SUSv4)
getutent         (XPG2)
getutid          (XPG2)
getutline        (XPG2)
getw             (SVID)
getwd            (SUSv3)
h_errno          (SUSv3)
index            (SUSv3)
ioctl            (SUSv4)
isascii          (SUSv4)
makecontext      (SUSv3)
mallinfo         (SVID)
mallopt          (SVID)
mktemp           (SUSv3)
on_exit          (SunOS)
pthread_attr_getstackaddr (SUSv3)
pthread_attr_setstackaddr (SUSv3)
pthread_continue (XPG2)
pthread_getconcurrency (SUSv4)
pthread_getsequence_np (Tru64)
pthread_setconcurrency (SUSv4)
pthread_suspend  (XPG2)
pthread_yield    (POSIX.1c drafts)
pututline        (XPG2)
putw             (SVID)
rand_r           (SUSv4)
rindex           (SUSv3)
scalb            (SUSv3)
setcontext       (SUSv3)
setitimer        (SUSv4 - see chapter "Implementation Notes")
setpgrp          (SUSv4)
setutent         (XPG2)
sighold          (SUSv4)
sigignore        (SUSv4)
siginterrupt     (SUSv4)
sigpause         (SUSv4 - see chapter "Implementation Notes")
sigrelse         (SUSv4)
sigset           (SUSv4)
stime            (SVID)
swapcontext      (SUSv3)
sys_errlist      (BSD)
sys_nerr         (BSD)
sys_siglist      (BSD)
tempnam          (SUSv4)
toascii          (SUSv4)
ttyslot          (SUSv2)
ualarm           (SUSv3)
usleep           (SUSv3)
utime            (SUSv4)
utmpname         (XPG2)
vfork            (SUSv3 - see chapter "Implementation Notes")
```

## 1.7 NOT implemented system interfaces from the Single UNIX® Specification Version 5:

```
_Fork
dcgettext_l
dcngettext_l
dgettext_l
dngettext_l
endnetent
fmtmsg
getdate
getdate_err
gethostent
getnetbyaddr
getnetbyname
getnetent
getresgid
getresuid
gettext_l
mlockall
munlockall
ngettext_l
posix_mem_offset
posix_typed_mem_get_info
posix_typed_mem_open
pthread_mutex_consistent
pthread_mutexattr_getrobust
pthread_mutexattr_setrobust
setnetent
setresgid
setresuid
waitid
```

## 1.8 Other system interfaces, some from Windows:

```
_get_osfhandle          (Windows)
_setmode                 (Windows)
cwait                    (Windows)
cygwin_attach_handle_to_fd
cygwin_conv_path
cygwin_conv_path_list
cygwin_create_path
cygwin_detach_dll
cygwin_dll_init
cygwin_internal
cygwin_logon_user
cygwin_posix_path_list_p
cygwin_set_impersonation_token
cygwin_split_path
cygwin_stackdump
cygwin_umount
cygwin_winpid_to_pid
spawnl                   (Windows)
spawnle                  (Windows)
spawnlp                  (Windows)
spawnlpe                 (Windows)
spawnv                   (Windows)
spawnve                  (Windows)
```

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| <code>spawnvp</code>  | (Windows) |
| <code>spawnvpe</code> | (Windows) |

## 1.9 Implementation Notes

`chroot` only emulates a `chroot` function call by keeping track of the current root and accomodating this in the file related function calls. A real `chroot` functionality is not supported by Windows however.

`clock_nanosleep` currently supports only `CLOCK_REALTIME` and `CLOCK_MONOTONIC`. `clock_setres`, `clock_settime` and `timer_create` currently support only `CLOCK_REALTIME`.

`close_range` does not support the Linux-specific flag `CLOSE_RANGE_UNSHARE`.

The Solaris-invented ACL functions `acl`, `facl`, `aclcheck`, `aclfrommode`, `aclfrompbits`, `aclfromtext`, `aclsort`, `acltomode`, `acltopbits` and `acltotext` and the belonging macros and datatypes are defined in `<cygwin/acl.h>` since they collide with the Linux-compatible POSIX.1e draft macros in `<sys/acl.h>`. Just include `<cygwin/acl.h>` if you prefer them over the POSIX.1e functions.

POSIX file locks via `fcntl` or `lockf`, as well as BSD `flock` locks are advisory locks. They don't interact with Windows mandatory locks, nor do POSIX `fcntl` locks interfere with BSD `flock` locks or vice versa.

BSD file locks created via `flock` are only propagated to the direct parent process, not to grand parents or sibling processes. The locks are only valid in the creating process, its parent process, and subsequently started child processes sharing the same file descriptor.

In very rare circumstances an application would want to use Windows mandatory locks to interact with non-Cygwin Windows processes accessing the same file (databases, etc). For these purposes, the entire locking mechanism (`fcntl/flock/lockf`) can be switched to Windows mandatory locks on a per-descriptor/per-process basis. For this purpose, use the call

```
fcntl (fd, F_LCK_MANDATORY, 1);
```

After that, all file locks on this descriptor will follow Windows mandatory record locking semantics: Locks are per-descriptor/per-process; locks are not propagated to child processes, not even via `execve`; no atomic replacement of read locks with write locks and vice versa on the same descriptor; locks have to be unlocked exactly as they have been locked.

`fpclassify`, `isfinite`, `isgreater`, `isgreaterequal`, `isinf`, `isless`, `islessequal`, `islessgreater`, `isnan`, `isnormal`, `isunordered`, and `signbit` only support float and double arguments, not long double arguments.

`getitimer` and `setitimer` only support `ITIMER_REAL` for now.

`link` will fail on FAT, FAT32, and other filesystems not supporting hardlinks, just as on Linux.

`lseek` only works properly on files opened in binary mode. On files opened in textmode (via mount mode or explicit open flag) its positioning is potentially unreliable.

`setuid` is only safe against reverting the user switch after a call to one of the `exec(2)` functions took place. Windows doesn't support a non-revertable user switch within the context of Win32 processes.

`vfork` just calls `fork`.

`vhangup` and `revoke` always return -1 and set `errno` to `ENOSYS`. `grantpt` and `unlockpt` always just return 0.

The XSI IPC functions `semctl`, `semget`, `semop`, `shmat`, `shmctl`, `shmdt`, `shmget`, `msgctl`, `msgget`, `msgrcv` and `msgsnd` are only available when `cygserver` is running.

The Linux-specific function `quotactl` only implements what works on Windows: Windows only supports user block quotas on NTFS, no group quotas, no inode quotas, no time constraints.

`qsort_r` is available in both BSD and GNU flavors, depending on whether `_BSD_SOURCE` or `_GNU_SOURCE` is defined when compiling.

The Linux-specific function `renameat2` only supports the `RENAME_NOREPLACE` flag.

`basename` is available in both POSIX and GNU flavors, depending on whether `libgen.h` is included or not.

`sigpause` is available in both BSD and SysV/XSI flavors, depending on whether `_XOPEN_SOURCE` is defined when compiling.

`strerror_r` is available in both POSIX and GNU flavors, depending on whether `_GNU_SOURCE` is defined when compiling.

`dladdr` always sets the `DI_info` members `dli_sname` and `dli_saddr` to `NULL`, indicating no symbol matching `addr` could be found.

`getrlimit` resources `RLIMIT_AS`, `RLIMIT_CPU`, `RLIMIT_FSIZE`, `RLIMIT_DATA` always return `rlim_cur` and `rlim_max` as `RLIM_INFINITY`, so `setrlimit` returns `-1` and sets `EINVAL` if they are lowered, or returns `0` if unchanged. `getrlimit` resource `RLIMIT_NOFILE` always returns `rlim_cur` and `rlim_max` as `OPEN_MAX`; `setrlimit` returns `0` sets `EINVAL` if `rlim_cur > rlim_max`, does not change the value if it is `RLIM_INFINITY`, otherwise returns the result from `setdtablesize`. `getrlimit/setrlimit` resources `RLIMIT_CORE` and `RLIMIT_STACK` return the current values and set the requested values. All other resource arguments return `-1` and set `EINVAL`.

`fallocate` has a few Windows quirks: The `FALLOC_FL_ZERO_RANGE` operation is NOT atomic. With flags set to `0` and `FALLOC_FL_KEEP_SIZE`, sparse blocks in the given range are re-allocated as per the POSIX requirements. This re-allocation operation isn't atomic either. Over-allocation with `FALLOC_FL_KEEP_SIZE` is only temporary on Windows until the last handle to the file is closed. Over-allocation on sparse files is entirely ignored on Windows.

`sched_setscheduler` only emulates API behavior because Windows does not offer alternative scheduling policies. If `SCHED_OTHER` or `SCHED_BATCH` is selected, the Windows priority is set according to the nice value. If `SCHED_IDLE` is selected, the Windows priority is set to `IDLE_PRIORITY_CLASS`. If `SCHED_FIFO` or `SCHED_RR` is selected, the nice value is preserved and the Windows priority is set according to the `sched_priority` value. If the `SCHED_RESET_ON_FORK` flag is set, realtime policies and negative nice values are dropped on `fork`.

`nice`, `setpriority`, `sched_setparam` and `sched_setscheduler` map the nice value (`SCHED_OTHER`, `SCHED_BATCH`) or the `sched_priority` (`SCHED_FIFO`, `SCHED_RR`) to Windows priority classes as follows:

| <code>SCHED_OTHER</code> | <code>SCHED_BATCH</code> | <code>SCHED_FIFO/RR</code>  |                                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| nice value               | nice value               | <code>sched_priority</code> | Windows priority class                   |
| 12...19                  | 4...19                   | 1...6                       | <code>IDLE_PRIORITY_CLASS</code>         |
| 4...11                   | -4...3                   | 7...12                      | <code>BELOW_NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS</code> |
| -4...3                   | -12...-5                 | 13...18                     | <code>NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS</code>       |
| -12...-5                 | -13...-19                | 19...24                     | <code>ABOVE_NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS</code> |
| -13...-19                | -20                      | 25...30                     | <code>HIGH_PRIORITY_CLASS</code>         |
| -20                      | -                        | 31...32                     | <code>REALTIME_PRIORITY_CLASS</code>     |

The use of values which are mapped to the `REALTIME_PRIORITY_CLASS` require administrative privileges.

## Chapter 2

# Cygwin Functions

These functions are specific to Cygwin itself, and probably won't be found anywhere else.

## 2.1 Path conversion functions

### 2.1.1 `cygwin_conv_path`

`cygwin_conv_path`

#### Synopsis

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

```
ssize_t cygwin_conv_path(cygwin_conv_path_t what, const void * from, void * to, size_t size);
```

#### Description

Use this function to convert NUL-terminated POSIX paths in *from* to NUL-terminated Win32 paths in *to* or, vice versa, NUL-terminated Win32 paths in *from* to NUL-terminated POSIX paths in *to*. *what* defines the direction of this conversion and can be any of the below values.

```
CCP_POSIX_TO_WIN_A    /* from is char *posix, to is char *win32    */
CCP_POSIX_TO_WIN_W,   /* from is char *posix, to is wchar_t *win32    */
CCP_WIN_A_TO_POSIX,   /* from is char *win32, to is char *posix        */
CCP_WIN_W_TO_POSIX,   /* from is wchar_t *win32, to is char *posix     */
```

You can additionally or the following values to *what*, to define whether you want the resulting path in *to* to be absolute or if you want to keep relative paths in relative notation. Creating absolute paths is the default.

```
CCP_ABSOLUTE = 0,      /* Request absolute path (default).              */
CCP_RELATIVE = 0x100   /* Request to keep path relative.                 */
CCP_PROC_CYGDRIVE = 0x200 /* Request to return /proc/cygdrive path
                        (only with CCP_*_TO_POSIX).          */
```

*size* is the size of the buffer pointed to by *to* in bytes. If *size* is 0, *to* may be NULL and `cygwin_conv_path` just returns the required buffer size in bytes. Otherwise, it returns 0 on success, or -1 on error and `errno` is set to one of the below values.

|              |                                                                                                         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EINVAL       | what has an invalid value or from is NULL.                                                              |
| EFAULT       | from or to point into nirvana.                                                                          |
| ENAMETOOLONG | the resulting path is longer than 32K, or, in case of what == CCP_POSIX_TO_WIN_A, longer than MAX_PATH. |
| ENOSPC       | size is less than required for the conversion.                                                          |

In the event of an error, the memory at *to* is not modified unless the error is EFAULT writing to the memory at *to*, which may happen if *size* is incorrectly specified.

## Example

### Example 2.1 Example use of `cygwin_conv_path`

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

/* Conversion from incoming Win32 path given as wchar_t *win32 to POSIX path.
   If incoming path is a relative path, stick to it. First ask how big
   the output buffer has to be and allocate space dynamically. */
ssize_t size;
char *posix;
size = cygwin_conv_path (CCP_WIN_W_TO_POSIX | CCP_RELATIVE, win32, NULL, 0);
if (size < 0)
    perror ("cygwin_conv_path");
else
{
    posix = (char *) malloc (size);
    if (cygwin_conv_path (CCP_WIN_W_TO_POSIX | CCP_RELATIVE, win32,
                        posix, size))
        perror ("cygwin_conv_path");
}
```

### 2.1.2 `cygwin_conv_path_list`

`cygwin_conv_path_list`

#### Synopsis

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

```
ssize_t cygwin_conv_path_list(cygwin_conv_path_t what, const void * from, void * to, size_t size);
```

#### Description

This is the same as `cygwin_conv_path`, but the input is treated as a path list in `$PATH` or `%PATH%` notation.

If *what* is `CCP_POSIX_TO_WIN_A` or `CCP_POSIX_TO_WIN_W`, given a POSIX `$PATH`-style string (i.e. `/foo:/bar`) convert it to the equivalent Win32 `%PATH%`-style string (i.e. `d:\;e:\bar`).

If *what* is `CCP_WIN_A_TO_POSIX` or `CCP_WIN_W_TO_POSIX`, given a Win32 `%PATH%`-style string (i.e. `d:\;e:\bar`) convert it to the equivalent POSIX `$PATH`-style string (i.e. `/foo:/bar`).

*size* is the size of the buffer pointed to by *to* in bytes.

**See also**

See also [cygwin\\_conv\\_path](#)

### 2.1.3 cygwin\_create\_path

cygwin\_create\_path

**Synopsis**

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

```
void * cygwin_create_path(cygwin_conv_path_t what, const void * from);
```

**Description**

This is equivalent to the `cygwin_conv_path`, except that `cygwin_create_path` does not take a buffer pointer for the result of the conversion as input. Rather it allocates the buffer itself using `malloc(3)` and returns a pointer to this buffer. In case of error it returns `NULL` and sets `errno` to one of the values defined for `cygwin_conv_path`. Additionally `errno` can be set to the below value.

|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| ENOMEM | Insufficient memory was available. |
|--------|------------------------------------|

When you don't need the returned buffer anymore, use `free(3)` to deallocate it.

**See also**

See also [cygwin\\_conv\\_path](#)

### 2.1.4 cygwin\_posix\_path\_list\_p

cygwin\_posix\_path\_list\_p

**Synopsis**

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

```
int cygwin_posix_path_list_p(const char *path);
```

**Description**

This function tells you if the supplied *path* is a POSIX-style path (i.e. posix names, forward slashes, colon delimiters) or a Win32-style path (drive letters, reverse slashes, semicolon delimiters). The return value is true if the path is a POSIX path. Note that "\_p" means "predicate", a lisp term meaning that the function tells you something about the parameter.

### 2.1.5 cygwin\_split\_path

cygwin\_split\_path

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## Synopsis

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

void cygwin_split_path (const char * path, char * dir, char * file);
```

## Description

Split a path into the directory and the file portions. Both *dir* and *file* are expected to point to buffers of sufficient size.

## Example

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### Example 2.2 Example use of cygwin\_split\_path

```
char dir[200], file[100];
cygwin_split_path("c:/foo/bar.c", dir, file);
printf("dir=%s, file=%s\n", dir, file);
```

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## 2.2 Helper functions to change user context

### 2.2.1 cygwin\_logon\_user

cygwin\_logon\_user

## Synopsis

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

HANDLE cygwin_logon_user(const struct passwd *passwd_entry, const char *password);
```

## Description

Given a pointer to a passwd entry of a user and a cleartext password, returns a HANDLE to an impersonation token for this user which can be used in a subsequent call to `cygwin_set_impersonation_token` to impersonate that user. This function can only be called from a process which has the required NT user rights to perform a logon.

## See also

See also the chapter [Switching the user context](#) in the Cygwin User's guide.

See also [cygwin\\_set\\_impersonation\\_token](#)

### 2.2.2 cygwin\_set\_impersonation\_token

cygwin\_set\_impersonation\_token

## Synopsis

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

void cygwin_set_impersonation_token(const HANDLE token);
```

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### Description

Use this function to enable the token given as parameter as impersonation token for the next call to `setuid` or `seteuid`. Use `cygwin_set_impersonation_token` together with `cygwin_logon_user` to impersonate users using password authentication.

### See also

See also the chapter [Switching the user context](#) in the Cygwin User's guide.

See also [cygwin\\_logon\\_user](#)

## 2.3 Miscellaneous functions

### 2.3.1 `cygwin_attach_handle_to_fd`

`cygwin_attach_handle_to_fd`

#### Synopsis

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

```
int cygwin_attach_handle_to_fd(char *name, int fd, HANDLE handle, int bin, int access);
```

#### Description

This function can be used to turn a Win32 "handle" into a posix-style file handle. *fd* may be -1 to make cygwin allocate a handle; the actual handle is returned in all cases.

Even after using function, Cygwin doesn't know anything about the underlying file or device. It just tries to supply the typical file functions on a "best-effort" basis. Use with care. Don't expect too much.

### 2.3.2 `cygwin_internal`

`cygwin_internal`

#### Synopsis

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

```
uintptr_t cygwin_internal(cygwin_getinfo_types t, ...);
```

#### Description

This function gives you access to various internal data and functions. It takes two arguments. The first argument is a type from the 'cygwin\_getinfo\_types' enum. The second is an optional pointer.

Stay away unless you know what you're doing.

### 2.3.3 `cygwin_stackdump`

`cygwin_stackdump`

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**Synopsis**

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

```
void cygwin_stackdump(void);
```

**Description**

Outputs a stackdump to stderr from the called location.

Note: This function only has an effect the first time it is called by a process.

Note: This function is deprecated.

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