

## NAME

stat, fstat — get file status

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/types.h>
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#include <sys/stat.h>
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stat (name, buf)
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char *name;
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```
struct stat *buf;
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```
fstat (fildes, buf)
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```
struct stat *buf;
```

## DESCRIPTION

*Stat* obtains detailed information about a named file. *Fstat* obtains the same information about an open file known by the file descriptor from a successful *open*, *creat*, *dup* or *pipe*(2) call.

*Name* points to a null-terminated string naming a file; *buf* is the address of a buffer into which information is placed concerning the file. It is unnecessary to have any permissions at all with respect to the file, but all directories leading to the file must be readable. The structure pointed to by *buf* has the following structure. The defined types, *ino\_t*, *off\_t*, *time\_t*, name various width integer values; *dev\_t* encodes major and minor device numbers; their exact definitions are in the include file *<sys/types.h>* (see *types*(7)).

```
/*          @(#)stat.h      3.1          */
struct
{
    dev_t      st_dev;
    ino_t      st_ino;
    int        st_mode;
    int        st_nlink;
    int        st_uid;
    int        st_gid;
    dev_t      st_rdev;
    off_t      st_size;
    time_t     st_atime;
    time_t     st_mtime;
    time_t     st_ctime;
};

#define S_IFMT      0170000          /* type of file */
#define S_IFDIR    0040000          /* directory */
#define S_IFCHR    0020000          /* character special */
#define S_IFBLK    0060000          /* block special */
#define S_IFREG    0100000          /* regular */
#define S_IFMPC    0030000          /* multiplexed char special */
#define S_IFMPB    0070000          /* multiplexed block special */
#define S_ISUID    0004000          /* set user id on execution */
#define S_ISGID    0002000          /* set group id on execution */
#define S_ISVTX    0001000          /* save swapped text even after use */
#define S_IRREAD   0000400          /* read permission, owner */
#define S_IWWRITE  0000200          /* write permission, owner */
#define S_IXEXEC   0000100          /* execute/search permission, owner */
```

When *fildes* is associated with a pipe, *fstat* reports an ordinary file with an i-node number, restricted permissions, and a not necessarily meaningful length.

## SEE ALSO

ls(1), fs(5), types(7)

**DIAGNOSTICS**

Zero is returned if a status is available; -1 if the file cannot be found.

**ASSEMBLER**

(stat = 18.)

**sys stat; name; buf**

(fstat = 28.)

(file descriptor in r0)

**sys fstat; buf**