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# Preface



## 1. About VSI

VMS Software, Inc. (VSI) is an independent software company licensed by Hewlett Packard Enterprise to develop and support the OpenVMS operating system.

VSI seeks to continue the legendary development prowess and customer-first priorities that are so closely associated with the OpenVMS operating system and its original author, Digital Equipment Corporation.

## 2. Intended Audience

This manual is intended for programmers who will develop applications that use VSI TCP/IP network services. It provides the description of programmer's interface to VSI TCP/IP and contains information about:

- Various aspects of application programming using VSI TCP/IP
- Purpose and format of each VSI TCP/IP socket library function
- \$QIO Interface
- Application Programming Interface (API) routines required for an application program to export private Management Information Bases (MIBs) using the VSI TCP/IP SNMP agent
- VSI TCP/IP RPC Services and building distributed applications with RCP
- RPCGEN Compiler
- RPC Run-Time Library (RTL) conventions and management, client, port-mapper, server, XDR routines in the RPC RTL

## 3. Typographical Conventions

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Convention	Meaning
<b>Ctrl/x</b>	A sequence such as <b>Ctrl/x</b> indicates that you must hold down the key labeled Ctrl while you press another key or a pointing device button.
<b>PF1 x</b>	A sequence such as <b>PF1 x</b> indicates that you must first press and release the key labeled PF1 and then press and release another key ( <b>x</b> ) or a pointing device button.
<b>Enter</b>	In examples, a key name in bold indicates that you press that key.
...	A horizontal ellipsis in examples indicates one of the following possibilities:- Additional optional arguments in a statement have been omitted.- The preceding item or items can be repeated one or more times.- Additional parameters, values, or other information can be entered.

Convention	Meaning
.	A vertical ellipsis indicates the omission of items from a code example or command format; the items are omitted because they are not important to the topic being discussed.
()	In command format descriptions, parentheses indicate that you must enclose choices in parentheses if you specify more than one. In installation or upgrade examples, parentheses indicate the possible answers to a prompt, such as:  Is this correct? (Y/N) [Y]
[]	In command format descriptions, brackets indicate optional choices. You can choose one or more items or no items. Do not type the brackets on the command line. However, you must include the brackets in the syntax for directory specifications and for a substring specification in an assignment statement. In installation or upgrade examples, brackets indicate the default answer to a prompt if you press <b>Enter</b> without entering a value, as in:  Is this correct? (Y/N) [Y]
	In command format descriptions, vertical bars separate choices within brackets or braces. Within brackets, the choices are optional; within braces, at least one choice is required. Do not type the vertical bars on the command line.
{ }	In command format descriptions, braces indicate required choices; you must choose at least one of the items listed. Do not type the braces on the command line.
<b>bold type</b>	Bold type represents the name of an argument, an attribute, or a reason. In command and script examples, bold indicates user input. Bold type also represents the introduction of a new term.
<i>italic type</i>	Italic type indicates important information, complete titles of manuals, or variables. Variables include information that varies in system output (Internal error <i>number</i> ), in command lines ( <i>/PRODUCER=name</i> ), and in command parameters in text (where <i>dd</i> represents the predefined code for the device type).
UPPERCASE TYPE	Uppercase type indicates a command, the name of a routine, the name of a file, or the abbreviation for a system privilege.
Example	This typeface indicates code examples, command examples, and interactive screen displays. In text, this type also identifies website addresses, UNIX command and pathnames, PC-based commands and folders, and certain elements of the C programming language.
-	A hyphen at the end of a command format description, command line, or code line indicates that the command or statement continues on the following line.
numbers	All numbers in text are assumed to be decimal unless otherwise noted. Nondecimal radixes-binary, octal, or hexadecimal-are explicitly indicated.

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# Chapter 1. VSI TCP/IP Programming Tutorial

This chapter contains short tutorials on various aspects of application programming using VSI TCP/IP.

## 1.1. Sockets

A socket is an endpoint for communication. Two cooperating sockets, one on the local host and one on the remote host, form a connection. Each of the two sockets has a unique address that is described generically by the **sockaddr** C programming language structure. The **sockaddr** structure is defined as follows:

```
struct sockaddr {
    u_char sa_len;        /* length of data structure */
    u_char sa_family;    /* Address family */
    char sa_data[14];    /* up to 14 bytes of direct address*/
};
```

The **sa\_family** field specifies the address family for the communications domain to which the socket belongs. For example, AF\_INET for the Internet family. The **sa\_data** field contains up to 14 bytes of data, the interpretation of which depends on the value of **sa\_family**.

If the **sa\_family** field is AF\_INET, the same sockaddr structure can also be interpreted as a **sockaddr\_in** structure that describes an Internet address. A **sockaddr\_in** structure is defined as follows:

```
struct sockaddr_in {
    u_char sin_len;
    u_char sin_family;
    u_short sin_port;
    struct in_addr sin_addr;
    char sin_zero[8];
};
```

The **sin\_family** field specifies the address family AF\_INET. The **sin\_port** field specifies the TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) or UDP (User Datagram Protocol) port number of the address. Whether the communication uses TCP or UDP is not determined here, but rather by the type of socket created with the **socket()** call: SOCK\_STREAM for TCP or SOCK\_DGRAM for UDP. The **sin\_addr** field specifies the Internet address. The **sin\_zero** field must be zero. Both the **sin\_port** field and the **sin\_addr** field are in network byte order. For more information about network byte ordering see Chapter 4, *\$QIO Interface*.

The **sockaddr** and **sockaddr\_in** structures serve as input and output to a number of library routines. For example, they may be used as input, specifying the address to which to make a connection or send a packet, or as output, reporting the address from which a connection was made or a packet transmitted.

Internet addresses are normally manipulated with the **gethostbyname()**, **gethostbyaddr()**, **inet\_addr()**, and **inet\_ntoa()** functions. **gethostbyname()** and **inet\_addr()** convert a host name or ASCII representation of an address into the binary representation for the **sockaddr\_in** structure. **gethostbyaddr()** and **inet\_ntoa()** are used to convert the binary representation into the host name or ASCII representation for display.

Port numbers are normally manipulated with the **getservbyname()** and **getservbyport()** functions. **getservbyname()** converts the ASCII service name to the numeric value, and **getservbyport()** converts the numeric value to the ASCII name.

The following example shows a typical program that converts the Internet address and the port into binary representations.

```
#include "IP$root:[IP.include.sys]types.h"
#include "IP$root:[IP.include.sys]socket.h"
#include "IP$root:[IP.include]netdb.h"
#include "IP$root:[IP.include.netinet]in.h"

main(argc,argv)
int argc;
char *argv[];
{
    struct sockaddr_in sin;
    struct hostent *hp;
    struct servent *sp;

    /* Zero the sin structure to initialize it */

    bzero((char *) &sin, sizeof(sin));
    sin.sin_family = AF_INET;

    /* Lookup the host and initialize sin_addr */

    hp = gethostbyname(argv[1]);
    if (!hp) { /* Perhaps it is an ASCII string */
        sin.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr(argv[1]);
        if (sin.sin_addr.s_addr == -1) {
            printf("syntax error in IP address\n");
            exit(1);
        }
    } else { /* Extract the IP address */
        bcopy(hp->h_addr, (char *) &sin.sin_addr,
            hp->h_length);
    }

    /* Lookup up the name of the SMTP service */

    sp = getservbyname("smtp","tcp");
    if (!sp) {
        printf("unable to find smtp service");
        exit(1);
    }

    sin.sin_port = sp->s_port;

    /* Now we are ready to create a socket and
    pass the address of this sockaddr_in
    structure to the connect() call to
    connect to the remote SMTP port */
}
```

## 1.2. TCP Client

A TCP client process establishes a connection to a server and uses the **socket\_read()** and **socket\_write()** functions to transfer data. Typically, you use the following sequence of functions to set up the connection:

1. Create a TCP socket:

```
socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
```

2. Set up a **sockaddr\_in** structure with the address you want to connect to by calling **gethostbyname()** and **getservbyname()**.
3. Make a connection to the server with the **connect()** function.
4. Once **connect()** completes, the TCP connection is established and you can use **socket\_read()** and **socket\_write()** to transfer data.

## 1.3. TCP Server

A TCP server process binds a socket to a well-known port and listens on that port for connection attempts. When a connection arrives, the server processes it by transferring data using **socket\_read()** and **socket\_write()**. Typically, you use the following sequence of functions to set up a server:

1. Create a TCP socket:

```
socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
```

2. Use the **getservbyname()** function to get the port number of the service on which you want to listen for connections.
3. Set up a **sockaddr\_in** structure with the port number and an Internet address of **INADDR\_ANY**, and bind this address to the socket with the **bind()** function.
4. Use the **listen()** function to inform the VSI TCP/IP kernel that you are listening for connections on this socket. Then wait for a connection and accept it with **accept()**.
5. Once **accept()** completes, the TCP connection is established and you can use **socket\_read()** and **socket\_write()** to transfer data. When you are done with the connection, you can close the channel returned by **accept()** and start a new **accept()** call on the original channel to wait for another connection.

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### Note

When writing a TCP server that will run under the control of the **IP\_SERVER** process, you must assign a channel to **SYS\$INPUT** before calling any of the C I/O routines.

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Another way to write a TCP server is to let the **IP\$SERVER** process do the work for you. The **IP\$SERVER** can perform all of the above steps, and when a connection request arrives, can use the OpenVMS system service **\$CREPRC** to create a process running your program.

## 1.4. UDP

A UDP program sends and receives packets to and from a remote port using the **send()** or **sendto()** and **recv()** or **recvfrom()** functions. UDP is a connectionless transport protocol. It does not incur the

overhead of creating and maintaining a connection between two sockets, but rather merely sends and receives datagrams. It is not a reliable transport, and does not provide guaranteed data delivery, packet ordering, or flow control.

Typically, you use the following sequence of functions in a UDP program:

1. Create a UDP socket:

```
socket ( AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0 );
```

2. Bind the socket to a local port number with the **bind()** function. Specify the **sin\_port** field as 0 (zero) if you want VSI TCP/IP to choose an unused port number for you automatically (typical of a client), or specify the **sin\_port** field as the UDP port number (typical of a server). The **sin\_addr** field is usually specified as `INADDR_ANY`, which means that packets addressed to any of the host's Internet addresses are accepted.
3. Optionally, use **connect()** to specify the remote port and Internet address. If you do not use **connect()**, you must use **sendto()** to specify the remote address when you send packets, and **recvfrom()** to learn the address when you receive them.
4. Read and write packets to transfer data using the **send()** or **sendto()** and **recv()** or **recvfrom()** functions, respectively.

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## Note

When writing a UDP server that will run under the control of the `IP_SERVER` process, you must assign a channel to `SYS$INPUT` before calling any of the C I/O routines.

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Another way to write a UDP server is to let the `IP$SERVER` process handle the work. The `IP$SERVER` can perform all the above steps, and when a packet arrives on a UDP port, can use the OpenVMS system service `$CREPRC` to create a process running your program.

## 1.5. BSD-Specific Tips

The following sections contain information specific to working with BSD code.

### 1.5.1. BSD Sockets Porting Note

When porting a program written for BSD sockets to VSI TCP/IP, observe the following guidelines:

- Change any *#include* statements to reference files with the same names in the `IP$ ROOT`:  
[ `IP.INCLUDE . . .` ] directory areas.
- Implement your change in the source code using *#ifdef* statements to enable the use of VSI TCP/IP include files; you can then compile your software in a UNIX environment by selecting the other side of the *#ifdef*.

### 1.5.2. BSD 4.4 TCP/IP Future Compatibility Considerations

VSI TCP/IP supports both BSD 4.3 and BSD 4.4 format sockaddrs.

The BSD 4.4 format is:

```
struct sockaddr_in {
    u_char    sin_len;
    u_char    sin_family;
    u_char    sin_port;
    struct    in_addr sin_addr;
    char      sin_zero[8];
};
```

The BSD 4.3 format of the `sockaddr_in` structure is:

```
struct sockaddr_in {
    short     sin_family;
    u_short   sin_port;
    struct    in_addr sin_addr;
    char      sin_zero[8];
};
```

VSI TCP/IP will accept either format from customer applications. This affects applications that explicitly check the **sin\_family** field for the value `AF_INET`. Applications can avoid incompatibilities by avoiding explicit references or checks of the **sin\_family** field, or by assuming that it can be in either format. The `INET` device uses the `IO$M_EXTEND` modifier to specify that a BSD 4.4 `sockaddr` (or current format) is used when `IO$M_EXTEND` is not used on the function code, the old (BSD 4.3) format is used.

Support for the BSD 4.4 style `sockaddr` data structure is included in the `BGDRIVER` (UCX interface). If the `IO$M_EXTEND` modifier is set on any one of the following QIO operations, the `sockaddr` parameter passed in these operations is assumed to be in BSD 4.4 format.

- `IO$_SETMODE/IO$_SETCHAR` (socket, bind)
- `IO$_ACCESS` (connect, listen)
- `IO$_SENSEMODE/IO$_SENSECHAR` (getsockname, getpeername)
- `IO$_READVBLK` (recv\_from, when P3 is specified for a UDP or raw IP message)
- `IO$_WRITEVBLK` (send\_to, when P3 is specified for a UDP or raw IP message)

When the `IO$M_EXTEND` modifier is used in the creation of a socket via `IO$_SETMODE/IO$_SETCHAR` (socket, bind), the setting is remembered for the lifetime of the socket and all **sockaddr** structures passed in are assumed to be in BSD 4.4 format. Refer to the *TCP/IP Services for OpenVMS System Services and C Socket Programming* manual for additional information.

Operations that return a **sockaddr** (`READVBLK` (recv\_from) like accept, getsockname, and getpeername), return that **sockaddr** in BSD 4.4 format. Operations that accept a **sockaddr** (`WRITEVBLK` (send\_to) like connect and bind) expect the address family value to be in the position it is in for the BSD 4.4 structure. When a **CONNECT/BIND/ACCEPT** operation is done for a TCP connection with the `IO$V_EXTEND` bit set, the setting is remembered for the duration of the connection and all specified **sockaddr** structures are expected to be in BSD 4.4 format, and operations returning a **sockaddr** will return it in BSD 4.4 format.

For `IO$_ACCESS` (connect) and `IO$_SETMODE` (bind), if the portion of the **sockaddr** structure that is used to specify the address family in BSD 4.4 format is non-zero, then the **sockaddr** structure is assumed to be in BSD 4.4 format.

### 1.5.3. TCP/IP Services (UCX) Compatibility

VSI TCP/IP supports programs written for TCP/IP Services. The C run time library will automatically use the compatible entry points in the UCX\$IPC\_SHR.EXE image included with VSI TCP/IP. VSI TCP/IP supports the following IPv6 compatible routines:

```
getaddrinfo  
freeaddrinfo  
getnameinfo  
gai_strerror  
inet_pton  
inet_ntop
```

# Chapter 2. Socket Library Functions

This chapter describes the purpose and format of each VSI TCP/IP socket library function.

The socket functions described in this chapter are available in the shareable image `IP$:IP$SOCKET_LIBRARY.EXE`, included in the standard VSI TCP/IP distribution.

In addition to supporting the VSI TCP/IP socket library, applications developed for the VSI OpenVMS/ULTRIX Connection (UCX) software using the C socket library (`UCX$IPC.OLB`) will run over VSI TCP/IP, using an emulation of `UCX$IPC_SHR.EXE`.

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## Note

To avoid potential conflicts between VSI TCP/IP socket library definitions and C compiler definitions, include a reference to the file `IP$ROOT:[IP.INCLUDE.SYS]TYPES.H` before any other header file references.

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## 2.1. Debugging and Tracing

VSI TCP/IP provides a call tracing facility that can be used to debug and trace the use of the sockets API for many applications. This facility works for both the VSI TCP/IP socket library and the API that the newer versions of the C compiler work with. This does NOT log QIO operations. To enable the tracing define the `IP$SOCKET_TRACE` logical name. The value of the logical name can be used in the following ways:

- As a bit mask for types of operations to trace. Bit 0 (zero) signifies control operations, bit 1 signifies read operations and bit 2 signifies write operations. When these values are used the information is written to `SYS$OUTPUT:`.
- As a partial or full file name. When used as a partial file name the default name specified to open the file is: `SYS$SCRATCH:IP$SOCKET_<process_name>.LOG`. Control, read and write operations are logged when logging is done to a file.

## 2.2. AST Reentrancy

The VSI TCP/IP socket library is based on the equivalent UNIX programming library, and was therefore not designed with reentrancy in mind. If you call into the socket library with AST delivery disabled, some of the library routines will suspend execution and fail to return control to the caller.

This situation occurs most often when applications try to call those functions from within an AST routine where AST delivery is not possible.

Any routine that relies on the `select()` function is subject to this restriction (including the `select()` call itself, and most of the domain name resolution routines such as `gethostbyname()`, and so on).

Another reentrancy consideration is the socket library's use of static internal data structures, some of which are passed back to the application, as in the case of the `hostent` structure address returned by `gethostbyname()`. Other functions use these data structures internally to maintain context.

In either case, it is dangerous to call into these routines from an AST because it is possible to interrupt a similar call already in progress, using the same static buffer, thereby corrupting the contents of the buffer.

Another consideration is the use of routines that send and receive data. Every socket in the kernel contains two fixed-size buffers for sending and receiving data. If an application tries to transmit data when there is insufficient buffer space, that call will block (or suspend execution) until buffer space becomes available. This can become an issue if the application blocks while attempting to transmit a large data buffer, and an AST routine tries to transmit a small data buffer. The small data buffer is transmitted before the large one.

The same situation applies to the functions that read data from the network. This situation may also arise if multiple reads and writes are performed on sockets which have been set up to be non-blocking (NBIO).

These considerations might seem overly restrictive; however, the VSI TCP/IP socket library is a port of the BSD socket library, which is subject to all of the same restrictions. Applications which need to perform I/O from within AST routines should use the SYS\$QIO system service to talk directly to the VSI TCP/IP device driver.

Therefore, *none* of the socket routines should be considered AST reentrant.

The following are the Socket Library functions:

<b>accept()/accept_44()</b>	<b>ntohl()</b>
<b>bcmp()</b>	<b>ntohs()</b>
<b>bind()/bind_44()</b>	<b>recv()/recv_44()</b>
Section 2.3, "Domain Name Resolver Routines"	<b>recvfrom()/recvfrom_44()</b>
<b>endhostent()</b>	<b>recvmsg()/recvmsg_44()</b>
<b>endnetent()</b>	<b>select()</b>
<b>endprotoent()</b>	<b>select_wake()</b>
<b>endservent()</b>	<b>send()/send_44()</b>
<b>getaddrinfo()</b>	<b>getnameinfo()</b>
<b>getdtablesize()</b>	<b>sendmsg()/sendmsg_44()</b>
<b>gethostbyaddr()/gethostbyaddr_44()</b>	<b>sendto()/sendto_44</b>
<b>gethostbyname()/gethostbyname_44()</b>	<b>sethostent()</b>
<b>gethostname()</b>	<b>setnetent()</b>
<b>getnetbyaddr()</b>	<b>setprotoent()</b>
<b>getnetbyname()</b>	<b>setservent()</b>
<b>getpeername()/getpeername_44()</b>	<b>setsockopt()</b>
<b>getprotobyname()</b>	<b>shutdown()</b>
<b>getprotobynumber()</b>	<b>socket()</b>
<b>getprotoent()</b>	<b>socket_close()</b>
<b>getservbyname()</b>	<b>socket_ioctl()</b>
<b>getservbyport()</b>	<b>socket ioctl FIONBIO</b>
<b>getservent()</b>	<b>socket ioctl FIONREAD</b>
<b>getsockname()/getsockname_44()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCADDR</b>
<b>getsockopt()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCDELRT</b>
<b>gettimeofday()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCATMARK</b>



<b>hostalias()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCDARP</b>
<b>htonl()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGARP</b>
<b>htons()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCSARP</b>
<b>inet_addr()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGIFADDR</b>
<b>inet_lnaof()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCSIFADDR</b>
<b>inet_makeaddr()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGIFBRDADDR</b>
<b>inet_netof()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCSIFBRDADDR</b>
<b>inet_network()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGIFCONF</b>
<b>inet_ntoa()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGIFDSTADDR</b>
<b>klread()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCSIFDSTADDR</b>
<b>klseek()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGIFFLAGS</b>
<b>klwrite()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCSIFFLAGS</b>
<b>listen()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGIFMETRIC</b>
<b>ip_kernel_nlist</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCSIFMETRIC</b>
<b>nlist()</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCGIFNETMASK</b>
<b>socket option SO_BROADCAST</b>	<b>socket ioctl SIOCSIFNETMASK</b>
<b>socket option SO_DEBUG</b>	<b>socket option SO_REUSEADDR</b>
<b>socket option SO_DONTROUTE</b>	<b>socket option SO_SNDBUF</b>
<b>socket option SO_ERROR</b>	<b>socket option SO_RCVLOWAT</b>
<b>socket option SO_KEEPALIVE</b>	<b>socket option SO_SNDTIMEO</b>
<b>socket option SO_LINGER</b>	<b>socket option SO_TYPE</b>
<b>socket option SO_OOBLINE</b>	<b>socket option TCP_KEEPALIVE</b>
<b>socket option SO_RCVBUF</b>	<b>socket option TCP_NODELAY</b>
<b>socket option SO_RCVLOWAT</b>	<b>socket_perror()</b>
<b>socket option SO_RCVTIMEO</b>	<b>socket_read()</b>
<b>vms_errno_string()</b>	<b>socket_write()</b>

## accept()/accept\_44()

**accept()/accept\_44()** — Extracts the first connection from the queue of pending connections on a socket, creates a new socket with the same properties as the original socket, and assigns a new OpenVMS channel to the new socket. If no pending connections are present on the queue, **accept()** blocks the caller until a new connection is present. The original socket remains open and can be used to accept more connections, but the new socket cannot be used to accept additional connections.

### Format

```
New_VMS_Channel = accept(VMS_Channel, Address, AddrLen);
```

```
short New_VMS_Channel, VMS_Channel;
```

```
struct sockaddr *Address;
```

```
unsigned int *AddrLen;
```

## Description

The original socket is created with the **socket()** function, bound to an address with **bind()**, and is listening for connections after a **listen()**.

The **accept()** function is used with connection-based socket types. Currently the only connection-based socket is `SOCK_STREAM`, which, together with `AF_INET`, constitutes a TCP socket.

The **accept\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 `sockaddr` variant of this call. This call is used automatically when `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] IN . H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the original socket from which to accept the connection.

<b>Address</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The optional **Address** argument is a result parameter. It is filled in with the address of the connecting entity, as known to the communications layer. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>AddrLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On entry, the optional **AddrLen** argument contains the length of the space pointed to by **Address**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the address returned.

## Returns

If the **accept()** is successful, an OpenVMS channel number is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

An error code of `ENETDOWN` can indicate that the program has run out of VMS channels to use in creating new sockets. This can be due to either the `SYSGEN` parameter `CHANNELCNT` being too low

for the number of connections in use by the program, or to a socket leak in the code. Make sure the code closes the socket (using **close()**) when it is done with the socket.

## bcmp()

**bcmp()** — Compares a range of memory. This function operates on variable-length strings of bytes and does not check for null bytes as **strcmp()** does. **bcmp()** is part of the 4.3BSD run-time library, but is not provided by VSI as part of the C run-time library. It is provided here for compatibility with the 4.3BSD library.

### Format

```
Status = bcmp(String1, String2, Length);
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
unsigned int Length;
```

### Arguments

<b>String1, String2</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

Pointers to the two buffers to be compared.

<b>Length</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The number of bytes to be compared.

### Returns

The **bcmp()** function returns zero if the strings are identical. It returns a nonzero value if they are different.

## bcopy()

**bcopy()** — Copies memory from one location to another. This function operates on variable-length strings of bytes and does not check for null bytes as **strcpy()** does. **bcopy()** is part of the 4.3BSD run-time library, but is not provided by VSI as part of the C run-time library. It is provided here for compatibility with the 4.3BSD library.

## Format

```
(void) bcopy(String1, String2, Length);
```

```
char *String1, *String2;
```

```
unsigned int Length;
```

## Arguments

<b>String1</b>	
VMS Usage	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The source buffer for the copy operation.

<b>String2</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The destination buffer for the copy operation.

<b>Length</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The number of bytes to be copied.

## bind()/bind\_44()

**bind()/bind\_44()** — Assigns an address to an unnamed socket. When a socket is created with **socket()**, it exists in a name space (address family) but has no assigned address. **bind()** requests that the address be assigned to the socket. If the port number specified in the **sin\_port** field of the **sockaddr** structure is less than 1024, **SYSPRV** is required to use this function. The **bind\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 **sockaddr** variant of this call. This call is used automatically when **IP\$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] IN . H** is used and the program is compiled with **USE\_BSD44\_ENTRIES** defined.

## Format

```
Status = bind(VMS_Channel, Name, NameLen);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;

struct sockaddr *Name;

unsigned int NameLen;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Name</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address to which the socket should be bound. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the socket was created.

<b>NameLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the Name argument, in bytes.

## Returns

If the **bind()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vm serrno**.

## bzero()

**bzero()** — Fills memory with zeros. **bzero()** is part of the 4.3BSD run-time library, but is not provided by VSI as part of the C run-time library. It is provided here for compatibility with the 4.3BSD library.

## Format

```
(void) bzero(String, Length);
```

```
char *String;
```

```
unsigned int Length;
```

## Arguments

<b>String</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of the buffer to receive the zeros.

<b>Length</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The number of bytes to be zeroed.

## connect()/connect\_44()

**connect()/connect\_44()** — When used on a SOCK\_STREAM socket, **connect()** attempts to make a connection to another socket. This function, when used on a SOCK\_DGRAM socket, permanently specifies the peer to which datagrams are sent to and received from. The peer socket is specified by name, which is an address in the communications domain of the socket. Each communications domain interprets the name parameter in its own way. If the address of the local socket has not yet been specified with **bind()**, the local address is also set to an unused port number when **connect()** is called. The **connect\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 sockaddr variant of this call. This call is used automatically when `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] IN . H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

## Format

```
Status = connect(VMS_Channel, Name, NameLen);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
struct sockaddr *Name;
```

```
unsigned int NameLen;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>

type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Name</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of the peer to which the socket should be connected. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the socket was created.

<b>NameLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the **Name** argument, in bytes.

## Returns

If the **connect()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

## 2.3. Domain Name Resolver Routines

The following functions exist for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD programs that call the DNS Name Resolver directly rather than through **gethostbyname()**. The arguments and calling conventions are compatible with BIND Version 4.8.3. They are subject to change and are not documented here.

The **h\_errno** variable in the VSI TCP/IP socket library that contains the error status of the resolver routine is accessible to C programs.

<b>dn_comp()</b>	<b>p_rr()</b>
<b>dn_expand()</b>	<b>p_type()</b>
<b>dn_skip()</b>	<b>putlong()</b>
<b>dn_skipname()</b>	<b>putshort()</b>
<b>fp_query()</b>	<b>_res_close()</b>
<b>_getlong()</b>	<b>res_init()</b>
<b>_getshort()</b>	<b>res_mkquery()</b>
<b>herror()</b>	<b>res_query()</b>
<b>p_cdname()</b>	<b>res_querydomain()</b>

p_class()	res_search()
p_query()	res_send()

## endhostent()

**endhostent()** — Tells the DNS Name Resolver to close the TCP connection to the DNS Name Server that may have been opened as the result of calling **sethostent()** with **StayOpen** set to 1.

### Format

(void) endhostent();

## endnetent()

**endnetent()** — Tells the DNS Name Resolver to close the TCP connection to the DNS Name Server that may have been opened as the result of using **setnetent()** with **StayOpen** set to 1.

### Format

(void) endnetent();

## endprotoent()

**endprotoent()** — Tells the host table routines that the scan started by **getprotoent()** is complete. **endprotoent()** is provided only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD, and is ignored by the VSI TCP/IP software.

### Format

(void) endprotoent();

## endservent()

**endservent()** — Tells the host table routines that the scan started by **getservent()** is complete. **endservent()** is provided only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD, and is ignored by the VSI TCP/IP software.

### Format

(void) endservent();

## getdtablesize()

**getdtablesize()** — Returns the maximum number of channels available to a process. This function is normally used to determine the **Width** argument to the **select()** function.

### Format

Width = getdtablesize();



## Returns

The size of the channel table.

## gethostbyaddr()/gethostbyaddr\_44()

**gethostbyaddr()/gethostbyaddr\_44()** — Looks up a host by its address in the binary host table or the DNS Name Server and returns information about that host. An alternate entry point **\_gethostbyaddr()**, that looks only in the binary host table, is also available. The VSI TCP/IP socket library is not reentrant. If you call into it from an AST (interrupt) routine, the results are unpredictable. The **gethostbyaddr\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 `sockaddr` variant of this call. This call is used automatically when `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] IN . H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

## Format

```
(struct hostent *) gethostbyaddr(Addr, Length, Family);
```

```
(struct hostent *) _gethostbyaddr(Addr, Length, Family);
```

```
char *Addr;
```

```
unsigned int Length;
```

```
unsigned int Family;
```

## Arguments

<b>Addr</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>address</b>
type:	<b>dependent on Family</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to the address to look up. The type is dependent on the **Family** argument. For Internet (AF\_INET family) addresses, **Addr** is a pointer to an **in\_addr** structure.

<b>Length</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The size, in bytes, of the buffer pointed to by **Addr**.

<b>Family</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>address_family</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>

access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The address family, and consequently the interpretation of the **Addr** argument. Normally, this is `AF_INET`, indicating the Internet family of addresses.

## Returns

If `gethostbyaddr()` succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type **hostent**. (See `int sctp_getaddrlen(int family)` for more information on the `hostent` structure.) If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned, and the global variable `h_errno` is set to one of the DNS Name Server error codes defined in the file `ip$root:[IP.include]netdb.h`.

## getaddrinfo()

**getaddrinfo()** — Looks up hostname and/or service name and returns results. This call supports both IPv4 and IPv6 requests.

## Format

```
int getaddrinfo(hostname, servname, hints, res)
```

```
char *hostname, *servname;
```

```
struct addrinfo *hints, **res;
```

## Arguments

<b>hostname</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>host_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A C-language string containing the name of the host to look up.

<b>servname</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>service_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A C-language string containing the name of the service to look up.

<b>hints</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>hints</b>
type:	<b>struct addrinfo</b>

access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

An `addrinfo` structure that provides hints on the lookups to be performed.

<b>res</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>results</b>
type:	<b>pointer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A linked list of `addrinfo` structures that contain the results of the operation.

## Returns

An integer value is returned. Zero is success, non-zero is failure. Failure values can be interpreted with `gai_strerror()`.

```
struct addrinfo {
    int ai_flags;
    int ai_family;
    int ai_socktype;
    int ai_protocol;
    size_t ai_addrlen;
    char *ai_canonname;
    struct sockaddr *ai_addr;
    struct addrinfo *ai_next;
};
```

Use `freeaddrinfo(res)` to free the chain of data structures returned when the program is done using it.

## getnameinfo()

**getnameinfo()** — Returns hostname and/or servicename information from a `sockaddr` structures. This call can handle both IPv6 and IPv4 requests.

### Format

```
int getnameinfo(sa, salen, host, hostlen, serv, servlen, flags)
```

```
struct sockaddr *sa;
```

```
size_t salen, hostlen, servlen;
```

```
char *host, *serv;
```

```
int flags;
```

### Arguments

<b>sa</b>	
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<b>VMS Usage:</b>	<b>sockaddr</b>
<b>type:</b>	<b>sockaddr</b>
<b>access:</b>	<b>read only</b>
<b>mechanism:</b>	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a sockaddr to obtain information on.

<b>salen</b>	
<b>VMS Usage:</b>	<b>sockaddr length</b>
<b>type:</b>	<b>integer</b>
<b>access:</b>	<b>read only</b>
<b>mechanism:</b>	<b>by value</b>

The length of the sockaddr structure.

<b>host</b>	
<b>VMS Usage:</b>	<b>hostname</b>
<b>type:</b>	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
<b>access:</b>	<b>write only</b>
<b>mechanism:</b>	<b>by reference</b>

Storage area for a hostname to be returned.

<b>hostlen</b>	
<b>VMS Usage:</b>	<b>length of hostname string space</b>
<b>type:</b>	<b>integer</b>
<b>access:</b>	<b>read only</b>
<b>mechanism:</b>	<b>by value</b>

The amount of space available in the host string for storing the hostname.

<b>serv</b>	
<b>VMS Usage:</b>	<b>service_name</b>
<b>type:</b>	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
<b>access:</b>	<b>write only</b>
<b>mechanism:</b>	<b>by reference</b>

Storage area for a service name to be returned.

<b>servlen</b>	
<b>VMS Usage:</b>	<b>length of servicename string space</b>
<b>type:</b>	<b>integer</b>
<b>access:</b>	<b>read only</b>

mechanism:	<b>by value</b>
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The amount of space available in the **serv** string for storing the service name

## Returns

An integer value is returned. Zero is success, non-zero is failure. Failure values can be interpreted with `gai_strerror()`.

## gethostbyname()/gethostbyname\_44()

**gethostbyname()/gethostbyname\_44()** — Looks up a host by name in the binary host table or the DNS Name Server and returns information about that host. An alternate entry point **\_gethostbyname()**, that looks only in the binary host table, is also available. The VSI TCP/IP socket library is not reentrant. If you call into it from an AST (interrupt) routine, the results are unpredictable. The **gethostbyname\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 `sockaddr` variant of this call. This call is used automatically when `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] IN . H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

## Format

```
(struct hostent *) gethostbyname(Name);
```

```
(struct hostent *) _gethostbyname(Name);
```

```
char *Name;
```

## Arguments

<b>Name</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>host_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A C-language string containing the name of the host to look up.

## Returns

If **gethostbyname()** succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type **hostent**. If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned, and the global variable **h\_errno** is set to one of the DNS Name Server error codes defined in the file `IP$root: [ IP . include ] netdb . h`.

The `hostent` structure is defined as follows:

```
struct hostent {
  char  *h_name;          /* official name */
  char  **h_aliases;     /* alias list */
  int   h_addrtype;     /* host address type */
  int   h_length;       /* length of address */
  char  **h_addr_list;  /* list of addresses */
#define h_addr h_addr_list[0] /* address, for compat */
}
```

```

char    *h_cputype;        /* cpu type */
char    *h_opsys;         /* operating system */
char    **h_protos;       /* protocols */
struct  sockaddr *h_addresses; /* sockaddr form */
};

```

## gethostbysockaddr()/gethostbysockaddr\_44()

**gethostbysockaddr()/gethostbysockaddr\_44()** — Looks up a host by socket address in the binary host table or the DNS Name Server and returns information about that host. An alternate entry point **\_gethostbysockaddr()**, that looks only in the binary host table, is also available. **gethostbysockaddr()** is identical in functionality to **gethostbyaddr()**, but takes its arguments in a different form. The VSI TCP/IP socket library is not reentrant. If you call into it from an AST (interrupt) routine, the results are unpredictable. The **gethostbysockaddr\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 `sockaddr` variant of this call. This call is used automatically when `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] IN . H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

### Format

```
(struct hostent *) gethostbysockaddr(Addr, Length);
```

```
struct sockaddr *Addr;
```

```
unsigned int Length;
```

### Arguments

<b>Addr</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a **sockaddr** structure describing the address to look up.

<b>Length</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The size, in bytes, of the **sockaddr** structure pointed to by **Addr**.

### Returns

If **gethostbysockaddr()** succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type **hostent**. (See **int sctp\_getaddrlen (int family)** for more information on the **hostent** structure.) If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned, and the global variable **h\_errno** is set to one of the DNS Name Server error codes defined in the file `IP$root: [ IP . include ] netdb . h`.

## gethostname()

**gethostname()** — Returns the Internet name of the host it is executed on. This name comes from the logical name `IP$HOST_NAME` and can be set using the `SET HOST-NAME` command in the VSI TCP/IP Network Configuration utility (`NET-CONFIG`).

### Format

```
Status = gethostname(String, Length);
```

```
char *String;
```

```
unsigned int Length;
```

### Arguments

<b>String</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>hostname</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a buffer to receive the host name.

<b>Length</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>hostname_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer, in bytes. The buffer should be at least 33 bytes long to guarantee that the complete host name is returned.

### Returns

If the **gethostname()** function is successful, it returns a 0. It returns a -1 if it is unable to translate the logical name.

## getnetbyaddr()

**getnetbyaddr()** — Looks up a network by its network number in the binary host table or the DNS Name Server and returns information about that network. An alternate entry point **\_getnetbyaddr()**, that looks only in the binary host table, is also available.

### Format

```
(struct netent *) getnetbyaddr(Net, Protocol);
```

```
(struct netent *) _getnetbyaddr(Net, Protocol);
```

unsigned int Net, Protocol;

## Arguments

<b>Net</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>network_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The network number to look up.

<b>Protocol</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>protocol_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The address family of the network to look up. For Internet networking, this should be specified as AF\_INET.

## Returns

If `getnetbyaddr()` succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type `netent`. (See `int sctp_getaddrlen(int family)` for more information on the `netent` structure.) If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned, and the global variable `h_errno` is set to one of the DNS Name Server error codes defined in `IP$root:[IP.include]netdb.h`.

## getnetbyname()

`getnetbyname()` — Looks up a network by name in the binary host table or the DNS Name Server and returns information about that network. An alternate entry point `_getnetbyname()`, that looks only in the binary host table, is also available.

## Format

```
(struct netent *) getnetbyname(Name);
```

```
(struct netent *) _getnetbyname(Name);
```

```
char *Name;
```

## Arguments

<b>Name</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>network_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>



A pointer to a C-language string containing the name of the network.

## Returns

If `getnetbyname()` succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type `netent`. If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned, and the global variable `h_errno` is set to one of the DNS Name Server error codes defined in `IP$root:[IP.include]netdb.h`.

The `netent` structure is defined as follows:

```
struct netent {
    char          *n_name;          /* official name */
    char          **n_aliases;     /* alias list */
    int           n_addrtype;     /* address type */
    unsigned long n_net;          /* network # */
    struct sockaddr *n_addresses; /* sockaddr form */
};
```

## getpeername()/getpeername\_44()

`getpeername()/getpeername_44()` — Returns the name of the peer connected to the specified socket. The `accept_44()` function is the BSD 4.4 `sockaddr` variant of this call. This call is used automatically when `IP$ROOT:[IP.INCLUDE.NETINET]IN.H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

## Format

```
Status = getpeername(VMS_Channel, Address, AddrLen);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
struct sockaddr *Address;
```

```
unsigned int *AddrLen;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Address</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A result parameter. This argument is filled in with the address of the peer, as known to the communications layer. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>AddrLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	by reference

On entry, contains the length of the space pointed to by **Address**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the address returned.

## Returns

If the `getpeername()` is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables `socket_errno` and `vm serrno`.

## getprotobyname()

`getprotobyname()` — Looks up a protocol by name in the binary host table and returns information about that protocol.

## Format

```
(struct protoent *) getprotobyname(Name);
```

```
char *Name;
```

## Arguments

<b>Name</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>protocol_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a C-language string containing the name of the protocol.

## Returns

If `getprotobyname()` succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type `protoent`. If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned.

The `protoent` structure is defined as follows:

```
struct protoent {
    char    *p_name;      /* official protocol name */
    char    **p_aliases; /* alias list */
    int     p_proto;     /* protocol # */
};
```

## getprotobynumber()

**getprotobynumber()** — Looks up a protocol by number in the binary host table and returns information about that protocol.

### Format

```
(struct protoent *) getprotobynumber(Number);
```

unsigned int Number;

### Arguments

<b>Number</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>protocol_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The numeric value of the protocol.

### Returns

If **getprotobynumber()** succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type **protoent**. If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned.

The **protoent** structure is defined as follows:

```
struct protoent {
    char    *p_name;      /* official protocol name */
    char    **p_aliases; /* alias list */
    int     p_proto;     /* protocol # */
};
```

## getprotoent()

**getprotoent()** — Returns the next protocol entry from the binary host table. It is used with **setprotoent()** and **endprotoent()** to scan through the protocol table. The scan is initialized with **setprotoent()**, run by calling **getprotoent()** until it returns a 0, and terminated by calling **endprotoent()**.

### Format

```
(struct protoent *) getprotoent();
```

### Returns

The **getprotoent()** function returns either a 0, indicating that there are no more entries, or a pointer to a structure of type **protoent**.

The **protoent** structure is defined as follows:

```
struct protoent {
```

```

char   *p_name;           /* official protocol name */
char   **p_aliases;      /* alias list */
int    p_proto;          /* protocol # */
};

```

## getservbyname()

**getservbyname()** — Looks up a service by name in the binary host table and returns information about that service. The service must be present in the `HOSTS.SERVICES` or `HOSTS.LOCAL` file, and the host table must be compiled into binary form using the host table compiler. See the *VSI TCP/IP Administrator's Guide: Volume II* for more information about editing and compiling the host table files.

### Format

```
(struct servent *) getservbyname(Name, Protocol);
```

```
char *Name, *Protocol;
```

### Arguments

<b>Name</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>service_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a C-language string containing the name of the service.

<b>Protocol</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>protocol_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a C-language string containing the name of the protocol associated with the service, such as "TCP".

### Returns

If **getservbyname()** succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type **servent**. If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned.

The **servent** structure is defined as follows:

```

struct servent {
char   *s_name;           /* official service name */
char   **s_aliases;      /* alias list */
int    s_port;           /* port # */
char   *s_proto;         /* protocol to use */
};

```

## getservbyport()

**getservbyport()** — Looks up a service by protocol port in the binary host table and returns information about that service. The service must be present in the `HOSTS.SERVICES` or `HOSTS.LOCAL` file, and the host table must be compiled into binary form using the host table compiler. See the *VSI TCP/IP Administrator's Guide: Volume II* for more information about editing and compiling the host table files.

### Format

```
(struct servent *) getservbyport(Number, Protocol);
```

```
unsigned int Number;
```

```
char *Protocol;
```

### Arguments

<b>Number</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>service_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The numeric value of the service port.

<b>Protocol</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>protocol_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a C-language string containing the name of the protocol associated with the service, such as "TCP".

### Returns

If **getservbyport()** succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type **servent**. (See **int sctp\_getaddrlen(int family)** for the format of the **servent** structure.) If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned.

## getservent()

**getservent()** — Returns the next server entry from the binary host table. This function is used with **setservent()** and **endservent()** to scan through the service table. The scan is initialized with **setservent()**, run by calling **getservent()** until it returns a 0, and terminated by calling **endservent()**.

### Format

```
(struct servent *) getservent();
```

## Returns

If `getservent()` succeeds, it returns a pointer to a structure of type `servent`. (See `int sctp_getaddrlen (int family)` for the format of the `servent` structure.) If this function fails, a value of 0 is returned.

## getsockname()/getsockname\_44()

`getsockname()/getsockname_44()` — Returns the current name of the specified socket. The `getsockname_44()` function is the BSD 4.4 `sockaddr` variant of this call. This call is used automatically when `IP$ROOT:[IP.INCLUDE.NETINET]IN.H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

## Format

```
Status = getsockname(VMS_Channel, Address, AddrLen);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
struct sockaddr *Address;
```

```
unsigned int *AddrLen;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Address</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A result parameter. It is filled in with the address of the local socket, as known to the communications layer. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>AddrLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On entry, contains the length of the space pointed to by **Address**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the address returned.

## Returns

If **getsockname()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserrno**.

## getsockopt()

**getsockopt()** — Retrieves the options associated with a socket. Options can exist at multiple protocol levels; however, they are always present at the uppermost socket level. When manipulating socket options, you must specify the level at which the option resides and the name of the option. To manipulate options at the socket level, specify *Level* as *SOL\_SOCKET*. To manipulate options at any other level, specify the protocol number of the appropriate protocol controlling the option. For example, to indicate that an option will be interpreted by the TCP protocol, set *Level* to the protocol number of TCP, which can be determined by calling **getprotobyname()**. **OptName** and any specified options are passed without modification to the appropriate protocol module for interpretation. The include file `IP$root:[IP.include.sys]socket.h` contains definitions for socket-level options. Options at other protocol levels vary in format and name. For more information on what socket options may be retrieved with **getsockopt()**, see **setsockopt()**.

## Format

```
Status = getsockopt(VMS_Channel, Level, OptName, OptVal, OptLen);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
unsigned int Level, OptName, *OptLen;
```

```
char *OptVal;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Level</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>option_level</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The protocol level at which the option will be manipulated. Specify *Level* as *SOL\_SOCKET*, or as a protocol number as returned by **getprotobyname()**.

<b>OptName</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>option_name</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The option to be manipulated.

<b>OptVal</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>dependent on OptName</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	by reference

A pointer to a buffer that will receive the current value of the option. The format of this buffer is dependent on the option requested.

<b>OptLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>option_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On entry, contains the length of the space pointed to by **OptVal**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the option returned.

## Returns

If the **getsockopt()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmsereno**.

## gettimeofday()

**gettimeofday()** — Returns the current time of day in UNIX format. This is the number of seconds and microseconds elapsed since January 1, 1970. **gettimeofday()** is part of the 4.3BSD run-time library, but is not provided by VSI as part of the C run-time library. It is provided here for compatibility with the 4.3BSD library.

## Format

```
Status = gettimeofday(TimeVal);
```

```
struct timeval *TimeVal;
```

## Arguments

<b>TimeVal</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>UNIX_time</b>



type:	<b>struct timeval</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a structure that receives the current time. The `timeval` structure is defined as follows:

```
struct timeval {
    long    tv_sec;        /* seconds */
    long    tv_usec;     /* and microseconds */
};
```

## Returns

The `gettimeofday()` function always returns a value of 0, which indicates it was successful.

## hostalias()

**hostalias()** — Examines the user-specific host alias table (if the user has set one by defining the IP `$HOSTALIASES` logical name) to see if the specified host name is a valid alias for another host name. This is normally called by `gethostbyname()` and `res_search()` automatically.

## Format

```
(char *) hostalias(Name);
```

```
char *Name;
```

## Arguments

<b>Name</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>host_name</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A C-language string containing the name of the host to look up in the host alias table.

## Returns

If successful, the `hostalias()` function returns a pointer to the character string of the canonical name of the host. Otherwise, it returns a 0 to indicate that no alias exists.

## htonl()

**htonl()** — Swaps the byte order of a four-byte integer from OpenVMS byte order to network byte order. This allows you to develop programs that are independent of the hardware architecture on which they are running.

## Format

```
RetVal = htonl(Val);
```

unsigned long Val;

## Arguments

<b>Val</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The four-byte integer to convert to network byte order.

## Returns

The **htonl()** function returns the byte-swapped integer that corresponds to *Val*. For example, if *Val* is 0xc029e401, the returned value is 0x01e429c0.

## htons()

**htons()** — Swaps the byte order of a two-byte integer from OpenVMS byte order to network byte order. This allows you to develop programs that are independent of the hardware architecture on which they are running.

## Format

RetVal = htons(Val);

unsigned short Val;

## Arguments

<b>Val</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>word_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The two-byte integer to convert to network byte order.

## Returns

The **htons()** function returns the byte-swapped integer that corresponds to *Val*. For example, if *Val* is 0x0017, the returned value is 0x1700.

## inet\_addr()

**inet\_addr()** — Converts Internet addresses represented in the ASCII form "xx.yy.zz.ww" to a binary representation in network byte order.

## Format

```
RetVal = inet_addr(Address);
```

```
char *Address;
```

## Arguments

<b>Address</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>internet_address_string</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a C-language string containing an ASCII representation of the Internet address to convert.

## Returns

If successful, the **inet\_addr()** function returns an integer corresponding to the binary representation of the Internet address in network byte order. It returns a -1 to indicate that it could not parse the specified **Address** string.

## inet\_lnaof()

**inet\_lnaof()** — Returns the local network address portion of the specified Internet address. For example, the class A address 0x0a050010 (10.5.0.16) is returned as 0x00050010 (5.0.16).

## Format

```
RetVal = inet_lnaof(Address);
```

```
struct in_addr Address;
```

## Arguments

<b>Address</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>internet_address</b>
type:	<b>struct in_addr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The Internet address from which to extract the local network address portion. The Internet address is specified in network byte order.

## Returns

The **inet\_lnaof()** function returns the local network address portion of the Internet address in OpenVMS byte order.

## inet\_makeaddr()

**inet\_makeaddr()** — Builds a complete Internet address from the separate host and network portions.

### Format

```
RetVal = inet_makeaddr(Network, Host);
```

```
unsigned int Network, Host;
```

### Arguments

<b>Network</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>network_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The network portion of the Internet address to be constructed. The network portion is specified in OpenVMS byte order.

<b>Host</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>host_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The host portion of the Internet address to be constructed. The host portion is specified in OpenVMS byte order.

### Returns

The **inet\_makeaddr()** function returns the complete Internet address in network byte order.

## inet\_netof()

**inet\_netof()** — Returns the network number portion of the specified Internet address. For example, the class A address 0x0a050010 (10.5.0.16) is returned as 0x0a (10).

### Format

```
RetVal = inet_netof(Address);
```

```
struct in_addr Address;
```

### Arguments

<b>Address</b>	
----------------	--

VMS Usage:	<b>internet_address</b>
type:	<b>struct in_addr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The Internet address from which to extract the network number portion. The Internet address is specified in network byte order.

## Returns

The `inet_netof()` routine returns the network portion of the Internet address in OpenVMS byte order.

## inet\_network()

`inet_network()` — Interprets Internet network numbers represented in the ASCII form "xx", "xx.yy", or "xx.yy.zz", and converts them into a binary representation in OpenVMS byte order.

## Format

```
RetVal = inet_network(Address);
```

```
char *Address;
```

## Arguments

<b>Address</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>network_address_string</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a C-language string containing an ASCII representation of the Internet network number to convert.

## Returns

If successful, the `inet_network()` function returns an integer corresponding to the binary representation of the Internet network in OpenVMS byte order. It returns a -1 to indicate that it could not parse the specified string.

## inet\_ntoa()

`inet_ntoa()` — Converts an Internet address represented in binary form into an ASCII string suitable for printing.

## Format

```
(char *) inet_ntoa(Address);
```

```
struct in_addr Address;
```

## Arguments

<b>Address</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>internet_address</b>
type:	<b>struct in_addr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The Internet address in binary form. The Internet address is specified in network byte order.

## Returns

The **inet\_ntoa()** function returns a pointer to a C- language string corresponding to the Internet address.

## klread()

**klread()** — Used with **klseek()** and **ip\_kernel\_nlist()** to emulate the UNIX 4.3BSD **nlist()** function and the reading of the **/dev/kmem** device. **klread()** and **klseek()** read OpenVMS kernel memory through an interface that is similar to using **read()** and **lseek()** on the **/dev/kmem** device. The OpenVMS CMKRNL privilege is required to use **klread()**. Before calling **klread()**, specify the address to read from using **klseek()**.

## Format

```
Status = klread(Buffer, Size);
```

```
char *Buffer;
```

```
unsigned int Size;
```

## Arguments

<b>Buffer</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address to which to return the kernel memory.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The number of bytes to read.

## Returns

If successful, the **klread()** function returns the number of bytes read. It returns a -1 to indicate that it failed because the kernel memory was not readable. This usually indicates that the current position, as set by **klseek()**, is invalid.

## klseek()

**klseek()** — Used with **klread()** and **ip\_kernel\_nlist()** to emulate the UNIX 4.3BSD **nlist()** function and reading the **/dev/kmem** device. **klread()** and **klseek()** read OpenVMS kernel memory through an interface that is similar to using **read()** and **lseek()** on the **/dev/kmem** device. Use **klseek()** to set the current position in the network kernel. This position will be used by **klread()** and **klwrite()** in the next attempt to read or write data.

## Format

```
Status = klseek(Position);
```

```
unsigned int Position;
```

## Arguments

<b>Position</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>kernel_address</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The address in the network kernel to make the current position for the next **klread()** or **klwrite()** call.

## Returns

The **klseek()** routine returns the current position as a success status.

## klwrite()

**klwrite()** — Used with **klseek()** and **ip\_kernel\_nlist()** to emulate the UNIX 4.3BSD **nlist()** and writing the **/dev/kmem** device. **klwrite()** and **klseek()** write OpenVMS kernel memory through an interface that is similar to using **write()** and **lseek()** on the **/dev/kmem** device. The OpenVMS CMKRNL privilege is required to use **klwrite()**. Before calling **klwrite()**, specify the address to write using **klseek()**.

## Format

```
Status = klwrite(Buffer, Size);
```

```
char *Buffer;
```

```
unsigned int Size;
```

## Arguments

<b>Buffer</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of the data to write into kernel memory.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The number of bytes to write.

## Returns

If successful, the **klwrite()** function returns the number of bytes written. It returns a -1 to indicate that it failed because the kernel memory was not writable. This usually indicates that the current position, as set by **klseek()**, is invalid.

## listen()

**listen()** — Specifies the number of incoming connections that may be queued waiting to be accepted. This backlog must be specified before accepting a connection on a socket. The **listen()** function applies only to sockets of type **SOCK\_STREAM**.

## Format

```
Status = listen(VMS_Channel, Backlog);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
unsigned int Backlog;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.



<b>Backlog</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>connection_backlog</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The maximum length of the queue of pending connections. If a connection request arrives when the queue is full, the request is ignored. The backlog queue length is limited to 5.

## Returns

If **listen()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vm serrno**.

## ip\_kernel\_nlist

**ip\_kernel\_nlist** — A special version of the UNIX 4.3BSD **nlist()** function that reads the symbol table to the VSI TCP/IP kernel. Unlike the UNIX 4.3BSD kernel, the VSI TCP/IP kernel's symbol table must be relocated before you can use **klseek()**, **klread()**, or **klwrite()** to examine the networking kernel. Many of the same kernel symbols available under 4.3BSD are also available under the VSI TCP/IP software. Use of this interface is unsupported, as the symbol names and data types may change in future releases of the Berkeley TCP/IP networking code and in future releases of the VSI TCP/IP software. To access the symbol table to the VSI TCP/IP image that is currently running, read from the file indicated by the logical name **IP\$NETWORK\_IMAGE:.** For more information about how to use **ip\_kernel\_nlist()**, see **nlist()**.

## Format

`ip_kernel_nlist`

## nlist()

**nlist()** — Examines the symbol table in an executable image or symbol table file.

## Format

```
Status = nlist(Filename, nl);
```

```
char *Filename;
```

```
struct nlist nl[];
```

## Arguments

<b>Filename</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>filename</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The file name of the executable image or symbol table file to read.

<b>nl</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>symbol_table_info</b>
type:	<b>array of struct nlist</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

An array of **nlist** structures. The **n\_name** field of each element specifies the name of the symbol to look up; the array is terminated by a null name. Each symbol is looked up in the file. If the symbol is found, the **n\_type** and **n\_value** fields are filled in with the type and value of the symbol. Otherwise, they are set to 0.

## Returns

If successful, the **nlist()** function returns a 0. Otherwise, it returns a -1.

## ntohl()

**ntohl()** — Swaps the byte order of a four-byte integer from network byte order to OpenVMS byte order. This allows you to develop programs that are independent of the hardware architecture on which they are running.

## Format

```
RetVal = ntohl(Val);
```

unsigned long Val;

## Arguments

<b>Val</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The four-byte integer to convert to OpenVMS byte order.

## Returns

The **ntohl()** function returns the byte-swapped integer that corresponds to **Val**. For example, if **Val** is 0x01e429c0, the returned value is 0xc029e401.

## ntohs()

**ntohs()** — Swaps the byte order of a two-byte integer from network byte order to OpenVMS byte order. This allows you to develop programs that are independent of the hardware architecture on which they are running.

## Format

```
RetVal = ntohs(Val);
```

unsigned short Val;

## Arguments

<b>Val</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>word_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The two-byte integer to convert to OpenVMS byte order.

## Returns

The **ntohs()** function returns the byte-swapped integer that corresponds to **Val**. For example, if **Val** is 0x1700, the returned value is 0x0017.

## recv()/recv\_44()

**recv()/recv\_44()** — Receives messages from a socket. This function is equivalent to a **recvfrom()** function called with the **From** and **FromLen** arguments specified as zero. The **socket\_read()** function is equivalent to a **recv()** function called with the **Flags** argument specified as zero. The length of the message received is returned as the status. If a message is too long to fit in the supplied buffer and the socket is type **SOCK\_DGRAM**, excess bytes are discarded. If no messages are at the socket, the receive function waits for a message to arrive, unless the socket is non-blocking (see **socket ioctl FIONBIO**). In this case, a status of -1 is returned and the global variable **socket\_errno** is set to **EWOULDBLOCK**. The **recv\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 sockaddr variant of this call. This call is used automatically when **IP\$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE .NETINET ] IN .H** is used and the program is compiled with **USE\_BSD44\_ENTRIES** defined.

## Format

```
Status = int recv (short VMS_Channel, char *Buffer, int Size, int Flags);
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
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VMS Usage:	arbitrary
type:	byte buffer
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

The address of a buffer in which to place the data read.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_signed</b>
type:	<b>longword (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**. The actual number of bytes read is returned in the **Status**.

<b>Flags</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>mask_word</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Control information that affects the **recv()** function. The **Flags** argument is formed by ORing one or more of the following values:

```
#define MSG_OOB    0x1    /* process out-of-band data */
#define MSG_PEEK  0x2    /* peek at incoming message */
```

The **MSG\_OOB** flag causes **recv()** to read any out-of-band data that has arrived on the socket.

The **MSG\_PEEK** flag causes **recv()** to read the data present in the socket without removing the data. This allows the caller to view the data, but leaves it in the socket for future **recv()** calls.

## Returns

If **recv()** is successful, a count of the number of characters received is returned. A return value of 0 indicates an end-of-file; that is, the connection has been closed. A return value of -1 indicates an error occurred. A more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

## recvfrom()recvfrom\_44()

**recvfrom()recvfrom\_44()** — Receives messages from a socket. This function is equivalent to the **recv()** function, but takes two additional arguments that allow the caller to determine the remote address from which the message was received. The length of the message received is returned as the status. If a message is too long to fit in the supplied buffer and the socket is type **SOCK\_DGRAM**, excess bytes are discarded. If no messages are available at the socket, the receive call waits for a message to arrive, unless the socket is non-blocking (see **socket ioctl FIONBIO**). In this case, a status of -1 is returned and the global variable **socket\_errno** is set to **EWOULDBLOCK**. The **recvfrom\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 **sockaddr** variant of this call. This call is used automatically

when `IP$ROOT: [ IP. INCLUDE .NETINET ] IN .H` is used and the program is compiled with `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` defined.

## Format

Status = int recvfrom (short VMS\_Channel, char \*Buffer, int Size, int Flags, struct sockaddr \*From, unsigned int \*FromLen);

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of a buffer in which to place the data read.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_signed</b>
type:	<b>longword (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**. The actual number of bytes read is returned in the **Status**.

<b>Flags</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>mask_word</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Control information that affects the `recvfrom()` function. The **Flags** argument is formed by ORing one or more of the following values:

```
#define MSG_OOB 0x1 /* process out-of-band data */
#define MSG_PEEK 0x2 /* peek at incoming message */
```

The **MSG\_OOB** flag causes `recvfrom()` to read any out-of-band data that has arrived on the socket.

The **MSG\_PEEK** flag causes **recvfrom()** to read the data present in the socket without removing the data. This allows the caller to view the data, but leaves it in the socket for future **recvfrom()** calls.

<b>From</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On return, this optional argument is filled in with the address of the host that transmitted the packet, as known to the communications layer. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>FromLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On entry, this optional argument contains the length of the space pointed to by **From**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the address returned.

## Returns

If **recvfrom()** is successful, a count of the number of characters received is returned. A return value of 0 indicates an end-of-file condition; that is, the connection has been closed. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserrno**.

## recvmsg()/recvmsg\_44()

**recvmsg()/recvmsg\_44()** — Receives messages from a socket. This function is equivalent to the **recvfrom()** function, but takes its arguments in a different fashion and can receive into noncontiguous buffers. The length of the message received is returned as the status. If a message is too long to fit in the supplied buffer and the socket is type **SOCK\_DGRAM**, excess bytes are discarded. If no messages are available at the socket, the receive call waits for a message to arrive, unless the socket is non-blocking (see **socket ioctl FIONBIO**). In this case, a status of -1 is returned and the global variable **socket\_errno** is set to **EWOULDBLOCK**. The **recvmsg\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 **sockaddr** variant of this call. This call is used automatically when **IP\$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE .NETINET ] IN .H** is used and the program is compiled with **USE\_BSD44\_ENTRIES** defined.

## Format

```
Status = recvmsg(VMS_Channel, Message, Flags);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
struct msghdr *Message;
```

```
unsigned int Flags;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Message</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>message header</b>
type:	<b>struct msghdr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a "msghdr" structure that describes the buffer to be received into. The access rights portion of the structure is unused.

<b>Flags</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>mask_longword</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Control information that affects the **recvmsg()** function. The **Flags** argument is formed by ORing one or more of the following values:

```
#define MSG_OOB 0x1 /* process out-of-band data */
#define MSG_PEEK 0x2 /* peek at incoming message */
```

The **MSG\_OOB** flag causes **recvmsg()** to read any out-of-band data that has arrived on the socket.

The **MSG\_PEEK** flag causes **recvmsg()** to read the data present in the socket without removing the data. This allows the caller to view the data, but leaves it in the socket for future **recvmsg()** calls.

## Returns

If **recvmsg()** is successful, a count of the number of characters received is returned. A return value of 0 indicates an end-of-file condition; that is, the connection has been closed. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

## select()

**select()** — Examines the OpenVMS Channel sets whose addresses are passed in **ReadFds**, **WriteFds**, and **ExceptFds** to see if some of their Channels are ready for reading, ready for writing, or have an exceptional condition pending. On return, **select()** replaces the given Channel sets with subsets consisting of the Channels that are ready for the requested operation. The total number of ready Channels in all the sets is returned.

## Description

The **select()** function is only useful for NETWORK file descriptors and cannot be used for any other OpenVMS I/O device.

The Channel sets are stored as bit fields in arrays of integers. The following macros are provided for manipulating such Channel sets: **FD\_ZERO(&fdset)** initializes a Channel set **fdset** to the null set; **FD\_SET(VMS\_Channel, &fdset)** includes a particular Channel **VMS\_Channel** in **fdset**; **FD\_CLR(VMS\_Channel, &fdset)** removes **VMS\_Channel** from **fdset**; **FD\_ISSET(VMS\_Channel, &fdset)** is nonzero if **VMS\_Channel** is a member of **fdset**, otherwise it is zero. The behavior of these macros is undefined if a Channel value is less than zero or greater than or equal to **FD\_SETSIZE \* CHANNELSIZE**, which is normally at least equal to the maximum number of Channels supported by the system. Make sure that the definition of these macros comes from the VSI TCP/IP `types.h` file, as the definitions differ from the UNIX definitions.

## Note

Do not change the value of *FD\_SETSIZE*. However, if you must change it, make sure its value is equal to the maximum number of channels your system can handle.

The VSI TCP/IP socket library is not reentrant. If you call into it from an AST (interrupt) routine, the results are unpredictable. The **select()** call must not be used while ASTs have been disabled. If the **select()** call is performed with ASTs disabled, the **select()** call will never return and will hang the program from which it was called. Instances when this improper call to **select()** can occur are as follows:

- A call to **select()** is performed within an AST routine (that is, executing an AST routine disables the delivery of other ASTs at the same (user-mode) priority).
- You have explicitly disabled AST delivery in normal (non-AST) code using the `$SETAST` system service.

## Format

```
Status = int select(int Width, fd_set, *ReadFds, fd_set, *WriteFds, fd_set, *ExceptFds,
```

```
struct timeval, *Timeout);
```

```
FD_SET (VMS_Channel, &fdset)
```

```
FD_CLR (VMS_Channel, &fdset)
```

```
FD_ISSET (VMS_Channel, &fdset)
```

```
FD_ZERO (&fdset)
```

```
fd_set fdset;
```

## Arguments

<b>Width</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel count</b>



type:	<b>long (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The number of bits to be checked in each bit mask that represents a Channel; the Channels from 0 through **Width-1** in the Channel sets are examined. Typically, **width** has the value returned by **getdtablesize** for the maximum number of Channels.

<b>ReadFds</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel bitmask</b>
type:	<b>struct fd_set</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A bit-mask of the Channels that **select()** should test for the ready for reading status. May be specified as a NULL pointer if no Channels are of interest. Selecting true for reading on a Channel on which a **listen()** call has been performed indicates that a subsequent **accept()** call on that Channel will not block.

<b>WriteFds</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel bitmask</b>
type:	<b>struct fd_set</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A bit-mask of the Channels that **select()** should test for the ready for writing status. May be specified as a NULL pointer if no Channels are of interest.

<b>ExceptFds</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel bitmask</b>
type:	<b>struct fd_set</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A bit-mask of the Channels that **select()** should test for exceptional conditions pending. May be specified as a NULL pointer if no Channels are of interest. Selecting true for exception conditions indicates that out-of-band data is present in the Channel's input buffers.

<b>Timeout</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>timeout</b>
type:	<b>struct timeval</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A maximum interval to wait for the selection to complete. If **Timeout** is a NULL pointer, the select blocks indefinitely. To effect a poll, the **Timeout** argument should be a non-NULL pointer, pointing to a zero-valued timeval structure.

## Returns

**select()** returns the number of ready Channels that are contained in the Channel sets, or -1 if an error occurred. If the time limit expires, **select()** returns 0. If **select()** returns with an error, the Channel sets are unmodified.

## select\_wake()

**select\_wake()** — Wakes a process waiting in a **select()** call, aborting the **select()** operation. This function may be called from an AST (interrupt) routine, in which case the **select()** call will be aborted when the AST routine completes.

## Format

```
select_wake();
```

## send()/send\_44()

**send()/send\_44()** — Transmits a message to another socket. This function is equivalent to a **sendto()** called with the **To** and **ToLen** arguments specified as zero. The **socket\_write()** function is equivalent to a **send()** function called with **Flags** specified as zero. Use the **send()** function only when a socket has been connected with **connect()**; however, you can use **sendto()** at any time. If no message space is available at the socket to hold the message to be transmitted, **send()** blocks unless the socket has been placed in non-blocking I/O mode via the socket ioctl FIONBIO. If the socket is type SOCK\_DGRAM and the message is too long to pass through the underlying protocol in a single unit, the error EMSGSIZE is returned and the message is not transmitted. The **send\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 sockaddr variant of this call. This call is used automatically when IP\$ROOT: [ IP. INCLUDE .NETINET ] IN. H is used and the program is compiled with USE\_BSD44\_ENTRIES defined.

## Format

```
Status = int send (short VMS_Channel, char *Buffer, int Size[, int Flags]);
```

If **Flags** are not specified, then 0 (zero) is used.

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>

access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of a buffer containing the data to send.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_signed</b>
type:	<b>longword (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**.

## Returns

If the **send()** function is successful, the count of the number of characters sent is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

## sendmsg()/sendmsg\_44()

**sendmsg()/sendmsg\_44()** — Transmits a message to another socket. It is equivalent to **sendto()**, but takes its arguments in a different fashion and can send noncontiguous data. If no message space is available at the socket to hold the message to be transmitted, **sendmsg()** blocks unless the socket has been placed in non-blocking I/O mode via the socket ioctl FIONBIO. If the socket is type SOCK\_DGRAM and the message is too long to pass through the underlying protocol in a single unit, the error EMSGSIZE is returned and the message is not transmitted. The **sendmsg\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 sockaddr variant of this call. This call is used automatically when IP\$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] IN . H is used and the program is compiled with USE\_BSD44\_ENTRIES defined.

## Format

```
Status = sendmsg(VMS_Channel, Message, Flags);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
struct msghdr *Message;
```

```
unsigned int Flags;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Message</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>message header</b>
type:	<b>struct msghdr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a "msghdr" structure that describes the data to be sent and the address to send it to. The access rights portion of the structure is unused.

<b>Flags</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>mask_longword</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Control information that affects the **sendto()** function. The Flags argument can be zero or the following:

```
#define MSG_OOB 0x1 /* process out-of-band data */
```

The MSG\_OOB flag causes **sendto()** to send out-of-band data on sockets that support this operation (such as SOCK\_STREAM).

## Returns

If the **sendmsg()** function is successful, the count of the number of characters sent is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

## sendto()/sendto\_44

**sendto()/sendto\_44** — Transmits a message to another socket. It is equivalent to **send()**, but also allows the caller to specify the address to which to send the message. The **sendto()** function can be used on unconnected sockets, while **send()** and **socket\_write()** cannot. If no message space is available at the socket to hold the message to be transmitted, **sendto()** blocks unless the socket has been placed in non-blocking I/O mode via the socket ioctl FIONBIO. If the socket is type SOCK\_DGRAM and the message is too long to pass through the underlying protocol in a single unit, the error EMSGSIZE is returned and the message is not transmitted. The **sendto\_44()** function is the BSD 4.4 sockaddr variant of this call. This call is used automatically when IP\$ROOT: [ IP. INCLUDE .NETINET ] IN. H is used and the program is compiled with USE\_BSD44\_ENTRIES defined.

## Format

```
Status = sendto(VMS_Channel, Buffer, Size, Flags, To, ToLen);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
char *Buffer;
```

int Size;  
 unsigned short Flags;  
 struct sockaddr \*To;  
 unsigned int ToLen;

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of a buffer containing the data to send.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_signed</b>
type:	<b>longword (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**.

<b>Flags</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>mask_word</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Control information that affects the **sendto()** function. The Flags argument can be zero or the following:

```
#define MSG_OOB 0x1 /* process out-of-band data */
```

The **MSG\_OOB** flag causes **sendto()** to send out-of-band data on sockets that support this operation (such as **SOCK\_STREAM**).

<b>To</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

This optional argument is a pointer to the address to which the packet should be transmitted. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>ToLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

This optional argument contains the length of the address pointed to by the **To** argument.

## Returns

If the **sendto()** function is successful, the count of the number of characters sent is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

## sethostent()

**sethostent()** — Initializes the host table and DNS Name Server routines. It is usually unnecessary to call this function because the host table and Name Server routines are initialized automatically when any of the other host table routines are called.

## Format

```
(void) sethostent(StayOpen);
```

```
unsigned int StayOpen;
```

## Arguments

<b>StayOpen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Specifies whether the DNS Name Resolver should use TCP or UDP to communicate with the DNS Name Server. A nonzero value indicates TCP, and a value of 0 (the default if **sethostent()** is not called) indicates UDP.

## setnetent()

**setnetent()** — Initializes the host table and DNS Name Server routines. It is usually unnecessary to call this function because the host table and Name Server routines are initialized automatically when any of the other host table routines are called.

### Format

```
(void) setnetent(StayOpen);
```

```
unsigned int StayOpen;
```

### Arguments

<b>StayOpen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Specifies whether the DNS Name Resolver should use TCP or UDP to communicate with the DNS Name Server. A nonzero value indicates TCP, and a value of 0 (the default if **setnetent()** is not called) indicates UDP.

## setprotoent()

**setprotoent()** — Initializes the host table routines and sets the next protocol entry returned by **getprotoent()** to be the first entry.

### Format

```
(void) setprotoent(StayOpen);
```

```
unsigned int StayOpen;
```

### Arguments

<b>StayOpen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Provided only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD, and is ignored by the VSI TCP/IP software.

## setservent()

**setservent()** — Initializes the host table routines and sets the next service entry returned by **getservent()** to be the first entry.

## Format

```
(void) setservent(StayOpen);
```

```
unsigned int StayOpen;
```

## Arguments

<b>StayOpen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Provided only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD, and is ignored by the VSI TCP/IP software.

## setsockopt()

**setsockopt()** — Manipulates options associated with a socket. Options may exist at multiple protocol levels; however, they are always present at the uppermost socket level. When manipulating socket options, you must specify the level at which the option resides and the name of the option. To manipulate options at the socket level, specify **Level** as SOL\_SOCKET. To manipulate options at any other level, specify the protocol number of the appropriate protocol controlling the option. For example, to indicate that an option is to be interpreted by the TCP protocol, set **Level** to the protocol number of TCP; see **getprotobyname()**. **OptName** and any specified options are passed without modification to the appropriate protocol module for interpretation. The include file `IP$root:[IP.include.sys]socket.h` contains definitions for socket-level options. Options at other protocol levels vary in format and name.

## Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, Level, OptName, OptVal, OptLen);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
unsigned int Level, OptName, OptLen;
```

```
char *OptVal;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Level</b>	
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VMS Usage:	<b>option_level</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The protocol level at which the option is to be manipulated. **Level** can be specified as SOL\_SOCKET, or a protocol number as returned by **getprotobyname()**.

<b>OptName</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>option_name</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The option that is to be manipulated.

<b>OptVal</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>dependent on OptName</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a buffer that contains the new value of the option. The format of this buffer depends on the option requested.

<b>OptLen</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>option_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer pointed to by **OptVal**.

## Returns

If the **setsockopt()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserrno**.

## shutdown()

**shutdown()** — Shuts down all or part of a full-duplex connection on the socket associated with VMS\_Channel. This function is usually used to signal an end-of-file to the peer without closing the socket, which would prevent further data from being received.

## Format

```
Status = shutdown(VMS_Channel, How);
```

short VMS\_Channel;

unsigned int How;

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>How</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Controls which part of the full-duplex connection to shut down. If **How** is 0, further receive operations are disallowed. If **How** is 1, further send operations are disallowed. If **How** is 2, further send and receive operations are disallowed.

## Returns

If **shutdown()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific error message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vm serrno**.

## socket()

**socket()** — Creates an end point for communication and returns an OpenVMS channel that describes the end point.

## Format

VMS\_Channel = socket(Address\_Family, Type, Protocol);

short VMS\_Channel;

unsigned int Address\_Family, Type, Protocol;

## Arguments

<b>Address_Family</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>address_family</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>

mechanism:	<b>by value</b>
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An address family with which addresses specified in later operations using the socket should be interpreted. The following formats are currently supported; they are defined in the include file `IP$root:[IP.include.sys]socket.h`: `AF_INET`, Internet (TCP/IP) addresses.

<b>Type</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>socket_type</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The semantics of communication using the created socket. The following types are currently defined: `SOCK_STREAM`, `SOCK_DGRAM`, `SOCK_RAW`.

A `SOCK_STREAM` socket provides a sequenced, reliable, two-way connection-oriented byte stream with an out-of-band data transmission mechanism. A `SOCK_DGRAM` socket supports communication by connectionless, unreliable messages of a fixed (typically small) maximum length. `SOCK_RAW` sockets provide access to internal network interfaces. The type `SOCK_RAW` is available only to users with `SYSPRV` privilege.

The **Type** argument, together with the **Address\_Family** argument, specifies the protocol to be used. For example, a socket created with `AF_INET` and `SOCK_STREAM` is a TCP socket, and a socket created with `AF_INET` and `SOCK_DGRAM` is a UDP socket.

<b>Protocol</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>protocol_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A particular protocol to be used with the socket. Normally, only a single protocol exists to support a particular socket type using a given address format. However, it is possible that many protocols may exist, in which case a particular protocol must be specified by **Protocol**. The protocol number to use depends on the communication domain in which communication will take place.

For TCP and UDP sockets, the protocol number **MUST** be specified as 0. For `SOCK_RAW` sockets, the protocol number should be the value returned by `getprotobyname()`.

## Returns

If the `socket()` is successful, an OpenVMS channel is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific error message is returned in the global variables `socket_errno` and `vm serrno`.

## socket\_close()

`socket_close()` — Deassigns the OpenVMS channel from the VSI TCP/IP INET: device. When the last channel assigned to the device is deassigned, the device and attached socket are deleted. If

the `SO_LINGER` socket option is set and data remains in the socket's output queue, `socket_close()` deletes only the device. The attached socket remains in the system until the data is sent, after which it is deleted. Once `socket_close()` is called, there is no way to reference this socket. Normally, channels are automatically deassigned at image exit. However, because there is a limit on the number of open channels per process, the `socket_close()` function is necessary for programs that deal with many connections.

## Format

```
Status = socket_close(VMS_Channel);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket to close.

## Returns

If the `socket_close()` is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific error message is returned in the global variables `socket_errno` and `vmserrno`.

## socket\_ioctl()

`socket_ioctl()` — Performs a variety of functions on the network. In particular, it manipulates socket characteristics, routing tables, ARP tables, and interface characteristics. A `socket_ioctl()` request has encoded in it whether the argument is an input or output parameter, and the size of the argument, in bytes. Macro and define statements used in specifying a `socket_ioctl()` request are located in the file `IP$root:[IP.include.sys]ioctl.h`.

## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, Request, ArgP);
```

```
short VMS_Channel;
```

```
unsigned int Request;
```

```
char *ArgP;
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>

type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Request</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>ioctl_request</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Which **socket\_ioctl()** function to perform.

<b>ArgP</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read, write, or modify depending on Request</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a buffer whose format and function depend on the **Request** specified.

## Returns

If the **socket\_ioctl()** is successful, a value of 0 is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific error message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vmserro**.

For a list of the **socket\_ioctl()** functions supported by VSI TCP/IP, see the following pages.

## socket ioctl FIONBIO

**socket ioctl FIONBIO** — Controls nonblocking I/O on a socket. If nonblocking I/O is enabled and another function is called that would have to wait for a connection, for data to arrive, or for data to be transmitted, the function completes with a -1 error return, and the global variable **socket\_errno** is set to EWOULDBLOCK.

## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, FIONBIO, Enable);
```

```
unsigned int *Enable;
```

## Arguments

<b>Enable</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>

type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer that specifies whether nonblocking I/O is enabled or disabled. A value of 1 enables nonblocking I/O, and a value of 0 disables nonblocking I/O. By default, nonblocking I/O is disabled when a socket is created.

## socket ioctl FIONREAD

**socket ioctl FIONREAD** — Retrieves the number of bytes waiting to be read. A return of 0 indicates that no data is buffered.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, FIONREAD, Count);
```

```
unsigned int *Count;
```

### Arguments

<b>Count</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that will receive a count of the number of characters waiting to be read.

## socket ioctl SIOCADDRT

**socket ioctl SIOCADDRT** — Adds routing information to the network routing tables. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather modifies the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to modify Internet routing tables, you use a socket created with the AF\_INET and SOCK\_DGRAM arguments.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCADDRT, Route);
```

```
struct rentry *Route;
```

### Arguments

<b>Route</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>routing_entry</b>
type:	<b>struct rentry</b>

access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to the address of a **rtentry** structure that describes the route to be added. The **rtentry** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]route.h` as follows:

```
struct rtentry {
    u_long  rt_hash;
    struct  sockaddr rt_dst;
    struct  sockaddr rt_gateway;
    short   rt_flags;
    short   rt_refcnt;
    u_long  rt_use;
    struct  ifnet *rt_ifp;
};
```

Field	Description
<b>rt_hash</b> , <b>rt_refcnt</b> , <b>rt_use</b> , and <b>rt_ifp</b>	Are ignored by SIOCADDRT and should be set to zero.
<b>rt_dst</b>	Specifies the address of the destination host or network.
<b>rt_gateway</b>	Specifies the address of the local gateway to this host or network.
<b>rt_flags</b>	<p>Specifies one or more of the following flags that affect a routing entry:</p> <pre>#define RTF_UP      0x1  /* route useable */ #define RTF_GATEWAY 0x2  /* destination is a gateway */ #define RTF_HOST    0x4  /* host entry (net otherwise)*/</pre> <p>RTF_UP — Indicates that the route is usable. It should always be specified.</p> <p>RTF_GATEWAY — Indicates that the next hop to the destination is a gateway, so that the output routines know to address the gateway rather than the destination directly.</p> <p>RTF_HOST — Indicates that the address specified in <b>rt_dst</b> is an Internet host, rather than an Internet network (the default).</p>

## socket ioctl SIOCDELRT

**socket ioctl SIOCDELRT** — Deletes routing information from the network routing tables. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather modifies the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to modify Internet routing tables, you use a socket created with the `AF_INET` and `SOCK_DGRAM` arguments. It is impossible to obtain a list of the routes installed via **socket\_ioctl()**. To delete a route, you must either know it already exists or use **ip\_kernel\_nlist()** to read the routing tables directly from the networking kernel.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCDELRT, Route);
```

```
struct rentry *Route;
```

## Arguments

<b>Route</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>routing_entry</b>
type:	<b>struct rentry</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to the address of a **rtentry** structure that describes the route to be deleted. The **rtentry** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]route.h` as follows:

```
struct rentry {
    u_long  rt_hash;
    struct  sockaddr rt_dst;
    struct  sockaddr rt_gateway;
    short   rt_flags;
    short   rt_refcnt;
    u_long  rt_use;
    struct  ifnet *rt_ifp;
};
```

Field	Description
<b>rt_hash, rt_refcnt, rt_use, and rt_ifp</b>	Are ignored by <code>SIOCDELRT</code> and should be set to zero.
<b>rt_dst</b>	Specifies the address of the destination host or network.
<b>rt_gateway</b>	Specifies the address of the local gateway to this host or network.
<b>rt_flags</b>	<p>Specifies one or more of the following flags that affect a routing entry:</p> <pre>#define RTF_UP      0x1  /* route useable */ #define RTF_GATEWAY 0x2  /* destination is a gateway */ #define RTF_HOST    0x4  /* host entry (net otherwise) */</pre> <p><b>RTF_UP</b> — Indicates that the route is usable. It should always be specified.</p> <p><b>RTF_GATEWAY</b> — Indicates that the next hop to the destination is a gateway, so that the output routines know to address the gateway rather than the destination directly.</p> <p><b>RTF_HOST</b> — Indicates that the address specified in <b>rt_dst</b> is an Internet host, rather than an Internet network (the default).</p>

## socket ioctl SIOCATMARK

**socket ioctl SIOCATMARK** — Retrieves an indication as to whether the next byte in the stream coincides with an out-of-band or URGENT data mark.



## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCATMARK, AtMark);
```

```
unsigned int *AtMark;
```

## Arguments

<b>AtMark</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that will receive the indication. The buffer is set to 0 if the socket is not at the out-of-band mark. It is set to nonzero if the socket is at the out-of-band mark.

## socket ioctl SIOCDARP

**socket ioctl SIOCDARP** — Deletes an entry from the ARP table. This format is compatible with the UNIX 4.3BSD function of the same name.

## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl (VMS_Channel, SIOCDARP, ARP_Req);
```

```
struct arpreq *ARP_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>ARP_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arp_request</b>
type:	<b>struct arpreq</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **arpreq** structure that contains the protocol address and the hardware address. The **arpreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if_arp.h` as follows:

```
struct arpreq {
    struct sockaddr arp_pa;           /* protocol address */
    struct sockaddr arp_ha;         /* hardware address */
    int arp_flags;                  /* flags */
};
/* arp_flags and at_flags field values */
#define ATF_INUSE      0x01 /* entry in use */
#define ATF_COM       0x02 /* completed entry (enaddr valid) */
#define ATF_PERM     0x04 /* permanent entry */
```

```
#define ATF_PUBL          0x08    /* publish entry (respond for other host)
*/

#define ATF_USETRAILERS 0x10    /* has requested trailers */
#define ATF_PROXY        0x20    /* Do PROXY arp */
```

The `arp_pa` field is a `sockaddr` field that is set to the ip address the remote interface uses.

The `arp_ha.sa_data` field is 6 bytes of binary data that represents the Ethernet address of the remote interface.

## socket ioctl SIOCGARP

**socket ioctl SIOCGARP** — Displays an entry in the ARP table. This function is compatible with the UNIX 4.3BSD function of the same name.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl (VMS_Channel, SIOCGARP, ARP_Req);
```

```
struct arpreq *ARP_Req;
```

### Arguments

<b>ARP_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arp_request</b>
type:	<b>struct arpreq</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **arpreq** structure that contains the protocol address and the hardware address. The **arpreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if_arp.h` as follows:

```
struct arpreq {
    struct sockaddr arp_pa;           /* protocol address */
    struct sockaddr arp_ha;           /* hardware address */
    int arp_flags;                   /* flags */
};
/* arp_flags and at_flags field values */
#define ATF_INUSE          0x01    /* entry in use */
#define ATF_COM           0x02    /* completed entry (enaddr valid) */
#define ATF_PERM          0x04    /* permanent entry */
#define ATF_PUBL          0x08    /* publish entry (respond for other host)
*/

#define ATF_USETRAILERS 0x10    /* has requested trailers */
#define ATF_PROXY        0x20    /* Do PROXY arp */
```

The `arp_pa` field is a `sockaddr` field that is set to the ip address the remote interface uses.

The `arp_ha.sa_data` field is 6 bytes of binary data that represents the Ethernet address of the remote interface.

## socket ioctl SIOCSARP

**socket ioctl SIOCSARP** — Adds an entry to the ARP table. This function is compatible with the UNIX 4.3BSD function of the same name.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl (VMS_Channel, SIOCSARP, ARP_Req);
```

```
struct arpreq *ARP_Req;
```

### Arguments

<b>ARP_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arp_request</b>
type:	<b>struct arpreq</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **arpreq** structure that contains the protocol address and the hardware address. The **arpreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if_arp.h` as follows:

```
struct arpreq {
    struct sockaddr arp_pa;           /* protocol address */
    struct sockaddr arp_ha;         /* hardware address */
    int    arp_flags;               /* flags */
};
/* arp_flags and at_flags field values */
#define ATF_INUSE      0x01    /* entry in use */
#define ATF_COM       0x02    /* completed entry (enaddr valid) */
#define ATF_PERM     0x04    /* permanent entry */
#define ATF_PUBL     0x08    /* publish entry (respond for other host)
*/
#define ATF_USETRAILERS 0x10    /* has requested trailers */
#define ATF_PROXY     0x20    /* Do PROXY arp */
```

The **arp\_pa** field is a `sockaddr` field that is set to the ip address the remote interface uses.

The **arp\_ha.sa\_data** field is 6 bytes of binary data that represents the Ethernet address of the remote interface.

## socket ioctl SIOCGIFADDR

**socket ioctl SIOCGIFADDR** — Retrieves the Internet address of a network interface. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather examines the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to examine Internet addresses, you use a socket created with the `AF_INET` and `SOCK_DGRAM` arguments.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCGIFADDR, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the interface from which to retrieve the address. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_addr;
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be examined, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_addr** field is a **sockaddr** structure that is set to the address of the interface.

## socket ioctl SIOCSIFADDR

**socket ioctl SIOCSIFADDR** — Sets the Internet address of a network interface. Normally, this is done using the **IP SET/INTERFACE** command. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather modifies the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to modify Internet addresses, you use a socket created with the `AF_INET` and `SOCK_DGRAM` arguments.

## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCSIFADDR, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the address to be set. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_addr;
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be modified, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_addr** field is a **sockaddr** structure specifying the address to be set.

## socket ioctl SIOCGIFBRDADDR

**socket ioctl SIOCGIFBRDADDR** — Retrieves the Internet broadcast address of a network interface. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather examines the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to examine Internet broadcast addresses, you use a socket created with the AF\_INET and SOCK\_DGRAM arguments.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCGIFBRDADDR, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

### Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the interface from which to retrieve the broadcast address. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_broadaddr;
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be examined, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_broadaddr** field is a **sockaddr** structure that is set to the broadcast address of the interface.

## socket ioctl SIOCSIFBRDADDR

**socket ioctl SIOCSIFBRDADDR** — Sets the Internet broadcast address of a network interface. Normally, this is done using the **IP SET/INTERFACE** command. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather modifies the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to modify Internet broadcast addresses, you use a socket created with the AF\_INET and SOCK\_DGRAM arguments.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCSIFBRDADDR, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the interface on which to set the broadcast address. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_broadaddr;
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be modified, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_broadaddr** field is a **sockaddr** structure specifying the broadcast address to be set.

## socket ioctl SIOCGIFCONF

**socket ioctl SIOCGIFCONF** — Retrieves the list of network interfaces from the networking kernel for further examination by the other SIOCGxxxx functions. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather examines the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to examine the network configuration, you use a socket created with the AF\_INET and SOCK\_DGRAM arguments.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCGIFCONF, Interface_Config);
```

```
struct ifconf *Interface_Config;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Config</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_configuration_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifconf</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifconf** structure describing a buffer in which to return the interface configuration. The **ifconf** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifconf {
    int    ifc_len;           /* size of buffer */
    union {
        caddr_t ifcu_buf;
        struct ifreq *ifcu_req;
    };
};
```

```

    } ifc_ifcu;
#define ifc_buf ifc_ifcu.ifcu_buf    /* buffer address */
#define ifc_req ifc_ifcu.ifcu_req    /* array of structures */
};

```

The **ifc\_len** field should be set to the length of the buffer specified by **ifc\_buf**. Upon return, the **ifc\_len** field contains the actual number of bytes written into the buffer.

The **ifc\_buf** field should be set to a buffer large enough to hold the entire network configuration. Upon return, if **VMS\_Channel** is an **AF\_INET** socket the **ifc\_req** buffer contains an array of **ifreq** structures, one for each interface and address. If **VMS\_Channel** is an **AF\_INET6** socket, then the **ifc\_req** buffer contains an array of **ifreq6** structures, one for each address present. The array of **ifreq6** structures may contain both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses.

The following short fragment of C-language code prints all Internet family interfaces and shows how to decode the **ifconf** structure:

```

n = ifc.ifc_len/sizeof(struct ifreq);
for (ifr = ifc.ifc_req; n > 0; n--, ifr++) {
    if (ifr->ifr_addr.sa_family != AF_INET) continue;
    printf("%s\n", ifr->ifr_name);
}

```

The **ifreq6** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```

struct ifreq6 {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr_in6 ifr_addr;
};

```

## socket ioctl SIOCGIFDSTADDR

**socket ioctl SIOCGIFDSTADDR** — Retrieves the destination Internet address of a point-to-point network interface. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather examines the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to examine Internet addresses, you use a socket created with the **AF\_INET** and **SOCK\_DGRAM** arguments.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCGIFDSTADDR, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

### Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the interface from which to retrieve the destination address. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_dstaddr;
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be examined, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_dstaddr** field is a **sockaddr** structure that is set to the destination address of the interface.

## socket ioctl SIOCSIFDSTADDR

**socket ioctl SIOCSIFDSTADDR** — Sets the destination Internet address of a point-to-point network interface. Normally, this is done using the **IP SET/INTERFACE** command. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather modifies the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to modify Internet addresses, you use a socket created with the **AF\_INET** and **SOCK\_DGRAM** arguments.

### Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCSIFDSTADDR, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

### Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the interface on which to set the destination address. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_dstaddr;
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be modified, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_dstaddr** field is a **sockaddr** structure specifying the destination address to be set.

## socket ioctl SIOCGIFFLAGS

**socket ioctl SIOCGIFFLAGS** — Retrieves various control flags from a network interface. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather examines the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to examine interface flags, you use a socket created with the **AF\_INET** and **SOCK\_DGRAM** arguments.



## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCSIFFLAGS, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the state of the flags. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    short ifr_flags;
    char xfill[14];
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be examined, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_flags** field receives the state of the interface flags. The following flag bits are valid:

```
#define IFF_UP          0x1    /* interface is up */
#define IFF_BROADCAST  0x2    /* broadcast address valid */
#define IFF_DEBUG       0x4    /* turn on debugging */
#define IFF_LOOPBACK    0x8    /* is a loopback net */
#define IFF_POINTOPOINT 0x10   /* interface is ptp link */
#define IFF_NOTRAILERS  0x20   /* avoid use of trailers */
#define IFF_RUNNING     0x40   /* resources allocated */
#define IFF_NOARP       0x80   /* no ARP protocol */
```

## socket ioctl SIOCSIFFLAGS

**socket ioctl SIOCSIFFLAGS** — Sets various control flags on a network interface. Normally this is done using the `IP SET /INTERFACE` command. To modify the state of a flag, first call the **SIOCGIFFLAGS socket\_ioctl()** function, change whichever bits are necessary, and then reset the flags by calling **SIOCSIFFLAGS socket\_ioctl()**. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather modifies the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to modify interface flags, you use a socket created with the `AF_INET` and `SOCK_DGRAM` arguments.

## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCSIFFLAGS, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the new state of the flags. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    short ifr_flags;
    char Xfill[14];
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be modified, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_flags** field specifies the new state of the interface flags. The following flags can be set or cleared:

```
#define IFF_UP          0x1    /* interface is up */
#define IFF_DEBUG       0x4    /* turn on debugging */
#define IFF_NOTRAILERS  0x20   /* avoid use of trailers */
#define IFF_NOAR        0x80   /* no ARP protocol */
```

## socket ioctl SIOCGIFMETRIC

**socket ioctl SIOCGIFMETRIC** — Retrieves the network interface metric, or cost. The interface metric is ignored by the VSI TCP/IP software, and is not documented further here.

### Format

socket ioctl SIOCGIFMETRIC

## socket ioctl SIOCSIFMETRIC

**socket ioctl SIOCSIFMETRIC** — Sets the network interface metric, or cost. The interface metric is ignored by the VSI TCP/IP software, and is not documented further here.

### Format

socket ioctl SIOCSIFMETRIC

## socket ioctl SIOCGIFNETMASK

**socket ioctl SIOCGIFNETMASK** — Retrieves the Internet address mask of a network interface. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather examines the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to examine Internet address masks, you use a socket created with the `AF_INET` and `SOCK_DGRAM` arguments.

## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCGIFNETMASK, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the interface from which to retrieve the address mask. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```
struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_addr;
};
```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be examined, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_addr** field is a **sockaddr** structure that is set to the address mask of the interface.

## socket ioctl SIOCSIFNETMASK

**socket ioctl SIOCSIFNETMASK** — Sets the Internet address mask of a network interface. Normally, this is done using the **IP SET/INTERFACE** command. This function does not modify the socket itself, but rather modifies the operation of the network in general. It does not matter what the state of the socket is. Normally, to modify Internet address masks, you use a socket created with the **AF\_INET** and **SOCK\_DGRAM** arguments.

## Format

```
Status = socket_ioctl(VMS_Channel, SIOCSIFNETMASK, Interface_Req);
```

```
struct ifreq *Interface_Req;
```

## Arguments

<b>Interface_Req</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>interface_request</b>
type:	<b>struct ifreq</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of an **ifreq** structure that describes the interface on which to set the address mask. The **ifreq** structure is defined in `IP$root:[ip.include.net]if.h` as follows:

```

struct ifreq {
    char ifr_name[16];
    struct sockaddr ifr_addr;
};

```

The **ifr\_name** field is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the interface to be modified, such as "se0".

The **ifr\_addr** field is a **sockaddr** structure specifying the address mask to be set.

## socket option SO\_BROADCAST

**socket option SO\_BROADCAST** — Enables transmission of broadcast messages on the specified socket.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_BROADCAST, On, sizeof(*On));
```

```
unsigned int *On;
```

### Arguments

<b>On</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies whether the transmission of broadcast messages is enabled or disabled. A nonzero value enables the transmission of broadcast messages, a value of 0 disables the transmission.

## socket option SO\_DEBUG

**socket option SO\_DEBUG** — Controls the recording of debugging information by the VSI TCP/IP networking kernel.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_DEBUG, On, sizeof(*On));
```

```
unsigned int *On;
```

### Arguments

<b>On</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>

mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>
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A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies whether debugging is enabled or disabled. A nonzero value enables debugging. A value of 0 disables debugging.

## socket option **SO\_DONTRROUTE**

**socket option SO\_DONTRROUTE** — Indicates that outgoing messages bypass the standard routing facilities. Instead, messages are directed to the appropriate network interface, as determined by the network portion of the destination address.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_DONTRROUTE, On, sizeof(*On));
```

```
unsigned int *On;
```

### Arguments

<b>On</b>
<b>longword_unsigned</b>
Usage:
<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
<b>write only</b>
<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies whether **SO\_DONTRROUTE** is enabled or disabled. A nonzero value enables **SO\_DONTRROUTE**. A value of 0 disables **SO\_DONTRROUTE**.

## socket option **SO\_ERROR**

**socket option SO\_ERROR** — Retrieves and clears any error status pending on the socket. This function is only valid with the **getsockopt()** function.

### Format

```
Status = getsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_ERROR, Value, Length);
```

```
unsigned int *Value;
```

```
unsigned int *Length;
```

### Arguments

<b>Value</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that receives the value of **errno** (the error number) that is pending on the socket.

<b>Length</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On entry, contains the length of the space pointed to by **Value**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the **Value** returned.

## socket option **SO\_KEEPALIVE**

**socket option SO\_KEEPALIVE** — Enables periodic transmission of messages on an idle connected socket. If the connected party fails to respond to these messages, the connection is considered broken and processes using the socket are notified via an error returned by a read. Keepalives are a questionable use of the network in that they cause idle connections to add network traffic by constantly probing their peer. Avoid keepalives if another mechanism is available to detect the loss of a peer, such as timeouts.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_KEEPALIVE, On, sizeof(*On));
```

```
unsigned int *On;
```

### Arguments

<b>On</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies whether keepalives are enabled or disabled. A nonzero value enables keepalives. A value of 0 disables keepalives.

## socket option **SO\_LINGER**

**socket option SO\_LINGER** — Controls the action taken when unsent messages are queued on a socket and a **socket\_close()** function call is issued. If the socket promises reliable delivery of data and **SO\_LINGER** is set, **socket\_close()** deletes only the device. The attached socket remains in the system until this data is sent or until it determines that it cannot deliver the information (a timeout period, termed the linger interval, is specified in the **setsockopt()** function). Only then is the attached socket deleted.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_LINGER, Linger, sizeof(*Linger));
```

```
struct linger *Linger;
```

## Arguments

<b>Linger</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>linger_structure</b>
type:	<b>struct linger</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a structure describing whether the SO\_LINGER option is enabled or disabled.

```
struct linger {
    int    l_onoff;        /* option on/off */
    int    l_linger;      /* linger time */
};
```

When the **l\_onoff** field is nonzero, SO\_LINGER is enabled. When it is 0, SO\_LINGER is disabled. If SO\_LINGER is being enabled, the **l\_linger** field specifies the timeout period, in seconds.

## socket option SO\_OOBINLINE

**socket option SO\_OOBINLINE** — Enables receipt of out-of-band data along with the regular data stream. You can use this option instead of specifying the MSG\_OOB flag to the **recv()** or **recvfrom()** functions.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_OOBINLINE, On, sizeof(*On));
```

```
unsigned int *On;
```

## Arguments

<b>On</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies whether the SO\_OOBINLINE option is enabled or disabled. A nonzero value enables SO\_OOBINLINE. A value of 0 disables SO\_OOBINLINE.

## socket option SO\_RCVBUF

**socket option SO\_RCVBUF** — Specifies the amount of buffer space that can be used to buffer received data on the socket. The default value is 6144. You can specify this option to raise the TCP window size, increase the maximum size of UDP datagrams that can be received, or increase buffer space in general.

## Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_RCVBUF, Value, sizeof(*Value));
```

```
unsigned int *Value;
```

## Arguments

<b>Value</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies the new size of the receive buffer, in bytes.

## socket option SO\_RCVLOWAT

**socket option SO\_RCVLOWAT** — This option exists only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD and has no effect on VSI TCP/IP sockets.

## Format

```
socket option SO_RCVLOWAT
```

## socket option SO\_RCVTIMEO

**socket option SO\_RCVTIMEO** — This option exists only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD and has no effect on VSI TCP/IP sockets.

## Format

```
socket option SO_RCVTIMEO
```

## socket option SO\_REUSEADDR

**socket option SO\_REUSEADDR** — Specifies how to reuse local addresses. When SO\_REUSEADDR is enabled, **bind()** allows a local port number to be used even if sockets using the same local port number already exist, provided that these sockets are connected to a unique remote port. This option allows a server to **bind()** to a socket to listen for new connections, even if connections are already in progress on this port.

## Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, On, sizeof(*On));
```

```
unsigned int *On;
```

## Arguments

<b>On</b>	
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VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies whether `SO_REUSEADDR` is enabled or disabled. A nonzero value enables `SO_REUSEADDR`. A value of 0 disables `SO_REUSEADDR`.

## socket option `SO_SNDBUF`

**socket option `SO_SNDBUF`** — Specifies the amount of buffer space that can be used to buffer transmitted data on the socket. The default value is 6144 for TCP and 2048 for UDP. You can specify this option to raise the TCP window size, increase the maximum size of UDP datagrams that can be transmitted, or increase buffer space in general.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_SNDBUF, Value, sizeof(*Value));
```

```
unsigned int *Value;
```

### Arguments

<b>Value</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies the new size of the transmit buffer, in bytes.

## socket option `SO_SNDLOWAT`

**socket option `SO_SNDLOWAT`** — This option exists only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD and has no effect on VSI TCP/IP sockets.

### Format

```
socket option SO_SNDLOWAT
```

## socket option `SO_SNDTIMEO`

**socket option `SO_SNDTIMEO`** — This option exists only for compatibility with UNIX 4.3BSD and has no effect on VSI TCP/IP sockets.

### Format

```
socket option SO_SNDTIMEO
```

## socket option SO\_TYPE

**socket option SO\_TYPE** — Retrieves the socket type (such as SOCK\_DGRAM or SOCK\_STREAM). This function is only valid with the **getsockopt()** function.

### Format

```
Status = getsockopt(VMS_Channel, SOL_SOCKET, SO_TYPE, sizeof(*Value));
```

```
unsigned int *Value;
```

### Arguments

<b>Value</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that receives the socket type.

## socket option TCP\_KEEPAIVE

**socket option TCP\_KEEPAIVE** — Lets you specify how long an idle socket remains open if the SO\_KEEPAIVE option is enabled.

### Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, IPPROTO_TCP, TCP_KEEPAIVE, keepalive), sizeof(struct tcp_keepalive));
```

```
struct tcp_keepalive *keepalive
```

### Description

If SO\_KEEPAIVE is enabled, TCP\_KEEPAIVE lets you specify:

Idle time	The amount of time a TCP socket should remain idle before sending the first keepalive packet.
Probe interval	The amount of time between keepalive packets.
Probe count	The number of keepalive packets to be sent before the connection is closed.

This feature is available to both the INETDRIVER and the UCXDRIVER, although it is usually accessed through the UCXDRIVER.

### Arguments

<b>Keepalive</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>keepalive_structure</b>

type:	<b>struct tcp_keepalive</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a structure specifying the keepalive parameter values **idle\_time**, **probe\_intvl**, and **probe\_count**.

The structure TCP\_KEEPALIVE definition can be found in the include file TCP.H, as follows:

```
struct tcp_keepalive {
    int idle_time;    /*Time before first probe */
    int probe_intvl; /*Time between probes */
    int probe_count; /*Number of probes before closing connection */
};
```

The **idle\_time** and **probe\_intvl** values are specified in seconds; **probe\_count** is the number of probes to send before closing the connection.

The minimum value for **idle\_time** is 75 seconds. If a value less than 75 is specified, 75 is used.

If a value of 0 (zero) is specified for any of the entries in the structure, the current value is retained.

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## Note

The system default values are an **idle\_time** value of 120 minutes, a **probe\_intvl** value of 75 seconds, and a **probe\_count** value of 8.

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## socket option TCP\_NODELAY

**socket option TCP\_NODELAY** — Disables the Nagle algorithm (RFC 896) which causes TCP to have, at most, one outstanding unacknowledged small segment. By default, the Nagle algorithm is enabled, delaying small segments of output data up to 200 ms so that they can be packaged into larger segments. If you enable TCP\_NODELAY, TCP sends small segments as soon as possible, without waiting for acknowledgments from the receiver or for the 200 ms TCP fast timer to expire.

## Format

```
Status = setsockopt(VMS_Channel, IPPROTO_TCP, TCP_NODELAY, On, sizeof(*On));
```

```
unsigned int *On;
```

## Arguments

<b>On</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to an integer buffer that specifies whether the TCP\_NODELAY option is enabled or disabled. A value of 0 disables TCP\_NODELAY.

## socket\_perror()

**socket\_perror()** — Formats and prints the error code that is placed in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vm serrno** when an error occurs in one of the other socket functions. The error message is printed on the OpenVMS equivalent to the UNIX "stdout" device (normally SYS \$OUTPUT), and is prefixed by the specified string.

### Description

A typical use of **socket\_perror()** might be the following:

```
if (connect(s, &sin, sizeof(sin)) < 0) {
    socket_perror("connect failed");
    exit(1);
}
```

### Format

(void) socket\_perror(String);

char \*String;

### Arguments

<b>String</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary_string</b>
type:	<b>ASCIZ string</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A C-language string with information about the last call to fail. This is printed as a prefix to the error message.

## socket\_read()

**socket\_read()** — Reads messages from a socket. See also **recv()/recv\_44()** and **recvfrom()/recvfrom\_44()**. This function is equivalent to a **recv()** function called with **Flags** specified as zero. The length of the message received is returned as the status. If a message is too long to fit in the supplied buffer and the socket is type **SOCK\_DGRAM**, excess bytes are discarded. If no messages are available at the socket, the receive call waits for a message to arrive, unless the socket is non-blocking (see **socket\_ioctl()**). In this case, a status of -1 is returned, and the global variable **socket\_errno** is set to **EWOULDBLOCK**.

### Format

int socket\_read (short VMS\_Channel, char \*Buffer, int Size);

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
--------------------	--

VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of a buffer into which to place the data read.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_signed</b>
type:	<b>longword (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**. The actual number of bytes read is returned in the **Status**.

## Returns

If the **socket\_read()** routine is successful, the count of the number of characters received is returned. A return value of 0 indicates an end-of-file condition; that is, the connection has been closed. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific message is returned in the global variables **socket\_errno** and **vm serrno**.

## socket\_write()

**socket\_write()** — Writes a message to another socket. This function is equivalent to a **send()** function called with **Flags** specified as zero. This function can be used only when a socket has been connected with **connect()**. If no message space is available at the socket to hold the message to be transmitted, **socket\_write()** blocks unless the socket has been placed in non-blocking I/O mode via the socket ioctl FIONBIO. If the socket is type SOCK\_DGRAM and the message is too long to pass through the underlying protocol in a single unit, the error EMSGSIZE is returned and the message is not transmitted.

## Format

```
int socket_write (short VMS_Channel, char *Buffer, int Size);
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
--------------------	--

VMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of a buffer containing the data to send.

<b>Size</b>	
VMS Usage:	<b>longword_signed</b>
type:	<b>longword (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**.

## Returns

If the `socket_write()` routine is successful, the count of the number of characters sent is returned. If an error occurs, a value of -1 is returned, and a more specific error message is returned in the global variables `socket_errno` and `vmserro`.

## vms\_errno\_string()

`vms_errno_string()` — Formats a string corresponding to the error code that is placed in `socket_errno` and `vmserro` when an error occurs in one of the other socket functions.

## Format

```
(char *) vms_errno_string();
```

## Returns

The `vms_errno_string()` function returns a pointer to the string.

## 2.4. SCTP

Support for SCTP (Stream Control Transport Protocol) has been added to the VSI TCP/IP C socket library, with the shareable image `IP$ : TCP$SCTP_SHR . EXE`. SCTP provides end-to-end guaranteed delivery without the potential of blocking that TCP can encounter. SCTP also allows for

multiple streams within a conventional pairing of sockets between two IP addresses. Messages on one stream can be sent and received independently of other streams on the connection. See RFC 4960 for more information about SCTP.

Definitions for routines and constants are in

- `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] SCTP . H`
- `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] SCTP _ CONSTANTS . H`
- `IP$ROOT: [ IP . INCLUDE . NETINET ] SCTP _ UIO . H`

To use SCTP create a socket with the following parameters:

- `socket ( AF _ INET , SOCK _ STREAM , IPPROTO _ SCTP )`

The following routines are supported:

- `int sctp_opt_info ( int sd , sctp_assoc_t id , int opt , void * arg , short * size )`

## Description

`sctp_opt_info` is a wrapper library function that can be used to get SCTP level options on a socket.

## Parameter Usage

`sd` is the socket descriptor for which the option is requested. For one-to-many style sockets, `id` specifies the association to query. For one-to-one style sockets, `id` is ignored.

`opt` specifies the SCTP socket option to get.

`arg` is an option-specific structure buffer provided by the caller. `size` is a value-result parameter, initially containing the size of the buffer pointed to by `arg` and modified on return to indicate the actual size of the value returned.

## Returns

On success, `sctp_opt_info` returns 0 and on failure -1 is returned with `errno` set to the appropriate error code.

## Supported Options:

`SCTP_RTOINFO`

`SCTP_ASSOCINFO`

`SCTP_INITMSG`

`SCTP_NODELAY`

`SCTP_AUTOCLOSE`

`SCTP_PRIMARY_ADDR`

SCTP\_DISABLE\_FRAGMENTS

SCTP\_PEER\_ADDR\_PARAMS

SCTP\_EVENTS

SCTP\_I\_WANT\_MAPPED\_V4\_ADDR

SCTP\_MAXSEG

SCTP\_STATUS

SCTP\_GET\_PEER\_ADDR\_INFO

## **int sctp\_bindx(int sd, struct sockaddr \*addrs, int addrcnt, int flags)**

**int sctp\_bindx(int sd, struct sockaddr \*addrs, int addrcnt, int flags)** — **sctp\_bindx** adds or removes a set of bind addresses passed in the array **addrs** to/from the socket **sd**. **addrcnt** is the number of addresses in the array and the **flags** parameter indicates if the addresses need to be added or removed.

### **Description**

An application can use **SCTP\_BINDX\_ADD\_ADDR** to associate additional addresses with an endpoint after calling **bind(2)**. **SCTP\_BINDX\_REM\_ADDR** directs **SCTP** to remove the given addresses from the association. A caller may not remove all addresses from an association. It will fail with **EINVAL**.

### **Parameter Usage**

If **sd** is an IPv4 socket, the addresses passed must be IPv4 addresses. If **sd** is an IPv6 socket, the addresses passed can be either IPv4 or IPv6 addresses.

**addrs** is a pointer to an array of one or more socket addresses. Each address is contained in its appropriate structure (i.e. **struct sockaddr\_in** or **struct sockaddr\_in6**). The family of the address type must be used to distinguish the address length.

The caller specifies the number of addresses in the array with **addrcnt**.

The **flags** parameter can be either **SCTP\_BINDX\_ADD\_ADDR** or **SCTP\_BINDX\_REM\_ADDR**.

### **Return Value**

On success, 0 is returned. On failure, -1 is returned, and **errno** is set appropriately.

### **Errors**

- **EBADF** - **sd** is not a valid descriptor.
- **ENOTSOCK** - **sd** is a descriptor for a file, not a socket.
- **EFAULT** - Error while copying in or out from the user address space.
- **EINVAL** - Invalid port or address or trying to remove all addresses from an association.



- EACCES - The address is protected, and the user is not the super-user.

## **int sctp\_getpaddrs(int sd, sctp\_assoc\_t id, struct sockaddr \*\*addrs)**

**int sctp\_getpaddrs(int sd, sctp\_assoc\_t id, struct sockaddr \*\*addrs)** — **sctp\_getpaddrs** returns all peer addresses in an association.

### **Description**

On return, *addrs* will point to a dynamically allocated packed array of `sockaddr` structures of the appropriate type for each address. The caller should use **sctp\_freepaddrs** to free the memory. Note that the in/out parameter *addrs* must not be `NULL`.

### **Parameter Usage**

If *sd* is an IPv4 socket, the addresses returned will be all IPv4 addresses. If *sd* is an IPv6 socket, the addresses returned can be a mix of IPv4 or IPv6 addresses.

For one-to-many style sockets, *id* specifies the association to query. For one-to-one style sockets, *id* is ignored.

**sctp\_freepaddrs** frees all the resources allocated by **sctp\_getpaddrs**.

### **Return Value**

On success, **sctp\_getpaddrs** returns the number of peer addresses in the association. If there is no association on this socket, 0 is returned and the value of *\*addrs* is undefined. On error, **sctp\_getpaddrs** returns -1 and the value of *\*addrs* is undefined.

## **sctp\_freepaddrs (struct sockaddr \*addrs)**

**sctp\_freepaddrs (struct sockaddr \*addrs)** — The **sctp\_freepaddrs()** and **sctp\_freeladdrs()** functions are used to release the memory allocated by previous calls to **sctp\_getpaddrs()** or **sctp\_getladdrs()** respectively.

### **Format**

`sctp_freepaddrs (struct sockaddr *addrs)`

## **sctp\_getladdrs (int sd, sctp\_assoc\_t id, struct sockaddr \*\*addrs)**

**sctp\_getladdrs(int sd, sctp\_assoc\_t id, struct sockaddr \*\*addrs)** — **sctp\_getladdrs** returns all locally bound addresses on a socket.

### **Description**

On return, *addrs* will point to a dynamically allocated packed array of `sockaddr` structures of the appropriate type for each local address. The caller should use **sctp\_freeladdrs** to free the memory. Note that the in/out parameter *addrs* must not be `NULL`.

## Parameter Usage

If `sd` is an IPv4 socket, the addresses returned will be all IPv4 addresses. If `sd` is an IPv6 socket, the addresses returned can be a mix of IPv4 or IPv6 addresses.

For one-to-many style sockets, `id` specifies the association to query. For one-to-one style sockets, `id` is ignored. If the `id` field is set to 0, then the locally bound addresses are returned without regard to any particular association.

`sctp_freeladdrs` frees all the resources allocated by `sctp_getladdrs`.

## Return Value

On success, `sctp_getladdrs` returns the number of local addresses bound to the socket. If the socket is unbound, 0 is returned and the value of `*addrs` is undefined. On error, `sctp_getladdrs` returns -1 and the value of `*addrs` is undefined.

## `sctp_freeladdrs (struct sockaddr *addrs)`

`sctp_freeladdrs(struct sockaddr *addrs)` — The `sctp_freepaddrs()` and `sctp_freeladdrs()` functions are used to release the memory allocated by previous calls to `sctp_getpaddrs()` or `sctp_getladdrs()` respectively.

## Format

```
sctp_freeladdrs(struct sockaddr *addrs)
```

## `int sctp_connectx(int sd, struct sockaddr *addrs, int addrcnt)`

`int sctp_connectx(int sd, struct sockaddr *addrs, int addrcnt)` — `sctp_connectx` initiates a connection to a set of addresses passed in the array `addrs` to/from the socket `sd`. `addrcnt` is the number of addresses in the array.

## Parameter Usage

If `sd` is an IPv4 socket, the addresses passed must be IPv4 addresses. If `sd` is an IPv6 socket, the addresses passed can be either IPv4 or IPv6 addresses.

`addrs` is a pointer to an array of one or more socket addresses. Each address is contained in its appropriate structure (i.e. `struct sockaddr_in` or `struct sockaddr_in6`). The family of the address type must be used to distinguish the address length. The caller specifies the number of addresses in the array with `addrcnt`.

## Return Value

On success, 0 is returned. On failure, -1 is returned, and `errno` is set appropriately.

## Errors

EBADF - `sd` is not a valid descriptor.

ENOTSOCK - `sd` is a descriptor for a file, not a socket.

EFAULT - Error while copying in or out from the user address space.

EINVAL - Invalid port or address.

EACCES - The address is protected, and the user is not the super-user.

EISCONN - The socket is already connected.

ECONNREFUSED - No one listening on the remote address.

ETIMEDOUT - Timeout while attempting connection. The server may be too busy to accept new connections. Note that for IP sockets the timeout may be very long when syncookies are enabled on the server.

ENETUNREACH - Network is unreachable.

EADDRINUSE - Local address is already in use.

EINPROGRESS - The socket is non-blocking and the connection cannot be completed immediately. It is possible to `select(2)` or `poll(2)` for completion by selecting the socket for writing. After `select` indicates writability, use `getsockopt(2)` to read the `SO_ERROR` option at level `SOL_SOCKET` to determine whether connect completed successfully (`SO_ERROR` is zero) or unsuccessfully (`SO_ERROR` is one of the usual error codes listed here, explaining the reason for the failure).

EALREADY - The socket is non-blocking and a previous connection attempt has not yet been completed.

EAGAIN - No more free local ports or insufficient entries in the routing cache. For `PF_INET` see the `net.ipv4.ip_local_port_range` `sysctl` in `ip(7)` on how to increase the number of local ports.

EAFNOSUPPORT - The passed address did not have the correct address family in its `sa_family` field.

EACCES, EPERM - The user tried to connect to a broadcast address without having the socket broadcast flag enabled or the connection request failed because of a local firewall rule.

## **sctp\_assoc\_t sctp\_getassocid(int sd, struct sockaddr \*addr)**

**sctp\_assoc\_t sctp\_getassocid(int sd, struct sockaddr \*addr)** — return an association id for a specified socket address. The `sctp_getassocid()` call attempts to look up the specified socket address `addr` and find the respective association identification.

### **Return Values**

The call returns the association id upon success and 0 is returned upon failure.

### **Errors**

The `sctp_getassocid()` function can return the following errors.

ENOENT- The address does not have an association setup to it.

EBADF - The argument `s` is not a valid descriptor.

ENOTSOCK - The argument `s` is not a socket.

## **int sctp\_getaddrlen (int family)**

**int sctp\_getaddrlen(int family)** — return the address length of an address family.

### **Description**

The **sctp\_getaddrlen()** function returns the size of a specific address family. This function is provided for application binary compatibility since it provides the application with the size the operating system thinks the specific address family is. Note that the function will actually create an SCTP socket and then gather the information via a **getsockopt()** system calls. If for some reason a SCTP socket cannot be created or the **getsockopt()** call fails, an error will be returned with `errno` set as specified in the **socket()** or **getsockopt()** system call.

### **Return Values**

The call returns the number of bytes that the operating system expects for the specific address family or `SOCKET_ERROR` (-1).

### **Errors**

The **sctp\_getaddrlen()** function can return the following errors:

`EINVAL` - The address family specified does NOT exist.

# Chapter 3. Using the \$QIO System Service

This chapter describes how to use the \$QIO system service and its data structures with TCP/IP Services.

After you create a network pseudodevice (BG:) and assign a channel to it, use the \$QIO system service for I/O operations.

## 3.1. \$QIO System Service Variations

The two variations of the \$QIO system service are:

- Queue I/O Request (\$QIO) — Completes asynchronously. It returns to the caller immediately after queuing the I/O request, without waiting for the I/O operation to complete.
- Queue I/O Request and Wait (\$QIOW) — Completes synchronously. It returns to the caller after the I/O operation completes. The only difference between the \$QIO and \$QIOW calling sequences is the service name. The system service arguments are the same.

## 3.2. \$QIO Format

The \$QIO calling sequence has the following format:

```
SYS$QIO [efn],chan,func,[iosb],[astadr],[astprm],[p1],[p2],[p3],[p4],[p5],[p6]
```

The following table describes each argument.

**Table 3.1. \$QIO Arguments**

Argument	Description
astadr	AST (asynchronous system trap) service routine
astprm	AST parameter to be passed
chan	I/O channel
efn	Event flag number
func	Network pseudodevice function code and/or function modifier
iosb	I/O status block
p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6	Function-specific I/O request parameters

### 3.2.1. Symbol Definition Files

The following table lists the symbol definition files for the \$QIO arguments p1 through p6. Use the standard mechanism for the programming language you are using to include the appropriate symbol definition files in your program.

**Table 3.2. Network Symbol Definition Files**

File Name	File Name
TCPIP\$INETDEF.H	C
TCPIP\$INETDEF.FOR	VAX Fortran
TCPIP\$INETDEF.PAS	VAX PASCAL
TCPIP\$INETDEF.MAR	MACRO-32
TCPIP\$INETDEF.PLI	VAX PL/1
TCPIP\$INETDEF.R32	BLISS-32
TCPIP\$INETDEF.ADA	VAX Ada
TCPIP\$INETDEF.BAS	VAX BASIC

### 3.3. \$QIO Functions

The following table lists the \$QIO function codes commonly used in a network application.

#### Note

The IO\$\_SETMODE and IO\$\_SETCHAR function codes are identical. All references to the IO\$\_SETMODE function code, its arguments, options, function modifiers, and condition values returned also apply to the IO\$\_SETCHAR function code, which is not explicitly described in this manual.

The IO\$\_SENSEMODE and IO\$\_SENSECHAR function codes are identical. All references to the IO\$\_SENSEMODE function code, its arguments, options, function modifiers, and condition values returned also apply to the IO\$\_SENSECHAR function code, which is not explicitly described in this manual.

**Table 3.3. \$QIO Function Codes**

\$QIO Function Codes	Description
\$QIO(IO\$_SETMODE) \$QIO(IO\$_SETCHAR)	Creates the socket by setting the internet domain, protocol (socket) type, and protocol of the socket.
	Binds a name (local address and port) to the socket.
	Defines a network pseudodevice as a listener on a TCP/IP server.
	Specifies socket options.
\$QIO(IO\$_ACCESS)	Initiates a connection request from a client to a remote host using TCP.
	Specifies the peer where you can send datagrams.
	Accepts a connection request from a TCP/IP client when used with the IO\$_M_ACCEPT function modifier.
\$QIO(IO\$_WRITEVBLK)	Writes data (virtual block) from the local host to the remote host for stream sockets, datagrams, and raw IP.
\$QIO(IO\$_READVBLK)	Reads data (virtual block) from the remote host to the local host for stream sockets, datagrams, and raw IP.
\$QIO(IO\$_DEACCESS)	Disconnects the link established between two communication agents through an IO\$_DEACCESS function.

\$QIO Function Codes	Description
	Shuts down the communication link when used with the IO \$M_SHUTDOWN function modifier. You can shut down the receive or transmit portion of the link, or both.
\$QIO(IO\$_SENSECHAR) \$QIO(IO\$_SENSEMODE)	Obtains socket information.

## 3.4. \$QIO Arguments

You pass two types of arguments with the \$QIO system service: function-independent arguments and function-dependent arguments. The following sections provide information about \$QIO system service arguments.

### 3.4.1. \$QIO Function-Independent Arguments

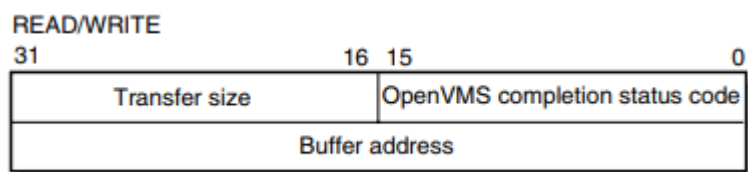
The following table describes the \$QIO function-independent arguments.

**Table 3.4. \$QIO Function-Independent Arguments**

Argument	Description
astadr	Address of the asynchronous system trap (AST) routine to be executed when the I/O operation is completed.
astprm	A quadword (Alpha) or longword (VAX) containing the value to be passed to the AST routine.
chan	A longword value that contains the number of the I/O channel. The \$QIO system service uses only the low-order word.
efn	A longword value of the event flag number that the \$QIO system service sets when the I/O operation completes. The \$QIO system service uses only the low-order byte.
func	A longword value that specifies the network pseudodevice function code and function modifiers that specify the operation to be performed.
	Function modifiers affect the operation of a specified function code. In MACRO-32, you use the exclamation point (!) to logically OR the function code and its modifier. In Compaq C, you use the vertical bar ( ). This manual uses the vertical bar ( ) in text.
iosb	The I/O status block that receives the final status message for the I/O operation. The iosb argument is the address of the quadword I/O status block. (For the format of the I/O status block, see next section)

### 3.4.2. I/O Status Block

The system returns the status of a \$QIO operation in the I/O status block (IOSB) supplied as an argument to the \$QIO call. In the case of a successful IO\$\_READVBLK or IO\$\_WRITEVBLK operation, the second word of the I/O status block contains the number of bytes transferred during the operation (see Figure 5-1).

**Figure 3.1. I/O Status Block for a Successful READ or WRITE Operation**

With an unsuccessful `IO$_READVBLK` or `IO$_WRITEVBLK` operation, in most cases, the system returns a UNIX error code in the second word of the I/O status block.

For C programs, the OpenVMS completion codes are defined in the `SSDEF.H` header file. The UNIX error codes are defined in the `ERRNO.H` header file and in the `TCPIP$INETDEF.H` header file. For other language variants, see xxxTable 5–2.

### 3.4.3. \$QIO Function-Dependent Arguments

Arguments **p1**, **p2**, **p3**, **p4**, **p5**, and **p6** to the \$QIO system service are used to pass function-dependent arguments. Table 5–5 lists arguments p1 through p6 for the \$QIO system service and indicates whether the parameter is passed by value, by reference, or by descriptor.

**Table 3.5. \$QIO Function-Dependent Arguments**

<b>\$QIO</b>	<b>p1</b>	<b>p2</b>	<b>p3</b>	<b>p4</b>	<b>p5</b>	<b>p6</b>
<code>IO\$_ACCESS</code>	Not used	Not used	Remote socket name <sup>a</sup>	Not used	Not used	Not used
<code>IO\$_ACCESS   IO\$M_ACCEPT</code>	Not used	Not used	Remote socket name <sup>b</sup>	Channel number <sup>c</sup>	Not used	Not used
<code>IO\$_ACPCONTROL</code>	Subfunction code <sup>d</sup>	Input parameter <sup>d</sup>	Buffer length <sup>c</sup>	Buffer <sup>d</sup>	Not used	Not used
<code>IO\$_DEACCESS</code>	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
<code>IO\$_DEACCESS   IO\$M_SHUTDOWN</code>	Not used	Not used	Not used	Shutdown flags <sup>e</sup>	Not used	Not used
<code>IO\$_READVBLK</code>	Buffer <sup>c</sup>	Buffer size <sup>e</sup>	Remote socket name <sup>b</sup>	Flags <sup>e</sup>	Not used	Output buffer list <sup>d</sup>
<code>IO\$_READVBLK   IO\$M_INTERRUPT</code>	Buffer <sup>c</sup>	Buffer size <sup>e</sup>	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
<code>IO\$_WRITEVBLK</code>	Buffer <sup>c</sup>	Buffer size <sup>e</sup>	Remote socket name <sup>a</sup>	Flags <sup>e</sup>	Input buffer list <sup>d</sup>	Not used
<code>IO\$_WRITEVBLK   IO\$M_INTERRUPT</code>	Buffer <sup>c</sup>	Buffer size <sup>e</sup>	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
<code>IO\$_SETMODE</code>	Socket char <sup>c</sup>	Not used	Local socket name	Backlog limit <sup>e</sup>	Input parameter list <sup>a</sup>	Not used
<code>IO\$_SETMODE   IO\$_OUTBAND</code>	AST procedure <sup>c</sup>	User argument <sup>e</sup>	Access mode <sup>e</sup>	Not used	Not used	Not used



\$QIO	p1	p2	p3	p4	p5	p6
IO\$_SETMODE   IO\$_READATTN	AST procedure <sup>c</sup>	User argument <sup>e</sup>	Access mode <sup>e</sup>	Not used	Not used	Not used
IO\$_SETMODE   IO\$_WRATTN	AST procedure <sup>c</sup>	User argument <sup>e</sup>	Access mode <sup>e</sup>	Not used	Not used	Not used
IO\$_SENSEMODE	Not used	Not used	Local socket name <sup>b</sup>	Remote socket name <sup>b</sup>	Not used	Output parameter list <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>By item\_list\_2 descriptor.

<sup>b</sup>By item\_list\_3 descriptor

<sup>c</sup>By reference.

<sup>d</sup>By descriptor

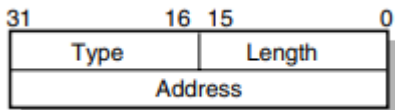
<sup>e</sup>By value

## 3.5. Passing Arguments by Descriptor

In addition to OpenVMS argument descriptors, I/O functions specific to TCP/IP Services also pass arguments by using item\_list\_2 and item\_list\_3 argument descriptors. The format of these argument descriptors is unique to TCP/IP Services, and they supplement argument descriptors defined in the OpenVMS Calling Standard.

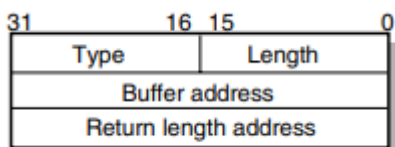
Use of an item\_list\_2 or item\_list\_3 argument descriptor is indicated when the argument's passing mechanism is specified as an item\_list\_2 descriptor or an item\_list\_3 descriptor.

The item\_list\_2 argument descriptors describe the size, data type, and starting address of a service parameter. An item\_list\_2 argument descriptor contains three fields, as depicted in the following diagram:



The first field is a word containing the length (in bytes) of the parameter being described. The second field is a word containing a symbolic code specifying the data type of the parameter. The third field is a longword containing the starting address of the parameter.

The item\_list\_3 argument descriptors describe the size, data type, and address of a buffer in which a service writes parameter information returned from a get operation. An item\_list\_3 argument descriptor contains four fields, as depicted in the following diagram:



The first field is a word containing the length (in bytes) of the buffer in which a service writes information. The length of the buffer needed depends on the data type specified in the type field. If the value of buffer length is too small, the service truncates the data. The second field is a word

containing a symbolic code specifying the type of information that a service is to return. The third field is a longword containing the address of the buffer in which a service writes the information. The fourth field is a longword containing the address of a longword in which a service writes the length (in bytes) of the information it actually returned.

## Note

When a parameter specified as a descriptor is described as “read-only”, the descriptor itself is only read, and TCP/IP Services does not modify the memory described. However, system service postprocessing requires that the described memory must be both readable and writable.

### 3.5.1. Specifying an Input Parameter List

Use the **p5** argument with the `IO$_SETMODE` function to specify input parameter lists. The **p5** argument specifies the address of a `item_list_2` descriptor that points to and identifies the type of input parameter list.

To initialize an `item_list_2` descriptor, you need to:

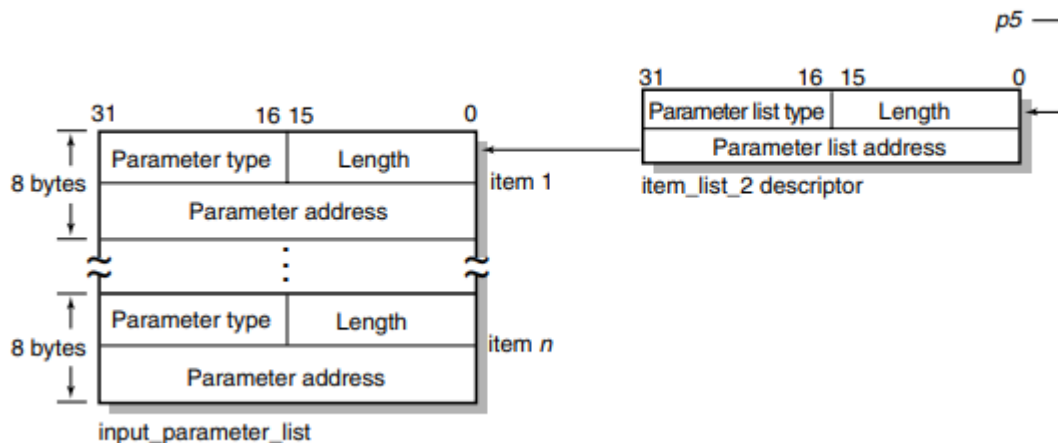
1. Set the descriptor’s type field to one of the following symbolic codes to specify the type of input parameter list:

Symbolic Name	Input Parameter List Type
TCPIP\$_SOCKOPT	Socket options
TCPIP\$_TCPOPT	TCP protocol options
TCPIP\$_IPOPT	IP protocol options
TCPIP\$_IOCTL	I/O control commands

2. Set the descriptor’s length field to specify the length of the input parameter list.
3. Set the descriptor’s address field to specify the starting address of the input parameter list.

The following figure illustrates how the **p5** argument specifies an input parameter list.

**Figure 3.2. Specifying an Input Parameter List**



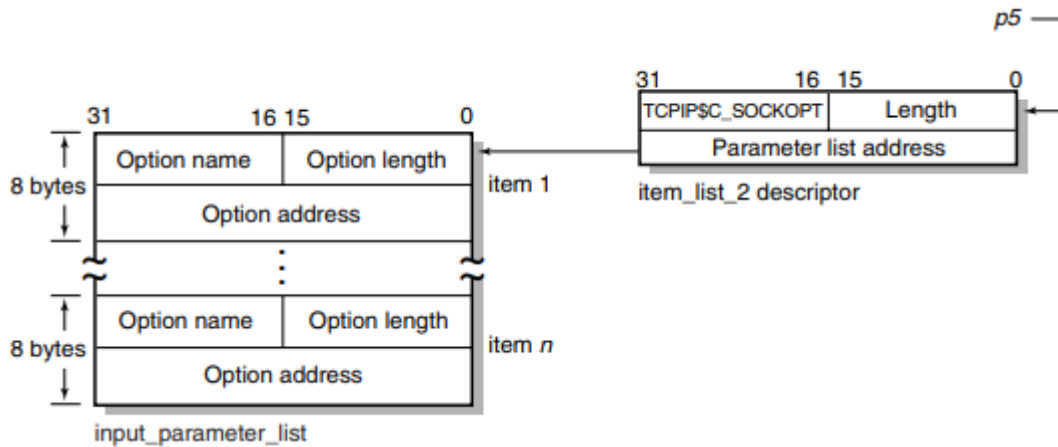
As the name implies, input parameter lists consist of one or more contiguous `item_list_2` or `ioctl_comm` structures. The length of an input parameter list is determined solely from the length field of its associated argument descriptor. Input parameter lists are never terminated by a longword containing a zero.

Each `item_list_2` structure that appears in an input parameter list describes an individual parameter or item to set. Such items include socket or protocol options as identified by the item's type field. To initialize an `item_list_2` descriptor, you need to:

1. Set the item's type field to one of the symbolic codes in Appendix A.
2. Set the item's length field to specify the length of the item.
3. Set the item's address field to specify the starting address of its data.

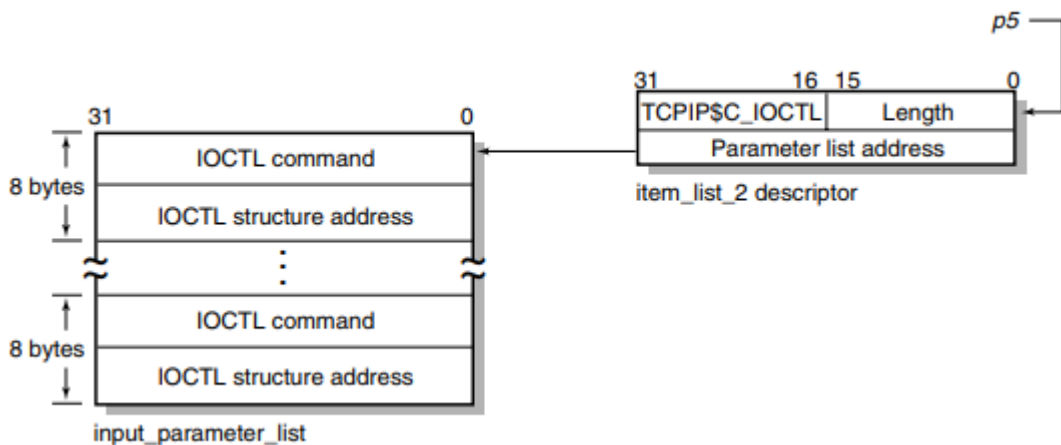
The following figure illustrates how to specify setting socket options.

**Figure 3.3. Setting Socket Options**



Each `ioctl_comm` structure appearing in an input parameter list contains an I/O control command---the IOCTL request code (as defined by `$SIOCDEF`) and its associated IOCTL structure address. The following figure illustrates how to specify (set) I/O control (IOCTL) commands.

**Figure 3.4. Setting IOCTL Parameters**



### 3.5.2. Specifying an Output Parameter List

Use the **p6** argument with the `IO$_SENSEMODE` function to specify output parameter lists. The **p6** argument specifies the address of an `item_list_2` descriptor that points to and identifies the type of output parameter list.

To initialize an `item_list_2` descriptor, you need to:

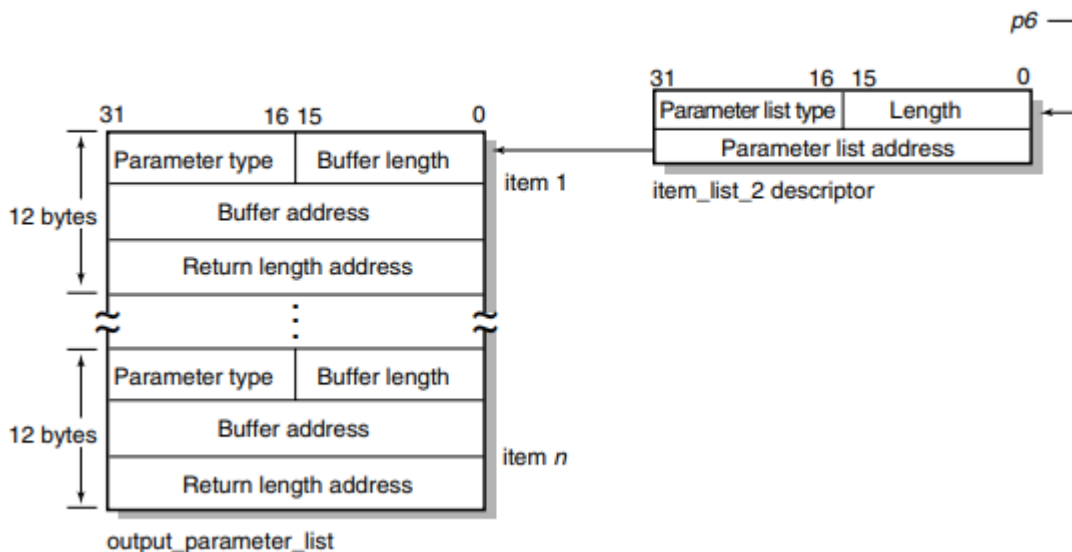
1. Set the descriptor's type field to one of the following symbolic codes to specify the type of output parameter list:

Symbolic Name	Output Parameter List Type
TCPIP\$_SOCKOPT	Socket options
TCPIP\$_TCPOPT	TCP protocol options
TCPIP\$_ILOPT	IP protocol options
TCPIP\$_IOCTL	I/O control commands

2. Set the descriptor's length field to specify the length of the output parameter list.
3. Set the descriptor's address field to specify the starting address of the output parameter list.

The following figure illustrates how the **p6** argument specifies an output parameter list:

**Figure 3.5. Specifying an Output Parameter List**



As the name implies, output parameter lists consist of one or more contiguous `item_list_3` or `ioctl_comm` structures. The length of an output parameter list is determined solely from the length field of its associated argument descriptor. Output parameter lists are never terminated by a longword containing a zero.

Each `item_list_3` structure that appears in an output parameter list describes an individual parameter or item to return. Such items include socket or protocol options as identified by the item's type field.

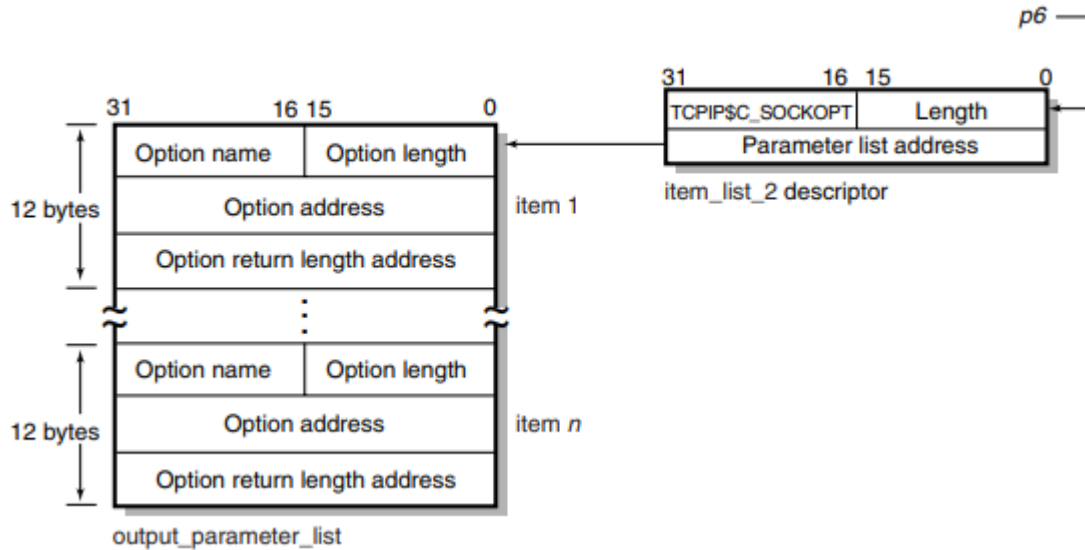
To initialize an `item_list_3` structure, you need to:

1. Set the item's type field to one of symbolic codes found in Appendix A.

2. Set the item's buffer length field to specify the length of its buffer.
3. Set the item's buffer address field to specify the starting address of its buffer.
4. Set the item's returned length address field to specify the address of a longword to receive the length in bytes of the information actually returned for this item.

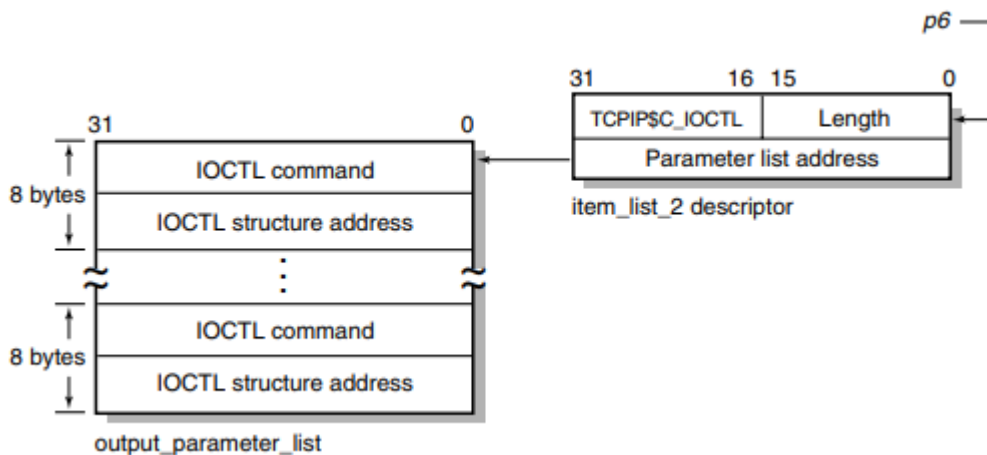
The following figure illustrates how to specify getting socket options.

**Figure 3.6. Getting Socket Options**



Each `ioctl_comm` structure appearing in a output parameter list contains an I/O control command---the `IOCTL` request code (as defined by `$SIOCDEF`) and its associated `IOCTL` structure address. The following figure illustrates how to specify (get) I/O control (`IOCTL`) commands.

**Figure 3.7. Getting IOCTL Parameters**



### 3.5.3. Specifying a Socket Name

Use the `p3` or `p4` argument with the `IO$_ACCESS`, `IO$_READVBLK`, `IO$_SENSEMODE`, `IO$_SETMODE`, and `IO$_WRITEVBLK` functions to specify a socket name.

The **p3** and **p4** arguments specify the address of an `item_list_2` or `item_list_3` descriptor that points to a socket name structure. The socket name structure contains address domain, port number, and host internet address.

## Note

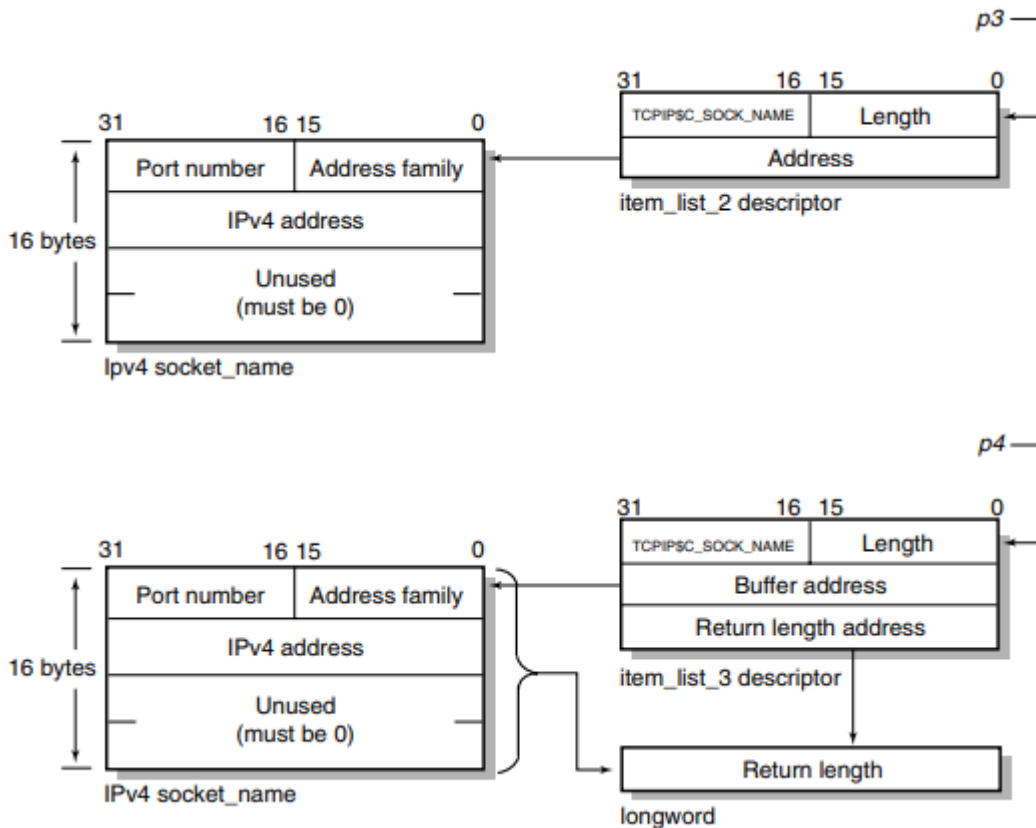
**Note**Port numbers 1 to 1023 require a system UIC or a UIC with SYSPRV and BYPASS privileges when assigned. If you specify zero when binding a socket name, the system assigns an available port.

Use an `item_list_2` argument descriptor with the `IO$_ACCESS`, `IO$_WRITEVBLK`, and `IO$_SETMODE` functions to specify (set) a socket name. The descriptor's parameter type is `TCPIP$C_SOCKET_NAME`.

Use an `item_list_3` argument descriptor with the `IO$_ACCESS|IO$_M_ACCEPT`, `IO$_READVBLK`, and `IO$_SENSEMODE` functions to specify (get) a socket name. The descriptor's parameter type is `TCPIP$C_SOCKET_NAME`.

With BSD Version 4.3, specify socket names as illustrated in the following figure:

**Figure 3.8. Specifying a Socket Name**



### 3.5.4. Specifying a Buffer List

Use the **p5** argument with the `IO$_WRITEVBLK` function to specify input buffer lists. The **p5** argument specifies the address of a 32- or 64-bit fixed-length descriptor (on Alpha systems) or a 32-bit fixed-length descriptor (on VAX systems) pointing to an input buffer list.

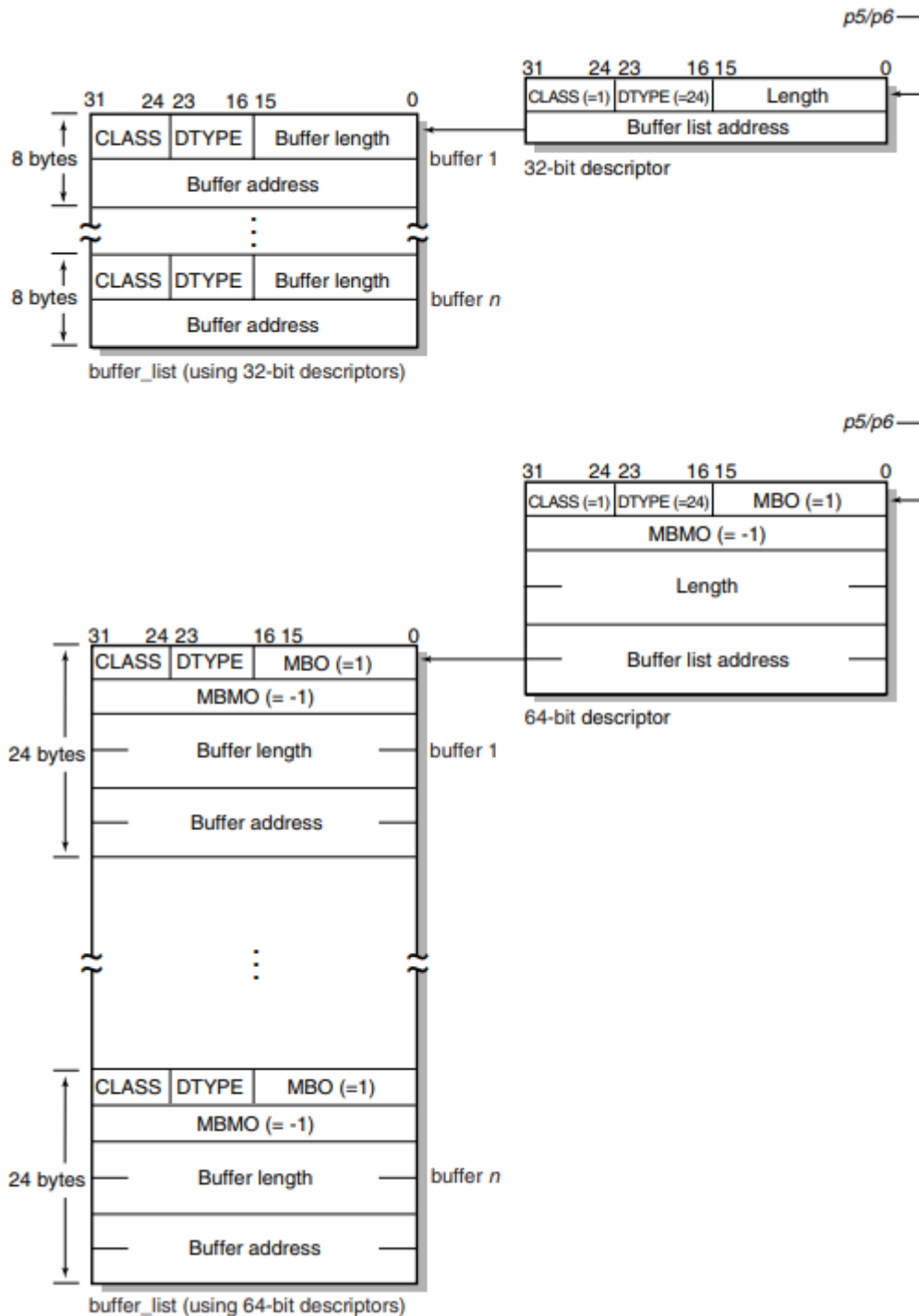
Use the **p6** argument with the `IO$_READVBLK` function to specify output buffer lists. The **p6** argument specifies the address of a 32- or 64-bit fixed-length descriptor (on Alpha systems) or a 32-bit fixed-length descriptor (on VAX systems) pointing to an output buffer list.

To initialize the **p5** or **p6** argument descriptor, you need to:

1. Set the descriptor's data-type code (the `DTYPE` field) to `DSC$K_DTYPE_DSC` to specify a buffer list containing one or more descriptors defining the length and starting address of user buffers.
2. Set the descriptor's class code (the `CLASS` field) to `DSC$K_CLASS_S`.
3. Set the descriptor's length field to specify the length of the buffer list.
4. Set the descriptor's `MBO` field to 1 and the `MBMO` field to all 1s if this is a 64-bit argument descriptor.

The following figure illustrates how to specify a buffer list:

Figure 3.9. Specifying a Buffer List



Buffer lists, as the name implies, consist of one or more contiguous 32- or 64-bit fixed-length descriptors (on Alpha systems) or 32-bit fixed-length descriptors (on VAX systems).

Each 32- or 64-bit descriptor that appears in a buffer list describes one user buffer. Initialize each descriptor by setting its data type, class, length, and address fields as appropriate for 32- and 64-bit descriptors.

For more information about using 32-bit and 64-bit descriptors, refer to the *OpenVMS Calling Standard*.



# Chapter 4. \$QIO Interface

The \$QIO interface allows programmers to use more sophisticated programming techniques than available with the socket library. Using the \$QIO interface, you can perform fully asynchronous I/O to the network and receive Asynchronous System Traps (ASTs) when out-of-band data arrives (similar to the UNIX SIGURG signal). In general, there is a one-to-one mapping between the socket library functions and \$QIO calls.

The \$QIO interface returns an OpenVMS error code in the first word of the Input/Output Status Block (IOSB). If the low bit of the OpenVMS error code is clear, an error has been returned by the network. The OpenVMS error code is generated from the UNIX **errno** code by multiplying the UNIX code by 8 (eight) and logical ORing it with 0x8000.

You can mix and match the socket library function and the \$QIO calls. For example, you can use **socket()** and **connect()** to establish a connection, then use **IO\$\_SEND** and **IO\$\_RECEIVE** to send and receive data on it.

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## Note

If more than one \$QIO operation is pending on a socket at any one time, there is no guarantee that the \$QIO calls will complete in the order they are queued. In particular, if more than one read or write operation is pending at any one time, the data may be interleaved. You do not need to use multiple read or write operations concurrently on the same socket to increase performance because of the network buffering.

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The function codes for the VSI TCP/IP-specific \$QIO functions are defined in the include file `IP_root:[IP.include.vms]inetiodef.h`.

If the compile time constant `USE_BSD44_ENTRIES` is defined, then the BSD 4.4 variant of the `IO$_ACCEPT`, `IO$_BIND`, `IO$_CONNECT`, `IO$_GETPEERNAME`, `IO$_GETSOCKNAME`, `IO$_RECEIVE`, `IO$_SEND` is selected.

The following are the interface functions:

<b>IO\$_ACCEPT</b>	<b>IO\$_SEND</b>
<b>IO\$_ACCEPT_WAIT</b>	<b>IO\$_SENSEMODE</b>
<b>IO\$_BIND</b>	<b>IO\$_SENSEMODE   IOSM_CTRL</b>
<b>IO\$_CONNECT</b>	<b>IO\$_SETCHAR</b>
<b>IO\$_GETPEERNAME</b>	<b>IO\$_SETMODE IOSM_ATTNAST</b>
<b>IO\$_GETSOCKNAME</b>	<b>IO\$_SETSOCKOPT</b>
<b>IO\$_GETSOCKOPT</b>	<b>IO\$_SHUTDOWN</b>
<b>IO\$_IOCTL</b>	<b>IO\$_SOCKET</b>
<b>IO\$_LISTEN</b>	<b>SYSS\$CANCEL</b>
<b>IO\$_RECEIVE (IO\$_READVBLK)</b>	<b>SYSS\$DASSGN</b>
<b>IO\$_SELECT</b>	

## IOS\_ACCEPT

**IOS\_ACCEPT** — Extracts the first connection from the queue of pending connections on a socket, creates a new socket with the same properties as the original socket, and associates an OpenVMS channel to the new socket. **IOS\_ACCEPT** is equivalent to the **accept()** socket library function. Normally, instead of calling **IOS\_ACCEPT** to wait for a connection to become available, **IOS\_ACCEPT\_WAIT** is used. This allows your process to wait for the connection without holding the extra network channel and tying up system resources. When the **IOS\_ACCEPT\_WAIT** completes, it indicates that a connection is available. **IOS\_ACCEPT** is then called to accept it.

### Format

```
Status = SY$$QIOW(Efn, New_VMS_Channel, IOS_ACCEPT, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Address,
AddrLen, VMS_Channel, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>New_VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

An OpenVMS channel to a newly-created INET device. Create this channel by using SY\$\$ASSIGN to assign a fresh channel to INET0: before issuing the **IOS\_ACCEPT** call. The accepted connection is accessed using this channel.

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The OpenVMS channel to the INET: device on which the **IOS\_LISTEN** call was performed. After accepting the connection, this device remains available to accept new connections.

<b>Address</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>special_structure</b>
type:	<b>structure defined below</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

An optional pointer to a structure that, following the completion of the **IOS\_ACCEPT** call, contains the address of the socket that made the connection. This structure is defined as follows:

```
struct {
    unsigned long Length;
    struct sockaddr Address;
```

};

<b>AddrLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>word_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer pointed to by the **Address** argument, in bytes. It must be at least 20 bytes.

## IO\$\_ACCEPT\_WAIT

**IO\$\_ACCEPT\_WAIT** — Used to wait for an incoming connection without accepting it. This allows your process to wait for the connection without holding the extra network channel and tying up system resources. When the **IO\$\_ACCEPT\_WAIT** call completes, it indicates that a connection is available. **IO\$\_ACCEPT** is then called to accept it. The **IO\$\_ACCEPT\_WAIT** call takes no function-specific parameters.

### Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_ACCEPT_WAIT, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The OpenVMS channel to the INET: device on which the **IO\$\_LISTEN** call was performed.

## IO\$\_BIND

**IO\$\_BIND** — Assigns an address to an unnamed socket. When a socket is created with **IO\$\_SOCKET**, it exists in a name space (address family) but has no assigned address. **IO\$\_BIND** requests that the address be assigned to the socket. **IO\$\_BIND** is equivalent to the `bind()` socket library function.

### Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_BIND, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Name, NameLen, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
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OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Name</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address to which the socket should be bound. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the socket was created.

<b>NameLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the **Name** argument, in bytes.

## IO\$\_CONNECT

**IO\$\_CONNECT** — When used on a **SOCK\_STREAM** socket, this function attempts to make a connection to another socket. When used on a **SOCK\_DGRAM** socket, this function permanently specifies the peer to which datagrams are sent to and received from. The peer socket is specified by name, which is an address in the communications domain of the socket. Each communications domain interprets the name parameter in its own way. **IO\$\_CONNECT** is equivalent to the **connect()** socket library function. If the address of the local socket has not yet been specified with **IO\$\_BIND**, the local address is also set to an unused port number when **IO\$\_CONNECT** is called.

### Format

```
Status = SY$$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_CONNECT, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Name,
NameLen, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>

mechanism:	<b>by value</b>
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A channel to the socket.

<b>Name</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of the peer to which the socket should be connected. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the socket was created.

<b>NameLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the Name argument, in bytes.

## IO\$\_GETPEERNAME

**IO\$\_GETPEERNAME** — Returns the name of the peer connected to the specified socket. It is equivalent to the **getpeername()** socket library function.

### Format

```
Status = SY$$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_GETPEERNAME, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Address,
AddrLen, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Address</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A result parameter filled in with the address of the peer, as known to the communications layer. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>AddrLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On entry, contains the length of the space pointed to by **Address**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the address returned.

## IO\$\_GETSOCKNAME

**IO\$\_GETSOCKNAME** — Returns the current name of the specified socket. Equivalent to the `getsockname()` socket library function.

### Format

Status = SYS\$QIOW(Efn, VMS\_Channel, IO\$\_GETSOCKNAME, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Address, AddrLen, 0, 0, 0, 0);

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Address</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A result parameter filled in with the address of the local socket, as known to the communications layer. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>AddrLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>

mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>
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On entry, contains the length of the space pointed to by **Address**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the address returned.

## IO\$\_GETSOCKOPT

**IO\$\_GETSOCKOPT** — Retrieves options associated with a socket. It is equivalent to the **getsockopt()** library routine. Options can exist at multiple protocol levels; however, they are always present at the uppermost socket level. When manipulating socket options, you must specify the level at which the option resides and the name of the option. To manipulate options at the socket level, specify level as **SOL\_SOCKET**. To manipulate options at any other level, specify the protocol number of the appropriate protocol controlling the option. For example, to indicate that an option is to be interpreted by the TCP protocol, set **Level** to the protocol number of TCP, as determined by calling **getprotobyname()**. **OptName** and any specified options are passed without modification to the appropriate protocol module for interpretation. The include file `IP_root : [ IP . include . sys ] socket . h` contains definitions for socket-level options. Options at other protocol levels vary in format and name. For more information on what socket options may be retrieved with **IO\$\_GETSOCKOPT**, see **setsockopt()**.

### Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_GETSOCKOPT, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Level,
OptName, OptVal, OptLen, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Level</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>option_level</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The protocol level at which the option will be manipulated. Specify **Level** as **SOL\_SOCKET** or a protocol number as returned by **getprotoent()**.

<b>OptName</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>option_name</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>

mechanism:	<b>by value</b>
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The option that is to be manipulated.

<b>OptVal</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>dependent on OptName</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a buffer that is to receive the current value of the option. The format of this buffer is dependent on the option requested.

<b>OptLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>option_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On entry, contains the length of the space pointed to by **OptVal**, in bytes. On return, it contains the actual length, in bytes, of the option returned.

## IO\$\_IOCTL

**IO\$\_IOCTL** — Performs a variety of functions on the network; in particular, it manipulates socket characteristics, routing tables, ARP tables, and interface characteristics. The **IO\$\_IOCTL** call is equivalent to the **socket\_ioctl()** library routine. A **IO\$\_IOCTL** request has encoded in it whether the argument is an input or output parameter, and the size of the argument, in bytes. Macro and define statements used in specifying an **IO\$\_IOCTL** request are located in the file `IP_root : [IP.include.sys]ioctl.h`.

## Format

```
Status = SYSS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_IOCTL, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Request, ArgP, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Request</b>	
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OpenVMS Usage:	<b>ioctl_request</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Which **IO\$\_IOCTL** function to perform. The available **IO\$\_IOCTL** functions are documented in the **socket ioctl** sections.

<b>ArgP</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read, write, or modify depending on Request</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a buffer whose format and function is dependent on the **Request** specified.

## IO\$\_LISTEN

**IO\$\_LISTEN** — Specifies the number of incoming connections that may be queued while waiting to be accepted. This backlog must be specified before accepting a connection on a socket. The **IO\$\_LISTEN** function applies only to sockets of type **SOCK\_STREAM**. The **IO\$\_LISTEN** call is equivalent to the **listen()** socket library function.

## Format

```
Status = SYSS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_LISTEN, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, BackLog, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Backlog</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>connection_backlog</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Defines the maximum length of the queue of pending connections. If a connection request arrives when the queue is full, the request is ignored. The backlog queue length is limited to 5.

## IO\$\_RECEIVE (IO\$\_READVBLK)

**IO\$\_RECEIVE** — Receives messages from a socket. This call is equivalent to the **recvfrom()**, **recv()**, and **socket\_read()** socket library functions. The length of the message received is returned in the second and third word of the I/O Status Block (IOSB). A count of 0 indicates an end-of-file condition; that is, the connection has been closed. If a message is too long to fit in the supplied buffer and the socket is type **SOCK\_DGRAM**, excess bytes are discarded. If no messages are available at the socket, the **IO\$\_RECEIVE** call waits for a message to arrive, unless the socket is nonblocking (see **socket\_ioctl()**).

### Format

Status = SY\$\$QIOW(Efn, VMS\_Channel, IO\$\_RECEIVE, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Buffer, Size, Flags, From, FromLen, 0);

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of a buffer in which to place the data read.

<b>Size</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**. The actual number of bytes read is returned in the **Status**.

<b>Flags</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>mask_longword</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Control information that affects the **IOS\_RECEIVE** call. The **Flags** argument is formed by ORing one or more of the following values:

```
#define MSG_OOB    0x1    /* process out-of-band data */
#define MSG_PEEK  0x2    /* peek at incoming message */
```

The **MSG\_OOB** flag causes **IOS\_RECEIVE** to read any out-of-band data that has arrived on the socket.

The **MSG\_PEEK** flag causes **IOS\_RECEIVE** to read the data present in the socket without removing the data. This allows the caller to view the data, but leaves it in the socket for future **IOS\_RECEIVE** calls.

<b>From</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>special_structure</b>
type:	<b>structure defined below</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

An optional pointer to a structure that, following the completion of the **IOS\_RECEIVE**, contains the address of the socket that sent the packet. This structure is defined as follows:

```
struct {
    unsigned short Length;
    struct sockaddr Address;
};
```

<b>FromLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>word_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer pointed to by the **From** argument, in bytes. It must be at least 18 bytes.

## IOS\_SELECT

**IOS\_SELECT** — Examines the specified channel to see if it is ready for reading, ready for writing, or has an exception condition pending (the presence of out-of-band data is an exception condition). The UNIX **select()** system call can be emulated by posting multiple **IOS\_SELECT** calls on different channels. **IOS\_SELECT** is only useful for channels assigned to the **INET:** device. It cannot be used for any other VMS I/O device.

### Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IOS_SELECT, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Modes, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
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OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Modes</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>mask_longword</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>modify</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

On input, the **Modes** argument is a bit mask of one or more of the following values:

```
#define SELECT_DONTWAIT      (1<<0)
#define SELECT_READABLE     (1<<1)
#define SELECT_WRITEABLE    (1<<2)
#define SELECT_EXCEPTION    (1<<3)
```

If the `SELECT_DONTWAIT` bit is set, the `IO$_SELECT` call will complete immediately, whether or not the socket is ready for any I/O operations. If this bit is not set, the `IO$_SELECT` call will wait until the socket is ready to perform one of the requested operations.

If the `SELECT_READABLE` bit is set, the `IO$_SELECT` call will check if the socket is ready for reading or a connecting has been received and is ready to be accepted.

If the `SELECT_WRITEABLE` bit is set, the `IO$_SELECT` call will check if the socket is ready for writing or a connect request has been completed.

If the `SELECT_EXCEPTION` bit is set, the `IO$_SELECT` call will check if the socket has out-of-band data ready to read.

On output, the **Modes** argument is a bit mask that indicates which operations the socket is ready to perform. If the `SELECT_DONTWAIT` operation was specified, the Modes value may be zero; if `SELECT_DONTWAIT` is not specified, then one or more of the `SELECT_READABLE`, `SELECT_WRITEABLE`, or `SELECT_EXCEPTION` bits will be set.

## IO\$\_SEND

**IO\$\_SEND** — Transmits a message to another socket. It is equivalent to the `sendto()`, `send()`, and `socket_write()` socket library functions. If no message space is available at the socket to hold the message to be transmitted, `IO$_SEND` blocks unless the socket has been placed in non-blocking I/O mode via `IO$_IOCTL`. If the message is too long to pass through the underlying protocol in a single unit, the error `EMSGSIZE` is returned and the message is not transmitted.

## Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_SEND, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Buffer, Size, Flags,
To, ToLen, 0);
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Buffer</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>arbitrary</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of a buffer containing the data to send.

<b>Size</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer specified by **Buffer**.

<b>Flags</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>mask_longword</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Control information that affects the **IO\$\_SEND** call. The **Flags** argument can be zero or the following:

```
#define MSG_OOB 0x1 /* process out-of-band data */
```

The **MSG\_OOB** flag causes **IO\$\_SEND** to send out-of-band data on sockets that support this operation (such as **SOCK\_STREAM**).

<b>To</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address</b>
type:	<b>struct sockaddr</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

An optional pointer to the address to which the packet should be transmitted. The exact format of the **Address** argument is determined by the domain in which the communication is occurring.

<b>ToLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_address_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

An optional argument that contains the length of the address pointed to by the **To** argument.

## IO\$\_SENSEMODE

**IO\$\_SENSEMODE** — Reads the active connections status and returns status information for all of the active and listening connections.

### Format

Status = SYS\$QIO(efn, chan, IO\$\_SENSEMODE, iosb, astadr, astprm, buffer, address, conn\_type, 0, 0, 0)

### Arguments

<b>p1=buffer</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>vector_byte_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>byte (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

Optional address of the 8-byte device characteristics buffer. Data returned is: the device class (DC \$\_SCOM) in the first byte, the device type (0) in the second byte, and the default buffer size, which is the maximum datagram size, in the high-order word of the first longword. **IO\$\_SENSEMODE** returns the second longword as 0.

<b>p2=address</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>vector_word_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by descriptor</b>

Address of the descriptor for the buffer to receive the status information on the active connections.

<b>P3=value</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>Longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>Longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>Read only</b>

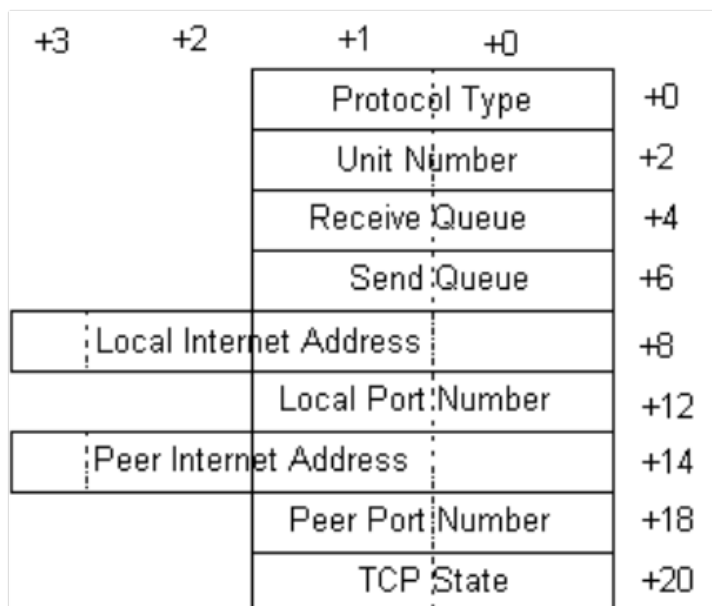
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>
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0 to get information about TCP connections, non-zero to get information about UDP connections.

Figure 4.1, “Connection Status Information” shows the 22 bytes of information returned for each connection.

Protocol type	Word value is 4 for INETDRIVER stream sockets, and 5 for BGDRIVER stream sockets.
Unit number	Word value is the INETDRIVER, or BGDRIVER device unit number for the connection.
Receive queue	Word value is the number of bytes received from the peer waiting to be delivered to the user through the <code>IOS_READVBLK</code> function.
Send queue	Word value is the number of bytes waiting to be transmitted to or to be acknowledged by the peer.
Local internet address	Longword value is the local internet address (or 0 if the connection is not open and no local internet address was specified for the connection).
Local port number	Word value is the local port number.
Peer internet address	Longword value is the peer's internet address (or 0 if the connection is not open and no peer internet address was specified for the connection).
Peer port number	Word value is the peer's port number, or 0 if the connection is not open and you did not specify a peer port number for the connection.
TCP state	Word value is the Transmission Control Protocol connection state mask. See Table 4.1, “TCP State Mask Values” for the mask value definitions.

**Figure 4.1. Connection Status Information**



## Status

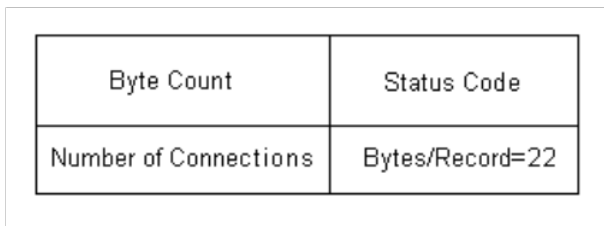
SS\$_BUFFEROVF	Buffer too small for all connections Truncated buffer returned
SS\$_DEVINACT	Device not active Contact system manager why VSI TCP/IP (or INETDRIVER) not started
SS\$_NORMAL	Success Status information returned

The byte count for the status information buffer is returned in the high-order word of the first longword of the I/O status block. This may be less than the bytes requested. See Figure 4.2, “I/O Status Block” for more information.

The size in bytes of each connection's record (22 bytes) is returned in the low order word of the second longword of the I/O status block.

The total number of active connections is returned in the high-order word of the second longword of the I/O status block. This can be greater than the number of reported connections if the buffer is full.

**Figure 4.2. I/O Status Block**



**Table 4.1. TCP State Mask Values**

Mask Value	State	Mask Value	State	Mask Value	State
1	LISTEN	16	FIN-WAIT-1	256	LAST-ACK
2	SYN-SENT	32	FIN-WAIT-2	512	TIME-WAIT
4	SYN-RECEIVED	64	CLOSE-WAIT	1024	CLOSED
8	ESTABLISHED	128	CLOSING		

## IO\$\_SENSEMODE | IO\$\_M\_CTRL

IO\$\_SENSEMODE | IO\$\_M\_CTRL

### Description

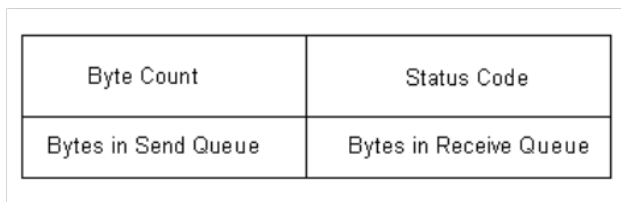
SS\$_BUFFEROVF	Buffer too small for all characteristics Truncated characteristics buffer is returned
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SS\$_DEVINACT	Device not active  Contact system manager why VSI TCP/IP (or TCPDRIVER) not started
SS\$_NORMAL	Success  Characteristics returned

The byte count for the characteristics buffer is returned in the high-order word of the first longword of the I/O status block. This may be less than the bytes requested. The number of bytes in the receive queue is returned in the low order word of the second longword in the I/O status block. The number of bytes in the read queue is returned in the high-order word of the second longword in the I/O status block. Figure 4.3, “I/O Status Block” shows the I/O Status Block.

**Figure 4.3. I/O Status Block**



## Note

You can use the `SY$_GETDVI` system service to obtain the local port number, peer port number, and peer internet address. The `DEVDEPEND` field stores the local port number (low order word) and peer port number (high-order word). The `DEVDEPEND2` field stores the peer internet address.

Performs the following functions:

- Reads network device information
- Reads the routing table
- Reads the ARP information
- Reads the IP SNMP information
- Reads the ICMP SNMP information
- Reads the TCP SNMP information
- Reads the UDP SNMP information

## Format

Status = `SY$_QIO(efn, chan, IO$_SENSEMODE | IO$_M_CTRL, iosb, astadr, astprm, buffer, address, function, line-id, 0, 0)`

## Arguments

<code>p1=buffer</code>	
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OpenVMS Usage:	<b>vector_byte_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>byte (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

Optional address of the 8-byte device characteristics buffer. The data returned is the device class (DC \$ \_SCOM) in the first byte, the device type (0) in the second byte, and the default buffer size (0) in the high-order word of the first longword. The second longword is returned as 0.

<b>p2=address</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>vector_word_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>Word (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>write only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by descriptor</b>

Address of the descriptor for the buffer to receive the information. The format of the buffer depends on the information requested. Each buffer format is described separately in the section that follows.

If bit 12 (mask 4096) is set in the parameter identifier (PID), the PID is followed by a counted string. If bit 12 is clear, the PID is followed by a longword value. While VSI TCP/IP currently never returns a counted string for a parameter, this may change in the future.

<b>p3=function</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>Longword-unsigned</b>
type:	<b>Longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Code that designates the function.

The function codes are shown in the Table 4.2, "P3 Function Codes".

**Table 4.2. P3 Function Codes**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Function</b>
1	P1 of the QIO is not used
2	VMS descriptor of the space to put the return information
3	10
4	Not used
5	Not used
6	Not used
7	Read UDP SNMP counters
8	Read routing table
10	Read interface throughput information

<b>p4=line-id</b>	
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OpenVMS Usage:	<b>Longword-unsigned</b>
type:	<b>Longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Specify this argument only if you are reading a network device's ARP table function.

## Reading Network Device Information

Use **IOS\_SENSEMODE | IOSM\_CTRL** with **p3=1** to read network device information. The information returned in the buffer (specified by **p2=address**) can consist of multiple records. Each record consists of nine longwords, and one record is returned for each device.

When you read network device information, the data in each record is returned in the order presented below. All are longword values.

1	Line id (see the description of the line-id argument)
2	Line's local internet address
3	Line's internet address network mask
4	Line's maximum transmission unit (MTU) in the low-order word, and the line flags in the high-order word
5	Number of packets transmitted (includes ARP packets for Ethernet lines)
6	Number of transmit errors
7	Number of packets received (includes ARP and trailer packets for Ethernet lines)
8	Number of receive errors
9	Number of received packets discarded due to insufficient buffer space

## Reading the Routing Table

Use **IOS\_SENSEMODE | IOSM\_CTRL** with **p3=8** to read the routing table. The information returned in the buffer (specified by **p2=address**) can consist of multiple records. Each record consists of five longwords, and one record is returned for each table entry.

The **p3=8** function returns full routing information and is a superset of **p3=2**, which was retained for backwards compatibility with existing programs. **p3=2** and **p3=8** return the same table of routing entries, in the following order, except that **p3=2** does not return items 7 and 8 (address mask and Path MTU):

1	Destination internet address.	Destination host or network to which the datagram is bound. Returned as a longword value.
2	Gateway internet address.	Internet address to which the datagram for this route is transmitted. Returned as a longword value.
3	Flags.	Routing table entry's flag bits. Returned as a word value:  Mask 1, name GATEWAY, if set, the route is to a gateway (the datagram is sent to the gateway internet address). If clear, the route is a direct route.

		<p>Mask 2, name HOST, if set, the route is for a host. If clear, the route is for a network.</p> <p>Mask 4, name DYNAMIC, if set, the route was created by a received ICMP redirect message.</p> <p>Mask 8, name AUTOMATIC, if set, this route was added by IP_RAPD process and will be modified or removed by that process as appropriate.</p> <p>Mask 16, name LOCKED, if set, the route cannot be changed by an ICMP redirect message.</p> <p>Mask 32, name INTERFACE, if set, the route is for a network interface.</p> <p>Mask 64, name DELETED, if set, the route is marked for deletion (it is deleted when the reference count reaches 0).</p> <p>Mask 128, name POSSDOWN, if set, the route is marked as possibly down.</p>
4	Reference count.	Number of connections currently using the route. Returned as a word value.
5	Use count.	Number of times the route has been used for outgoing traffic. Returned as a longword value.
6	Line ID.	Line identification for the network device used to transmit the datagram to the destination. See the description of the line-id argument later in this section for the line ID codes. Table 4.3, “Line ID Values” shows the line identification values.
7	Address mask.	Address mask for the destination address. Returned as a longword value.
8	Path MTU.	Path maximum transmission unit. Returned as a longword value.

**Table 4.3. Line ID Values**

Line ID	Line ID Value	Line ID	Line ID Value	Line ID	Line ID Value
LO-0	^X00000001	DN- <i>n</i>	^X00 <i>nn</i> 0241	PD- <i>n</i>	^X00 <i>nn</i> 0042
PSI- <i>n</i>	^X00 <i>nn</i> 0006	PPP- <i>n</i>	^X00 <i>nn</i> 0341		
SL- <i>n</i>	^X00 <i>nn</i> 0141	SE- <i>n</i>	^X00 <i>nn</i> 0402		

**Note**

The I/O status block (iosb) returns routing table entry size information for the p3=8 function to assist in diagnosing buffer overflow situations. See the Status section for details.

**Reading Interface Throughput Information**

Use `IOS_SENSEMODE | IOSM_CTRL` with p3=10 to read network device information. The information returned in the buffer (specified by p2=descriptor) can consist of multiple records. Each record consists of nine longwords, and one record is returned for each device.

When you read network device information, the data in each record is returned in the order presented below. All are longword values.

**Table 4.4. QIO Parameters**

Code	Function
1	P1 of the QIO is not used
2	is a VMS descriptor of the space to put the return information
3	10
4	Not used
5	Not used
6	Not used

The returned data is in the following format (all values are integers):

1	Line ID
2	Average Out Bytes (for the last 6 seconds)
3	Average In Bytes
4	Average Out Packets
5	Average In Packets

## Reading the ARP Table Function

Use `IOS_SENSEMODE | IOSM_CTRL` with `function=3` to read a network device's ARP table function. The information returned in the buffer (specified by `p2=address`) depends on the line id specified in `line-id`.

The `line-id` argument is the line id and is a longword value. The least significant byte of the line id is the major device type code. The next byte is the device type subcode. The next byte is the controller unit number. The most significant byte is ignored.

The information returned in the buffer can consist of multiple records. Each record consists of 12 bytes, and one record is returned for each ARP table entry.

When reading a table function, the data in each record is returned in the following order:

1. Internet address. Returned as a longword value.
2. Physical address. Returned as a 6 byte value.
3. Flags. Returned as a word value. The ARP table entry's flag bits are shown in Table 4.5, "ARP Table Entry Flag Bits".

**Table 4.5. ARP Table Entry Flag Bits**

Mask	Name	Description
1	PERMANENT	If set, the entry can only be removed by a NETCU REMOVE ARP command and if RARP is enabled, the local host responds if a RARP request is received for this address. If clear, the entry can be removed if not used within a short period.

Mask	Name	Description
2	PUBLISH	If set, the local host responds to ARP requests for the internet address (this bit is usually only set for the local hosts's entry). If clear, the local host does not respond to received ARP requests for this address.
4	LOCKED	If set, the physical address cannot be changed by received ARP requests/replies.
4096	LASTUSED	If set, last reference to entry was a use rather than an update.
8192	CONFNEED	If set, confirmation needed on next use.
16384	CONFPEND	If set, confirmation pending.
32768	RESOLVED	If set, the physical address is valid.

## Status

SS\$_BADPARAM	Code specified in <i>function argument invalid</i> .
SS\$_BUFFEROVF	Buffer too small for all information Truncated buffer returned.
SS\$_DEVINACT	Device not active Contact your system manager to determine why VSI TCP/IP was not started.
SS\$_NORMAL	Success Requested information returned.
SS\$_NOSUCHDEV	Line identification specified in <i>arp argument does not exist</i> .

The byte count for the information or counters buffer is returned in the high-order word of the first longword of the I/O status block. This can be less than the bytes requested.

- For the p3=2 routing table function, in the second longword of the I/O status block, bit 0 is always set, bit 1 is set if the forwarding capability is enabled, and bit 2 is set if ARP replies for non-local internet addresses are enabled.
- For the p3=8 routing table function, the IOSB contains the following:

Status Code	SS\$_NORMAL or SS\$_BUFFEROVF
Transfer Byte Count	Number of bytes of returned information
Entry Size	Number of bytes in each entry
Number of Entries	Number of entries in the routing table

If the status is SS\$\_BUFFEROVF, you can determine the number of routing entries actually returned by calculating (Transfer Byte Count) DIV (Entry Size) and comparing that with the Number of Entries value. Be sure to check the Entry Size in the IO status block.

## Reading the IP SNMP Counters Function

Use `IOS_SENSEMODE | IOSM_CTRL` with `function=4` to read the IP SNMP counters.

The data returned is an array of longwords in the following format:

- Indicates whether or not this entity is acting as an IP router.
- The default value inserted in the IP header's time-to-live field.
- The total number of input datagrams received.
- The number of input datagrams discarded due to errors in their IP headers.
- The number of input datagrams discarded because the IP address in their IP header's destination field was not a valid address to be received at this entity.
- The number of IP datagrams for which this entity was not their final destination, and for which forwarding to another entity was required.
- The number of datagrams received but discarded because of an unknown or unsupported protocol.
- The number of input datagrams received but discarded for reasons other than errors.
- The total number of input datagrams successfully delivered to IP user protocols, including ICMP.
- The total number of IP datagrams that local IP user protocols (including ICMP) supplied to IP in request for transmission.
- The number of output IP datagrams that were discarded for reasons other than errors.
- The number of IP datagrams discarded because no route could be found to transmit them to their destination.
- The maximum number of seconds that received fragments are held while they are awaiting reassembly at this entity.
- The number of IP fragments received that needed to be reassembled at this entity.
- The number of IP datagrams successfully reassembled.
- The number of failures detected by the IP reassembly algorithm.
- The number of IP datagrams that have been successfully fragmented at this entity.
- The number of IP datagrams that have been discarded at this entity because they could not be fragmented.
- The number of IP datagrams that have been created as a result of fragmentation at this entity.

## Reading the ICMP SNMP Counters Function

Use `IOS_SENSEMODE | IOSM_CTRL` with `function=5` to read the ICMP SNMP counters.

The data returned is an array of longwords in the following format:

- The total number of ICMP messages received.
- The number of ICMP messages received but determined as having ICMP-specific errors.
- The number of ICMP Destination Unreachable messages received.
- The number of ICMP Time Exceeded messages received.

- The number of ICMP Parameter Problem messages received.
- The number of ICMP Source Quench messages received.
- The number of ICMP Redirect messages received.
- The number of ICMP Echo (request) messages received.
- The number of ICMP Echo reply messages received.
- The number of ICMP Timestamp (request) messages received.
- The number of ICMP Timestamp Reply messages received.
- The number of ICMP Address Mask Request messages received.
- The number of ICMP Address Mask Reply messages received.
- The total number of ICMP messages that this entity attempted to send.
- The number of ICMP messages that this entity did not send because of ICMP-related problems.
- The number of ICMP Destination Unreachable messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Time Exceeded messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Parameter Problem messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Source Quench messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Redirect messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Echo (request) messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Echo reply messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Timestamp (request) messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Timestamp Reply messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Address Mask Request messages sent.
- The number of ICMP Address Mask Reply messages sent.

## Reading the TCP SNMP Counters Function

Use `IOS_SENSEMODE | IOSM_CTRL` with `function=6` to read TCP SNMP counters.

The data returned is an array of longwords in the following format:

- The algorithm used to determine the timeout value for retransmitting unacknowledged octets.
- The minimum value (measured in milliseconds) permitted by a TCP implementation for the retransmission timeout.
- The maximum value (measured in milliseconds) permitted by a TCP implementation for the retransmission timeout.



- The limit on the total number of TCP connections supported.
- The number of times TCP connections have made a transition to the SYN-SENT state from the CLOSED state.
- The number of times TCP connections have made a direct transition to the SYN-REVD state from the LISTEN state.
- The number of failed connection attempts.
- The number of resets that have occurred.

The number of TCP connections having a current state of either ESTABLISHED or CLOSE-WAIT.

- The total number of segments received.
- The total number of segments sent.
- The total number of segments retransmitted.

## Reading the UDP SNMP Counters Function

Use `IO$_SENSEMODE | IOSM_CTRL` with `function=7` to read the UDP SNMP counters.

The data returned is an array of longwords in the following format:

- The total number of IDP datagrams delivered to UDP users.
- The total number of received UDP datagrams for which there was not an application at the destination port.
- The number of received UDP datagrams that could not be delivered for reasons other than the lack of an application at the destination port.
- The total number of UDP datagrams sent from this entity.

## IO\$\_SETCHAR

`IO$_SETCHAR` — Sets special characteristics that control the operation of the INET: device, rather than the socket attached to it. These operations are normally used by only the `IP_SERVER` process to hand off a connection to a process that it creates to handle the connection.

### Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_SETCHAR, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Flags, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>

access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Flags</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>mask_longword</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A bit mask of one or more of the following values. If **IO\$\_SETCHAR** is not called, all options are set to **OFF**.

```
#define SETCHAR_PERMANENT    (1<<0)
#define SETCHAR_SHAREABLE   (1<<1)
#define SETCHAR_HANDOFF     (1<<2)
```

If the **SETCHAR\_PERMANENT** bit is set when the last channel to the socket device is deassigned using the **SYSSDASSGN** system service, the socket is not closed and the socket device is not deleted. Normally, the last deassign closes the socket. If this bit has been set, it must be explicitly cleared before the socket can be deleted.

If the **SETCHAR\_SHAREABLE** bit is set, the socket becomes a shareable device and any process can assign a channel to it.

If the **SETCHAR\_HANDOFF** bit is set, the socket is not closed and the socket device is not deleted when the last channel to the socket device is deassigned. After this occurs, the socket reverts to a normal socket, and if a new channel is assigned and deassigned, the socket is closed. The **SETCHAR\_HANDOFF** bit is a safer version of the **SETCHAR\_PERMANENT** bit because it allows a single hand-off to another process without the risk of a socket getting permanently stuck on your system.

## IO\$\_SETMODE|IO\$\_M\_ATTNAST

**IO\$\_SETMODE|IO\$\_M\_ATTNAST** — Enables an AST to be delivered to your process when out-of-band data arrives on a socket. This is similar to the UNIX 4.3BSD **SIGURG** signal being delivered. You cannot enable the delivery of the AST through the socket library functions. After the AST is delivered, you must explicitly reenable it using this call if you want the AST to be delivered when future out-of-band data arrives.

### Format

```
Status = SYSSQIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_SETMODE|IO$_M_ATTNAST, IOSB, AstAdr,
AstPrm, Routine, Parameter, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>Routine</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>ast_procedure</b>

type:	<b>procedure entry mask</b>
access:	<b>call without stack unwinding</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

The address of the AST routine to call when out-of-band data arrives on the socket. To disable AST delivery, set **Routine** to 0.

<b>Parameter</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>user_arg</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The argument with which to call the AST routine.

## IO\$\_SETSOCKOPT

**IO\$\_SETSOCKOPT** — Manipulates options associated with a socket. It is equivalent to the **setsockopt()** socket library function. Options may exist at multiple protocol levels; however, they are always present at the uppermost socket level. When manipulating socket options, you must specify the level at which the option resides and the name of the option. To manipulate options at the socket level, specify **Level** as **SOL\_SOCKET**. To manipulate options at any other level, specify the protocol number of the appropriate protocol controlling the option. For example, to indicate that an option is to be interpreted by the TCP protocol, set **Level** to the protocol number of TCP; see **getprotobyname()**. **OptName** and any specified options are passed without modification to the appropriate protocol module for interpretation. The include file `IP_root:[IP.include.sys]socket.h` contains definitions for socket-level options. Options at other protocol levels vary in format and name.

## Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_SETSOCKOPT, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Level,
OptName, OptVal, OptLen, 0, 0);
```

## Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>Level</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>option_level</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>

access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The protocol level at which the option will be manipulated. Specify **Level** as **SOL\_SOCKET**, or a protocol number as returned by **getprotobyname()**.

<b>OptName</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>option_name</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The option that is to be manipulated. For a description of each of the valid options for **IO\$\_SETSOCKOPT**, see the **socket option** sections.

<b>OptVal</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>dependent on OptName</b>
type:	<b>byte buffer</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by reference</b>

A pointer to a buffer that contains the new value of the option. The format of this buffer depends on the option requested.

<b>OptLen</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>option_length</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The length of the buffer pointed to by **OptVal**.

## IO\$\_SHUTDOWN

**IO\$\_SHUTDOWN** — Shuts down all or part of a full-duplex connection on the socket associated with **VMS\_Channel**. This function is usually used to signal an end-of-file to the peer without closing the socket itself, which would prevent further data from being received. It is equivalent to the **shutdown()** socket library function.

### Format

Status = SY\$QIOW(Efn, VMS\_Channel, IO\$\_SHUTDOWN, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, How, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);

### Arguments

<b>VMS_Channel</b>	
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OpenVMS Usage:	<b>channel</b>
type:	<b>word (signed)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A channel to the socket.

<b>How</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>longword_unsigned</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

Controls which part of the full-duplex connection to shut down, as follows: if **How** is 0, further receive operations are disallowed; if **How** is 1, further send operations are disallowed; if **How** is 2, further send and receive operations are disallowed.

## IO\$\_SOCKET

**IO\$\_SOCKET** — Creates an end point for communication and returns an OpenVMS channel that describes the end point. It is equivalent to the **socket()** socket library function. Before issuing the **IO\$\_SOCKET** call, an OpenVMS channel must first be assigned to the INET0: device to get a new channel to the network.

### Format

```
Status = SYS$QIOW(Efn, VMS_Channel, IO$_SOCKET, IOSB, AstAdr, AstPrm, Address_Family,
Type, Protocol, 0, 0, 0);
```

### Arguments

<b>Address_Family</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>address_family</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

An address family with which addresses specified in later operations using the socket will be interpreted. The following formats are currently supported; they are defined in the include file `IP_root:[IP.include.sys]socket.h`:

AF_INET	Internet (TCP/IP) addresses
AF_PUP	Xerox PUP addresses
AF_CHAOS	CHAOSnet addresses

<b>Type</b>	
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OpenVMS Usage:	<b>socket_type</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

The semantics of communication using the created socket. The following types are currently defined:

SOCK_STREAM	SOCK_DGRAM	SOCK_RAW
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A **SOCK\_STREAM** socket provides a sequenced, reliable, two-way connection-oriented byte stream with an out-of-band data transmission mechanism. A **SOCK\_DGRAM** socket supports communication by connectionless, unreliable messages of a fixed (typically small) maximum length. **SOCK\_RAW** sockets provide access to internal network interfaces. The type **SOCK\_RAW** is available only to users with **SYSPRV** privilege.

The **Type** argument, together with the **Address\_Family** argument, specifies the protocol to be used. For example, a socket created with **AF\_INET** and **SOCK\_STREAM** is a TCP socket, and a socket created with **AF\_INET** and **SOCK\_DGRAM** is a UDP socket.

<b>Protocol</b>	
OpenVMS Usage:	<b>protocol_number</b>
type:	<b>longword (unsigned)</b>
access:	<b>read only</b>
mechanism:	<b>by value</b>

A protocol to be used with the socket. Normally, only a single protocol exists to support a particular socket type using a given address format. However, many protocols may exist, in which case a particular protocol must be specified by **Protocol**. The protocol number to use depends on the communication domain in which communication will take place.

For TCP and UDP sockets, the protocol number **MUST** be specified as 0. For **SOCK\_RAW** sockets, the protocol number should be the value returned by **getprotobyname()**.

## SY\$CANCEL

**SY\$CANCEL** — Cancels any I/O IOSB status of **SS\$\_CANCEL**. Outstanding I/O operations are automatically cancelled at image exit. For more information on **SY\$CANCEL**, see the *OpenVMS System Services Reference Manual*.

### Format

```
Status = SY$CANCEL(VMS_Channel);
```

## SY\$DASSGN

**SY\$DASSGN** — Equivalent to the **socket\_close()** function. When you deassign a channel, any outstanding I/O is completed with an **IOSB** status of **SS\$\_CANCEL**. Deassigning a channel closes the network connection. I/O channels are automatically deassigned at image exit. For more information on **SY\$DASSGN**, see the *OpenVMS System Services Reference Manual*.

## Format

```
Status = SYSDASSGN(VMS_Channel);
```

# Chapter 5. SNMP Extensible Agent API Routines

This chapter is for application programmers. It describes the Application Programming Interface (API) routines required for an application program to export private Management Information Bases (MIBs) using the VSI TCP/IP SNMP agent.

To be able to use your private Management Information Base (MIB) with VSI TCP/IP's SNMP agent, develop a shareable image that exports the following application programming interface routines, in addition to routines you may need to access the MIB variables:

SnmpExtensionInit	Called by the SNMPD agent after startup to initialize the MIB subagent
SnmpExtensionInitEx	Registers multiple subtrees with the subagent (called by the SNMPD agent at startup only implemented)
SnmpExtensionQuery	Completes the MIB subagent query (called by the SNMPD agent to handle a get, getnext, or set request)
SnmpExtensionTrap	Sends an enterprise-specific trap (called by the SNMPD agent when the subagent alerts the agent that a trap needs to be set)

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## Note

The routine names used in this API are taken from the Microsoft SNMP Extension Agent for Windows NT.

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The SNMP shareable images need to be configured for the SNMP agent to interact with them.

SNMP subagent developers should use the include file `SNMP_COMMON.H` found in the `IP $COMMON_ROOT: [ IP.INCLUDE ]` directory. This file defines the data structures the API uses.

For details on VSI TCP/IP's SNMP agent, see the *VSI TCP/IP Administrator's Guide: Volume II*.

## 5.1. Requirements

You require the following before using the SNMP extensible agent API routines:

- Working knowledge of SNMP; specifically the following RFCs:
  - RFC 1155, *Structure and Identification of Management Information for TCP/IP-based Internets*
  - RFC 1157, *A Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)*
  - RFC 1213, *Management Information Base for Network Management of TCP/IP-based internets: MIB-II*
- Working knowledge of OpenVMS shareable images

## 5.2. Linking the Extension Agent Image

To link the Extension Agent Image you need to create an option file. The example below is for Alpha Systems.



## Alpha

```
!Note: Exclude SnmpExtensionInitEx if it is not needed.
!See the definition of this routine.
!
SYMBOL_VECTOR=( SnmpExtensionInit=PROCEDURE, -
SnmpExtensionQuery=PROCEDURE, -
SnmpExtensionTrap=PROCEDURE, -
SnmpExtensionInitEx=PROCEDURE)
!
!List your object/library files here
```

Your link statement should then look like this:

```
$ LINK /SHARE=image-nameoption-file /OPT
```

*image-name* is the name of the shareable image you want to build, and *option-file* is the option file mentioned above.

## 5.3. Installing the Extension Agent Image

You should copy the shareable image you build for your SNMP subagent to the SYSSHARE.

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### Warning

Since the shareable image is loaded into the same process address space as the SNMPD server, an access violation by the subagent shareable image can crash the server application. Ensure the integrity of your shareable image by testing it thoroughly. Shareable image errors can also corrupt the server's memory space or may result in memory or resource leaks.

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## 5.4. Debugging Code

SNMP subagent developers can use a debug logical, IP\$SNMP\_DEBUG, to set certain debug masks. Define the logical as follows and use the *mask* values in Table 5.1, “Debugging Mask Values”:

```
$ DEFINE IP$SNMP_DEBUG mask
```

**Table 5.1. Debugging Mask Values**

Mask Value	z
0010	Raw SNMP input
0020	Raw SNMP output
0040	ASN.1 encoded message input
0080	ASN.1 encoded message output
1000	SNMP Subagent Developer debug mask (prints events and statuses)

## 5.5. Subroutine Reference

The following pages include the subroutine descriptions.

## SnmpExtensionInit

**SnmpExtensionInit** — Initializes the SNMP subagent and registers the subagent in the SNMPD agent. The subagent calls this routine at startup.

### Format

```
status = SnmpExtensionInit (trap-alert-routine, time-zero-reference, trap-
event, supported-view)
```

### Return Values

TRUE	Subagent initialized successfully
FALSE	Subagent initialization failed

### Arguments

<b>trap-alert-routine</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	address
type:	integer
access:	read only
mechanism:	by value

Address of the routine the subagent should call when it is ready to send a trap.

<b>trap-event</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	unsigned long
type:	longword (unsigned)
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

Currently unused.

<b>time-zero-reference</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	unsigned long
type:	longword (unsigned)
access:	read only
mechanism:	by value

Time reference the SNMP agent provides, in hundredths of a second. Use C routines `time()` and `difftime()` to calculate MIB uptime (in hundredths of a second).

<b>supported-view</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	object identifier
type:	AsnOBJID (see the SNMP_COMMON.H file)
access:	write only

mechanism:	by reference
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Prefix of the MIB tree the subagent supports.

## SnmExtensionInitEx

**SnmExtensionInitEx** — Registers multiple MIB subtrees with agent. This routine is called multiple times, once for each MIB subtree that needs to be registered. If the routine passes back the first or next MIB subtree, return with TRUE. If all the MIB subtrees were passed back, return with FALSE. Only implement this routine if you have multiple MIB subtrees in your extendible agent. The VSI TCP/IP SNMP agent executes this routine if it exists and overwrites MIB information set by **SnmExtensionInit**.

### Format

status = SnmExtensionInitEx (*supported-view*)

### Return Values

TRUE	Returning first or next MIB subtree
FALSE	All MIB subtrees were passed back

### Arguments

<b>supported-view</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	object identifier
type:	AsnOBJID (see the SNMP_COMMON.H file)
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

Prefix of the MIB tree the subagent supports.

### Example

```
int SnmExtensionInitEx (AsnOBJID *supportedView)
{
    int view1[] = {1, 3, 6, 1, 4, 1, 12, 2, 1 };
    int view2[] = {1, 3, 6, 1, 4, 1, 12, 2, 2 };
    int view3[] = {1, 3, 6, 1, 4, 1, 12, 2, 5 };
    static int whichView = 0;
    switch ( whichView++) {
        case 0:
            supportedView->idLength = 9;
            memcpy (supportedView->ids, view1, 9* sizeof (int));
            break;
        case 1:
            supportedView->idLength = 9;
            memcpy (supportedView->ids, view2, 9* sizeof (int));
            break;
        case 2:
            supportedView->idLength = 9;
```

```

    memcpy (supportedView->ids, view3, 9* sizeof (int));
    break;
default:
    return (0);
}
return (1);
}

```

## SnmpExtensionQuery

**SnmpExtensionQuery** — Queries the SNMP subagent to get or set a variable in the MIB tree served by the subagent. This routine is called by the SNMPD agent to handle a get, getnext, or set request.

### Format

status = SnmpExtensionQuery (*request-type*, *var-bind-list*, *error-status*, *error-index*)

### Return Values

TRUE	Operation successfully completed
FALSE	Operation could not be carried out by the subagent; use <i>error-status</i> and <i>error-index</i> to provide more information

### Arguments

<b>request-type</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	byte
type:	unsigned char
access:	read only
mechanism:	by value

Identifies the type of request **GET**, **SET**, or **GET NEXT**.

<b>var-bind-list</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	user defined
type:	RFC1157VarBindList (see the <code>SNMP_COMMON.H</code> file)
access:	read-write
mechanism:	by value

The list of name-value pairs used in the request. For a **GET** request the value is filled by the subagent and for a **SET** request, the value is be used to change the current variable value in the subagent.

<b>error-status</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	integer
type:	integer
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

Status of a failed operation.

<b>error-index</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	integer
type:	integer
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

The index of the variable in the variable binding list for which the operation failed.

## SnmExtensionTrap

**SnmExtensionTrap** — Sends a trap from the subagent. If the subagent wants to send a trap, it must first call the trap-alert-routine (see **SnmExtensionInit** routine). The trap-alert-routine should be called with two parameters (objids, idlength). For example:

### Description

If the VSI's DNS process wants to send trap information to all the communities that are interested then the DNS server must be running and the objectids passed are 1, 3, 6, 1, 4, 1, 105, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, and the length of 14.

- 1,3,6,1,4,1 is the default prefix
- 105 is the enterprise id for VSI
- 1,2,1,1,1 are the Mib object ids for the DNS process
- 3,1 are the objectids for DNSUpTrap

The SNMP agent trap-alert-routine creates a table of all received trap mibs. For each of these entries, the agent then calls the subagent's **SnmExtensionTrap** routine when it is ready to send the trap.

### Note

The SNMP agent calls the subagent from inside the trap-alert-routine.

### Format

status = SnmExtensionTrap (*enterprise, generic-trap, specific-trap, time-stamp, var-bind-list*)

### Return Values

TRUE	More traps to be generated
FALSE	No more traps to be generated

### Arguments

<b>enterprise</b>	
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OpenVMS usage:	array of object identifiers
type:	AsnOBJID (see the <code>SNMP_COMMON.H</code> file)
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

The prefix of the MIB for the enterprise sending the trap.

<b>generic-trap</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	integer
type:	integer
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

The generic enterprise trap id(6).

<b>specific-trap</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	integer
type:	integer
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

The enterprise-specific trap number.

## Note

Since an enterprise can have many traps, the combination of enterprise id, generic trap, and specific trap should give a unique identification for a trap.

<b>time-stamp</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	integer
type:	integer (timeticks)
access:	write only
mechanism:	by reference

The time at which the trap was generated.

<b>var-bind-list</b>	
OpenVMS usage:	user defined
type:	RFC1157VarBindList (see the <code>SNMP_COMMON.H</code> file)
access:	read-write
mechanism:	by value

The list of name-value pairs. This list contains name and value of the MIB variable for which the trap is generated.

# Chapter 6. RPC Fundamentals

## 6.1. Introduction

VSI TCP/IP RPC Services must be used with the VSI TCP/IP C Socket Library.

This chapter is for RPC programmers. It provides basic information you need to know before using RPC Services to write distributed applications, including:

- What RPC Services are
- What components are in RPC Services
- How RPC clients and servers communicate
- Important RPC concepts and terms

## 6.2. What Are RPC Services?

RPC Services are a set of software development tools that allow you to build distributed applications on OpenVMS systems.

### 6.2.1. VSI TCP/IP Implementation

RPC Services are based on the Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call (RPC) protocols developed by Sun Microsystems, Inc. These protocols are defined in the following Requests for Comments (RFCs):

- *RPC: Remote Procedure Call Protocol Specification, Version 2* (RFC 1057)
- *XDR: External Data Representation Standard* (RFC 1014)

### 6.2.2. Distributed Applications

A distributed application executes different parts of its programs on different hosts in a network. Computers on the network share the processing workload, with each computer performing the tasks for which it is best equipped.

For example, a distributed database application might consist of a central database running on a system server and numerous client workstations. The workstations send requests to the server. The server carries out the requests and sends the results back to the workstations. The workstations use the results in other modules of the application.

RPCs allow programs to invoke procedures on remote hosts as if the procedures were local. RPC Services hides the networking details from the application.

RPC Services facilitates distributed processing because it relieves the application programmer of performing low-level network tasks such as establishing connections, addressing sockets, and converting data from one machine's format to another.

## 6.3. Components of RPC Services

RPC Services comprises the following components: Run-Time Libraries (RTLs), RPCGEN Compiler, Port Mapper, RPC Information.

### 6.3.1. Run-Time Libraries (RTLs)

RPC Services provides a single shareable RTL. The library contains:

- RPC client and server routines
- XDR routines

The Chapter 9, *RPC RTL Management Routines*, and the chapters that follow it describe the RTLs in detail.

### 6.3.2. RPCGEN Compiler

RPCGEN is a compiler that creates the network interface portion of a distributed application. It effectively hides from the programmer the details of writing and debugging low-level network interface code. Chapter 8, *RPCGEN Compiler* describes how to use RPCGEN.

### 6.3.3. Port Mapper

The Port Mapper helps RPC client programs connect to ports that are being used by RPC servers. A Port Mapper runs on each host that implements RPC Services. These steps summarize how the Port Mapper works:

1. RPC servers register with the Port Mapper by telling it which ports they are using.
2. When an RPC client needs to reach a particular server, it supplies the Port Mapper with the numbers of the remote program and program version it wants to reach. The client also specifies a transport protocol (UDP or TCP). (provides details on these numbers.)
3. The Port Mapper provides the correct port number for the requested service. This process is called binding.

Once binding has taken place, the client does not have to call the Port Mapper for subsequent calls to the same server. A service can register for different ports on different hosts. For example, a server can register for port 800 on Host A and port 1000 on Host B. The Port Mapper is itself an RPC server and uses the RPC RTL. The Port Mapper plays an important role in disseminating messages for broadcast RPC. The Port Mapper is part of the Master Server Process.

### 6.3.4. RPC Information

Use the RPC information command to:

- Request a listing of all programs that are registered with the Port Mapper

You enter this command at the DCL prompt. (See Chapter 7, *Building Distributed Applications with RPC* for more information.)

## 6.4. Client-Server Relationship

In RPC, the terms client and server do not describe particular hosts or software entities. Rather, they describe the roles of particular programs in a given transaction. Every RPC transaction has a client and a server. The client is the program that calls a remote procedure; the server is the program that executes the procedure on behalf of the caller.



A program can be a client or a server at different times. The program's role merely depends on whether it is making the call or servicing the call.

## 6.5. External Data Representation (XDR)

External Data Representation (XDR) is a standard that solves the problem of converting data from one machine's format to another.

RPC Services uses the XDR data description language to describe and encode data. Although similar to C language, XDR is not a programming language. It merely describes the format of data, using implicit typing. *XDR: External Data Representation Standard* (RFC 1014) defines the XDR language.

## 6.6. RPC Processing Flow

Remote and local procedure calls share some similarities. In both cases, a calling process makes arguments available to a procedure. The procedure uses the arguments to compute a result, then returns the result to the caller. The caller uses the results of the procedure and resumes execution.

Figure 6.1, “RPC Processing Flow” shows the underlying processing that makes a remote procedure call different from a local call.

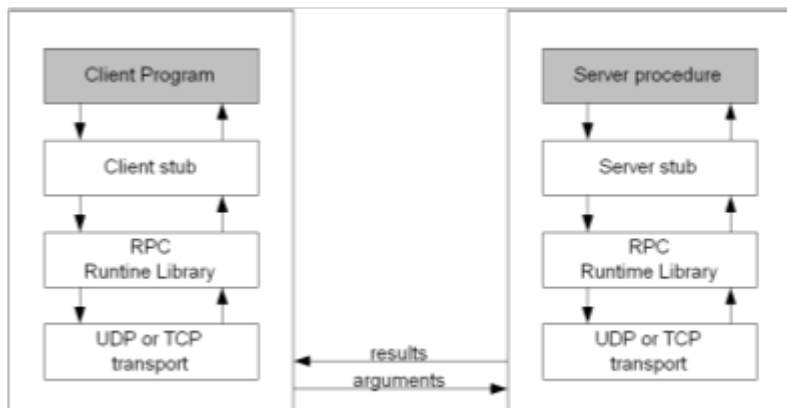
The following steps describe the processing flow during a remote procedure call:

1. The client program passes arguments to the client stub procedure. (See Chapter 8, *RPCGEN Compiler* for details on how to create stubs.)
2. The client stub marshals the data by:
  - Calling the XDR routines to convert the arguments from the local representation to XDR
  - Placing the results in a packet

Using RPC RTL calls, the client stub sends the packet to the UDP or TCP layer for transmission to the server.

3. The packet travels on the network to the server, up through the layers to the server stub.
4. The server stub un-marshals the packet by converting the arguments from XDR to the local representation. Then it passes the arguments to the server procedure.

**Figure 6.1. RPC Processing Flow**



## 6.7. Local Calls versus Remote Calls

This section describes some of the ways in which local and remote procedure calls handle system crashes, errors, and call semantics.

### 6.7.1. Handling System Crashes

Local procedure calls involve programs that reside on the same host. Therefore, the called procedure cannot crash independently of the calling program.

Remote procedure calls involve programs that reside on different hosts. Therefore, the client program does not necessarily know when the remote host has crashed.

### 6.7.2. Handling Errors

If a local procedure call encounters a condition that prevents the call from executing, the local operating system usually tells the calling procedure what happened.

If a remote procedure call cannot be executed for some reason (e.g., errors occur on the network or remote host), the client might not be informed of what happened. You may want to build a signaling or condition-handling mechanism into the application to inform the client of such errors.

RPC returns certain types of errors to the client, such as those that occur when it cannot decode arguments. The RPC server must be able to return processing-related errors, such as those that occur when arguments are invalid, to the client. However, the RPC server may not return errors during batch processing or broadcast RPC.

### 6.7.3. Call Semantics

Call semantics determine how many times a procedure executes.

Local procedures are guaranteed to execute once and only once.

Remote procedures have different guarantees, depending on which transport protocol is used.

The TCP transport guarantees execution once and only once as long as the server does not crash. The UDP transport guarantees execution at least once. It relies on the XID cache to prevent a remote procedure from executing multiple times.

See Section 6.10, “XID Cache” for details on the XID cache.

## 6.8. Programming Interface

The RPC RTL is the programming interface to RPC. You may think of this interface as containing multiple levels.

The RPC RTL reference chapters describe each routine.

### 6.8.1. High-Level Routines

The higher-level RPC routines provide the simplest RPC programming interface. These routines call lower-level RPC routines using default arguments, effectively hiding the networking details from the application programmer.

When you use high-level routines, you sacrifice control over such tasks as client authentication, port registration, and socket manipulation, but you gain the benefits of using a simpler programming interface. Programmers using high-level routines can usually develop applications faster than they can using low-level RPC routines.

You can use the RPCGEN compiler only when you use the highest-level RPC programming interface.

## 6.8.2. Mid-Level Routines

The mid-level routines provide the most commonly used RPC interface. They give the programmer some control over networking tasks, but not as much control as the low-level routines permit.

For example, you can control memory allocation, authentication, ports, and sockets using mid-level routines.

The mid-level routines require you to know procedure, program, and version numbers, as well as input and output types. Output data is available for future use. You can use the `registerrpc` and `callrpc` routines.

## 6.8.3. Low-Level Routines

The low-level routines provide the most complicated RPC interface, but they also give you the most control over networking tasks such as client authentication, port registration, and socket manipulation. These routines are used for the most sophisticated distributed applications.

## 6.9. Transport Protocols

RPC Services uses the transport protocols listed in the following table. The RPC client and server must use the same transport protocol for a given transaction.

**Table 6.1. RPC Transport Protocols**

Protocols	Characteristics
UDP	Unreliable datagram service
	Connectionless
	Used for broadcast RPC
	Maximum broadcast message size in either direction on an Ethernet line: 1500
	Execution is guaranteed at least once (see Section 6.10, "XID Cache")
	Calls cannot be processed in batch
TCP	Reliable
	Connection-oriented
	Can send an unlimited number of bytes per RPC call
	Execution is guaranteed once and only once
	Calls can be processed in batch
	No broadcasting

You must use the VSI TCP/IP C Socket Library with RPC Services.

## 6.10. XID Cache

The XID cache stores responses the server has sent. When the XID cache is enabled, the server does not have to recreate every response to every request. Instead, the server can use the responses in the cache. Thus, the XID cache saves computing resources and improves the performance of the server.

Only the UDP transports can use the XID cache. The reliability of the TCP transport generally makes the XID cache unnecessary. UDP is inherently unreliable.

Table 6.2, “XID Cache Differences” shows how the XID caches differ for the UDP and UDPA/TCPA transports.

**Table 6.2. XID Cache Differences**

UDP Transport	UDPA/TCPA Transports
Places every response in the XID cache	Allows the server to specify which responses are to be cached, using the <code>svcudp_enablecache</code> and <code>svtcpa_enablecache</code> routines
XID cache cannot be disabled	Requires you to disable the XID cache after use

### 6.10.1. Cache Entries

Each entry in the XID cache contains:

- The encoded response that was sent over the network
- The internet address of the client that sent the request
- The transaction ID that the client assigned to the request

### 6.10.2. Cache Size

You determine the size of the XID cache. Consider these factors:

- How many clients are using the server.
- Approximately how long the cache should save the responses.
- How much memory you can allocate. Each entry requires about 8Kbytes.

The more active the server is, the less time the responses remain in the cache.

### 6.10.3. Execution Guarantees

As explained earlier in Local Calls versus Remote Calls section remote procedures have different execution guarantees, depending on which transport protocol is used. The XID cache affects the execution guarantee.

The TCP transport guarantees execution once and only once as long as the server does not crash. The UDP transport guarantees execution at least once. If the XID cache is enabled, a UDP procedure is unlikely to execute more than once.

## 6.10.4. Enabling XID Cache

Use the `svcdp_enablecache` routine to enable the XID cache. This routine is described in the RPC RTL reference chapters.

Not enabling the XID cache saves memory.

## 6.11. Broadcast RPC

Broadcast RPC allows the client to send a broadcast call to all Port Mappers on the network and wait for multiple replies from RPC servers.

For example, a host might use a broadcast RPC message to inform all hosts on a network of a system shutdown.

Table 6.3, “Normal RPC vs Broadcast RPC” shows the differences between normal RPC and broadcast RPC.

**Table 6.3. Normal RPC vs Broadcast RPC**

Normal RPC	Broadcast RPC
Client expects one answer	Client expects many answers
Can use TCP or UDP	Requires UDP
Server always responds to errors	Server does not respond to errors; Client does not know when errors occur
Port Mapper is desirable, but not required if you use fixed port numbers	Requires Port Mapper services

Broadcast RPC sends messages to only one port — the Port Mapper port — on every host in the network. On each host, the Port Mappers pass the messages to the target RPC server. The servers compute the results and send them back to the client.

## 6.12. Identifying Remote Programs and Procedures

The RPC client must uniquely identify the remote procedure it wants to reach. Therefore, all remote procedure calls must contain these three fields:

- A remote program number
- The version number of the remote program
- A remote procedure number

### 6.12.1. Remote Program Numbers

A remote program is a program that implements at least one remote procedure. Remote programs are identified by numbers that you assign during application development. Use Table 6.4, “Remote Program Numbers” to determine which program numbers are available. The numbers are in groups of hexadecimal 20000000.

**Table 6.4. Remote Program Numbers**

Range	Purpose
0 to 1FFFFFFF	Defined and administered by Sun Microsystems. Should be identical for all sites. Use only for applications of general interest to the Internet community.
20000000 to 3FFFFFFF	Defined by the client application program. Site-specific. Use primarily for new programs.
40000000 to 5FFFFFFF	Use for applications that generate program numbers dynamically.
60000000 to FFFFFFFF	Reserved for the future. Do not use.

## 6.12.2. Remote Version Numbers

Multiple versions of the same program may exist on a host or network. Version numbers distinguish one version of a program from another. Each time you alter a program, remember to increment its version number.

## 6.12.3. Remote Procedure Numbers

A remote program may contain many remote procedures. Remote procedures are identified by numbers that you assign during application development. Follow these guidelines when assigning procedure numbers:

- Use 1 for the first procedure in a program. (Procedure 0 should do nothing and require no authentication to the server.)
- For each additional procedure in a program, increment the procedure number by one.

## 6.13. Additional Terms

Before writing RPC applications, you should be familiar with the terms in the Table 6.5, “Additional Terms”.

**Table 6.5. Additional Terms**

Term	Definition			
Channel	An OpenVMS term referring to a logical path that connects a process to a physical device, allowing the process to communicate with that device. A process requests OpenVMS to assign a channel to a device. Refer to Hewlett-Packard’s documentation for more information on channels.			
Client handle	Information that uniquely identifies the server to which the client is sending the request. Consists of the server's host name, program number, program version number, and transport protocol.  See the following routines in the Chapter 10, <i>RPC RTL Client Routines</i> :			
	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>authnone_create</td> <td>clnt_create</td> <td>clnt_perror / clnt_sperror</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	authnone_create	clnt_create	clnt_perror / clnt_sperror
authnone_create	clnt_create	clnt_perror / clnt_sperror		

Term	Definition		
	authunix_create	clnttcp_create	
	authunix_create_defa	clntudp_create / clntudp_bufcreate	
Port	An abstract point through which a datagram passes from the host layer to the application layer protocols.		
Server handle	Information that uniquely identifies the server. Content varies according to the transport being used. See the following routines in Chapter 12, <i>RPC RTL Server Routines</i> :		
	svcudp_create /	svctcp_create	svc_destroy
	svc_freeargs	svc_getargs	
	svc_register	svc_sendreply	
Socket	An abstract point through which a process gains access to the Internet. A process must open a socket and bind it to a specific destination.		
	<p><b>Note</b></p> <p>The VSI TCP/IP C Socket Library must be used with RPC Services.</p>		

# Chapter 7. Building Distributed Applications with RPC

## 7.1. Introduction

This chapter is for RPC programmers. It explains:

- What components a distributed application contains
- How to use RPC to develop a distributed application, step by step
- How to get RPC information

## 7.2. Distributed Application Components

Table 7.1, “Application Components” lists the components of a distributed application.

**Table 7.1. Application Components**

Component	Description
Main program (client)	An ordinary main program that calls a remote procedure as if local
Network interface	Client and server stubs, header files, XDR routines for input arguments and results
Server procedure	Carries out the client's request (at least one is required)

These components may be written in any high-level language. The RPC Run-Time Library (RTL) routines are written in the C language.

## 7.3. What You Need to Do

The following steps summarize what you need to do to build a distributed application:

1. Design the application.
2. Write an RPC interface definition. Compile it using RPCGEN, then edit the output files as necessary. (This step is optional. An RPC interface definition is not required. If you do not write one, proceed to step 3.)
3. Write any necessary code that RPCGEN did not generate.
4. Compile the RPCGEN output files, server procedures, and main program using the appropriate language compiler(s). RPCGEN output files must be compiled using HP C.
5. Link the object code, making sure you link in the RPC RTL.
6. Start the Port Mapper on the server host.
7. Execute the client and server programs.



## Step 1: Design the Application

You must write a main (client) program and at least one server procedure. The network interface, however, may be hand-written or created by RPCGEN. The network interface files contain client and server stubs, header files, and XDR routines. You may edit any files that RPCGEN creates.

When deciding whether to write the network interface yourself, consider these factors:

<b>Is execution time critical?</b>	Your hand-written code may execute faster than code that RPCGEN creates.
<b>Which RPC interface layer do you want to use?</b>	RPCGEN permits you to use only the highest layer interface. If you want to use the lower layers, you must write original code.
<b>Which transport protocol do you want to use?</b>	

You may write your own XDR programs, but it is usually best to let RPCGEN handle these.

## Step 2: Write and Compile the Interface Definition

An interface definition is a program the RPCGEN compiler accepts as input. See Chapter 8, *RPCGEN Compiler* for more information about interface definitions.

Interface definitions are optional. If you write the all of the network interface code yourself, you do not need an interface definition.

You must write an interface definition if you want RPCGEN to generate network interface code.

After compiling the interface definition, edit the output file(s).

If you are not writing an interface definition, skip this step and proceed to Step 3.

## Step 3: Write the Necessary Code

Write any necessary code that RPCGEN did not create for you. Table 7.2, “Coding References” lists the texts you may use as references.

**Table 7.2. Coding References**

Reference	Purpose
RFC 1057	Defines the RPC language. Use for writing interface definitions.
RFC 1014	Defines the XDR language. Use for writing XDR filter routines.
Chapter 10, <i>RPC RTL Client Routines</i>	Defines each routine in the RPC RTL. Use for writing stub procedures and XDR filter routines.

## Step 4: Compile All Files

Compile the RPCGEN output files, server procedures, and main program separately.

HP C (Alpha):

```
$ CC /STANDARD=RELAXED /WARNING=DISABLE=(IMPLICITFUNC) filename.C
```

## Step 5: Link the Object Code

Link the object code files. Make sure you link in the RPC RTL. Use the following command.

HP C (Alpha):

```
$ LINK filenames, SYS$INPUT /OPTIONS
TCPPIP$RPCXDR_SHR /SHARE
SYS$SHARE:DECC$SHR /SHARE
Ctrl/Z
```

After entering the command, press **Ctrl/Z**.

To avoid repetitive data entry, you may create an OpenVMS command procedure to execute these commands.

## Step 6: Start the Port Mapper

The Port Mapper must be running on the server host. If it is not running, use the **IP CONFIGURE / SERVER** command to start it. If you want to generate your own screen shot, you can use **CRASH**. Then all you have to do is change the user-entered items to **bold**, and change the V10.5 (42) to V10.5 (nnn) in the banner line.

## Step 7: Execute the Client and Server Programs

Perform these steps:

1. Run the server program interactively to debug it, or using the **/DETACHED** qualifier. Refer to the VSI documentation for details.
2. Run the client main program.

## 7.4. Obtaining RPC Information

You can: request a listing of all programs registered with a Port Mapper.

### 7.4.1. Requesting a Program Listing

To request a listing of all programs that are registered with the Port Mapper, enter the **IP SHOW / RPC\_PORTMAP** command in the following format at the DCL prompt:

```
$ IP SHOW /RPC_PORTMAP
```

If you add **/REMOTE\_HOST=hostname** to this command:

```
$ IP SHOW /RPC_PORTMAP /REMOTE_HOST=[host-name]
```

Specify the domain name of the host on which the Port Mapper resides. If you omit this parameter, RPC uses the name of the local host. Example 7.1, “Sample RPC Information Output” shows an example.

#### Example 7.1. Sample RPC Information Output

```
$ IP SHOW/RPC_PORTMAP
```

VSI TCP/IP for OpenVMS registered RPC programs:

Program	Version	Protocol	Port
-----	-----	-----	----
NLOCKMGR	3	TCP	2049
NLOCKMGR	1	TCP	2049
NLOCKMGR	3	UDP	2049
NLOCKMGR	1	UDP	2049
NFS	2	TCP	2049
NFS	2	UDP	2049
MOUNT	1	TCP	1024
MOUNT	1	UDP	1028
STATUS	1	TCP	1024
STATUS	1	UDP	1024

# Chapter 8. RPCGEN Compiler

## 8.1. Introduction

This chapter is for RPC programmers.

## 8.2. What Is RPCGEN?

**RPCGEN** is the RPC Protocol Compiler. This compiler creates the network interface portion of a distributed application, effectively hiding from the programmer the details of writing and debugging low-level network interface code.

You are not required to use **RPCGEN** when developing a distributed application. If speed and flexibility are critical to your application, you can write the network interface code yourself, using RPC Run-Time Library (RTL) calls where they are needed.

Compiling with **RPCGEN** is one step in developing distributed applications. See Chapter 7, *Building Distributed Applications with RPC* for a complete description of the application development process.

**RPCGEN** allows you to use the highest layer of the RPC programming interface. The Chapter 6, *RPC Fundamentals* provides details on these layers.

## 8.3. Software Requirements

The following software must be installed on your system before you can use **RPCGEN**:

- OpenVMS Version 8.4-2L1
- HP C compiler Version 3.2 or later

## 8.4. Input Files

The **RPCGEN** compiler accepts as input programs called `interface definitions`, written in RPC Language (RPCL), an extension of XDR language. RFC 1057 and RFC 1014 describe these languages in detail.

An interface definition must always contain the following information:

- Remote program number
- Version number of the remote program
- Remote procedure number(s)
- Input and output arguments

Example 8.1, “Interface Definition” shows a sample interface definition.

### Example 8.1. Interface Definition

```
/*  
** RPCGEN input file for the print file RPC batching example.  
**
```

```

** This file is used by RPCGEN to create the files PRINT.H and PRINT_XDR.C
** The client and server files were developed from scratch.
*/

const MAX_STRING_LEN = 1024; /* maximum string length */

/*
** This is the information that the client sends to the server
*/
struct a_record
{
    string          ar_buffer< MAX_STRING_LEN>;
};

program PRINT_FILE_PROG
{
    version PRINT_FILE_VERS_1
    {
        void          PRINT_RECORD( a_record) = 1;
        u_long SHOW_COUNT( void) = 2;
    } = 1;
} = 0x20000003;
/* end file PRINT.X */

```

The default extension for **RPCGEN** input files is `.X`.

You do not need to call the RPC RTL directly when writing an interface definition. **RPCGEN** inserts the necessary library calls in the output file.

## 8.5. Output Files

**RPCGEN** output files contain code in C language. Table 8.1, “**RPCGEN** Output Files” lists the **RPCGEN** output files and summarizes their purpose. You can edit **RPCGEN** output files during application development.

**Table 8.1. RPCGEN Output Files**

File	Purpose
Client and server stub calls	Interface between the network and the client and server programs. Stubs use RPC RTL to communicate with the network.
XDR routines	Convert data from a machine's local data format to XDR for mat, and vice versa.
Header	Contains common definitions, such as those needed for any structures being passed.

*Invoking RPC* explains how to request specific output files.

Table 8.2, “**RPCGEN** File Naming Conventions” shows the conventions you should use to name output files.

**Table 8.2. RPCGEN File Naming Conventions**

File	Output Filename
Client stub	<code>inputname_CLNT.C</code>
Server stub	<code>inputname_SVC.C</code>

File	Output Filename
Header file	<i>inputname</i> .H
XDR filter routines	<i>inputname</i> _XDR.C

*inputname* is the name of the input file. For example, if the input file is TEST.X, the server stub is TEST\_SVC.C.

When you use the **RPCGEN** command to create all output files at once, **RPCGEN** creates the output filenames listed in Table 8.2, “**RPCGEN** File Naming Conventions” by default. When you want to create specific kinds of output files, you must specify the names of the output files in the command line.

## 8.6. Preprocessor Directives

**RPCGEN** runs the input files through the C preprocessor before compiling. You can use the macros listed in Table 8.3, “Macros” with the `#ifdef` preprocessor directive to indicate that specific lines of code in the input file are to be used only for specific **RPCGEN** output files.

**Table 8.3. Macros**

File	Macro
Client stub	RPC_CLNT
Server stub	RPC_SVC
Header file	RPC_HDR
XDR filter routines	RPC_XDR

## 8.7. Invoking **RPCGEN**

This section explains how to invoke **RPCGEN** to create:

- All output files at once
- Specific output files
- Server stubs for either the TCP or UDP transport

### 8.7.1. Creating All Output Files at Once

This command creates all four **RPCGEN** output files at once:

```
RPCGEN input
```

where *input* is the name of the file containing the interface definition.

In the following example, **RPCGEN** creates the output files PROGRAM.H, PROGRAM\_CLNT.C, PROGRAM\_SVC.C, and PROGRAM\_XDR.C:

```
RPCGEN PROGRAM.X
```

### 8.7.2. Creating Specific Output Files

This command creates only the **RPCGEN** output file that you specify:

```
RPCGEN { -c | -h | -l | -m } [ -o output] input
```

-c	Creates an XDR filter file ( <code>_XDR.C</code> )
-h	Creates a header file ( <code>.H</code> )
-l	Creates a client stub ( <code>_CLNT.C</code> )
-m	Creates a server stub ( <code>_SVC.C</code> ) that uses both the UDP and TCP transports
-o	Specifies an output file (or the terminal if no output file is given)
output	Name of the output file
input	Name of an interface definition file with a <code>.X</code> extension

Follow these guidelines:

- Specify just one output file (-c, -h, -l, or -m) in a command line
- If you omit the output file, **RPCGEN** sends output to the terminal screen

### 8.7.3. Examples:

1. `RPCGEN -h PROGRAM`

**RPCGEN** accepts the file `PROGRAM.X` as input and sends the header file output to the screen, because no output file is specified.

2. `RPCGEN -l -o PROGRAM_CLNT.C PROGRAM.X`

**RPCGEN** accepts the `PROGRAM.X` file as input and creates the `PROGRAM_CLNT.C` client stub file.

3. `RPCGEN -m -o PROGRAM_SVC.C PROGRAM.X`

**RPCGEN** accepts the `PROGRAM.X` file as input and creates the `PROGRAM_SVC.C` server stub file. The server can use both the UDP and TCP transports.

### 8.7.4. Creating Server Stubs for TCP or UDP Transports

This command creates a server stub file for either the TCP or UDP transport:

```
RPCGEN -s { udp | tcp } [ -o output] input
```

-s	Creates a server ( <code>_SVC.C</code> ) that uses either the UDP or TCP transport (with -s, you must specify either <b>udp</b> or <b>tcp</b> ; do not also use -m)
udp	Creates a UDP server
tcp	Creates a TCP server
-o	Specifies an output file (or the terminal if no output file is given)
output	Name of the output file
input	Name of an interface definition file with a <code>.X</code> extension

If you omit the output file, **RPCGEN** sends output to the terminal screen.

In this example, **RPCGEN** accepts the `PROGRAM.X` file as input and creates the `PROGRAM_SVC.C` output file, containing a TCP server stub:

```
RPCGEN -s tcp -o PROGRAM_SVC.C PROGRAM.X
```

## 8.8. Error Handling

**RPCGEN** stops processing when it encounters an error. It indicates which line the error is on.

## 8.9. Restrictions

**RPCGEN** does not support the following:

- The syntax `int x, y;`. You must write this as `int x int y;`



# Chapter 9. RPC RTL Management Routines

## 9.1. Introduction

This chapter is for RPC programmers. It introduces RPC Run-Time Library (RTL) conventions and documents the management routines in the RPC RTL. These routines are the programming interface to RPC.

## 9.2. Management Routines

The RPC RTL contains:

- RPC management routines
- RPC client and server routines for the UDP and TCP transport layers
- On Alpha systems, RPC provides a single shareable image accessed via the `TCPIP$RPCXDR_SHR` logical. This shareable image contains routines for all of the HP C floating-point types. The correct routines will be called automatically based on the compiler options used to compile the RPC application. See the VSI C documentation for how to use the floating-point compiler options.

Chapter 7, *Building Distributed Applications with RPC* explains how to link in the RPC RTL.

## 9.3. Routine Name Conventions

In this chapter, all routines are documented according to their standard UNIX names.

## 9.4. Header Files

All RPC programs include the file named `RPC.H`. Locations for this file are `TCPIP$RPC:RPC.H`.

The `RPC.H` file includes the files listed in Table 9.1, “Header Files Included In RPC.H”.

**Table 9.1. Header Files Included In RPC.H**

Filename	Purpose
<code>AUTH.H</code>	Used for authentication.
<code>AUTH_UNIX.H</code>	Contains XDR definitions for UNIX-style authentication.
<code>CLNT.H</code>	Contains various RPC client definitions.
<code>IN.H</code>	Defines structures for the internet and socket addresses ( <code>in_addr</code> and <code>sockaddr_in</code> ). This file is part of the C Socket Library.
<code>RPC_MSG.H</code>	Defines the RPC message format.
<code>SVC.H</code>	Contains various RPC server definitions.
<code>SVC_AUTH.H</code>	Used for server authentication.

Filename	Purpose
TYPES.H	Defines UNIX C data types.
XDR.H	Contains various XDR definitions.
NETDB.H	Defines structures and routines to parse /etc/rpc.

There is an additional header file not included by `RPC.H` that is used by `xdr_pmap` and `xdr_pmaplist` routines. The file name is `pmap_prot.h`, and the location is:

```
TCPIP$RPC:PMAP_PROT.H
```

## 9.5. Management Routines

RPC management routines retrieve and maintain information that describes how a process is using RPC. This section describes each management routine and function in detail. The following information is provided for each routine:

- Format
- Arguments
- Description
- Diagnostics, or status codes returned, if any

The management routines are

- `get_myaddress`
- `getrpcbynumber`
- `getrpcport`

### get\_myaddress

`get_myaddress` — Returns the internet address of the local host.

#### Format

```
#include
void get_myaddress (struct sockaddr_in *addr);
```

#### Argument

*addr*

Address of a `sockaddr_in` structure that will be loaded with the host internet address. The port number is always set to `htons(PMAPPORT)`.

#### Description

The `get_myaddress` routine returns the internet address of the local host without doing any name translation or DNS lookups.

## getrpcbynumber

**getrpcbynumber** — Gets an RPC entry.

### Format

```
#include
struct rpcent *getrpcbynumber(number)
int number;
```

### Argument

*number*

Program name or number.

### Description

The **getrpcbynumber** routine returns a pointer to an object with the following structure containing the broken-out fields of a line in the RPC program number database, */etc/rpc*.

```
struct rpcent {
    char *r_name;           /* name of server for this RPC program */
    char **r_aliases;     /* alias list */
    long r_number;        /* RPC program number */
};
```

The members of this structure are:

<b>r_name</b>	Name of the server for this RPC program
<b>r_aliases</b>	Zero-terminated list of alternate names for the RPC program
<b>r_number</b>	RPC program number for this service

The **getrpcbynumber** routine sequentially searches from the beginning of the file until a matching RPC program name or program number is found, or until an EOF is encountered.

### Diagnostics

A NULL pointer is returned on EOF or error.

## getrpcport

**getrpcport** — Gets an RPC port number.

### Format

```
int getrpcport(host, prognum, versnum, proto)
char *host;
int prognum, versnum, proto;
```

### Arguments

*host*

Host running the RPC program.

*prognum*

Program number.

*proto*

Protocol name. Must be IPPROTO\_TCP or IPPROTO\_UDP.

## Description

The `getrpcport` routine returns the port number for version *versnum* of the RPC program *prognum* running on *host* and using protocol *proto*.

It returns 0 if it cannot contact the portmapper, or if *prognum* is not registered. If *prognum* is registered but not with *versnum*, it still returns a port number (for some version of the program), indicating that the program is indeed registered. The version mismatch is detected on the first call to the service.

# Chapter 10. RPC RTL Client Routines

## 10.1. Introduction

This chapter is for RPC programmers. It documents the client routines in the RPC Run-Time Library (RTL). These routines are the programming interface to RPC.

## 10.2. Common Arguments

Many client, Port Mapper, and server routines use the same arguments.

Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” lists these arguments and defines their purpose. Arguments that are unique to each routine are documented together with their respective routines in this and the following chapters

**Table 10.1. Common Arguments**

Argument	Purpose
<b>args_ptr</b>	Address of the buffer to contain the decoded RPC arguments.
<b>auth</b>	RPC authentication client handle created by the <b>authnone_create</b> , <b>authunix_create</b> , or <b>authunix_create_default</b> routine.
<b>clnt</b>	Client handle returned by any of the client create routines.
<b>in</b>	Input arguments for the service procedure.
<b>inproc</b>	XDR routine that encodes input arguments.
<b>out</b>	Results of the remote procedure call.
<b>outproc</b>	XDR routine that decodes output arguments.
<b>procnum</b>	Number of the service procedure.
<b>prognum</b>	Program number of the service program.
<b>protocol</b>	Transport protocol for the service. Must be <code>IPPROTO_UDP</code> or <code>IPPROTO_TCP</code> .
<b>s</b>	String containing the message of your choice. The routines append an error message to this string.
<b>sockp</b>	Socket to be used for this remote procedure call. If <i>sockp</i> is <code>RPC_ANYSOCK</code> , the routine creates a new socket and defines <i>sockp</i> . The <b>clnt_destroy</b> routine closes the socket.  If <i>sockp</i> is a value other than <code>RPC_ANYSOCK</code> , the routine uses this socket and ignores the internet address of the server.
<b>versnum</b>	Version number of the service program.
<b>xdr_args</b>	XDR procedure that describes the RPC arguments.
<b>xdrs</b>	Structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.
<b>xprt</b>	RPC server handle.

## 10.3. Client Routines

The client routines are called by the client main program or the client stub procedures.

The following sections describe each client routine in detail. The client routines are

<b>auth_destroy</b>	<b>clnt_destroy</b>
<b>authnone_create</b>	<b>clnt_geterr</b>
<b>authunix_create</b>	<b>clnt_pcreateerror / clnt_screateerror</b>
<b>authunix_create_default</b>	<b>clnt_perrno / clnt_sperrno</b>
<b>callrpc</b>	<b>clnt_perror / clnt_sperror</b>
<b>clnt_broadcast</b>	<b>clntraw_create</b>
<b>clnt_call</b>	<b>clnttcp_create</b>
<b>clnt_control</b>	<b>clntudp_create / clntudp_bufcreate</b>
<b>clnt_create</b>	

## auth\_destroy

**auth\_destroy** — A macro that destroys authentication information associated with an authentication handle.

### Format

```
void auth_destroy (AUTH *auth)
```

### Argument

*auth*

RPC authentication client handle created by the **authnone\_create**, **authunix\_create**, or **authunix\_create\_default** routine.

### Description

Use **auth\_destroy** to free memory that was allocated for authentication handles. This routine undefines the value of *auth* by deallocating private data structures.

Do not use this memory space after **auth\_destroy** has completed. You no longer own it.

### See Also

**authnone\_create**, **authunix\_create**, **authunix\_create\_default**

## authnone\_create

**authnone\_create** — Creates and returns a null RPC authentication handle for the client process.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
AUTH *authnone_create();
```

## Arguments

None.

## Description

This routine is for client processes that require no authentication. RPC uses it as a default when it creates a client handle.

## See Also

`authunix_create_default`, `clnt_create`, `clntraw_create`, `clnttcp_create`, `clntudp_create` / `clntudp_bufcreate`

## authunix\_create

**authunix\_create** — Creates and returns an RPC authentication handle for the client process. Use this routine when the server requires UNIX-style authentication.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
AUTH *authunix_create (char *host, int uid, int gid, int len, int gids);
```

## Arguments

*host*

Address of the name of the host that created the authentication information. This is usually the local host running the client process.

*uid*

User ID of the person who is executing this process.

*gid*

User's group ID.

*len*

Number of elements in the *\*gids* array.

*gids*

Address of the array of groups to which the user belongs.

## Description

Since the client does not validate the *uid* and *gid*, it is easy to impersonate an unauthorized user. Choose values the server expects to receive. The application must provide OpenVMS-to-UNIX authorization mapping.

You can use a Socket Library lookup routine to get the host name.

## See Also

`authnone_create`, `authunix_create_default`

## authunix\_create\_default

`authunix_create_default` — Calls the `authunix_create` routine and provides default values as arguments.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
AUTH *authunix_create_default()
```

## Arguments

See below.

## Description

Like the `authunix_create` routine, `authunix_create_default` provides UNIX-style authentication for the client process. However, `authunix_create_default` does not require you to enter any arguments. Instead, this routine provides default values for the arguments used by `authunix_create`, listed in Table 10.2, “Default Arguments”.

**Table 10.2. Default Arguments**

Argument	Default Value
host	local host domain name
uid	<code>getuid()</code>
gid	<code>getgid()</code>
len	0
gids	0

You can replace this call with `authunix_create` and provide appropriate values.

## Example

```
auth_destroy(client->cl_auth);
client->cl_auth = authunix_create_default();
```

This example overrides the `authnone_create` routine, where `client` is the value returned by the `clnt_create`, `clntraw_create`, `clnttcp_create`, or `clntudp_create` / `clntudp_bufcreate` routine.

## See Also

`callrpc`



## callrpc

**callrpc**

### Format

```
#include
```

```
int callrpc (char *host, u_long prognum, u_long versnum, u_long  
procnum, xdrproc_t inproc, u_char *in, xdrproc_t outproc, u_char *out);
```

### Arguments

*host*

Host where the procedure resides.

*prognum, versnum, procnum, inproc, in, outproc, out*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above arguments.

### Description

The **callrpc** routine performs the same functions as the **clnt\_create**, and **clnt\_destroy** routines.

Since the **callrpc** routine uses the UDP transport protocol, messages can be no larger than 8Kbytes. This routine does not allow you to control timeouts or authentication.

If you want to use the TCP transport, use the **clnt\_create** or **clnttcp\_create** routine.

### Diagnostics

The **callrpc** routine returns zero if it succeeds, and the value of *enum clnt\_stat* cast to an integer if it fails.

You can use the **clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_sperrno** routine to translate failure status codes into messages.

### See Also

**clnt\_broadcast**, **clnt\_call**, **clnt\_create**, **clnt\_destroy**, **clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_sperrno**, **clnttcp\_create**

## clnt\_broadcast

**clnt\_broadcast** — Broadcasts a remote procedure call to all local networks, using the broadcast address.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
enum clnt_stat clnt_broadcast (u_long prognum, u_long versnum,  
u_long procnum, xdrproc_t inproc, u_char *in, xdrproc_t outproc,  
u_char *out, resultproc_t eachresult);
```

## Arguments

*prognum, versnum, procnum, inproc, in, outproc, out*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above arguments.

*eachresult*

Each time **clnt\_broadcast** receives a response, it calls the *eachresult* routine. If *eachresult* returns zero, **clnt\_broadcast** waits for more replies. If *eachresult* returns a nonzero value, **clnt\_broadcast** stops waiting for replies. The *eachresult* routine uses this form:

```
int eachresult(out, addr)
u_char *out;
struct sockaddr_in *addr;
```

out	Contains the results of the remote procedure call, in the local data format.
*addr	Is the address of the host that sent the results.

## Description

The **clnt\_broadcast** routine performs the same functions as the **callrpc** routine. However, **clnt\_broadcast** sends a message to all local networks, using the broadcast address. The **clnt\_broadcast** routine uses the UDP protocol.

Table 10.3, “Maximum Message Size” indicates how large a broadcast message can be.

**Table 10.3. Maximum Message Size**

Line	Maximum Size
Ethernet	1500 bytes
proNet	2044 bytes

## Diagnostics

This routine returns diagnostic values defined in the `CLNT.H` file for enum `clnt_stat`.

## See Also

**callrpc**, **clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_sperrno**

## clnt\_call

**clnt\_call** — A macro that calls a remote procedure.

## Format

```
enum clnt_stat clnt_call (CLIENT *clnt, u_long procnum, xdrproc_t
inproc, u_char *in, xdrproc_t outproc, u_char *out, struct timeval
tout);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*, *procnum*, *inproc*, *in*, *outproc*, *out*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above arguments.

*tout*

Time allowed for the results to return to the client, in seconds and microseconds. If you use the **clnt\_control** routine to change the CLSET\_TIMEOUT code, this argument is ignored.

## Description

Use the **clnt\_call** routine after using **clnt\_create**. After you have finished with the client handle, use the **clnt\_destroy** routine. You can use the **clnt\_perror** / **clnt\_sperror** routine to print messages for any errors that occurred.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns diagnostic values defined in the CLNT.H file for enum *clnt\_stat*.

## See Also

**clnt\_control**, **clnt\_create**, **clnt\_destroy**, **clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_sperrno**

## clnt\_control

**clnt\_control** — A macro that changes or retrieves information about an RPC client process.

## Format

```
bool_t clnt_control (CLIENT *clnt, u_long code, void *info);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

Client handle returned by any of the client create routines.

*code*

Code listed in Table 10.4, “Valid Codes”.

**Table 10.4. Valid Codes**

Code	Type	Purpose
CLSET_TIMEOUT	struct timeval	Set total timeout
CLGET_TIMEOUT	struct timeval	Get total timeout
CLSET_RETRY_TIMEOUT*	struct timeval	Set retry timeout
CLGET_RETRY_TIMEOUT*	struct timeval	Get retry timeout
CLGET_SERVER_ADDR	struct sockaddr_in	Get server address

Code	Type	Purpose
* Valid only for the UDP transport protocol.		

The `timeval` is specified in seconds and microseconds. The total timeout is the length of time that the client waits for a reply. The default total timeout is 25 seconds.

The retry time is the length of time that UDP waits for the server to reply before transmitting the request. The default retry timeout is 5 seconds. You might want to increase the retry time if your network is slow.

For example, suppose the total timeout is 10 seconds and the retry time is five seconds. The client sends the request and waits five seconds. If the client does not receive a reply, it sends the request again. If the client does not receive a reply within five seconds, it does not send the request again.

If you use `CLSET_TIMEOUT` to set the timeout, the `clnt_call` routine ignores the timeout parameter it receives for all future calls.

*info*

Address of the information being changed or retrieved.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns `TRUE` if it succeeds, and `FALSE` if it fails.

## See Also

`clnt_call`, `clnt_create`, `clnt_destroy`, `clntraw_create`, `clnttcp_create`, `clntudp_create` / `clntudp_bufcreate`

## clnt\_create

`clnt_create` — Creates an RPC client handle.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
CLIENT *clnt_create (char *host, u_long prognum, u_long versnum,
char *proto);
```

## Arguments

*host*

Address of the string containing the name of the remote host where the server is located.

*prognum, versnum*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above arguments.

*proto*

Address of a string containing the name of the transport protocol. Valid values are **UDP** and **TCP**.

## Description

The **clnt\_create** routine creates an RPC client handle for *prognum*. An RPC client handle is a structure containing information about the RPC client. The client can use the UDP or TCP transport protocol.

This routine uses the Port Mapper. You cannot control the local port.

The default sizes of the send and receive buffers are 8800 bytes for the UDP transport, and 4000 bytes for the TCP transport.

The retry time for the UDP transport is five seconds.

Use the **clnt\_create** routine instead of the **callrpc** or **clnt\_broadcast** routines if you want to use one of the following:

- The TCP transport
- An authentication other than null
- More than one active client at the same time

You can also use **clntraw\_create** to use the IP protocol, **clnttcp\_create** to use the TCP protocol, or **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** to use the UDP protocol.

The **clnt\_create** routine uses the global variable `rpc_createerr`. `rpc_createerr` is a structure that contains the most recent service creation error. Use `rpc_createerr` if you want the client program to handle the error. The value of `rpc_createerr` is set by any RPC client creation routine that does not succeed.

The `rpc_createerr` variable is defined in the `CLNT.H` file.

## Diagnostics

The **clnt\_create** routine returns the address of the client handle, or zero (if it could not create the client handle).

If the **clnt\_create** routine fails, you can use the **clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror** routine to obtain diagnostic information.

## See Also

**clnt\_call**, **clnt\_control**, **clnt\_destroy**, **clntraw\_create**, **clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror**, **clnttcp\_create**, **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate**

## clnt\_destroy

**clnt\_destroy** — A macro that destroys an RPC client handle.

## Format

```
void clnt_destroy (CLIENT *clnt);
```

## Argument

*clnt*

Client handle returned by any of the client create routines.

## Description

The `clnt_destroy` routine destroys the client's RPC handle by deallocating all memory related to the handle. The client is undefined after the `clnt_destroy` call.

If the `clnt_create` routine had previously opened a socket, this routine closes the socket. Otherwise, the socket remains open.

## See Also

`clnt_create`, `clntraw_create`, `clnttcp_create`, `clntudp_create` / `clntudp_bufcreate`

## clnt\_geterr

`clnt_geterr` — A macro that returns an error code indicating why an RPC call failed.

## Format

```
void clnt_geterr (CLIENT *clnt, struct rpc_err *errp);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

Client handle returned by any of the client create routines.

*errp*

Address of the structure containing information that indicates why an RPC call failed. This information is the same as `clnt_stat` contains, plus one of the following: the C error number, the range of server versions supported, or authentication errors.

## Description

This routine is primarily for internal diagnostic use.

## Example

```
#define PROGRAM 1
#define VERSION 1

CLIENT *clnt;
struct rpc_err err;

clnt = clnt_create( "server name", PROGRAM, VERSION, "udp");

/* calls to RPC library */
```

```
clnt_geterr( clnt, &err);
```

This example creates a UDP client handle and performs some additional RPC processing. If an RPC call fails, **clnt\_geterr** returns the error code.

## See Also

**clnt\_perror** / **clnt\_sperror**

## clnt\_pcreateerror / clnt\_screateerror

**clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror** — Return a message indicating why RPC could not create a client handle.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
void clnt_pcreateerror (char *s); char *clnt_screateerror (char *s);
```

## Argument

*s*

String containing the message of your choice. The routines append an error message to this string.

## Description

The **clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror** routine prints a message to SYS\$OUTPUT.

The **clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror** routine returns the address of a string. Use this routine if:

- You want to save the string.
- You do not want to use *printf* to print the message.
- The message format is different from the one that **clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_serrno** supports.

The **clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror** routine overwrites the string it returns, unless you save the results.

Use these routines when the **clnt\_create**, **clntraw\_create**, **clnttcp\_create**, or **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** routine fails.

## See Also

**clnt\_create**, **clntraw\_create**, **clnttcp\_create**, **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate**

## clnt\_perrno / clnt\_serrno

**clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_serrno** — Return a message indicating why the **callrpc** or **clnt\_broadcast** routine failed to create a client handle.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
void clnt_perrno (enum clnt_stat stat); char *clnt_sperrno (enum  
clnt_stat stat);
```

## Argument

*stat*

Appropriate error condition. Values for *stat* are defined in the `CLNT.H` file.

## Description

The `clnt_perrno / clnt_sperrno` routine prints a message to `SYS$OUTPUT`.

The `clnt_perrno / clnt_sperrno` routine returns the address of a string. Use this routine instead if:

- You want to save the string.
- You do not want to use `printf` to print the message.
- The message format is different from the one that `clnt_perrno / clnt_sperrno` supports.

To save the string, copy it into your own memory space.

## See Also

`callrpc`, `clnt_broadcast`

## `clnt_perror / clnt_sperror`

`clnt_perror / clnt_sperror` — Return a message if the `clnt_call` routine fails.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
void clnt_perror (CLIENT *clnt, char *s); char *clnt_sperror (CLIENT  
*clnt, char *s);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above argument. String containing the message to output.

## Description

Use these routines after `clnt_call`.

The `clnt_perror / clnt_sperror` routine prints an error message to `SYS$OUTPUT`.



The **clnt\_perror** / **clnt\_sperror** routine returns a string. Use this routine if:

- You want to save the string.
- You do not want to use *printf* to print the message.
- The message format is different from the one that **clnt\_perror** / **clnt\_sperror** supports.

The **clnt\_perror** / **clnt\_sperror** routine overwrites the string with each call. Copy the string into your own memory space if you want to save it.

## See Also

**clnt\_call**, **clnt\_create**, **clntraw\_create**, **clnttcp\_create**, **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate**

## clntraw\_create

**clntraw\_create** — Returns an RPC client handle. The remote procedure call uses the IP transport.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
CLIENT *clntraw_create (struct sockaddr_in *addr, u_long prognum,  
u_long versnum, int *sockp, u_long sendsize, u_long recvsize);
```

### Arguments

*addr*, *prognum*, *versnum*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above arguments.

*sockp*

Socket to be used for this remote procedure call. *sockp* can specify the local address and port number. If *sockp* is `RPC_ANYSOCK`, then a port number is assigned. The example shown for the **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** routine shows how to set up *sockp* to specify a port. See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of *sockp* and `RPC_ANYSOCK`.

*addr*

Internet address of the host on which the server resides.

*sendsize*

Size of the send buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

*recvsize*

Size of the receive buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

### Description

The **clntraw\_create** routine creates an RPC client handle for *addr*, *prognum*, and *versnum*. The client uses the IP transport. The routine is similar to the **clnt\_create** routine, except **clnttcp\_create**

allows you to specify a socket and buffer sizes. If you specify the port number as zero by using `addr->sin_port`, the Port Mapper provides the number of the port on which the remote program is listening.

The transport used to pass messages to the service is actually a buffer within the process's address space, so the corresponding RPC server should live in the same address space (see also `svcrw_create`). This allows simulation of RPC and getting RPC overheads, such as round trip times, without kernel interference.

The `clnttcp_create` routine uses the global variable `rpc_createerr`, which is a structure that contains the most recent service creation error. Use `rpc_createerr` if you want the client program to handle the error. The value of `rpc_createerr` is set by any RPC client creation routine that does not succeed. The `rpc_createerr` variable is defined in the `CLNT.H` file.

## Diagnostics

The `clntraw_create` routine returns the address of the client handle, or zero (if it could not create the client handle). If the routine fails, use the `clnt_pcreateerror` / `clnt_spccreateerror` routine to obtain additional diagnostic information.

## See Also

`clnt_call`, `clnt_control`, `clnt_create`, `clnt_destroy`, `clnt_pcreateerror` / `clnt_spccreateerror`, `clnttcp_create`, `clntudp_create` / `clntudp_bufcreate`

## clnttcp\_create

`clnttcp_create` — Returns an RPC client handle. The remote procedure call uses the TCP transport.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
CLIENT *clnttcp_create (struct sockaddr_in *addr, u_long prognum,
u_long versnum, int *sockp, u_long sendsize, u_long recvsiz);
```

## Arguments

*addr*, *prognum*, *versnum*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above arguments.

*sockp*

Socket to be used for this remote procedure call. *sockp* can specify the local address and port number. If *sockp* is `RPC_ANYSOCK`, then a port number is assigned. The example shown for the `clntudp_create` / `clntudp_bufcreate` routine shows how to set up *sockp* to specify a port. See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of *sockp* and `RPC_ANYSOCK`.

*addr*

Internet address of the host on which the server resides.

*sendsize*

Size of the send buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

*recvsize*

Size of the receive buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

## Description

The **clnttcp\_create** routine creates an RPC client handle for *addr*, *prognum*, and *versnum*. The client uses the TCP transport. The routine is similar to the **clnt\_create** routine, except **clnttcp\_create** allows you to specify a socket and buffer sizes. If you specify the port number as zero by using *addr->sin\_port*, the Port Mapper provides the number of the port on which the remote program is listening.

The **clnttcp\_create** routine uses the global variable *rpc\_createerr*. *rpc\_createerr* is a structure that contains the most recent service creation error. Use *rpc\_createerr* if you want the client program to handle the error. The value of *rpc\_createerr* is set by any RPC client creation routine that does not succeed. The *rpc\_createerr* variable is defined in the *CLNT.H* file.

## Diagnostics

The **clnttcp\_create** routine returns the address of the client handle, or zero (if it could not create the client handle). If the routine fails, use the **clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror** routine to obtain additional diagnostic information.

## See Also

**clnt\_call**, **clnt\_control**, **clnt\_create**, **clnt\_destroy**, **clnt\_pcreateerror** / **clnt\_screateerror**, **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate**

## clntudp\_create / clntudp\_bufcreate

**clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** — Returns an RPC client handle. The remote procedure call uses the UDP transport.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
CLIENT *clntudp_create (struct sockaddr_in *addr, u_long prognum,  
u_long versnum, struct timeval wait, int *sockp);
```

```
CLIENT *clntudp_bufcreate (struct sockaddr_in *addr, u_long prognum,  
u_long versnum, struct timeval wait, int *sockp, u_long sendsize,  
u_long recvsize);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Internet address of the host on which the server resides.

*prognum*, *versnum*, *sockp*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a description of the above arguments.

*wait*

Time interval the client waits before resending the call message. This value changes the CLSET\_RETRY\_TIMEOUT code. The **clnt\_call** routine uses this value.

*sendsize*

Size of the send buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

*recvsize*

Size of the receive buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

## Description

These routines create an RPC client handle for *addr*, *prognum*, and *versnum*. The client uses the UDP transport protocol.

If you specify the port number as zero by using *addr->sin\_port*, the Port Mapper provides the number of the port on which the remote program is listening.

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## Note

Use the **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** routine only for procedures that handle messages shorter than 8K bytes. Use the **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** routine for procedures that handle messages longer than 8K bytes.

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The **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** routine uses the global variable *rpc\_createerr*. *rpc\_createerr* is a structure that contains the most recent service creation error. Use *rpc\_createerr* if you want the client program to handle the error. The value of *rpc\_createerr* is set by any RPC client creation routine that does not succeed.

The *rpc\_createerr* variable is defined in the *CLNT.H* file.

## Example

```
main()
{
    int sock;
    u_long prog = PROGRAM, vers = VERSION;
    CLIENT *clnt;
    struct sockaddr_in local_addr, remote_addr;
    struct timeval timeout = { 35, 0},
        retry = { 5, 0};
    remote_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    remote_addr.sin_port = 0; /* consult the remote port mapper */
    remote_addr.sin_addr.s_addr = 0x04030201; /* internet
    addr 1.2.3.4 */
    local_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    local_addr.sin_port = 12345; /* use port 12345 */
    local_addr.sin_addr.s_addr = 0x05030201; /* internet addr
        1.2.3.5 */
    sock = socket( AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
```

```
/* bind the socket to the local addr */
bind( sock, &local_addr, sizeof( local_addr));
/* create a client that uses the local IA and port given above */
clnt = clntudp_create( &remote_addr, prog, vers, retry, &sock);
/* use a connection timeout of 35 seconds, not the default */
clnt_control( clnt, CLSET_TIMEOUT, &timeout);
/*call the server here*/
}
```

This example defines a socket structure, binds the socket, and creates a UDP client handle.

## Diagnostics

These routines return the address of the client handle, or zero (if they cannot create the client handle).

If these routines fail, you can obtain additional diagnostic information by using the `clnt_pcreateerror` / `clnt_screateerror` routine.

## See Also

`clnt_call`, `clnt_control`, `clnt_create`, `clnt_destroy`, `clnt_pcreateerror` / `clnt_screateerror`,  
`clnttcp_create`

# Chapter 11. RPC RTL Port Mapper Routines

## 11.1. Introduction

This chapter is for RPC programmers. It documents the port mapper routines in the RPC Run-Time Library (RTL). These routines are the programming interface to RPC.

## 11.2. Port Mapper Routines

Port Mapper routines provide a simple callable interface to the Port Mapper. They allow you to request Port Mapper services and information about port mappings. Table 11.1, “Port Mapper Routines” summarizes the purpose of each Port Mapper routine.

**Table 11.1. Port Mapper Routines**

Routine	Purpose
<code>pmap_getmaps</code>	Returns a list of Port Mappings for the specified host.
<code>pmap_getport</code>	Returns the port number on which a specified service is waiting.
<code>pmap_rmtcall</code>	Requests the Port Mapper on a remote host to call a procedure on that host.
<code>pmap_set</code>	Registers a remote service with a remote port.
<code>pmap_unset</code>	Unregisters a service so it is no longer mapped to a port.

## 11.3. Port Mapper Arguments

Port Mapper routines use many of the same arguments as client routines. See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments.

The following sections describe each Port Mapper routine in detail.

### `pmap_getmaps`

`pmap_getmaps` — Returns a list of Port Mappings for the specified host.

#### Format

```
struct pmaplist *pmap_getmaps (struct sockaddr_in *addr);
```

#### Argument

*addr*

Address of a structure containing the internet address of the host whose Port Mapper is being called.

#### Description

The `pmap_getmaps` routine returns a list of current RPC server-to-Port Mappings on the host at *addr*. The list structure is defined in the `PMAP_PROT.H` file.

The `IP SHOW /RPC_PORTMAP` command uses this routine.

## Diagnostics

If an error occurs (for example, `pmap_getmaps` cannot get a list of Port Mappings, the internet address is invalid, or the remote Port Mapper does not exist), the routine returns either `NULL` or the address of the list.

## See Also

`pmap_getport`, `pmap_set`, `pmap_unset`

## `pmap_getport`

`pmap_getport` — Returns the port number on which a specified service is waiting.

## Format

```
u_short pmap_getport (struct sockaddr_in *addr, u_long prognum,
u_long versnum, u_long protocol);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Address of a structure containing the internet address of the remote host on which the server resides.

*prognum*, *versnum*, *protocol*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

## Diagnostics

If the requested mapping does not exist or the routine fails to contact the remote Port Mapper, the routine returns either the port number or zero.

The `pmap_getport` routine uses the global variable `rpc_createerr`. `rpc_createerr` is a structure that contains the most recent service creation error. Use `rpc_createerr` if you want the service program to handle the error. The value of `rpc_createerr` is set by any RPC server creation routine that does not succeed.

The `rpc_createerr` variable is defined in the `CLNT.H` file.

## See Also

`pmap_getmaps`, `pmap_set`, `pmap_unset`

## `pmap_rmtcall`

`pmap_rmtcall` — Requests the Port Mapper on a remote host to call a procedure on that host.

## Format

```
enum clnt_stat pmap_rmtcall (struct sockaddr_in *addr, u_long
prognum, u_long versnum, u_long procnum, xdrproc_t inproc, u_char
```

```
*in, xdrproc_t outproc, u_char *out, struct timeval tout, u_long
*portp);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Address of a structure containing the internet address of the remote host on which the server resides.

*prognum, versnum, procnum, inproc, in, outproc, out*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

*tout*

Time allowed for the results to return to the client, in seconds and microseconds.

*portp*

Address where **pmap\_rmtcall** will write the port number of the remote service.

## Description

The **pmap\_rmtcall** routine allows you to get a port number and call a remote procedure in one call. The routine requests a remote Port Mapper to call a *prognum*, *versnum*, and *procnum* on the Port Mapper's host. The remote procedure call uses the UDP transport.

If **pmap\_rmtcall** succeeds, it changes *portp* to contain the port number of the remote service.

After calling the **pmap\_rmtcall** routine, you may call the **clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_sperrno** routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns diagnostic values defined in the `CLNT.H` file for *enum clnt\_stat*.

## See Also

**clnt\_broadcast**, **clnt\_perrno** / **clnt\_sperrno**

## pmap\_set

**pmap\_set** — Registers a remote service with a remote port.

## Format

```
bool_t pmap_set (u_long prognum, u_long versnum, u_long protocol,
u_short port);
```

## Arguments

*prognum, versnum, protocol*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

*port*



Remote port number.

## Description

The `pmap_set` calls the local Port Mapper to tell it which *port* and *protocol* the *prognum*, *versnum* is using.

You are not likely to use `pmap_set`, because `svc_register` calls it.

## Diagnostics

The `pmap_set` routine returns TRUE if it succeeds, and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`pmap_getport`, `pmap_getmaps`, `pmap_unset`, `svc_register`

## pmap\_unset

`pmap_unset` — Unregisters a service so it is no longer mapped to a port.

## Format

```
bool_t pmap_unset (u_long prognum, u_long versnum);
```

## Arguments

*prognum*, *versnum*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

## Description

The `pmap_unset` routine calls the local Port Mapper and, for all protocols, removes the *prognum* and *versnum* from the list that maps servers to ports.

You are not likely to use `pmap_unset`, because `svc_unregister` calls it.

## Diagnostics

The `pmap_unset` routine returns TRUE if it succeeds, FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`pmap_getport`, `pmap_getmaps`, `pmap_set`, `svc_unregister`

# Chapter 12. RPC RTL Server Routines

## 12.1. Introduction

This chapter is for RPC programmers. It documents the server routines in the RPC Run-Time Library (RTL). These routines are the programming interface to RPC.

## 12.2. Server Routines

The server routines are called by the server program or the server stub procedures. Table 12.1, “Server Routines” lists each server routine and summarizes its purpose.

**Table 12.1. Server Routines**

<b>Routine</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>registerrpc</b>	Performs creation and registration tasks for server.
<b>svc_destroy</b>	Macro that destroys RPC server handle.
<b>svc_freeargs</b>	Macro that frees memory allocated when RPC arguments were decoded.
<b>svc_getargs</b>	Macro that decodes RPC arguments.
<b>svc_getreqset</b>	Reads data for each server connection.
<b>svc_register</b>	Adds specified server to list of active servers, and registers service program with Port Mapper.
<b>svc_run</b>	Waits for RPC requests and calls <b>svc_getreqset</b> routine to dispatch to appropriate RPC service program.
<b>svc_sendreply</b>	Sends results of remote procedure call to client.
<b>svc_unregister</b>	Calls Port Mapper to unregister specified program and version for all protocols.
<b>svcerr_auth / svcerr_decode / svcerr_noproc / svcerr_noprogram / svcerr_progvers / svcerr_systemerr / svcerr_weakauth</b>	<p>Sends error code when server cannot authenticate client.</p> <p>Sends error code to client if server cannot decode arguments.</p> <p>Sends error code to client if server cannot implement requested procedure.</p> <p>Sends error code to client when requested program is not registered with Port Mapper.</p> <p>Sends error code to client when requested program is registered with Port Mapper, but requested version is not registered.</p> <p>Sends error code to client when server encounters error not handled by particular protocol.</p> <p>Sends error code to client when server cannot perform remote procedure call because it received insufficient (but correct) authentication parameters.</p>

Routine	Purpose
<code>svcfld_create</code>	Returns address of structure containing server handle for specified TCP socket.
<code>svctcp_create</code>	Returns address of server handle that uses TCP transport.
<code>svcudp_create / svcudp_bufcreate</code>	Returns address of server handle that uses UDP transport. For procedures that pass messages longer than 8Kbytes.  Returns address of server handle that uses UDP transport. For procedures that pass messages shorter than 8Kbytes.
<code>svcudp_enablecache</code>	Enables XID cache for specified UDP transport server.
<code>xprt_register</code>	Adds UDP or TCP server socket to list of sockets.
<code>xprt_unregister</code>	Removes UDP or TCP server socket from list of sockets.

The following sections describe each server routine in detail.

## registerrpc

**registerrpc** — Performs creation and registration tasks for the server.

### Format

```
#include int registerrpc (u_long prognum, u_long versnum, u_long
procnum, u_char *(*procname) (), xdrproc_t inproc, xdrproc_t
outproc);
```

### Arguments

*prognum, versnum, procnum, inproc, outproc*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

*procname*

Address of the routine that implements the service procedure. The routine uses the following format:

```
u_char *procname(out);
u_char *out;
```

*out* is the address of the data decoded by *outproc*.

### Description

The **registerrpc** routine performs the following tasks for a server:

- Creates a UDP server handle.
- Calls the **svc\_register** routine to register the program with the Port Mapper.
- Adds *prognum*, *versnum*, and *procnum* to an internal list of registered procedures. When the server receives a request, it uses this list to determine which routine to call.

A server should call **registerrpc** for every procedure it implements, except for the NULL procedure.

## Diagnostics

The `registrpc` routine returns zero if it succeeds, and -1 if it fails.

## See Also

`svc_register`

## `svc_destroy`

`svc_destroy` — Macro that destroys the RPC server handle.

## Format

```
void svc_destroy (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

## Argument

*xprt*

RPC server handle.

## Description

The `svc_destroy` routine destroys *xprt* by deallocating private data structures. After this call, *xprt* is undefined.

If the server creation routine received `RPC_ANYSOCK` as the socket, `svc_destroy` closes the socket. Otherwise, you must close the socket.

## See Also

`svcfld_create`, `svctcp_create`, `svcudp_create` / `svcudp_bufcreate`

## `svc_freeargs`

`svc_freeargs` — Macro that frees the memory that was allocated when the RPC arguments were decoded.

## Format

```
bool_t svc_freeargs (SVCXPRT *xprt, xdrproc_t xdr_args, char  
*args_ptr);
```

## Arguments

*xprt*, *xdr\_args*, *args\_ptr*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

## Description

The `svc_freeargs` routine calls the `xdr_free` routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`svc_getargs`, `xdr_free`

## `svc_getargs`

`svc_getargs` — Macro that decodes the RPC arguments.

## Format

```
bool_t svc_getargs (SVCXPRT *xpvt, xdrproc_t xdr_args, u_char
*args_ptr);
```

## Arguments

*xpvt*, *xdr\_args*, *args\_ptr*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`svc_freeargs`

## `svc_getreqset`

`svc_getreqset` — Reads data for each server connection.

## Format

```
#include

void svc_getreqset (int rdfs);
```

## Argument

*rdfs*

Address of the read socket descriptor array. This array is returned by the `select` routine.

## Description

The server calls `svc_getreqset` when it receives an RPC request. The `svc_getreqset` routine reads in data for each server connection, then calls the server program to handle the data.

The `svc_getreqset` routine does not return a value. It finishes executing after all *rdfds* sockets have been serviced.

You are unlikely to call this routine directly, because the `svc_run` routine calls it. However, there are times when you cannot call `svc_run`. For example, suppose a program services RPC requests and reads or writes to another socket at the same time. The program cannot call `svc_run`. It must call `select` and `svc_getreqset`.

The `svc_getreqset` routine is for servers that implement custom asynchronous event processing, do not use the `svc_run` routine.

You may use the global variable `svc_fdset` with `svc_getreqset`. The `svc_fdset` variable lists all sockets the server is using. It contains an array of structures, where each element is a socket pointer and a service handle. It uses the following format:

```
struct sockarr svc_fdset [MAXSOCK +1];
```

This is how to use `svc_fdset`: first, copy the socket handles from `svc_fdset` into a temporary array that ends with a zero. Pass the array to the `select()` routine. The `select()` routine overwrites the array and returns it. Pass this array to the `svc_getreqset` routine.

You may use `svc_fdset` when the server does not use `svc_run`.

The `svc_fdset` variable is not compatible with UNIX.

## Example

```
#define MAXSOCK 10

int readfds[ MAXSOCK+1], /* sockets to select from */
    i, j;

for( i = 0, j = 0; i < MAXSOCK; i++)
if( (svc_fdset[i].sockname != 0) && (svc_fdset[i].sockname !=
1))
readfds[j++] = svc_fdset[i].sockname;
readfds[j] = 0; /* list of sockets ends w/ a zero */
switch( select( 0, readfds, 0, 0, 0))
{
case -1: /* an error happened */
case 0: /* time out */
break;
default: /* 1 or more sockets ready for reading */
errno = 0;
ONCRPC_SVC_GET_REQSET( readfds);
if( errno == ENETDOWN || errno == ENOTCONN)
sys$exit( SS$_THIRDPARTY);
}
```

## See Also

`svc_run`

## svc\_register

`svc_register` — Adds the specified server to a list of active servers, and registers the service program with the Port Mapper.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t svc_register (SVCXPRT *xpvt, u_long prognum, u_long versnum,  
void (*dispatch) (), u_long protocol);
```

## Arguments

*xpvt*, *prognum*, *versnum*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

*dispatch*

Routine that **svc\_register** calls when the server receives a request for *prognum*, *versnum*. This routine determines which routine to call for each server procedure. This routine uses the following form:

```
void dispatch(request, xpvt)
```

```
struct svc_req *request;
```

```
SVCXPRT *xpvt;
```

The **svc\_getreqset** and **svc\_run** routines call *dispatch*.

*protocol*

Must be *IPPROTO\_UDP*, *IPPROTO\_TCP*, or zero. Zero indicates that you do not want to register the server with the Port Mapper.

## Diagnostics

The **svc\_register** routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

**pmap\_set**, **svc\_getreqset**, **svc\_unregister**

## svc\_run

**svc\_run** — Waits for RPC requests and calls the **svc\_getreqset** routine to dispatch to the appropriate RPC service program.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
void svc_run()
```

## Arguments

None.

## Description

The `svc_run` routine calls the `select()` routine to wait for RPC requests. When a request arrives, `svc_run` calls the `svc_getreqset` routine. Then `svc_run` calls `select()` again.

The `svc_run` routine never returns.

You may use the global variable `svc_fdset` with `svc_run`. See the `svc_getreqset` routine for more information on `svc_fdset`.

## See Also

`svc_getreqset`

## svc\_sendreply

`svc_sendreply` — Sends the results of a remote procedure call to the client.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t svc_sendreply (SVCXPRT *xprt, xdrproc_t outproc, caddr_t *out);
```

## Arguments

*xprt, outproc, out*

See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

## Description

The routine sends the results of a remote procedure call to the client.

## Diagnostics

These routines returns TRUE if they succeed and FALSE if they fail.

## svc\_unregister

`svc_unregister` — Calls the Port Mapper to unregister the specified program and version for all protocols. The program and version are removed from the list of active servers.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
void svc_unregister (u_long prognum, u_long versnum);
```

## Arguments

*prognum, versnum*



See Table 10.1, “Common Arguments” for a list of these arguments

## See Also

`pmap_unset`, `svc_register`

## **svcerr\_auth / svcerr\_decode / svcerr\_noproc / svcerr\_noprogram / svcerr\_progvers / svcerr\_systemerr / svcerr\_weakauth**

`svcerr_auth / svcerr_decode / svcerr_noproc / svcerr_noprogram / svcerr_progvers /  
svcerr_systemerr / svcerr_weakauth` — Sends various error codes to the client process.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
void svcerr_auth (SVCXPRT *xprt, enum auth_stat why);
```

```
void svcerr_decode (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

```
void svcerr_noproc (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

```
void svcerr_noprogram (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

```
void svcerr_progvers (SVCXPRT *xprt, u_long low-vers, u_long high-  
vers);
```

```
void svcerr_systemerr (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

```
void svcerr_weakauth (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

## Arguments

*xprt*

RPC server handle.

*why*

Error code defined in the `AUTH.H` file.

*low-vers*

Lowest version number in the range of versions that the server supports.

*high-vers*

Highest version in the range of versions that the server supports.

## Description

`svcerr_auth`

See **svc\_getreqset**. Calls **svcerr\_auth** when it cannot authenticate a client. The **svcerr\_auth** routine returns an error code (*why*) to the caller.

`svcerr_decode`

Sends an error code to the client if the server cannot decode the arguments.

`svcerr_noproc`

Sends an error code to the client if the server does not implement the requested procedure.

`svcerr_noprog`

Sends an error code to the client when the requested program is not registered with the Port Mapper. Generally, the Port Mapper informs the client when a server is not registered. Therefore, the server is not expected to use this routine.

`svcerr_progvers`

Sends an error code to the client when the requested program is registered with the Port Mapper, but the requested version is not registered.

`svcerr_systemerr`

Sends an error code to the client when the server encounters an error that is not handled by a particular protocol.

`svcerr_weakauth`

Sends an error code to the client when the server cannot perform a remote procedure call because it received insufficient (but correct) authentication parameters. This routine calls the **svcerr\_auth** / **svcerr\_decode** / **svcerr\_noproc** / **svcerr\_noprog** / **svcerr\_progvers** / **svcerr\_systemerr** / **svcerr\_weakauth** routine. The value of *why* is `AUTH_TOOWEAK`, which means "access permission denied."

## svcfld\_create

**svcfld\_create** — Returns the address of a structure containing a server handle for the specified TCP socket.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
SVCXPRT *svcfld_create (int sock, u_long sendsize, u_long recvsize);
```

### Arguments

*sock*

Socket number. Do not specify a file descriptor.

*sendsize*

Size of the send buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

*recvsize*

Size of the receive buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

## Description

The **svdfd\_create** routine returns the address of a server handle for the specified TCP socket. This handle cannot use a file. The server calls the **svdfd\_create** routine after it accepts a TCP connection.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns zero if it fails.

## See Also

**svctcp\_create**

## svcraw\_create

**svcraw\_create** — Creates a server handle for memory-based Sun RPC for simple testing and timing.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
SVCXPRT svcraw_create ();
```

## Argument

None.

## Description

The **svcraw\_create** routine creates a toy Sun RPC service transport, to which it returns a pointer. The transport is really a buffer within the process's address space, so the corresponding client should live in the same address space.

This routine allows simulation of and acquisition of Sun RPC overheads (such as round trip times) without any kernel interference.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns NULL if it fails.

## See Also

**clntraw\_create**

## svctcp\_create

**svctcp\_create** — Returns the address of a server handle that uses the TCP transport.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
SVCXPRT *svctcp_create (int sock, u_long sendsize, u_long recvsize);
```

## Arguments

*sock*

Socket for this service. The **svctcp\_create** routine creates a new socket if you enter *RPC\_ANYSOCK*. If the socket is not bound to a TCP port, **svctcp\_create** binds it to an arbitrary port.

*sendsize*

Size of the send buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 bytes is used as the default.

*recvsize*

Size of the receive buffer. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 bytes is used as the default.

## Diagnostics

The **svctcp\_create** routine returns either the address of the server handle or zero (if it could not create the server handle).

## See Also

*svdfd\_create*, *svc\_destroy*

## svcudp\_create / svcudp\_bufcreate

**svcudp\_create / svcudp\_bufcreate** — Returns the address of a server handle that uses the UDP transport.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
SVCXPRT *svcudp_create (int sock);
```

```
SVCXPRT *svcudp_bufcreate (int sock, u_long sendsize, u_long  
recvsize);
```

## Arguments

*sock*

Socket for this service. The **svcudp\_create /** routine creates a new socket if you enter *RPC\_ANYSOCK*. If the socket is not bound to a UDP port, the **svcudp\_create /** routine binds it to an arbitrary port.

*sendsize*

Size of the send buffer. The minimum size is 100 bytes. The maximum size is 65468, the maximum UDP packet size. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

*recvsize*

Size of the receive buffer. The minimum size is 100 bytes. The maximum size is 65000, the maximum UDP packet size. If you enter a value less than 100, then 4000 is used as the default.

## Description

Use the `svc_create` routine only for procedures that pass messages shorter than 8Kbytes long. Use the `svcudp_create` / `svcudp_bufcreate` routine for procedures that pass messages longer than 8Kbytes.

## Diagnostics

These routines return either a server handle, or zero (if they could not create the server handle).

## See Also

`svc_destroy`, `svcudp_enablecache`

## svcudp\_enablecache

`svcudp_enablecache` — Enables the XID cache for the specified UDP transport server.

## Format

```
bool_t svcudp_enablecache (SVCXPRT *xprt, u_long size);
```

## Arguments

*xprt*

RPC server handle.

*size*

Number of entries permitted in the XID cache. You may estimate this number based on how active the server is, and on how long you want to retain old replies.

## Description

Use the `svcudp_enablecache` routine after a UDP server handle is created. The server places all outgoing responses in the XID cache. The cache can be used to improve the performance of the server, for example, by preventing the server from recalculating the results or sending incorrect results.

You cannot disable the XID cache for UDP servers.

The Chapter 6, *RPC Fundamentals* provides more information on the XID cache.

## Example

```
#define FALSE 0
```

```
#define UDP_CACHE_SIZE 10

SVCXPRT *udp_xprt;

udp_xprt = svcudp_create( RPC_ANYSOCK);
if( svcudp_enablecache( udp_xprts, UDP_CACHE_SIZE) == FALSE)
printf( "XID cache was not enabled");
else
printf( "XID cache was enabled");
```

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it enables the XID cache, and FALSE if the cache was previously enabled or an error occurs.

## xprt\_register

**xprt\_register** — Adds a TCP or UDP server socket to a list of sockets.

### Format

```
#include

void xprt_register (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

### Argument

*xprt*

RPC server handle.

### Description

The **xprt\_register** and **xprt\_unregister** routines maintain a list of sockets. This list ensures that the correct server is called to process the request. The **xprt\_register** routine adds the server socket to the `svc_fdset` variable, which also stores the server handle that is associated with the socket. The **svc\_run** routine passes the list of sockets to the **select()** routine. The **select()** routine returns to **svc\_run** a list of sockets that have outstanding requests.

You are unlikely to call this routine directly because **svc\_register** calls it.

### See Also

**svc\_register**, **xprt\_unregister**

## xprt\_unregister

**xprt\_unregister** — Removes a TCP or UDP server socket from a list of sockets.

### Format

```
#include

void xprt_unregister (SVCXPRT *xprt);
```

## Argument

*xprt*

RPC server handle.

## Description

This list of sockets ensures that the correct server is called to process the request. See the **xprt\_unregister** routine for a description of how this list is maintained.

You are unlikely to call this routine directly because **svc\_unregister** calls it.

## See Also

**svc\_unregister**, **xprt\_register**

# Chapter 13. RPC RTL XDR Routines

## 13.1. Introduction

This chapter is for RPC programmers. It documents the XDR routines in the RPC Run-Time Library (RTL). These routines are the programming interface to RPC.

## 13.2. XDR Routines

This section explains what XDR routines do and when you would call them. It also provides quick reference and detailed reference sections describing each XDR routine.

### 13.2.1. What XDR Routines Do

Most XDR routines share these characteristics:

- They convert data in two directions: from the host's local data format to XDR format (called encoding or marshalling), or the other way around (called decoding or unmarshalling).
- They use `xdrs`, a structure containing instructions for encoding, decoding, and deallocating memory.
- They return a boolean value to indicate success or failure.

Some XDR routines allocate memory while decoding an argument. To free this memory, call the `xdr_free` routine after the program is done with the decoded value.

Table 13.1, “XDR Actions” shows the order in which XDR routines perform encoding and decoding.

**Table 13.1. XDR Actions**

Client	Server
1. Encodes arguments	1. Decodes arguments
2. Decodes results	2. Encodes results
3. Frees results from memory	3. Frees arguments from memory

### 13.2.2. When to Call XDR Routines

Under most circumstances, you are not likely to call any XDR routines directly. The `clnt_call` and `svc_sendreply` routines call the XDR routines.

You would call the XDR routines directly only when you write your own routines to convert data to or from XDR format.

## 13.3. Quick Reference

Table 13.2, “XDR Encoding and Decoding Routines” lists the XDR routines that encode and decode data.



**Table 13.2. XDR Encoding and Decoding Routines**

This routine...	Encodes and decodes...
<code>xdr_array</code>	Variable-length array
<code>xdr_bool</code>	Boolean value
<code>xdr_bytes</code>	Bytes
<code>xdr_char</code>	Character
<code>xdr_double</code>	Double-precision floating point number
<code>xdr_enum</code>	Enumerated type
<code>xdr_float</code>	Floating point value
<code>xdr_hyper</code>	Quad word to an XDR hyper-integer, or the other way
<code>xdr_int</code>	Four-byte integer
<code>xdr_long</code>	Longword
<code>xdr_opaque</code>	Contents of a buffer (treats the data as a fixed length of bytes and does not attempt to interpret them)
<code>xdr_pointer</code>	Pointer to a data structure
<code>xdr_reference</code>	Pointer to a data structure (the address must be non-zero)
<code>xdr_short</code>	Two-byte unsigned integer
<code>xdr_string</code>	Null-terminated string
<code>xdr_u_char</code>	Unsigned character
<code>xdr_u_hyper</code>	Quad word to an XDR unsigned hyper-integer
<code>xdr_u_int</code>	Four-byte unsigned integer
<code>xdr_u_long</code>	Unsigned longword
<code>xdr_u_short</code>	Two-byte unsigned integer
<code>xdr_union</code>	Union
<code>xdr_vector</code>	Vector (fixed length array)
<code>xdr_void</code>	Nothing
<code>xdr_wrapstring</code>	Null-terminated string

Table 13.3, “XDR Support Routines” lists the XDR routines that perform various support functions.

**Table 13.3. XDR Support Routines**

This routine...	Does this...
<code>xdr_free</code>	Deallocates a data structure from memory
<code>xdrmem_create</code>	Creates a memory buffer XDR stream
<code>xdrrec_create</code>	Creates a record-oriented XDR stream
<code>xdrrec_endofrecord</code>	Marks the end of a record
<code>xdrrec_eof</code>	Goes to the end of the current record, then verifies whether any more data can be read
<code>xdrrec_skiprecord</code>	Goes to the end of the current record
<code>xdrstdio_create</code>	Initializes an stdio stream

Table 13.4, “Upper Layer XDR Routines” lists the upper layer XDR routines that support RPC.

**Table 13.4. Upper Layer XDR Routines**

This routine...	Encodes and decodes...
<code>xdr_accepted_reply</code>	Part of an RPC reply message after the reply is accepted
<code>xdr_authunix_parms</code>	UNIX-style authentication information
<code>xdr_callhdr</code>	Static part of an RPC request message header (encoding only)
<code>xdr_callmsg</code>	RPC request message
<code>xdr_netobj</code>	Data in the netobj structure
<code>xdr_opaque_auth</code>	Authentication information
<code>xdr_pmap</code>	Port Mapper parameters
<code>xdr_pmaplist</code>	List of Port Mapping data
<code>xdr_rejected_reply</code>	Part of an RPC reply message after the reply is rejected
<code>xdr_replymsg</code>	RPC reply header; it then calls the appropriate routine to convert the rest of the message

The following sections describe each XDR routine in detail.

## xdr\_accepted\_reply

`xdr_accepted_reply` — Converts an RPC reply message from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
bool_t xdr_accepted_reply (XDR *xdrs, struct accepted_reply *ar);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ar*

Address of the structure containing the RPC reply message.

### Description

The `xdr_replymsg` routine calls the `xdr_accepted_reply` routine.

### Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

### See Also

`xdr_replymsg`

## xdr\_array

**xdr\_array** — Converts a variable-length array from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_array (XDR *xdrs, u_char **addrp, u_long *sizep, u_long
maxsize, u_long elsize, xdrproc_t elproc);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*addrp*

Address of the address containing the array being converted. If *addrp* is zero, then *xdr\_array* allocates  $((*sizep) * elsize)$  number of bytes when it decodes.

*sizep*

Address of the number of elements in the array.

*maxsize*

Maximum number of elements the array can hold.

*elsize*

Size of each element, in bytes.

*elproc*

XDR routine that handles each array element.

### Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_authunix\_parms

**xdr\_authunix\_parms** — Converts UNIX-style authentication information from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_authunix_parms (XDR *xdrs, struct authunix_parms *aupp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*aupp*

UNIX-style authentication information being converted.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_bool

**xdr\_bool** — Converts a boolean value from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_bool (XDR *xdrs, bool_t *bp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*bp*

Address of the boolean value.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_bytes

**xdr\_bytes** — Converts bytes from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_bytes (XDR *xdrs, u_char **cpp, u_long *sizep, u_long  
maxsize);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*cpp*

Address of the address of the buffer containing the bytes being converted. If *\*cpp* is zero, **xdr\_bytes** allocates *maxsize* bytes when it decodes.

*sizep*

Address of the actual number of bytes being converted.

*maxsize*

Maximum number of bytes that can be used. The server protocol determines this number.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_callhdr

**xdr\_callhdr** — Encodes the static part of an RPC request message header.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_callhdr (XDR *xdrs, struct rpc_msg *chdr);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*chdr*

Address of the data being converted.

## Description

The **xdr\_callhdr** routine converts the following fields: transaction ID, direction, RPC version, server program number, and server version. It converts the last four fields once, when the client handle is created.

The **clnttcp\_create** and **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate** routines call the **xdr\_callhdr** routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine always returns TRUE.

## See Also

**clnt\_call**, **clnttcp\_create**, **clntudp\_create** / **clntudp\_bufcreate**, **xdr\_callmsg**

## xdr\_callmsg

**xdr\_callmsg** — Converts an RPC request message from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_callmsg (XDR *xdrs, struct rpc_msg *cmsg);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*cmsg*

Address of the message being converted.

### Description

The **xdr\_callmsg** routine converts the following fields: transaction ID, RPC direction, RPC version, program number, version number, procedure number, client authentication.

The **pmap\_rmtcall**, **svc\_sendreply**, and **svc\_sendreply\_dq** routines call **xdr\_callmsg**.

### Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

### See Also

**xdr\_callhdr**

## xdr\_char

**xdr\_char** — Converts a character from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_char (XDR *xdrs, char *cp);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*cp*

Address of the character being converted.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as the `xdr_u_char` routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_u_char`

## xdr\_double

`xdr_double` — Converts a double-precision floating point number between local and XDR format.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_double (XDR *xdrs, double *dp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Pointer to an XDR stream handle created by one of the XDR stream handle creation routines.

*dp*

Pointer to the double-precision floating point number.

## Description

This routine provides a filter primitive that translates between double-precision numbers and their external representations. It is actually implemented by four XDR routines:

<code>xdr_double_D</code>	Converts D format floating point numbers
<code>xdr_double_G</code>	Converts G format floating point numbers
<code>xdr_double_T</code>	Converts IEEE T format floating point numbers
<code>xdr_double_X</code>	Converts IEEE X format floating point numbers

You can reference these routines explicitly or you can use compiler settings to control which routine is used when you reference the `xdr_double` routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_enum

**xdr\_enum** — Converts an enumerated type from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include

bool_t xdr_enum (XDR *xdrs, enum_t *ep);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ep*

Address containing the enumerated type.

### Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_float

**xdr\_float** — Converts a floating point value from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include

bool_t xdr_float (XDR *xdrs, float *fp);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Pointer to an XDR stream handle created by one of the XDR stream handle creation routines.

*fp*

Pointer to a single-precision floating point number.

### Description

This routine provides a filter primitive that translates between double-precision numbers and their external representations. It is actually implemented by four XDR routines:

<b>xdr_float_F</b>	Converts F format floating point numbers
<b>xdr_float_S</b>	Converts IEEE T format floating point numbers



You can reference these routines explicitly or you can use compiler settings to control which routine is used when you reference the **xdr\_float** routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_free

**xdr\_free** — Deallocates a data structure from memory.

## Format

```
#include
```

```
void xdr_free (xdrproc_t proc, u_char *objp);
```

## Arguments

*proc*

XDR routine that describes the data structure.

*objp*

Address of the data structure.

## Description

Call this routine after decoded data is no longer needed. Do not call it for encoded data.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_hyper

**xdr\_hyper** — Converts a quad word to an XDR hyper-integer, or the other way around.

## Format

```
bool_t xdr_hyper (XDR *xdrs, quad *ptr);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ptr*

Address of the structure containing the quad word. The quad word is stored in standard quad word format, with the low-order longword first in memory.

## Description

This routine provided the same functionality as the `xdr_u_hyper` routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_u_hyper`

## `xdr_int`

`xdr_int` — Converts one four-byte integer from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include  
  
bool_t xdr_int (XDR *xdrs, int *ip);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ip*

Address containing the integer.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as the `xdr_u_int`, `xdr_long`, and `xdr_u_long` routines.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_u_int`, `xdr_long`, `xdr_u_long`

## `xdr_long`

`xdr_long` — Converts one longword from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include  
  
bool_t xdr_long (XDR *xdrs, u_long *lp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*lp*

Address containing the longword.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as the `xdr_u_long`, `xdr_int`, and `xdr_u_int` routines.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_u_long`, `xdr_int`, `xdr_u_int`

## `xdr_netobj`

`xdr_netobj` — Converts data in the `netobj` structure from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
bool_t xdr_netobj (XDR *xdrs, netobj *ptr);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ptr*

Address of the following structure:

```
typedef struct
{
    u_long n_len;
    byte *n_bytes;
} netobj
```

This structure defines the data being converted.

## Description

The `netobj` structure is an aggregate data structure that is opaque and contains a counted array of 1024 bytes.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_opaque

**xdr\_opaque** — Converts the contents of a buffer from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around. This routine treats the data as a fixed length of bytes and does not attempt to interpret them.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_opaque (XDR *xdrs, char *cp, u_long cnt);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*cp*

Address of the buffer containing opaque data.

*cnt*

Byte length.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_opaque\_auth

**xdr\_opaque\_auth** — Converts authentication information from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include
```

```
bool_t xdr_opaque_auth (XDR *xdrs, struct opaque_auth *ap);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ap*

Address of the authentication information. This data was created by the **authnone\_create**, **authunix\_create**, or **authunix\_create\_default** routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_pmap

**xdr\_pmap** — Converts Port Mapper parameters from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include "IP$INCLUDE:PMAP_PROT.H"

bool_t xdr_pmap (XDR *xdrs, struct pmap *regs);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*regs*

Address of a structure containing the program number, version number, protocol number, and port number. This is the data being converted.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_pmaplist

**xdr\_pmaplist** — Converts a list of Port Mapping data from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include "TCP$RPC:PMAP_PROT.H"

bool_t xdr_pmaplist (XDR *xdrs, struct pmaplist **rpp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*rpp*

Address of the address of the structure containing Port Mapper data. If this routine is used to decode a Port Mapper listing, *rpp* is set to the address of the newly allocated linked list of structures.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_pointer

**xdr\_pointer** — Converts a recursive data structure from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_pointer (XDR *xdrs, u_char **objpp, u_long obj_size,
xdrproc_t xdr_obj);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*objpp*

Address of the address containing the data being converted. May be zero.

*obj\_size*

Size of the data structure in bytes.

*xdr\_obj*

XDR routine that describes the object being pointed to. This routine can describe complex data structures, and these structures may contain pointers.

### Description

An XDR routine for a data structure that contains pointers to other structures, such as a linked list, would call the **xdr\_pointer** routine. The **xdr\_pointer** routine encodes a pointer from an address into a boolean. If the boolean is TRUE, the data follows the boolean.

### Example

```
bool_t xdr_pointer( xdrs, objpp, obj_size, xdr_obj)
    XDR          *xdrs;
    char          **objpp;
    longw        obj_size;
    xdrproc_t     xdr_obj;
{
    bool_t more_data;

    /*
    ** determine if the pointer is a valid address (0 is invalid)
    */
    if( *objpp != NULL)
```

```

        more_data = TRUE;
    else
        more_data = FALSE;
/*
** XDR the flag
** If we are decoding, then more_data is overwritten.
*/
    if( !xdr_bool( xdrs, &more_data))
        return( FALSE);
/*
** If there is no more data, set the pointer to 0 (No effect if we
** were encoding) and return TRUE
*/
    if( !more_data)
    {
        *objpp = NULL;
        return( TRUE);
    }
/*
** Otherwise, call xdr_reference. The result is that xdr_pointer is
** the same as xdr_reference, except that xdr_pointer adds a Boolean
** to the encoded data and will properly handle NULL pointers.
*/
    return( xdr_reference( xdrs, objpp, obj_size, xdr_obj));
} /* end function xdr_pointer() */

```

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_reference

**xdr\_reference** — This routine recursively converts a structure that is referenced by a pointer inside the structure.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_reference (XDR *xdrs, u_char **objpp, u_long obj_size,
xdrproc_t xdr_obj);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*objpp*

Address of the address of a structure containing the data being converted. If *objpp* is zero, the **xdr\_reference** routine allocates the necessary storage when decoding. This argument must be non-zero when encoding.

When **xdr\_reference** encodes data, it passes *objpp* to *xdr\_obj*. When decoding, **xdr\_reference** allocates memory if *objpp* equals zero.

*obj\_size*

Size of the referenced structure.

*xdr\_obj*

XDR routine that describes the object being pointed to. This routine can describe complex data structures, and these structures may contain pointers.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_rejected\_reply

**xdr\_rejected\_reply** — Converts the remainder of an RPC reply message after the header indicates that the reply is rejected.

### Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h  
  
bool_t xdr_rejected_reply (XDR *xdrs, struct rejected_reply *rr);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*rr*

Address of the structure containing the reply message.

### Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_replymsg

**xdr\_replymsg** — Converts the RPC reply header, then calls the appropriate routine to convert the rest of the message.

### Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h  
  
bool_t xdr_replymsg (XDR *xdrs, struct rpc_msg *rmsg);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*



Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*rmsg*

Address of the structure containing the reply message.

## Description

The `xdr_replymsg` routine calls the `xdr_rejected_reply` or `xdr_accepted_reply` routine to convert the body of the RPC reply message from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_accepted_reply`, `xdr_rejected_reply`

## xdr\_short

**xdr\_short** — Converts a two-byte integer from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_short (XDR *xdrs, short *sp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*sp*

Address of the integer being converted.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as `xdr_u_short`.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_u_short`

## xdr\_string

**xdr\_string** — Converts a null-terminated string from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h

bool_t xdr_string (XDR *xdrs, char **cpp, u_long maxsize);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*cpp*

Address of the address of the first byte in the string.

*maxsize*

Maximum length of the string. The service protocol determines this value.

### Description

The **xdr\_string** routine is the same as the **xdr\_wrapstring** routine, except **xdr\_string** allows you to specify the *maxsize*.

### Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

### See Also

**xdr\_wrapstring**

## xdr\_u\_char

**xdr\_u\_char** — Converts an unsigned character from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

### Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h

bool_t xdr_u_char (XDR *xdrs, u_char bp);
```

### Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*bp*

Address of the character being converted.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as `xdr_char`.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_char`

## `xdr_u_hyper`

`xdr_u_hyper` — Converts a quad word to an XDR unsigned hyper-integer, or the other way around.

## Format

```
bool_t xdr_u_hyper (XDR *xdrs, quad *ptr);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ptr*

Address of the structure containing the quad word. The quad word is stored in standard format, with the low-order longword first in memory.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as the `xdr_hyper` routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_hyper`

## `xdr_u_int`

`xdr_u_int` — Converts a four-byte unsigned integer from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h  
  
bool_t xdr_u_int (XDR *xdrs, int *ip);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of a structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ip*

Address of the integer.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as `xdr_int`, `xdr_long`, and `xdr_u_long`.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_int`

## `xdr_u_long`

`xdr_u_long` — Converts an unsigned longword from local format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h  
  
bool_t xdr_u_long (XDR *xdrs, u_long *lp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*lp*

Address of the longword.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as `xdr_long`, `xdr_int`, and `xdr_u_int`.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_long`, `xdr_int`, `xdr_u_int`

## `xdr_u_short`

`xdr_u_short` — Converts a two-byte unsigned integer from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_u_short (XDR *xdrs, u_short *sp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*sp*

Address of the integer being converted.

## Description

This routine provides the same functionality as `xdr_short`.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdr_short`

## `xdr_union`

`xdr_union` — Converts a union from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_union (XDR *xdrs, enum_t *dscmp, u_char *unp, xdr_discrim  
*choices, xdrproc_t dfault);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*dscmp*

Integer from the *choices* array.

*unp*

Address of the union.

*choices*

Address of an array. This array maps integers to XDR routines.

*dfault*

XDR routine that is called if the *dscmp* integer is not in the *choices* array.

## Description

The **xdr\_union** routine searches the array *choices* for the value of *dscmp*. If it finds the value, it calls the corresponding XDR routine to process the remaining data. If **xdr\_union** does not find the value, it calls the default routine.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_vector

**xdr\_vector** — Converts a vector (fixed length array) from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_vector (XDR *xdrs, u_char *basep, u_long nelem, u_long  
elmsize, xdrproc_t xdr_elem);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*basep*

Address of the array.

*nelem*

Number of elements in the array.

*elemsize*

Size of each element.

*xdr\_elem*

Converts each element from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## xdr\_void

**xdr\_void** — Converts nothing.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_void (XDR *xdrs, u_char *ptr);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*ptr*

Ignored.

## Description

Use this routine as a place-holder for a program that passes no data. The server and client expect an XDR routine to be called, even when there is no data to pass.

## Diagnostics

This routine always returns TRUE.

## xdr\_wrapstring

**xdr\_wrapstring** — Converts a null-terminated string from the local data format to XDR format, or the other way around.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdr_wrapstring (XDR *xdrs, char **cpp);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*cpp*

Address of the address of the first byte in the string.

## Description

The **xdr\_wrapstring** routine calls the **xdr\_string** routine. The **xdr\_wrapstring** routine hides the *maxsize* argument from the programmer. Instead, the maximum size of the string is assumed to be 232 - 1.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

**xdr\_string**

## xdrmem\_create

**xdrmem\_create** — Creates a memory buffer XDR stream.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
void xdrmem_create (XDR *xdrs, u_char *addr, u_long size, enum  
xdr_op op);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*addr*

Address of the buffer containing the encoded data.

*size*

Size of the *addr* buffer.

*op*

Operations you will perform on the buffer. Valid values are *XDR\_ENCODE*, *XDR\_DECODE*, and **xdr\_free**. You may change this value.



## Description

The `xdrmem_create` routine initializes a structure so that other XDR routines can write to a buffer.

## xdrrec\_create

`xdrrec_create` — Creates a record-oriented XDR stream.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
void xdrrec_create (XDR *xdrs, u_long sendsize, u_long recvsize,  
u_char *tcp_handle, int (*readit)(), int (*writeit)());
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure being created. The `xdrrec_create` routine will write XDR encoding and decoding information to this structure.

*sendsize*

Size of the send buffer in bytes. The minimum size is 100 bytes. If you specify fewer than 100 bytes, 4000 bytes is used as the default.

*recvsize*

Size of the receive buffer in bytes. The minimum size is 100 bytes. If you specify fewer than 100 bytes, 4000 bytes is used as the default.

*tcp\_handle*

Address of the client or server handle.

*readit*

Address of a user-written routine that reads data from the stream transport. This routine must use the following format:

```
int readit(tcp_handle, buffer, len)  
u_char *tcp_handle;  
u_char *buffer;  
u_long len;
```

*\*tcp\_handle* is the client or server handle

*\*buffer* is the buffer to fill

*len* is the number of bytes to read

The *readit* routine returns either the number of bytes read, or -1 if an error occurs.

*writeit*

Address of a user-written routine that writes data to the stream transport. This routine must use the following format:

```
int writeit(tcp_handle, buffer, len)
u_char *tcp_handle;
u_char *buffer;
u_long len;
```

*\*tcp\_handle* is the client or server handle.

*\*buffer* is the address of the buffer being written.

*len* is the number of bytes to write.

The **writeit** routine returns either the number of bytes written, or -1 if an error occurs.

## Description

The **xdrrec\_create** routine requires one of the following:

- The TCP transport
- A stream-oriented interface (such as file I/O) not supported by VSI TCP/IP. The stream consists of data organized into records. Each record is either an RPC request or reply.

The **clnttcp\_create** and **svcfcd\_create** routines call the **xdrrec\_create** routine.

## See Also

**clnttcp\_create**, **svcfcd\_create**, **xdrrec\_endofrecord**, **xdrrec\_eof**, **xdrrec\_skiprecord**

## xdrrec\_endofrecord

**xdrrec\_endofrecord** — Marks the end of a record.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
bool_t xdrrec_endofrecord (XDR *xdrs, bool_t sendnow);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*sendnow*

Indicates when the calling program will send the record to the **writeit** routine (see **xdrrec\_create**).

If *sendnow* is TRUE, **xdrrec\_endofrecord** sends the record now. If *sendnow* is FALSE, **xdrrec\_endofrecord** writes the record to a buffer and sends the buffer when it runs out of buffer space.

## Description

A client or server program calls the `xdrrec_endofrecord` routine when it reaches the end of a record it is writing. The program must call the `xdrrec_create` routine before calling `xdrrec_endofrecord`.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it succeeds and FALSE if it fails.

## See Also

`xdrrec_create`, `xdrrec_eof`, `xdrrec_skiprecord`

## `xdrrec_eof`

`xdrrec_eof` — Goes to the end of the current record, then verifies whether any more data can be read.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h  
  
bool_t xdrrec_eof (XDR *xdrs);
```

## Argument

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

## Description

The client or server program must call the `xdrrec_create` routine before calling `xdrrec_eof`.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it reaches the end of the data stream, and FALSE if it finds more data to read.

## See Also

`xdrrec_create`, `xdrrec_endofrecord`, `xdrrec_skiprecord`

## `xdrrec_skiprecord`

`xdrrec_skiprecord` — Goes to the end of the current record.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h  
  
bool_t xdrrec_skiprecord (XDR *xdrs);
```

## Argument

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

## Description

A client or server program calls the **xdrrec\_skiprecord** routine before it reads data from a stream. This routine ensures that the program starts reading a record from the beginning.

The **xdrrec\_skiprecord** routine is similar to the **xdrrec\_eof** routine, except that **xdrrec\_skiprecord** does not verify whether any more data can be read.

The client or server program must call the **xdrrec\_create** routine before calling **xdrrec\_skiprecord**.

## Diagnostics

This routine returns TRUE if it has skipped to the start of a record. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

## See Also

**xdrrec\_create**, **xdrrec\_endofrecord**, **xdrrec\_eof**

## xdrstdio\_create

**xdrstdio\_create** — Initializes a stdio XDR stream.

## Format

```
#include tcpip$rpc:xdr.h
```

```
void xdrstdio_create (XDR *xdrs, FILE *file, enum xdr_op op);
```

## Arguments

*xdrs*

Address of the structure containing XDR encoding and decoding information.

*file*

File pointer FILE \*, which is to be associated with the stream.

*op*

An XDR operation, one of: **XDR\_ENCODE**, **XDR\_DECODE**, or **xdr\_free**.

## Description

The **xdrstdio\_create** routine initializes a studio stream for the specified file.

# Appendix A. Socket Options

This appendix describes the socket options that you can set with the Sockets API `setsockopt()` function and the \$QIO system service `IO$_SETMODE` and `IO$_SETCHAR` I/O function codes. You can query the value of these socket options using the Sockets API `getsockopt()` function or the \$QIO system service `IO$_SENSEMODE` or `IO$_SENSECHAR` I/O function code.

The following tables list:

- Socket Options
- TCP Protocol Options
- IP Protocol Options
- IPv6 Socket Options

The following table lists the socket options that are set at the `SOL_SOCKET` level and their Sockets API and system service symbol names.

**Table A.1. Socket Options**

Sockets API Symbol	System Service Symbol	Description
<code>SO_BROADCAST</code>	<code>TCPIP\$_BROADCAST</code>	Permits the sending of broadcast messages. Takes an integer parameter and requires a system user identification code (UIC) or <code>SYSPRV</code> , <code>BYPASS</code> , or <code>OPER</code> privilege. Optional for a connectionless datagram.
<code>SO_DONTROUTE</code>	<code>TCPIP\$_DONTROUTE</code>	Indicates that outgoing messages should bypass the standard routing facilities. Instead, the messages are directed to the appropriate network interface according to the network portion of the destination address.
<code>SO_ERROR</code>	<code>TCPIP\$_ERROR</code>	Obtains the socket error status and clears the error on the socket.
<code>SO_FULL_DUPLEX_CLOSE</code>	<code>TCPIP\$_FULL_DUPLEX_CLOSE</code>	When set before a close operation, the receive and transmit sides of the communications are closed.
<code>SO_KEEPALIVE</code>	<code>TCPIP\$_KEEPALIVE</code>	Keeps connections active. Enables the periodic transmission of keepalive probes to the remote system. If the remote system fails to respond to the keepalive probes, the connection is broken. If the <code>SO_KEEPALIVE</code>

		option is enabled, the values of TCP_KEEPCNT, TCP_KEEPINTVL and TCP_KEEPIIDLE affect TCP behavior on the socket.
SO_LINGER	TCPIP\$C_LINGER	<p>Lingers on a close() function if data is present. Controls the action taken when unsent messages queue on a socket and a close() function is performed. Uses a lingerstructure parameter defined in SOCKET.H to specify the state of the option and the linger interval.</p> <p>If SO_LINGER is specified, the system blocks the process during the close() function until it can transmit the data or until the time expires. If the option is not specified and aclose() function is issued, the system allows the process to resume as soon as possible.</p>
SO_OOINLINE	TCPIP\$C_OOINLINE	<p>When this option is set, out-of-band data is placed in the normal input queue. WhenSO_OOINLINE is set, the MSG_OOB flag to the receive functions cannot be used to read the out-of-band data. A value of 0 disables the option, and a nonzero value enables the option.</p>
SO_RCVBUF	TCPIP\$C_RCVBUF	<p>Sets the receive buffer size, in bytes. Takes an integer parameter and requires a system UIC or SYSPRV, BYPASS, or OPER privilege.</p>
SO_RCVTIMEO	TCPIP\$C_RCVTIMEO	<p>For Compaq use only. Sets the timeout value for a recv() operation. The argument to the two sockopt functions is a pointer to a timeval structure containing an integer value specified in seconds.</p>
SO_REUSEADDR	TCPIP\$C_REUSEADDR	<p>Specifies that the rules used in validating addresses supplied by a bind() function should allow reuse of local addresses. A value of 0 disables the option, and</p>

		a non-zero value enables the option. The SO_REUSEPORT option is automatically set when an application sets SO_REUSEADDR
SO_REUSEPORT	TCPIP\$C_REUSEPORT	Allows more than one process to receive UDP datagrams destined for the same port. The bind() call that binds a process to the port must be preceded by a setsockopt() call specifying this option. SO_REUSEPORT is automatically set when an application sets the SO_REUSEADDR option.
SO_SHARE	TCPIP\$C_SHARE	Allows multiple processes to share the socket.
SO_SNDBUF	TCPIP\$C_SNDBUF	Sets the send buffer size in bytes. Takes an integer parameter and requires a system UIC or SYSPRV, BYPASS, or OPER privilege. Optional for a connectionless datagram.
SO_SNDLOWAT	TCPIP\$C_SNDLOWAT	Sets the low-water mark for a send() operation. The send low-water mark is the amount of space that must exist in the socket send buffer for select() to return writeable. Takes an integer value specified in bytes.
SO_SNDTIMEO	TCPIP\$C_SNDTIMEO	For Compaq use only. Sets the timeout value for a send() operation. The argument to the two sockopt() functions is a pointer to a timeval structure containing an integer value specified in seconds.
SO_TYPE	TCPIP\$C_TYPE	Obtains the socket type.
SO_USELOOPBACK	TCPIP\$C_USELOOPBACK	For Compaq use only. This option applies only to sockets in the routing domain (AF_ROUTE). When you enable this option, the socket receives a copy of everything sent on the socket.

The following table lists the TCP protocol options that are set at the IPPROTO\_TCP level and their Sockets API and system service symbol names.

**Table A.2. TCP Protocol Options**

ts API Symbol	System Service Symbol	Description
TCP_KEEPCNT	TCPIP\$C_TCP_KEEPCNT	<p>When the SO_KEEPALIVE option is enabled, TCP sends a keepalive probe to the remote system of a connection that has been idle for a period of time. If the remote system does not respond to the keepalive probe, TCP retransmits a keepalive probe for a certain number of times before a connection is considered to be broken. The TCP_KEEPCNT option specifies the maximum number of keepalive probes to be sent. The value of TCP_KEEPCNT is an integer value between 1 and <math>n</math>, where <math>n</math> is the value of the systemwide <code>tcp_keepcnt</code> parameter. The default value for the systemwide parameter, <code>tcp_keepcnt</code>, is 8.</p> <p>To display the values of the systemwide parameters, enter the following command at the system prompt:</p> <pre>\$ sysconfig -q inet</pre> <p>The default value for TCP_KEEPCNT is 8.</p>
TCP_KEEPIDLE	TCPIP\$C_TCP_KEEPIDLE	<p>When the SO_KEEPALIVE option is enabled, TCP sends a keepalive probe to the remote system of a connection that has been idle for a period of time. If the remote system does not respond to the keepalive probe, TCP retransmits a keepalive probe for a certain number of times before a connection is considered to be broken. TCP_KEEPIDLE specifies the number of seconds before TCP will send the initial keepalive probe. The default value for TCP_KEEPIDLE is an integer value between 1 and <math>n</math>, where <math>n</math> is the value for the systemwide parameter <code>tcp_keepidle</code>. The</p>



		<p>default value for <code>tcp_keepidle</code> , specified in half-second units, is 150 (75 seconds).</p> <p>To display the values of the systemwide parameters, enter the following command at the system prompt:</p> <pre>\$ sysconfig -q inet</pre> <p>The default value for <code>TCP_KEEPIDLE</code> is 75 seconds.</p>
<p>TCP_KEEPINIT</p>	<p>TCPIP\$C_TCP_KEEPINIT</p>	<p>If a TCP connection cannot be established within a period of time, TCP will time out the connection attempt. The default timeout value for this initial connection establishment is 75 seconds. The <code>TCP_KEEPINIT</code> option specifies the number of seconds to wait before the connection attempt times out. For passive connections, the <code>TCP_KEEPINIT</code> option value is inherited from the listening socket. The value of <code>TCP_KEEPINIT</code> is an integer between 1 and <math>n</math>, where <math>n</math> is the value for the systemwide parameter <code>tcp_keepinit</code> . The default value of the systemwide parameter <code>tcp_keepinit</code> , specified in half-second units, is 150 (75 seconds).</p> <p>To display the values of the systemwide parameters, enter the following command at the system prompt:</p> <pre>\$ sysconfig -q inet</pre> <p>The <code>TCP_KEEPINIT</code> option does not require the <code>SO_KEEPALIVE</code> option to be enabled.</p>
<p>TCP_KEEPINTVL</p>	<p>TCPIP\$C_TCP_KEEPINTVL</p>	<p>When the <code>SO_KEEPALIVE</code> option is enabled, TCP sends a keepalive probe to the remote system on a connection that has been idle for a period of time. If the remote system does not</p>

		<p>respond to a keepalive probe, TCP retransmits the keepalive probe after a period of time. The default value for this retransmit interval is 75 seconds. The TCP_KEEPINTVL option specifies the number of seconds to wait before retransmitting a keepalive probe. The value of the TCP_KEEPINTVL option is an integer between 1 and <math>n</math>, where <math>n</math> is the value of the systemwide parameter <code>tcp_keepintvl</code> which is specified in half-second units. The default value for the systemwide parameter <code>tcp_keepintvl</code> is 150 (75 seconds).</p> <p>To display the values of the systemwide parameters, enter the following command at the system prompt:</p> <pre>\$ sysconfig -q inet</pre>
TCP_NODELAY	TCPIP\$C_TCP_NODELAY	<p>Specifies that the <code>send()</code> operation not be delayed to merge packets.</p> <p>Under most circumstances, TCP sends data when it is presented. When outstanding data has not yet been acknowledged, TCP gathers small amounts of the data into a single packet and sends it when an acknowledgment is received. This functionality can cause significant delays for some clients that do not expect replies (such as windowing systems that send a stream of events from the mouse). The TCP_NODELAY disables the Nagle algorithm, which reduces the number of small packets on a wide area network.</p>
TCP_MAXSEG	TCPIP\$C_TCP_MAXSEG	<p>Sets the maximum transmission unit (MTU) of a TCP segment to a specified integer value from 1 to 65535. The default is 576 bytes. Can only be set</p>

		<p>before a listen() or connect() operation on the socket. For passive connections, the value is obtained from the listening socket.</p> <p>Note that TCP does not use an MTU value that is less than 32 or greater than the local network's MTU. Setting the option to zero results in the default behavior.</p>
TCP_NODELACK	TCPIP\$C_TCP_NODELACK	<p>When specified, disables the algorithm that gathers outstanding data that has not been acknowledged and sends it in a single packet when acknowledgment is received. Takes an integer value.</p>
<p><b>The following TCP protocol options are obsolete but provided for backward compatibility:</b></p>		
TCP_DROP_IDLE	TCPIP\$C_TCP_DROP_IDLE	<p>When the TCP_KEEPALIVE option is enabled, the TCP_DROP_IDLE option specifies the time interval after which a connection is dropped. The value of TCP_DROP_IDLE is an integer specified in seconds. The default value is 600 seconds.</p> <p>When the TCP_DROP_IDLE option is set, the value of the TCP_KEEPCNT option is calculated as the value of TCP_DROP_IDLE divided by the value of TCP_KEEPINTVL.</p> <p>A call to getsockopt() function specifying the TCP_DROP_IDLE option returns the result of multiplying the values of TCP_KEEPCNT and TCP_KEEPINTVL.</p>
TCP_PROBE_IDLE	TCPIP\$C_TCP_PROBE_IDLE	<p>When the TCP_KEEPALIVE option is enabled, the TCP_PROBE_IDLE option specifies the time interval between the keepalive probes and for the connections establishing the timeout. The default value for TCP_PROBE_IDLE is</p>

		<p>75 seconds. The value of TCP_PROBE_IDLE is an integer specified in seconds.</p> <p>When this option is set, TCP_KEEPINTVL, TCP_KEEPIDLE and TCP_KEEPIINIT are set to the value specified for TCP_PROBE_IDLE.</p> <p>A call to the getsockopt() function specifying the TCP_PROBE_IDLE option returns the value of TCP_KEEPINTVL.</p>
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The following table lists options that are set at the IPPROTO\_IP level and their Sockets API and system service symbol names.

**Table A.3. Protocol Options**

Sockets API Symbol	System Service Symbol	Description
IP_ADD_MEMBERSHIP	TCPIP \$C_IP_ADD_MEMBERSHIP	<p>Adds the host to the membership of a multicast group.</p> <p>A host must become a member of a multicast group before it can receive datagrams sent to the group.</p> <p>Membership is associated with a single interface; programs running on multihomed hosts may need to join the same group on more than one interface. Up to IP_MAX_MEMBERSHIPS (currently 20) memberships may be added on a single socket.</p>
IP_DROP_MEMBERSHIP	TCPIP \$C_IP_DROP_MEMBERSHIP	Removes the host from the membership of a multicast group.
IP_HDRINCL	TCPIP\$C_IP_HDRINCL	If specified for a raw IP socket, you must build the IP header for all datagrams sent on the raw socket.
IP_MULTICAST_IF	TCPIP\$C_IP_MULTICAST_IF	Specifies the interface for outgoing multicast datagrams sent on this socket. The interface is specified as an in_addr structure.

IP_MULTICAST_LOOP	TCPIP \$C_IP_MULTICAST_LOOP	Disables loopback of local delivery.If a multicast datagram is sent to a group which the sending host is a member, a copy of the datagram is looped back by the IP layer for local delivery (the default). To disable the loopback delivery, specify a value of 0.								
IP_MULTICAST_TTL	TCPIP \$C_IP_MULTICAST_TTL	<p>Specifies the time-to-live (TTL) value for outgoing multicast datagrams.Takes an integer value between 0 and 255:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1003 696 1396 2020"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1003 696 1193 741">Value</th> <th data-bbox="1200 696 1396 741">Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1003 750 1193 929">0</td> <td data-bbox="1200 750 1396 929">Restricts distribution to applications running on the local host.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1003 938 1193 1117">1</td> <td data-bbox="1200 938 1396 1117">Forwards the multicast datagram to hosts on the local subnet.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1003 1126 1193 2020">2 - 255</td> <td data-bbox="1200 1126 1396 2020">With a multicast router attached to the sending host's network, forwards multicast datagrams beyond the local subnet.Multicast routers forward the datagram to known networks that have hosts belonging to the specified multicast group. The TTL value is decremented by each multicast router in the path. When the</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Value	Action	0	Restricts distribution to applications running on the local host.	1	Forwards the multicast datagram to hosts on the local subnet.	2 - 255	With a multicast router attached to the sending host's network, forwards multicast datagrams beyond the local subnet.Multicast routers forward the datagram to known networks that have hosts belonging to the specified multicast group. The TTL value is decremented by each multicast router in the path. When the
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		TTL value is decremented to zero, the datagram is no longer forwarded.
IP_OPTIONS	TCPIP\$C_IP_OPTIONS	Provides IP options to be transmitted in the IP header of each outgoing packet.
IP_RECVDSTADDR	TCPIP\$C_IP_RECVDSTADDR	Enables a SOCK_DGRAM socket to receive the destination IP address for a UDP datagram.
IP_RECVOPTS	TCPIP\$C_IP_RECVOPTS	Enables a SOCK_DGRAM socket to receive IP options.
IP_TTL	TCPIP\$C_IP_TTL	Time to live (TTL) for a datagram.
IP_TOS	TCPIP\$C_IP_TOS	Type of service (1-byte value).

The following table describes the socket options supporting IPv6. The IPv6 socket options do not have system service symbols.

**Table A.4. IPv6 Socket Options**

IPV6_RECVPKTINFO	Source and destination IPv6 address, and sending and receiving interface.
IPV6_RECVHOPLIMIT	Hop limit.
IPV6_RECVRTHDR	Routing header.
IPV6_RECVHOPOPTS	Hop-by-hop options.
IPV6_RECVDSTOPTS	Destination options.
IPV6_CHECKSUM	For raw IPv6 sockets other than ICMPv6 raw sockets, causes the kernel to compute and store checksum for output and to verify the received checksum on input. Discards the packet if the checksum is in error.
IPV6_ICMP6_FILTER	Fetches and stores the filter associated with the ICMPv6 raw socket using the getsockopt( ) function and setsockopt( ) functions.
IPV6_UNICAST_HOPS	Sets the hop limit for all subsequent unicast packets sent on a socket. You can also use this option with the getsockopt( ) function to determine the current hop limit for a socket.
IPV6_MULTICAST_	IF Sets the interface to use for outgoing multicast packets.
IPV6_MULTICAST_HOPS	Sets the hop limit for outgoing multicast packets.
IPV6_MULTICAST_LOOP	Controls whether to deliver outgoing multicast packets back to the local application.

IPV6_JOIN_GROUP	Joins a multicast group on the specified interface
IPV6_LEAVE_GROUP	Leaves a multicast group on the specified interface.

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