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NAME

explain_accept4 – explain accept4(2) errors

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <libexplain/accept4.h>

const char *explain_accept4(int fildes, struct sockaddr *sock_addr, socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
const char *explain_errno_accept4(int errnum, int fildes, struct sockaddr *sock_addr, socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
void explain_message_accept4(char *message, int message_size, int fildes, struct sockaddr *sock_addr, socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
void explain_message_errno_accept4(char *message, int message_size, int errnum, int fildes, struct sockaddr *sock_addr, socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions may be used to obtain explanations for errors returned by the *accept4(2)* system call.

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const char *explain_accept4(int fildes, struct sockaddr *sock_addr, socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
```

The **explain_accept4** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *accept4(2)* system call. The least the message will contain is the value of `strerror(errno)`, but usually it will do much better, and indicate the underlying cause in more detail.

The *errno* global variable will be used to obtain the error value to be decoded.

fildes The original fildes, exactly as passed to the *accept4(2)* system call.

sock_addr

The original sock_addr, exactly as passed to the *accept4(2)* system call.

sock_addr_size

The original sock_addr_size, exactly as passed to the *accept4(2)* system call.

flags The original flags, exactly as passed to the *accept4(2)* system call.

Returns: The message explaining the error. This message buffer is shared by all libexplain functions which do not supply a buffer in their argument list. This will be overwritten by the next call to any libexplain function which shares this buffer, including other threads.

Note: This function is **not** thread safe, because it shares a return buffer across all threads, and many other functions in this library.

Example: This function is intended to be used in a fashion similar to the following example:

```
int result = accept4(fildes, sock_addr, sock_addr_size, flags);
if (result < 0)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", explain_accept4(fildes, sock_addr,
        sock_addr_size, flags));
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

The above code example is available pre-packaged as the *explain_accept4_or_die(3)* function.

explain_errno_accept4

```
const char *explain_errno_accept4(int errnum, int fildes, struct sockaddr *sock_addr, socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
```

The **explain_errno_accept4** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *accept4(2)* system call. The least the message will contain is the value of `strerror(errno)`, but usually it will do much better, and indicate the underlying cause in more detail.

errnum The error value to be decoded, usually obtained from the *errno* global variable just before this function is called. This is necessary if you need to call **any** code between the system call to be explained and this function, because many libc functions will alter the value of *errno*.

fildes The original fildes, exactly as passed to the *accept4(2)* system call.



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Note: This function is **not** thread safe, because it shares a return buffer across all threads, and many other functions in this library.

Example: This function is intended to be used in a fashion similar to the following example:

```
int result = accept4(fildes, sock_addr, sock_addr_size, flags);
if (result < 0)
{
    int err = errno;
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", explain_errno_accept4(err, fildes,
        sock_addr, sock_addr_size, flags));
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

The above code example is available pre-packaged as the *explain_accept4_or_die(3)* function.

explain_message_accept4

```
void explain_message_accept4(char *message, int message_size, int fildes, struct sockaddr *sock_addr,
    socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
```

The **explain_message_accept4** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *accept4(2)* system call. The least the message will contain is the value of *strerror(errno)*, but usually it will do much better, and indicate the underlying cause in more detail.

The *errno* global variable will be used to obtain the error value to be decoded.

message The location in which to store the returned message. If a suitable message return buffer is supplied, this function is thread safe.

message_size

The size in bytes of the location in which to store the returned message.

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Example: This function is intended to be used in a fashion similar to the following example:

```
int result = accept4(fildes, sock_addr, sock_addr_size, flags);
if (result < 0)
{
    char message[3000];
    explain_message_accept4(message, sizeof(message), fildes,
        sock_addr, sock_addr_size, flags);
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", message);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

The above code example is available pre-packaged as the *explain_accept4_or_die(3)* function.

explain_message_errno_accept4

```
void explain_message_errno_accept4(char *message, int message_size, int errnum, int fildes, struct
    sockaddr *sock_addr, socklen_t *sock_addr_size, int flags);
```



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message The location in which to store the returned message. If a suitable message return buffer is supplied, this function is thread safe.

message_size

The size in bytes of the location in which to store the returned message.

errnum The error value to be decoded, usually obtained from the *errno* global variable just before this function is called. This is necessary if you need to call **any** code between the system call to be explained and this function, because many libc functions will alter the value of *errno*.

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int result = accept4(fildes, sock_addr, sock_addr_size, flags);
if (result < 0)
{
    int err = errno;
    char message[3000];
    explain_message_errno_accept4(message, sizeof(message),
    err, fildes, sock_addr, sock_addr_size, flags);
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", message);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
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SEE ALSO

accept4(2)

accept a connection on a socket

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