

explain_mkdtmp(3)

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NAMEexplain_mkdtmp – explain *mkdtmp*(3) errors**SYNOPSIS**

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

const char *explain_mkdtmp(char *pathname);
const char *explain_errno_mkdtmp(int errnum, char *pathname);
void explain_message_mkdtmp(char *message, int message_size, char *pathname);
void explain_message_errno_mkdtmp(char *message, int message_size, int errnum, char *pathname);
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions may be used to obtain explanations for errors returned by the *mkdtmp*(3) system call.

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```
const char *explain_mkdtmp(char *pathname);
```

The **explain_mkdtmp** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *mkdtmp*(3) 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.

pathname

The original pathname, exactly as passed to the *mkdtmp*(3) 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:

```
char *result = mkdtmp(pathname);
if (!result)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", explain_mkdtmp(pathname));
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

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

explain_errno_mkdtmp

```
const char *explain_errno_mkdtmp(int errnum, char *pathname);
```

The **explain_errno_mkdtmp** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *mkdtmp*(3) 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*.

pathname

The original pathname, exactly as passed to the *mkdtmp*(3) 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:

```
char *result = mkdtmp(pathname);
if (!result)
{
    int err = errno;
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", explain_errno_mkdtmp(err,
```



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        pathname));
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

```

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explain_message_mkdtmp

```
void explain_message_mkdtmp(char *message, int message_size, char *pathname);
```

The **explain_message_mkdtmp** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *mkdtmp(3)* 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.

pathname

The original pathname, exactly as passed to the *mkdtmp(3)* system call.

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

```

char *result = mkdtmp(pathname);
if (!result)
{
    char message[3000];
    explain_message_mkdtmp(message, sizeof(message), path-
name);
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", message);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

```

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

explain_message_errno_mkdtmp

```
void explain_message_errno_mkdtmp(char *message, int message_size, int errnum, char *pathname);
```

The **explain_message_errno_mkdtmp** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *mkdtmp(3)* 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.

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*.

pathname

The original pathname, exactly as passed to the *mkdtmp(3)* system call.

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

```

char *result = mkdtmp(pathname);
if (!result)
{
    int err = errno;
    char message[3000];
    explain_message_errno_mkdtmp(message, sizeof(message),
err, pathname);
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", message);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

```



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