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**NAME**explain\_setpriority – explain *setpriority*(2) errors**SYNOPSIS**

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

const char *explain_setpriority(int which, int who, int prio);
const char *explain_errno_setpriority(int errnum, int which, int who, int prio);
void explain_message_setpriority(char *message, int message_size, int which, int who, int prio);
void explain_message_errno_setpriority(char *message, int message_size, int errnum, int which, int who, int prio);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

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

**explain\_setpriority**

```
const char *explain_setpriority(int which, int who, int prio);
```

The **explain\_setpriority** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *setpriority*(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.

*which*    The original which, exactly as passed to the *setpriority*(2) system call.

*who*      The original who, exactly as passed to the *setpriority*(2) system call.

*prio*     The original prio, exactly as passed to the *setpriority*(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:

```
if (setpriority(which, who, prio) < 0)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", explain_setpriority(which, who,
        prio));
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

The above code example is available pre-packaged as the *explain\_setpriority\_or\_die*(3) function.

**explain\_errno\_setpriority**

```
const char *explain_errno_setpriority(int errnum, int which, int who, int prio);
```

The **explain\_errno\_setpriority** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *setpriority*(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*.

*which*    The original which, exactly as passed to the *setpriority*(2) system call.

*who*      The original who, exactly as passed to the *setpriority*(2) system call.

*prio*     The original prio, exactly as passed to the *setpriority*(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.

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```
if (setpriority(which, who, prio) < 0)
{
    int err = errno;
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", explain_errno_setpriority(err,
        which, who, prio));
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

The above code example is available pre-packaged as the *explain\_setpriority\_or\_die(3)* function.

### explain\_message\_setpriority

```
void explain_message_setpriority(char *message, int message_size, int which, int who, int prio);
```

The **explain\_message\_setpriority** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *setpriority(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.

*which* The original which, exactly as passed to the *setpriority(2)* system call.

*who* The original who, exactly as passed to the *setpriority(2)* system call.

*prio* The original prio, exactly as passed to the *setpriority(2)* system call.

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

```
if (setpriority(which, who, prio) < 0)
{
    char message[3000];
    explain_message_setpriority(message, sizeof(message),
        which, who, prio);
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", message);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

The above code example is available pre-packaged as the *explain\_setpriority\_or\_die(3)* function.

### explain\_message\_errno\_setpriority

```
void explain_message_errno_setpriority(char *message, int message_size, int errnum, int which, int who, int prio);
```

The **explain\_message\_errno\_setpriority** function is used to obtain an explanation of an error returned by the *setpriority(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.

*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*.

*which* The original which, exactly as passed to the *setpriority(2)* system call.

*who* The original who, exactly as passed to the *setpriority(2)* system call.

*prio* The original prio, exactly as passed to the *setpriority(2)* system call.

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

```
if (setpriority(which, who, prio) < 0)
{
```



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    int err = errno;
    char message[3000];
    explain_message_errno_setpriority(message, sizeof(message),
    err, which, who, prio);
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", message);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

The above code example is available pre-packaged as the *explain\_setpriority\_or\_die(3)* function.

**SEE ALSO***setpriority(2)*

set program scheduling priority

*explain\_setpriority\_or\_die(3)*

set program scheduling priority and report errors

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