

**NAME**

`mq_close` – close a message queue descriptor

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <mqeue.h>
```

```
int mq_close(mqd_t mqdes);
```

Link with `-lrt`.

**DESCRIPTION**

`mq_close()` closes the message queue descriptor `mqdes`.

If the calling process has attached a notification request to this message queue via `mqdes`, then this request is removed, and another process can now attach a notification request.

**RETURN VALUE**

On success `mq_close()` returns 0; on error, `-1` is returned, with `errno` set to indicate the error.

**ERRORS****EBADF**

The descriptor specified in `mqdes` is invalid.

**CONFORMING TO**

POSIX.1-2001.

**NOTES**

All open message queues are automatically closed on process termination, or upon `execve(2)`.

**SEE ALSO**

`mq_getattr(3)`, `mq_notify(3)`, `mq_open(3)`, `mq_receive(3)`, `mq_send(3)`, `mq_unlink(3)`, `mq_overview(7)`

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