

## NAME

`futimesat` – change timestamps of a file relative to a directory file descriptor

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <fcntl.h> /* Definition of AT_* constants */
#include <sys/time.h>

int futimesat(int dirfd, const char *pathname,
              const struct timeval times[2]);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature\\_test\\_macros\(7\)](#)):

```
futimesat(): _GNU_SOURCE
```

## DESCRIPTION

This system call is obsolete. Use [utimensat\(2\)](#) instead.

The `futimesat()` system call operates in exactly the same way as [utimes\(2\)](#), except for the differences described in this manual page.

If the `pathname` given in `pathname` is relative, then it is interpreted relative to the directory referred to by the file descriptor `dirfd` (rather than relative to the current working directory of the calling process, as is done by [utimes\(2\)](#) for a relative `pathname`).

If `pathname` is relative and `dirfd` is the special value `AT_FDCWD`, then `pathname` is interpreted relative to the current working directory of the calling process (like [utimes\(2\)](#)).

If `pathname` is absolute, then `dirfd` is ignored.

## RETURN VALUE

On success, `futimesat()` returns a 0. On error, `-1` is returned and `errno` is set to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

The same errors that occur for [utimes\(2\)](#) can also occur for `futimesat()`. The following additional errors can occur for `futimesat()`:

### EBADF

`dirfd` is not a valid file descriptor.

### ENOTDIR

`pathname` is relative and `dirfd` is a file descriptor referring to a file other than a directory.

## VERSIONS

`futimesat()` was added to Linux in kernel 2.6.16; library support was added to glibc in version 2.4.

## CONFORMING TO

This system call is nonstandard. It was implemented from a specification that was proposed for POSIX.1, but that specification was replaced by the one for [utimensat\(2\)](#).

A similar system call exists on Solaris.

## NOTES

### Glibc notes

If `pathname` is `NULL`, then the glibc `futimesat()` wrapper function updates the times for the file referred to by `dirfd`.

## SEE ALSO

[stat\(2\)](#), [utimensat\(2\)](#), [utimes\(2\)](#), [futimes\(3\)](#), [path\\_resolution\(7\)](#)

## COLOPHON

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