

**NAME**

**devctl**, **devctl\_attach**, **devctl\_clear\_driver**, **devctl\_delete**, **devctl\_detach**, **devctl\_disable**, **devctl\_enable**, **devctl\_freeze**, **devctl\_getpath**, **devctl\_rescan**, **devctl\_reset**, **devctl\_resume**, **devctl\_set\_driver**, **devctl\_suspend**, **devctl\_thaw** - device control library

**LIBRARY**

Device Control Library (libdevctl, -ldevctl)

**SYNOPSIS**

**#include** <devctl.h>

*int*

**devctl\_attach**(*const char \*device*);

*int*

**devctl\_clear\_driver**(*const char \*device, bool force*);

*int*

**devctl\_delete**(*const char \*device, bool force*);

*int*

**devctl\_detach**(*const char \*device, bool force*);

*int*

**devctl\_disable**(*const char \*device, bool force\_detach*);

*int*

**devctl\_enable**(*const char \*device*);

*int*

**devctl\_freeze**(*void*);

*int*

**devctl\_getpath**(*const char \*device, const char \*locator, char \*\*buffer*);

*int*

**devctl\_rescan**(*const char \*device*);

*int*

**devctl\_reset**(*const char \*device, bool detach*);

*int*

**devctl\_resume**(*const char \*device*);

*int*

**devctl\_set\_driver**(*const char \*device, const char \*driver, bool force*);

*int*

**devctl\_suspend**(*const char \*device*);

*int*

**devctl\_thaw**(*void*);

## DESCRIPTION

The **devctl** library adjusts the state of devices in the kernel's internal device hierarchy. Each control operation accepts a *device* argument that identifies the device to adjust. The *device* may be specified as either the name of an existing device or as a bus-specific address. The following bus-specific address formats are currently supported:

**pcidomain:bus:slot:function**

A PCI device with the specified *domain*, *bus*, *slot*, and *function*.

**pci:bus:slot:function**

A PCI device in domain zero with the specified *bus*, *slot*, and *function*.

**handle**

A device with an ACPI handle of *handle*. The handle must be specified as an absolute path and must begin with a "\".

The **devctl\_attach**() function probes a device and attaches a suitable device driver if one is found.

The **devctl\_detach**() function detaches a device from its current device driver. The device is left detached until either a new driver for its parent bus is loaded or the device is explicitly probed via **devctl\_attach**(). If *force* is true, the current device driver will be detached even if the device is busy.

The **devctl\_delete**() function deletes a device from the device tree. No If *force* is true, the device is deleted even if the device is physically present.

The **devctl\_disable**() function disables a device. If the device is currently attached to a device driver, the device driver will be detached from the device, but the device will retain its current name. If *force\_detach* is true, the current device driver will be detached even if the device is busy. The device

will remain disabled and detached until it is explicitly enabled via **devctl\_enable()**.

The **devctl\_enable()** function re-enables a disabled device. The device will probe and attach if a suitable device driver is found.

The **devctl\_suspend()** function suspends a device. This may include placing the device in a reduced power state, but any device driver currently attached to the device will remain attached.

The **devctl\_resume()** function resumes a suspended device to a fully working state.

The **devctl\_set\_driver()** function attaches a device driver named *driver* to a device. If the device is already attached and *force* is false, the request will fail. If the device is already attached and *force* is true, the device will be detached from its current device driver before it is attached to the new device driver.

The **devctl\_clear\_driver()** function resets a device so that it can be attached to any valid device driver rather than only drivers with a previously specified name. This function is used to undo a previous call to **devctl\_set\_driver()**. If the device is already attached and *force* is false, the request will fail. If the device is already attached and *force* is true, the device will be detached from its current device driver. After the device's name is reset, it is re-probed and attached to a suitable device driver if one is found.

The **devctl\_rescan()** function rescans a bus device checking for devices that have been added or removed.

The **devctl\_getpath()** retrieves the path to the *device* from the kernel using the *locator* method to construct the path. The *buffer* pointer is updated with an allocated buffer that must be freed with `free`.

The **devctl\_freeze()** function freezes probe and attach processing initiated in response to drivers being loaded.

The **devctl\_thaw()** function resumes (thaws the freeze) probe and attach processing initiated in response to drivers being loaded.

The **devctl\_reset()** function resets the specified device using bus-specific reset method. The *detach* argument, if true, specifies that the device driver is detached before the reset, and re-attached afterwards. If false, the device is suspended before the reset, and resumed after.

## RETURN VALUES

The **devctl\_attach()**, **devctl\_clear\_driver()**, **devctl\_delete()**, **devctl\_detach()**, **devctl\_disable()**, **devctl\_enable()**, **devctl\_suspend()**, **devctl\_rescan()**, **devctl\_resume()**, and **devctl\_set\_driver()** functions

return the value 0 if successful; otherwise the value -1 is returned and the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

In addition to specific errors noted below, all of the **devctl** functions may fail for any of the errors described in `open(2)` as well as:

- [EINVAL]           The device name is too long.
- [ENOENT]           No existing device matches the specified name or location.
- [EPERM]            The current process is not permitted to adjust the state of *device*.

The **devctl\_attach()** function may fail if:

- [EBUSY]            The device is already attached.
- [ENOMEM]           An internal memory allocation request failed.
- [ENXIO]            The device is disabled.
- [ENXIO]            No suitable driver for the device could be found, or the driver failed to attach.

The **devctl\_detach()** function may fail if:

- [EBUSY]            The current device driver for *device* is busy and cannot detach at this time. Note that some drivers may return this even if *force* is true.
- [ENXIO]            The device is not attached to a driver.
- [ENXIO]            The current device driver for *device* does not support detaching.

The **devctl\_enable()** function may fail if:

- [EBUSY]            The device is already enabled.
- [ENOMEM]           An internal memory allocation request failed.
- [ENXIO]            No suitable driver for the device could be found, or the driver failed to attach.

The **devctl\_disable()** function may fail if:

- [EBUSY]           The current device driver for *device* is busy and cannot detach at this time. Note that some drivers may return this even if *force\_detach* is true.
- [ENXIO]           The device is already disabled.
- [ENXIO]           The current device driver for *device* does not support detaching.

The **devctl\_suspend()** function may fail if:

- [EBUSY]           The device is already suspended.
- [EINVAL]          The device to be suspended is the root bus device.

The **devctl\_resume()** function may fail if:

- [EINVAL]          The device is not suspended.
- [EINVAL]          The device to be resumed is the root bus device.

The **devctl\_set\_driver()** function may fail if:

- [EBUSY]           The device is currently attached to a device driver and *force* is false.
- [EBUSY]           The current device driver for *device* is busy and cannot detach at this time.
- [EFAULT]          The *driver* argument points outside the process' allocated address space.
- [ENOENT]          No device driver with the requested name exists.
- [ENOMEM]          An internal memory allocation request failed.
- [ENXIO]           The device is disabled.
- [ENXIO]           The new device driver failed to attach.

The **devctl\_clear\_driver()** function may fail if:

- [EBUSY]           The device is currently attached to a device driver and *force* is false.

[EBUSY]           The current device driver for *device* is busy and cannot detach at this time.

[EINVAL]          The device is not configured for a specific device driver name.

[ENXIO]           The device driver chosen after reprobng failed to attach.

The **devctl\_rescan()** function may fail if:

[ENXIO]           The device is not attached to a driver.

[ENXIO]           The bus driver does not support rescanning.

The **devctl\_delete()** function may fail if:

[EBUSY]           The device is physically present and *force* is false.

[EINVAL]          *dev* is the root device of the device tree.

The **devctl\_reset()** function may fail if:

[ENXIO]           The bus does not implement the reset method.

[ETIMEDOUT]      The device failed to respond after the reset in the time limits specific to the bus. The **devctl\_reset()** function may also return errors caused by the attach, detach, suspend, and resume methods of the device driver.

## SEE ALSO

devinfo(3), devstat(3), devctl(8)

## HISTORY

The **devctl** library first appeared in FreeBSD 10.3.

## BUGS

If a device is suspended individually via **devctl\_suspend()** and the entire machine is subsequently suspended, the device will be resumed when the machine resumes.

Similarly, if the device is suspended, and **devctl\_reset()** is called on the device with *detach* set to *false*, the device is resumed by the **devctl\_reset()** call. Or, if the driver for the device is detached manually, and **devctl\_reset()** is called on the device with *detach* set to *true*, device reset re-attaches the driver.