

**NAME**

libssh2\_sftp\_fstat\_ex - get or set attributes on an SFTP file handle

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libssh2.h>
```

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#include <libssh2_sftp.h>
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int
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```
libssh2_sftp_fstat_ex(LIBSSH2_SFTP_HANDLE *handle,
                     LIBSSH2_SFTP_ATTRIBUTES *attrs, int setstat)
```

```
#define libssh2_sftp_fstat(handle, attrs) \
    libssh2_sftp_fstat_ex((handle), (attrs), 0)
#define libssh2_sftp_fsetstat(handle, attrs) \
    libssh2_sftp_fstat_ex((handle), (attrs), 1)
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*handle* - SFTP File Handle as returned by **libssh2\_sftp\_open\_ex(3)**

*attrs* - Pointer to an LIBSSH2\_SFTP\_ATTRIBUTES structure to set file metadata from or into depending on the value of setstat.

*setstat* - When non-zero, the file's metadata will be updated with the data found in attrs according to the values of attrs->flags and other relevant member attributes.

Get or Set statbuf type data for a given LIBSSH2\_SFTP\_HANDLE instance.

**DATA TYPES**

LIBSSH2\_SFTP\_ATTRIBUTES is a typedefed struct that is defined as below

```
struct _LIBSSH2_SFTP_ATTRIBUTES {

    /* If flags & ATTR_* bit is set, then the value in this
     * struct will be meaningful Otherwise it should be ignored
     */
    unsigned long flags;

    /* size of file, in bytes */
    libssh2_uint64_t filesize;
```

```

/* numerical representation of the user and group owner of
 * the file
 */
unsigned long uid, gid;

/* bitmask of permissions */
unsigned long permissions;

/* access time and modified time of file */
unsigned long atime, mtime;
};

```

You will find a full set of defines and macros to identify flags and permissions on the **libssh2\_sftp.h** header file, but some of the most common ones are:

To check for specific user permissions, the set of defines are in the pattern `LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_I<action><who>` where `<action>` is R, W or X for read, write and executable and `<who>` is USR, GRP and OTH for user, group and other. So, you check for a user readable file, use the bit `LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRUSR` while you want to see if it is executable for other, you use `LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IXOTH` and so on.

To check for specific file types, you would previously (before libssh2 1.2.5) use the standard posix `S_IS***()` macros, but since 1.2.5 libssh2 offers its own set of macros for this functionality:

`LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_ISLNK`  
Test for a symbolic link

`LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_ISREG`  
Test for a regular file

`LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_ISDIR`  
Test for a directory

`LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_ISCHR`  
Test for a character special file

`LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_ISBLK`  
Test for a block special file

`LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_ISFIFO`

Test for a pipe or FIFO special file

#### LIBSSH2\_SFTP\_S\_ISSOCK

Test for a socket

### RETURN VALUE

Return 0 on success or negative on failure. It returns `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` when it would otherwise block. While `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` is a negative number, it is not really a failure per se.

### ERRORS

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_ALLOC* - An internal memory allocation call failed.

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_SOCKET\_SEND* - Unable to send data on socket.

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_SOCKET\_TIMEOUT* -

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_SFTP\_PROTOCOL* - An invalid SFTP protocol response was received on the socket, or an SFTP operation caused an errorcode to be returned by the server.

### AVAILABILITY

This function has been around since forever, but most of the `LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_*` defines were introduced in libssh2 0.14 and the `LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IS***()` macros were introduced in libssh2 1.2.5.

### SEE ALSO

**libssh2\_sftp\_open\_ex(3)**