

**NAME**

**posix\_spawnattr\_init**, **posix\_spawnattr\_destroy** - initialize and destroy spawn attributes object

**LIBRARY**

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <spawn.h>
```

```
int
```

```
posix_spawnattr_init(posix_spawnattr_t * attr);
```

```
int
```

```
posix_spawnattr_destroy(posix_spawnattr_t * attr);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **posix\_spawnattr\_init**() function initializes a spawn attributes object *attr* with the default value for all of the individual attributes used by the implementation. Initializing an already initialized spawn attributes object may cause memory to be leaked.

The **posix\_spawnattr\_destroy**() function destroys a spawn attributes object. A destroyed *attr* attributes object can be reinitialized using **posix\_spawnattr\_init**(). The object should not be used after it has been destroyed.

A spawn attributes object is of type *posix\_spawnattr\_t* (defined in <spawn.h>) and is used to specify the inheritance of process attributes across a spawn operation.

The resulting spawn attributes object (possibly modified by setting individual attribute values), is used to modify the behavior of **posix\_spawn**() or **posix\_spawnnp**(). After a spawn attributes object has been used to spawn a process by a call to a **posix\_spawn**() or **posix\_spawnnp**(), any function affecting the attributes object (including destruction) will not affect any process that has been spawned in this way.

**RETURN VALUES**

Upon successful completion, **posix\_spawnattr\_init**() and **posix\_spawnattr\_destroy**() return zero; otherwise, an error number is returned to indicate the error.

**ERRORS**

The **posix\_spawnattr\_init**() function will fail if:

[ENOMEM]           Insufficient memory exists to initialize the spawn attributes object.

## SEE ALSO

posix\_spawn(3), posix\_spawnnp(3)

## STANDARDS

The **posix\_spawnattr\_init()** and **posix\_spawnattr\_destroy()** functions conform to IEEE Std 1003.1-2001 ("POSIX.1").

## HISTORY

The **posix\_spawnattr\_init()** and **posix\_spawnattr\_destroy()** functions first appeared in FreeBSD 8.0.

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