NAME

g_attach, **g_detach** - attach/detach GEOM consumers to/from providers

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <geom/geom.h>
int
g_attach(struct g_consumer *cp, struct g_provider *pp);
void
g_detach(struct g_consumer *cp);
```

DESCRIPTION

The **g_attach**() function attaches given consumer *cp* to given provider *pp*, thus establishing a communication channel between the consumer and the provider that allows to change access counts and perform I/O operations.

The **g_detach**() function detaches given consumer *cp* from its corresponding provider, tearing down the communication channel between them.

RESTRICTIONS/CONDITIONS

g_attach():

The consumer must not be attached to a provider.

The operation must not create a topology loop.

The topology lock has to be held.

g_detach():

The consumer has to be attached.

The access count has to be 0.

There must be no active requests.

The topology lock has to be held.

RETURN VALUES

The **g_attach()** function returns 0 if successful; otherwise an error code is returned.

EXAMPLES

Create a consumer, attach it to a given provider, gain read access and clean up.

```
void
some_function(struct g_geom *mygeom, struct g_provider *pp)
{
         struct g_consumer *cp;
         g_topology_assert();
         /* Create new consumer on 'mygeom' geom. */
         cp = g_new_consumer(mygeom);
         /* Attach newly created consumer to given provider. */
         if (g_attach(cp, pp) != 0) {
                   g_destroy_consumer(cp);
                   return;
         /* Open provider for reading through our consumer. */
         if (g_access(cp, 1, 0, 0) != 0) {
                   g_detach(cp);
                   g_destroy_consumer(cp);
                   return;
         }
         g_topology_unlock();
          * Read data from provider.
         g_topology_lock();
         /* Disconnect from provider (release access count). */
         g_access(cp, -1, 0, 0);
         /* Detach from provider. */
         g_detach(cp);
         /* Destroy consumer. */
         g_destroy_consumer(cp);
}
```

ERRORS

Possible errors:

[ELOOP] The operation creates a topology loop.

[ENXIO] Provider got orphaned.

SEE ALSO

geom(4), DECLARE_GEOM_CLASS(9), g_access(9), g_bio(9), g_consumer(9), g_data(9), g_event(9), g_geom(9), g_provider(9), g_provider_by_name(9), g_wither_geom(9)

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