

**NAME**

**quotactl** - manipulate file system quotas

**LIBRARY**

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

**SYNOPSIS**

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#include <sys/types.h>
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#include <ufs/ufs/quota.h>
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*int*

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quotactl(const char *path, int cmd, int id, void *addr);
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**DESCRIPTION**

The **quotactl()** system call enables, disables and manipulates file system quotas. A quota control command given by *cmd* operates on the given filename *path* for the given user or group *id*. (NOTE: One should use the QCMD macro defined in *<ufs/ufs/quota.h>* to formulate the value for *cmd*.) The address of an optional command specific data structure, *addr*, may be given; its interpretation is discussed below with each command.

For commands that use the *id* identifier, it must be either -1 or any positive value. The value of -1 indicates that the current UID or GID should be used. Any other negative value will return an error.

Currently quotas are supported only for the "ufs" file system. For "ufs", a command is composed of a primary command (see below) and a command type used to interpret the *id*. Types are supported for interpretation of user identifiers (USRQUOTA) and group identifiers (GRPQUOTA). The "ufs" specific commands are:

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| Q_QUOTAON      | Enable disk quotas for the file system specified by <i>path</i> . The command type specifies the type of the quotas being enabled. The <i>addr</i> argument specifies a file from which to take the quotas. The quota file must exist; it is normally created with the quotacheck(8) program. The <i>id</i> argument is unused. Only the super-user may turn quotas on. |
| Q_QUOTAOFF     | Disable disk quotas for the file system specified by <i>path</i> . The command type specifies the type of the quotas being disabled. The <i>addr</i> and <i>id</i> arguments are unused. Only the super-user may turn quotas off.   |
| Q_GETQUOTASIZE | Get the wordsize used to represent the quotas for the user or group (as determined by the command type). Possible values are 32 for the old-style   |

quota file and 64 for the new-style quota file. The *addr* argument is a pointer to an integer into which the size is stored. The identifier *id* is not used.

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| Q_GETQUOTA | Get disk quota limits and current usage for the user or group (as determined by the command type) with identifier <i>id</i> . The <i>addr</i> argument is a pointer to a <i>struct dqblk</i> structure (defined in <i>&lt;ufs/ufs/quota.h&gt;</i> ).   |
| Q_SETQUOTA | Set disk quota limits for the user or group (as determined by the command type) with identifier <i>id</i> . The <i>addr</i> argument is a pointer to a <i>struct dqblk</i> structure (defined in <i>&lt;ufs/ufs/quota.h&gt;</i> ). The usage fields of the <i>dqblk</i> structure are ignored. This system call is restricted to the super-user. |
| Q_SETUSE   | Set disk usage limits for the user or group (as determined by the command type) with identifier <i>id</i> . The <i>addr</i> argument is a pointer to a <i>struct dqblk</i> structure (defined in <i>&lt;ufs/ufs/quota.h&gt;</i> ). Only the usage fields are used. This system call is restricted to the super-user.                             |
| Q_SYNC     | Update the on-disk copy of quota usages. The command type specifies which type of quotas are to be updated. The <i>id</i> and <i>addr</i> arguments are ignored.   |

## RETURN VALUES

The **quotactl()** function returns the value 0 if successful; otherwise the value -1 is returned and the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

The **quotactl()** system call will fail if:

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| [EOPNOTSUPP] | The kernel has not been compiled with the QUOTA option.   |
| [EUSERS]     | The quota table cannot be expanded.   |
| [EINVAL]     | The <i>cmd</i> argument or the command type is invalid. In Q_GETQUOTASIZE, Q_GETQUOTA, Q_SETQUOTA, and Q_SETUSE, quotas are not currently enabled for this file system. |
|              | The <i>id</i> argument to Q_GETQUOTA, Q_SETQUOTA or Q_SETUSE is a negative value.   |
| [EACCES]     | In Q_QUOTAON, the quota file is not a plain file.   |

[EACCES]	Search permission is denied for a component of a path prefix.
[ENOTDIR]	A component of a path prefix was not a directory.
[ENAMETOOLONG]	A component of either pathname exceeded 255 characters, or the entire length of either path name exceeded 1023 characters.
[ENOENT]	A filename does not exist.
[ELOOP]	Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating a pathname.
[EROFS]	In Q_QUOTAON, either the file system on which quotas are to be enabled is mounted read-only or the quota file resides on a read-only file system.
[EIO]	An I/O error occurred while reading from or writing to a file containing quotas.
[EINTEGRITY]	Corrupted data was detected while reading from the file system.
[EFAULT]	An invalid <i>addr</i> was supplied; the associated structure could not be copied in or out of the kernel.
[EFAULT]	The <i>path</i> argument points outside the process's allocated address space.
[EPERM]	The call was privileged and the caller was not the super-user.

**SEE ALSO**

quota(1), fstab(5), edquota(8), quotacheck(8), quotaon(8), repquota(8)

**HISTORY**

The **quotactl()** system call appeared in 4.3BSD-Reno.

**BUGS**

There should be some way to integrate this call with the resource limit interface provided by **setrlimit(2)** and **getrlimit(2)**.