

**NAME**

**vm\_map\_protect** - apply protection bits to a virtual memory region

**SYNOPSIS**

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#include <sys/param.h>
#include <vm/vm.h>
#include <vm/vm_map.h>
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*int*

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vm_map_protect(vm_map_t map, vm_offset_t start, vm_offset_t end, vm_prot_t new_prot,
               vm_prot_t new_maxprot, int flags);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **vm\_map\_protect()** function sets the protection bits and maximum protection bits of the address region bounded by *start* and *end* within the map *map*.

If the *flags* argument has the VM\_MAP\_PROTECT\_SET\_PROT bit set, then the effective protection is set to *new\_prot*.

If the *flags* argument has the VM\_MAP\_PROTECT\_SET\_MAXPROT bit set, then the maximum protection is set to *new\_maxprot*. Protection bits not included into *new\_maxprot* will be cleared from existing entries.

The values specified by *new\_prot* and *new\_maxprot* are not allowed to include any protection bits that are not set in existing *max\_protection* on every entry within the range. The operation will fail if this condition is violated. For instance, this prevents upgrading a shared mapping of a read-only file from read-only to read-write.

The specified range must not contain sub-maps.

**IMPLEMENTATION NOTES**

The function acquires a lock on the *map* for the duration, by calling **vm\_map\_lock(9)**. Also, any in-progress wiring operation on the map affecting the specified range will cause **vm\_map\_protect** to sleep, waiting for completion.

**RETURN VALUES**

KERN_SUCCESS	The specified protection bits were set successfully.
KERN_INVALID_ARGUMENT	A sub-map entry was encountered in the range,

KERN_PROTECTION_FAILURE	The value of <i>new_prot</i> or <i>new_maxprot</i> exceed <i>max_protection</i> for an entry within the range.
KERN_PROTECTION_FAILURE	The map does not allow simultaneous setting of write and execute permissions, but <i>new_prot</i> has both VM_PROT_WRITE and VM_PROT_EXECUTE set.
KERN_RESOURCE_SHORTAGE	A copy-on-write mapping is transitioned from read-only to read-write, and not enough swap space is available to back the copied pages.
KERN_OUT_OF_BOUNDS	Both new protection and new maximum protection updates were requested, but the specified <i>new_prot</i> is not a subset of <i>new_maxprot</i> .

**SEE ALSO**

vm\_map(9)

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