

NAME

system — issue a shell command

SYNOPSIS

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#include <stdio.h>
int system (string)
char *string;
```

DESCRIPTION

System causes the *string* to be given as input to the shell program specified in the environment variable **SHELL** (or **/bin/sh** if **SHELL** is not set) as if the string had been typed as a command at a terminal. The current process waits until the shell has completed, then returns the exit status of the shell.

SEE ALSO

environ(7), exec(2), sh(1)

DIAGNOSTICS

System stops if it can't execute *SSHELL* or */bin/sh*.