

# **Resource Management and Oracle® Solaris Zones Developer's Guide**

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# Preface

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This guide describes how to write applications that partition and manage system resources and discusses which APIs to use. This book provides programming examples and a discussion of programming issues to consider when writing an application.

## Who Should Use This Book

This book is for application developers and ISVs who write applications that control or monitor operating system resources on the Oracle Solaris 11 release.

## Before You Read This Book

For a detailed overview of resource management and Oracle Solaris Zones, see the *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## How This Book Is Organized

This guide is organized as follows:

Chapter 1, “Resource Management in the Oracle Solaris Operating System,” introduces the Solaris 10 Resource Manager product.

Chapter 2, “Projects and Tasks,” provides information about the projects and tasks facilities.

Chapter 3, “Using the C Interface to Extended Accounting,” describes the C interface to the extended accounting facility.

Chapter 4, “Using the Perl Interface to Extended Accounting,” describes the Perl interface to the extended accounting facility.

Chapter 5, “Resource Controls,” discusses resource controls and their use.

Chapter 6, “Resource Pools,” covers dynamic resource pools.

Chapter 7, “Design Considerations for Resource Management Applications in Oracle Solaris Zones,” describes the precautions that need to be taken for applications to work in Oracle Solaris zones.

Chapter 8, “Configuration Examples,” provides configuration examples for the `/etc/project` file.

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## Typographic Conventions

The following table describes the typographic conventions that are used in this book.

TABLE P-1 Typographic Conventions

Typeface	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	The names of commands, files, and directories, and onscreen computer output	Edit your <code>.login</code> file. Use <code>ls -a</code> to list all files. <code>machine_name% you have mail.</code>
<b>AaBbCc123</b>	What you type, contrasted with onscreen computer output	<code>machine_name% su</code> Password:
<i>aabbcc123</i>	Placeholder: replace with a real name or value	The command to remove a file is <code>rm filename</code> .
<i>AaBbCc123</i>	Book titles, new terms, and terms to be emphasized	Read Chapter 6 in the <i>User's Guide</i> . <i>A cache</i> is a copy that is stored locally. Do <i>not</i> save the file. <b>Note:</b> Some emphasized items appear bold online.



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## Shell Prompts in Command Examples

The following table shows the default UNIX system prompt and superuser (root) prompt for shells that are included in the Oracle Solaris OS. Note that the default system prompt that is displayed in command examples varies, depending on the Oracle Solaris release.

TABLE P-2 Shell Prompts

Shell	Prompt
Bash shell, Korn shell, and Bourne shell	\$
Bash shell, Korn shell, and Bourne shell for superuser	#
C shell	machine_name%
C shell for superuser	machine_name#



# Resource Management in the Oracle Solaris Operating System

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The purpose of this manual is to help developers who are writing either utility applications for managing computer resources or self-monitoring applications that can check their own usage and adjust accordingly. This chapter provides an introduction to resource management in the Oracle Solaris operating system. The following topics are included:

- “Understanding Resource Management in the Oracle Solaris Operating System” on page 11
- “Writing Resource Management Applications” on page 14

## Understanding Resource Management in the Oracle Solaris Operating System

The main concept behind resource management is that workloads on a server must be balanced for the system to work efficiently. Without good resource management, faulty runaway workloads can bring progress to a halt, causing unnecessary delays to priority jobs. An additional benefit is that efficient resource management enables organizations to economize by consolidating servers. To enable the management of resources, the Oracle Solaris operating system provides a structure for organizing workloads and resources, and provides controls for defining the quantity of resources that a particular unit of workload can consume. For an in-depth discussion of resource management from the system administrator's viewpoint, see [Chapter 1, “Introduction to Resource Management,” in \*Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management\*](#).

### Workload Organization

The basic unit of workload is the *process*. Process IDs (PIDs) are numbered sequentially throughout the system. By default, each user is assigned by the system administrator to a *project*, which is a network-wide administrative identifier. Each successful login to a project creates a new *task*, which is a grouping mechanism for processes. A task contains the login process as well as subsequent child processes.

For more information on projects and tasks, see [Chapter 2, “Projects and Tasks \(Overview\),”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* for the system administrator's perspective or [Chapter 2, “Projects and Tasks,”](#) for the developer's point of view.

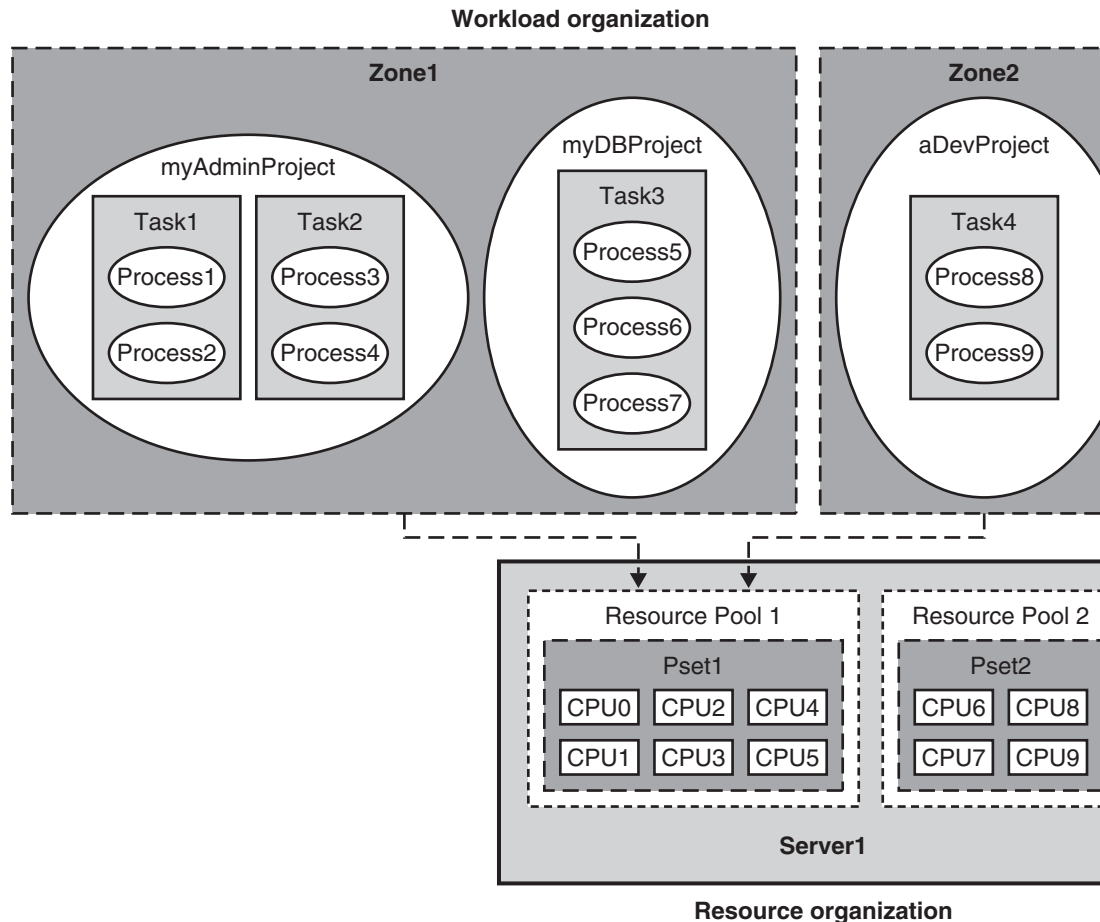
Processes can optionally be grouped into *non-global zones*, which are set up by system administrators for security purposes and to isolate processes. A zone can be thought of as a box in which one or more applications run isolated from all other applications on the system. Non-global zones are discussed thoroughly in [Part II, “Oracle Solaris Zones,”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*. To learn more about special precautions for writing resource management applications that run in zones, see [Chapter 7, “Design Considerations for Resource Management Applications in Oracle Solaris Zones”](#)

## Resource Organization

The system administrator can assign workloads to specific CPUs or defined groups of CPUs in the system. CPUs can be grouped into *processor sets*, otherwise known as *psets*. A pset in turn can be coupled with one or more thread scheduling classes, which define CPU priorities, into a *resource pool*. Resource pools provide a convenient mechanism for a system administrator to make system resources available to users. [Chapter 12, “Resource Pools \(Overview\),”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* covers resource pools for system administrators. Programming considerations are described in [Chapter 6, “Resource Pools.”](#)

The following diagram illustrates how workload and computer resources are organized in the Oracle Solaris operating system.

FIGURE 1-1 Workload and Resource Organization in the Oracle Solaris Operating System



## Resource Controls

Simply assigning a workload unit to a resource unit is insufficient for managing the quantity of resources that users consume. To manage resources, the Oracle Solaris operating system provides a set of flags, actions, and signals that are referred to collectively as *resource controls*. Resource controls are stored in the `/etc/project` file or in a zone's configuration through the `zonecfg` command described in [zonecfg\(1M\)](#). The Fair Share Scheduler (FSS), for example, can allocate shares of CPU resources among workloads based on the specified importance factor for the workloads. With these resource controls, a system administrator can set privilege levels and limit definitions for a specific zone, project, task, or process. To learn how a system administrator uses resource controls, see [Chapter 6, “Resource Controls \(Overview\),”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*. For programming considerations, see [Chapter 5, “Resource Controls.”](#)

## Extended Accounting Facility

In addition to the workload and resource organization, the Oracle Solaris operating system provides the *extended accounting facility* for monitoring and recording system resource usage. The extended accounting facility provides system administrators with a detailed set of resource consumption statistics on processes and tasks.

The facility is described in depth for system administrators in [Chapter 4, “Extended Accounting \(Overview\)”](#), in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*. The Oracle Solaris operating system provides developers with both a C interface and a Perl interface to the extended accounting facility. Refer to [Chapter 3, “Using the C Interface to Extended Accounting”](#), for the C interface or [Chapter 4, “Using the Perl Interface to Extended Accounting”](#), for the Perl interface.

## Writing Resource Management Applications

This manual focuses on resource management from the developer's point of view and presents information for writing the following kinds of applications:

- Resource administration applications – Utilities to perform such tasks as allocating resources, creating partitions, and scheduling jobs.
- Resource monitoring applications – Applications that check system statistics through `kstat`s to determine resource usage by systems, workloads, processes, and users.
- Resource accounting utilities – Applications that provide accounting information for analysis, billing, and capacity planning.
- Self-adjusting applications – Applications that can determine their use of resources and can adjust consumption as necessary.

# Projects and Tasks

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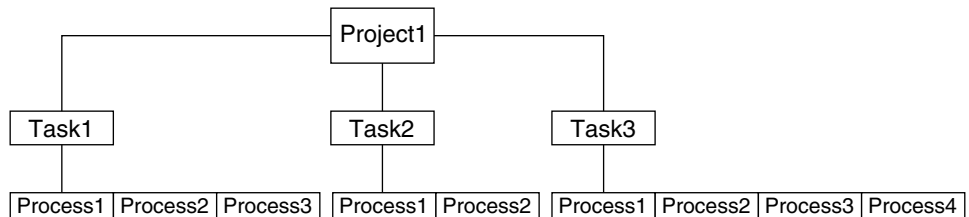
The chapter discusses the workload hierarchy and provides information about projects and tasks. The following topics are covered:

- “Overview of Projects and Tasks” on page 15
- “Project and Task API Functions” on page 17
- “Code Examples for Accessing project Database Entries” on page 18
- “Programming Issues Associated With Projects and Tasks” on page 19

## Overview of Projects and Tasks

The Oracle Solaris operating system uses the workload hierarchy to organize the work being performed on the system. A *task* is a collection of processes that represents a workload component. A *project* is a collection of tasks that represents an entire workload. At any given time, a process can be a component of only one task and one project. The relationships in the workload hierarchy are illustrated in the following figure.

FIGURE 2-1 Workload Hierarchy



A user who is a member of more than one project can run processes in multiple projects at the same time. All processes that are started by a process inherit the project and task created by the parent process. When you switch to a new project in a startup script, all child processes run in the new project.

An executing user process has an associated user identity (`uid`), group identity (`gid`), and project identity (`projid`). Process attributes and abilities are inherited from the user, group, and project identities to form the execution context for a task.

For an in-depth discussion of projects and tasks, see [Chapter 2, “Projects and Tasks \(Overview\)”](#), in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*. For the administration commands for managing projects and tasks, see [Chapter 3, “Administering Projects and Tasks”](#), in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## **/etc/project File**

The project file is the heart of workload hierarchy. The project database is maintained on a system through the `/etc/project` file or over the network through a naming service, such as NIS or LDAP.

The `/etc/project` file contains five standard projects.

<code>system</code>	This project is used for all system processes and daemons.
<code>user.root</code>	All root processes spawned by root logins and root cron, at, and batch jobs.
<code>noproject</code>	This special project is for IPQoS.
<code>default</code>	A default project is assigned to every user.
<code>group.staff</code>	This project is used for all users in the group staff.

To access the project file programmatically, use the following structure:

```
struct project {
    char      *pj_name;          /* name of the project */
    projid_t  pj_projid;        /* numerical project ID */
    char      *pj_comment;      /* project comment */
    char      **pj_users;        /* vector of pointers to project user names */
    char      **pj_groups;       /* vector of pointers to project group names */
    char      *pj_attr;         /* project attributes */
};
```

The project structure members include the following:

`*pj_name`  
Name of the project.

`projid_t pj_projid`  
Project ID.

`*pj_comment`  
User-supplied project description.



- \*\*pj\_users**  
Pointers to project user members.
- \*\*pj\_groups**  
Pointers to project group members.
- \*pj\_attr**  
Project attributes. Use these attributes to set values for resource controls and project pools.

Resource usage can be controlled through project attributes, or, for zones, configured through the `zonecfg` command. Four prefixes are used to group the types of resource control attributes:

- `project.*` – This prefix denotes attributes that are used to control projects. For example, `project.max-locked-memory` indicates the total amount of locked memory allowed, expressed as a number of bytes. The `project.pool` attribute binds a project to a resource pool. See [Chapter 6, “Resource Pools.”](#)
- `task.*` – This prefix is used for attributes that are applied to tasks. For example, the `task.max-cpu-time` attribute sets the maximum CPU time that is available to this task's processes, expressed as a number of seconds.
- `process.*` – This prefix is used for process controls. For example, the `process.max-file-size` control sets the maximum file offset that is available for writing by this process, expressed as a number of bytes.
- `zone.*` – The `zone.*` prefix indicates a zone-wide resource control applied to projects, tasks, and processes in a zone. For example, `zone.max-lwps` prevents too many LWPs in one zone from affecting other zones. A zone's total LWPs can be further subdivided among projects within the zone within the zone by using `project.max-lwps` entries.

For the complete list of resource controls, see [resource\\_controls\(5\)](#).

## Project and Task API Functions

The following functions are provided to assist developers in working with projects. The functions use entries that describe user projects in the project database.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <a href="#">endproject(3PROJECT)</a>     | Close the project database and deallocate resources when processing is complete.  |
| <a href="#">fgetproject(3PROJECT)</a>    | Returns a pointer to a structure containing an entry in the project database. Rather than using <code>nsswitch.conf</code> , <code>fgetproject()</code> reads a line from a stream. |
| <a href="#">getdefaultproj(3PROJECT)</a> | Check the validity of the project keyword, look up the project, and return a pointer to the project structure if found.   |
| <a href="#">getprojbyid(3PROJECT)</a>    | Search the project database for an entry with the number that specifies the project ID.   |

<code>getprojbyname(3PROJECT)</code>	Search the project database for an entry with the string that specifies project name.
<code>getproject(3PROJECT)</code>	Returns a pointer to a structure containing an entry in the project database.
<code>inproj(3PROJECT)</code>	Check whether the specified user is permitted to use the specified project.
<code>setproject(3PROJECT)</code>	Calling process joins the target project by creating a new task in the target project.
<code>setproject(3PROJECT)</code>	Rewind the project database to allow repeated searches.

## Code Examples for Accessing project Database Entries

**EXAMPLE 2-1** Printing the First Three Fields of Each Entry in the project Database

The key points for this example include the following:

- `setproject()` rewinds the project database to start at the beginning.
- `getproject()` is called with a conservative maximum buffer size that is defined in `project.h`.
- `endproject()` closes the project database and frees resources.

```
#include <project.h>

struct project project;
char buffer[PROJECT_BUFSZ]; /* Use safe buffer size from project.h */
...
struct project *pp;

setproject(); /* Rewind the project database to start at the beginning */

while (1) {
    pp = getproject(&project, buffer, PROJECT_BUFSZ);
    if (pp == NULL)
        break;
    printf("%s:%d:%s\n", pp->pj_name, pp->pj_projid, pp->pj_comment);
    ...
};

endproject(); /* Close the database and free project resources */
```

**EXAMPLE 2-2** Getting a project Database Entry That Matches the Caller's Project ID

The following example calls `getprojbyid()` to get a project database entry that matches the caller's project ID. The example then prints the project name and the project ID.

EXAMPLE 2-2 Getting a project Database Entry That Matches the Caller's Project ID (Continued)

```
#include <project.h>

struct project *pj;
char buffer[PROJECT_BUFSZ]; /* Use safe buffer size from project.h */

main()
{
    projid_t projid;
    pjid = getprojid();
    pj = getprojbyid(pjid, &project, buffer, PROJECT_BUFSZ);
    if (pj == NULL) {
        /* fail; */
    }
    printf("My project (name, id) is (%s, %d)\n", pp->pj_name, pp->pj_projid);
}
```

## Programming Issues Associated With Projects and Tasks

Consider the following issues when writing your application:

- No function exists to explicitly create a new project.
- A user cannot log in if no default project for the user exists in the project database.
- A new task in the user's default project is created when the user logs in.
- When a process joins a project, the project's resource control and pool settings are applied to the process.
- `setproject()` requires privilege. The `newtask` command does not require privilege if you own the process. Either can be used to create a task, but only `newtask` can change the project of a running process.
- No parent/child relationship exists between tasks.
- Finalized tasks can be created by using `newtask -F` or by using `setproject()` to associate the caller with a new project. Finalized tasks are useful when trying to accurately estimate aggregate resource accounting.
- The reentrant functions, `getproject()`, `getprojbyname()`, `getprojbyid()`, `getdefaultproj()`, and `inproj()`, use buffers supplied by the caller to store returned results. These functions are safe for use in both single-threaded applications and multithreaded applications.
- Reentrant functions require these additional arguments: `proj`, `buffer`, and `bufsize`. The `proj` argument must be a pointer to a project structure allocated by the caller. On successful completion, these functions return the project entry in this structure. Storage referenced by the project structure is allocated from the memory specified by the `buffer` argument. `bufsize` specifies the size in number of bytes.

- If an incorrect buffer size is used, `getprojent()` returns `NULL` and sets `errno` to `ERANGE`.

# Using the C Interface to Extended Accounting

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This chapter describes the C interface to extended accounting and covers the following topics:

- “Overview of the C Interface to Extended Accounting” on page 21
- “Extended Accounting API Functions” on page 22
- “C Code Examples for Accessing exact Files” on page 25

## Overview of the C Interface to Extended Accounting

Projects and tasks are used to label and separate workloads. The extended accounting subsystem is used to monitor resource consumption by workloads that are running on the system. Extended accounting produces accounting records for the workload tasks and processes.

For an overview of extended accounting and example procedures for administering extended accounting, see Chapter 4, “Extended Accounting (Overview),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* and Chapter 5, “Administering Extended Accounting (Tasks),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

The extended accounting framework has been expanded for zones. Each zone has its own extended accounting files for task and process-based accounting. The extended accounting files in the global zone contain accounting records for the global zone and for all non-global zones. The accounting records contain a zone name tag. The global zone administrator can use the tag during the extraction of per zone accounting data from the accounting files in the global zone.

# Extended Accounting API Functions

The extended accounting API contains functions that perform the following:

- `exacct` system calls
- Operations on the `exacct` file
- Operations on `exacct` objects
- Miscellaneous Operations

## exacct System Calls

The following table lists the system calls that interact with the extended accounting subsystem.

TABLE 3-1 Extended Accounting System Calls

Function	Description
<code>putacct(2)</code>	Provides privileged processes with the ability to tag accounting records with additional data that is specific to the process
<code>getacct(2)</code>	Enables privileged processes to request extended accounting buffers from the kernel for currently executing tasks and processes
<code>wracct(2)</code>	Requests the kernel to write resource usage data for a specified task or process

## Operations on the exacct File

These functions provide access to the `exacct` files:

TABLE 3-2 `exacct` File Functions

Function	Description
<code>ea_open(3EXACCT)</code>	Opens an <code>exacct</code> file.
<code>ea_close(3EXACCT)</code>	Closes an <code>exacct</code> file.
<code>ea_get_object(3EXACCT)</code>	First time use on a group of objects reads data into an <code>ea_object_t</code> structure. Subsequent use on the group cycles through the objects in the group.
<code>ea_write_object(3EXACCT)</code>	Appends the specified object to the open <code>exacct</code> file.
<code>ea_next_object(3EXACCT)</code>	Reads the basic fields ( <code>eo_catalog</code> and <code>eo_type</code> ) into an <code>ea_object_t</code> structure and rewinds to the head of the record.
<code>ea_previous_object(3EXACCT)</code>	Skips back one object in the <code>exacct</code> file and reads the basic fields ( <code>eo_catalog</code> and <code>eo_type</code> ) into an <code>ea_object_t</code> .

TABLE 3-2 `exacct` File Functions *(Continued)*

Function	Description
<a href="#">ea_get_hostname(3EXACCT)</a>	Gets the name of the host on which the <code>exacct</code> file was created.
<a href="#">ea_get_creator(3EXACCT)</a>	Determines the creator of the <code>exacct</code> file.

## Operations on `exacct` Objects

These functions are used to access `exacct` objects:

TABLE 3-3 `exacct` Object Functions

Function	Description
<a href="#">ea_set_item(3EXACCT)</a>	Assigns an <code>exacct</code> object and sets the value(s).
<a href="#">ea_set_group(3EXACCT)</a>	Sets the values of a group of <code>exacct</code> objects.
<a href="#">ea_match_object_catalog(3EXACCT)</a>	Checks an <code>exacct</code> object's mask to see if that object has a specific catalog tag.
<a href="#">ea_attach_to_object(3EXACCT)</a>	Attaches an <code>exacct</code> object to a specified <code>exacct</code> object.
<a href="#">ea_attach_to_group(3EXACCT)</a>	Attaches a chain of <code>exacct</code> objects as member items of a specified group.
<a href="#">ea_free_item(3EXACCT)</a>	Frees the value fields in the specified <code>exacct</code> object.
<a href="#">ea_free_object(3EXACCT)</a>	Frees the specified <code>exacct</code> object and any attached hierarchies of objects.

## Memory Management

The following table lists the functions associated with extended accounting memory management. The function name is a link to its man page.

TABLE 3-4 Extended Accounting Memory Management Functions

Link to man page	Description
<a href="#">ea_pack_object(3EXACCT)</a>	Converts an <code>exacct</code> object from unpacked (in-memory) representation to packed (in-file) representation.
<a href="#">ea_unpack_object(3EXACCT)</a>	Converts an <code>exacct</code> object from packed (in-file) representation to unpacked (in-memory) representation.
<a href="#">ea_strdup(3EXACCT)</a>	Duplicates a string that is to be stored inside an <code>ea_object_t</code> structure.
<a href="#">ea_strfree(3EXACCT)</a>	Frees a string previously copied by <code>ea_strdup()</code> .

TABLE 3-4 Extended Accounting Memory Management Functions (Continued)

Link to man page	Description
<a href="#">ea_alloc(3EXACCT)</a>	Allocates a block of memory of the requested size. This block can be safely passed to <code>libexacct</code> functions, and can be safely freed by any of the <code>ea_free</code> functions.
<a href="#">ea_free(3EXACCT)</a>	Frees a block of memory previously allocated by <code>ea_alloc()</code> .
<a href="#">ea_free_object(3EXACCT)</a>	Frees variable-length data in object hierarchy.
<a href="#">ea_free_item(3EXACCT)</a>	Frees value fields of designated object, if <code>EUP_ALLOC</code> is specified. The object is not freed. <code>ea_free_object()</code> frees the specified object and any attached hierarchy of objects. If the flag argument is set to <code>EUP_ALLOC</code> , <code>ea_free_object()</code> also frees any variable-length data in the object hierarchy. If the flag argument is set to <code>EUP_NOALLOC</code> , <code>ea_free_object()</code> does not free the variable-length data. In particular, these flags should correspond to the flags specified in calls to <code>ea_unpack_object(3EXACCT)</code> .
<a href="#">ea_copy_object(3EXACCT)</a>	Copies an <code>ea_object_t</code> . If the source object is part of a chain, only the current object is copied. If the source object is a group, only the group object is copied without its list of members. The group object <code>eg_nobjs</code> and <code>eg_objs</code> fields are set to 0 and NULL respectively. Use <code>ea_copy_tree()</code> to copy recursively a group or a list of items.
<a href="#">ea_copy_object_tree(3EXACCT)</a>	<code>ea_copy_object_tree</code> recursively copies an <code>ea_object_t</code> . All elements in the <code>eo_next</code> list are copied. Any group objects are recursively copied. The returned object can be completely freed with <code>ea_free_object(3EXACCT)</code> by specifying the <code>EUP_ALLOC</code> flag.
<a href="#">ea_get_object_tree()</a>	Reads in <code>nobj</code> top-level objects from the file, returning the same data structure that would have originally been passed to <code>ea_write_object()</code> . On encountering a group object, <code>ea_get_object()</code> reads only the group header part of the group. <code>ea_get_object_tree()</code> reads the group and all its member items, recursing into subrecords if necessary. The returned object data structure can be completely freed with <code>ea_free_object()</code> by specifying the <code>EUP_ALLOC</code> flag.

## Miscellaneous Operations

These functions are associated with miscellaneous operations:

[ea\\_error\(3EXACCT\)](#)  
[ea\\_match\\_object\\_catalog\(3EXACCT\)](#)



## C Code Examples for Accessing exacct Files

This section provides code examples for accessing exacct files.

### EXAMPLE 3-1 Displaying exacct Data for a Designated pid

This example displays a specific pid's exacct data snapshot from the kernel.

```
...
    ea_object_t *scratch;
    int unpk_flag = EUP_ALLOC; /* use the same allocation flag */
                                /* for unpack and free */

    /* Omit return value checking, to keep code samples short */

    bsize = getacct(P_PID, pid, NULL, 0);
    buf = malloc(bsize);

    /* Retrieve exacct object and unpack */
    getacct(P_PID, pid, buf, bsize);
    ea_unpack_object(&scratch, unpk_flag, buf, bsize);

    /* Display the exacct record */
    disp_obj(scratch);
    if (scratch->eo_type == EO_GROUP) {
        disp_group(scratch);
    }
    ea_free_object(scratch, unpk_flag);
    ...
```

### EXAMPLE 3-2 Identifying Individual Tasks During a Kernel Build

This example evaluates kernel builds and displays a string that describes the portion of the source tree being built by this task make. Display the portion of the source being built to aid in the per-source-directory analysis.

The key points for this example include the following:

- To aggregate the time for a make, which could include many processes, each make is initiated as a task. Child make processes are created as different tasks. To aggregate across the makefile tree, the parent-child task relationship must be identified.
- Add a tag with this information to the task's exacct file. Add a current working directory string that describes the portion of the source tree being built by this task make.

```
    ea_set_item(&cwd, EXT_STRING | EXC_LOCAL | MY_CWD,
              cwdbuf, strlen(cwdbuf));

    ...

    /* Omit return value checking and error processing */
    /* to keep code sample short */
    ptid = gettaskid(); /* Save "parent" task-id */
    tid = settaskid(getprojid(), TASK_NORMAL); /* Create new task */
```

**EXAMPLE 3-2** Identifying Individual Tasks During a Kernel Build *(Continued)*

```

/* Set data for item objects ptskid and cwd */
ea_set_item(&ptskid, EXT_UINT32 | EXC_LOCAL | MY_PTID, &ptid, 0);
ea_set_item(&cwd, EXT_STRING | EXC_LOCAL | MY_CWD, cwdbuf, strlen(cwdbuf));

/* Set grp object and attach ptskid and cwd to grp */
ea_set_group(&grp, EXT_GROUP | EXC_LOCAL | EXD_GROUP_HEADER);
ea_attach_to_group(&grp, &ptskid);
ea_attach_to_group(&grp, &cwd);

/* Pack the object and put it back into the accounting stream */
ea_buflen = ea_pack_object(&grp, ea_buf, sizeof(ea_buf));
putacct(P_TASKID, tid, ea_buf, ea_buflen, EP_EXACCT_OBJECT);

/* Memory management: free memory allocate in ea_set_item */
ea_free_item(&cwd, EUP_ALLOC);
...

```

**EXAMPLE 3-3** Reading and Displaying the Contents of a System exacct File

This example shows how to read and display a system exacct file for a process or a task.

The key points for this example include the following:

- Call `ea_get_object()` to get the next object in the file. Call `ea_get_object()` in a loop until EOF enables a complete traversal of the exacct file.
- `catalog_name()` uses the `catalog_item` structure to convert an Oracle Solaris catalog's type ID to a meaningful string that describes the content of the object's data. The type ID is obtained by masking the lowest 24 bits, or 3 bytes.

```

switch(o->eo_catalog & EXT_TYPE_MASK) {
    case EXT_UINT8:
        printf(" 8: %u", o->eo_item.ei_uint8);
        break;
    case EXT_UINT16:
        ...
}

```

- The upper 4 bits of `TYPE_MASK` are used to find out the data type to print the object's actual data.
- `disp_group()` takes a pointer to a group object and the number of objects in the group. For each object in the group, `disp_group()` calls `disp_obj()` and recursively calls `disp_group()` if the object is a group object.

```

/* Omit return value checking and error processing */
/* to keep code sample short */
main(int argc, char *argv)
{
    ea_file_t ef;
    ea_object_t scratch;
    char *fname;

    fname = argv[1];

```

## EXAMPLE 3-3 Reading and Displaying the Contents of a System exact File (Continued)

```

    ea_open(&ef, fname, NULL, EO_NO_VALID_HDR, O_RDONLY, 0);
    bzero(&scratch, sizeof (ea_object_t));
    while (ea_get_object(&ef, &scratch) != -1) {
        disp_obj(&scratch);
        if (scratch.eo_type == EO_GROUP)
            disp_group(&ef, scratch.eo_group.eg_nobjs);
        bzero(&scratch, sizeof (ea_object_t));
    }
    ea_close(&ef);
}

struct catalog_item { /* convert Oracle Solaris catalog's type ID */
    /* to a meaningful string */
    int type;
    char *name;
} catalog[] = {
    { EXD_VERSION, "version\t" },
    ...
    { EXD_PROC_PID, " pid\t" },
    ...
};

static char *
catalog_name(int type)
{
    int i = 0;
    while (catalog[i].type != EXD_NONE) {
        if (catalog[i].type == type)
            return (catalog[i].name);
        else
            i++;
    }
    return ("unknown\t");
}

static void disp_obj(ea_object_t *o)
{
    printf("%s\t", catalog_name(o->eo_catalog & 0xffffffff));
    switch(o->eo_catalog & EXT_TYPE_MASK) {
    case EXT_UINT8:
        printf(" 8: %u", o->eo_item.ei_uint8);
        break;
    case EXT_UINT16:
        ...
    }
}

static void disp_group(ea_file_t *ef, uint_t nobjs)
{
    for (i = 0; i < nobjs; i++) {
        ea_get_object(ef, &scratch);
        disp_obj(&scratch);
        if (scratch.eo_type == EO_GROUP)
            disp_group(ef, scratch.eo_group.eg_nobjs);
    }
}

```

## Programming Issues With exacct Files

- Memory management
  - Use the same allocation flags for `ea_free_object()` and `ea_unpack_object()`.
  - For string objects, an `ea_set_item()` results in allocation, and should be followed by `ea_free_item(obj, EUP_ALLOC)` to free internal storage.
  - `ea_pack_object()` and `getacct()` use zero size. To get size, `getacct()` should be called twice: first time with NULL buffer to size buffer to be passed in the second call. See Example 3-1 in [“C Code Examples for Accessing exacct Files”](#) on page 25.
- Applications should skip unknown exacct records in exacct files produced by the system, to be robust in the face of changes to exacct file content.
- Use `EXC_LOCAL` for customized accounting. Application-specific records can be created using `EXC_LOCAL`. Use `libexacct` as general tracing or debugging facility.
  - See `<sys/exacct_catalog.h>`.
  - Data `id` field of `ea_catalog_t` can be customized.

# Using the Perl Interface to Extended Accounting

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The Perl interface provides a Perl binding to the extended accounting tasks and projects. The interface allows the accounting files produced by the `exacct` framework to be read by Perl scripts. The interface also allows the writing of `exacct` files by Perl scripts.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Extended Accounting Overview” on page 29](#)
- [“Perl Code Examples” on page 44](#)
- [“Output From dump Method” on page 47](#)

## Extended Accounting Overview

Extended accounting (`exacct`) is an accounting framework for the Oracle Solaris operating system that provides additional functionality to that provided by the traditional SVR4 accounting mechanism. Traditional SVR4 accounting has these drawbacks:

- The data collected by traditional accounting cannot be modified.  
The type or quantity of statistics SVR4 accounting gathers cannot be customized for each application. Changes to the data traditional accounting collects would not work with all of the existing applications that use the accounting files.
- The SVR4 accounting mechanism is not open.  
Applications cannot embed their own data in the system accounting data stream.
- The traditional accounting mechanism has no aggregation facilities.  
The Oracle Solaris operating system writes an individual record for each process that exists. No facilities are provided for grouping sets of accounting records into higher-level aggregates.

The `exacct` framework addresses the limitations of traditional accounting and provides a configurable, open, and extensible framework for the collection of accounting data.

- The data that is collected can be configured using the `exacct` API.
- Applications can either embed their own data inside the system accounting files, or create and manipulate their own custom accounting files.
- The lack of data aggregation facilities in the traditional accounting mechanism are addressed by *tasks* and *projects*. Tasks identify a set of processes that are to be considered as a unit of work. Projects allow the processes executed by a set of users to be aggregated into a higher-level entity. See the [project\(4\)](#) man page for more details about tasks and projects.

For a more extensive overview of extended accounting, see [Chapter 4, “Extended Accounting \(Overview\)”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## Perl Interface to Libexacct

### Object Model

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct` module is the parent of all the classes provided by `libexacct(3LIB)` library. `libexacct(3LIB)` provides operations on types of entities: `exacct` format files, `catalog` tags and `exacct` objects. `exacct` objects are subdivided into two types.

- Items
  - Single data values
- Groups
  - Lists of items

### Benefits of Using the Perl Interface to Libexacct

The Perl extensions to extended accounting provide a Perl interface to the underlying `libexacct(3LIB)` API and offer the following enhancements.

- Full equivalence to C API provide a Perl interface that is functionally equivalent to the underlying C API.
  - The interface provides a mechanism for accessing `exacct` files that does not require C coding. All the functionality that is available from C is also available by using the Perl interface.
- Ease of use.
  - Data obtained from the underlying C API is presented as Perl data types. Perl data types ease access to the data and remove the need for buffer pack and unpack operations.
- Automated memory management.

The C API requires that the programmer take responsibility for managing memory when accessing `exacct` files. Memory management takes the form of passing the appropriate flags to functions, such as `ea_unpack_object(3EXACCT)`, and explicitly allocating buffers to pass to the API. The Perl API removes these requirements, as all memory management is performed by the Perl library.

- Prevent incorrect use of API.

The `ea_object_t` structure provides the in-memory representation of `exacct` records. The `ea_object_t` structure is a union type that is used for manipulating both Group and Item records. As a result, an incorrectly typed structure can be passed to some of the API functions. The addition of a class hierarchy prevents this type of programming error.

## Perl Double-Typed Scalars

The modules described in this document make extensive use of the Perl double-typed scalar facility. The *double-typed scalar* facility allows a scalar value to behave either as an integer or as a string, depending upon the context. This behavior is the same as exhibited by the `#!` Perl variable (`errno`). The double-typed scalar facility avoids the need to map from an integer value into the corresponding string in order to display a value. The following example illustrates the use of double-typed scalars.

```
# Assume $obj is a Sun::Solaris::Item
my $type = $obj->type();

# prints out "2 EO_ITEM"
printf("%d %s\n", $type, $type);

# Behaves as an integer, $i == 2
my $i = 0 + $type;

# Behaves as a string, $s = "abc EO_ITEM xyz"
my $s = "abc $type xyz";
```

## Perl Modules

The various project, task and `exacct`-related functions have been separated into groups, and each group is placed in a separate Perl module. Each function has the standard `Sun::Solaris::` Perl package prefix.

TABLE 4-1 Perl Modules

Module	Description
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Project Module” on page 33</a>	Provides functions to access the project manipulation functions: <code>getprojid(2)</code> , <code>setproject(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>project_walk(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>getproject(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>getprojbyname(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>getprojbyid(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>getdefaultproj(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>inproj(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>getprojidbyname(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>setproject(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>endproject(3PROJECT)</code> , <code>fgetproject(3PROJECT)</code> .
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Task Module” on page 34</a>	Provides functions to access the task manipulation functions <code>settaskid(2)</code> and <code>gettaskid(2)</code> .
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Exacct Module” on page 35</a>	Top-level exacct module. Functions in this module access both the exacct-related system calls <code>getacct(2)</code> , <code>putacct(2)</code> , and <code>wracct(2)</code> as well as the <code>libexacct(3LIB)</code> library function <code>ea_error(3EXACCT)</code> . This module contains constants for all the various exacct <code>EO_*</code> , <code>EW_*</code> , <code>EXR_*</code> , <code>P_*</code> and <code>TASK_*</code> macros.
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog Module” on page 37</a>	Provides object-oriented methods to access the bitfields within an exacct catalog tag as well as the <code>EXC_*</code> , <code>EXD_*</code> and <code>EXD_*</code> macros.
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File Module” on page 38</a>	Provides object-oriented methods to access the <code>libexacct(3LIB)</code> accounting file functions: <code>ea_open(3EXACCT)</code> , <code>ea_close(3EXACCT)</code> , <code>ea_get_creator(3EXACCT)</code> , <code>ea_get_hostname(3EXACCT)</code> , <code>ea_next_object(3EXACCT)</code> , <code>ea_previous_object(3EXACCT)</code> , <code>ea_write_object(3EXACCT)</code> .



TABLE 4-1 Perl Modules (Continued)

Module	Description
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object Module” on page 40</a>	Provides object-oriented methods to access the individual <code>exacct</code> accounting file object. An <code>exacct</code> object is represented as an opaque reference that is blessed into the appropriate <code>Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object</code> subclass. This module is further subdivided into the two types of possible object: <code>Item</code> and <code>Group</code> . Methods are also provided to access the <code>ea_match_object_catalog(3EXACCT)</code> , <code>ea_attach_to_object(3EXACCT)</code> functions.
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Item Module” on page 41</a>	Provides object-oriented methods to access an individual <code>exacct</code> accounting file <code>Item</code> . Objects of this type inherit from <code>Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object</code> .
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group Module” on page 42</a>	Provides object-oriented methods to access an individual <code>exacct</code> accounting file <code>Group</code> . Objects of this type inherit from <code>Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object</code> , and provide access to the <code>ea_attach_to_group(3EXACCT)</code> function. The <code>Items</code> contained within the <code>Group</code> are presented as a perl array.
<a href="#">“Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::_Array Module” on page 43</a>	Private array type, used as the type of the array within a <code>Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group</code> .

## Sun::Solaris::Project Module

The `Sun::Solaris::Project` module provides wrappers for the project-related system calls and the `libproject(3LIB)` library.

### Sun::Solaris::Project Constants

The `Sun::Solaris::Project` module uses constants from the project-related header files.

```

MAXPROJID
PROJNAME_MAX
PROJF_PATH
PROJECT_BUFSZ
SETPROJ_ERR_TASK
SETPROJ_ERR_POOL

```

## Sun::Solaris::Project Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods

The perl extensions to the `libexecct(3LIB)` API provide the following functions for projects.

```
setproject(3PROJECT)
setprojent(3PROJECT)
getdefaultproj(3PROJECT)
inproj(3PROJECT)
getprojent(3PROJECT)
fgetprojent(3PROJECT)
getprojbyname(3PROJECT)
getprojbyid(3PROJECT)
getprojbyname(3PROJECT)
endprojent(3PROJECT)
```

The `Sun::Solaris::Project` module has no class methods.

The `Sun::Solaris::Project` module has no object methods.

## Sun::Solaris::Project Exports

By default, nothing is exported from this module. The following tags can be used to selectively import constants and functions defined in this module.

Tag	Constant or Function
:SYSCALLS	<code>getprojid()</code>
:LIBCALLS	<code>setproject()</code> , <code>activeprojects()</code> , <code>getprojent()</code> , <code>setprojent()</code> , <code>endprojent()</code> , <code>getprojbyname()</code> , <code>getprojbyid()</code> , <code>getdefaultproj()</code> , <code>fgetprojent()</code> , <code>inproj()</code> , <code>getprojidbyname()</code>
:CONSTANTS	<code>MAXPROJID_TASK</code> , <code>PROJNAME_MAX</code> , <code>PROJF_PATH</code> , <code>PROJECT_BUFSZ</code> , <code>SETPROJ_ERR</code> , <code>SETPROJ_ERR_POOL</code>
:ALL	:SYSCALLS, :LIBCALLS, :CONSTANTS

## Sun::Solaris::Task Module

The `Sun::Solaris::Task` module provides wrappers for the `settaskid(2)` and `gettaskid(2)` system calls.

## Sun::Solaris::Task Constants

The Sun::Solaris::Task module uses the following constants.

TASK\_NORMAL  
TASK\_FINAL

## Sun::Solaris::Task Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods

The perl extensions to the libexacct(3LIB) API provides the following functions for tasks.

settaskid(2)  
gettaskid(2)

The Sun::Solaris::Task module has no class methods.

The Sun::Solaris::Task module has no object methods.

## Sun::Solaris::Task Exports

By default, nothing is exported from this module. The following tags can be used to selectively import constants and functions defined in this module.

Tag	Constant or Function
:SYSCALLS	settaskid(), gettaskid()
:CONSTANTS	TASK_NORMAL and TASK_FINAL
:ALL	:SYSCALLS and :CONSTANTS

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct Module

The Sun::Solaris::Exacct module provides wrappers for the ea\_error(3EXACCT) function, and for all the exacct system calls.

### Sun::Solaris::Exacct Constants

The Sun::Solaris::Exacct module provides constants from the various exacct header files. The P\_PID, P\_TASKID, P\_PROJID and all the EW\_\*, EP\_\*, EXR\_\* macros are extracted during the module build process. The macros are extracted from the exacct header files under /usr/include and provided as Perl constants. Constants passed to the Sun::Solaris::Exacct functions can either be an integer value such as EW\_FINAL or a string representation of the same variable such as "EW\_FINAL".

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods

The perl extensions to the `libexacct(3LIB)` API provide the following functions for the `Sun::Solaris::Exacct` module.

```
getacct(2)
putacct(2)
wracct(2)
ea_error(3EXACCT)
ea_error_str
ea_register_catalog
ea_new_file
ea_new_item
ea_new_group
ea_dump_object
```

---

**Note** – `ea_error_str()` is provided as a convenience, so that repeated blocks of code like the following can be avoided:

```
if (ea_error() == EXR_SYSCALL_FAIL) {
    print("error: $!\n");
} else {
    print("error: ", ea_error(), "\n");
}
```

---

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct` module has no class methods.

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct` module has no object methods.

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct Exports

By default, nothing is exported from this module. The following tags can be used to selectively import constants and functions defined in this module.

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Tag	Constant or Function
:SYSCALLS	<code>getacct()</code> , <code>putacct()</code> , <code>wracct()</code>
:LIBCALLS	<code>ea_error()</code> , <code>ea_error_str()</code>
:CONSTANTS	<code>P_PID</code> , <code>P_TASKID</code> , <code>P_PROJID</code> <code>,EW_*</code> , <code>EP_*</code> , <code>EXR_*</code>
:SHORTAND	<code>ea_register_catalog()</code> , <code>ea_new_catalog()</code> , <code>ea_new_file()</code> , <code>ea_new_item()</code> , <code>ea_new_group()</code> , <code>ea_dump_object()</code>

---

Tag	Constant or Function
:ALL	:SYSCALLS, :LIBCALLS, :CONSTANTS and :SHORTHAND
:EXACCT_CONSTANTS	:CONSTANTS, plus the :CONSTANTS tags for Sun::Solaris::Catalog, Sun::Solaris::File, Sun::Solaris::Object
:EXACCT_ALL	:ALL, plus the :ALL tags for Sun::Solaris::Catalog, Sun::Solaris::File, Sun::Solaris::Object

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog Module

The Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog module provides a wrapper around the 32-bit integer used as a catalog tag. The catalog tag is represented as a Perl object blessed into the Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog class. Methods can be used to manipulate fields in a catalog tag.

### Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog Constants

All the EXT\_\*, EXC\_\* and EXD\_\* macros are extracted during the module build process from the /usr/include/sys/exact\_catalog.h file and are provided as constants. Constants passed to the Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog methods can either be an integer value, such as EXT\_UINT8, or the string representation of the same variable, such as "EXT\_UINT8".

### Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods

The Perl extensions to the libexacct(3LIB) API provide the following class methods for Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog. [Exacct\(3PERL\)](#) and [Exacct::Catalog\(3PERL\)](#)

register  
new

The Perl extensions to the libexacct(3LIB) API provide the following object methods for Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog.

value  
type  
catalog  
id  
type\_str  
catalog\_str  
id\_str

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog Exports

By default, nothing is exported from this module. The following tags can be used to selectively import constants and functions defined in this module.

Tag	Constant or Function
:CONSTANTS	EXT_*, EXC_* and EXD_*.
:ALL	:CONSTANTS

Additionally, any constants defined with the `register()` function can optionally be exported into the caller's package.

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File Module

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File` module provides wrappers for the `exacct` functions that manipulate accounting files. The interface is object-oriented, and allows the creation and reading of `exacct` files. The C library calls that are wrapped by this module are:

```
ea_open(3EXACCT)
ea_close(3EXACCT)
ea_next_object(3EXACCT)
ea_previous_object(3EXACCT)
ea_write_object(3EXACCT)
ea_get_object(3EXACCT)
ea_get_creator(3EXACCT)
ea_get_hostname(3EXACCT)
```

The file read and write methods operate on `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object` objects. These methods perform all the necessary memory management, packing, unpacking and structure conversions that are required.

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File Constants

`Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File` provides the `EO_HEAD`, `EO_TAIL`, `EO_NO_VALID_HDR`, `EO_POSN_MSK` and `EO_VALIDATE_MSK` constants. Other constants that are needed by the `new()` method are in the standard Perl `Fcntl` module. [Table 4-2](#) describes the action of `new()` for various values of `$oflags` and `$aflags`.

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File` module has no functions.

The Perl extensions to the `libexacct(3LIB)` API provide the following class method for `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File`.

`new`

The following table describes the `new()` action for combinations of the `$oflags` and `$aflags` parameters.

TABLE 4-2 `$oflags` and `$aflags` Parameters

<code>\$oflags</code>	<code>\$aflags</code>	Action
<code>O_RDONLY</code>	Absent or <code>EO_HEAD</code>	Open for reading at the start of the file.
<code>O_RDONLY</code>	<code>EO_TAIL</code>	Open for reading at the end of the file.
<code>O_WRONLY</code>	Ignored	File must exist, open for writing at the end of the file.
<code>O_WRONLY   O_CREAT</code>	Ignored	Create file if the file does not exist. Otherwise, truncate, and open for writing.
<code>O_RDWR</code>	Ignored	File must exist, open for reading or writing, at the end of the file.
<code>O_RDWR   O_CREAT</code>	Ignored	Create file if the file does not exist. Otherwise, truncate, and open for reading or writing.

**Note** – The only valid values for `$oflags` are the combinations of `O_RDONLY`, `O_WRONLY`, `O_RDWR` or `O_CREAT`. `$aflags` describes the required positioning in the file for `O_RDONLY`. Either `EO_HEAD` or `EO_TAIL` are allowed. If absent, `EO_HEAD` is assumed.

The perl extensions to the `libexacct(3LIB)` API provide the following object methods for `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File`.

`creator`  
`hostname`  
`next`  
`previous`  
`get`  
`write`

---

**Note** – Close a `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File`. There is no explicit `close()` method for a `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File`. The file is closed when the filehandle object is undefined or reassigned.

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## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File Exports

By default, nothing is exported from this module. The following tags can be used to selectively import constants that are defined in this module.

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Tag	Constant or Function
:CONSTANTS	EO_HEAD, EO_TAIL, EO_NO_VALID_HDR, EO_POSN_MSK, EO_VALIDATE_MSK.
:ALL	:CONSTANTS and <code>Fcntl( :DEFAULT )</code> .

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## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object Module

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object` module serves as a parent of the two possible types of `exacct` objects: `Items` and `Groups`. An `exacct Item` is a single data value, an embedded `exacct` object, or a block of raw data. An example of a single data value is the number of seconds of user CPU time consumed by a process. An `exacct Group` is an ordered collection of `exacct Items` such as all of the resource usage values for a particular process or task. If `Groups` need to be nested within each other, the inner `Groups` can be stored as embedded `exacct` objects inside the enclosing `Group`.

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object` module contains methods that are common to both `exacct Items` and `Groups`. Note that the attributes of `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object` and all classes derived from it are read-only after initial creation via `new()`. The attributes made read-only prevents the inadvertent modification of the attributes which could give rise to inconsistent catalog tags and data values. The only exception to the read-only attributes is the array used to store the `Items` inside a `Group` object. This array can be modified using the normal perl array operators.

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object Constants

`Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object` provides the `EO_ERROR`, `EO_NONE`, `EO_ITEM` and `EO_GROUP` constants.

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object` module has no functions.



The Perl extensions to the `libexacct(3LIB)` API provide the following class method for `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object`.

```
dump
```

The Perl extensions to the `libexacct(3LIB)` API provide the following object methods for `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object`.

```
type
catalog
match_catalog
value
```

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object Exports

By default, nothing is exported from this module. The following tags can be used to selectively import constants and functions defined in this module.

Tag	Constant or Function
:CONSTANTS	EO_ERROR, EO_NONE, EO_ITEM and EO_GROUP
:ALL	:CONSTANTS

## Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Item Module

The `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Item` module is used for `exacct` data Items. An `exacct` data Item is represented as an opaque reference, blessed into the `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Item` class, which is a subclass of the `Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object` class. The underlying `exacct` data types are mapped onto Perl types as follows.

TABLE 4-3 `exacct` Data Types Mapped to Perl Data Types

<code>exacct</code> type	Perl internal type
EXT_UINT8	IV (integer)
EXT_UINT16	IV (integer)
EXT_UINT32	IV (integer)
EXT_UINT64	IV (integer)
EXT_DOUBLE	NV (double)

TABLE 4-3 exactt Data Types Mapped to Perl Data Types (Continued)

exactt type	Perl internal type
EXT_STRING	PV (string)
EXT_EXACCT_OBJECT	Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object subclass
EXT_RAW	PV (string)

### **Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item Constants**

Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item has no constants.

### **Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods**

Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item has no functions.

Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item inherits all class methods from the Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object base class, plus the new() class method.

new

Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item inherits all object methods from the Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object base class.

### **Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item Exports**

Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Item has no exports.

## **Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Group Module**

The Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Group module is used for exactt Group objects. An exactt Group object is represented as an opaque reference, blessed into the Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Group class, which is a subclass of the Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object class. The Items within a Group are stored inside a Perl array, and a reference to the array can be accessed via the inherited value() method. This means that the individual Items within a Group can be manipulated with the normal Perl array syntax and operators. All data elements of the array must be derived from the Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object class. Group objects can also be nested inside each other merely by adding an existing Group as a data Item.

### **Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Group Constants**

Sun::Solaris::Exactt::Object::Group has no constants.

## **Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods**

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group has no functions.

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group inherits all class methods from the Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object base class, plus the new() class method.

new

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group inherits all object methods from the Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object base class, plus the new() class method.

as\_hash  
as\_hashlist

## **Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group Exports**

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::Group has no exports.

## **Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array Module**

The Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array class is used internally for enforcing type checking of the data Items that are placed in an exacct Group.

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array should not be created directly by the user.

## **Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array Constants**

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array has no constants.

## **Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array Functions, Class Methods, and Object Methods**

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array has no functions.

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array has internal-use class methods.

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array uses perl TIEARRAY methods.

## **Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array Exports**

Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object::\_Array has no exports.

# Perl Code Examples

This section shows perl code examples for accessing exacct files.

## EXAMPLE 4-1 Using the Pseudocode Prototype

In typical use the Perl exacct library reads existing exacct files. Use pseudocode to show the relationships of the various Perl exacct classes. Illustrate in pseudocode the process of opening and scanning an exacct file, and processing objects of interest. In the following pseudocode, the 'convenience' functions are used in the interest of clarity.

```
-- Open the exacct file ($f is a Sun::Solaris::Exacct::File)
my $f = ea_new_file(...)

-- While not EOF ($o is a Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Object)
while (my $o = $f->get())

    -- Check to see if object is of interest
    if ($o->type() == &EO_ITEM)
        ...

    -- Retrieve the catalog ($c is a Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Catalog)
    $c = $o->catalog()

    -- Retrieve the value
    $v = $o->value();

    -- $v is a reference to a Sun::Solaris::Exacct::Group for a Group
    if (ref($v))
        ....

    -- $v is perl scalar for Items
    else
```

## EXAMPLE 4-2 Recursively dumping an exacct Object

```
sub dump_object
{
    my ($obj, $indent) = @_;
    my $istr = ' ' x $indent;

    #
    # Retrieve the catalog tag. Because we are doing this in an array
    # context, the catalog tag will be returned as a (type, catalog, id)
    # triplet, where each member of the triplet will behave as an integer
    # or a string, depending on context. If instead this next line provided
    # a scalar context, e.g.
    #   my $cat = $obj->catalog()->value();
    # then $cat would be set to the integer value of the catalog tag.
    #
    my @cat = $obj->catalog()->value();

    #
    # If the object is a plain item
    #
```

## EXAMPLE 4-2 Recursively dumping an exact Object (Continued)

```

if ($obj->type() == &EO_ITEM) {
    #
    # Note: The '%s' formats provide s string context, so the
    # components of the catalog tag will be displayed as the
    # symbolic values. If we changed the '%s' formats to '%d',
    # the numeric value of the components would be displayed.
    #
    printf("%sITEM\n%s Catalog = %s|%s|%s\n",
           $istr, $istr, @cat);
    $indent++;

    #
    # Retrieve the value of the item. If the item contains in
    # turn a nested exact object (i.e. a item or group), then
    # the value method will return a reference to the appropriate
    # sort of perl object (Exact::Object::Item or
    # Exact::Object::Group). We could of course figure out that
    # the item contained a nested item or group by examining
    # the catalog tag in @cat and looking for a type of
    # EXT_EXACCT_OBJECT or EXT_GROUP.
    my $val = $obj->value();
    if (ref($val)) {
        # If it is a nested object, recurse to dump it.
        dump_object($val, $indent);
    } else {
        # Otherwise it is just a 'plain' value, so display it.
        printf("%s Value = %s\n", $istr, $val);
    }

    #
    # Otherwise we know we are dealing with a group. Groups represent
    # contents as a perl list or array (depending on context), so we
    # can process the contents of the group with a 'foreach' loop, which
    # provides a list context. In a list context the value method
    # returns the content of the group as a perl list, which is the
    # quickest mechanism, but doesn't allow the group to be modified.
    # If we wanted to modify the contents of the group we could do so
    # like this:
    #   my $grp = $obj->value(); # Returns an array reference
    #   $grp->[0] = $newitem;
    # but accessing the group elements this way is much slower.
    #
    } else {
        printf("%sGROUP\n%s Catalog = %s|%s|%s\n",
               $istr, $istr, @cat);
        $indent++;
        # 'foreach' provides a list context.
        foreach my $val ($obj->value()) {
            dump_object($val, $indent);
        }
        printf("%sENDGROUP\n", $istr);
    }
}

```

**EXAMPLE 4-3** Creating a New Group Record and Writing to a File

```

# Prototype list of catalog tags and values.
my @items = (
    [ &EXT_STRING | &EXC_DEFAULT | &EXD_CREATOR      => "me"          ],
    [ &EXT_UINT32  | &EXC_DEFAULT | &EXD_PROC_PID    => $$                ],
    [ &EXT_UINT32  | &EXC_DEFAULT | &EXD_PROC_UID    => $<                ],
    [ &EXT_UINT32  | &EXC_DEFAULT | &EXD_PROC_GID    => $(                ],
    [ &EXT_STRING  | &EXC_DEFAULT | &EXD_PROC_COMMAND => "/bin/stuff" ],
);

# Create a new group catalog object.
my $cat = new_catalog(&EXT_GROUP | &EXC_DEFAULT | &EXD_NONE);

# Create a new Group object and retrieve its data array.
my $group = new_group($cat);
my $ary = $group->value();

# Push the new Items onto the Group array.
foreach my $v (@items) {
    push(@$ary, new_item(new_catalog($v->[0]), $v->[1]));
}

# Nest the group within itself (performs a deep copy).
push(@$ary, $group);

# Dump out the group.
dump_object($group);

```

**EXAMPLE 4-4** Dumping an exact File

```

#!/usr/bin/perl

use strict;
use warnings;
use blib;
use Sun::Solaris::Exacct qw(:EXACCT_ALL);

die("Usage is dumpexacct

# Open the exact file and display the header information.
my $ef = ea_new_file($ARGV[0], &O_RDONLY) || die(error_str());
printf("Creator: %s\n", $ef->creator());
printf("Hostname: %s\n", $ef->hostname());

# Dump the file contents
while (my $obj = $ef->get()) {
    ea_dump_object($obj);
}

# Report any errors
if (ea_error() != EXR_OK && ea_error() != EXR_EOF) {
    printf("\nERROR: %s\n", ea_error_str());
    exit(1);
}
exit(0);

```

## Output From dump Method

This example shows the formatted output of the `Sun::Solaris::Exact::Object->dump()` method.

```
GROUP
  Catalog = EXT_GROUP|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_GROUP_PROC_PARTIAL
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_PID
  Value = 3
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_UID
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_GID
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_PROJID
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_TASKID
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_CPU_USER_SEC
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_CPU_USER_NSEC
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_CPU_SYS_SEC
  Value = 890
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_CPU_SYS_NSEC
  Value = 760000000
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_START_SEC
  Value = 1011869897
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_START_NSEC
  Value = 380771911
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_FINISH_SEC
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_FINISH_NSEC
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_STRING|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_COMMAND
  Value = fsflush
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_TTY_MAJOR
  Value = 4294967295
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_TTY_MINOR
  Value = 4294967295
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_STRING|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_HOSTNAME
```

```
Value = mower
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_FAULTS_MAJOR
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_FAULTS_MINOR
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_MESSAGES_SND
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_MESSAGES_RCV
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_BLOCKS_IN
  Value = 19
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_BLOCKS_OUT
  Value = 40833
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_CHARS_RDWR
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_CONTEXT_VOL
  Value = 129747
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_CONTEXT_INV
  Value = 79
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_SIGNALS
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT64|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_SYSCALLS
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_ACCT_FLAGS
  Value = 1
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_ANCPID
  Value = 0
ITEM
  Catalog = EXT_UINT32|EXC_DEFAULT|EXD_PROC_WAIT_STATUS
  Value = 0
ENDGROUP
```



# Resource Controls

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This chapter describes resource controls and their properties.

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## Overview of Resource Controls

Use the extended accounting facility to determine the resource consumption of workloads on your system. After the resource consumption has been determined, use the resource control facility to place bounds on resource usage. Bounds that are placed on resources prevent workloads from over-consuming resources.

For an overview of resource controls and example commands for administering resource controls, see Chapter 6, “Resource Controls (Overview),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* and Chapter 7, “Administering Resource Controls (Tasks),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

The resource control facility adds the following benefits.

- **Dynamically set**  
Resource controls can be adjusted while the system is running.
- **Containment level granularity**  
Resource controls are arranged in a containment level of zone, project, task, or process. The containment level simplifies the configuration and aligns the collected values closer to the particular zone, project, task, or process.

# Resource Controls Flags and Actions

This section describes flags, actions, and signals associated with resource controls.

## `rlimit`, Resource Limit

`rlimit` is process-based. `rlimit` establishes a restricting boundary on the consumption of a variety of system resources by a process. Each process that the process creates inherits from the original process. A resource limit is defined by a pair of values. The values specify the current (soft) limit and the maximum (hard) limit.

A process might irreversibly lower its hard limit to any value that is greater than or equal to the soft limit. Only a process with root ID can raise the hard limit. See `setrlimit()` and `getrlimit()`.

The `rlimit` structure contains two members that define the soft limit and hard limit.

```
rlim_t    rlim_cur;    /* current (soft) limit */
rlim_t    rlim_max    /* hard limit */
```

## `rctl`, Resource Control

`rctl` extends the process-based limits of `rlimit` by controlling resource consumption by processes, tasks, and projects defined in the project database.

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**Note** – The `rctl` mechanism is preferred to the use of `rlimit` to set resource limits. The only reason to use the `rlimit` facility is when portability is required across UNIX platforms.

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Applications fall into the following broad categories depending on how an application deals with resource controls. Based on the action that is taken, resource controls can be further classified. Most report an error and terminate operation. Other resource controls allow applications to resume operation and adapt to the reduced resource usage. A progressive chain of actions at increasing values can be specified for each resource control.

The list of attributes for a resource control consists of a privilege level, a threshold value, and an action that is taken when the threshold is exceeded.

## Resource Control Values and Privilege Levels

Each threshold value on a resource control must be associated with one of the following privilege levels:

**RCPRIV\_BASIC**

Privilege level can be modified by the owner of the calling process. RCPRIV\_BASIC is associated with a resource's soft limit.

**RCPRIV\_PRIVILEGED**

Privilege level can be modified only by privileged (root) callers. RCPRIV\_PRIVILEGED is associated with a resource's hard limit.

`setrctl(2)` will only succeed when called as a privileged user in the global zone. Inside a non-global zone, root cannot set zone-wide controls.

**RCPRIV\_SYSTEM**

Privilege level remains fixed for the duration of the operating system instance.

Figure 5–2 shows the timeline for setting privilege levels for signals that are defined by the `/etc/project` file `process.max-cpu-time` resource control.

## Local Actions and Local Flags

The local action and local flags are applied to the current resource control value represented by this resource control block. Local actions and local flags are value-specific. For each threshold value that is placed on a resource control, the following local actions and local flags are available:

**RCTL\_LOCAL\_NOACTION**

No local action is taken when this resource control value is exceeded.

**RCTL\_LOCAL\_SIGNAL**

The specified signal, set by `rctlblk_set_local_action()`, is sent to the process that placed this resource control value in the value sequence.

**RCTL\_LOCAL\_DENY**

When this resource control value is encountered, the request for the resource is denied. Set on all values if `RCTL_GLOBAL_DENY_ALWAYS` is set for this control. Cleared on all values if `RCTL_GLOBAL_DENY_NEVER` is set for this control.

**RCTL\_LOCAL\_MAXIMAL**

This resource control value represents a request for the maximum amount of resource for this control. If `RCTL_GLOBAL_INFINITE` is set for this resource control, `RCTL_LOCAL_MAXIMAL` indicates an unlimited resource control value that is never exceeded.

## Global Actions and Global Flags

Global flags apply to all current resource control values represented by this resource control block. Global actions and global flags are set by `rctladm(1M)`. Global actions and global flags

cannot be set with `set rctl()`. Global flags apply to all resource controls. For each threshold value that is placed on a resource control, the following global actions and global flags are available:

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_NOACTION**

No global action is taken when a resource control value is exceeded on this control.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_SYSLOG**

A standard message is logged by the `syslog()` facility when any resource control value on a sequence associated with this control is exceeded.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_SECONDS**

Defines the unit string of the limit value as seconds.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_COUNT**

Defines the unit string of the limit value as count.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_BYTES**

Defines the unit string of the limit value as bytes.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_SYSLOG\_NEVER**

Flag means that `RCTL_GLOBAL_SYSLOG` cannot be set for this resource control through `rctladm(1M)`.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_NOBASIC**

No values with the `RCPRIV_BASIC` privilege are permitted on this control.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_LOWERABLE**

Non-privileged callers are able to lower the value of privileged resource control values on this control.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_DENY\_ALWAYS**

The action that is taken when a control value is exceeded on this control always includes denial of the resource.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_DENY\_NEVER**

The action that is taken when a control value is exceeded on this control always excludes denial of the resource. The resource is always granted, although other actions can also be taken.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_FILE\_SIZE**

The valid signals for local actions include the `SIGXFSZ` signal.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_CPU\_TIME**

The valid signals for local actions include the `SIGXCPU` signal.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_SIGNAL\_NEVER**

No local actions are permitted on this control. The resource is always granted.

**RCTL\_GLOBAL\_INFINITE**

This resource control supports the concept of an unlimited value. Generally, an unlimited value applies only to accumulation-oriented resources, such as CPU time.

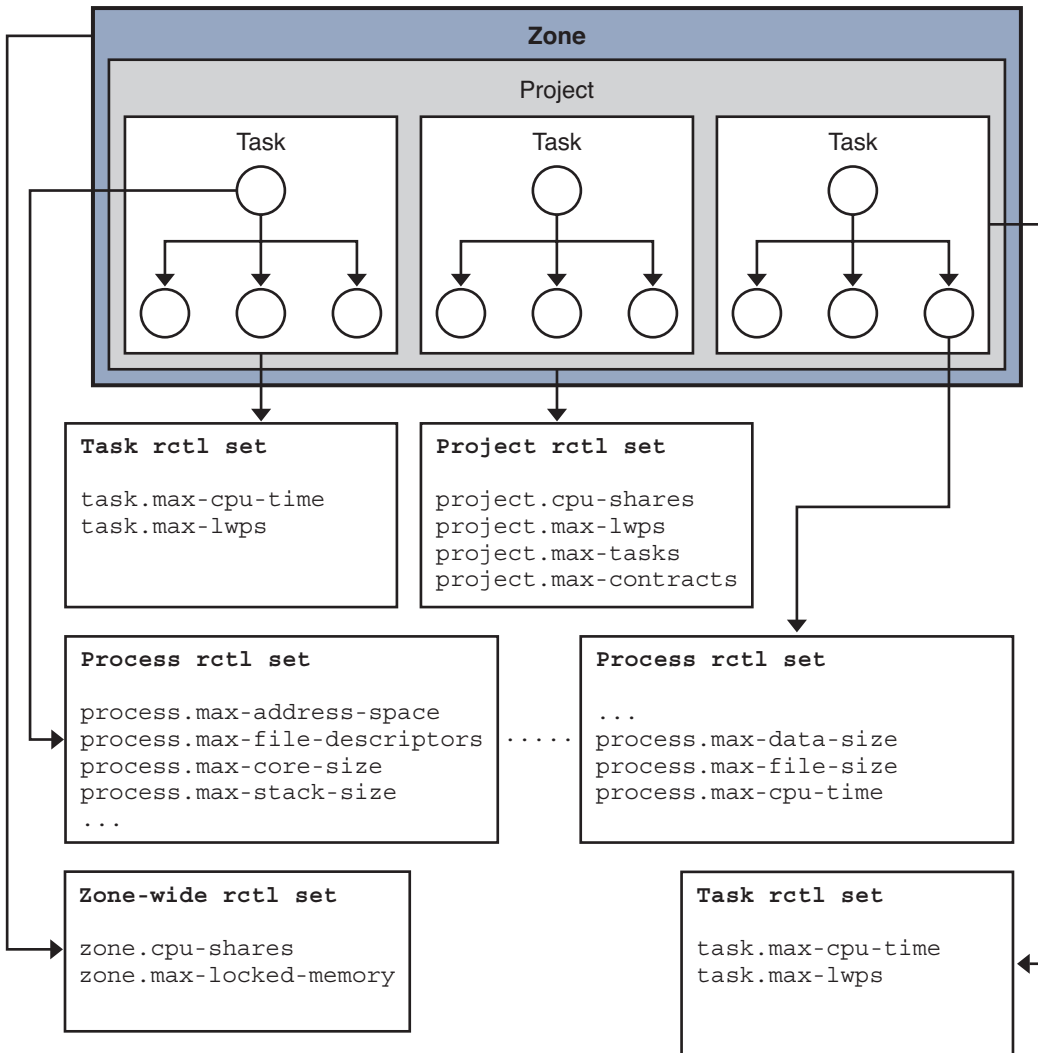
### RCTL\_GLOBAL\_UNOBSERVABLE

Generally, a task or project related resource control does not support observational control values. An RCPRIV\_BASIC privileged control value placed on a task or process generates an action only if the value is exceeded by the process that placed the value.

## **Resource Control Sets Associated With a Zone, Project, Processes, and Tasks**

The following figure shows the resource control sets associated with zones, tasks, processes and a project.

FIGURE 5-1 Resource Control Sets for Zone, Task, Project, and Process



○ = Circle designates a process within a task

More than one resource control can exist on a resource, each resource control at a containment level in the process model. Resource controls can be active on the same resource for both a process and collective task or collective project. In this case, the action for the process takes precedence. For example, action is taken on `process.max-cpu-time` before `task.max-cpu-time` if both controls are encountered simultaneously.

## Resource Controls Associated With a Project

Resource controls associated with a project include the following:

`project.cpu-cap`

Absolute limit on the amount of CPU resources that can be consumed by a project. A value of 100 means 100 percent of one CPU as the `project.cpu-cap` setting. A value of 125 is 125 percent, because 100 percent corresponds to one full CPU on the system when using CPU caps.

`project.cpu-shares`

The number of CPU shares that are granted to this project for use with the fair share scheduler, FSS(7).

`project.max-crypto-memory`

Total amount of kernel memory that can be used by `libpkcs11` for hardware crypto acceleration. Allocations for kernel buffers and session-related structures are charged against this resource control.

`project.max-locked-memory`

Total amount of physical locked memory allowed.

Note that this resource control replaced `project.max-device-locked-memory`, which has been removed.

`project.max-msg-ids`

Maximum number of System V message queues allowed for a project.

`project.max-port-ids`

Maximum allowable number of event ports.

`project.max-processes`

Maximum number of process table slots simultaneously available to this project.

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**Note** – Both normal processes and zombie processes take up process table slots. The `max-processes` resource control thus protects against zombie processes exhausting the process table. Note that `max-lwps` cannot protect against zombie processes exhausting the process table since zombie processes do not have any LWPs by definition.

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`project.max-sem-ids`

Maximum number of semaphore IDs allowed for a project.

`project.max-shm-ids`

Maximum number of shared memory IDs allowed for this project.

`project.max-msg-ids`

Maximum number of message queue IDs allowed for this project.

`project.max-shm-memory`

Total amount of System V shared memory allowed for this project.

`project.max-lwps`

Maximum number of LWPs simultaneously available to this project.

`project.max-tasks`

Maximum number of tasks allowable in this project.

`project.max-contracts`

Maximum number of contracts allowed in this project.

## Resource Controls Associated With Tasks

Resource controls associated with tasks include the following:

`task.max-cpu-time`

Maximum CPU time (seconds) available to this task's processes.

`task.max-lwps`

Maximum number of LWPs simultaneously available to this task's processes.

`task.max-processes`

Maximum number of process table slots simultaneously available to this task's processes.

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**Note** – Both normal processes and zombie processes take up process table slots. The `max-processes` resource control thus protects against zombie processes exhausting the process table. Note that `max-lwps` cannot protect against zombie processes exhausting the process table since zombie processes do not have any LWPs by definition.

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## Resource Controls Associated With Processes

Resource controls associated with processes include the following:

`process.max-address-space`

Maximum amount of address space (bytes), as summed over segment sizes, available to this process.

`process.max-core-size`

Maximum size (bytes) of a core file that is created by this process.

`process.max-cpu-time`

Maximum CPU time (seconds) available to this process.

`process.max-file-descriptor`

Maximum file descriptor index that is available to this process.

`process.max-file-size`

Maximum file offset (bytes) available for writing by this process.



`process.max-msg-messages`

Maximum number of messages on a message queue. This value is copied from the resource control at `msgget()` time.

`process.max-msg-qbytes`

Maximum number (bytes) of messages on a message queue. This value is copied from the resource control at `msgget()` time. When you set a new `project.max-msg-qbytes` value, initialization occurs only on the subsequently created values. The new `project.max-msg-qbytes` value does not effect existing values.

`process.max-sem-nsems`

Maximum number of semaphores allowed for a semaphore set.

`process.max-sem-ops`

Maximum number of semaphore operations that are allowed for a `semop()` call. This value is copied from the resource control at `msgget()` time. A new `project.max-sem-ops` value only affects the initialization of subsequently created values and has no effect on existing values.

`process.max-port-events`

Maximum number of events that are allowed per event port.

## Zone-Wide Resource Controls

Zone-wide resource controls are available on a system with zones installed. Zone-wide resource controls limit the total resource usage of all process entities within a zone.

<code>zone.cpu-cap</code>	Absolute limit on the amount of CPU resources that can be consumed by a non-global zone. A value of 100 means 100 percent of one CPU as the <code>project.cpu-cap</code> setting. A value of 125 is 125 percent, because 100 percent corresponds to one full CPU on the system when using CPU caps.
<code>zone.cpu-shares</code>	Limit on the number of fair share scheduler (FSS) CPU shares for a zone. The scheduling class must be FSS. CPU shares are first allocated to the zone, and then further subdivided among projects within the zone as specified in the <code>project.cpu-shares</code> entries. A zone with a higher number of <code>zone.cpu-shares</code> is allowed to use more CPU than a zone with a low number of shares.
<code>zone.max-locked-memory</code>	Total amount of physical locked memory available to a zone.
<code>zone.max-lofi</code>	Maximum number of <code>lofi</code> devices that can be created by a zone.
<code>zone.max-lwps</code>	Maximum number of LWPs simultaneously available to this zone
<code>zone.max-msg-ids</code>	Maximum number of message queue IDs allowed for this zone

`zone.max-processes` Maximum number of process table slots simultaneously available to this zone

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**Note** – The `zone.max-processes` resource control enhances resource isolation by preventing a zone from using too many process table slots and thus affecting other zones. The allocation of the process table slots resource across projects within the zone can be controlled by using the `project.max-processes` resource control. The global property name for this control is `max-processes`. The `zone.max-processes` resource control can also encompass the `zone.max-lwps` resource control. If `zone.max-processes` is set and `zone.max-lwps` is not set, then `zone.max-lwps` is implicitly set to 10 times the `zone.max-processes` when the zone is booted.

Both normal processes and zombie processes take up process table slots. The `max-processes` resource control thus protects against zombie processes exhausting the process table. Note that `max-lwps` cannot protect against zombie processes exhausting the process table since zombie processes do not have any LWPs by definition.

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`zone.max-sem-ids` Maximum number of semaphore IDs allowed for this zone

`zone.max-shm-ids` Maximum number of shared memory IDs allowed for this zone

`zone.max-shm-memory` Total amount of shared memory allowed for this zone

`zone.max-swap` Total amount of swap that can be consumed by user process address space mappings and `tmpfs` mounts for this zone.

For more information, see “[Zone-Wide Resource Controls](#)” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*

For information on configuring zone-wide resource controls, see Chapter 16, “[Non-Global Zone Configuration \(Overview\)](#),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* and Chapter 17, “[Planning and Configuring Non-Global Zones \(Tasks\)](#),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

Note that it is possible to use the `zonecfg` command to apply a zone-wide resource control to the global zone on a system with non-global zones installed. Also note that `set rctl(2)` will only succeed when called as a privileged user in the global zone. Inside a non-global zone, `root` cannot set zone-wide resource controls.

## Signals Used With Resource Controls

For each threshold value that is placed on a resource control, the following restricted set of signals is available:

### SIGBART

Terminate the process.

### SIGXRES

Signal generated by resource control facility when the resource control limit is exceeded.

### SIGHUP

When carrier drops on an open line, the process group that controls the terminal is sent a hangup signal, SIGHUP.

### SIGSTOP

Job control signal. Stop the process. Stop signal not from terminal.

### SIGTERM

Terminate the process. Termination signal sent by software.

### SIGKILL

Terminate the process. Kill the program.

### SIGXFSX

Terminate the process. File size limit exceeded. Available only to resource controls with the RCTL\_GLOBAL\_FILE\_SIZE property.

### SIGXCPU

Terminate the process. CPU time limit exceeded. Available only to resource controls with the RCTL\_GLOBAL\_CPU\_TIME property.

Other signals might be permitted due to global properties of a specific control.

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**Note** – Calls to `set rctl()` with illegal signals fail.

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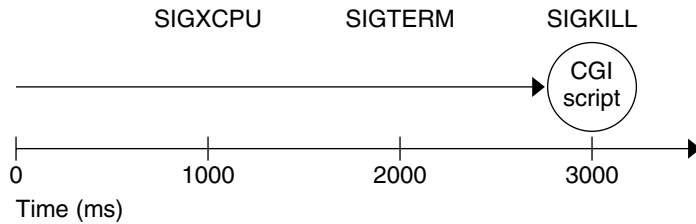
FIGURE 5-2 Setting Privilege Levels for Signals

```

/etc/project

cgi-bin:103:cgi-bin scripts:root,apache::\
  process.max-cpu-time=(privileged,1000,signal=SIGXCPU),\
                      (privileged,2000,signal=SIGTERM),\
                      (privileged,3000,signal=SIGKILL),\

```



## Resource Controls API Functions

The resource controls API contains functions that:

- “Operate on Action-Value Pairs of a Resource Control” on page 60
- “Operate on Local Modifiable Values” on page 60
- “Retrieve Local Read-Only Values” on page 61
- “Retrieve Global Read-Only Actions” on page 61

### Operate on Action-Value Pairs of a Resource Control

The following list contains the functions that set or get the resource control block.

```

setrctl(2)
getrctl(2)

```

### Operate on Local Modifiable Values

The following list contains the functions associated with the local, modifiable resource control block.

```

rctlblk_set_privilege(3C)
rctlblk_get_privilege(3C)
rctlblk_set_value(3C)
rctlblk_get_value(3C)

```

```
rctlblk_set_local_action(3C)
rctlblk_get_local_action(3C)
rctlblk_set_local_flags(3C)
rctlblk_get_local_flags(3C)
```

## Retrieve Local Read-Only Values

The following list contains the functions associated with the local, read-only resource control block.

```
rctlblk_get_recipient_pid(3C)
rctlblk_get_firing_time(3C)
rctlblk_get_enforced_value(3C)
```

## Retrieve Global Read-Only Actions

The following list contains the functions associated with the global, read-only resource control block.

```
rctlblk_get_global_action(3C)
rctlblk_get_global_flags(3C)
```

# Resource Control Code Examples

## Master Observing Process for Resource Controls

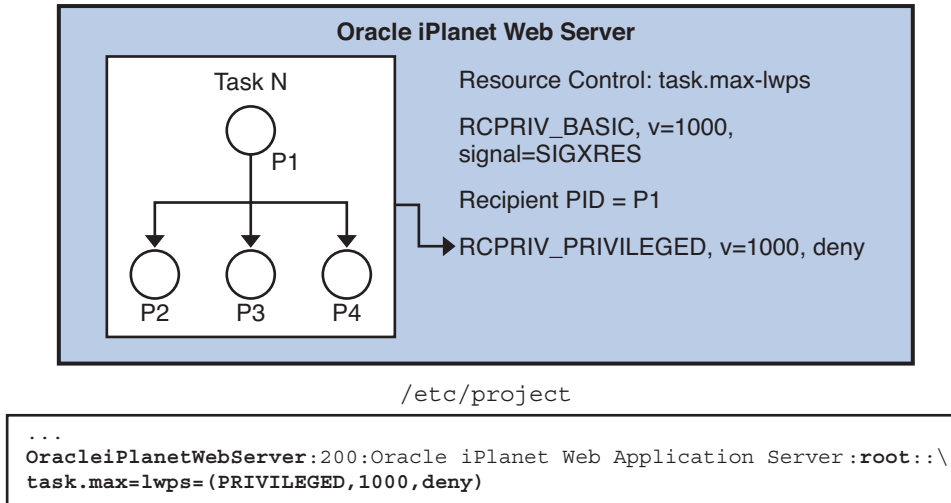
The following example is the master observer process. [Figure 5–3](#) shows the resource controls for the master observing process.

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**Note** – The line break is not valid in an `/etc/project` file. The line break is shown here only to allow the example to display on a printed or displayed page. Each entry in the `/etc/project` file must be on a separate line.

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FIGURE 5-3 Master Observing Process



The key points for the example include the following:

- Because the task's limit is privileged, the application cannot change the limit, or specify an action, such as a signal. A master process solves this problem by establishing the same resource control as a basic resource control on the task. The master process uses the same value or a little less on the resource, but with a different action, signal = XRES. The master process creates a thread to wait for this signal.
- The `rctlblk` is opaque. The struct needs to be dynamically allocated.
- Note the blocking of all signals before creating the thread, as required by `sigwait(2)`.
- The thread calls `sigwait(2)` to block for the signal. If `sigwait()` returns the SIGXRES signal, the thread notifies the master process' children, which adapts to reduce the number of LWPs being used. Each child should also be modelled similarly, with a thread in each child, waiting for this signal, and adapting its process' LWP usage appropriately.

```
rctlblk_t *mlwprcb;
sigset_t smask;
```

```
/* Omit return value checking/error processing to keep code sample short */
/* First, install a RCPRIV_BASIC, v=1000, signal=SIGXRES rctl */
mlwprcb = calloc(1, rctlblk_size()); /* rctl blocks are opaque: */
rctlblk_set_value(mlwprcb, 1000);
rctlblk_set_privilege(mlwprcb, RCPRIV_BASIC);
rctlblk_set_local_action(mlwprcb, RCTL_LOCAL_SIGNAL, SIGXRES);
if (setrctl("task.max-lwps", NULL, mlwprcb, RCTL_INSERT) == -1) {
    perror("setrctl");
    exit (1);
}
```

```

/* Now, create the thread which waits for the signal */
sigemptyset(&smask);
sigaddset(&smask, SIGXRES);
thr_sigsetmask(SIG_BLOCK, &smask, NULL);
thr_create(NULL, 0, sigthread, (void *)SIGXRES, THR_DETACHED, NULL));

/* Omit return value checking/error processing to keep code sample short */

void *sigthread(void *a)
{
    int sig = (int)a;
    int rsig;
    sigset_t sset;

    sigemptyset(&sset);
    sigaddset(&sset, sig);

    while (1) {
        rsig = sigwait(&sset);
        if (rsig == SIGXRES) {
            notify_all_children();
            /* e.g. sigsend(P_PID, child_pid, SIGXRES); */
        }
    }
}

```

## List all the Value-Action Pairs for a Specific Resource Control

The following example lists all the value-action pairs for a specific resource control, `task.max-lwps`. The key point for the example is that `getrctl(2)` takes two resource control blocks, and returns the resource control block for the `RCTL_NEXT` flag. To iterate through all resource control blocks, repeatedly swap the resource control block values, as shown here using the `rcb_tmp` `rctl` block.

```

rctlblk_t *rcb1, *rcb2, *rcb_tmp;
...
/* Omit return value checking/error processing to keep code sample short */
rcb1 = calloc(1, rctlblk_size()); /* rctl blocks are opaque: */
/* "rctlblk_t rcb" does not work */
rcb2 = calloc(1, rctlblk_size());
getrctl("task.max-lwps", NULL, rcb1, RCTL_FIRST);
while (1) {
    print_rctl(rcb1);
    rcb_tmp = rcb2;
    rcb2 = rcb1;
    rcb1 = rcb_tmp; /* swap rcb1 with rcb2 */
    if (getrctl("task.max-lwps", rcb2, rcb1, RCTL_NEXT) == -1) {
        if (errno == ENOENT) {
            break;
        }
    } else {
        perror("getrctl");
        exit (1);
    }
}

```

```
    }  
  }  
}
```

## Set project.cpu-shares and Add a New Value

The key points of the example include the following:

- This example is similar to the example shown in [“Set pool.comment Property and Add New Property” on page 78](#).
- Use `bcopy()`, rather than buffer swapping as in [“List all the Value-Action Pairs for a Specific Resource Control” on page 63](#).
- To change the resource control value, call `setrctl()` with the `RCTL_REPLACE` flag. The new resource control block is identical to the old resource control block except for the new control value.

```
rctlblk_set_value(blk1, nshares);  
if (setrctl("project.cpu-shares", blk2, blk1, RCTL_REPLACE) != 0)
```

The example gets the project's CPU share allocation, `project.cpu-shares`, and changes its value to `nshares`.

```
/* Omit return value checking/error processing to keep code sample short */  
blk1 = malloc(rctlblk_size());  
getrctl("project.cpu-shares", NULL, blk1, RCTL_FIRST);  
my_shares = rctlblk_get_value(blk1);  
printout_my_shares(my_shares);  
/* if privileged, do the following to */  
/* change project.cpu-shares to "nshares" */  
blk1 = malloc(rctlblk_size());  
blk2 = malloc(rctlblk_size());  
if (getrctl("project.cpu-shares", NULL, blk1, RCTL_FIRST) != 0) {  
    perror("getrctl failed");  
    exit(1);  
}  
bcopy(blk1, blk2, rctlblk_size());  
rctlblk_set_value(blk1, nshares);  
if (setrctl("project.cpu-shares", blk2, blk1, RCTL_REPLACE) != 0) {  
    perror("setrctl failed");  
    exit(1);  
}  
}
```

## Set LWP Limit Using Resource Control Blocks

In the following example, an application has set a privileged limit of 3000 LWPs that may not be exceeded. In addition, the application has set a basic limit of 2000 LWPs. When this limit is exceeded, a `SIGXRES` is sent to the application. Upon receiving a `SIGXRES`, the application might send notification to its child processes that might in turn reduce the number of LWPs the processes use or need.



```

/* Omit return value and error checking */

#include <rctl.h>

rctlblk_t *rcb1, *rcb2;

/*
 * Resource control blocks are opaque
 * and must be explicitly allocated.
 */
rcb1 = calloc(rctlblk_size());

rcb2 = calloc(rctlblk_size());

/* Install an RCPRIV_PRIVILEGED, v=3000: do not allow more than 3000 LWPs */
rctlblk_set_value(rcb1, 3000);
rctlblk_set_privilege(rcb1, RCPRIV_PRIVILEGED);
rctlblk_set_local_action(rcb1, RCTL_LOCAL_DENY);
setrctl("task.max-lwps", NULL, rcb1, RCTL_INSERT);

/* Install an RCPRIV_BASIC, v=2000 to send SIGXRES when LWPs exceeds 2000 */
rctlblk_set_value(rcb2, 2000);
rctlblk_set_privilege(rcb2, RCPRIV_BASIC);
rctlblk_set_local_action(rcb2, RCTL_LOCAL_SIGNAL, SIGXRES);
setrctl("task.max-lwps", NULL, rcb2, RCTL_INSERT);

```

## Programming Issues Associated With Resource Controls

Consider the following issues when writing your application:

- The resource control block is opaque. The control block needs to be dynamically allocated.
- If a basic resource control is established on a task or project, the process that establishes this resource control becomes an observer. The action for this resource control block is applied to the observer. However, some resources cannot be observed in this manner.
- If a privileged resource control is set on a task or project, no observer process exists. However, any process that violates the limit becomes the subject of the resource control action.
- Only one action is permitted for each type: global and local.
- Only one basic `rctl` is allowed per process per resource control.

## zonestat Utility for Monitoring Zones Resource Usage

The zonestat utility reports on the CPU, memory, and resource control utilization of the currently running zones. Each zone's utilization is reported as a percentage of both system resources and the zone's configured limits. For more information, see [Chapter 7, “Design Considerations for Resource Management Applications in Oracle Solaris Zones,”](#) the `zonestat(1)` man page and [Part II, “Oracle Solaris Zones,”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

# Resource Pools

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This chapter describes resource pools and their properties.

- “Overview of Resource Pools” on page 67
- “Dynamic Resource Pool Constraints and Objectives” on page 68
- “Resource Pools API Functions” on page 72
- “Resource Pool Code Examples” on page 76
- “Programming Issues Associated With Resource Pools” on page 79

## Overview of Resource Pools

Resource pools provide a framework for managing processor sets and thread scheduling classes. Resource pools are used for partitioning machine resources. Resource pools enable you to separate workloads so that workload consumption of certain resources does not overlap. The resource reservation helps to achieve predictable performance on systems with mixed workloads.

For an overview of resource pools and example commands for administering resource pools, see Chapter 12, “Resource Pools (Overview),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* and Chapter 13, “Creating and Administering Resource Pools (Tasks),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

A processor set groups the CPUs on a system into a bounded entity, on which a process or processes can run exclusively. Processes cannot extend beyond the processor set, nor can other processes extend into the processor set. A processor set enables tasks of similar characteristics to be grouped together and a hard upper boundary for CPU use to be set.

The resource pool framework allows the definition of a soft processor set with a maximum and minimum CPU count requirement. Additionally, the framework provides a hard-defined scheduling class for that processor set.

A zone can be bound to a resource pool through the `pool` property of the zone configuration. The zone is bound to the specified pool upon creation of the zone. The pool configuration can be changed only from the global zone. Zones cannot span multiple pools. All processes in a zone run in the same pool. However, multiple zones can bind to the same resource pool.

A resource pool defines:

- Processor set groups
- Scheduling class

## Scheduling Class

Scheduling classes provide different CPU access characteristics to threads that are based on algorithmic logic. The scheduling classes include:

- Realtime scheduling class
- Interactive scheduling class
- Fixed priority scheduling class
- Timesharing scheduling class
- Fair share scheduling class

For an overview of fair share scheduler and example commands for administering the fair share scheduler, see [Chapter 8, “Fair Share Scheduler \(Overview\)”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* and [Chapter 9, “Administering the Fair Share Scheduler \(Tasks\)”](#) in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

Do not mix scheduling classes in a set of CPUs. If scheduling classes are mixed in a CPU set, system performance might become erratic and unpredictable. Use processor sets to segregate applications by their characteristics. Assign scheduling classes under which the application best performs. For more information about the characteristics of an individual scheduling class, see `pricntl(1)`.

For an overview of resource pools and a discussion of when to use pools, see [Chapter 6, “Resource Pools.”](#)

## Dynamic Resource Pool Constraints and Objectives

The `libpool` library defines properties that are available to the various entities that are managed within the pools facility. Each property falls into the following categories:

### Configuration constraints

A constraint defines boundaries of a property. Typical constraints are the maximum and minimum allocations specified in the `libpool` configuration.

## Objective

An objective changes the resource assignments of the current configuration to generate new candidate configurations that observe the established constraints. An objective has the following categories:

- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Workload dependent</b>   | A workload-dependent objective varies according to the conditions imposed by the workload. An example of the workload dependent objective is the <code>utilization</code> objective.             |
| <b>Workload independent</b> | A workload-independent objective does not vary according to the conditions imposed by the workload. An example of the workload independent objective is the <code>cpu locality</code> objective. |

An objective can take an optional prefix to indicate the importance of the objective. The objective is multiplied by this prefix, which is an integer from 0 to `INT64_MAX`, to determine the significance of the objective.

For usage examples, see “[How to Set Configuration Constraints](#)” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* and “[How to Define Configuration Objectives](#)” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## System Properties

`system.bind-default` (**writable boolean**)

If the specified pool is not found in `<filename>/etc/project</filename>`, bind to pool with the `pool.default` property set to `TRUE`.

`system.comment` (**writable string**)

User description of `system.comment` is not used by the default pools commands, except when a configuration is initiated by the `poolcfg` utility. In this case, the system puts an informative message in the `system.comment` property for that configuration.

`system.name` (**writable string**)

User name for the configuration.

`system.version` (read-only integer)

`libpool` version required to manipulate this configuration.

## Pools Properties

All pools properties except `pool.default` and `pool.sys_id` are writable.

`pool.active` (**writable boolean**)

If `TRUE`, mark this pool as active.

`pool.comment` (**writable string**)

User description of pool.

`pool.default` (**read-only boolean**)

If TRUE, mark this pool as the default pool. See the `system.bind-default` property.

`pool.importance` (**writable integer**)

Relative importance of this pool. Used for possible resource dispute resolution.

`pool.name` (**writable string**)

User name for pool. `setproject(3PROJECT)` uses `pool.name` as the value for the `project.pool` project attribute in the `project(4)` database.

`pool.scheduler` (**writable string**)

Scheduler class to which consumers of this pool are bound. This property is optional and if not specified, the scheduler bindings for consumers of this pool are not affected. For more information about the characteristics of an individual scheduling class, see `prionctl(1)`.

Scheduler classes include:

- RT for realtime scheduler
- TS for timesharing scheduler
- IA for interactive scheduler
- FSS for fair share scheduler
- FX for fixed priority scheduler

`pool.sys_id` (**read-only integer**)

This is the system-assigned pool ID.

## Processor Set Properties

`pset.comment` (**writable string**)

User description of resource.

`pset.default` (read-only boolean)

Identifies the default processor set.

`pset.escapable` (**writable boolean**)

Represents whether `PSET_NOESCAPE` is set for this pset. See the `pset_setattr(2)` man page.

`pset.load` (read-only unsigned integer)

The load for this processor set. The lowest value is 0. The value increases in a linear fashion with the load on the set, as measured by the number of jobs in the system run queue.

`pset.max` (**writable unsigned integer**)

Maximum number of CPUs that are permitted in this processor set.

`pset.min` (**writable unsigned integer**)

Minimum number of CPUs that are permitted in this processor set.

`pset.name` (**writable string**)

User name for the resource.

`pset.size` (read-only unsigned integer)

Current number of CPUs in this processor set.

`pset.sys_id` (read-only integer)

System-assigned processor set ID.

`pset.type` (read-only string)

Names the resource type. Value for all processor sets is `pset`.

`pset.units` (read-only string)

Identifies the meaning of size-related properties. The value for all processor sets is `population`.

`cpu.comment` (**writable string**)

User description of CPU

## Using libpool to Manipulate Pool Configurations

The `libpool(3LIB)` pool configuration library defines the interface for reading and writing pools configuration files. The library also defines the interface for committing an existing configuration to becoming the running operating system configuration. The `<pool.h>` header provides type and function declarations for all library services.

The resource pools facility brings together process-bindable resources into a common abstraction that is called a pool. Processor sets and other entities can be configured, grouped, and labelled in a persistent fashion. Workload components can be associated with a subset of a system's total resources. The `libpool(3LIB)` library provides a C language API for accessing the resource pools facility. The `pooladm(1M)`, `poolbind(1M)`, and `poolcfg(1M)` make the resource pools facility available through command invocations from a shell.

## Manipulate psets

The following list contains the functions associated with creating or destroying psets and manipulating psets.

`processor_bind(2)`

Bind an LWP (lightweight process) or set of LWPs to a specified processor.

`pset_assign(2)`

Assign a processor to a processor set.

`pset_bind(2)`

Bind one or more LWPs (lightweight processes) to a processor set.

<code>pset_create(2)</code>	Create an empty processor set that contains no processors.
<code>pset_destroy(2)</code>	Destroy a processor set and release the associated constituent processors and processes.
<code>pset_setattr(2), pset_getattr(2)</code>	Set or get processor set attributes.

## Resource Pools API Functions

This section lists all of the resource pool functions. Each function has a link to the man page and a short description of the function's purpose. The functions are divided into two groups, depending on whether the function performs an action or a query:

- [“Functions for Operating on Resource Pools and Associated Elements” on page 72](#)
- [“Functions for Querying Resource Pools and Associated Elements” on page 74](#)

The imported interfaces for libpool for swap sets is identical to the ones defined in this document.

## Functions for Operating on Resource Pools and Associated Elements

The interfaces listed in this section are for performing actions related to pools and the associated elements.

<code>pool_associate(3POOL)</code>	Associate a resource with a specified pool.
<code>pool_component_to_elem(3POOL)</code>	Convert specified component to the pool element type.
<code>pool_conf_alloc(3POOL)</code>	Create a pool configuration.
<code>pool_conf_close(3POOL)</code>	Close the specified pool configuration and release the associated resources.
<code>pool_conf_commit(3POOL)</code>	Commit changes made to the specified pool configuration to permanent storage.
<code>pool_conf_export(3POOL)</code>	Save the given configuration to the specified location.
<code>pool_conf_free(3POOL)</code>	Release a pool configuration.
<code>pool_conf_open(3POOL)</code>	Create a pool configuration at the specified location.
<code>pool_conf_remove(3POOL)</code>	Removes the permanent storage for the configuration.



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<code>pool_conf_rollback(3POOL)</code>	Restore the configuration state to the state that is held in the pool configuration's permanent storage.
<code>pool_conf_to_elem(3POOL)</code>	Convert specified pool configuration to the pool element type.
<code>pool_conf_update(3POOL)</code>	Update the library snapshot of kernel state.
<code>pool_create(3POOL)</code>	Create a new pool with the default properties and with default resources for each type.
<code>pool_destroy(3POOL)</code>	Destroy the specified pool. The associated resources are not modified.
<code>pool_dissociate(3POOL)</code>	Remove the association between the given resource and pool.
<code>pool_put_property(3POOL)</code>	Set the named property on the element to the specified value.
<code>pool_resource_create(3POOL)</code>	Create a new resource with the specified name and type for the provided configuration.
<code>pool_resource_destroy(3POOL)</code>	Remove the specified resource from the configuration file.
<code>pool_resource_to_elem(3POOL)</code>	Convert specified pool resource to the pool element type.
<code>pool_resource_transfer(3POOL)</code>	Transfer basic units from the source resource to the target resource.
<code>pool_resource_xtransfer(3POOL)</code>	Transfer the specified components from the source resource to the target resource.
<code>pool_rm_property(3POOL)</code>	Remove the named property from the element.
<code>pool_set_binding(3POOL)</code>	Bind the specified processes to the resources that are associated with pool on the running system.
<code>pool_set_status(3POOL)</code>	Modify the current state of the pools facility.
<code>pool_to_elem(3POOL)</code>	Convert specified pool to the pool element type.
<code>pool_value_alloc(3POOL)</code>	Allocate and return an opaque container for a pool property value.
<code>pool_value_free(3POOL)</code>	Release an allocated property values.
<code>pool_value_set_bool(3POOL)</code>	Set a property value of type <code>boolean</code> .
<code>pool_value_set_double(3POOL)</code>	Set a property value of type <code>double</code> .

<code>pool_value_set_int64(3POOL)</code>	Set a property value of type <code>int64</code> .
<code>pool_value_set_name(3POOL)</code>	Set a name=value pair for a pool property.
<code>pool_value_set_string(3POOL)</code>	Copy the string that was passed in.
<code>pool_value_set_uint64(3POOL)</code>	Set a property value of type <code>uint64</code> .

## Functions for Querying Resource Pools and Associated Elements

The interfaces listed in this section are for performing queries related to pools and the associated elements.

`pool_component_info(3POOL)`

Return a string that describes the given component.

`pool_conf_info(3POOL)`

Return a string describing the entire configuration.

`pool_conf_location(3POOL)`

Return the location string that was provided to `pool_conf_open()` for the given specified configuration.

`pool_conf_status(3POOL)`

Return the validity status for a pool configuration.

`pool_conf_validate(3POOL)`

Check the validity of the contents of the given configuration.

`pool_dynamic_location(3POOL)`

Return the location that was used by the pools framework to store the dynamic configuration.

`pool_error(3POOL)`

Return the error value of the last failure that was recorded by calling a resource pool configuration library function.

`pool_get_binding(3POOL)`

Return the name of the pool on the running system that contains the set of resources to which the specified process is bound.

`pool_get_owning_resource(3POOL)`

Return the resource that currently contains the specified component.

`pool_get_pool(3POOL)`

Return the pool with the specified name from the provided configuration.

`pool_get_property(3POOL)`

Retrieve the value of the named property from the element.

`pool_get_resource(3POOL)`

Return the resource with the given name and type from the provided configuration.

`pool_get_resource_binding(3POOL)`

Return the name of the pool on the running system that contains the set of resources to which the given process is bound.

`pool_get_status(3POOL)`

Retrieve the current state of the pools facility.

`pool_info(3POOL)`

Return a description of the specified pool.

`pool_query_components(3POOL)`

Retrieve all resource components that match the specified list of properties.

`pool_query_pool_resources(3POOL)`

Return a null-terminated array of resources currently associated with the pool.

`pool_query_pools(3POOL)`

Return the list of pools that match the specified list of properties.

`pool_query_resource_components(3POOL)`

Return a null-terminated array of the components that make up the specified resource.

`pool_query_resources(3POOL)`

Return the list of resources that match the specified list of properties.

`pool_resource_info(3POOL)`

Return a description of the specified resource.

`pool_resource_type_list(3POOL)`

Enumerate the resource types that are supported by the pools framework on this platform.

`pool_static_location(3POOL)`

Return the location that was used by the pools framework to store the default configuration for pools framework instantiation.

`pool_strerror(3POOL)`

Return a description of each valid pool error code.

`pool_value_get_bool(3POOL)`

Get a property value of type boolean.

`pool_value_get_double(3POOL)`

Get a property value of type double.

`pool_value_get_int64(3POOL)`

Get a property value of type int64.

`pool_value_get_name(3POOL)`

Return the name that was assigned to the specified pool property.

`pool_value_get_string(3POOL)`

Get a property value of type string.

`pool_value_get_type(3POOL)`

Return the type of the data that is contained by the specified pool value.

`pool_value_get_uint64(3POOL)`

Get a property value of type uint64.

`pool_version(3POOL)`

Get the version number of the pool library.

`pool_walk_components(3POOL)`

Invoke callback on all components that are contained in the resource.

`pool_walk_pools(3POOL)`

Invoke callback on all pools that are defined in the configuration.

`pool_walk_properties(3POOL)`

Invoke callback on all properties defined for the given element.

`pool_walk_resources(3POOL)`

Invoke callback on all resources that are associated with the pool.

## Resource Pool Code Examples

This section contains code examples of the resource pools interface.

### Ascertain the Number of CPUs in the Resource Pool

`sysconf(3C)` provides information about the number of CPUs on an entire system. The following example provides the granularity of ascertaining the number of CPUs that are defined in a particular application's pools pset.

The key points for this example include the following:

- `pvals[]` should be a NULL terminated array.
- `pool_query_pool_resources()` returns a list of all resources that match the `pvals` array type pset from the application's pool `my_pool`. Because a pool can have only one instance of the pset resource, each instance is always returned in `nelem.reslist[]` contains only one element, the pset resource.

```
pool_value_t *pvals[2] = {NULL}; /* pvals[] should be NULL terminated */  
  
/* NOTE: Return value checking/error processing omitted */  
/* in all examples for brevity */
```

```

conf_loc = pool_dynamic_location();
conf = pool_conf_alloc();
pool_conf_open(conf, conf_loc, PO_RDONLY);
my_pool_name = pool_get_binding(getpid());
my_pool = pool_get_pool(conf, my_pool_name);
pvals[0] = pool_value_alloc();
pvals2[2] = { NULL, NULL };
pool_value_set_name(pvals[0], "type");
pool_value_set_string(pvals[0], "pset");

reslist = pool_query_pool_resources(conf, my_pool, &nelem, pvals);
pool_value_free(pvals[0]);
pool_query_resource_components(conf, reslist[0], &nelem, NULL);
printf("pool %s: %u cpu", my_pool_name, nelem);
pool_conf_close(conf);

```

## List All Resource Pools

The following example lists all resource pools defined in an application's pools pset.

The key points of the example include the following:

- Open the dynamic conf file read-only, PO\_RDONLY. `pool_query_pools()` returns the list of pools in `pl` and the number of pools in `nelem`. For each pool, call `pool_get_property()` to get the `pool.name` property from the element into the `pval` value.
- `pool_get_property()` calls `pool_to_elem()` to convert the libpool entity to an opaque value. `pool_value_get_string()` gets the string from the opaque pool value.

```

conf = pool_conf_alloc();
pool_conf_open(conf, pool_dynamic_location(), PO_RDONLY);
pl = pool_query_pools(conf, &nelem, NULL);
pval = pool_value_alloc();
for (i = 0; i < nelem; i++) {
    pool_get_property(conf, pool_to_elem(conf, pl[i]), "pool.name", pval);
    pool_value_get_string(pval, &fname);
    printf("%s\n", name);
}
pool_value_free(pval);
free(pl);
pool_conf_close(conf);

```

## Report Pool Statistics for a Given Pool

The following example reports statistics for the designated pool.

The key points for the example include the following:

- `pool_query_pool_resources()` gets a list of all resources in `rl`. Because the last argument to `pool_query_pool_resources()` is NULL, all resources are returned. For each resource, the name, load and size properties are read, and printed.

- The call to `strdup()` allocates local memory and copies the string returned by `get_string()`. The call to `get_string()` returns a pointer that is freed by the next call to `get_property()`. If the call to `strdup()` is not included, subsequent references to the string(s) could cause the application to fail with a segmentation fault.

```
printf("pool %s\n:" pool_name);
pool = pool_get_pool(conf, pool_name);
rl = pool_query_pool_resources(conf, pool, &nelem, NULL);
for (i = 0; i < nelem; i++) {
    pool_get_property(conf, pool_resource_to_elem(conf, rl[i]), "type", pval);
    pool_value_get_string(pval, &type);
    type = strdup(type);
    snprintf(prop_name, 32, "%s.%s", type, "name");
    pool_get_property(conf, pool_resource_to_elem(conf, rl[i]),
        prop_name, pval);
    pool_value_get_string(val, &res_name);
    res_name = strdup(res_name);
    snprintf(prop_name, 32, "%s.%s", type, "load");
    pool_get_property(conf, pool_resource_to_elem(conf, rl[i]),
        prop_name, pval);
    pool_value_get_uint64(val, &load);
    snprintf(prop_name, 32, "%s.%s", type, "size");
    pool_get_property(conf, pool_resource_to_elem(conf, rl[i]),
        prop_name, pval);
    pool_value_get_uint64(val, &size);
    printf("resource %s: size %llu load %llu\n", res_name, size, load);
    free(type);
    free(res_name);
}
free(rl);
```

## Set `pool.comment` Property and Add New Property

The following example sets the `pool.comment` property for the `pset`. The example also creates a new property in `pool.newprop`.

The key point for the example includes the following:

- In the call to `pool_conf_open()`, using `PO_RDWR` on a static configuration file, requires the caller to be root.
- To commit these changes to the `pset` after running this utility, issue a `pooladm -c` command. To have the utility commit the changes, call `pool_conf_commit()` with a nonzero second argument.

```
pool_set_comment(const char *pool_name, const char *comment)
{
    pool_t *pool;
    pool_elem_t *pool_elem;
    pool_value_t *pval = pool_value_alloc();
    pool_conf_t *conf = pool_conf_alloc();
    /* NOTE: need to be root to use PO_RDWR on static configuration file */
    pool_conf_open(conf, pool_static_location(), PO_RDWR);
```

```

pool = pool_get_pool(conf, pool_name);
pool_value_set_string(pval, comment);
pool_elem = pool_to_elem(conf, pool);
pool_put_property(conf, pool_elem, "pool.comment", pval);
printf("pool %s: pool.comment set to %s\n:" pool_name, comment);
/* Now, create a new property, customized to installation site */
pool_value_set_string(pval, "New String Property");
pool_put_property(conf, pool_elem, "pool.newprop", pval);
pool_conf_commit(conf, 0); /* NOTE: use 0 to ensure only */
                          /* static file gets updated */

pool_value_free(pval);
pool_conf_close(conf);
pool_conf_free(conf);
/* NOTE: Use "pooladm -c" later, or pool_conf_commit(conf, 1) */
/* above for changes to the running system */
}

```

An alternative way of modifying a pool's comment and adding a new pool property is to use `poolcfg(1M)`.

```

poolcfg -c 'modify pool pool-name (string pool.comment = "cmt-string")'
poolcfg -c 'modify pool pool-name (string pool.newprop =
                          "New String Property")'

```

## Programming Issues Associated With Resource Pools

Consider the following issues when writing your application.

- Each site can add its own list of properties to the pools configuration. Multiple configurations can be maintained in multiple configuration files. The system administrator can commit different files to reflect changes to the resource consumption at different time slots. These time slots can include different times of the day, week, month, or seasons depending on load conditions.
- Resource sets can be shared between pools, but a pool has only one resource set of a given type. So, the `pset_default` can be shared between the default and a particular application's database pools.
- Use `pool_value_*`( ) interfaces carefully. Keep in mind the memory allocation issues for string pool values. See [“Report Pool Statistics for a Given Pool” on page 77](#).

## zonestat Utility for Monitoring Resource Pools in Oracle Solaris Zones

The `zonestat` utility can be used to report on the CPU, memory, and resource control utilization of the currently running zones. Each zone's utilization is reported as a percentage of both system resources and the zone's configured limits. For more information, see the `zonestat(1)` man page and Part II, “Oracle Solaris Zones,” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.





# Design Considerations for Resource Management Applications in Oracle Solaris Zones

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This chapter provides a brief overview of Oracle Solaris Zones technology and discusses potential problems that may be encountered by developers who are writing resource management applications.

## Oracle Solaris Zones Overview

A *zone* is a virtualized operating system environment that is created within a single instance of the Oracle Solaris operating system. Oracle Solaris Zones are a partitioning technology that provides an isolated, secure environment for applications. When you create a zone, you produce an application execution environment in which processes are isolated from the rest of the system. This isolation prevents a process that is running in one zone from monitoring or affecting processes that are running in other zones. Even a process running with root credentials cannot view or affect activity in other zones. A zone also provides an abstract layer that separates applications from the physical attributes of the machine on which the zone is deployed. Examples of these attributes include physical device paths and network interface names. The default non-global zone brand in the Oracle Solaris 11 release is the `solariszone`.

By default, all systems have a *global zone*. The global zone has a global view of the Oracle Solaris environment that is similar to the superuser (root) model. All other zones are referred to as *non-global zones*. A non-global zone is analogous to an unprivileged user in the superuser model. Processes in non-global zones can control only the processes and files within that zone. Typically, system administration work is mainly performed in the global zone. In rare cases where a system administrator needs to be isolated, privileged applications can be used in a non-global zone. In general, though, resource management activities take place in the global zone.

For additional isolation, `solaris` zones with a read-only root can be configured. See [Chapter 27, “Configuring and Administering Immutable Zones,” in \*Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management\*](#).

For more information on solaris zones, see Part II, “Oracle Solaris Zones,” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## IP Networking in Oracle Solaris Zones

IP networking in a zone can be configured in two different ways, depending on whether the non-global zone is given its own exclusive IP instance or shares the IP layer configuration and state with the global zone. By default, zones are created with the exclusive-IP type. Through the `zonecfg anet` resource, a virtual network (VNIC) is automatically included in the zone configuration if networking configuration is not specified.

Exclusive-IP zones are assigned zero or more VNIC interface names, and for those network interfaces they can send and receive any packets, snoop, and change the IP configuration, including IP addresses and the routing table. Note that those changes do not affect any of the other IP instances on the system.

For complete information on the `zonecfg` command and networking in zones, see *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## About Applications in Oracle Solaris Zones

All applications are fully functional in the global zone, as they would be in a conventional Oracle Solaris environment. Most applications should run without problem in a non-global environment as long as the application does not need any privileges. If an application does require privileges, then the developer needs to take a close look at which privileges are needed and how a particular privilege is used. If a privilege is required, then a system administrator can assign the needed privilege to the zone. See “Configurable Privileges” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## General Considerations When Writing Applications for Non-Global Zones

The known situations that a developer needs to investigate are as follows:

- System calls that change the system time require the `PRIV_SYS_TIME` privilege. These system calls include `adjtime(2)`, `ntp_adjtime(2)`, and `stime(2)`.
- System calls that need to operate on files that have the sticky bit set require the `PRIV_SYS_CONFIG` privilege. These system calls include `chmod(2)`, `creat(2)`, and `open(2)`.
- The `ioctl(2)` system call requires the `PRIV_SYS_NET_CONFIG` privilege to be able to unlock an anchor on a STREAMS module.

- The `link(2)` and `unlink(2)` system calls require the `PRIV_SYS_LINKDIR` privilege to create a link or unlink a directory in a non-global zone. Applications that install or configure software or that create temporary directories could be affected by this limitation.
- The `PRIV_PROC_LOCK_MEMORY` privilege is required for the `mlock(3C)`, `munlock(3C)`, `mlockall(3C)`, `munlockall(3C)`, and `plock(3C)` functions and the `MC_LOCK`, `MC_LOCKAS`, `MC_UNLOCK`, and `MC_UNLOCKAS` flags for the `memcntl(2)` system. This privilege is a default privilege in a non-global zone. See “Privileges in a Non-Global Zone” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* for more information.
- The `mknod(2)` system call requires the `PRIV_SYS_DEVICES` privilege to create a block (`S_IFBLK`) or character (`S_IFCHR`) special file. This limitation affects applications that need to create device nodes on the fly.
- The `IPC_SET` flag in the `msgctl(2)` system call requires the `PRIV_SYS_IPC_CONFIG` privilege to increase the number of message queue bytes. This limitation affects any applications that need to resize the message queue dynamically.
- The `nice(2)` system call requires the `PRIV_PROC_PRIOCNTRL` privilege to change the priority of a process. This privilege is available by default in a non-global zone. Another way to change the priority is to bind the non-global zone in which the application is running to a resource pool, although scheduling processes in that zone is ultimately decided by the Fair Share Scheduler.
- The `P_ONLINE`, `P_OFFLINE`, `P_NOINTR`, `P_FAULTED`, `P_SPARE`, and `PZ-FORCED` flags in the `p_online(2)` system call require the `PRIV_SYS_RES_CONFIG` privilege to return or change process operational status. This limitation affects applications that need to enable or disable CPUs.
- The `PC_SETPARMS` and `PC_SETXPARMS` flags in the `prioctl(2)` system call requires the `PRIV_PROC_PRIOCNTRL` privilege to change the scheduling parameters of a lightweight process (LWP).
- System calls that need to manage processor sets (psets), including binding LWPs to psets and setting pset attributes require the `PRIV_SYS_RES_CONFIG` privilege. This limitation affects the following system calls: `pset_assign(2)`, `pset_bind(2)`, `pset_create(2)`, `pset_destroy(2)`, and `pset_setattr(2)`.
- The `SHM_LOCK` and `SHM_UNLOCK` flags in the `shmctl(2)` system call require the `PRIV_PROC_LOCK_MEMORY` privilege to share memory control operations. If the application is locking memory for performance purposes, using the intimate shared memory (ISM) feature provides a potential workaround.
- The `swapctl(2)` system call requires the `PRIV_SYS_CONFIG` privilege to add or remove swapping resources. This limitation affects installation and configuration software.
- The `uadmin(2)` system call requires the `PRIV_SYS_CONFIG` privilege to use the `A_REMOUNT`, `A_FREEZE`, `A_DUMP`, and `AD_IBOOT` commands. This limitation affects applications that need to force crash dumps under certain circumstances.

- The `clock_gettime(3RT)` function requires the `PRIV_SYS_TIME` privilege to set the `CLOCK_REALTIME` and `CLOCK_HRES` clocks.
- The `cpc_bind_cpu(3CPC)` function requires the `PRIV_CPC_CPU` privilege to bind request sets to hardware counters. As a workaround, the `cpc_bind_curlwp(3CPC)` function can be used to monitor CPU counters for the LWP in question.
- The `pthread_attr_setschedparam(3C)` function requires the `PRIV_PROC_PIOCNTL` privilege to change the underlying scheduling policy and parameters for a thread.
- The `timer_create(3RT)` function requires the `PRIV_PROC_CLOCK_HIGHRES` privilege to create a timer using the high-resolution system clock.
- The APIs that are provided by the following list of libraries are not supported in a non-global zone. The shared objects are present in the zone's `/usr/lib` directory, so no link time errors occur if your code includes references to these libraries. You can inspect your make files to determine if your application has explicit bindings to any of these libraries and use `pmap(1)` while the application is executing to verify that none of these libraries are dynamically loaded.
  - `libdevinfo(3LIB)`
  - `libcfgadm(3LIB)`
  - `libpool(3LIB)`
  - `libsysevent(3LIB)`
- Zones have a restricted set of devices, consisting primarily of pseudo devices that form part of the Oracle Solaris programming API. These pseudo devices include `/dev/null`, `/dev/zero`, `/dev/poll`, `/dev/random`, `/dev/tcp`, and so on. Physical devices are not directly accessible from within a zone unless the device has been configured by a system administrator. Since devices, in general, are shared resources in a system, to make devices available in a zone requires some restrictions so system security will not be compromised, as follows:
  - The `/dev` name space consists of symbolic links, that is, logical paths, to the physical paths in `/devices`. The `/devices` name space, which is available only in the global zone, reflects the current state of attached device instances that have been created by the driver. Only the logical path `/dev` is visible in a non-global zone.
  - Processes within a non-global zone cannot create new device nodes. For example, `mknod(2)` cannot create special files in a non-global zone. The `creat(2)`, `link(2)`, `mkdir(2)`, `rename(2)`, `symlink(2)`, and `unlink(2)` system calls fail with `EACCES` if a file in `/dev` is specified. You can create a symbolic link to an entry in `/dev`, but that link cannot be created in `/dev`.
  - Devices that expose system data are only available in the global zone. Examples of such devices include `dttrace(7D)`, `kmem(7D)`, `kmdb(7d)`, `ksyms(7D)`, `lockstat(7D)`, and `trapstat(1M)`.
  - The `/dev` name space consists of device nodes made up of a default, “safe” set of drivers as well as device nodes that have been specified for the zone by the `zoncfg(1M)` command.

## Specific Considerations for Shared-IP Non-Global Zones

For non-global zones that are configured to use the shared-IP instance, the following restrictions apply.

- The `socket(3SOCKET)` function requires the `PRIV_NET_RAWACCESS` privilege to create a raw socket with the protocol set to `IPPROTO_RAW` or `IPPROTO_IGMP`. This limitation affects applications that use raw sockets or need to create or inspect TCP/IP headers.
- The `t_open(3NSL)` function requires the `PRIV_NET_RAWACCESS` privilege to establish a transport endpoint. This limitation affects applications that use the `/dev/rawip` device to implement network protocols as well as applications that operate on TCP/IP headers.
- No NIC devices that support the DLPI programming interface are accessible in a shared-IP non-global zone.
- Each non-global shared-IP zone has its own logical network and loopback interface. Bindings between upper layer streams and logical interfaces are restricted such that a stream may only establish bindings to logical interfaces in the same zone. Likewise, packets from a logical interface can only be passed to upper layer streams in the same zone as the logical interface. Bindings to the loopback address are kept within a zone with one exception: When a stream in one zone attempts to access the IP address of an interface in another zone. While applications within a zone can bind to privileged network ports, they have no control over the network configuration, including IP addresses and the routing table.

Note that these restrictions do not apply to exclusive-IP zones.

## Packaging Considerations in solaris Zones

Using a zone package variant, the various components within a package are specifically tagged to only be installed in either a global zone (`global`) or a non-global zone (`nonglobal`). A given package can contain a file that is tagged so that it will not be installed into a non-global zone.

## API for Zones Monitoring Statistics

`libzonestat.so.1` is a public API used by the `zonesstat` command to retrieve and compute zone-related resource utilization information, with sorting and filtering options available. The `zonestat` library reports system wide and per-zone utilization of physical memory, virtual memory, and CPU resources. The `zonesstat` command is documented in the [zonestat\(1\)](#) man page.

`libzonestat` computes commonly needed values, such as differences between two samples, and percentage used quantities. These statistics eliminate the need for consumers to do complex calculations. In addition to usage of physical resources, `libzonestat` also reports resource usage relative to each zone's configured resource limits.

The basic usage of `libzonestat` is as follows:

```
zs_ctl_t zscctl;
zs_usage_t usage;

/* open the statistics facility */
zscctl = zs_open();

for (;;) {
    /* read the current usage */
    usage = zs_usage_read(ctl);

    ... Interrogate the usage object for desired information ...
    ...

    if (quit)
        break;

    sleep(some_interval);
}
zs_close(zscctl);
```

The following man pages, ordered to facilitate usage, describe the library interfaces:

- [zs\\_open\(3ZONESTAT\)](#)
- [zs\\_usage\(3ZONESTAT\)](#)
- [libzonestat\(3LIB\)](#)
- [zs\\_resource\(3ZONESTAT\)](#)
- [zs\\_zone\(3ZONESTAT\)](#)
- [zs\\_pset\(3ZONESTAT\)](#)
- [zs\\_pset\\_zone\(3ZONESTAT\)](#)
- [zs\\_property\(3ZONESTAT\)](#)

## Oracle Solaris 10 Zones

Oracle Solaris 10 Zones are `solaris10` branded zones that host x86 and SPARC Solaris 10 9/10 (or later released Oracle Solaris 10 update) user environments running on the Oracle Solaris 11 kernel. Note that it is possible to use an earlier Oracle Solaris 10 release if you first install the kernel patch 142909-17 (SPARC) or 142910-17 (x86/x64), or later version, on the original system.

For more information on `solaris10` branded zones, see the following guides:

- [Part III, “Oracle Solaris 10 Zones,” in \*Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management\*.](#)
- [System Administration Guide: Oracle Solaris Containers-Resource Management and Oracle Solaris Zones](#) (this is the Oracle Solaris 10 version of the guide).
- [Solaris Containers: Resource Management and Solaris Zones Developer's Guide](#) (this is the Oracle Solaris 10 version of the guide).

For information about SVR4 packaging and patching used in `solaris10` and native zones, see “Chapter 25, About Packages on an Solaris System With Zones Installed (Overview)” and “Chapter 26, Adding and Removing Packages and Patches on a Solaris System With Zones Installed (Tasks)” in *System Administration Guide: Oracle Solaris Containers-Resource Management and Oracle Solaris Zones*. This is the Oracle Solaris 10 version of the guide.





# Configuration Examples

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This chapter shows example configurations for the `/etc/project` file.

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- “Configure Resource Pools” on page 90
- “Configure FSS `project.cpu-shares` for a Project” on page 90
- “Configure Five Applications with Different Characteristics” on page 91

To set resource controls on a zone by using the `zonecfg` command, see Chapter 16, “Non-Global Zone Configuration (Overview),” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management* and “How to Configure the Zone” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## `/etc/project` Project File

The `project` file is a local source of project information. The `project` file can be used in conjunction with other project sources, including the NIS maps `project.byname` and `project.bynumber` and the LDAP database `project`. Programs use the `getproject(3PROJECT)` routines to access this information.

## Define Two Projects

`/etc/project` defines two projects: `database` and `appserver`. The *user* defaults are `user.database` and `user.appserver`. The *admin* default can switch between `user.database` or `user.appserver`.

```
hostname# cat /etc/project
```

```
.
.
.
```

```
user.database:2001:Database backend:admin::
user.appserver:2002:Application Server frontend:admin::
.
```

## Configure Resource Controls

The /etc/project file shows the resource controls for the application.

```
hostname# cat /etc/project
```

```
.
.
.
development:2003:Developers:::task.ax-lwps=(privileged,10,deny);
process.max-addressspace=(privileged,209715200,deny)
.
```

## Configure Resource Pools

The /etc/project file shows the resource pools for the application.

```
hostname# cat /etc/project
```

```
.
.
.
batch:2001:Batch project:::project.pool=batch_pool
process:2002:Process control:::project.pool=process_pool
.
```

## Configure FSS project . cpu - shares for a Project

Set up FSS for two projects: *database* and *appserver*. The *database* project has 20 CPU shares. The *appserver* project has 10 CPU shares.

```
hostname# cat /etc/project
```

```
.
.
.
user.database:2001:database backend:admin::project.cpu-shares=(privileged,
20,deny)
user.appserver:2002:Application Server frontend:admin::project.cpu-shares=
(privileged,10,deny)
```

---

.

.

.

---

**Note** – The line break in the lines that precede “20,deny” and “(privileged,” is not valid in an /etc/project file. The line breaks are shown here only to allow the example to display on a printed or displayed page. Each entry in the /etc/project file must be on a single line.

---

If the FSS is enabled but each user and application is not assigned to a unique project, then the users and applications will all run in the same project. By running in the same project, all compete for the same share, in a timeshare fashion. This occurs because shares are assigned to projects, not to users or processes. To take advantage of the FSS scheduling capabilities, assign each user and application to a unique project.

To configure a project, see “Local /etc/project File Format” in *Oracle Solaris Administration: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Zones, and Resource Management*.

## Configure Five Applications with Different Characteristics

The following example configures five applications with different characteristics.

TABLE 8-1 Target Applications and Characteristics

Application Type and Name	Characteristics
Application server, app_server.	Negative scalability beyond two CPUs. Assign a two-CPU processor set to app_server. Use TS scheduling class.
Database instance, app_db.	Heavily multithreaded. Use FSS scheduling class.
Test and development, development.	Motif based. Hosts untested code execution. Interactive scheduling class ensures user interface responsiveness. Use process.max-address-space to impose memory limitations and minimize the effects of antisocial processing.
Transaction processing engine, tp_engine.	Response time is paramount. Assign a dedicated set of at least two CPUs to ensure response latency is kept to a minimum. Use timeshare scheduling class.
Standalone database instance, geo_db.	Heavily multithreaded. Serves multiple time zones. Use FSS scheduling class.

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**Note** – Consolidate database applications (app\_db and geo\_db) onto a single processor set of at least four CPUs. Use FSS scheduling class. Application app\_db gets 25% of the project.cpu-shares. Application geo\_db gets 75% of the project.cpu-shares.

---

Edit the /etc/project file. Map users to resource pools for the app\_server, app\_db, development, tp\_engine, and geo\_db project entries.

hostname# **cat /etc/project**

```
.  
. .  
user.app_server:2001:Production Application Server::  
    project.pool=appserver_pool  
user.app_db:2002:App Server DB::  
    project.pool=db_pool,  
    project.cpu-shares=(privileged,1,deny)  
development:2003:Test and development::staff:project.pool=dev_pool,  
    process.max-addressspace=(privileged,536870912,deny)  
user.tp_engine:Transaction Engine::  
    project.pool=tp_pool  
user.geo_db:EDI DB::  
    project.pool=db_pool;  
    project.cpu-shares=(privileged,3,deny)
```

---

**Note** – The line break in the lines that begin with “project.pool”, “project.cpu-shares=”, “process.max-addressspace”, and “project.cpu-shares=” is not valid in a project file. The line breaks are shown here only to allow the example to display on a printed or displayed page. Each entry must be on one and only one line.

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Create the pool.host script and add entries for resource pools.

hostname# **cat pool.host**

```
create system host  
create pset dev_pset (uint pset.max = 2)  
create pset tp_pset (uint pset.min = 2; uint pset.max = 2)  
create pset db_pset (uint pset.min = 4; uint pset.max = 6)  
create pset app_pset (uint pset.min = 1; uint pset.max = 2)  
create pool dev_pool (string pool.scheduler="IA")  
create pool appserver_pool (string pool.scheduler="TS")  
create pool db_pool (string pool.scheduler="FSS")  
create pool tp_pool (string pool.scheduler="TS")  
associate pool pool_default (pset pset_default)  
associate pool dev_pool (pset dev_pset)  
associate pool appserver_pool (pset app_pset)  
associate pool db_pool (pset db_pset)  
associate pool tp_pool (pset tp_pset)
```

Run the pool.host script and modify the configuration as specified in the pool.host file.

hostname# **poolcfg -f pool.host**

Read the `pool.host` resource pool configuration file and initialize the resource pools on the system.

```
hostname# pooladm -c
```



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