

## NAME

`archive_read_disk_new`, `archive_read_disk_set_symlink_logical`,  
`archive_read_disk_set_symlink_physical`,  
`archive_read_disk_set_symlink_hybrid`, `archive_read_disk_entry_from_file`,  
`archive_read_disk_gname`, `archive_read_disk_uname`,  
`archive_read_disk_set_uname_lookup`, `archive_read_disk_set_gname_lookup`,  
`archive_read_disk_set_standard_lookup`, `archive_read_close`,  
`archive_read_finish`, `archive_read_free` — functions for reading objects from disk

## LIBRARY

Streaming Archive Library (libarchive, -larchive)

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <archive.h>

struct archive *
archive_read_disk_new(void);

int
archive_read_disk_set_symlink_logical(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_disk_set_symlink_physical(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_disk_set_symlink_hybrid(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_disk_gname(struct archive *, gid_t);

int
archive_read_disk_uname(struct archive *, uid_t);

int
archive_read_disk_set_gname_lookup(struct archive *, void *,
    const char *(*lookup)(void *, gid_t), void (*cleanup)(void *));

int
archive_read_disk_set_uname_lookup(struct archive *, void *,
    const char *(*lookup)(void *, uid_t), void (*cleanup)(void *));

int
archive_read_disk_set_standard_lookup(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_disk_entry_from_file(struct archive *,
    struct archive_entry *, int fd, const struct stat *);

int
archive_read_close(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_finish(struct archive *);

int
archive_read_free(struct archive *);
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions provide an API for reading information about objects on disk. In particular, they provide an interface for populating struct archive\_entry objects.

### `archive_read_disk_new()`

Allocates and initializes a struct archive object suitable for reading object information from disk.

**archive\_read\_disk\_set\_symlink\_logical(),**

**archive\_read\_disk\_set\_symlink\_physical(),**

**archive\_read\_disk\_set\_symlink\_hybrid()**

This sets the mode used for handling symbolic links. The “logical” mode follows all symbolic links. The “physical” mode does not follow any symbolic links. The “hybrid” mode currently behaves identically to the “logical” mode.

**archive\_read\_disk\_gname(), archive\_read\_disk\_uname()**

Returns a user or group name given a gid or uid value. By default, these always return a NULL string.

**archive\_read\_disk\_set\_gname\_lookup(), archive\_read\_disk\_set\_undef\_lookup()**

These allow you to override the functions used for user and group name lookups. You may also provide a void \* pointer to a private data structure and a cleanup function for that data. The cleanup function will be invoked when the struct archive object is destroyed or when new lookup functions are registered.

**archive\_read\_disk\_set\_standard\_lookup()**

This convenience function installs a standard set of user and group name lookup functions. These functions use `getpwnam(3)` and `getgrnam(3)` to convert ids to names, defaulting to NULL if the names cannot be looked up. These functions also implement a simple memory cache to reduce the number of calls to `getpwnam(3)` and `getgrnam(3)`.

**archive\_read\_disk\_entry\_from\_file()**

Populates a struct `archive_entry` object with information about a particular file. The `archive_entry` object must have already been created with `archive_entry_new(3)` and at least one of the source path or path fields must already be set. (If both are set, the source path will be used.)

Information is read from disk using the path name from the struct `archive_entry` object. If a file descriptor is provided, some information will be obtained using that file descriptor, on platforms that support the appropriate system calls.

If a pointer to a struct `stat` is provided, information from that structure will be used instead of reading from the disk where appropriate. This can provide performance benefits in scenarios where struct `stat` information has already been read from the disk as a side effect of some other operation. (For example, directory traversal libraries often provide this information.)

Where necessary, user and group ids are converted to user and group names using the currently registered lookup functions above. This affects the file ownership fields and ACL values in the struct `archive_entry` object.

**archive\_read\_close()**

Does nothing for `archive_read_disk` handles.

**archive\_read\_finish()**

This is a deprecated synonym for `archive_read_free()`.

**archive\_read\_free()**

Invokes `archive_read_close()` if it was not invoked manually, then releases all resources.

More information about the *struct archive* object and the overall design of the library can be found in the `libarchive(3)` overview.

## EXAMPLE

The following illustrates basic usage of the library by showing how to use it to copy an item on disk into an archive.

```

void
file_to_archive(struct archive *a, const char *name)
{
    char buff[8192];
    size_t bytes_read;
    struct archive *ard;
    struct archive_entry *entry;
    int fd;

    ard = archive_read_disk_new();
    archive_read_disk_set_standard_lookup(ard);
    entry = archive_entry_new();
    fd = open(name, O_RDONLY);
    if (fd < 0)
        return;
    archive_entry_copy_pathname(entry, name);
    archive_read_disk_entry_from_file(ard, entry, fd, NULL);
    archive_write_header(a, entry);
    while ((bytes_read = read(fd, buff, sizeof(buff))) > 0)
        archive_write_data(a, buff, bytes_read);
    archive_write_finish_entry(a);
    archive_read_free(ard);
    archive_entry_free(entry);
}

```

## RETURN VALUES

Most functions return **ARCHIVE\_OK** (zero) on success, or one of several negative error codes for errors. Specific error codes include: **ARCHIVE\_RETRY** for operations that might succeed if retried, **ARCHIVE\_WARN** for unusual conditions that do not prevent further operations, and **ARCHIVE\_FATAL** for serious errors that make remaining operations impossible.

**archive\_read\_disk\_new()** returns a pointer to a newly-allocated struct archive object or NULL if the allocation failed for any reason.

**archive\_read\_disk\_gname()** and **archive\_read\_disk\_uname()** return const char \* pointers to the textual name or NULL if the lookup failed for any reason. The returned pointer points to internal storage that may be reused on the next call to either of these functions; callers should copy the string if they need to continue accessing it.

## ERRORS

Detailed error codes and textual descriptions are available from the **archive\_errno()** and **archive\_error\_string()** functions.

## SEE ALSO

**archive\_read(3)**, **archive\_util(3)**, **archive\_write(3)**, **archive\_write\_disk(3)**, **tar(1)**, **libarchive(3)**

## HISTORY

The **libarchive** library first appeared in FreeBSD 5.3. The **archive\_read\_disk** interface was added to **libarchive 2.6** and first appeared in FreeBSD 8.0.

## AUTHORS

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## BUGS

The “standard” user name and group name lookup functions are not the defaults because `getgrgid(3)` and `getpwuid(3)` are sometimes too large for particular applications. The current design allows the application author to use a more compact implementation when appropriate.

The full list of metadata read from disk by **`archive_read_disk_entry_from_file()`** is necessarily system-dependent.

The **`archive_read_disk_entry_from_file()`** function reads as much information as it can from disk. Some method should be provided to limit this so that clients who do not need ACLs, for instance, can avoid the extra work needed to look up such information.

This API should provide a set of methods for walking a directory tree. That would make it a direct parallel of the `archive_read(3)` API. When such methods are implemented, the “hybrid” symbolic link mode will make sense.