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# Preface

Welcome to Berkeley DB (DB). This document describes the C API for DB, version 4.8. It is intended to describe the DB API, including all classes, methods, and functions. As such, this document is intended for C developers who are actively writing or maintaining applications that make use of DB databases.

## Conventions Used in this Book

The following typographical conventions are used within in this manual:

Structure names are represented in monospaced font, as are method names. For example: "DB->open() is a method on a DB handle."

Variable or non-literal text is presented in *italics*. For example: "Go to your *DB\_INSTALL* directory."

Program examples are displayed in a monospaced font on a shaded background. For example:

```
/* File: gettingstarted_common.h */
typedef struct stock_dbs {
    DB *inventory_dbp; /* Database containing inventory information */
    DB *vendor_dbp;   /* Database containing vendor information */

    char *db_home_dir; /* Directory containing the database files */
    char *inventory_db_name; /* Name of the inventory database */
    char *vendor_db_name; /* Name of the vendor database */
} STOCK_DBS;
```



Finally, notes of interest are represented using a note block such as this.

## For More Information

Beyond this manual, you may also find the following sources of information useful when building a DB application:

- [Getting Started with Berkeley DB for C](http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/gsg/C/BerkeleyDB-Core-C-GSG.pdf) [http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/gsg/C/BerkeleyDB-Core-C-GSG.pdf]
- [Getting Started with Transaction Processing for C](http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/gsg_txn/C/BerkeleyDB-Core-C-Txn.pdf) [http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/gsg\_txn/C/BerkeleyDB-Core-C-Txn.pdf]
- [Berkeley DB Getting Started with Replicated Applications for C](http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/gsg_db_rep/C/Replication_C_GSG.pdf) [http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/gsg\_db\_rep/C/Replication\_C\_GSG.pdf]
- [Berkeley DB C++ API](http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/api_reference/CXX/BDB-CXX_APIReference.pdf) [http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/api\_reference/CXX/BDB-CXX\_APIReference.pdf]
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  - [Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide](http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/programmer_reference/BDB_Prog_Reference.pdf) [http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/berkeley-db/db/programmer\_reference/BDB\_Prog\_Reference.pdf]

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# Chapter 1. Introduction to Berkeley DB APIs

Welcome to the Berkeley DB API Reference Manual for C.

DB is a general-purpose embedded database engine that is capable of providing a wealth of data management services. It is designed from the ground up for high-throughput applications requiring in-process, bullet-proof management of mission-critical data. DB can gracefully scale from managing a few bytes to terabytes of data. For the most part, DB is limited only by your system's available physical resources.

This manual describes the various APIs and command line utilities available for use in the DB library.

For a general description of using DB beyond the reference material available in this manual, see the Getting Started Guides which are identified in this manual's preface.

This manual is broken into chapters, each one of which describes a series of APIs designed to work with one particular aspect of the DB library. In many cases, each such chapter is organized around a "handle", or class, which provides an interface to DB structures such as databases, environments or locks. However, in some cases, methods for multiple handles are combined together when they are used to control or interface with some isolated DB functionality. See, for example, the [The DB\\_LSN Handle](#) chapter.

Within each chapter, methods, functions and command line utilities are organized alphabetically.

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## Chapter 2. The DB Handle

The DB is the handle for a single Berkeley DB database. A Berkeley DB database provides a mechanism for organizing key-data pairs of information. From the perspective of some database systems, a Berkeley DB database could be thought of as a single table within a larger database.

You create a DB handle using the [db\\_create](#) function. For most database activities, you must then open the handle using the [DB->open\(\)](#) method. When you are done with them, handles must be closed using the [DB->close\(\)](#) method.

Alternatively, you can create a DB and then rename, remove or verify the database without performing an open. See [DB->rename\(\)](#), [DB->remove\(\)](#) or [DB->verify\(\)](#) for information on these activities.

It is possible to create databases such that they are organized within a *database environment*. Environments are optional for simple Berkeley DB applications that do not use transactions, recovery, replication or any other advanced features. For simple Berkeley DB applications, environments still offer some advantages. For example, they provide some organizational benefits on-disk (all databases are located on disk relative to the environment). Also, if you are using multiple databases, then environments allow your databases to share a common in-memory cache, which makes for more efficient usage of your hardware's resources.

See [DB\\_ENV](#) for information on using database environments.

You specify the underlying organization of the data in the database (e.g. BTree, Hash, Queue, and Recno) when you open the database. When you create a database, you are free to specify any of the available database types. On subsequent opens, you must either specify the access method used when you first opened the database, or you can specify [DB\\_UNKNOWN](#) in order to have this information retrieved for you. See the [DB->open\(\)](#) method for information on specifying database types.

## Database and Related Methods

Database Operations	Description
DB->associate()	Associate a secondary index
DB->associate_foreign()	Associate a foreign index
DB->close()	Close a database
db_create	Create a database handle
DB->compact()	Compact a database
DB->del()	Delete items from a database
DB->err()	Error message
DB->exists()	Return if an item appears in a database
DB->fd()	Return a file descriptor from a database
DB->get()	Get items from a database
DB->get_byteswapped()	Return if the underlying database is in host order
DB->get_dbname()	Return the file and database name
DB->get_multiple()	Return if the database handle references multiple databases
DB->get_open_flags()	Returns the flags specified to DB->open
DB->get_type()	Return the database type
DB->join()	Perform a database join on cursors
DB->key_range()	Return estimate of key location
DB->open()	Open a database
DB->put()	Store items into a database
DB->remove()	Remove a database
DB->rename()	Rename a database
DB->set_priority(), DB->get_priority()	Set/get cache page priority
DB->stat()	Database statistics
DB->stat_print()	Display database statistics
DB->sync()	Flush a database to stable storage
DB->truncate()	Empty a database
DB->upgrade()	Upgrade a database
DB->verify()	Verify/salvage a database
DB->cursor()	Create a cursor handle
<b>Database Configuration</b>	
DB->set_alloc()	Set local space allocation functions
DB->set_cachesize(), DB->get_cachesize()	Set/get the database cache size

Database Operations	Description
DB->set_create_dir(), DB->get_create_dir()	Set/get the directory in which a database is placed
DB->set_dup_compare()	Set a duplicate comparison function
DB->set_encrypt(), DB->get_encrypt_flags()	Set/get the database cryptographic key
DB->set_errcall()	Set error message callback
DB->set_errfile(), DB->get_errfile()	Set/get error message FILE
DB->set_errpfx(), DB->get_errpfx()	Set/get error message prefix
DB->set_feedback()	Set feedback callback
DB->set_flags(), DB->get_flags()	Set/get general database configuration
DB->set_lorder(), DB->get_lorder()	Set/get the database byte order
DB->set_msgcall()	Set informational message callback
DB->set_msgfile(), DB->get_msgfile()	Set/get informational message FILE
DB->set_pagesize(), DB->get_pagesize()	Set/get the underlying database page size
DB->set_partition()	Set database partitioning
DB->set_partition_dirs(), DB->get_partition_dirs()	Set/get the directories used for database partitions
<b>Btree/Recno Configuration</b>	
DB->set_append_recno()	Set record append callback
DB->set_bt_compare()	Set a Btree comparison function
DB->set_bt_compress()	Set Btree compression functions
DB->set_bt_minkey(), DB->get_bt_minkey()	Set/get the minimum number of keys per Btree page
DB->set_bt_prefix()	Set a Btree prefix comparison function
DB->set_re_delim(), DB->get_re_delim()	Set/get the variable-length record delimiter
DB->set_re_len(), DB->get_re_len()	Set/get the fixed-length record length
DB->set_re_pad(), DB->get_re_pad()	Set/get the fixed-length record pad byte
DB->set_re_source(), DB->get_re_source()	Set/get the backing Recno text file
<b>Hash Configuration</b>	
DB->set_h_compare()	Set a Hash comparison function
DB->set_h_ffactor(), DB->get_h_ffactor()	Set/get the Hash table density
DB->set_h_hash()	Set a hashing function
DB->set_h_nelem(), DB->get_h_nelem()	Set/get the Hash table size
<b>Queue Configuration</b>	
DB->set_q_extentsize(), DB->get_q_extentsize()	Set/get Queue database extent size

## DB->associate()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->associate(DB *primary, DB_TXN *txnid, DB *secondary,
             int (*callback)(DB *secondary,
                             const DBT *key, const DBT *data, DBT *result), u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->associate()` function is used to declare one database a secondary index for a primary database. The `DB` handle that you call the `associate()` method from is the primary database.

After a secondary database has been "associated" with a primary database, all updates to the primary will be automatically reflected in the secondary and all reads from the secondary will return corresponding data from the primary. Note that as primary keys must be unique for secondary indices to work, the primary database must be configured without support for duplicate data items. See Secondary Indices in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* for more information.

The `DB->associate()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### callback

The **callback** parameter is a callback function that creates the set of secondary keys corresponding to a given primary key and data pair.

The callback parameter may be NULL if both the primary and secondary database handles were opened with the `DB_RDONLY` flag.

The callback takes four arguments:

- `secondary`

The **secondary** parameter is the database handle for the secondary.

- `key`

The **key** parameter is a `DBT` referencing the primary key.

- `data`

The **data** parameter is a `DBT` referencing the primary data item.

- `result`

The **result** parameter is a zeroed `DBT` in which the callback function should fill in **data** and **size** fields that describe the secondary key or keys.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

The result **DBT** can have the following flags set in its **flags** field:

- `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC`

If the callback function needs to allocate memory for the **result** data field (rather than simply pointing into the primary key or datum), `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC` should be set in the **flags** field of the **result DBT**, which indicates that Berkeley DB should free the memory when it is done with it.

- `DB_DBT_MULTIPLE`

To return multiple secondary keys, `DB_DBT_MULTIPLE` should be set in the **flags** field of the **result DBT**, which indicates Berkeley DB should treat the **size** field as the number of secondary keys (zero or more), and the **data** field as a pointer to an array of that number of **DBT**s describing the set of secondary keys.

**When multiple secondary keys are returned, keys may not be repeated.** In other words, there must be no repeated record numbers in the array for Recno and Queue databases, and keys must not compare equally using the secondary database's comparison function for Btree and Hash databases. If keys are repeated, operations may fail and the secondary may become inconsistent with the primary.

The `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC` flag may be set for any **DBT** in the array of returned **DBT**'s to indicate that Berkeley DB should free the memory referenced by that particular **DBT**'s data field when it is done with it.

The `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC` flag may be combined with `DB_DBT_MULTIPLE` in the **result DBT**'s **flag** field to indicate that Berkeley DB should free the array once it is done with all of the returned keys.

In addition, the callback can optionally return the following special value:

- `DB_DONOTINDEX`

If any key/data pair in the primary yields a null secondary key and should be left out of the secondary index, the callback function may optionally return `DB_DONOTINDEX`. Otherwise, the callback function should return 0 in case of success or an error outside of the Berkeley DB name space in case of failure; the error code will be returned from the Berkeley DB call that initiated the callback.

If the callback function returns `DB_DONOTINDEX` for any key/data pairs in the primary database, the secondary index will not contain any reference to those key/data pairs, and such operations as cursor iterations and range queries will reflect only the corresponding subset of the database. If this is not desirable, the application should ensure that the callback function is well-defined for all possible values and never returns `DB_DONOTINDEX`.

Returning `DB_DONOTINDEX` is equivalent to setting `DB_DBT_MULTIPLE` on the **result DBT** and setting the **size** field to zero.

## flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_CREATE`

If the secondary database is empty, walk through the primary and create an index to it in the empty secondary. This operation is potentially very expensive.

If the secondary database has been opened in an environment configured with transactions, the entire secondary index creation is performed in the context of a single transaction.

Care should be taken not to use a newly-populated secondary database in another thread of control until the `DB->associate()` call has returned successfully in the first thread.

If transactions are not being used, care should be taken not to modify a primary database being used to populate a secondary database, in another thread of control, until the `DB->associate()` call has returned successfully in the first thread. If transactions are being used, Berkeley DB will perform appropriate locking and the application need not do any special operation ordering.

- `DB_IMMUTABLE_KEY`

Specifies the secondary key is immutable.

This flag can be used to optimize updates when the secondary key in a primary record will never be changed after the primary record is inserted. For immutable secondary keys, a best effort is made to avoid calling the secondary callback function when primary records are updated. This optimization may reduce the overhead of update operations significantly if the callback function is expensive.

Be sure to specify this flag only if the secondary key in the primary record is never changed. If this rule is violated, the secondary index will become corrupted, that is, it will become out of sync with the primary.

## primary

The **primary** parameter should be a database handle for the primary database that is to be indexed.

## secondary

The **secondary** parameter should be an open database handle of either a newly created and empty database that is to be used to store a secondary index, or of a database that was previously associated with the same primary and contains a secondary index. Note that it is not safe to associate as a secondary database a handle that is in use by another thread of control or has open cursors. If the handle was opened with the `DB_THREAD` flag it is safe to use it in multiple threads of control after the `DB->associate()` method has returned. Note also that either secondary keys must be unique or the secondary database must be configured with support for duplicate data items.

**txnid**

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_begin\(\)](#); if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the **txnid** parameter is a handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->cdsgroup\\_begin\(\)](#); otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

**Errors**

The `DB->associate()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

**DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**EINVAL**

If the secondary database handle has already been associated with this or another database handle; the secondary database handle is not open; the primary database has been configured to allow duplicates; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->associate\_foreign()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->associate_foreign(DB *foreign, DB *secondary,,
    int (*callback)(DB *secondary,
    const DBT *key, DBT *data, const DBT *foreignkey, int *changed),
    u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->associate_foreign()` function is used to declare one database a foreign constraint for a secondary database. The `DB` handle that you call the `associate_foreign()` method from is the foreign database.

After a foreign database has been "associated" with a secondary database, all keys inserted into the secondary must exist in the foreign database. Attempting to add a record with a foreign key that does not exist in the foreign database will cause the `put` method to fail and return `DB_FOREIGN_CONFLICT`.

Deletions in the foreign database affect the secondary in a manner defined by the `flags` parameter. See Foreign Indices in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* for more information.

The `DB->associate_foreign()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### callback

The `callback` parameter is a callback function that nullifies the foreign key portion of a data `DBT`.

The `callback` parameter must be `NULL` if either `DB_FOREIGN_ABORT` or `DB_FOREIGN_CASCADE` is set.

The `callback` takes four arguments:

- `secondary`

The `secondary` parameter is the database handle for the secondary.

- `key`

The `key` parameter is a `DBT` referencing the primary key.

- `data`

The `data` parameter is a `DBT` referencing the primary data item to be updated.

- `foreignkey`

The `foreignkey` parameter is a `DBT` referencing the foreign key which is being deleted.

- `changed`

The `changed` parameter is a pointer to a boolean value, indicated whether `data` has changed.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_FOREIGN_ABORT`

Abort the deletion of a key in the foreign database and return `DB_FOREIGN_CONFLICT` if that key exists in the secondary database. The deletion should be protected by a transaction to ensure database integrity after the aborted delete.

- `DB_FOREIGN_CASCADE`

The deletion of a key in the foreign database will also delete that key from the secondary database (and the corresponding entry in the secondary's primary database.)

- `DB_FOREIGN_NULLIFY`

The deletion of a key in the foreign database will call the nullification function passed to `associate_foreign` and update the secondary database with the changed data.

## foreign

The **foreign** parameter should be a database handle for the foreign database.

## secondary

The **secondary** parameter should be an open database handle of a database that contains a secondary index whose keys also exist in the **foreign** database.

## Errors

The `DB->associate_foreign()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**EINVAL**

If the foreign database handle is a secondary index; the foreign database handle has been configured to allow duplicates; the foreign database handle is a renumbering recno database; callback is configured and DB\_FOREIGN\_NULLIFY is not; DB\_FOREIGN\_NULLIFY is configured and callback is not.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->close()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->close(DB *db, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->close()` method flushes any cached database information to disk, closes any open cursors, frees any allocated resources, and closes any underlying files.

Although closing a database handle will close any open cursors, it is recommended that applications explicitly close all their [DBCursor](#) handles before closing the database. The reason why is that when the cursor is explicitly closed, the memory allocated for it is reclaimed; however, this will *not* happen if you close a database while cursors are still opened.

The same rule, for the same reasons, hold true for [DB\\_TXN](#) handles. Simply make sure you close all your transaction handles before closing your database handle.

Because key/data pairs are cached in memory, applications should make a point to always either close database handles or sync their data to disk (using the [DB->sync\(\)](#) method) before exiting, to ensure that any data cached in main memory are reflected in the underlying file system.

When called on a database that is the primary database for a secondary index, the primary database should be closed only after all secondary indices referencing it have been closed.

When multiple threads are using the [DB](#) concurrently, only a single thread may call the `DB->close()` method.

The [DB](#) handle may not be accessed again after `DB->close()` is called, regardless of its return.

The `DB->close()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or be set to the following value:

- `DB_NOSYNC`

Do not flush cached information to disk. This flag is a dangerous option. It should be set only if the application is doing logging (with transactions) so that the database is recoverable after a system or application crash, or if the database is always generated from scratch after any system or application crash.

**It is important to understand that flushing cached information to disk only minimizes the window of opportunity for corrupted data.** Although unlikely, it is possible for database corruption to happen if a system or application crash occurs while writing data to the database. To ensure that database corruption never occurs, applications must either: use transactions and logging with automatic recovery; use logging and application-specific recovery; or edit a copy of the database, and once all

applications using the database have successfully called `DB->close()`, atomically replace the original database with the updated copy.

Note that this flag only works when the database has been opened using an environment.

## Errors

The `DB->close()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## db\_create

```
#include <db.h>

int db_create(DB **dbp, DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `db_create()` function creates a **DB** structure that is the handle for a Berkeley DB database. This function allocates memory for the structure, returning a pointer to the structure in the memory to which **dbp** refers. To release the allocated memory and discard the handle, call the **DB->close()**, **DB->remove()**, **DB->rename()**, or **DB->verify()** methods.

DB handles are free-threaded if the **DB\_THREAD** flag is specified to the **DB->open()** method when the database is opened or if the database environment in which the database is opened is free-threaded. The handle should not be closed while any other handle that refers to the database is in use; for example, database handles must not be closed while cursor handles into the database remain open, or transactions that include operations on the database have not yet been committed or aborted. Once the **DB->close()**, **DB->remove()**, **DB->rename()**, or **DB->verify()** methods are called, the handle may not be accessed again, regardless of the method's return.

The DB handle contains a special field, `app_private`, which is declared as type `void *`. This field is provided for the use of the application program. It is initialized to NULL and is not further used by Berkeley DB in any way.

The `db_create` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dbp**

The **dbp** parameter references the memory into which the returned structure pointer is stored.

#### **dbenv**

If the **dbenv** parameter is NULL, the database is standalone; that is, it is not part of any Berkeley DB environment.

If the **dbenv** parameter is not NULL, the database is created within the specified Berkeley DB environment. The database access methods automatically make calls to the other subsystems in Berkeley DB, based on the enclosing environment. For example, if the environment has been configured to use locking, the access methods will automatically acquire the correct locks when reading and writing pages of the database.

#### **flags**

The **flags** parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `db_create()` function may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->compact()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->compact(DB *db, DB_TXN *txnid,
           DBT *start, DBT *stop, DB_COMPACT *c_data, u_int32_t flags, DBT *end);
```

The `DB->compact()` method compacts Btree and Recno access method databases, and optionally returns unused Btree, Hash or Recno database pages to the underlying filesystem.

The `DB->compact()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL.

If a transaction handle is supplied to this method, then the operation is performed using that transaction. In this event, large sections of the tree may be locked during the course of the transaction.

If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected using multiple transactions. These transactions will be periodically committed to avoid locking large sections of the tree. Any deadlocks encountered cause the compaction operation to be retried from the point of the last transaction commit.

#### start

If non-NULL, the `start` parameter is the starting point for compaction in a Btree or Recno database. Compaction will start at the smallest key greater than or equal to the specified key. If NULL, compaction will start at the beginning of the database.

#### stop

If non-NULL, the `stop` parameter is the stopping point for compaction in a Btree or Recno database. Compaction will stop at the page with the smallest key greater than the specified key. If NULL, compaction will stop at the end of the database.

#### c\_data

If non-NULL, the `c_data` parameter contains additional compaction configuration parameters, and returns compaction operation statistics, in a structure of type `DB_COMPACT`.

The following input configuration fields are available from the `DB_COMPACT` structure:

- `int compact_fillpercent;`

If non-zero, this provides the goal for filling pages, specified as a percentage between 1 and 100. Any page in a Btree or Recno databases not at or above this percentage full will be considered for compaction. The default behavior is to consider every page for compaction, regardless of its page fill percentage.

- `int compact_pages;`

If non-zero, the call will return after the specified number of pages have been freed, or no more pages can be freed.

- `db_timeout_t compact_timeout;`

If non-zero, and no `txnid` parameter was specified, this parameter identifies the lock timeout used for implicit transactions, in microseconds.

The following output statistics fields are available from the `DB_COMPACT` structure:

- `u_int32_t compact_deadlock;`

An output statistics parameter: if no `txnid` parameter was specified, the number of deadlocks which occurred.

- `u_int32_t compact_pages_examine;`

An output statistics parameter: the number of database pages reviewed during the compaction phase.

- `u_int32_t compact_pages_free;`

An output statistics parameter: the number of database pages freed during the compaction phase.

- `u_int32_t compact_levels;`

An output statistics parameter: the number of levels removed from the Btree or Recno database during the compaction phase.

- `u_int32_t compact_pages_truncated;`

An output statistics parameter: the number of database pages returned to the filesystem.

## flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or one of the following values:

- `DB_FREELIST_ONLY`

Do no page compaction, only returning pages to the filesystem that are already free and at the end of the file. This flag must be set if the database is a Hash access method database.

- `DB_FREE_SPACE`

Return pages to the filesystem when possible. If this flag is not specified, pages emptied as a result of compaction will be placed on the free list for re-use, but never returned to the filesystem.

Note that only pages at the end of a file can be returned to the filesystem. Because of the one-pass nature of the compaction algorithm, any unemptied page near the end of the file inhibits returning pages to the file system. A repeated call to the `DB->compact()` method with a low `compact_fillpercent` may be used to return pages in this case.

**end**

If non-NULL, the `end` parameter will be filled in with the database key marking the end of the compaction operation in a Btree or Recno database. This is generally the first key of the page where the operation stopped.

**Errors**

The `DB->compact()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

**DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

**DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

**DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**EACCES**

An attempt was made to modify a read-only database.

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->del()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->del(DB *db, DB_TXN *txnid, DBT *key, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->del()` method removes key/data pairs from the database. The key/data pair associated with the specified **key** is discarded from the database. In the presence of duplicate key values, all records associated with the designated key will be discarded.

When called on a database that has been made into a secondary index using the `DB->associate()` method, the `DB->del()` method deletes the key/data pair from the primary database and all secondary indices.

The `DB->del()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if the specified key is not in the database. The `DB->del()` method will return `DB_KEYEMPTY` if the database is a Queue or Recno database and the specified key exists, but was never explicitly created by the application or was later deleted. Unless otherwise specified, the `DB->del()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or one of the following values:

- `DB_CONSUME`

If the database is of type `DB_QUEUE` then this flag may be set to force the head of the queue to move to the first non-deleted item in the queue. Normally this is only done if the deleted item is exactly at the head when deleted.

- `DB_MULTIPLE`

Delete multiple data items using keys from the buffer to which the **key** parameter refers.

To delete records in bulk by key with the btree or hash access methods, construct a bulk buffer in the **key** `DBT` using `DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_NEXT`. To delete records in bulk by record number, construct the **key** `DBT` using `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_NEXT` with a data size of zero.

A successful bulk delete operation is logically equivalent to a loop through each key/data pair, performing a `DB->del()` for each one.

See the [DBT and Bulk Operations](#) for more information on working with bulk updates.

The `DB_MULTIPLE` flag may only be used alone.

- `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY`

Delete multiple data items using keys and data from the buffer to which the **key** parameter refers.

To delete records in bulk with the btree or hash access methods, construct a bulk buffer in the **key DBT** using `DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_WRITE_NEXT`. To delete records in bulk with the recno or hash access methods, construct a bulk buffer in the **key DBT** using `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_NEXT`.

See the [DBT and Bulk Operations](#) for more information on working with bulk updates.

The `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY` flag may only be used alone.

### key

The key **DBT** operated on.

### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the **txnid** parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

## Errors

The `DB->del()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_FOREIGN\_CONFLICT**

A [foreign key constraint violation](#) has occurred. This can be caused by one of two things:

1. An attempt was made to add a record to a constrained database, and the key used for that record does not exist in the foreign key database.
2. [DB\\_FOREIGN\\_ABORT](#) (page 10) was declared for a foreign key database, and then subsequently a record was deleted from the foreign key database without first removing it from the constrained secondary database.

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

**DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**DB\_SECONDARY\_BAD**

A secondary index references a nonexistent primary key.

**EACCES**

An attempt was made to modify a read-only database.

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->err()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->err(DB *db, int error, const char *fmt, ...);

void
DB->errx(DB *db, const char *fmt, ...);
```

The [DB\\_ENV->err\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->errx\(\)](#), [DB->err\(\)](#) and [DB->errx\(\)](#) methods provide error-messaging functionality for applications written using the Berkeley DB library.

The [DB->err\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->err\(\)](#) methods construct an error message consisting of the following elements:

- **An optional prefix string**

If no error callback function has been set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) method, any prefix string specified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#) method, followed by two separating characters: a colon and a <space> character.

- **An optional printf-style message**

The supplied message `fmt`, if non-NULL, in which the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) printf function specifies how subsequent parameters are converted for output.

- **A separator**

Two separating characters: a colon and a <space> character.

- **A standard error string**

The standard system or Berkeley DB library error string associated with the `error` value, as returned by the [db\\_strerror](#) method.

The [DB->errx\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->errx\(\)](#) methods are the same as the [DB->err\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->err\(\)](#) methods, except they do not append the final separator characters and standard error string to the error message.

This constructed error message is then handled as follows:

- If an error callback function has been set (see [DB->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errcall\(\)](#)), that function is called with two parameters: any prefix string specified (see [DB->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#)) and the error message.
- If a C library FILE \* has been set (see [DB->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#)), the error message is written to that output stream.
- If none of these output options have been configured, the error message is written to `stderr`, the standard error output stream.

## Parameters

### **error**

The **error** parameter is the error value for which the [DB\\_ENV->err\(\)](#) and `DB->err()` methods will display an explanatory string.

### **fmt**

The **fmt** parameter is an optional printf-style message to display.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->exists()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->exists(DB *db, DB_TXN *txnid, DBT *key, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->exists()` method returns whether the specified key appears in the database.

The `DB->exists()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if the specified key is not in the database. The `DB->exists()` method will return `DB_KEYEMPTY` if the database is a Queue or Recno database and the specified key exists, but was never explicitly created by the application or was later deleted.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to zero or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_READ_COMMITTED`

Configure a transactional read operation to have degree 2 isolation (the read is not repeatable).

- `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED`

Configure a transactional read operation to have degree 1 isolation, reading modified but not yet committed data. Silently ignored if the `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED` flag was not specified when the underlying database was opened.

- `DB_RMW`

Acquire write locks instead of read locks when doing the read, if locking is configured. Setting this flag can eliminate deadlock during a read-modify-write cycle by acquiring the write lock during the read part of the cycle so that another thread of control acquiring a read lock for the same item, in its own read-modify-write cycle, will not result in deadlock.

Because the `DB->exists()` method will not hold locks across Berkeley DB calls in non-transactional operations, the `DB_RMW` flag to the `DB->exists()` call is meaningful only in the presence of transactions.

### key

The key `DBT` operated on.

### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cmsgroup_begin()`; otherwise

NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

## **Class**

[DB](#)

## **See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->fd()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->fd(DB *db, int *fdp);
```

The `DB->fd()` method provides access to a file descriptor representative of the underlying database. A file descriptor referring to the same file will be returned to all processes that call `DB->open()` with the same `file` parameter.

This file descriptor may be safely used as a parameter to the `fcntl(2)` and `flock(2)` locking functions.

The `DB->fd()` method only supports a coarse-grained form of locking. Applications should instead use the Berkeley DB lock manager where possible.

The `DB->fd()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **fdp**

The `fdp` parameter references memory into which the current file descriptor is copied.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get(DB *db,
        DB_TXN *txnid, DBT *key, DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);

int
DB->pget(DB *db,
        DB_TXN *txnid, DBT *key, DBT *pkey, DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->get()` method retrieves key/data pairs from the database. The address and length of the data associated with the specified **key** are returned in the structure to which **data** refers.

In the presence of duplicate key values, `DB->get()` will return the first data item for the designated key. Duplicates are sorted by:

- Their sort order, if a duplicate sort function was specified.
- Any explicit cursor designated insertion.
- By insert order. This is the default behavior.

**Retrieval of duplicates requires the use of cursor operations.** See [DBcursor->get\(\)](#) for details.

When called on a database that has been made into a secondary index using the [DB->associate\(\)](#) method, the `DB->get()` and `DB->pget()` methods return the key from the secondary index and the data item from the primary database. In addition, the `DB->pget()` method returns the key from the primary database. In databases that are not secondary indices, the `DB->pget()` method will always fail.

The `DB->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if the specified key is not in the database. The `DB->get()` method will return `DB_KEYEMPTY` if the database is a Queue or Recno database and the specified key exists, but was never explicitly created by the application or was later deleted. Unless otherwise specified, the `DB->get()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### data

The data [DBT](#) operated on.

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or one of the following values:

- `DB_CONSUME`

Return the record number and data from the available record closest to the head of the queue, and delete the record. The record number will be returned in **key**, as described in [DBT](#). The data will be

returned in the **data** parameter. A record is available if it is not deleted and is not currently locked. The underlying database must be of type Queue for DB\_CONSUME to be specified.

- DB\_CONSUME\_WAIT

The DB\_CONSUME\_WAIT flag is the same as the DB\_CONSUME flag, except that if the Queue database is empty, the thread of control will wait until there is data in the queue before returning. The underlying database must be of type Queue for DB\_CONSUME\_WAIT to be specified.

If lock or transaction timeouts have been specified, the DB->get() method with the DB\_CONSUME\_WAIT flag may return DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED. This failure, by itself, does not require the enclosing transaction be aborted.

- DB\_GET\_BOTH

Retrieve the key/data pair only if both the key and data match the arguments.

When using a secondary index handle, the DB\_GET\_BOTH: flag causes:

- the DB->pget() version of this method to return the secondary key/primary key/data tuple only if both the primary and secondary keys match the arguments.
- the DB->get() version of this method to result in an error.

- DB\_SET\_RECNO

Retrieve the specified numbered key/data pair from a database. Upon return, both the **key** and **data** items will have been filled in.

The **data** field of the specified **key** must be a pointer to a logical record number (that is, a **db\_recno\_t**). This record number determines the record to be retrieved.

For DB\_SET\_RECNO to be specified, the underlying database must be of type Btree, and it must have been created with the DB\_RECNUM flag.

In addition, the following flags may be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing them into the **flags** parameter:

- DB\_IGNORE\_LEASE

Return the data item irrespective of the state of master leases. The item will be returned under all conditions: if master leases are not configured, if the request is made to a client, if the request is made to a master with a valid lease, or if the request is made to a master without a valid lease.

- DB\_MULTIPLE

Return multiple data items in the buffer to which the **data** parameter refers.

In the case of Btree or Hash databases, all of the data items associated with the specified key are entered into the buffer. In the case of Queue or Recno databases, all of the data items in the database, starting at, and subsequent to, the specified key, are entered into the buffer.

The buffer to which the **data** parameter refers must be provided from user memory (see [DB\\_DBT\\_USERMEM](#)). The buffer must be at least as large as the page size of the underlying database, aligned for unsigned integer access, and be a multiple of 1024 bytes in size. If the buffer size is insufficient, then upon return from the call the size field of the **data** parameter will have been set to an estimated buffer size, and the error `DB_BUFFER_SMALL` is returned. (The size is an estimate as the exact size needed may not be known until all entries are read. It is best to initially provide a relatively large buffer, but applications should be prepared to resize the buffer as necessary and repeatedly call the method.)

The `DB_MULTIPLE` flag may only be used alone, or with the `DB_GET_BOTH` and `DB_SET_RECNO` options. The `DB_MULTIPLE` flag may not be used when accessing databases made into secondary indices using the [DB->associate\(\)](#) method.

See the [DBT and Bulk Operations](#) for more information on working with bulk get.

- `DB_READ_COMMITTED`

Configure a transactional get operation to have degree 2 isolation (the read is not repeatable).

- `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED`

Configure a transactional get operation to have degree 1 isolation, reading modified but not yet committed data. Silently ignored if the [DB\\_READ\\_UNCOMMITTED](#) flag was not specified when the underlying database was opened.

- `DB_RMW`

Acquire write locks instead of read locks when doing the read, if locking is configured. Setting this flag can eliminate deadlock during a read-modify-write cycle by acquiring the write lock during the read part of the cycle so that another thread of control acquiring a read lock for the same item, in its own read-modify-write cycle, will not result in deadlock.

Because the `DB->get()` method will not hold locks across Berkeley DB calls in non-transactional operations, the [DB\\_RMW](#) flag to the `DB->get()` call is meaningful only in the presence of transactions.

## key

The key [DBT](#) operated on.

## pkey

The **pkey** parameter is the return key from the primary database.

## txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_begin\(\)](#); if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the **txnid** parameter is a handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->cmsgroup\\_begin\(\)](#); otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

## Errors

The `DB->get()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_BUFFER\_SMALL**

The requested item could not be returned due to undersized buffer.

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

The `DB_CONSUME_WAIT` flag was specified, lock or transaction timers were configured and the lock could not be granted before the wait-time expired.

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

### **DB\_REP\_LEASE\_EXPIRED**

The operation failed because the site's replication master lease has expired.

### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

### **DB\_SECONDARY\_BAD**

A secondary index references a nonexistent primary key.

### **EINVAL**

If a record number of 0 was specified; the `DB_THREAD` flag was specified to the `DB->open()` method and none of the `DB_DBT_MALLOC`, `DB_DBT_REALLOC` or `DB_DBT_USERMEM` flags were set in the `DBT`; the `DB->pget()` method was called with a `DB` handle that does not refer to a secondary index; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

`DB`

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get\_bt\_minkey()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_bt_minkey(DB *db, u_int32_t *bt_minkeyp);
```

The `DB->get_bt_minkey()` method returns the minimum number of key/data pairs intended to be stored on any single Btree leaf page. This value can be set using the [DB->set\\_bt\\_minkey\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_bt_minkey()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_bt_minkey()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bt\_minkeyp**

The `DB->get_bt_minkey()` method returns the minimum number of key/data pairs intended to be stored on any single Btree leaf page in **bt\_minkeyp**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_bt\\_minkey\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_byteswapped()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_byteswapped(DB *db, int *isswapped);
```

The `DB->get_byteswapped()` method returns whether the underlying database files were created on an architecture of the same byte order as the current one, or if they were not (that is, big-endian on a little-endian machine, or vice versa). This information may be used to determine whether application data needs to be adjusted for this architecture or not.

The `DB->get_byteswapped()` method may not be called before the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB->get_byteswapped()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **isswapped**

If the underlying database files were created on an architecture of the same byte order as the current one, 0 is stored into the memory location referenced by **isswapped**. If the underlying database files were created on an architecture of a different byte order as the current one, 1 is stored into the memory location referenced by **isswapped**.

### Errors

The `DB->get_byteswapped()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called before [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get\_cachesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_cachesize(DB *db,
    u_int32_t *gbytesp, u_int32_t *bytesp, int *ncachep);
```

The `DB->get_cachesize()` method returns the current size and composition of the cache. These values may be set using the [DB->set\\_cachesize\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_cachesize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_cachesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bytesp**

The **bytesp** parameter references memory into which the additional bytes of memory in the cache is copied.

#### **gbytesp**

The **gbytesp** parameter references memory into which the gigabytes of memory in the cache is copied.

#### **ncachep**

The **ncachep** parameter references memory into which the number of caches is copied.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods, DB->set\\_cachesize\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_create\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_create_dir(DB *db, const char **dirp);
```

Determine which directory a database file will be created in or was found in.

The `DB->get_create_dir()` method may be called at any time.

The `DB->get_create_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dirp**

The **dirp** will be set to the directory specified in the call to `DB->set_create_dir()` method on this handle or to the directory that the database was found in after `DB->open()` has been called.

### Errors

The `DB->get_create_dir()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get\_dbname()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_dbname(DB *db, const char **filenamep, const char **dbnamep);
```

The `DB->get_dbname()` method returns the filename and database name used by the DB handle.

The `DB->get_dbname()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **filenamep**

The `filenamep` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the current filename is copied.

#### **dbnamep**

The `dbnamep` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the current database name is copied.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get\_encrypt\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_encrypt_flags(DB *db, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB->get_encrypt_flags()` method returns the encryption flags. This flag can be set using the [DB->set\\_encrypt\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_encrypt_flags()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_encrypt_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB->get_encrypt_flags()` method returns the encryption flags in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_encrypt\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_errfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->get_errfile(DB *db, FILE **errfilep);
```

The DB->get\_errfile() method returns the FILE \*, as set by the [DB->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) method.

The DB->get\_errfile() method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **errfilep**

The DB->get\_errfile() method returns the FILE \* in **errfilep**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_errfile\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_errpfx()

```
#include <db.h>

void DB->get_errpfx(DB *db, const char **errpfx);
```

The DB->get\_errpfx() method returns the error prefix.

The DB->get\_errpfx() method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **errpfxp**

The DB->get\_errpfx() method returns a reference to the error prefix in **errpfxp**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_flags(DB *db, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB->get_flags()` method returns the current database flags as set by the [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_flags()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB->get_flags()` method returns the current flags in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_h\_ffactor()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_h_ffactor(DB *db, u_int32_t *h_ffactorp);
```

The `DB->get_h_ffactor()` method returns the hash table density as set by the `DB->set_h_ffactor()` method. The hash table density is the number of items that Berkeley DB tries to place in a hash bucket before splitting the hash bucket.

The `DB->get_h_ffactor()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_h_ffactor()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **h\_ffactorp**

The `DB->get_h_ffactor()` method returns the hash table density in `h_ffactorp`.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_h\\_ffactor\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_h\_nelem()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_h_nelem(DB *db, u_int32_t *h_nelemp);
```

The `DB->get_h_nelem()` method returns the estimate of the final size of the hash table as set by the [DB->set\\_h\\_nelem\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_h_nelem()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_h_nelem()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **h\_nelemp**

The `DB->get_h_nelem()` method returns the estimate of the final size of the hash table in `h_nelemp`.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_h\\_nelem\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_lorder()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_lorder(DB *db, int *lorderp);
```

The `DB->get_lorder()` method returns the database byte order; a byte order of 4,321 indicates a big endian order, and a byte order of 1,234 indicates a little endian order. This value is set using the [DB->set\\_lorder\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_lorder()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_lorder()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lorderp**

The `DB->get_lorder()` method returns the database byte order in **lorderp**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_lorder\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_msgfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->get_msgfile(DB *db, FILE **msgfilep);
```

The `DB->get_msgfile()` method returns the `FILE *` used to output informational or statistical messages. This file handle is configured using the [DB->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_msgfile()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **msgfilep**

The `DB->get_msgfile()` method returns the `FILE *` in `msgfilep`.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_multiple()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_multiple(DB *db);
```

This method returns non-zero if the [DB](#) handle references a physical file supporting multiple databases, and 0 otherwise.

In this case, the [DB](#) handle is a handle on a database whose key values are the names of the databases stored in the physical file and whose data values are opaque objects. No keys or data values may be modified or stored using the database handle.

This method may not be called before the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get\_open\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_open_flags(DB *db, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB->get_open_flags()` method returns the current open method flags. That is, this method returns the flags that were specified when `DB->open()` was called.

The `DB->get_open_flags()` method may not be called before the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->get_open_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB->get_open_flags()` method returns the current open method flags in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get\_partition\_callback()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_partition_callback(DB *db, u_int32_t *partsp,
    u_int32_t (**callback_fcn) (DB *dbp, DBT *key);
```

The DB->get\_partition\_callback() method returns the partitioning information as set by the [DB->set\\_partition\(\)](#) method.

The DB->get\_partition\_callback() method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The DB->get\_partition\_callback() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **partsp**

The DB->get\_partition\_callback() method returns number of partitions in the **partsp** parameter.

#### **callback\_fcn**

The **callback\_fcn** parameter will be set to the partitioning function.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_partition\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_partition\_dirs()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_partition_dirs(DB *db, const char ***dirsp);
```

Determine which directorise the database partitions files will be created in or were found in.

The DB->get\_partition\_dirs() method may be called at any time.

The DB->get\_partition\_dirs() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dirsp**

The **dirsp** will be set to the array of directories specified in the call to [DB->set\\_partition\\_dirs\(\)](#) method on this handle or to the directorieies that the database partitions were found in after [DB->open\(\)](#) has been called.

### Errors

The DB->get\_partition\_dirs() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->get\_partition\_keys()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_partition_keys(DB *db, u_int32_t *partsp, DBT *keysp);
```

The `DB->get_partition_keys()` method returns the partitioning information as set by the [DB->set\\_partition\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_partition_keys()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_partition_keys()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **partsp**

The `DB->get_partition_keys()` method returns number of partitions in the **partsp** parameter.

#### **keysp**

The **keysp** parameter will be set to the array of partitioning keys.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_partition\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_pagesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_pagesize(DB *db, u_int32_t *pagesizep);
```

The `DB->get_pagesize()` method returns the database's current page size, as set by the [DB->set\\_pagesize\(\)](#) method. Note that if `DB->set_pagesize()` was not called by your application, then the default pagesize is selected based on the underlying filesystem I/O block size. If you call `DB->get_pagesize()` before you have opened the database, the value returned by this method is therefore the underlying filesystem I/O block size.

The `DB->get_pagesize()` method may be called only after the database has been opened.

The `DB->get_pagesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **pagesizep**

The `DB->get_pagesize()` method returns the page size in **pagesizep**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_pagesize\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_priority(DB *db, DB_CACHE_PRIORITY *priorityp);
```

The `DB->get_priority()` method returns the cache priority for pages referenced by the `DB` handle. This priority value is set using the `DB->set_priority()` method.

The `DB->get_priority()` method may be called only after the database has been opened.

The `DB->get_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **priorityp**

The `DB->get_priority()` method returns a reference to the cache priority in `priorityp`. See `DB->set_priority()` for a list of possible priorities.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), `DB->set_priority()`

## DB->get\_q\_extentsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_q_extentsize(DB *db, u_int32_t *extentsizep);
```

The `DB->get_q_extentsize()` method returns the number of pages in an extent. This value is used only for Queue databases and is set using the [DB->set\\_q\\_extentsize\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_q_extentsize()` method may be called only after the database has been opened.

The `DB->get_q_extentsize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **extentsizep**

The `DB->get_q_extentsize()` method returns the number of pages in an extent in **extentsizep**. If used on a handle that has not yet been opened, 0 is returned.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_q\\_extentsize\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_re\_delim()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_re_delim(DB *db, int *delimp);
```

The `DB->get_re_delim()` method returns the delimiting byte, which is used to mark the end of a record in the backing source file for the `Recno` access method. This value is set using the [DB->set\\_re\\_delim\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_re_delim()` method may be called only after the database has been opened.

The `DB->get_re_delim()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **delimp**

The `DB->get_re_delim()` method returns the delimiting byte in **delimp**. If this method is called on a handle that has not yet been opened, then the default delimiting byte is returned. See [DB->set\\_re\\_delim\(\)](#) for details.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_re\\_delim\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_re\_len()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_re_len(DB *db, u_int32_t *re_lenp);
```

The `DB->get_re_len()` method returns the length of the records held in a Queue access method database. This value can be set using the [DB->set\\_re\\_len\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_re_len()` method may be called only after the database has been opened.

The `DB->get_re_len()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **re\_lenp**

The `DB->get_re_len()` method returns the record length in `re_lenp`. If the record length has never been set using [DB->set\\_re\\_len\(\)](#), then 0 is returned.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_re\\_len\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_re\_pad()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_re_pad(DB *db, int *re_padp);
```

The `DB->get_re_pad()` method returns the pad character used for short, fixed-length records used by the `Queue` and `Recno` access methods. This character is set using the [DB->set\\_re\\_pad\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_re_pad()` method may be called only after the database has been opened.

The `DB->get_re_pad()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **re\_padp**

The `DB->get_re_pad()` method returns the pad character in `re_padp`. If used on a handle that has not yet been opened, the default pad character is returned. See the [DB->set\\_re\\_pad\(\)](#) method description for what that default value is.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_re\\_pad\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_re\_source()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_re_source(DB *db, const char **sourcep);
```

The `DB->get_re_source()` method returns the source file used by the Recno access method. This file is configured for the Recno access method using the [DB->set\\_re\\_source\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->get_re_source()` method may be called only after the database has been opened.

The `DB->get_re_source()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **sourcep**

The `DB->get_re_source()` method returns a reference to the source file in **sourcep**.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#), [DB->set\\_re\\_source\(\)](#)

## DB->get\_type()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_type(DB *db, DBTYPE *type);
```

The `DB->get_type()` method returns the type of the underlying access method (and file format). The type value is one of `DB_BTREE`, `DB_HASH`, `DB_RECNO`, or `DB_QUEUE`. This value may be used to determine the type of the database after a return from `DB->open()` with the `type` parameter set to `DB_UNKNOWN`.

The `DB->get_type()` method may not be called before the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->get_type()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **type**

The `type` parameter references memory into which the type of the underlying access method is copied.

### Errors

The `DB->get_type()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called before `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->join()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->join(DB *primary,
        DBC **curslist, DBC **dbcp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->join()` method creates a specialized join cursor for use in performing equality or natural joins on secondary indices. For information on how to organize your data to use this functionality, see [Equality join](#).

The `DB->join()` method is called using the [DB](#) handle of the primary database.

The join cursor supports only the [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) and [DBCursor->close\(\)](#) cursor functions:

- [DBCursor->get\(\)](#)

Iterates over the values associated with the keys to which each item in `curslist` was initialized. Any data value that appears in all items specified by the `curslist` parameter is then used as a key into the `primary`, and the key/data pair found in the `primary` is returned. The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_JOIN_ITEM`

Do not use the data value found in all the cursors as a lookup key for the `primary`, but simply return it in the key parameter instead. The data parameter is left unchanged.

In addition, the following flag may be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing it into the `flags` parameter:

- `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED`

Configure a transactional join operation to have degree 1 isolation, reading modified but not yet committed data. Silently ignored if the `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED` flag was not specified when the underlying database was opened.

- `DB_RMW`

Acquire write locks instead of read locks when doing the read, if locking is configured. Setting this flag can eliminate deadlock during a read-modify-write cycle by acquiring the write lock during the read part of the cycle so that another thread of control acquiring a read lock for the same item, in its own read-modify-write cycle, will not result in deadlock.

- [DBCursor->close\(\)](#)

Close the returned cursor and release all resources. (Closing the cursors in `curslist` is the responsibility of the caller.)

The `DB->join()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### **curstlist**

The **curstlist** parameter contains a NULL terminated array of cursors. Each cursor must have been initialized to refer to the key on which the underlying database should be joined. Typically, this initialization is done by a `DBcursor->get()` call with the `DB_SET` flag specified. Once the cursors have been passed as part of a **curstlist**, they should not be accessed or modified until the newly created join cursor has been closed, or else inconsistent results may be returned.

Joined values are retrieved by doing a sequential iteration over the first cursor in the **curstlist** parameter, and a nested iteration over each secondary cursor in the order they are specified in the **curstlist** parameter. This requires database traversals to search for the current datum in all the cursors after the first. For this reason, the best join performance normally results from sorting the cursors from the one that refers to the least number of data items to the one that refers to the most. By default, `DB->join()` does this sort on behalf of its caller.

For the returned join cursor to be used in a transaction-protected manner, the cursors listed in **curstlist** must have been created within the context of the same transaction.

### **dbcp**

The newly created join cursor is returned in the memory location to which **dbcp** refers.

### **flags**

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_JOIN_NOSORT`

Do not sort the cursors based on the number of data items to which they refer. If the data are structured so that cursors with many data items also share many common elements, higher performance will result from listing those cursors before cursors with fewer data items; that is, a sort order other than the default. The `DB_JOIN_NOSORT` flag permits applications to perform join optimization prior to calling the `DB->join()` method.

## Errors

The `DB->join()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**DB\_SECONDARY\_BAD**

A secondary index references a nonexistent primary key.

**EINVAL**

If cursor methods other than [DBcursor->get\(\)](#) or [DBcursor->close\(\)](#) were called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->key\_range()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->key_range(DB *db, DB_TXN *txnid,
             DBT *key, DB_KEY_RANGE *key_range, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->key_range()` method returns an estimate of the proportion of keys that are less than, equal to, and greater than the specified key. The underlying database must be of type Btree.

The `DB->key_range()` method fills in a structure of type `DB_KEY_RANGE`. The following data fields are available from the `DB_KEY_RANGE` structure:

- **double less;**  
A value between 0 and 1, the proportion of keys less than the specified key.
- **double equal;**  
A value between 0 and 1, the proportion of keys equal to the specified key.
- **double greater;**  
A value between 0 and 1, the proportion of keys greater than the specified key.

Values are in the range of 0 to 1; for example, if the field **less** is 0.05, 5% of the keys in the database are less than the **key** parameter. The value for **equal** will be zero if there is no matching key, and will be non-zero otherwise.

The `DB->key_range()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### key

The key `DBT` operated on.

### key\_range

The estimates are returned in the **key\_range** parameter, which contains three elements of type `double`: **less**, **equal**, and **greater**. Values are in the range of 0 to 1; for example, if the field **less** is 0.05, 5% of the keys in the database are less than the **key** parameter. The value for **equal** will be zero if there is no matching key, and will be non-zero otherwise.

### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the **txnid** parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the

operation will be implicitly transaction protected. The `DB->key_range()` method does not retain the locks it acquires for the life of the transaction, so estimates may not be repeatable.

### flags

The **flags** parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

## Errors

The `DB->key_range()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

### **EINVAL**

If the underlying database was not of type Btree; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->open()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->open(DB *db, DB_TXN *txnid, const char *file,
        const char *database, DBTYPE type, u_int32_t flags, int mode);
```

The `DB->open()` method opens the database represented by the **file** and **database**.

The currently supported Berkeley DB file formats (or *access methods*) are Btree, Hash, Queue, and Recno. The Btree format is a representation of a sorted, balanced tree structure. The Hash format is an extensible, dynamic hashing scheme. The Queue format supports fast access to fixed-length records accessed sequentially or by logical record number. The Recno format supports fixed- or variable-length records, accessed sequentially or by logical record number, and optionally backed by a flat text file.

Storage and retrieval for the Berkeley DB access methods are based on key/data pairs; see [DBT](#) for more information.

Calling `DB->open()` is a relatively expensive operation, and maintaining a set of open databases will normally be preferable to repeatedly opening and closing the database for each new query.

The `DB->open()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success. If `DB->open()` fails, the [DB->close\(\)](#) method must be called to discard the [DB](#) handle.

## Parameters

### database

The **database** parameter is optional, and allows applications to have multiple databases in a single file. Although no **database** parameter needs to be specified, it is an error to attempt to open a second database in a **file** that was not initially created using a **database** name. Further, the **database** parameter is not supported by the Queue format. Finally, when opening multiple databases in the same physical file, it is important to consider locking and memory cache issues; see [Opening multiple databases in a single file](#) for more information.

If both the **database** and **file** parameters are NULL, the database is strictly temporary and cannot be opened by any other thread of control. Thus the database can only be accessed by sharing the single database handle that created it, in circumstances where doing so is safe.

If the **database** parameter is not set to NULL, the database can be opened by other threads of control and will be replicated to client sites in any replication group, regardless of whether the **file** parameter is set to NULL.

### file

The **file** parameter is used as the name of an underlying file that will be used to back the database; see [File naming](#) for more information.

In-memory databases never intended to be preserved on disk may be created by setting the **file** parameter to NULL. Whether other threads of control can access this database is driven entirely by whether the **database** parameter is set to NULL.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the **file** argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

## flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to zero or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- DB\_AUTO\_COMMIT

Enclose the `DB->open()` call within a transaction. If the call succeeds, the open operation will be recoverable and all subsequent database modification operations based on this handle will be transactionally protected. If the call fails, no database will have been created.

- DB\_CREATE

Create the database. If the database does not already exist and the `DB_CREATE` flag is not specified, the `DB->open()` will fail.

- DB\_EXCL

Return an error if the database already exists. The `DB_EXCL` flag is only meaningful when specified with the `DB_CREATE` flag.

- DB\_MULTIVERSION

Open the database with support for multiversion concurrency control. This will cause updates to the database to follow a copy-on-write protocol, which is required to support snapshot isolation. The `DB_MULTIVERSION` flag requires that the database be transactionally protected during its open and is not supported by the queue format.

- DB\_NOMMAP

Do not map this database into process memory (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_mp\\_mmapsize\(\)](#) method for further information).

- DB\_RDONLY

Open the database for reading only. Any attempt to modify items in the database will fail, regardless of the actual permissions of any underlying files.

- DB\_READ\_UNCOMMITTED

Support transactional read operations with degree 1 isolation. Read operations on the database may request the return of modified but not yet committed data. This flag must be specified on all `DB` handles used to perform dirty reads or database updates, otherwise requests for dirty reads may not be honored and the read may block.

- `DB_THREAD`

Cause the `DB` handle returned by `DB->open()` to be *free-threaded*; that is, concurrently usable by multiple threads in the address space.

- `DB_TRUNCATE`

Physically truncate the underlying file, discarding all previous databases it might have held. Underlying filesystem primitives are used to implement this flag. For this reason, it is applicable only to the file and cannot be used to discard databases within a file.

The `DB_TRUNCATE` flag cannot be lock or transaction-protected, and it is an error to specify it in a locking or transaction-protected environment.

### **mode**

On Windows systems, the mode parameter is ignored.

On UNIX systems or in IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environments, files created by the database open are created with mode `mode` (as described in `chmod(2)`) and modified by the process' umask value at the time of creation (see `umask(2)`). Created files are owned by the process owner; the group ownership of created files is based on the system and directory defaults, and is not further specified by Berkeley DB. System shared memory segments created by the database open are created with mode `mode`, unmodified by the process' umask value. If `mode` is 0, the database open will use a default mode of readable and writable by both owner and group.

### **txnid**

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the `DB_AUTO_COMMIT` flag is specified, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected. Note that transactionally protected operations on a `DB` handle requires the `DB` handle itself be transactionally protected during its open. Also note that the transaction must be committed before the handle is closed; see Berkeley DB handles for more information.

### **type**

The `type` parameter is of type `DBTYPE`, and must be set to one of `DB_BTREE`, `DB_HASH`, `DB_QUEUE`, `DB_RECNO`, or `DB_UNKNOWN`. If `type` is `DB_UNKNOWN`, the database must already exist and `DB->open()` will automatically determine its type. The `DB->get_type()` method may be used to determine the underlying type of databases opened using `DB_UNKNOWN`.

It is an error to specify the incorrect `type` for a database that already exists.

## **Environment Variables**

If the database was opened within a database environment, the environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database environment home.

DB->open() is affected by any database directory specified using the `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` method, or by setting the "set\_data\_dir" string in the environment's DB\_CONFIG file.

- **TMPDIR**

If the `file` and `dbenv` parameters to `DB->open()` are `NULL`, the environment variable `TMPDIR` may be used as a directory in which to create temporary backing files

## Errors

The `DB->open()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **ENOENT**

The file or directory does not exist.

### **ENOENT**

A nonexistent `re_source` file was specified.

### **DB\_OLD\_VERSION**

The database cannot be opened without being first upgraded.

### **EEXIST**

`DB_CREATE` and `DB_EXCL` were specified and the database exists.

### **EINVAL**

If an unknown database type, page size, hash function, pad byte, byte order, or a flag value or parameter that is incompatible with the specified database was specified; the `DB_THREAD` flag was specified and fast mutexes are not available for this architecture; the `DB_THREAD` flag was specified to `DB->open()`, but was not specified to the `DB_ENV->open()` call for the environment in which the `DB` handle was created; a backing flat text file was specified with either the `DB_THREAD` flag or the provided database environment supports transaction processing; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

## **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

### **Class**

[DB](#)

### **See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->put()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->put(DB *db,
        DB_TXN *txnid, DBT *key, DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->put()` method stores key/data pairs in the database. The default behavior of the `DB->put()` function is to enter the new key/data pair, replacing any previously existing key if duplicates are disallowed, or adding a duplicate data item if duplicates are allowed. If the database supports duplicates, the `DB->put()` method adds the new data value at the end of the duplicate set. If the database supports sorted duplicates, the new data value is inserted at the correct sorted location.

Unless otherwise specified, the `DB->put()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or one of the following values:

- `DB_APPEND`

Append the key/data pair to the end of the database. For the `DB_APPEND` flag to be specified, the underlying database must be a Queue or Recno database. The record number allocated to the record is returned in the specified **key**.

There is a minor behavioral difference between the Recno and Queue access methods for the `DB_APPEND` flag. If a transaction enclosing a `DB->put()` operation with the `DB_APPEND` flag aborts, the record number may be reallocated in a subsequent `DB_APPEND` operation if you are using the Recno access method, but it will not be reallocated if you are using the Queue access method.

- `DB_NODUPDATA`

In the case of the Btree and Hash access methods, enter the new key/data pair only if it does not already appear in the database.

The `DB_NODUPDATA` flag may only be specified if the underlying database has been configured to support sorted duplicates. The `DB_NODUPDATA` flag may not be specified to the Queue or Recno access methods.

The `DB->put()` method will return `DB_KEYEXIST` if `DB_NODUPDATA` is set and the key/data pair already appears in the database.

- `DB_NOOVERWRITE`

Enter the new key/data pair only if the key does not already appear in the database. The `DB->put()` method call with the `DB_NOOVERWRITE` flag set will fail if the key already exists in the database, even if the database supports duplicates.

The `DB->put()` method will return `DB_KEYEXIST` if `DB_NOOVERWRITE` is set and the key already appears in the database.

This enforcement of uniqueness of keys applies only to the primary key. The behavior of insertions into secondary databases is not affected by the `DB_NOOVERWRITE` flag. In particular, the insertion of a record that would result in the creation of a duplicate key in a secondary database that allows duplicates would not be prevented by the use of this flag.

- `DB_MULTIPLE`

Put multiple data items using keys from the buffer to which the `key` parameter refers and data values from the buffer to which the `data` parameter refers.

To put records in bulk with the btree or hash access methods, construct bulk buffers in the `key` and `data` `DBT` using `DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_NEXT`. To put records in bulk with the recno or queue access methods, construct bulk buffers in the `data` `DBT` as before, but construct the `key` `DBT` using `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_NEXT` with a data size of zero.

A successful bulk operation is logically equivalent to a loop through each key/data pair, performing a `DB->put()` for each one.

See [DBT and Bulk Operations](#) for more information on working with bulk updates.

The `DB_MULTIPLE` flag may only be used alone, or with the `DB_OVERWRITE_DUP` option.

- `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY`

Put multiple data items using keys and data from the buffer to which the `key` parameter refers.

To put records in bulk with the btree or hash access methods, construct a single bulk buffer in the `key` `DBT` using `DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_WRITE_NEXT`. To put records in bulk with the recno or queue access methods, construct a bulk buffer in the `key` `DBT` using `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_INIT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_NEXT`.

See [DBT and Bulk Operations](#) for more information on working with bulk updates.

The `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY` flag may only be used alone, or with the `DB_OVERWRITE_DUP` option.

- `DB_OVERWRITE_DUP`

Ignore duplicate records when overwriting records in a database configured for sorted duplicates.

Normally, if a database is configured for sorted duplicates, an attempt to put a record that compares identically to a record already existing in the database will fail. Using this flag causes the put to silently proceed, without failure.

This flag is extremely useful when performing bulk puts (using the `DB_MULTIPLE` or `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY` flags). Depending on the number of records you are writing to the database with a bulk put, you may not want the operation to fail in the event that a duplicate record is encountered. Using this flag

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along with the `DB_MULTIPLE` or `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY` flags allows the bulk put to complete, even if a duplicate record is encountered.

This flag is also useful if you are using a custom comparison function that compares only part of the data portion of a record. In this case, two records can compare equally when, in fact, they are not equal. This flag allows the put to complete, even if your custom comparison routine claims the two records are equal.

**data**

The data `DBT` operated on.

**key**

The key `DBT` operated on.

**txnid**

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

**Errors**

The `DB->put()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**DB\_FOREIGN\_CONFLICT**

A [foreign key constraint violation](#) has occurred. This can be caused by one of two things:

1. An attempt was made to add a record to a constrained database, and the key used for that record does not exist in the foreign key database.
2. `DB_FOREIGN_ABORT` ([page 10](#)) was declared for a foreign key database, and then subsequently a record was deleted from the foreign key database without first removing it from the constrained secondary database.

**DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

**DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

**DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this

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occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

**DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**EACCES**

An attempt was made to modify a read-only database.

**EINVAL**

If a record number of 0 was specified; an attempt was made to add a record to a fixed-length database that was too large to fit; an attempt was made to do a partial put; an attempt was made to add a record to a secondary index; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**ENOSPC**

A btree exceeded the maximum btree depth (255).

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->remove()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->remove(DB *db,
           const char *file, const char *database, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->remove()` method removes the database specified by the **file** and **database** parameters. If no **database** is specified, the underlying file represented by **file** is removed, incidentally removing all of the databases it contained.

Applications should never remove databases with open [DB](#) handles, or in the case of removing a file, when any database in the file has an open handle. For example, some architectures do not permit the removal of files with open system handles. On these architectures, attempts to remove databases currently in use by any thread of control in the system may fail.

The `DB->remove()` method should not be called if the remove is intended to be transactionally safe; the [DB\\_ENV->dbremove\(\)](#) method should be used instead.

The `DB->remove()` method may not be called after calling the [DB->open\(\)](#) method on any [DB](#) handle. If the [DB->open\(\)](#) method has already been called on a [DB](#) handle, close the existing handle and create a new one before calling `DB->remove.` ()

The [DB](#) handle may not be accessed again after `DB->remove()` is called, regardless of its return.

The `DB->remove()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **database**

The **database** parameter is the database to be removed.

#### **file**

The **file** parameter is the physical file which contains the database(s) to be removed.

### Environment Variables

If the database was opened within a database environment, the environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database environment home.

`DB->remove()` is affected by any database directory specified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_data\\_dir\(\)](#) method, or by setting the "set\_data\_dir" string in the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file.

### Errors

The `DB->remove()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**ENOENT**

The file or directory does not exist.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->rename()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->rename(DB *db, const char *file,
          const char *database, const char *newname, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->rename()` method renames the database specified by the **file** and **database** parameters to **newname**. If no **database** is specified, the underlying file represented by **file** is renamed, incidentally renaming all of the databases it contained.

Applications should not rename databases that are currently in use. If an underlying file is being renamed and logging is currently enabled in the database environment, no database in the file may be open when the `DB->rename()` method is called. In particular, some architectures do not permit renaming files with open handles. On these architectures, attempts to rename databases that are currently in use by any thread of control in the system may fail.

The `DB->rename()` method should not be called if the rename is intended to be transactionally safe; the `DB_ENV->dbrename()` method should be used instead.

The `DB->rename()` method may not be called after calling the `DB->open()` method on any **DB** handle. If the `DB->open()` method has already been called on a **DB** handle, close the existing handle and create a new one before calling `DB->rename()`.

The **DB** handle may not be accessed again after `DB->rename()` is called, regardless of its return.

The `DB->rename()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### database

The **database** parameter is the database to be renamed.

### file

The **file** parameter is the physical file which contains the database(s) to be renamed.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the **file** argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

### flags

The **flags** parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### newname

The **newname** parameter is the new name of the database or file.

## Environment Variables

If the database was opened within a database environment, the environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database environment home.

`DB->rename()` is affected by any database directory specified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_data\\_dir\(\)](#) method, or by setting the "set\_data\_dir" string in the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file.

## Errors

The `DB->rename()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### **ENOENT**

The file or directory does not exist.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_alloc()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_alloc(DB *db,
             void *(*app_malloc)(size_t),
             void *(*app_realloc)(void *, size_t),
             void (*app_free)(void *));
```

Set the allocation functions used by the [DB\\_ENV](#) and [DB](#) methods to allocate or free memory owned by the application.

There are a number of interfaces in Berkeley DB where memory is allocated by the library and then given to the application. For example, the [DB\\_DBT\\_MALLOC](#) flag, when specified in the [DBT](#) object, will cause the [DB](#) methods to allocate and reallocate memory which then becomes the responsibility of the calling application. (See [DBT](#) for more information.) Other examples are the Berkeley DB interfaces which return statistical information to the application: [DB->stat\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->lock\\_stat\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->log\\_archive\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->log\\_stat\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_stat\(\)](#), and [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_stat\(\)](#). There is one method in Berkeley DB where memory is allocated by the application and then given to the library: [DB->associate\(\)](#).

On systems in which there may be multiple library versions of the standard allocation routines (notably Windows NT), transferring memory between the library and the application will fail because the Berkeley DB library allocates memory from a different heap than the application uses to free it. To avoid this problem, the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) and [DB->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) methods can be used to pass Berkeley DB references to the application's allocation routines.

It is not an error to specify only one or two of the possible allocation function parameters to these interfaces; however, in that case the specified interfaces must be compatible with the standard library interfaces, as they will be used together. The functions specified must match the calling conventions of the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) library routines of the same name.

Because databases opened within Berkeley DB environments use the allocation interfaces specified to the environment, it is an error to attempt to set those interfaces in a database created within an environment.

The [DB->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The [DB->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Errors

The [DB->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If called in a database environment, or called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_append\_recno()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_append_recno(DB *,
    int (*db_append_recno_fcn)(DB *dbp, DBT *data, db_recno_t recno));
```

When using the [DB\\_APPEND](#) option of the [DB->put\(\)](#) method, it may be useful to modify the stored data based on the generated key. If a callback function is specified using the [DB->set\\_append\\_recno\(\)](#) method, it will be called after the record number has been selected, but before the data has been stored.

The [DB->set\\_append\\_recno\(\)](#) method configures operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The [DB->set\\_append\\_recno\(\)](#) method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The [DB->set\\_append\\_recno\(\)](#) method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## Parameters

### db\_append\_recno\_fcn

The [db\\_append\\_recno\\_fcn](#) parameter is a function to call after the record number has been selected but before the data has been stored into the database. The function takes three parameters:

- `dbp`

The `dbp` parameter is the enclosing database handle.

- `data`

The `data` parameter is the data [DBT](#) to be stored.

- `recno`

The `recno` parameter is the generated record number.

The called function may modify the data [DBT](#). If the function needs to allocate memory for the `data` field, the `flags` field of the returned [DBT](#) should be set to `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC`, which indicates that Berkeley DB should free the memory when it is done with it.

The callback function must return 0 on success and `errno` or a value outside of the Berkeley DB error name space on failure.

## Errors

The `DB->set_append_recno()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_bt\_compare()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_bt_compare(DB *db,
    int (*bt_compare_fcn)(DB *db, const DBT *dbt1, const DBT *dbt2));
```

Set the Btree key comparison function. The comparison function is called whenever it is necessary to compare a key specified by the application with a key currently stored in the tree.

If no comparison function is specified, the keys are compared lexically, with shorter keys collating before longer keys.

The `DB->set_bt_compare()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_bt_compare()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_bt_compare()` must be the same as that historically used to create the database or corruption can occur.

The `DB->set_bt_compare()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `bt_compare_fcn`

The `bt_compare_fcn` function is the application-specified Btree comparison function. The comparison function takes three parameters:

- `db`

The `db` parameter is the enclosing database handle.

- `dbt1`

The `dbt1` parameter is the [DBT](#) representing the application supplied key.

- `dbt2`

The `dbt2` parameter is the [DBT](#) representing the current tree's key.

The `bt_compare_fcn` function must return an integer value less than, equal to, or greater than zero if the first key parameter is considered to be respectively less than, equal to, or greater than the second key parameter. In addition, the comparison function must cause the keys in the database to be *well-ordered*. The comparison function must correctly handle any key values used by the application (possibly including zero-length keys). In addition, when Btree key prefix comparison is being performed (see `DB->set_bt_prefix()` for more information), the comparison routine may be passed a prefix of any database key. The `data` and `size` fields of the [DBT](#) are the only fields that may be used for the purposes of this comparison, and no particular alignment of the memory to which by the `data` field refers may be assumed.

## Errors

The `DB->set_bt_compare()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_bt\_compress()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_bt_compress(DB *db,
    int (*bt_compress_fcn)(DB *db, const DBT *prevKey,
        const DBT *prevData, const DBT *key, const DBT *data, DBT *dest),
    int (*bt_decompress_fcn)(DB *db, const DBT *prevKey,
        const DBT *prevData, DBT *compressed, DBT *destKey,
        DBT *destData));
```

Set the Btree compression and decompression functions. The compression function is called whenever a key/data pair is added to the tree and the decompression function is called whenever data is requested from the tree.

If NULL function pointers are specified, then default compression and decompression functions are used. Berkeley DB's default compression function performs prefix compression on all keys and prefix compression on data values for duplicate keys. If using default compression, both the default compression and decompression functions must be used.

The `DB->set_bt_compress()` method configures operations performed using the specified **DB** handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_bt_compress()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_bt_compress()` must be the same as that historically used to create the database or corruption can occur.

The `DB->set_bt_compress()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### bt\_compress\_fcn

The `bt_compress_fcn` function is the application-specified Btree compression function. The compression function takes six parameters:

- `db`

The `db` parameter is the enclosing database handle.

- `prevKey`

The `prevKey` parameter is the **DBT** representing the key immediately preceding the application supplied key.

- `prevData`

The `prevData` parameter is the **DBT** representing the data associated with `prevKey`.

- `key`

The **key** parameter is the **DBT** representing the application supplied key.

- data

The **data** parameter is the **DBT** representing the application supplied data.

- dest

The **dest** parameter is the **DBT** representing the data stored in the tree, where the function should write the compressed data.

The **bt\_compress\_fcn** function must return 0 on success and a non-zero value on failure. If the compressed data cannot fit in **dest->data** (the size of which is stored in **dest->ulen**), the function should identify the required buffer size in **dest->size** and return `DB_BUFFER_SMALL`.

### **bt\_decompress\_fcn**

The **bt\_decompress\_fcn** function is the application-specified Btree decompression function. The decompression function takes six parameters:

- db

The **db** parameter is the enclosing database handle.

- prevKey

The **prevKey** parameter is the **DBT** representing the key immediately preceding the key being decompressed.

- prevData

The **prevData** parameter is the **DBT** representing the data associated with **prevKey**.

- compressed

The **compressed** parameter is the **DBT** representing the data stored in the tree, that is, the compressed data.

- key

The **key** parameter is the **DBT** where the decompression function should store the decompressed key.

- data

The **data** parameter is the **DBT** where the decompression function should store the decompressed key.

The **bt\_decompress\_fcn** function must return 0 on success and a non-zero value on failure. If the decompressed data cannot fit in **key->data** or **data->data** (the size of which is available in the **DBT's ulen** field), the function should identify the required buffer size using the **DBT's size** field and return `DB_BUFFER_SMALL`.

## Errors

The `DB->set_bt_compress()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_bt\_minkey()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_bt_minkey(DB *db, u_int32_t bt_minkey);
```

Set the minimum number of key/data pairs intended to be stored on any single Btree leaf page.

This value is used to determine if key or data items will be stored on overflow pages instead of Btree leaf pages. For more information on the specific algorithm used, see [Minimum keys per page](#). The **bt\_minkey** value specified must be at least 2; if **bt\_minkey** is not explicitly set, a value of 2 is used.

The `DB->set_bt_minkey()` method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The `DB->set_bt_minkey()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_bt_minkey()` will be ignored.

The `DB->set_bt_minkey()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bt\_minkey**

The **bt\_minkey** parameter is the minimum number of key/data pairs intended to be stored on any single Btree leaf page.

### Errors

The `DB->set_bt_minkey()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_bt\_prefix()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_bt_prefix(DB *db,
                 size_t (*bt_prefix_fcn)(DB *, const DBT *, const DBT *));
```

Set the Btree prefix function. The prefix function is used to determine the amount by which keys stored on the Btree internal pages can be safely truncated without losing their uniqueness. See the Btree prefix comparison section of the Berkeley DB Reference Guide for more details about how this works. The usefulness of this is data-dependent, but can produce significantly reduced tree sizes and search times in some data sets.

If no prefix function or key comparison function is specified by the application, a default lexical comparison function is used as the prefix function. If no prefix function is specified and a key comparison function is specified, no prefix function is used. It is an error to specify a prefix function without also specifying a Btree key comparison function.

The `DB->set_bt_prefix()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_bt_prefix()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_bt_prefix()` must be the same as that historically used to create the database or corruption can occur.

The `DB->set_bt_prefix()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `bt_prefix_fcn`

The `bt_prefix_fcn` function is the application-specific Btree prefix function. The prefix function takes three parameters:

- `db`

The `db` parameter is the enclosing database handle.

- `dbt1`

The `dbt1` parameter is a [DBT](#) representing a database key.

- `dbt2`

The `dbt2` parameter is a [DBT](#) representing a database key.

The `bt_prefix_fcn` function must return the number of bytes of the second key parameter that would be required by the Btree key comparison function to determine the second key parameter's ordering relationship with respect to the first key parameter. If the two keys are equal, the key length should be returned. The prefix function must correctly handle any key values used by the application (possibly

including zero-length keys). The **data** and **size** fields of the [DBT](#) are the only fields that may be used for the purposes of this determination, and no particular alignment of the memory to which the **data** field refers may be assumed.

## Errors

The `DB->set_bt_prefix()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_cachesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_cachesize(DB *db,
                 u_int32_t gbytes, u_int32_t bytes, int ncache);
```

Set the size of the shared memory buffer pool -- that is, the cache. The cache should be the size of the normal working data set of the application, with some small amount of additional memory for unusual situations. (Note: the working set is not the same as the number of pages accessed simultaneously, and is usually much larger.)

The default cache size is 256KB, and may not be specified as less than 20KB. Any cache size less than 500MB is automatically increased by 25% to account for buffer pool overhead; cache sizes larger than 500MB are used as specified. The maximum size of a single cache is 4GB on 32-bit systems and 10TB on 64-bit systems. (All sizes are in powers-of-two, that is, 256KB is  $2^{18}$  not 256,000.) For information on tuning the Berkeley DB cache size, see [Selecting a cache size](#).

It is possible to specify caches to Berkeley DB large enough they cannot be allocated contiguously on some architectures. For example, some releases of Solaris limit the amount of memory that may be allocated contiguously by a process. If **ncache** is 0 or 1, the cache will be allocated contiguously in memory. If it is greater than 1, the cache will be split across **ncache** separate regions, where the **region size** is equal to the initial cache size divided by **ncache**.

Because databases opened within Berkeley DB environments use the cache specified to the environment, it is an error to attempt to set a cache in a database created within an environment.

The `DB->set_cachesize()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->set_cachesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bytes**

The size of the cache is set to **gbytes** gigabytes plus **bytes**.

#### **gbytes**

The size of the cache is set to **gbytes** gigabytes plus **bytes**.

#### **ncache**

The **ncache** parameter is the number of caches to create.

### Errors

The `DB->set_cachesize()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the specified cache size was impossibly small; the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_create\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_create_dir(DB *db, const char *dir);
```

Specify which directory a database should be created in or looked for.

The `DB->set_create_dir()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->set_create_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dir**

The **dir** will be used to create or locate the database file specified in the `DB->open()` method call. The directory must be one of the directories in the environment list specified by `DB_ENV->add_data_dir()`.

### Errors

The `DB->set_create_dir()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_dup\_compare()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_dup_compare(DB *db,
    int (*dup_compare_fcn)(DB *db, const DBT *dbt, const DBT *dbt2));
```

Set the duplicate data item comparison function. The comparison function is called whenever it is necessary to compare a data item specified by the application with a data item currently stored in the database. Calling `DB->set_dup_compare()` implies calling `DB->set_flags()` with the `DB_DUPSORT` flag.

If no comparison function is specified, the data items are compared lexically, with shorter data items collating before longer data items.

The `DB->set_dup_compare()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_dup_compare()` must be the same as that historically used to create the database or corruption can occur.

The `DB->set_dup_compare()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### dup\_compare\_fcn

The `dup_compare_fcn` function is the application-specified duplicate data item comparison function. The function takes three arguments:

- `db`

The `db` parameter is the enclosing database handle.

- `dbt1`

The `dbt1` parameter is a `DBT` representing the application supplied data item.

- `dbt2`

The `dbt2` parameter is a `DBT` representing the current tree's data item.

The `dup_compare_fcn` function must return an integer value less than, equal to, or greater than zero if the first data item parameter is considered to be respectively less than, equal to, or greater than the second data item parameter. In addition, the comparison function must cause the data items in the set to be *well-ordered*. The comparison function must correctly handle any data item values used by the application (possibly including zero-length data items). The `data` and `size` fields of the `DBT` are the only fields that may be used for the purposes of this comparison, and no particular alignment of the memory to which the `data` field refers may be assumed.

## Errors

The `DB->set_dup_compare()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_encrypt()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_encrypt(DB *db, const char *passwd, u_int32_t flags);
```

Set the password used by the Berkeley DB library to perform encryption and decryption.

Because databases opened within Berkeley DB environments use the password specified to the environment, it is an error to attempt to set a password in a database created within an environment.

The `DB->set_encrypt()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->set_encrypt()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_ENCRYPT_AES`

Use the Rijndael/AES (also known as the Advanced Encryption Standard and Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 197) algorithm for encryption or decryption.

#### passwd

The `passwd` parameter is the password used to perform encryption and decryption.

### Errors

The `DB->set_encrypt()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

#### EOPNOTSUPP

Cryptography is not available in this Berkeley DB release.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_errcall()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->set_errcall(DB *, void (*db_errcall_fcn)
               (const DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *errpfx, const char *msg));
```

When an error occurs in the Berkeley DB library, a Berkeley DB error or an error return value is returned by the interface. In some cases, however, the **errno** value may be insufficient to completely describe the cause of the error, especially during initial application debugging.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) and [DB->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) methods are used to enhance the mechanism for reporting error messages to the application. In some cases, when an error occurs, Berkeley DB will call **db\_errcall\_fcn()** with additional error information. It is up to the **db\_errcall\_fcn()** function to display the error message in an appropriate manner.

Setting **db\_errcall\_fcn** to NULL unconfigures the callback interface.

Alternatively, you can use the [DB->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) or [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) methods to display the additional information via a C library `FILE *`.

This error-logging enhancement does not slow performance or significantly increase application size, and may be run during normal operation as well as during application debugging.

For [DB](#) handles opened inside of Berkeley DB environments, calling the [DB->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) method affects the entire environment and is equivalent to calling the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) method.

When used on a database that was *not* opened in an environment, the [DB->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) method configures operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The [DB->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) method may be called at any time during the life of the application.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## Parameters

### **db\_errcall\_fcn**

The **db\_errcall\_fcn** parameter is the application-specified error reporting function. The function takes three parameters:

- `dbenv`

The **dbenv** parameter is the enclosing database environment.

- `errpfx`

The **errpfx** parameter is the prefix string (as previously set by [DB->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#) or [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#)).

- **msg**

The **msg** parameter is the error message string.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_errfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->set_errfile(DB *db, FILE *errfile);
```

When an error occurs in the Berkeley DB library, a Berkeley DB error or an error return value is returned by the interface. In some cases, however, the `errno` value may be insufficient to completely describe the cause of the error, especially during initial application debugging.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) and `DB->set_errfile()` methods are used to enhance the mechanism for reporting error messages to the application by setting a C library `FILE *` to be used for displaying additional Berkeley DB error messages. In some cases, when an error occurs, Berkeley DB will output an additional error message to the specified file reference.

Alternatively, you can use the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) or [DB->set\\_errcall\(\)](#) methods to capture the additional error information in a way that does not use C library `FILE *`s.

The error message will consist of the prefix string and a colon (":") (if a prefix string was previously specified using [DB->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#) or [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#) ), an error string, and a trailing `<newline>` character.

The default configuration when applications first create `DB` or `DB_ENV` handles is as if the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) or `DB->set_errfile()` methods were called with the standard error output (`stderr`) specified as the `FILE *` argument. Applications wanting no output at all can turn off this default configuration by calling the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) or `DB->set_errfile()` methods with `NULL` as the `FILE *` argument. Additionally, explicitly configuring the error output channel using any of the following methods will also turn off this default output for the application:

- `DB->set_errfile()`
- [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#)
- [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errcall\(\)](#)
- [DB->set\\_errcall\(\)](#)

This error logging enhancement does not slow performance or significantly increase application size, and may be run during normal operation as well as during application debugging.

For `DB` handles opened inside of Berkeley DB environments, calling the `DB->set_errfile()` method affects the entire environment and is equivalent to calling the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) method.

When used on a database that was *not* opened in an environment, the `DB->set_errfile()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_errfile()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

## Parameters

### **errfile**

The **errfile** parameter is a C library `FILE *` to be used for displaying additional Berkeley DB error information.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_errpfx()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->set_errpfx(DB *db, const char *errpfx);
```

Set the prefix string that appears before error messages issued by Berkeley DB.

The `DB->set_errpfx()` and `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()` methods do not copy the memory to which the `errpfx` parameter refers; rather, they maintain a reference to it. Although this allows applications to modify the error message prefix at any time (without repeatedly calling the interfaces), it means the memory must be maintained until the handle is closed.

For `DB` handles opened inside of Berkeley DB environments, calling the `DB->set_errpfx()` method affects the entire environment and is equivalent to calling the `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()` method.

The `DB->set_errpfx()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_errpfx()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **errpfx**

The `errpfx` parameter is the application-specified error prefix for additional error messages.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_feedback()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_feedback(DB *,
    void (*db_feedback_fcn)(DB *dbp, int opcode, int percent));
```

Some operations performed by the Berkeley DB library can take non-trivial amounts of time. The `DB->set_feedback()` method can be used by applications to monitor progress within these operations. When an operation is likely to take a long time, Berkeley DB will call the specified callback function with progress information.

It is up to the callback function to display this information in an appropriate manner.

The `DB->set_feedback()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->set_feedback()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## Parameters

### `db_feedback_fcn`

The `db_feedback_fcn` parameter is the application-specified feedback function called to report Berkeley DB operation progress. The callback function must take three parameters:

- `dbp`

The `dbp` parameter is a reference to the enclosing database.

- `opcode`

The `opcode` parameter is an operation code. The `opcode` parameter may take on any of the following values:

- `DB_UPGRADE`

The underlying database is being upgraded.

- `DB_VERIFY`

The underlying database is being verified.

- `percent`

The `percent` parameter is the percent of the operation that has been completed, specified as an integer value between 0 and 100.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_flags(DB *db, u_int32_t flags);
```

Configure a database. Calling `DB->set_flags()` is additive; there is no way to clear flags.

The `DB->set_flags()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->set_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

#### General

The following flags may be specified for any Berkeley DB access method:

- `DB_CHKSUM`

Do checksum verification of pages read into the cache from the backing filestore. Berkeley DB uses the SHA1 Secure Hash Algorithm if encryption is configured and a general hash algorithm if it is not.

Calling `DB->set_flags()` with the `DB_CHKSUM` flag only affects the specified `DB` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the `DB_CHKSUM` flag will be ignored.

- `DB_ENCRYPT`

Encrypt the database using the cryptographic password specified to the `DB_ENV->set_encrypt()` or `DB->set_encrypt()` methods.

Calling `DB->set_flags()` with the `DB_ENCRYPT` flag only affects the specified `DB` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the `DB_ENCRYPT` flag must be the same as the existing database or an error will be returned.

Encrypted databases are not portable between machines of different byte orders, that is, encrypted databases created on big-endian machines cannot be read on little-endian machines, and vice versa.

- `DB_TXN_NOT_DURABLE`

If set, Berkeley DB will not write log records for this database. This means that updates of this database exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability);

that is, database integrity will be maintained, but if the application or system fails, integrity will not persist. The database file must be verified and/or restored from backup after a failure. In order to ensure integrity after application shut down, the database handles must be closed without specifying [DB\\_NOSYNC](#), or all database changes must be flushed from the database environment cache using either the [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_checkpoint\(\)](#) or [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_sync\(\)](#) methods. All database handles for a single physical file must set [DB\\_TXN\\_NOT\\_DURABLE](#), including database handles for different databases in a physical file.

Calling [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#) with the [DB\\_TXN\\_NOT\\_DURABLE](#) flag only affects the specified [DB](#) handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

## Btree

The following flags may be specified for the Btree access method:

- [DB\\_DUP](#)

Permit duplicate data items in the database; that is, insertion when the key of the key/data pair being inserted already exists in the database will be successful. The ordering of duplicates in the database is determined by the order of insertion, unless the ordering is otherwise specified by use of a cursor operation or a duplicate sort function.

The [DB\\_DUPSORT](#) flag is preferred to [DB\\_DUP](#) for performance reasons. The [DB\\_DUP](#) flag should only be used by applications wanting to order duplicate data items manually.

Calling [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#) with the [DB\\_DUP](#) flag affects the database, including all threads of control accessing the database.

If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the [DB\\_DUP](#) flag must be the same as the existing database or an error will be returned.

It is an error to specify both [DB\\_DUP](#) and [DB\\_RECNUM](#).

- [DB\\_DUPSORT](#)

Permit duplicate data items in the database; that is, insertion when the key of the key/data pair being inserted already exists in the database will be successful. The ordering of duplicates in the database is determined by the duplicate comparison function. If the application does not specify a comparison function using the [DB->set\\_dup\\_compare\(\)](#) method, a default lexical comparison will be used. It is an error to specify both [DB\\_DUPSORT](#) and [DB\\_RECNUM](#).

Calling [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#) with the [DB\\_DUPSORT](#) flag affects the database, including all threads of control accessing the database.

If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the [DB\\_DUPSORT](#) flag must be the same as the existing database or an error will be returned.

- [DB\\_RECNUM](#)

Support retrieval from the Btree using record numbers. For more information, see the [DB\\_SET\\_RECNO](#) flag to the [DB->get\(\)](#) and [DBcursor->get\(\)](#) methods.

Logical record numbers in Btree databases are mutable in the face of record insertion or deletion. See the DB\_RENUMBER flag in the Recno access method information for further discussion.

Maintaining record counts within a Btree introduces a serious point of contention, namely the page locations where the record counts are stored. In addition, the entire database must be locked during both insertions and deletions, effectively single-threading the database for those operations. Specifying DB\_RECNUM can result in serious performance degradation for some applications and data sets.

It is an error to specify both DB\_DUP and DB\_RECNUM.

Calling DB->set\_flags() with the DB\_RECNUM flag affects the database, including all threads of control accessing the database.

If the database already exists when DB->open() is called, the DB\_RECNUM flag must be the same as the existing database or an error will be returned.

- DB\_REVSPLITOFF

Turn off reverse splitting in the Btree. As pages are emptied in a database, the Berkeley DB Btree implementation attempts to coalesce empty pages into higher-level pages in order to keep the database as small as possible and minimize search time. This can hurt performance in applications with cyclical data demands; that is, applications where the database grows and shrinks repeatedly. For example, because Berkeley DB does page-level locking, the maximum level of concurrency in a database of two pages is far smaller than that in a database of 100 pages, so a database that has shrunk to a minimal size can cause severe deadlocking when a new cycle of data insertion begins.

Calling DB->set\_flags() with the DB\_REVSPLITOFF flag only affects the specified DB handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

## Hash

The following flags may be specified for the Hash access method:

- DB\_DUP

Permit duplicate data items in the database; that is, insertion when the key of the key/data pair being inserted already exists in the database will be successful. The ordering of duplicates in the database is determined by the order of insertion, unless the ordering is otherwise specified by use of a cursor operation.

The DB\_DUPSORT flag is preferred to DB\_DUP for performance reasons. The DB\_DUP flag should only be used by applications wanting to order duplicate data items manually.

Calling DB->set\_flags() with the DB\_DUP flag affects the database, including all threads of control accessing the database.

If the database already exists when DB->open() is called, the DB\_DUP flag must be the same as the existing database or an error will be returned.

- DB\_DUPSORT

Permit duplicate data items in the database; that is, insertion when the key of the key/data pair being inserted already exists in the database will be successful. The ordering of duplicates in the database is determined by the duplicate comparison function. If the application does not specify a comparison function using the [DB->set\\_dup\\_compare\(\)](#) method, a default lexical comparison will be used.

Calling `DB->set_flags()` with the `DB_DUPSORT` flag affects the database, including all threads of control accessing the database.

If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the `DB_DUPSORT` flag must be the same as the existing database or an error will be returned.

## Queue

The following flags may be specified for the Queue access method:

- `DB_INORDER`

The `DB_INORDER` flag modifies the operation of the `DB_CONSUME` or `DB_CONSUME_WAIT` flags to `DB->get()` to return key/data pairs in order. That is, they will always return the key/data item from the head of the queue.

The default behavior of queue databases is optimized for multiple readers, and does not guarantee that record will be retrieved in the order they are added to the queue. Specifically, if a writing thread adds multiple records to an empty queue, reading threads may skip some of the initial records when the next `DB->get()` call returns.

This flag modifies the `DB->get()` call to verify that the record being returned is in fact the head of the queue. This will increase contention and reduce concurrency when there are many reading threads.

Calling `DB->set_flags()` with the `DB_INORDER` flag only affects the specified `DB` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

## Recno

The following flags may be specified for the Recno access method:

- `DB_RENUMBER`

Specifying the `DB_RENUMBER` flag causes the logical record numbers to be mutable, and change as records are added to and deleted from the database.

Using the `DB->put()` or `DBCursor->put()` interfaces to create new records will cause the creation of multiple records if the record number is more than one greater than the largest record currently in the database. For example, creating record 28, when record 25 was previously the last record in the database, will create records 26 and 27 as well as 28. Attempts to retrieve records that were created in this manner will result in an error return of `DB_KEYEMPTY`.

If a created record is not at the end of the database, all records following the new record will be automatically renumbered upward by one. For example, the creation of a new record numbered 8

causes records numbered 8 and greater to be renumbered upward by one. If a cursor was positioned to record number 8 or greater before the insertion, it will be shifted upward one logical record, continuing to refer to the same record as it did before.

If a deleted record is not at the end of the database, all records following the removed record will be automatically renumbered downward by one. For example, deleting the record numbered 8 causes records numbered 9 and greater to be renumbered downward by one. If a cursor was positioned to record number 9 or greater before the removal, it will be shifted downward one logical record, continuing to refer to the same record as it did before.

If a record is deleted, all cursors that were positioned on that record prior to the removal will no longer be positioned on a valid entry. This includes cursors used to delete an item. For example, if a cursor was positioned to record number 8 before the removal of that record, subsequent calls to [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) with flags of `DB_CURRENT` will result in an error return of `DB_KEYEMPTY` until the cursor is moved to another record. A call to [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) with flags of `DB_NEXT` will return the new record numbered 8 - which is the record that was numbered 9 prior to the delete (if such a record existed).

For these reasons, concurrent access to a Recno database with the `DB_RENUMBER` flag specified may be largely meaningless, although it is supported.

Calling [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#) with the `DB_RENUMBER` flag affects the database, including all threads of control accessing the database.

If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the `DB_RENUMBER` flag must be the same as the existing database or an error will be returned.

- `DB_SNAPSHOT`

This flag specifies that any specified `re_source` file be read in its entirety when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called. If this flag is not specified, the `re_source` file may be read lazily.

See the [DB->set\\_re\\_source\(\)](#) method for information on the `re_source` file.

Calling [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#) with the `DB_SNAPSHOT` flag only affects the specified `DB` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

## Errors

The [DB->set\\_flags\(\)](#) method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_h\_compare()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_h_compare(DB *db,
    int (*compare_fcn)(DB *db, const DBT *dbt1, const DBT *dbt2));
```

Set the Hash key comparison function. The comparison function is called whenever it is necessary to compare a key specified by the application with a key currently stored in the database.

If no comparison function is specified, a byte-by-byte comparison is performed.

The `DB->set_h_compare()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_h_compare()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_h_compare()` must be the same as that historically used to create the database or corruption can occur.

The `DB->set_h_compare()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `compare_fcn`

The `compare_fcn` function is the application-specified Hash comparison function. The comparison function takes three parameters:

- `db`

The `db` parameter is the enclosing database handle.

- `dbt1`

The `dbt1` parameter is the [DBT](#) representing the application supplied key.

- `dbt2`

The `dbt2` parameter is the [DBT](#) representing the current database's key.

The `compare_fcn` function must return an integer value less than, equal to, or greater than zero if the first key parameter is considered to be respectively less than, equal to, or greater than the second key parameter. The comparison function must correctly handle any key values used by the application (possibly including zero-length keys). The `data` and `size` fields of the [DBT](#) are the only fields that may be used for the purposes of this comparison, and no particular alignment of the memory to which by the `data` field refers may be assumed.

### Errors

The `DB->set_h_compare()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_h\_ffactor()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_h_ffactor(DB *db, u_int32_t h_ffactor);
```

Set the desired density within the hash table. If no value is specified, the fill factor will be selected dynamically as pages are filled.

The density is an approximation of the number of keys allowed to accumulate in any one bucket, determining when the hash table grows or shrinks. If you know the average sizes of the keys and data in your data set, setting the fill factor can enhance performance. A reasonable rule computing fill factor is to set it to the following:

$$(\text{pagesize} - 32) / (\text{average\_key\_size} + \text{average\_data\_size} + 8)$$

The `DB->set_h_ffactor()` method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The `DB->set_h_ffactor()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_h_ffactor()` will be ignored.

The `DB->set_h_ffactor()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **h\_ffactor**

The `h_ffactor` parameter is the desired density within the hash table.

### Errors

The `DB->set_h_ffactor()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_h\_hash()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_h_hash(DB *db,
              u_int32_t (*h_hash_fcn)(DB *dbp, const void *bytes,
              u_int32_t length));
```

Set a user-defined hash function; if no hash function is specified, a default hash function is used. Because no hash function performs equally well on all possible data, the user may find that the built-in hash function performs poorly with a particular data set.

The `DB->set_h_hash()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB handle](#), not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_h_hash()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_h_hash()` must be the same as that historically used to create the database or corruption can occur.

The `DB->set_h_hash()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `h_hash_fcn`

The `h_hash_fcn` parameter is the application-specified hash function.

Application-specified hash functions take a pointer to a byte string and a length as parameters, and return a value of type `u_int32_t`. The hash function must handle any key values used by the application (possibly including zero-length keys).

### Errors

The `DB->set_h_hash()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_h\_nelem()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_h_nelem(DB *db, u_int32_t h_nelem);
```

Set an estimate of the final size of the hash table.

In order for the estimate to be used when creating the database, the [DB->set\\_h\\_ffactor\(\)](#) method must also be called. If the estimate or fill factor are not set or are set too low, hash tables will still expand gracefully as keys are entered, although a slight performance degradation may be noticed.

The [DB->set\\_h\\_nelem\(\)](#) method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The [DB->set\\_h\\_nelem\(\)](#) method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to [DB->set\\_h\\_nelem\(\)](#) will be ignored.

The [DB->set\\_h\\_nelem\(\)](#) method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **h\_nelem**

The `h_nelem` parameter is an estimate of the final size of the hash table.

### Errors

The [DB->set\\_h\\_nelem\(\)](#) method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_lorder()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_lorder(DB *db, int lorder);
```

Set the byte order for integers in the stored database metadata. The host byte order of the machine where the Berkeley DB library was compiled will be used if no byte order is set.

**The access methods provide no guarantees about the byte ordering of the application data stored in the database, and applications are responsible for maintaining any necessary ordering.**

The `DB->set_lorder()` method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The `DB->set_lorder()` method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB->set_lorder()` will be ignored.

If creating additional databases in a single physical file, information specified to `DB->set_lorder()` will be ignored and the byte order of the existing databases will be used.

The `DB->set_lorder()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### lorder

The `lorder` parameter should represent the byte order as an integer; for example, big endian order is the number 4,321, and little endian order is the number 1,234.

### Errors

The `DB->set_lorder()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_msgcall()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->set_msgcall(DB *,
               void (*db_msgcall_fcn)(const DB_ENV *dbenv, char *msg));
```

There are interfaces in the Berkeley DB library which either directly output informational messages or statistical information, or configure the library to output such messages when performing other operations, for example, [DB\\_ENV->set\\_verbose\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->stat\\_print\(\)](#).

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) and [DB->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) methods are used to pass these messages to the application, and Berkeley DB will call `db_msgcall_fcn` with each message. It is up to the `db_msgcall_fcn` function to display the message in an appropriate manner.

Setting `db_msgcall_fcn` to NULL unconfigures the callback interface.

Alternatively, you can use the [DB->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) or [DB->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) methods to display the messages via a C library FILE \*.

For [DB](#) handles opened inside of Berkeley DB environments, calling the [DB->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method affects the entire environment and is equivalent to calling the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method.

The [DB->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method configures operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The [DB->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method may be called at any time during the life of the application.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## Parameters

### db\_msgcall\_fcn

The `db_msgcall_fcn` parameter is the application-specified message reporting function. The function takes two parameters:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment.

- `msg`

The `msg` parameter is the message string.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_msgfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB->set_msgfile(DB *db, FILE *msgfile);
```

There are interfaces in the Berkeley DB library which either directly output informational messages or statistical information, or configure the library to output such messages when performing other operations, for example, [DB\\_ENV->set\\_verbose\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->stat\\_print\(\)](#).

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) and `DB->set_msgfile()` methods are used to display these messages for the application. In this case the message will include a trailing `<newline>` character.

Setting `msgfile` to `NULL` unconfigures the interface.

Alternatively, you can use the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) or [DB->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) methods to capture the additional error information in a way that does not use C library `FILE *`'s.

For `DB` handles opened inside of Berkeley DB environments, calling the `DB->set_msgfile()` method affects the entire environment and is equivalent to calling the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method.

The `DB->set_msgfile()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_msgfile()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **msgfile**

The `msgfile` parameter is a C library `FILE *` to be used for displaying messages.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_pagesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_pagesize(DB *db, u_int32_t pagesize);
```

Set the size of the pages used to hold items in the database, in bytes. The minimum page size is 512 bytes, the maximum page size is 64K bytes, and the page size must be a power-of-two. If the page size is not explicitly set, one is selected based on the underlying filesystem I/O block size. The automatically selected size has a lower limit of 512 bytes and an upper limit of 16K bytes.

For information on tuning the Berkeley DB page size, see [Selecting a page size](#).

The `DB->set_pagesize()` method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The `DB->set_pagesize()` method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB->set_pagesize()` will be ignored.

If creating additional databases in a single physical file, information specified to `DB->set_pagesize()` will be ignored and the page size of the existing databases will be used.

The `DB->set_pagesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

The `DB->set_pagesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### pagesize

The `pagesize` parameter sets the database page size.

## Errors

The `DB->set_pagesize()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_partition()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_partition(DB * db, u_int32_t parts, DBT *keys,
    u_int32_t (*db_partition_fcn) (DB *db, DBT *key));
```

Set up partitioning for a database. Partitioning may be used on either BTREE or HASH databases. Partitions may be specified by either a set of keys specifying a range of values in each partition or with a callback function that returns the number of the partition to put a specific key. Partition range keys may only be specified for BTREE databases.

Partitions are implemented as separate database files and can help reduce contention within a logical database. Contention can come from multiple threads of control accessing database pages simultaneously. Typically these pages are the root of a btree and the metadata page which contains allocation information in both BTREE and HASH databases. Each partition has its own metadata and root pages.

### Parameters

Exactly one of the parameters **keys** and **partition\_fcn** must be NULL.

#### **parts**

The **parts** parameter is the number of partitions to create. The value must be 2 or greater.

#### **keys**

The **keys** parameter is an array of DBT structures containing the keys that specify the range of key values to be stored in each partition. Each key specifies the minimum value that may be stored in the corresponding partition. The number of keys must be one less than the number of partitions specified by the **parts** parameter since the first partition will hold any key less than the first key in the array.

#### **db\_partition\_fcn**

The **db\_partition\_fcn** parameter is the application-specified partitioning function. The function returns an integer which will be used modulo the number of partitions specified by the **parts** parameter. The function will be called with two parameters:

- **db**

The **db** parameter is the database handle.

- **key**

The **key** parameter is the key for which a partition number should be returned.

### Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_partition\_dirs()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_partition_dirs(DB *db, const char **dirs);
```

Specify which directories the database extents should be created in or looked for. If the number of directories is less than the number of partitions, the directories will be used in a round robin fashion.

The `DB->set_partition_dirs()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->set_partition_dirs()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dirs**

The `dirs` points to an array of directories that will be used to create or locate the database extent files specified in the `DB->open()` method call. The directories must be included in the environment list specified by `DB_ENV->add_data_dir()`.

### Errors

The `DB->set_partition_dirs()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_priority(DB *db, DB_CACHE_PRIORITY priority);
```

Set the cache priority for pages referenced by the [DB](#) handle.

The priority of a page biases the replacement algorithm to be more or less likely to discard a page when space is needed in the buffer pool. The bias is temporary, and pages will eventually be discarded if they are not referenced again. The `DB->set_priority()` method is only advisory, and does not guarantee pages will be treated in a specific way.

The `DB->set_priority()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->set_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### priority

The `priority` parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_LOW`

The lowest priority: pages are the most likely to be discarded.

- `DB_PRIORITY_LOW`

The next lowest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_DEFAULT`

The default priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_HIGH`

The next highest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_HIGH`

The highest priority: pages are the least likely to be discarded.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_q\_extentsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_q_extentsize(DB *db, u_int32_t extentsize);
```

Set the size of the extents used to hold pages in a Queue database, specified as a number of pages. Each extent is created as a separate physical file. If no extent size is set, the default behavior is to create only a single underlying database file.

For information on tuning the extent size, see [Selecting a extent size](#).

The `DB->set_q_extentsize()` method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The `DB->set_q_extentsize()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_q_extentsize()` will be ignored.

The `DB->set_q_extentsize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **extentsize**

The `extentsize` parameter is the number of pages in a Queue database extent.

### Errors

The `DB->set_q_extentsize()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_re\_delim()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_re_delim(DB *db, int delim);
```

Set the delimiting byte used to mark the end of a record in the backing source file for the Recno access method.

This byte is used for variable length records if the `re_source` file is specified using the [DB->set\\_re\\_source\(\)](#) method. If the `re_source` file is specified and no delimiting byte was specified, <newline> characters (that is, ASCII 0x0a) are interpreted as end-of-record markers.

The `DB->set_re_delim()` method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The `DB->set_re_delim()` method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB->set_re_delim()` will be ignored.

The `DB->set_re_delim()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `re_delim`

The `re_delim` parameter is the delimiting byte used to mark the end of a record.

### Errors

The `DB->set_re_delim()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_re\_len()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_re_len(DB *db, u_int32_t re_len);
```

For the Queue access method, specify that the records are of length `re_len`. For the Queue access method, the record length must be enough smaller than the database's page size that at least one record plus the database page's metadata information can fit on each database page.

For the Recno access method, specify that the records are fixed-length, not byte-delimited, and are of length `re_len`.

Any records added to the database that are less than `re_len` bytes long are automatically padded (see [DB->set\\_re\\_pad\(\)](#) for more information).

Any attempt to insert records into the database that are greater than `re_len` bytes long will cause the call to fail immediately and return an error.

The `DB->set_re_len()` method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The `DB->set_re_len()` method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB->set_re_len()` will be ignored.

The `DB->set_re_len()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `re_len`

The `re_len` parameter is the length of a Queue or Recno database record, in bytes.

### Errors

The `DB->set_re_len()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_re\_pad()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_re_pad(DB *db, int re_pad);
```

Set the padding character for short, fixed-length records for the Queue and Recno access methods.

If no pad character is specified, <space> characters (that is, ASCII 0x20) are used for padding.

The DB->set\_re\_pad() method configures a database, not only operations performed using the specified [DB](#) handle.

The DB->set\_re\_pad() method may not be called after the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database already exists when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to DB->set\_re\_pad() will be ignored.

The DB->set\_re\_pad() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### re\_pad

The `re_pad` parameter is the pad character for fixed-length records for the Queue and Recno access methods.

### Errors

The DB->set\_re\_pad() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->set\_re\_source()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->set_re_source(DB *db, char *source);
```

Set the underlying source file for the Recno access method. The purpose of the **source** value is to provide fast access and modification to databases that are normally stored as flat text files.

The **source** parameter specifies an underlying flat text database file that is read to initialize a transient record number index. In the case of variable length records, the records are separated, as specified by [DB->set\\_re\\_delim\(\)](#). For example, standard UNIX byte stream files can be interpreted as a sequence of variable length records separated by <newline> characters.

In addition, when cached data would normally be written back to the underlying database file (for example, the [DB->close\(\)](#) or [DB->sync\(\)](#) methods are called), the in-memory copy of the database will be written back to the **source** file.

By default, the backing source file is read lazily; that is, records are not read from the file until they are requested by the application. **If multiple processes (not threads) are accessing a Recno database concurrently, and are either inserting or deleting records, the backing source file must be read in its entirety before more than a single process accesses the database, and only that process should specify the backing source file as part of the [DB->open\(\)](#) call. See the [DB\\_SNAPSHOT](#) flag for more information.**

**Reading and writing the backing source file specified by source cannot be transaction-protected because it involves filesystem operations that are not part of the Db transaction methodology.** For this reason, if a temporary database is used to hold the records, it is possible to lose the contents of the **source** file, for example, if the system crashes at the right instant. If a file is used to hold the database, normal database recovery on that file can be used to prevent information loss, although it is still possible that the contents of **source** will be lost if the system crashes.

The **source** file must already exist (but may be zero-length) when [DB->open\(\)](#) is called.

It is not an error to specify a read-only **source** file when creating a database, nor is it an error to modify the resulting database. However, any attempt to write the changes to the backing source file using either the [DB->sync\(\)](#) or [DB->close\(\)](#) methods will fail, of course. Specify the [DB\\_NOSYNC](#) flag to the [DB->close\(\)](#) method to stop it from attempting to write the changes to the backing file; instead, they will be silently discarded.

For all of the previous reasons, the **source** field is generally used to specify databases that are read-only for Berkeley DB applications; and that are either generated on the fly by software tools or modified using a different mechanism – for example, a text editor.

The [DB->set\\_re\\_source\(\)](#) method configures operations performed using the specified **DB** handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database.

The `DB->set_re_source()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called. If the database already exists when `DB->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB->set_re_source()` must be the same as that historically used to create the database or corruption can occur.

The `DB->set_re_source()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### **source**

The backing flat text database file for a Recno database.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the **source** argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

## Errors

The `DB->set_re_source()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->stat(DB *db, DB_TXN *txnid, void *sp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->stat()` method creates a statistical structure and copies a pointer to it into user-specified memory locations. Specifically, if `sp` is non-NULL, a pointer to the statistics for the database are copied into the memory location to which it refers.

The `DB->stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or one of the following values:

- `DB_FAST_STAT`

Return only the values which do not require traversal of the database. Among other things, this flag makes it possible for applications to request key and record counts without incurring the performance penalty of traversing the entire database.

- `DB_READ_COMMITTED`

Database items read during a transactional call will have degree 2 isolation. This ensures the stability of the data items read during the stat operation but permits that data to be modified or deleted by other transactions prior to the commit of the specified transaction.

- `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED`

Database items read during a transactional call will have degree 1 isolation, including modified but not yet committed data. Silently ignored if the `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED` flag was not specified when the underlying database was opened.

### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cmsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

## Statistical Structure

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see `DB_ENV->set_alloc()` for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the

memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

If the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag has not been specified, the `DB->stat()` method will access some of or all the pages in the database, incurring a severe performance penalty as well as possibly flushing the underlying buffer pool.

In the presence of multiple threads or processes accessing an active database, the information returned by `DB->stat` may be out-of-date.

If the database was not opened read-only and the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag was not specified, the cached key and record numbers will be updated after the statistical information has been gathered.

The `DB->stat()` method may not be called before the `DB->open()` method is called.

The `DB->stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Hash Statistics

In the case of a Hash database, the statistics are stored in a structure of type `DB_HASH_STAT`. The following fields will be filled in:

- `u_int32_t hash_magic;`

Magic number that identifies the file as a Hash file. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_version;`

The version of the Hash database. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_nkeys;`

The number of unique keys in the database. If `DB_FAST_STAT` was specified the count will be the last saved value unless it has never been calculated, in which case it will be 0. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_ndata;`

The number of key/data pairs in the database. If `DB_FAST_STAT` was specified the count will be the last saved value unless it has never been calculated, in which case it will be 0. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_pagecnt;`

The number of pages in the database. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_pagesize;`

The underlying database page (and bucket) size, in bytes. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_ffactor;`

The desired fill factor (number of items per bucket) specified at database-creation time. Returned if DB\_FAST\_STAT is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_buckets;`

The number of hash buckets. Returned if DB\_FAST\_STAT is set.

- `u_int32_t hash_free;`

The number of pages on the free list.

- `uintmax_t hash_bfree;`

The number of bytes free on bucket pages.

- `u_int32_t hash_bigpages;`

The number of big key/data pages.

- `uintmax_t hash_big_bfree;`

The number of bytes free on big item pages.

- `u_int32_t hash_overflows;`

The number of overflow pages (overflow pages are pages that contain items that did not fit in the main bucket page).

- `uintmax_t hash_ovfl_free;`

The number of bytes free on overflow pages.

- `u_int32_t hash_dup;`

The number of duplicate pages.

- `uintmax_t hash_dup_free;`

The number of bytes free on duplicate pages.

### **Btree and Recno Statistics**

In the case of a Btree or Recno database, the statistics are stored in a structure of type `DB_BTREE_STAT`. The following fields will be filled in:

- `u_int32_t bt_magic;`

Magic number that identifies the file as a Btree database. Returned if DB\_FAST\_STAT is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_version;`

The version of the Btree database. Returned if DB\_FAST\_STAT is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_nkeys;`

For the Btree Access Method, the number of keys in the database. If the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag is not specified or the database was configured to support record numbers (see [DB\\_RECNUM](#)), the count will be exact. Otherwise, the count will be the last saved value unless it has never been calculated, in which case it will be 0.

For the Recno Access Method, the number of records in the database. If the database was configured with mutable record numbers (see [DB\\_RENUMBER](#)), the count will be exact. Otherwise, if the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag is specified the count will be exact but will include deleted and implicitly created records; if the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag is not specified, the count will be exact and will not include deleted or implicitly created records.

Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_ndata;`

For the Btree Access Method, the number of key/data pairs in the database. If the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag is not specified, the count will be exact. Otherwise, the count will be the last saved value unless it has never been calculated, in which case it will be 0.

For the Recno Access Method, the number of records in the database. If the database was configured with mutable record numbers (see [DB\\_RENUMBER](#)), the count will be exact. Otherwise, if the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag is specified the count will be exact but will include deleted and implicitly created records; if the `DB_FAST_STAT` flag is not specified, the count will be exact and will not include deleted or implicitly created records.

Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_pagecnt;`

The number of pages in the database. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_pagesize;`

The underlying database page size, in bytes. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_minkey;`

The minimum keys per page. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_re_len;`

The length of fixed-length records. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_re_pad;`

The padding byte value for fixed-length records. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t bt_levels;`

Number of levels in the database.

- `u_int32_t bt_int_pg;`  
Number of database internal pages.
- `u_int32_t bt_leaf_pg;`  
Number of database leaf pages.
- `u_int32_t bt_dup_pg;`  
Number of database duplicate pages.
- `u_int32_t bt_over_pg;`  
Number of database overflow pages.
- `u_int32_t bt_empty_pg;`  
Number of empty database pages.
- `u_int32_t bt_free;`  
Number of pages on the free list.
- `uintmax_t bt_int_pgfree;`  
Number of bytes free in database internal pages.
- `uintmax_t bt_leaf_pgfree;`  
Number of bytes free in database leaf pages.
- `uintmax_t bt_dup_pgfree;`  
Number of bytes free in database duplicate pages.
- `uintmax_t bt_over_pgfree;`  
Number of bytes free in database overflow pages.

### Queue Statistics

In the case of a Queue database, the statistics are stored in a structure of type `DB_QUEUE_STAT`. The following fields will be filled in:

- `u_int32_t qs_magic;`  
Magic number that identifies the file as a Queue file. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.
- `u_int32_t qs_version;`  
The version of the Queue file type. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_nkeys;`

The number of records in the database. If `DB_FAST_STAT` was specified the count will be the last saved value unless it has never been calculated, in which case it will be 0. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_ndata;`

The number of records in the database. If `DB_FAST_STAT` was specified the count will be the last saved value unless it has never been calculated, in which case it will be 0. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_pagesize;`

Underlying database page size, in bytes. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_extentsize;`

Underlying database extent size, in pages. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_pages;`

Number of pages in the database.

- `u_int32_t qs_re_len;`

The length of the records. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_re_pad;`

The padding byte value for the records. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_pgfree;`

Number of bytes free in database pages.

- `u_int32_t qs_first_recno;`

First undeleted record in the database. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

- `u_int32_t qs_cur_recno;`

Next available record number. Returned if `DB_FAST_STAT` is set.

## Errors

The `DB->stat()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this

occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

**DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->stat_print(DB *db, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->stat_print()` method displays the database statistical information, as described for the `DB->stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method for more information).

The `DB->stat_print()` method may not be called before the [DB->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB->stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_FAST_STAT`

Return only the values which do not require traversal of the database. Among other things, this flag makes it possible for applications to request key and record counts without incurring the performance penalty of traversing the entire database.

- `DB_STAT_ALL`

Display all available information.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->sync()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->sync(DB *db, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->sync()` method flushes any cached information to disk.

If the database is in memory only, the `DB->sync()` method has no effect and will always succeed.

**It is important to understand that flushing cached information to disk only minimizes the window of opportunity for corrupted data.** Although unlikely, it is possible for database corruption to happen if a system or application crash occurs while writing data to the database. To ensure that database corruption never occurs, applications must either: use transactions and logging with automatic recovery; use logging and application-specific recovery; or edit a copy of the database, and once all applications using the database have successfully called `DB->close()`, atomically replace the original database with the updated copy.

The `DB->sync()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

## Errors

The `DB->sync()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

### DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->truncate()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->truncate(DB *db,
             DB_TXN *txnid, u_int32_t *countp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->truncate()` method empties the database, discarding all records it contains. The number of records discarded from the database is returned in **countp**.

When called on a database configured with secondary indices using the `DB->associate()` method, the `DB->truncate()` method truncates the primary database and all secondary indices. A count of the records discarded from the primary database is returned.

It is an error to call the `DB->truncate()` method on a database with open cursors.

The `DB->truncate()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **countp**

The **countp** parameter references memory into which the number of records discarded from the database is copied.

#### **flags**

The **flags** parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

#### **txnid**

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the **txnid** parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

### Errors

The `DB->truncate()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

#### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

## **EINVAL**

If there are open cursors in the database; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB](#)

## **See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->upgrade()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->upgrade(DB *db, const char *file, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->upgrade()` method upgrades all of the databases included in the file `file`, if necessary. If no upgrade is necessary, `DB->upgrade()` always returns success.

**Database upgrades are done in place and are destructive. For example, if pages need to be allocated and no disk space is available, the database may be left corrupted. Backups should be made before databases are upgraded. See [Upgrading databases](#) for more information.**

Unlike all other database operations, `DB->upgrade()` may only be done on a system with the same byte-order as the database.

The `DB->upgrade()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

The `DB->upgrade()` method is the underlying method used by the `db_upgrade` utility. See the `db_upgrade` utility source code for an example of using `DB->upgrade()` in a IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

## Parameters

### file

The `file` parameter is the physical file containing the databases to be upgraded.

### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_DUPSORT`

**This flag is only meaningful when upgrading databases from releases before the Berkeley DB 3.1 release.**

As part of the upgrade from the Berkeley DB 3.0 release to the 3.1 release, the on-disk format of duplicate data items changed. To correctly upgrade the format requires applications to specify whether duplicate data items in the database are sorted or not. Specifying the `DB_DUPSORT` flag informs `DB->upgrade()` that the duplicates are sorted; otherwise they are assumed to be unsorted. Incorrectly specifying the value of this flag may lead to database corruption.

Further, because the `DB->upgrade()` method upgrades a physical file (including all the databases it contains), it is not possible to use `DB->upgrade()` to upgrade files in which some of the databases it includes have sorted duplicate data items, and some of the databases it includes have unsorted duplicate data items. If the file does not have more than a single database, if the databases do not support duplicate data items, or if all of the databases that support duplicate data items support the same style of duplicates (either sorted or unsorted), `DB->upgrade()` will work correctly as long as the `DB_DUPSORT` flag is correctly specified. Otherwise, the file cannot be upgraded using `DB->upgrade();` it must be upgraded manually by dumping and reloading the databases.

## Environment Variables

If the database was opened within a database environment, the environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database environment home.

`DB->upgrade()` is affected by any database directory specified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_data\\_dir\(\)](#) method, or by setting the "set\_data\_dir" string in the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file.

## Errors

The `DB->upgrade()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_OLD\_VERSION**

The database cannot be upgraded by this version of the Berkeley DB software.

## Class

[DB](#)

## See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB->verify()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->verify(DB *db, const char *file,
          const char *database, FILE *outfile, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->verify()` method verifies the integrity of all databases in the file specified by the **file** parameter, and optionally outputs the databases' key/data pairs to the file stream specified by the **outfile** parameter.

**The `DB->verify()` method does not perform any locking, even in Berkeley DB environments that are configured with a locking subsystem. As such, it should only be used on files that are not being modified by another thread of control.**

The `DB->verify()` method may not be called after the `DB->open()` method is called.

The **DB** handle may not be accessed again after `DB->verify()` is called, regardless of its return.

The `DB->verify()` method is the underlying method used by the `db_verify` utility. See the `db_verify` utility source code for an example of using `DB->verify()` in a IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

The `DB->verify()` method will return `DB_VERIFY_BAD` if a database is corrupted. When the `DB_SALVAGE` flag is specified, the `DB_VERIFY_BAD` return means that all key/data pairs in the file may not have been successfully output. Unless otherwise specified, the `DB->verify()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### database

The **database** parameter is the database in **file** on which the database checks for btree and duplicate sort order and for hashing are to be performed. See the `DB_ORDERCHKONLY` flag for more information.

The database parameter must be set to `NULL` except when the `DB_ORDERCHKONLY` flag is set.

### file

The **file** parameter is the physical file in which the databases to be verified are found.

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_SALVAGE`

Write the key/data pairs from all databases in the file to the file stream named in the **outfile** parameter. Key values are written for Btree, Hash and Queue databases, but not for Recno databases.

The output format is the same as that specified for the `db_dump` utility, and can be used as input for the `db_load` utility.

Because the key/data pairs are output in page order as opposed to the sort order used by `db_dump`, using `DB->verify()` to dump key/data pairs normally produces less than optimal loads for Btree databases.

In addition, the following flags may be set by bitwise inclusively OR'ing them into the `flags` parameter:

- `DB_AGGRESSIVE`

Output **all** the key/data pairs in the file that can be found. By default, `DB->verify()` does not assume corruption. For example, if a key/data pair on a page is marked as deleted, it is not then written to the output file. When `DB_AGGRESSIVE` is specified, corruption is assumed, and any key/data pair that can be found is written. In this case, key/data pairs that are corrupted or have been deleted may appear in the output (even if the file being salvaged is in no way corrupt), and the output will almost certainly require editing before being loaded into a database.

- `DB_PRINTABLE`

When using the `DB_SALVAGE` flag, if characters in either the key or data items are printing characters (as defined by `isprint(3)`), use printing characters to represent them. This flag permits users to use standard text editors and tools to modify the contents of databases or selectively remove data from salvager output.

Note: different systems may have different notions about what characters are considered *printing characters*, and databases dumped in this manner may be less portable to external systems.

- `DB_NOORDERCHK`

Skip the database checks for btree and duplicate sort order and for hashing.

The `DB->verify()` method normally verifies that btree keys and duplicate items are correctly sorted, and hash keys are correctly hashed. If the file being verified contains multiple databases using differing sorting or hashing algorithms, some of them must necessarily fail database verification because only one sort order or hash function can be specified before `DB->verify()` is called. To verify files with multiple databases having differing sorting orders or hashing functions, first perform verification of the file as a whole by using the `DB_NOORDERCHK` flag, and then individually verify the sort order and hashing function for each database in the file using the `DB_ORDERCHKONLY` flag.

- `DB_ORDERCHKONLY`

Perform the database checks for btree and duplicate sort order and for hashing, skipped by `DB_NOORDERCHK`.

When this flag is specified, a **database** parameter should also be specified, indicating the database in the physical file which is to be checked. This flag is only safe to use on databases that have already successfully been verified using `DB->verify()` with the `DB_NOORDERCHK` flag set.

**outfile**

The **outfile** parameter is an optional file stream to which the databases' key/data pairs are written.

**Environment Variables**

If the database was opened within a database environment, the environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database environment home.

`DB->verify()` is affected by any database directory specified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_data\\_dir\(\)](#) method, or by setting the "set\_data\_dir" string in the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file.

**Errors**

The `DB->verify()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**ENOENT**

The file or directory does not exist.

**Class**

[DB](#)

**See Also**

[Database and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 3. The DBCursor Handle

A DBCursor object is a handle for a cursor into a Berkeley DB database.

DBCursor handles are not free-threaded. Cursor handles may be shared by multiple threads if access is serialized by the application.

You create a DBCursor using the `DB->cursor()` method.

If the cursor is to be used to perform operations on behalf of a transaction, the cursor must be opened and closed within the context of that single transaction.

Once `DBCursor->close()` has been called, the handle may not be accessed again, regardless of the method's return.

## Database Cursors and Related Methods

Database Cursors and Related Methods	Description
<a href="#">DB-&gt;cursor()</a>	Create a cursor handle
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;close()</a>	Close a cursor handle
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;cmp()</a>	Compare two cursors for equality.
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;count()</a>	Return count of duplicates for current key
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;del()</a>	Delete current key/data pair
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;dup()</a>	Duplicate the cursor handle
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;get()</a>	Retrieve by cursor
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;put()</a>	Store by cursor
<a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;set_priority()</a> , <a href="#">DBcursor-&gt;get_priority()</a>	Set/get the cursor's cache priority

## DB->cursor()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->cursor(DB *db, DB_TXN *txnid, DBC **cursorp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB->cursor()` method returns a created database cursor.

Cursors may span threads, but only serially, that is, the application must serialize access to the cursor handle.

The `DB->cursor()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### cursorp

The `cursorp` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated cursor is copied.

### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_BULK`

Configure a cursor to optimize for bulk operations. Each successive operation on a cursor configured with this flag attempts to continue on the same database page as the previous operation, falling back to a search if a different page is required. This avoids searching if there is a high degree of locality between cursor operations. This flag is currently only effective with the btree access method: for other access methods it is ignored.

- `DB_READ_COMMITTED`

Configure a transactional cursor to have degree 2 isolation. This ensures the stability of the current data item read by this cursor but permits data read by this cursor to be modified or deleted prior to the commit of the transaction for this cursor.

- `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED`

Configure a transactional cursor to have degree 1 isolation. Read operations performed by the cursor may return modified but not yet committed data. Silently ignored if the `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED` flag was not specified when the underlying database was opened.

- `DB_WRITECURSOR`

Specify that the cursor will be used to update the database. The underlying database environment must have been opened using the `DB_INIT_CDB` flag.

- `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT`

Configure a transactional cursor to operate with read-only snapshot isolation. For databases with the [DB\\_MULTIVERSION](#) flag set, data values will be read as they are when the cursor is opened, without taking read locks.

This flag implicitly begins a transaction that is committed when the cursor is closed.

This flag is silently ignored if [DB\\_MULTIVERSION](#) is not set on the underlying database or if a transaction is supplied in the `txnid` parameter.

### **txnid**

To transaction-protect cursor operations, cursors must be opened and closed within the context of a transaction. The `txnid` parameter specifies the transaction context in which the cursor may be used.

Cursor operations are not automatically transaction-protected, even if the [DB\\_AUTO\\_COMMIT](#) flag is specified to the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_flags\(\)](#) or [DB->open\(\)](#) methods. If cursor operations are to be transaction-protected, the `txnid` parameter must be a transaction handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_begin\(\)](#); otherwise, NULL.

## **Errors**

The `DB->cursor()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB](#)

## **See Also**

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->close()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->close(DBC *DBcursor);
```

The `DBcursor->close()` method discards the cursor.

It is possible for the `DBcursor->close()` method to return `DB_LOCK_DEADLOCK`, signaling that any enclosing transaction should be aborted. If the application is already intending to abort the transaction, this error should be ignored, and the application should proceed.

After `DBcursor->close()` has been called, regardless of its return, the cursor handle may not be used again.

The `DBcursor->close()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Errors

The `DBcursor->close()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

#### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

#### **EINVAL**

If the cursor is already closed; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DBcursor](#)

### See Also

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->cmp()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->cmp(DBC *DBcursor,
             DBC *other_cursor, int *result, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DBcursor->cmp()` method compares two cursors for equality. Two cursors are equal if and only if they are positioned on the same item in the same database.

The `DBcursor->cmp()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **other\_cursor**

The `other_cursor` parameter references another cursor handle that will be used as the comparator.

#### **result**

If the call is successful and both cursors are positioned on the same item, `result` is set to zero. If the call is successful but the cursors are not positioned on the same item, `result` is set to a non-zero value. If the call is unsuccessful, the value of `result` should be ignored.

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `DBcursor->cmp()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

- If either of the cursors are already closed.
- If the cursors have been opened against different databases.
- If either of the cursors have not been positioned.
- If the `other_dbc` parameter is NULL.
- If the `result` parameter is NULL.

### Class

[DBcursor](#)

## See Also

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->count()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->count(DBC *DBcursor, db_recno_t *countp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DBcursor->count()` method returns a count of the number of data items for the key to which the cursor refers.

The `DBcursor->count()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **countp**

The `countp` parameter references memory into which the count of the number of duplicate data items is copied.

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `DBcursor->count()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

#### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

#### **EINVAL**

If the cursor has not been initialized; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DBcursor](#)

### See Also

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->del()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->del(DBC *DBcursor, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DBcursor->del()` method deletes the key/data pair to which the cursor refers.

When called on a cursor opened on a database that has been made into a secondary index using the [DB->associate\(\)](#) method, the [DB->del\(\)](#) method deletes the key/data pair from the primary database and all secondary indices.

The cursor position is unchanged after a delete, and subsequent calls to cursor functions expecting the cursor to refer to an existing key will fail.

The `DBcursor->del()` method will return `DB_KEYEMPTY` if the element has already been deleted. The `DBcursor->del()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or one of the following values:

- `DB_CONSUME`

If the database is of type `DB_QUEUE` then this flag may be set to force the head of the queue to move to the first non-deleted item in the queue. Normally this is only done if the deleted item is exactly at the head when deleted.

## Errors

The `DBcursor->del()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### DB\_FOREIGN\_CONFLICT

A [foreign key constraint violation](#) has occurred. This can be caused by one of two things:

1. An attempt was made to add a record to a constrained database, and the key used for that record does not exist in the foreign key database.
2. [DB\\_FOREIGN\\_ABORT](#) (page 10) was declared for a foreign key database, and then subsequently a record was deleted from the foreign key database without first removing it from the constrained secondary database.

### DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

**DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

**DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

**DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**DB\_SECONDARY\_BAD**

A secondary index references a nonexistent primary key.

**EACCES**

An attempt was made to modify a read-only database.

**EINVAL**

If the cursor has not been initialized; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**EPERM**

Write attempted on read-only cursor when the `DB_INIT_CDB` flag was specified to `DB_ENV->open()`.

**Class**

[DBcursor](#)

**See Also**

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->dup()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->dup(DBC *DBcursor, DBC **cursorp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DBcursor->dup()` method creates a new cursor that uses the same transaction and locker ID as the original cursor. This is useful when an application is using locking and requires two or more cursors in the same thread of control.

The `DBcursor->dup()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **cursorp**

The `DBcursor->dup()` method returns the newly created cursor in **cursorp**.

#### **flags**

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following flag:

- `DB_POSITION`

The newly created cursor is initialized to refer to the same position in the database as the original cursor (if any) and hold the same locks (if any). If the `DB_POSITION` flag is not specified, or the original cursor does not hold a database position and locks, the created cursor is uninitialized and will behave like a cursor newly created using the `DB->cursor()` method.

### Errors

The `DBcursor->dup()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

#### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DBcursor](#)

## See Also

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->get()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->get(DBC *DBcursor,
             DBT *key, DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);

int
DBcursor->pget(DBC *DBcursor,
             DBT *key, DBT *pkey, DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DBcursor->get()` method retrieves key/data pairs from the database. The address and length of the key are returned in the object to which **key** refers (except for the case of the `DB_SET` flag, in which the **key** object is unchanged), and the address and length of the data are returned in the object to which **data** refers.

When called on a cursor opened on a database that has been made into a secondary index using the [DB->associate\(\)](#) method, the `DBcursor->get()` and `DBcursor->pget()` methods return the key from the secondary index and the data item from the primary database. In addition, the `DBcursor->pget()` method returns the key from the primary database. In databases that are not secondary indices, the `DBcursor->pget()` method will always fail.

Modifications to the database during a sequential scan will be reflected in the scan; that is, records inserted behind a cursor will not be returned while records inserted in front of a cursor will be returned.

In Queue and Recno databases, missing entries (that is, entries that were never explicitly created or that were created and then deleted) will be skipped during a sequential scan.

Unless otherwise specified, the `DBcursor->get()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

If `DBcursor->get()` fails for any reason, the state of the cursor will be unchanged.

## Parameters

### data

The data [DBT](#) operated on.

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_CURRENT`

Return the key/data pair to which the cursor refers.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_KEYEMPTY` if `DB_CURRENT` is set and the cursor key/data pair was deleted.

- DB\_FIRST

The cursor is set to refer to the first key/data pair of the database, and that pair is returned. If the first key has duplicate values, the first data item in the set of duplicates is returned.

If the database is a Queue or Recno database, `DBcursor->get()` using the `DB_FIRST` flag will ignore any keys that exist but were never explicitly created by the application, or were created and later deleted.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_FIRST` is set and the database is empty.

- DB\_GET\_BOTH

Move the cursor to the specified key/data pair of the database. The cursor is positioned to a key/data pair if both the key and data match the values provided on the key and data parameters.

In all other ways, this flag is identical to the [DB\\_SET](#) flag.

When used with `DBcursor->pget()` on a secondary index handle, both the secondary and primary keys must be matched by the secondary and primary key item in the database. It is an error to use the `DB_GET_BOTH` flag with the `DBcursor->get()` version of this method and a cursor that has been opened on a secondary index handle.

- DB\_GET\_BOTH\_RANGE

Move the cursor to the specified key/data pair of the database. The key parameter must be an exact match with a key in the database. The data item retrieved is the item in a duplicate set that is the smallest value which is greater than or equal to the value provided by the data parameter (as determined by the comparison function). If this flag is specified on a database configured without sorted duplicate support, the behavior is identical to the `DB_GET_BOTH` flag. Returns the datum associated with the given key/data pair.

In all other ways, this flag is identical to the [DB\\_GET\\_BOTH](#) flag.

- DB\_GET\_RECNO

Return the record number associated with the cursor. The record number will be returned in **data**, as described in [DBT](#). The **key** parameter is ignored.

For `DB_GET_RECNO` to be specified, the underlying database must be of type Btree, and it must have been created with the [DB\\_RECNUM](#) flag.

When called on a cursor opened on a database that has been made into a secondary index, the `DBcursor->get()` and `DBcursor->pget()` methods return the record number of the primary database in **data**. In addition, the `DBcursor->pget()` method returns the record number of the secondary index in **pkey**. If either underlying database is not of type Btree or is not created with the [DB\\_RECNUM](#) flag, the out-of-band record number of 0 is returned.

- DB\_JOIN\_ITEM

Do not use the data value found in all of the cursors as a lookup key for the primary database, but simply return it in the key parameter instead. The data parameter is left unchanged.

For `DB_JOIN_ITEM` to be specified, the underlying cursor must have been returned from the `DB->join()` method.

- `DB_LAST`

The cursor is set to refer to the last key/data pair of the database, and that pair is returned. If the last key has duplicate values, the last data item in the set of duplicates is returned.

If the database is a Queue or Recno database, `DBcursor->get()` using the `DB_LAST` flag will ignore any keys that exist but were never explicitly created by the application, or were created and later deleted.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_LAST` is set and the database is empty.

- `DB_NEXT`

If the cursor is not yet initialized, `DB_NEXT` is identical to `DB_FIRST`. Otherwise, the cursor is moved to the next key/data pair of the database, and that pair is returned. In the presence of duplicate key values, the value of the key may not change.

If the database is a Queue or Recno database, `DBcursor->get()` using the `DB_NEXT` flag will skip any keys that exist but were never explicitly created by the application, or those that were created and later deleted.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_NEXT` is set and the cursor is already on the last record in the database.

- `DB_NEXT_DUP`

If the next key/data pair of the database is a duplicate data record for the current key/data pair, the cursor is moved to the next key/data pair of the database, and that pair is returned.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_NEXT_DUP` is set and the next key/data pair of the database is not a duplicate data record for the current key/data pair.

- `DB_NEXT_NODUP`

If the cursor is not yet initialized, `DB_NEXT_NODUP` is identical to `DB_FIRST`. Otherwise, the cursor is moved to the next non-duplicate key of the database, and that key/data pair is returned.

If the database is a Queue or Recno database, `DBcursor->get()` using the `DB_NEXT_NODUP` flag will ignore any keys that exist but were never explicitly created by the application, or those that were created and later deleted.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_NEXT_NODUP` is set and no non-duplicate key/data pairs exist after the cursor position in the database.

- `DB_PREV`

If the cursor is not yet initialized, `DB_PREV` is identical to `DB_LAST`. Otherwise, the cursor is moved to the previous key/data pair of the database, and that pair is returned. In the presence of duplicate key values, the value of the key may not change.

If the database is a Queue or Recno database, `DBcursor->get()` using the `DB_PREV` flag will skip any keys that exist but were never explicitly created by the application, or those that were created and later deleted.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_PREV` is set and the cursor is already on the first record in the database.

- `DB_PREV_DUP`

If the previous key/data pair of the database is a duplicate data record for the current key/data pair, the cursor is moved to the previous key/data pair of the database, and that pair is returned.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_PREV_DUP` is set and the previous key/data pair of the database is not a duplicate data record for the current key/data pair.

- `DB_PREV_NODUP`

If the cursor is not yet initialized, `DB_PREV_NODUP` is identical to `DB_LAST`. Otherwise, the cursor is moved to the previous non-duplicate key of the database, and that key/data pair is returned.

If the database is a Queue or Recno database, `DBcursor->get()` using the `DB_PREV_NODUP` flag will ignore any keys that exist but were never explicitly created by the application, or those that were created and later deleted.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_PREV_NODUP` is set and no non-duplicate key/data pairs exist before the cursor position in the database.

- `DB_SET`

Move the cursor to the specified key/data pair of the database, and return the datum associated with the given key.

The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_SET` is set and no matching keys are found. The `DBcursor->get()` method will return `DB_KEYEMPTY` if `DB_SET` is set and the database is a Queue or Recno database, and the specified key exists, but was never explicitly created by the application or was later deleted. In the presence of duplicate key values, `DBcursor->get()` will return the first data item for the given key.

- `DB_SET_RANGE`

Move the cursor to the specified key/data pair of the database. In the case of the Btree access method, the key is returned as well as the data item and the returned key/data pair is the smallest key greater than or equal to the specified key (as determined by the Btree comparison function), permitting partial key matches and range searches.

In all other ways the behavior of this flag is the same as the `DB_SET` flag.

- `DB_SET_RECNO`

Move the cursor to the specific numbered record of the database, and return the associated key/data pair. The **data** field of the specified **key** must be a pointer to a memory location from which a `db_recno_t` may be read, as described in [DBT](#). This memory location will be read to determine the record to be retrieved.

For `DB_SET_RECNO` to be specified, the underlying database must be of type Btree, and it must have been created with the [DB\\_RECNUM](#) flag.

In addition, the following flags may be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing them into the **flags** parameter:

- `DB_IGNORE_LEASE`

This flag is relevant only when using a replicated environment.

Return the data item irrespective of the state of master leases. The item will be returned under all conditions: if master leases are not configured, if the request is made to a client, if the request is made to a master with a valid lease, or if the request is made to a master without a valid lease.

- `DB_READ_COMMITTED`

Configure a transactional get operation to have degree 2 isolation (the read is not repeatable).

- `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED`

Database items read during a transactional call will have degree 1 isolation, including modified but not yet committed data. Silently ignored if the [DB\\_READ\\_UNCOMMITTED](#) flag was not specified when the underlying database was opened.

- `DB_MULTIPLE`

Return multiple data items in the **data** parameter.

In the case of Btree or Hash databases, duplicate data items for the current key, starting at the current cursor position, are entered into the buffer. Subsequent calls with both the `DB_NEXT_DUP` and `DB_MULTIPLE` flags specified will return additional duplicate data items associated with the current key or `DB_NOTFOUND` if there are no additional duplicate data items to return. Subsequent calls with both the `DB_NEXT` and `DB_MULTIPLE` flags specified will return additional duplicate data items associated with the current key or if there are no additional duplicate data items will return the next key and its data items or `DB_NOTFOUND` if there are no additional keys in the database.

In the case of Queue or Recno databases, data items starting at the current cursor position are entered into the buffer. The record number of the first record will be returned in the **key** parameter. The record number of each subsequent returned record must be calculated from this value. Subsequent calls with the `DB_MULTIPLE` flag specified will return additional data items or `DB_NOTFOUND` if there are no additional data items to return.

The buffer to which the **data** parameter refers must be provided from user memory (see [DB\\_DBT\\_USERMEM](#) ). The buffer must be at least as large as the page size of the underlying database, aligned for unsigned integer access, and be a multiple of 1024 bytes in size. If the buffer size is

insufficient, then upon return from the call the size field of the **data** parameter will have been set to an estimated buffer size, and the error `DB_BUFFER_SMALL` is returned. (The size is an estimate as the exact size needed may not be known until all entries are read. It is best to initially provide a relatively large buffer, but applications should be prepared to resize the buffer as necessary and repeatedly call the method.)

The multiple data items can be iterated over using the `DB_MULTIPLE_NEXT` macro.

The `DB_MULTIPLE` flag may only be used with the `DB_CURRENT`, `DB_FIRST`, `DB_GET_BOTH`, `DB_GET_BOTH_RANGE`, `DB_NEXT`, `DB_NEXT_DUP`, `DB_NEXT_NODUP`, `DB_SET`, `DB_SET_RANGE`, and `DB_SET_RECNO` options. The `DB_MULTIPLE` flag may not be used when accessing databases made into secondary indices using the `DB->associate()` method.

- `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY`

Return multiple key and data pairs in the **data** parameter.

Key and data pairs, starting at the current cursor position, are entered into the buffer. Subsequent calls with both the `DB_NEXT` and `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY` flags specified will return additional key and data pairs or `DB_NOTFOUND` if there are no additional key and data items to return.

In the case of Btree or Hash databases, the multiple key and data pairs can be iterated over using the `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_NEXT` macro.

In the case of Queue or Recno databases, the multiple record number and data pairs can be iterated over using the `DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_NEXT` macro.

The buffer to which the **data** parameter refers must be provided from user memory (see `DB_DBT_USERMEM`). The buffer must be at least as large as the page size of the underlying database, aligned for unsigned integer access, and be a multiple of 1024 bytes in size. If the buffer size is insufficient, then upon return from the call the size field of the **data** parameter will have been set to an estimated buffer size, and the error `DB_BUFFER_SMALL` is returned. (The size is an estimate as the exact size needed may not be known until all entries are read. It is best to initially provide a relatively large buffer, but applications should be prepared to resize the buffer as necessary and repeatedly call the method.)

The `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY` flag may only be used with the `DB_CURRENT`, `DB_FIRST`, `DB_GET_BOTH`, `DB_GET_BOTH_RANGE`, `DB_NEXT`, `DB_NEXT_DUP`, `DB_NEXT_NODUP`, `DB_SET`, `DB_SET_RANGE`, and `DB_SET_RECNO` options. The `DB_MULTIPLE_KEY` flag may not be used when accessing databases made into secondary indices using the `DB->associate()` method.

- `DB_RMW`

Acquire write locks instead of read locks when doing the read, if locking is configured. Setting this flag can eliminate deadlock during a read-modify-write cycle by acquiring the write lock during the read part of the cycle so that another thread of control acquiring a read lock for the same item, in its own read-modify-write cycle, will not result in deadlock.

## key

The key `DBT` operated on.

**pkey**

The secondary index key [DBT](#) operated on.

**Errors**

The `DBcursor->get()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**DB\_BUFFER\_SMALL**

The requested item could not be returned due to undersized buffer.

**DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

**DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

**DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

**DB\_REP\_LEASE\_EXPIRED**

The operation failed because the site's replication master lease has expired.

**DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

**DB\_SECONDARY\_BAD**

A secondary index references a nonexistent primary key.

**EINVAL**

If the `DB_CURRENT`, `DB_NEXT_DUP` or `DB_PREV_DUP` flags were specified and the cursor has not been initialized; the `DBcursor->pget()` method was called with a cursor that does not refer to a secondary index; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DBcursor](#)

## See Also

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->get\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->get_priority(DBC *DbCursor, DB_CACHE_PRIORITY *priorityp);
```

The `DBcursor->get_priority()` method returns the cache priority for pages referenced by the [DBcursor](#) handle.

The `DBcursor->get_priority()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DBcursor->get_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **priorityp**

The `DBcursor->get_priority()` method returns a reference to the cache priority for pages referenced by the [DBcursor](#) handle in **priorityp**.

### Class

[DBcursor](#)

### See Also

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->put()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->put(DBC *DBcursor, DBT *key, DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DBcursor->put()` method stores key/data pairs into the database.

Unless otherwise specified, the `DBcursor->put()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

If `DBcursor->put()` fails for any reason, the state of the cursor will be unchanged. If `DBcursor->put()` succeeds and an item is inserted into the database, the cursor is always positioned to refer to the newly inserted item.

### Parameters

#### data

The data [DBT](#) operated on.

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_AFTER`

In the case of the Btree and Hash access methods, insert the data element as a duplicate element of the key to which the cursor refers. The new element appears immediately after the current cursor position. It is an error to specify `DB_AFTER` if the underlying Btree or Hash database is not configured for unsorted duplicate data items. The **key** parameter is ignored.

In the case of the Recno access method, it is an error to specify `DB_AFTER` if the underlying Recno database was not created with the [DB\\_RENUMBER](#) flag. If the [DB\\_RENUMBER](#) flag was specified, a new key is created, all records after the inserted item are automatically renumbered, and the key of the new record is returned in the structure to which the **key** parameter refers. The initial value of the **key** parameter is ignored. See [DB->open\(\)](#) for more information.

The `DB_AFTER` flag may not be specified to the Queue access method.

The `DBcursor->put()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if the current cursor record has already been deleted and the underlying access method is Hash.

- `DB_BEFORE`

In the case of the Btree and Hash access methods, insert the data element as a duplicate element of the key to which the cursor refers. The new element appears immediately before the current cursor position. It is an error to specify `DB_AFTER` if the underlying Btree or Hash database is not configured for unsorted duplicate data items. The **key** parameter is ignored.

In the case of the Recno access method, it is an error to specify `DB_BEFORE` if the underlying Recno database was not created with the `DB_RENUMBER` flag. If the `DB_RENUMBER` flag was specified, a new key is created, the current record and all records after it are automatically renumbered, and the key of the new record is returned in the structure to which the `key` parameter refers. The initial value of the `key` parameter is ignored. See `DB->open()` for more information.

The `DB_BEFORE` flag may not be specified to the Queue access method.

The `DBcursor->put()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if the current cursor record has already been deleted and the underlying access method is Hash.

- `DB_CURRENT`

Overwrite the data of the key/data pair to which the cursor refers with the specified data item. The `key` parameter is ignored.

The `DBcursor->put()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if the current cursor record has already been deleted.

- `DB_KEYFIRST`

Insert the specified key/data pair into the database.

If the underlying database supports duplicate data items, and if the key already exists in the database and a duplicate sort function has been specified, the inserted data item is added in its sorted location. If the key already exists in the database and no duplicate sort function has been specified, the inserted data item is added as the first of the data items for that key.

- `DB_KEYLAST`

Insert the specified key/data pair into the database.

If the underlying database supports duplicate data items, and if the key already exists in the database and a duplicate sort function has been specified, the inserted data item is added in its sorted location. If the key already exists in the database, and no duplicate sort function has been specified, the inserted data item is added as the last of the data items for that key.

- `DB_NODUPDATA`

In the case of the Btree and Hash access methods, insert the specified key/data pair into the database, unless a key/data pair comparing equally to it already exists in the database. If a matching key/data pair already exists in the database, `DB_KEYEXIST` is returned. The `DB_NODUPDATA` flag may only be specified if the underlying database has been configured to support sorted duplicate data items.

The `DB_NODUPDATA` flag may not be specified to the Queue or Recno access methods.

## **key**

The key `DBT` operated on.

## Errors

The `DBcursor->put()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_KEYEXIST**

An attempt was made to insert a duplicate key into a database not configured for duplicate data.

### **DB\_FOREIGN\_CONFLICT**

A [foreign key constraint violation](#) has occurred. This can be caused by one of two things:

1. An attempt was made to add a record to a constrained database, and the key used for that record does not exist in the foreign key database.
2. [DB\\_FOREIGN\\_ABORT](#) (page 10) was declared for a foreign key database, and then subsequently a record was deleted from the foreign key database without first removing it from the constrained secondary database.

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **DB\_REP\_HANDLE\_DEAD**

When a client synchronizes with the master, it is possible for committed transactions to be rolled back. This invalidates all the database and cursor handles opened in the replication environment. Once this occurs, an attempt to use such a handle will return `DB_REP_HANDLE_DEAD`. The application will need to discard the handle and open a new one in order to continue processing.

### **DB\_REP\_LOCKOUT**

The operation was blocked by client/master synchronization.

### **EACCESS**

An attempt was made to modify a read-only database.

### **EINVAL**

If the `DB_AFTER`, `DB_BEFORE` or `DB_CURRENT` flags were specified and the cursor has not been initialized; the `DB_AFTER` or `DB_BEFORE` flags were specified and a duplicate sort function has been specified; the `DB_CURRENT` flag was specified, a duplicate sort function has been specified, and the data item of the referenced key/data pair does not compare equally to the `data` parameter; the `DB_AFTER` or `DB_BEFORE` flags were specified, and the underlying access method is `Queue`; an attempt was made to add a record to a fixed-length database that was too large to fit; an attempt was made to add a record to a secondary index; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**EPERM**

Write attempted on read-only cursor when the [DB\\_INIT\\_CDB](#) flag was specified to [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#).

**Class**

[DBcursor](#)

**See Also**

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

## DBcursor->set\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DBcursor->set_priority(DBC *DbCursor, DB_CACHE_PRIORITY priority);
```

Set the cache priority for pages referenced by the [DBcursor](#) handle.

The priority of a page biases the replacement algorithm to be more or less likely to discard a page when space is needed in the buffer pool. The bias is temporary, and pages will eventually be discarded if they are not referenced again. The `DBcursor->set_priority()` method is only advisory, and does not guarantee pages will be treated in a specific way.

The `DBcursor->set_priority()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DBcursor->set_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### priority

The `priority` parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_LOW`

The lowest priority: pages are the most likely to be discarded.

- `DB_PRIORITY_LOW`

The next lowest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_DEFAULT`

The default priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_HIGH`

The next highest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_HIGH`

The highest priority: pages are the least likely to be discarded.

### Class

[DBcursor](#)

### See Also

[Database Cursors and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 4. The DBT Handle

```
#include <db.h>

typedef struct {
    void *data;
    u_int32_t size;
    u_int32_t ulen;
    u_int32_t dlen;
    u_int32_t doff;
    u_int32_t flags;
} DBT;
```

Storage and retrieval for the [DB](#) access methods are based on key/data pairs. Both key and data items are represented by the DBT data structure. (The name DBT is a mnemonic for data base thang, and was used because no one could think of a reasonable name that wasn't already in use somewhere else.) Key and data byte strings may refer to strings of zero length up to strings of essentially unlimited length. See [Database limits](#) for more information.

All fields of the DBT structure that are not explicitly set should be initialized to nul bytes before the first time the structure is used. Do this by declaring the structure external or static, or by calling the C library routine `memset(3)`.

By default, the `flags` structure element is expected to be set to 0. In this default case, when the application is providing Berkeley DB a key or data item to store into the database, Berkeley DB expects the `data` structure element to point to a byte string of `size` bytes. When returning a key/data item to the application, Berkeley DB will store into the `data` structure element a pointer to a byte string of `size` bytes, and the memory to which the pointer refers will be allocated and managed by Berkeley DB. Note that using the default flags for returned DBTs is only compatible with single threaded usage of Berkeley DB.

The elements of the DBT structure are defined as follows:

- **void \*data;**

A pointer to a byte string.

- **u\_int32\_t size;**

The length of `data`, in bytes.

- **u\_int32\_t ulen;**

The size of the user's buffer (to which `data` refers), in bytes. This location is not written by the Berkeley DB functions.

Set the byte size of the user-specified buffer.

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Note that applications can determine the length of a record by setting the `ulen` field to 0 and checking the return value in the `size` field. See the `DB_DBT_USERMEM` flag for more information.

- **`u_int32_t dlen;`**

The length of the partial record being read or written by the application, in bytes. See the `DB_DBT_PARTIAL` flag for more information.

- **`u_int32_t doff;`**

The offset of the partial record being read or written by the application, in bytes. See the `DB_DBT_PARTIAL` flag for more information.

- **`u_int32_t flags;`**

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_DBT_MALLOC`

When this flag is set, Berkeley DB will allocate memory for the returned key or data item (using `malloc(3)`, or the user-specified `malloc` function), and return a pointer to it in the `data` field of the key or data `DBT` structure. Because any allocated memory becomes the responsibility of the calling application, the caller must determine whether memory was allocated using the returned value of the `data` field.

It is an error to specify more than one of `DB_DBT_MALLOC`, `DB_DBT_REALLOC`, and `DB_DBT_USERMEM`.

- `DB_DBT_REALLOC`

When this flag is set Berkeley DB will allocate memory for the returned key or data item (using `realloc(3)`, or the user-specified `realloc` function), and return a pointer to it in the `data` field of the key or data `DBT` structure. Because any allocated memory becomes the responsibility of the calling application, the caller must determine whether memory was allocated using the returned value of the `data` field.

The difference between `DB_DBT_MALLOC` and `DB_DBT_REALLOC` is that the latter will call `realloc(3)` instead of `malloc(3)`, so the allocated memory will be grown as necessary instead of the application doing repeated `free/malloc` calls.

It is an error to specify more than one of `DB_DBT_MALLOC`, `DB_DBT_REALLOC`, and `DB_DBT_USERMEM`.

- `DB_DBT_USERMEM`

The `data` field of the key or data structure must refer to memory that is at least `ulen` bytes in length. If the length of the requested item is less than or equal to that number of bytes, the item is copied into the memory to which the `data` field refers. Otherwise, the `size` field is set to the length needed for the requested item, and the error `DB_BUFFER_SMALL` is returned.

It is an error to specify more than one of `DB_DBT_MALLOC`, `DB_DBT_REALLOC`, and `DB_DBT_USERMEM`.

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- `DB_DBT_PARTIAL`

Do partial retrieval or storage of an item. If the calling application is doing a get, the **dlen** bytes starting **doff** bytes from the beginning of the retrieved data record are returned as if they comprised the entire record. If any or all of the specified bytes do not exist in the record, the get is successful, and any existing bytes are returned.

For example, if the data portion of a retrieved record was 100 bytes, and a partial retrieval was done using a DBT having a **dlen** field of 20 and a **doff** field of 85, the get call would succeed, the **data** field would refer to the last 15 bytes of the record, and the **size** field would be set to 15.

If the calling application is doing a put, the **dlen** bytes starting **doff** bytes from the beginning of the specified key's data record are replaced by the data specified by the **data** and **size** structure elements. If **dlen** is smaller than **size** the record will grow; if **dlen** is larger than **size** the record will shrink. If the specified bytes do not exist, the record will be extended using nul bytes as necessary, and the put call will succeed.

It is an error to attempt a partial put using the `DB->put()` method in a database that supports duplicate records. Partial puts in databases supporting duplicate records must be done using a `DBcursor->put()` method.

It is an error to attempt a partial put with differing **dlen** and **size** values in Queue or Recno databases with fixed-length records.

For example, if the data portion of a retrieved record was 100 bytes, and a partial put was done using a DBT having a **dlen** field of 20, a **doff** field of 85, and a **size** field of 30, the resulting record would be 115 bytes in length, where the last 30 bytes would be those specified by the put call.

- `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC`

After an application-supplied callback routine passed to either `DB->associate()` or `DB->set_append_recno()` is executed, the **data** field of a DBT may refer to memory allocated with `malloc(3)` or `realloc(3)`. In that case, the callback sets the `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC` flag in the DBT so that Berkeley DB will call `free(3)` to deallocate the memory when it is no longer required.

- `DB_DBT_MULTIPLE`

Set in a secondary key creation callback routine passed to `DB->associate()` to indicate that multiple secondary keys should be associated with the given primary key/data pair. If set, the **size** field indicates the number of secondary keys and the **data** field refers to an array of that number of DBT structures.

The `DB_DBT_APPMALLOC` flag may be set on any of the DBT structures to indicate that their **data** field needs to be freed.

## DBT and Bulk Operations

DBT and Bulk Operations	Description
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_INIT</a>	Initialize bulk get retrieval
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_NEXT</a>	Next bulk get retrieval
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_NEXT</a>	Next bulk get retrieval
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_NEXT</a>	Next bulk get retrieval
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_INIT</a>	Initialize a bulk buffer to hold key/data pairs
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_NEXT</a>	Append a data item to a bulk buffer
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_RESERVE_NEXT</a>	Reserve space for a data item in a bulk buffer
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_WRITE_NEXT</a>	Append a key / data pair to a bulk buffer
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_RESERVE_NEXT</a>	Reserve space for a key / data pair in a bulk buffer
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_INIT</a>	Initialize a bulk buffer to hold recno/data pairs
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_NEXT</a>	Append a record number / data pair to a bulk buffer
<a href="#">DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_RESERVE_NEXT</a>	Reserve space for a record number / data pair in a bulk buffer

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_INIT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_INIT(void *pointer, DBT *data);
```

If either of the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) or [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flags were specified to the [DB->get\(\)](#) or [DBcursor->get\(\)](#) methods, the data [DBT](#) returned by those interfaces will refer to a buffer that is filled with data. Access to that data is through the [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_\\*](#) macros.

This macro initializes a variable used for bulk retrieval.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable to be initialized.

#### **data**

The **data** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure returned from a successful call to [DB->get\(\)](#) or [DBcursor->get\(\)](#) for which one of the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) or [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flags were specified.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *data, void *retdata,
                 size_t retklen);
```

If either of the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) or [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flags were specified to the [DB->get\(\)](#) or [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) methods, the data [DBT](#) returned by those interfaces will refer to a buffer that is filled with data. Access to that data is through the [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_\\*](#) macros.

Returns the next [DBT](#) in the bulk retrieval set.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_INIT](#).

This parameter is set to NULL if there are no more key/data pairs in the returned set.

#### **data**

The **data** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure returned from a successful call to [DB->get\(\)](#) or [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) for which the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) flag was specified.

The **data** parameter must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_INIT](#).

#### **retdata**

The **retdata** is set to the next data element in the returned set.

#### **retklen**

The **retklen** parameter is set to the length, in bytes, of that data element. When used with the [Queue](#) and [Recno](#) access methods, **retdata** parameter will be set to NULL for deleted records.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_KEY\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *data,
    void *retkey, size_t retklen, void *retdata, size_t retklen);
```

If either of the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) or [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flags were specified to the [DB->get\(\)](#) or [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) methods, the data [DBT](#) returned by those interfaces will refer to a buffer that is filled with data. Access to that data is through the [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_\\*](#) macros.

Returns the next [DBT](#) in the bulk retrieval set. Use this macro with [DBT](#) structures obtained from a database that uses the Btree or Hash access methods.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_INIT](#).

This parameter is set to NULL if there are no more key/data pairs in the returned set.

#### **data**

The **data** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure returned from a successful call to [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) with the Btree or Hash access methods for which the [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flag was specified.

The **data** parameter must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_INIT](#).

#### **retkey**

The **retkey** parameter is set to the next key element in the returned set.

#### **retklen**

The **retklen** parameter is set to the length, in bytes, of the next key element.

#### **retdata**

The **retdata** parameter is set to the next data element in the returned set.

#### **retklen**

The **retklen** parameter is set to the length, in bytes, of the next data element.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_RECNO\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *data,
    db_recno_t recno, void *retdata, size_t retdlen);
```

If either of the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) or [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flags were specified to the [DB->get\(\)](#) or [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) methods, the data [DBT](#) returned by those interfaces will refer to a buffer that is filled with data. Access to that data is through the [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_\\*](#) macros.

Returns the next [DBT](#) in the bulk retrieval set. Use this macro with [DBT](#) structures obtained from a database that uses the [Queue](#) or [Recno](#) access methods.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_INIT](#).

This parameter is set to NULL if there are no more key/data pairs in the returned set.

#### **data**

The **data** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure returned from a successful call to [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) with the [Queue](#) or [Recno](#) access methods for which the [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flag was specified.

The **data** parameter must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_INIT](#).

#### **recno**

The **recno** parameter is set to the record number of the next record in the returned set.

#### **retdata**

The **retdata** parameter is set to the next data element in the returned set. Deleted records are not included in the results.

#### **retdlen**

The **retdlen** parameter is set to the length, in bytes, of the next data element.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_WRITE\_INIT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_INIT(void *pointer, DBT *data);
```

Initialize a DBT containing a bulk buffer for use with the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) or [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flags to the [DB->put\(\)](#) or [DB->del\(\)](#) methods.

This macro initializes an opaque pointer variable used for adding records to a bulk buffer. Use this macro for buffers that will contain either a data item per record (for use with [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#)), or key/data pairs, where the key is not a record number. For record number keys, use [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_RECNO\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is an opaque pointer variable to be initialized.

#### **data**

The **data** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure that has been initialized by the application with a buffer to hold multiple records. The **ulen** field must be set to the size of the buffer allocated by the application, and must be a multiple of 4.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_WRITE\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_WRITE_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *dbt, void *data,
    size_t dlen);
```

Appends a data item to the bulk buffer.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

This parameter is set to NULL if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **dbt**

The **dbt** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure initialized with [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

#### **data**

A pointer to the bytes to be copied into the bulk buffer.

#### **dlen**

The number of bytes to be copied.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_RESERVE\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_RESERVE_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *dbt,
    void *ddest, size_t dlen);
```

Reserves space for a data item in a bulk buffer.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

#### **ddest**

The **ddest** parameter is set to the location reserved in the bulk buffer for the data item.

This parameter is set to NULL if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **dlen**

The number of bytes to be reserved for the data item.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_KEY\_WRITE\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_WRITE_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *dbt,
    void *key, size_t klen, void *data, size_t dlen);
```

Appends a key / data pair to the bulk buffer.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

This parameter is set to NULL if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **dbt**

The **dbt** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure initialized with [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

#### **key**

A pointer to the bytes for the key to be copied into the bulk buffer.

#### **klen**

The number of bytes to be copied for the key.

#### **data**

A pointer to the bytes for the data item to be copied into the bulk buffer.

#### **dlen**

The number of bytes to be copied for the data item.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_KEY\_RESERVE\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_KEY_RESERVE_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *dbt,
    void *kdest, size_t klen, void *ddest, size_t dlen);
```

Reserves space for a key / data pair in a bulk buffer.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

#### **kdest**

The **kdest** parameter is set to the location reserved in the bulk buffer for the key.

This parameter is set to NULL if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **klen**

The number of bytes to be reserved for the key.

#### **ddest**

The **ddest** parameter is set to the location reserved in the bulk buffer for the data item.

This parameter is set to NULL if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **dlen**

The number of bytes to be reserved for the data item.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_RECNO\_WRITE\_INIT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_INIT(void *pointer, DBT *data);
```

Initialize a DBT containing a bulk buffer for use with the [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#) or [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_KEY](#) flags to the [DB->put\(\)](#) or [DB->del\(\)](#) methods, if the buffer will contain record number keys.

This macro initializes an opaque pointer variable used for adding records to a bulk buffer. Use this macro for buffers that will contain either a list of record numbers (for use with [DB\\_MULTIPLE](#)), or key/data pairs, where the key is a record number.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is an opaque pointer variable to be initialized.

#### **data**

The **data** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure that has been initialized by the application with a buffer to hold multiple records. The **ulen** field must be set to the size of the buffer allocated by the application, which must be a multiple of 4.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_RECNO\_WRITE\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_WRITE_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *data,
    db_recno_t recno, void *data, size_t dlen);
```

Appends a record number / data pair to the bulk buffer.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_RECNO\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

This parameter is set to NULL if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **dbt**

The **dbt** parameter is a [DBT](#) structure initialized with [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

#### **recno**

The record number to be copied into the bulk buffer.

#### **data**

A pointer to the bytes to be copied into the bulk buffer.

#### **dlen**

The number of bytes to be copied.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

## DB\_MULTIPLE\_RECNO\_RESERVE\_NEXT

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MULTIPLE_RECNO_RESERVE_NEXT(void *pointer, DBT *dbt, db_recno_t recno,
    void *ddest, size_t dlen);
```

Reserves space for a record number / data pair in a bulk buffer.

### Parameters

#### **pointer**

The **pointer** parameter is a variable that must have been initialized by a call to [DB\\_MULTIPLE\\_RECNO\\_WRITE\\_INIT](#).

#### **recno**

The record number to be copied into the bulk buffer.

This parameter is set to 0 if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **ddest**

The **ddest** parameter is set to the location reserved in the bulk buffer for the data item.

This parameter is set to NULL if the data item does not fit in the buffer.

#### **dlen**

The number of bytes to be reserved.

### Class

[DBT](#)

### See Also

[DBT and Bulk Operations](#)

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## Chapter 5. The DB\_ENV Handle

The `DB_ENV` object is the handle for a Berkeley DB environment – a collection including support for some or all of caching, locking, logging and transaction subsystems, as well as databases and log files. Methods of the `DB_ENV` handle are used to configure the environment as well as to operate on subsystems and databases in the environment.

`DB_ENV` handles are created using the `db_env_create` method, and are opened using the `DB_ENV->open()` method.

When you are done using your environment, close it using the `DB_ENV->close()` method. Before closing your environment, make sure all open database handles are closed first. See the `DB->close()` method for more information.

## Database Environments and Related Methods

Database Environment Operations	Description
DB->get_env()	Return the DB's underlying DB_ENV handle
DB_ENV->close()	Close an environment
db_env_create	Create an environment handle
DB_ENV->dbremove()	Remove a database
DB_ENV->dbrename()	Rename a database
DB_ENV->err()	Error message
DB_ENV->failchk()	Check for thread failure
DB_ENV->fileid_reset()	Reset database file IDs
DB_ENV->get_home()	Return environment's home directory
DB_ENV->get_open_flags()	Return flags with which the environment was opened
DB_ENV->lsn_reset()	Reset database file LSNs
DB_ENV->open()	Open an environment
DB_ENV->remove()	Remove an environment
DB_ENV->stat_print()	Environment statistics
db_strerror	Error strings
db_version	Return version information
<b>Environment Configuration</b>	
DB_ENV->add_data_dir()	add an environment data directory
DB_ENV->set_alloc()	Set local space allocation functions
DB_ENV->set_app_dispatch()	Configure application recovery callback
DB_ENV->set_data_dir(), DB_ENV->get_data_dirs()	Set/get the environment data directory
DB_ENV->set_create_dir(), DB_ENV->get_create_dir()	add an environment data directory
DB_ENV->set_encrypt(), DB_ENV->get_encrypt_flags()	Set/get the environment cryptographic key
DB_ENV->set_event_notify()	Set event notification callback
DB_ENV->set_errcall()	Set error message callbacks
DB_ENV->set_errfile(), DB_ENV->get_errfile()	Set/get error message FILE
DB_ENV->set_errpfx(), DB_ENV->get_errpfx()	Set/get error message prefix
DB_ENV->set_feedback()	Set feedback callback
DB_ENV->set_flags(), DB_ENV->get_flags()	Environment configuration
DB_ENV->set_intermediate_dir_mode(), DB_ENV->get_intermediate_dir_mode()	Set/get intermediate directory creation mode

Database Environment Operations	Description
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_isalive()</code>	Set thread is-alive callback
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_msgcall()</code>	Set informational message callback
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_msgfile()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_msgfile()</code>	Set/get informational message FILE
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_shm_key()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_shm_key()</code>	Set/get system memory shared segment ID
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_thread_count()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_thread_count()</code>	Set/get approximate thread count
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_thread_id()</code>	Set thread of control ID function
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_thread_id_string()</code>	Set thread of control ID format function
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_timeout()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_timeout()</code>	Set/get lock and transaction timeout
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_tmp_dir()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_tmp_dir()</code>	Set/get the environment temporary file directory
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_verbose()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_verbose()</code>	Set/get verbose messages
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_cachesize()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_cachesize()</code>	Set/get the environment cache size

## DB->get\_env()

```
#include <db.h>

DB_ENV *
DB->get_env(DB *db);
```

The `DB->get_env()` method returns the handle for the database environment underlying the database.

The `DB->get_env()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Database and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->add\_data\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->add_data_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *dir);
```

Add the path of a directory to be used as the location of the access method database files. Paths specified to the [DB->open\(\)](#) function will be searched relative to this path. Paths set using this method are additive, and specifying more than one will result in each specified directory being searched for database files.

If no database directories are specified, database files must be named either by absolute paths or relative to the environment home directory. See Berkeley DB File Naming for more information.

The database environment's data directories may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "add\_data\_dir", one or more whitespace characters, and the directory name.

The `DB_ENV->add_data_dir()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->add_data_dir()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->add_data_dir()` must be consistent with the existing environment or corruption can occur.

The `DB_ENV->add_data_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dir**

The `dir` parameter is a directory to be used as a location for database files.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), this argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->add_data_dir()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->close()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->close(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->close()` method closes the Berkeley DB environment, freeing any allocated resources and closing any underlying subsystems.

The `DB_ENV` handle should not be closed while any other handle that refers to it is not yet closed; for example, database environment handles must not be closed while database handles remain open, or transactions in the environment have not yet been committed or aborted. Specifically, this includes the `DB`, `DBCursor`, `DB_TXN`, `DB_LOGC` and `DB_MPOOLFILE` handles.

Where the environment was initialized with the `DB_INIT_LOCK` flag, calling `DB_ENV->close()` does not release any locks still held by the closing process, providing functionality for long-lived locks. Processes that want to have all their locks released can do so by issuing the appropriate `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` call.

Where the environment was initialized with the `DB_INIT_MPOOL` flag, calling `DB_ENV->close()` implies calls to `DB_MPOOLFILE->close()` for any remaining open files in the memory pool that were returned to this process by calls to `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()`. It does not imply a call to `DB_MPOOLFILE->sync()` for those files.

Where the environment was initialized with the `DB_INIT_TXN` flag, calling `DB_ENV->close()` aborts any unresolved transactions. Applications should not depend on this behavior for transactions involving Berkeley DB databases; all such transactions should be explicitly resolved. The problem with depending on this semantic is that aborting an unresolved transaction involving database operations requires a database handle. Because the database handles should have been closed before calling `DB_ENV->close()`, it will not be possible to abort the transaction, and recovery will have to be run on the Berkeley DB environment before further operations are done.

Where log cursors were created using the `DB_ENV->log_cursor()` method, calling `DB_ENV->close()` does not imply closing those cursors.

In multithreaded applications, only a single thread may call the `DB_ENV->close()` method.

After `DB_ENV->close()` has been called, regardless of its return, the Berkeley DB environment handle may not be accessed again.

The `DB_ENV->close()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## db\_env\_create

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_create(DB_ENV **dbenvp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `db_env_create()` function creates a `DB_ENV` structure that is the handle for a Berkeley DB environment. This function allocates memory for the structure, returning a pointer to the structure in the memory to which `dbenvp` refers. To release the allocated memory and discard the handle, call the `DB_ENV->close()` or `DB_ENV->remove()` methods.

`DB_ENV` handles are free-threaded if the `DB_THREAD` flag is specified to the `DB_ENV->open()` method when the environment is opened. The `DB_ENV` handle should not be closed while any other handle remains open that is using it as a reference (for example, `DB` or `DB_TXN`). Once either the `DB_ENV->close()` or `DB_ENV->remove()` methods are called, the handle may not be accessed again, regardless of the method's return.

Before the handle may be used, you must open it using the `DB_ENV->open()` method.

The `DB_ENV` handle contains a special field, `app_private`, which is declared as type `void *`. This field is provided for the use of the application program. It is initialized to `NULL` and is not further used by Berkeley DB in any way.

The `db_env_create()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->dbremove()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->dbremove(DB_ENV *dbenv, DB_TXN *txnid,
    const char *file, const char *database, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->dbremove()` method removes the database specified by the **file** and **database** parameters. If no **database** is specified, the underlying file represented by **file** is removed, incidentally removing all of the databases it contained.

Applications should never remove databases with open [DB](#) handles, or in the case of removing a file, when any database in the file has an open handle.

The `DB_ENV->dbremove()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

`DB_ENV->dbremove()` is affected by any database directory specified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_data\\_dir\(\)](#) method, or by setting the `set_data_dir` string in the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file.

## Parameters

### database

The **database** parameter is the database to be removed.

### file

The **file** parameter is the physical file which contains the database(s) to be removed.

### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_begin\(\)](#); if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the **txnid** parameter is a handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->cmsgroup\\_begin\(\)](#); otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the `DB_AUTO_COMMIT` flag is specified to either this method or the environment handle, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_AUTO_COMMIT`

Enclose the `DB_ENV->dbremove()` call within a transaction. If the call succeeds, changes made by the operation will be recoverable. If the call fails, the operation will have made no changes.

## Environment Variables

The environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database environment home.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->dbremove()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called before `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### **ENOENT**

The file or directory does not exist.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->dbrename()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->dbrename(DB_ENV *dbenv, DB_TXN *txnid, const char *file,
                const char *database, const char *newname, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->dbrename()` method renames the database specified by the **file** and **database** parameters to **newname**. If no **database** is specified, the underlying file represented by **file** is renamed using the value supplied to **newname**, incidentally renaming all of the databases it contained.

Applications should not rename databases that are currently in use. If an underlying file is being renamed and logging is currently enabled in the database environment, no database in the file may be open when the `DB_ENV->dbrename()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->dbrename()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

`DB_ENV->dbrename()` is affected by any database directory specified using the `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` method, or by setting the `set_data_dir` string in the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file.

## Parameters

### database

The **database** parameter is the database to be renamed.

### file

The **file** parameter is the physical file which contains the database(s) to be renamed.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the **file** argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_AUTO_COMMIT`

Enclose the `DB_ENV->dbrename()` call within a transaction. If the call succeeds, changes made by the operation will be recoverable. If the call fails, the operation will have made no changes.

### newname

The **newname** parameter is the new name of the database or file.

### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data

Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the `DB_AUTO_COMMIT` flag is specified to either this method or the environment handle, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

## Environment Variables

The environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database environment home.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->dbrename()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called before `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### **ENOENT**

The file or directory does not exist.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->err()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->err(DB_ENV *dbenv, int error, const char *fmt, ...);

void
DB_ENV->errx(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *fmt, ...);
```

The `DB_ENV->err()`, `DB_ENV->errx()`, `DB->err()` and `DB->errx()` methods provide error-messaging functionality for applications written using the Berkeley DB library.

The `DB->err()` and `DB_ENV->err()` methods constructs an error message consisting of the following elements:

- **An optional prefix string**

If no error callback function has been set using the `DB_ENV->set_errcall()` method, any prefix string specified using the `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()` method, followed by two separating characters: a colon and a <space> character.

- **An optional printf-style message**

The supplied message `fmt`, if non-NULL, in which the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) printf function specifies how subsequent parameters are converted for output.

- **A separator**

Two separating characters: a colon and a <space> character.

- **A standard error string**

The standard system or Berkeley DB library error string associated with the `error` value, as returned by the `db_strerror` method.

This constructed error message is then handled as follows:

- If an error callback function has been set (see `DB->set_errcall()` and `DB_ENV->set_errcall()`), that function is called with two parameters: any prefix string specified (see `DB->set_errpfx()` and `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()`) and the error message.
- If a C library FILE \* has been set (see `DB->set_errfile()` and `DB_ENV->set_errfile()`), the error message is written to that output stream.
- If none of these output options have been configured, the error message is written to `stderr`, the standard error output stream.

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## Parameters

### **error**

The **error** parameter is the error value for which the `DB_ENV->err()` and `DB->err()` methods will display a explanatory string.

### **fmt**

The **fmt** parameter is an optional printf-style message to display.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->failchk()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->failchk(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->failchk()` method checks for threads of control (either a true thread or a process) that have exited while manipulating Berkeley DB library data structures, while holding a logical database lock, or with an unresolved transaction (that is, a transaction that was never aborted or committed). For more information, see *Architecting Data Store and Concurrent Data Store applications*, and *Architecting Transactional Data Store applications*, both in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide*.

The `DB_ENV->failchk()` method is based on the `thread_id` and `is_alive` functions specified to the `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` and `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` methods. Applications calling the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method must have already called the `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method, on the same `DB_ENV`, and must have configured their database environment using the `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` method.

If `DB_ENV->failchk()` determines a thread of control exited while holding database read locks, it will release those locks. If `DB_ENV->failchk()` determines a thread of control exited with an unresolved transaction, the transaction will be aborted. In either of these cases, `DB_ENV->failchk()` will return 0 and the application may continue to use the database environment.

In either of these cases, the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method will also report the process and thread IDs associated with any released locks or aborted transactions. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgfile()` method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgcall()` method for more information).

If `DB_ENV->failchk()` determines a thread of control has exited such that database environment recovery is required, it will return `DB_RUNRECOVERY`. In this case, the application should not continue to use the database environment. For a further description as to the actions the application should take when this failure occurs, see *Handling failure in Data Store and Concurrent Data Store applications*, and *Handling failure in Transactional Data Store applications*, both in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide*.

In multiprocess applications, it is recommended that the `DB_ENV` handle used to invoke the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method not be shared and therefore not *free-threaded*.

The `DB_ENV->failchk()` method may not be called by the application before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->failchk()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->failchk()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->fileid\_reset()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->fileid_reset(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *file, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->fileid_reset()` method allows database files to be copied, and then the copy used in the same database environment as the original.

All databases contain an ID string used to identify the database in the database environment cache. If a physical database file is copied, and used in the same environment as another file with the same ID strings, corruption can occur. The `DB_ENV->fileid_reset()` method creates new ID strings for all of the databases in the physical file.

The `DB_ENV->fileid_reset()` method modifies the physical file, in-place. Applications should not reset IDs in files that are currently in use.

The `DB_ENV->fileid_reset()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->fileid_reset()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### file

The name of the physical file in which new file IDs are to be created.

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_ENCRYPT`

The file contains encrypted databases.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->fileid_reset()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_create\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_create_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char **dirp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_create_dir()` method returns a pointer to the name of the directory to create databases in.

The `DB_ENV->get_create_dir()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_create_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dirp**

The `DB_ENV->get_create_dir()` method returns a pointer to the name of the directory in **dirp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_data\_dirs()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_data_dirs(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char ***dirpp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_data_dirs()` method returns the NULL-terminated array of directories.

The `DB_ENV->get_data_dirs()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_data_dirs()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dirpp**

The `DB_ENV->get_data_dirs()` method returns a reference to the NULL-terminated array of directories in `dirpp`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_encrypt\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_encrypt_flags(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_encrypt_flags()` method returns the encryption flags.

The `DB_ENV->get_encrypt_flags()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_encrypt_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB_ENV->get_encrypt_flags()` method returns the encryption flags in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_errfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->get_errfile(DB_ENV *dbenv, FILE **errfilep);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_errfile()` method returns the `FILE *` used for displaying additional Berkeley DB error messages. This C library is set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errfile\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_errfile()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **errfilep**

The `DB_ENV->get_errfile()` method returns the `FILE *` in `errfilep`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_errpfx()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->get_errpfx(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char **errpfx);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_errpfx()` method returns the error prefix that appears before error messages issued by Berkeley DB. This error prefix is set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_errpfx()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **errpfxp**

The `DB_ENV->get_errpfx()` method returns a reference to the error prefix in **errpfxp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_flags(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_flags()` method returns the configuration flags set for a [DB\\_ENV](#) handle. These flags are set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_flags\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_flags()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB_ENV->get_flags()` method returns the configuration flags in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_home()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_home(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char **homep);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_home()` method returns the database environment home directory. This directory is normally identified when the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->get_home()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_home()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_intermediate\_dir\_mode()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_intermediate_dir_mode(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char **modep);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_intermediate_dir_mode()` method returns the intermediate directory permissions.

Intermediate directories are directories needed for recovery. Normally, Berkeley DB does not create these directories and will do so only if the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_intermediate\\_dir\\_mode\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->get_intermediate_dir_mode()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_intermediate_dir_mode()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **modep**

The `DB_ENV->get_intermediate_dir_mode()` method returns a reference to the intermediate directory permissions in **modep**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_msgfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->get_msgfile(DB_ENV *dbenv, FILE **msgfilep);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_msgfile()` method returns the `FILE *` used for displaying messages. This is set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_msgfile()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **msgfilep**

The `DB_ENV->get_msgfile()` method returns the `FILE *` in `msgfilep`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_open\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_open_flags(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_open_flags()` method returns the open method flags originally used to create the database environment.

The `DB_ENV->get_open_flags()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->get_open_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB_ENV->get_open_flags()` method returns the open method flags originally used to create the database environment in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_shm\_key()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_shm_key(DB_ENV *dbenv, long *shm_keyp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_shm_key()` method returns the base segment ID. This is used for Berkeley DB environment shared memory regions created in system memory on VxWorks or systems supporting X/Open-style shared memory interfaces. It may be specified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_shm\\_key\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_shm_key()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_shm_key()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **shm\_keyp**

The `DB_ENV->get_shm_key()` method returns the base segment ID in `shm_keyp`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_shm\\_key\(\)](#)

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## DB\_ENV->get\_thread\_count()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_thread_count(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *countp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_thread_count()` method returns the thread count as set by the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_thread\\_count\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_thread_count()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_thread_count()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **countp**

The `DB_ENV->get_thread_count()` method returns the thread count in **countp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_thread\\_count\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_timeout()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_timeout(DB_ENV *dbenv, db_timeout_t *timeoutp,
    u_int32_t flag);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_timeout()` method returns a value, in microseconds, representing either lock or transaction timeouts. These values are set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_timeout\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_timeout()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_timeout()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flag

The **flags** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_SET_LOCK_TIMEOUT`

Return the timeout value for locks in this database environment.

- `DB_SET_TXN_TIMEOUT`

Return the timeout value for transactions in this database environment.

#### timeoutp

The **timeoutp** parameter references memory into which the timeout value of the specified **flag** parameter is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_timeout\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_tmp\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_tmp_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char **dirp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_tmp_dir()` method returns the database environment temporary file directory.

The `DB_ENV->get_tmp_dir()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_tmp_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dirp**

The `DB_ENV->get_tmp_dir()` method returns a reference to the database environment temporary file directory in **dirp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tmp\\_dir\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_verbose()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_verbose(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t which, int *onoffp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_verbose()` method returns whether the specified **which** parameter is currently set or not. These parameters are set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_verbose\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_verbose()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_verbose()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **which**

The **which** parameter is the message value for which configuration is being checked. Must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_VERB_DEADLOCK`  
Display additional information when doing deadlock detection.
- `DB_VERB_FILEOPS`  
Display additional information when performing filesystem operations such as open, close or rename. May not be available on all platforms.
- `DB_VERB_FILEOPS_ALL`  
Display additional information when performing all filesystem operations, including read and write. May not be available on all platforms.
- `DB_VERB_RECOVERY`  
Display additional information when performing recovery.
- `DB_VERB_REGISTER`  
Display additional information concerning support for the [DB\\_REGISTER](#) flag to the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.
- `DB_VERB_REPLICATION`  
Display all detailed information about replication. This includes the information displayed by all of the other `DB_VERB_REP_*` and `DB_VERB_REPMGR_*` values.
- `DB_VERB_REP Elect`  
Display detailed information about replication elections.

- DB\_VERB\_REP\_LEASE  
Display detailed information about replication master leases.
- DB\_VERB\_REP\_MISC  
Display detailed information about general replication processing not covered by the other DB\_VERB\_REP\_\* values.
- DB\_VERB\_REP\_MSGS  
Display detailed information about replication message processing.
- DB\_VERB\_REP\_SYNC  
Display detailed information about replication client synchronization.
- DB\_VERB\_REPMGR\_CONNFAIL  
Display detailed information about Replication Manager connection failures.
- DB\_VERB\_REPMGR\_MISC  
Display detailed information about general Replication Manager processing.
- DB\_VERB\_WAITSFOR  
Display the waits-for table when doing deadlock detection.

**onoffp**

The **onoffp** parameter references memory into which the configuration of the specified **which** parameter is copied.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lsn\_reset()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lsn_reset(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *file, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->lsn_reset()` method allows database files to be moved from one transactional database environment to another.

Database pages in transactional database environments contain references to the environment's log files (that is, log sequence numbers, or LSNs). Copying or moving a database file from one database environment to another, and then modifying it, can result in data corruption if the LSNs are not first cleared.

Note that LSNs should be reset before moving or copying the database file into a new database environment, rather than moving or copying the database file and then resetting the LSNs. Berkeley DB has consistency checks that may be triggered if an application calls `DB_ENV->lsn_reset()` on a database in a new environment when the database LSNs still reflect the old environment.

The `DB_ENV->lsn_reset()` method modifies the physical file, in-place. Applications should not reset LSNs in files that are currently in use.

The `DB_ENV->lsn_reset()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->lsn_reset()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### file

The name of the physical file in which the LSNs are to be cleared.

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_ENCRYPT`

The file contains encrypted databases.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->lsn_reset()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->open()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->open(DB_ENV *dbenv, char *db_home, u_int32_t flags, int mode);
```

The `DB_ENV->open()` method opens a Berkeley DB environment. It provides a structure for creating a consistent environment for processes using one or more of the features of Berkeley DB.

The `DB_ENV->open()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success. If `DB_ENV->open()` fails, the `DB_ENV->close()` method must be called to discard the `DB_ENV` handle.

### Parameters

#### **db\_home**

The `db_home` parameter is the database environment's home directory. For more information on `db_home`, and filename resolution in general, see Berkeley DB File Naming. The environment variable `DB_HOME` may be used as the path of the database home, as described in Berkeley DB File Naming.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the `db_home` argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter specifies the subsystems that are initialized and how the application's environment affects Berkeley DB file naming, among other things. The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively OR'ing together one or more of the values described in this section.

Because there are a large number of flags that can be specified, they have been grouped together by functionality. The first group of flags indicates which of the Berkeley DB subsystems should be initialized.

The choice of subsystems initialized for a Berkeley DB database environment is specified by the thread of control initially creating the environment. Any subsequent thread of control joining the environment will automatically be configured to use the same subsystems as were created in the environment (unless the thread of control requests a subsystem not available in the environment, which will fail). Applications joining an environment, able to adapt to whatever subsystems have been configured in the environment, should open the environment without specifying any subsystem flags. Applications joining an environment, requiring specific subsystems from their environments, should open the environment specifying those specific subsystem flags.

- `DB_INIT_CDB`

Initialize locking for the Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store product. In this mode, Berkeley DB provides multiple reader/single writer access. The only other subsystem that should be specified with the `DB_INIT_CDB` flag is `DB_INIT_MPOOL`.

- `DB_INIT_LOCK`

Initialize the locking subsystem. This subsystem should be used when multiple processes or threads are going to be reading and writing a Berkeley DB database, so that they do not interfere with each other. If all threads are accessing the database(s) read-only, locking is unnecessary. When the `DB_INIT_LOCK` flag is specified, it is usually necessary to run a deadlock detector, as well. See [db\\_deadlock](#) and [DB\\_ENV->lock\\_detect\(\)](#) for more information.

- `DB_INIT_LOG`

Initialize the logging subsystem. This subsystem should be used when recovery from application or system failure is necessary. If the log region is being created and log files are already present, the log files are reviewed; subsequent log writes are appended to the end of the log, rather than overwriting current log entries.

- `DB_INIT_MPOOL`

Initialize the shared memory buffer pool subsystem. This subsystem should be used whenever an application is using any Berkeley DB access method.

- `DB_INIT_REP`

Initialize the replication subsystem. This subsystem should be used whenever an application plans on using replication. The `DB_INIT_REP` flag requires the `DB_INIT_TXN` and `DB_INIT_LOCK` flags also be configured.

- `DB_INIT_TXN`

Initialize the transaction subsystem. This subsystem should be used when recovery and atomicity of multiple operations are important. The `DB_INIT_TXN` flag implies the `DB_INIT_LOG` flag.

The second group of flags govern what recovery, if any, is performed when the environment is initialized:

- `DB_RECOVER`

Run normal recovery on this environment before opening it for normal use. If this flag is set, the `DB_CREATE` and `DB_INIT_TXN` flags must also be set, because the regions will be removed and re-created, and transactions are required for application recovery.

- `DB_RECOVER_FATAL`

Run catastrophic recovery on this environment before opening it for normal use. If this flag is set, the `DB_CREATE` and `DB_INIT_TXN` flags must also be set, because the regions will be removed and re-created, and transactions are required for application recovery.

A standard part of the recovery process is to remove the existing Berkeley DB environment and create a new one in which to perform recovery. If the thread of control performing recovery does not specify the correct region initialization information (for example, the correct memory pool cache size), the result can be an application running in an environment with incorrect cache and other subsystem sizes. For this reason, the thread of control performing recovery should specify correct configuration information before calling the `DB_ENV->open()` method; or it should remove the environment after recovery is completed, leaving creation of the correctly sized environment to a subsequent call to the `DB_ENV->open()` method.

All Berkeley DB recovery processing must be single-threaded; that is, only a single thread of control may perform recovery or access a Berkeley DB environment while recovery is being performed. Because it is not an error to specify `DB_RECOVER` for an environment for which no recovery is required, it is reasonable programming practice for the thread of control responsible for performing recovery and creating the environment to always specify the `DB_CREATE` and `DB_RECOVER` flags during startup.

The third group of flags govern file-naming extensions in the environment:

- `DB_USE_ENVIRON`

The Berkeley DB process' environment may be permitted to specify information to be used when naming files; see Berkeley DB File Naming. Because permitting users to specify which files are used can create security problems, environment information will be used in file naming for all users only if the `DB_USE_ENVIRON` flag is set.

- `DB_USE_ENVIRON_ROOT`

The Berkeley DB process' environment may be permitted to specify information to be used when naming files; see Berkeley DB File Naming. Because permitting users to specify which files are used can create security problems, if the `DB_USE_ENVIRON_ROOT` flag is set, environment information will be used in file naming only for users with appropriate permissions (for example, users with a user-ID of 0 on UNIX systems).

Finally, there are a few additional unrelated flags:

- `DB_CREATE`

Cause Berkeley DB subsystems to create any underlying files, as necessary.

- `DB_LOCKDOWN`

Lock shared Berkeley DB environment files and memory-mapped databases into memory.

- `DB_FAILCHK`

Internally call the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method as part of opening the environment. When `DB_FAILCHK` is specified, a check is made to ensure all `DB_ENV->failchk()` prerequisites are met.

If the `DB_FAILCHK` flag is used in conjunction with the `DB_REGISTER` flag, then a check will be made to see if the environment needs recovery. If recovery is needed, a call will be made to the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method to release any database reads locks held by the thread of control that exited and, if needed, to abort the unresolved transaction. If `DB_ENV->failchk()` determines environment recovery is still required, the recovery actions for `DB_REGISTER` will be followed.

If the `DB_FAILCHK` flag is not used in conjunction with the `DB_REGISTER` flag, then make an internal call to `DB_ENV->failchk()` as the last step of opening the environment. If `DB_ENV->failchk()` determines database environment recovery is required, `DB_RUNRECOVERY` will be returned.

- `DB_PRIVATE`

Allocate region memory from the heap instead of from memory backed by the filesystem or system shared memory.

This flag implies the environment will only be accessed by a single process (although that process may be multithreaded). This flag has two effects on the Berkeley DB environment. First, all underlying data structures are allocated from per-process memory instead of from shared memory that is accessible to more than a single process. Second, mutexes are only configured to work between threads.

This flag should not be specified if more than a single process is accessing the environment because it is likely to cause database corruption and unpredictable behavior. For example, if both a server application and Berkeley DB utilities (for example, [db\\_archive](#), [db\\_checkpoint](#) or [db\\_stat](#)) are expected to access the environment, the `DB_PRIVATE` flag should not be specified.

See Shared Memory Regions for more information.

- `DB_REGISTER`

Check to see if recovery needs to be performed before opening the database environment. (For this check to be accurate, all processes using the environment must specify `DB_REGISTER` when opening the environment.) If recovery needs to be performed for any reason (including the initial use of the `DB_REGISTER` flag), and `DB_RECOVER` is also specified, recovery will be performed and the open will proceed normally. If recovery needs to be performed and `DB_RECOVER` is not specified, `DB_RUNRECOVERY` will be returned. If recovery does not need to be performed, the `DB_RECOVER` flag will be ignored. See Architecting Transactional Data Store applications for more information.

- `DB_SYSTEM_MEM`

Allocate region memory from system shared memory instead of from heap memory or memory backed by the filesystem.

See Shared Memory Regions for more information.

- `DB_THREAD`

Cause the `DB_ENV` handle returned by `DB_ENV->open()` to be *free-threaded*; that is, concurrently usable by multiple threads in the address space. The `DB_THREAD` flag should be specified if the `DB_ENV` handle will be concurrently used by more than one thread in the process, or if any `DB` handles opened in the scope of the `DB_ENV` handle will be concurrently used by more than one thread in the process.

This flag is required when using the Replication Manager.

## mode

On Windows systems, the mode parameter is ignored.

On UNIX systems or in IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environments, files created by Berkeley DB are created with mode `mode` (as described in `chmod(2)`) and modified by the process' `umask` value at the time of creation (see `umask(2)`). Created files are owned by the process owner; the group ownership of created files is based on the system and directory defaults, and is not further specified by Berkeley

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DB. System shared memory segments created by Berkeley DB are created with mode **mode**, unmodified by the process' umask value. If **mode** is 0, Berkeley DB will use a default mode of readable and writable by both owner and group.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->open()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_RUNRECOVERY**

Either the `DB_REGISTER` flag was specified, a failure occurred, and no recovery flag was specified, or the `DB_FAILCHK` flag was specified and recovery was deemed necessary.

### **DB\_VERSION\_MISMATCH**

The version of the Berkeley DB library doesn't match the version that created the database environment.

### **EAGAIN**

The shared memory region was locked and (repeatedly) unavailable.

### **EINVAL**

If the `DB_THREAD` flag was specified and fast mutexes are not available for this architecture; The `DB_HOME` or `TMPDIR` environment variables were set, but empty; An incorrectly formatted **NAME VALUE** entry or line was found; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### **ENOSPC**

HP-UX only: Due to the constraints of the PA-RISC memory architecture, HP-UX does not allow a process to map a file into its address space multiple times. For this reason, each Berkeley DB environment may be opened only once by a process on HP-UX; that is, calls to `DB_ENV->open()` will fail if the specified Berkeley DB environment has been opened and not subsequently closed.

### **ENOENT**

The file or directory does not exist.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->remove()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->remove(DB_ENV *dbenv, char *db_home, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->remove()` method destroys a Berkeley DB environment if it is not currently in use. The environment regions, including any backing files, are removed. Any log or database files and the environment directory are not removed.

If there are processes that have called `DB_ENV->open()` without calling `DB_ENV->close()` (that is, there are processes currently using the environment), `DB_ENV->remove()` will fail without further action unless the `DB_FORCE` flag is set, in which case `DB_ENV->remove()` will attempt to remove the environment, regardless of any processes still using it.

The result of attempting to forcibly destroy the environment when it is in use is unspecified. Processes using an environment often maintain open file descriptors for shared regions within it. On UNIX systems, the environment removal will usually succeed, and processes that have already joined the region will continue to run in that region without change. However, processes attempting to join the environment will either fail or create new regions. On other systems in which the `unlink(2)` system call will fail if any process has an open file descriptor for the file (for example Windows/NT), the region removal will fail.

Calling `DB_ENV->remove()` should not be necessary for most applications because the Berkeley DB environment is cleaned up as part of normal database recovery procedures. However, applications may want to call `DB_ENV->remove()` as part of application shut down to free up system resources. For example, if the `DB_SYSTEM_MEM` flag was specified to `DB_ENV->open()`, it may be useful to call `DB_ENV->remove()` in order to release system shared memory segments that have been allocated. Or, on architectures in which mutexes require allocation of underlying system resources, it may be useful to call `DB_ENV->remove()` in order to release those resources. Alternatively, if recovery is not required because no database state is maintained across failures, and no system resources need to be released, it is possible to clean up an environment by simply removing all the Berkeley DB files in the database environment's directories.

In multithreaded applications, only a single thread may call the `DB_ENV->remove()` method.

A `DB_ENV` handle that has already been used to open an environment should not be used to call the `DB_ENV->remove()` method; a new `DB_ENV` handle should be created for that purpose.

After `DB_ENV->remove()` has been called, regardless of its return, the Berkeley DB environment handle may not be accessed again.

The `DB_ENV->remove()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **db\_home**

The `db_home` parameter names the database environment to be removed.

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When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the `db_home` argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

## flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_FORCE`

If set, the environment is removed, regardless of any processes that may still using it, and no locks are acquired during this process. (Generally, this flag is specified only when applications were unable to shut down cleanly, and there is a risk that an application may have died holding a Berkeley DB lock.)

- `DB_USE_ENVIRON`

The Berkeley DB process' environment may be permitted to specify information to be used when naming files; see Berkeley DB File Naming. Because permitting users to specify which files are used can create security problems, environment information will be used in file naming for all users only if the `DB_USE_ENVIRON` flag is set.

- `DB_USE_ENVIRON_ROOT`

The Berkeley DB process' environment may be permitted to specify information to be used when naming files; see Berkeley DB File Naming. Because permitting users to specify which files are used can create security problems, if the `DB_USE_ENVIRON_ROOT` flag is set, environment information will be used in file naming only for users with appropriate permissions (for example, users with a user-ID of 0 on UNIX systems).

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->remove()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EBUSY**

The shared memory region was in use and the force flag was not set.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_alloc()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_alloc(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    void *(*app_malloc)(size_t),
    void *(*app_realloc)(void *, size_t),
    void (*app_free)(void *));
```

Set the allocation functions used by the [DB\\_ENV](#) and [DB](#) methods to allocate or free memory owned by the application.

There are a number of interfaces in Berkeley DB where memory is allocated by the library and then given to the application. For example, the [DB\\_DBT\\_MALLOC](#) flag, when specified in the [DBT](#) object, will cause the [DB](#) methods to allocate and reallocate memory which then becomes the responsibility of the calling application. Other examples are the Berkeley DB interfaces which return statistical information to the application: [DB->stat\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->lock\\_stat\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->log\\_archive\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->log\\_stat\(\)](#), [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_stat\(\)](#), and [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_stat\(\)](#). There is one method in Berkeley DB where memory is allocated by the application and then given to the library: the callback specified to [DB->associate\(\)](#).

On systems in which there may be multiple library versions of the standard allocation routines (notably Windows NT), transferring memory between the library and the application will fail because the Berkeley DB library allocates memory from a different heap than the application uses to free it. To avoid this problem, the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) and [DB->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) methods can be used to pass Berkeley DB references to the application's allocation routines.

It is not an error to specify only one or two of the possible allocation function parameters to these interfaces; however, in that case the specified interfaces must be compatible with the standard library interfaces, as they will be used together. The functions specified must match the calling conventions of the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) library routines of the same name.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **app\_malloc**

The [app\\_malloc](#) parameter is the application-specified malloc function.

#### **app\_realloc**

The [app\\_realloc](#) parameter is the application-specified realloc function.

**app\_free**

The **app\_free** parameter is the application-specified free function.

**Errors**

The `DB_ENV->set_alloc()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_app\_dispatch()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_app_dispatch(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    int (*tx_recover)(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    DBT *log_rec, DB_LSN *lsn, db_recops op));
```

Declare a function to be called during transaction abort and recovery to process application-specific log records.

The `DB_ENV->set_app_dispatch()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_app_dispatch()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called. If the database environment already exists when `DB_ENV->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_app_dispatch()` must be consistent with the existing environment or corruption can occur.

The `DB_ENV->set_app_dispatch()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### `tx_recover`

The `tx_recover` parameter is the application's abort and recovery function. The function takes four parameters:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment handle.

- `log_rec`

The `log_rec` parameter is a log record.

- `lsn`

The `lsn` parameter is a log sequence number.

- `op`

The `op` parameter is one of the following values:

- `DB_TXN_BACKWARD_ROLL`

The log is being read backward to determine which transactions have been committed and to abort those operations that were not; undo the operation described by the log record.

- `DB_TXN_FORWARD_ROLL`

The log is being played forward; redo the operation described by the log record.

- DB\_TXN\_ABORT

The log is being read backward during a transaction abort; undo the operation described by the log record.

- DB\_TXN\_APPLY

The log is being applied on a replica site; redo the operation described by the log record.

- DB\_TXN\_PRINT

The log is being printed for debugging purposes; print the contents of this log record in the desired format.

The DB\_TXN\_FORWARD\_ROLL and DB\_TXN\_APPLY operations frequently imply the same actions, redoing changes that appear in the log record, although if a recovery function is to be used on a replication client where reads may be taking place concurrently with the processing of incoming messages, DB\_TXN\_APPLY operations should also perform appropriate locking. The macro DB\_REDO(op) checks that the operation is one of DB\_TXN\_FORWARD\_ROLL or DB\_TXN\_APPLY, and should be used in the recovery code to refer to the conditions under which operations should be redone. Similarly, the macro DB\_UNDO(op) checks if the operation is one of DB\_TXN\_BACKWARD\_ROLL or DB\_TXN\_ABORT.

The function must return 0 on success and either **errno** or a value outside of the Berkeley DB error name space on failure.

## Errors

The DB\_ENV->set\_app\_dispatch() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

## See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_data\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_data_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *dir);
```



This interface has been deprecated. You should use [DB\\_ENV->add\\_data\\_dir\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->set\\_create\\_dir\(\)](#) instead.

Set the path of a directory to be used as the location of the access method database files. Paths specified to the [DB->open\(\)](#) function will be searched relative to this path. Paths set using this method are additive, and specifying more than one will result in each specified directory being searched for database files. If any directories are specified, database files will always be created in the first path specified.

If no database directories are specified, database files must be named either by absolute paths or relative to the environment home directory. See Berkeley DB File Naming for more information.

The database environment's data directories may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_data\_dir", one or more whitespace characters, and the directory name.

The `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` must be consistent with the existing environment or corruption can occur.

The `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### dir

The `dir` parameter is a directory to be used as a location for database files.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), this argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_create\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_create_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *dir);
```

Sets the path of a directory to be used as the location to create the access method database files. When the [DB->open\(\)](#) function is used to create a file it will be created relative to this path.

If no database directories are specified, database files will be created either by absolute paths or relative to the environment home directory. See Berkeley DB File Naming for more information.

The database environment's create directory may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_create\_dir", one or more whitespace characters, and the directory name.

The `DB_ENV->set_create_dir()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_create_dir()` method may be called at any time.

The `DB_ENV->set_create_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### dir

The `dir` parameter is a directory to be used to create database files. This directory must be one of the directories specified via a call to [DB\\_ENV->add\\_data\\_dir\(\)](#)

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), this argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_create_dir()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_encrypt()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_encrypt(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *passwd, u_int32_t flags);
```

Set the password used by the Berkeley DB library to perform encryption and decryption.

The `DB_ENV->set_encrypt()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_encrypt()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_encrypt()` must be consistent with the existing environment or an error will be returned.

The `DB_ENV->set_encrypt()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_ENCRYPT_AES`

Use the Rijndael/AES (also known as the Advanced Encryption Standard and Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 197) algorithm for encryption or decryption.

#### passwd

The `passwd` parameter is the password used to perform encryption and decryption.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_encrypt()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

#### EOPNOTSUPP

Cryptography is not available in this Berkeley DB release.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_event\_notify()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_event_notify(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    void (*db_event_fcn)(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t event,
    void *event_info));
```

The `DB_ENV->set_event_notify()` method configures a callback function which is called to notify the process of specific Berkeley DB events.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

The `DB_ENV->set_event_notify()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_event_notify()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_event_notify()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### `db_event_fcn`

The `db_event_fcn` parameter is the application's event notification function. The function takes three parameters:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment handle.

- `event`

The `event` parameter is one of the following values:

- `DB_EVENT_PANIC`

Errors can occur in the Berkeley DB library where the only solution is to shut down the application and run recovery (for example, if Berkeley DB is unable to allocate heap memory). In such cases, the Berkeley DB methods will return `DB_RUNRECOVERY`. It is often easier to simply exit the application when such errors occur rather than gracefully return up the stack.

When `event` is set to `DB_EVENT_PANIC`, the database environment has failed. All threads of control in the database environment should exit the environment, and recovery should be run.

- `DB_EVENT_REG_ALIVE`

Recovery is needed in an environment where the `DB_REGISTER` flag was specified on the `DB_ENV->open()` method and there is a process attached to the environment. The callback function is triggered once for each process attached.

The `event_info` parameter points to a `pid_t` value containing the process identifier (pid) of the process the Berkeley DB library detects is attached to the environment.

- `DB_EVENT_REG_PANIC`

Recovery is needed in an environment where the `DB_REGISTER` flag was specified on the `DB_ENV->open()` method. All threads of control in the database environment should exit the environment.

This event is different than the `DB_EVENT_PANIC` event because it can only be triggered when `DB_REGISTER` was specified. It can be used to distinguish between the case when a process dies in the environment and recovery is initiated versus the case when an error happened (for example, if Berkeley DB is unable to allocate heap memory)

- `DB_EVENT_REP_CLIENT`

The local site is now a replication client.

- `DB_EVENT_REP_ELECTED`

The local replication site has just won an election. An application using the Base replication API should arrange for a call to the `DB_ENV->rep_start()` method after receiving this event, to reconfigure the local environment as a replication master.

Replication Manager applications may safely ignore this event. The Replication Manager calls `DB_ENV->rep_start()` automatically on behalf of the application when appropriate (resulting in firing of the `DB_EVENT_REP_MASTER` event).

- `DB_EVENT_REP_MASTER`

The local site is now the master site of its replication group. It is the application's responsibility to begin acting as the master environment.

- `DB_EVENT_REP_NEWMASTER`

The replication group of which this site is a member has just established a new master; the local site is not the new master. The `event_info` parameter points to an integer containing the environment ID of the new master.

- `DB_EVENT_REP_PERM_FAILED`

The replication manager did not receive enough acknowledgements (based on the acknowledgement policy configured with `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` ) to ensure a transaction's durability within the replication group. The transaction will be flushed to the master's local disk storage for durability.

The DB\_EVENT\_REP\_PERM\_FAILED event is provided only to applications configured for the replication manager.

- DB\_EVENT\_REP\_STARTUPDONE

The client has completed startup synchronization and is now processing live log records received from the master.

- DB\_EVENT\_WRITE\_FAILED

A Berkeley DB write to stable storage failed.

- event\_info

The **event\_info** parameter may reference memory which contains additional information describing an event. By default, **event\_info** is NULL; specific events may pass non-NULL values, in which case the event will also describe the memory's structure.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_errcall()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->set_errcall(DB_ENV *dbenv, void (*db_errcall_fcn)
    (const DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *errpfx, const char *msg));
```

When an error occurs in the Berkeley DB library, a Berkeley DB error or an error return value is returned by the interface. In some cases, however, the **errno** value may be insufficient to completely describe the cause of the error, especially during initial application debugging.

The `DB_ENV->set_errcall()` and `DB_ENV->set_errcall()` methods are used to enhance the mechanism for reporting error messages to the application. In some cases, when an error occurs, Berkeley DB will call `db_errcall_fcn` with additional error information. It is up to the `db_errcall_fcn` function to display the error message in an appropriate manner.

Setting `db_errcall_fcn` to NULL unconfigures the callback interface.

Alternatively, you can use the `DB->set_errfile()` or `DB->set_errfile()` methods to display the additional information via a C library `FILE *`.

This error-logging enhancement does not slow performance or significantly increase application size, and may be run during normal operation as well as during application debugging.

The `DB_ENV->set_errcall()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_errcall()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## Parameters

### `db_errcall_fcn`

The `db_errcall_fcn` parameter is the application-specified error reporting function. The function takes three parameters:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment.

- `errpfx`

The `errpfx` parameter is the prefix string (as previously set by `DB->set_errpfx()` or `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()`).

- `msg`

The `msg` parameter is the error message string.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_errfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->set_errfile(DB_ENV *dbenv, FILE *errfile);
```

When an error occurs in the Berkeley DB library, a Berkeley DB error or an error return value is returned by the interface. In some cases, however, the return value may be insufficient to completely describe the cause of the error especially during initial application debugging.

The `DB_ENV->set_errfile()` and `DB->set_errfile()` methods are used to enhance the mechanism for reporting error messages to the application by setting a C library FILE \* to be used for displaying additional Berkeley DB error messages. In some cases, when an error occurs, Berkeley DB will output an additional error message to the specified file reference.

Alternatively, you can use the `DB_ENV->set_errcall()` or `DB->set_errcall()` methods to capture the additional error information in a way that does not use C library FILE \*s.

The error message will consist of the prefix string and a colon (":") (if a prefix string was previously specified using `DB->set_errpfx()` or `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()`), an error string, and a trailing <newline> character.

The default configuration when applications first create `DB` or `DB_ENV` handles is as if the `DB->set_errfile()` or `DB_ENV->set_errfile()` methods were called with the standard error output (stderr) specified as the FILE \* argument. Applications wanting no output at all can turn off this default configuration by calling the `DB->set_errfile()` or `DB_ENV->set_errfile()` methods with NULL as the FILE \* argument. Additionally, explicitly configuring the error output channel using any of the following methods will also turn off this default output for the application:

- `DB_ENV->set_errfile()`
- `DB->set_errfile()`
- `DB_ENV->set_errcall()`
- `DB->set_errcall()`

This error logging enhancement does not slow performance or significantly increase application size, and may be run during normal operation as well as during application debugging.

The `DB_ENV->set_errfile()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_errfile()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

## Parameters

### **errfile**

The **errfile** parameter is a C library FILE \* to be used for displaying additional Berkeley DB error information.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_errpfx()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->set_errpfx(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *errpfx);
```

Set the prefix string that appears before error messages issued by Berkeley DB.

The [DB->set\\_errpfx\(\)](#) and `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()` methods do not copy the memory to which the `errpfx` parameter refers; rather, they maintain a reference to it. Although this allows applications to modify the error message prefix at any time (without repeatedly calling the interfaces), it means the memory must be maintained until the handle is closed.

The `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_errpfx()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **errpfx**

The `errpfx` parameter is the application-specified error prefix for additional error messages.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_feedback()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_feedback(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    void (*db_feedback_fcn)(DB_ENV *dbenv, int opcode, int percent));
```

Some operations performed by the Berkeley DB library can take non-trivial amounts of time. The `DB_ENV->set_feedback()` method can be used by applications to monitor progress within these operations. When an operation is likely to take a long time, Berkeley DB will call the specified callback function with progress information.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

It is up to the callback function to display this information in an appropriate manner.

The `DB_ENV->set_feedback()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_feedback()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_feedback()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### **db\_feedback\_fcn**

The `db_feedback_fcn` parameter is the application-specified feedback function called to report Berkeley DB operation progress. The callback function must take three parameters:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is a reference to the enclosing database environment.

- `opcode`

The `opcode` parameter is an operation code. The `opcode` parameter may take on any of the following values:

- `DB_RECOVER`

The environment is being recovered.

- `percent`

The `percent` parameter is the percent of the operation that has been completed, specified as an integer value between 0 and 100.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_flags(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t flags, int onoff);
```

Configure a database environment.

The database environment's flag values may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_flags", one or more whitespace characters, and the method flag parameter as a string; for example, "set\_flags DB\_TXN\_NOSYNC". Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The DB\_ENV->set\_flags() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- DB\_AUTO\_COMMIT

If set, **DB** handle operations for which no explicit transaction handle was specified, and which modify databases in the database environment, will be automatically enclosed within a transaction.

Calling DB\_ENV->set\_flags() with this flag only affects the specified **DB\_ENV** handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all **DB\_ENV** handles opened in the environment must either set this flag or the flag should be specified in the DB\_CONFIG configuration file.

This flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- DB\_CDB\_ALLDB

If set, Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store applications will perform locking on an environment-wide basis rather than on a per-database basis.

Calling DB\_ENV->set\_flags() with the DB\_CDB\_ALLDB flag only affects the specified **DB\_ENV** handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all **DB\_ENV** handles opened in the environment must either set the DB\_CDB\_ALLDB flag or the flag should be specified in the DB\_CONFIG configuration file.

The DB\_CDB\_ALLDB flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB only before the **DB\_ENV->open()** method is called.

- DB\_DIRECT\_DB

Turn off system buffering of Berkeley DB database files to avoid double caching.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_DIRECT_DB` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all `DB_ENV` handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_DIRECT_DB` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_DIRECT_DB` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_DSYNC_DB`

Configure Berkeley DB to flush database writes to the backing disk before returning from the write system call, rather than flushing database writes explicitly in a separate system call, as necessary. This is only available on some systems (for example, systems supporting the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) standard `O_DSYNC` flag, or systems supporting the Windows `FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH` flag). This flag may result in inaccurate file modification times and other file-level information for Berkeley DB database files. This flag will almost certainly result in a performance decrease on most systems. This flag is only applicable to certain filesystems (for example, the Veritas VxFS filesystem), where the filesystem's support for trickling writes back to stable storage behaves badly (or more likely, has been misconfigured).

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_DSYNC_DB` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all `DB_ENV` handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_DSYNC_DB` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_DSYNC_DB` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_MULTIVERSION`

If set, all databases in the environment will be opened as if `DB_MULTIVERSION` is passed to the `DB->open()` method. This flag will be ignored for queue databases for which `DB_MULTIVERSION` is not supported.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_MULTIVERSION` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all `DB_ENV` handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_MULTIVERSION` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_MULTIVERSION` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_NOLOCKING`

If set, Berkeley DB will grant all requested mutual exclusion mutexes and database locks without regard for their actual availability. This functionality should never be used for purposes other than debugging.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_NOLOCKING` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

The `DB_NOLOCKING` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_NOMMAP`

If set, Berkeley DB will copy read-only database files into the local cache instead of potentially mapping them into process memory (see the description of the `DB_ENV->set_mp_mmapsize()` method for further information).

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_NOMMAP` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all `DB_ENV` handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_NOMMAP` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_NOMMAP` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_NOPANIC`

If set, Berkeley DB will ignore any panic state in the database environment. (Database environments in a panic state normally refuse all attempts to call Berkeley DB functions, returning `DB_RUNRECOVERY`.) This functionality should never be used for purposes other than debugging.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_NOPANIC` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

The `DB_NOPANIC` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_OVERWRITE`

Overwrite files stored in encrypted formats before deleting them. Berkeley DB overwrites files using alternating `0xff`, `0x00` and `0xff` byte patterns. For file overwriting to be effective, the underlying file must be stored on a fixed-block filesystem. Systems with journaling or logging filesystems will require operating system support and probably modification of the Berkeley DB sources.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_OVERWRITE` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle).

The `DB_OVERWRITE` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_PANIC_ENVIRONMENT`

If set, Berkeley DB will set the panic state for the database environment. (Database environments in a panic state normally refuse all attempts to call Berkeley DB functions, returning `DB_RUNRECOVERY`.) This flag may not be specified using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_PANIC_ENVIRONMENT` flag affects the database environment, including all threads of control accessing the database environment.

The `DB_PANIC_ENVIRONMENT` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB only after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

- `DB_REGION_INIT`

In some applications, the expense of page-faulting the underlying shared memory regions can affect performance. (For example, if the page-fault occurs while holding a lock, other lock requests can convoy, and overall throughput may decrease.) If set, Berkeley DB will page-fault shared regions into memory when initially creating or joining a Berkeley DB environment. In addition, Berkeley DB will write the shared regions when creating an environment, forcing the underlying virtual memory and filesystems to instantiate both the necessary memory and the necessary disk space. This can also avoid out-of-disk space failures later on.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_REGION_INIT` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all `DB_ENV` handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_REGION_INIT` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_REGION_INIT` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_TIME_NOTGRANTED`

If set, database calls timing out based on lock or transaction timeout values will return `DB_LOCK_NOTGRANTED` instead of `DB_LOCK_DEADLOCK`. This allows applications to distinguish between operations which have deadlocked and operations which have exceeded their time limits.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_TIME_NOTGRANTED` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all `DB_ENV` handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_TIME_NOTGRANTED` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_TIME_NOTGRANTED` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

Note that the `DB_ENV->lock_get()` and `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` methods are unaffected by this flag.

- `DB_TXN_NOSYNC`

If set, Berkeley DB will not write or synchronously flush the log on transaction commit. This means that transactions exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability); that is, database integrity will be maintained, but if the application or system fails, it is possible some number of the most recently committed transactions may be undone during recovery. The number of transactions at risk is governed by how many log updates can fit into the log buffer, how often the operating system flushes dirty buffers to disk, and how often the log is checkpointed.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_TXN_NOSYNC` flag only affects the specified `DB_ENV` handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior

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across the environment, all [DB\\_ENV](#) handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_TXN_NOSYNC` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_TXN_NOSYNC` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_TXN_NOWAIT`

If set and a lock is unavailable for any Berkeley DB operation performed in the context of a transaction, cause the operation to return `DB_LOCK_DEADLOCK` (or `DB_LOCK_NOTGRANTED` if configured using the `DB_TIME_NOTGRANTED` flag).

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_TXN_NOWAIT` flag only affects the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all [DB\\_ENV](#) handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_TXN_NOWAIT` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_TXN_NOWAIT` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT`

If set, all transactions in the environment will be started as if `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT` were passed to the [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_begin\(\)](#) method, and all non-transactional cursors will be opened as if `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT` were passed to the [DB->cursor\(\)](#) method.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT` flag only affects the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all [DB\\_ENV](#) handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_TXN_WRITE_NOSYNC`

If set, Berkeley DB will write, but will not synchronously flush, the log on transaction commit. This means that transactions exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability); that is, database integrity will be maintained, but if the system fails, it is possible some number of the most recently committed transactions may be undone during recovery. The number of transactions at risk is governed by how often the system flushes dirty buffers to disk and how often the log is checkpointed.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the `DB_TXN_WRITE_NOSYNC` flag only affects the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all [DB\\_ENV](#) handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_TXN_WRITE_NOSYNC` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_TXN_WRITE_NOSYNC` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- DB\_YIELDCPU

If set, Berkeley DB will yield the processor immediately after each page or mutex acquisition. This functionality should never be used for purposes other than stress testing.

Calling `DB_ENV->set_flags()` with the DB\_YIELDCPU flag only affects the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all [DB\\_ENV](#) handles opened in the environment must either set the DB\_YIELDCPU flag or the flag should be specified in the DB\_CONFIG configuration file.

The DB\_YIELDCPU flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

### **onoff**

If the **onoff** parameter is zero, the specified flags are cleared; otherwise they are set.

## **Errors**

The `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## **See Also**

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_intermediate\_dir\_mode()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_intermediate_dir_mode(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *mode);
```

By default, Berkeley DB does not create intermediate directories needed for recovery, that is, if the file `/a/b/c/mydatabase` is being recovered, and the directory path `b/c` does not exist, recovery will fail. This default behavior is because Berkeley DB does not know what permissions are appropriate for intermediate directory creation, and creating the directory might result in a security problem.

The `DB_ENV->set_intermediate_dir_mode()` method causes Berkeley DB to create any intermediate directories needed during recovery, using the specified permissions.

On UNIX systems or in IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environments, created directories are owned by the process owner; the group ownership of created directories is based on the system and directory defaults, and is not further specified by Berkeley DB.

The database environment's intermediate directory permissions may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string `"set_intermediate_dir_mode"`, one or more whitespace characters, and the directory permissions. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_intermediate_dir_mode()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_intermediate_dir_mode()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->set_intermediate_dir_mode()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### mode

The `mode` parameter specifies the directory permissions.

Directory permissions are interpreted as a string of nine characters, using the character set `r` (read), `w` (write), `x` (execute or search), and `-` (none). The first character is the read permissions for the directory owner (set to either `r` or `-`). The second character is the write permissions for the directory owner (set to either `w` or `-`). The third character is the execute permissions for the directory owner (set to either `x` or `-`).

Similarly, the second set of three characters are the read, write and execute/search permissions for the directory group, and the third set of three characters are the read, write and execute/search permissions for all others. For example, the string `rwX-----` would configure read, write and execute/search access for the owner only. The string `rwXrwx---` would configure read, write and

execute/search access for both the owner and the group. The string `rwxr-----` would configure read, write and execute/search access for the directory owner and read-only access for the directory group.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_intermediate_dir_mode()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_isalive()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_isalive(DB_ENV *dbenv, int (*is_alive)(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    pid_t pid, db_threadid_t tid, u_int32_t flags));
```

Declare a function that returns if a thread of control (either a true thread or a process) is still running. The `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method supports the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method. For more information, see *Architecting Data Store and Concurrent Data Store applications*, and *Architecting Transactional Data Store applications*, both in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide*.

The `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### is\_alive

The `is_alive` parameter is a function which returns non-zero if the thread of control, identified by the `pid` and `tid` arguments, is still running. The function takes four arguments:

- **dbenv**

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment handle, allowing application access to the application-private fields of that object.

- **pid**

The `pid` parameter is a process ID returned by the function specified to the `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` method.

- **tid**

The `tid` parameter is a thread ID returned by the function specified to the `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` method.

- **flags**

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_MUTEX_PROCESS_ONLY`

Return only if the process is alive, the thread ID should be ignored.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_msgcall()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->set_msgcall(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    void (*db_msgcall_fcn)(const DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *msg));
```

There are interfaces in the Berkeley DB library which either directly output informational messages or statistical information, or configure the library to output such messages when performing other operations, for example, [DB\\_ENV->set\\_verbose\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->stat\\_print\(\)](#).

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) and [DB->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) methods are used to pass these messages to the application, and Berkeley DB will call `db_msgcall_fcn` with each message. It is up to the `db_msgcall_fcn` function to display the message in an appropriate manner.

Setting `db_msgcall_fcn` to NULL unconfigures the callback interface.

Alternatively, you can use the [DB->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) or [DB->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) methods to display the messages via a C library FILE \*.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method may be called at any time during the life of the application.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. Callback functions should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## Parameters

### `db_msgcall_fcn`

The `db_msgcall_fcn` parameter is the application-specified message reporting function. The function takes two parameters:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment.

- `msg`

The `msg` parameter is the message string.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_msgfile()

```
#include <db.h>

void
DB_ENV->set_msgfile(DB_ENV *dbenv, FILE *msgfile);
```

There are interfaces in the Berkeley DB library which either directly output informational messages or statistical information, or configure the library to output such messages when performing other operations, for example, [DB\\_ENV->set\\_verbose\(\)](#) and [DB\\_ENV->stat\\_print\(\)](#).

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) and [DB->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) methods are used to display these messages for the application. In this case the message will include a trailing `<newline>` character.

Setting `msgfile` to NULL unconfigures the interface.

Alternatively, you can use the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) or [DB->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) methods to capture the additional error information in a way that does not use C library FILE \*'s.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **msgfile**

The `msgfile` parameter is a C library FILE \* to be used for displaying messages.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_shm\_key()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_shm_key(DB_ENV *dbenv, long shm_key);
```

Specify a base segment ID for Berkeley DB environment shared memory regions created in system memory on VxWorks or systems supporting X/Open-style shared memory interfaces; for example, UNIX systems supporting `shmget(2)` and related System V IPC interfaces.

This base segment ID will be used when Berkeley DB shared memory regions are first created. It will be incremented a small integer value each time a new shared memory region is created; that is, if the base ID is 35, the first shared memory region created will have a segment ID of 35, and the next one will have a segment ID between 36 and 40 or so. A Berkeley DB environment always creates a master shared memory region; an additional shared memory region for each of the subsystems supported by the environment (Locking, Logging, Memory Pool and Transaction); plus an additional shared memory region for each additional memory pool cache that is supported. Already existing regions with the same segment IDs will be removed. See [Shared Memory Regions](#) for more information.

The intent behind this method is two-fold: without it, applications have no way to ensure that two Berkeley DB applications don't attempt to use the same segment IDs when creating different Berkeley DB environments. In addition, by using the same segment IDs each time the environment is created, previously created segments will be removed, and the set of segments on the system will not grow without bound.

The database environment's base segment ID may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_shm\_key", one or more whitespace characters, and the ID. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_shm_key()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_shm_key()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called. If the database environment already exists when `DB_ENV->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_shm_key()` must be consistent with the existing environment or corruption can occur.

The `DB_ENV->set_shm_key()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **shm\_key**

The `shm_key` parameter is the base segment ID for the database environment.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_shm_key()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_thread\_count()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_thread_count(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t count);
```

Declare an approximate number of threads in the database environment. The `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` method must be called prior to opening the database environment if the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method will be used. The `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` method does not set the maximum number of threads but is used to determine memory sizing and the thread control block reclamation policy.

If a process has not configured an `is_alive` function from the `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method, and then attempts to join a database environment configured for failure checking with the `DB_ENV->failchk()`, `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()`, `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` and `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` methods, the program may be unable to allocate a thread control block and fail to join the environment. **This is true of the standalone Berkeley DB utility programs.** To avoid problems when using the standalone Berkeley DB utility programs with environments configured for failure checking, incorporate the utility's functionality directly in the application, or call the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method before running the utility.

The database environment's thread count may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_thread\_count", one or more whitespace characters, and the thread count. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### count

The `count` parameter is an approximate thread count for the database environment.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_count()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_thread\_id()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_thread_id(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    void (*thread_id)(DB_ENV *dbenv, pid_t *pid, db_threadid_t *tid));
```

Declare a function that returns a unique identifier pair for the current thread of control. The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` method supports the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method. For more information, see *Architecting Data Store and Concurrent Data Store applications*, and *Architecting Transactional Data Store applications*, both in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide*.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### thread\_id

The `thread_id` parameter is a function which returns a unique identifier pair for a thread of control in a Berkeley DB application. The function takes three arguments:

- **dbenv**

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment handle, allowing application access to the application-private fields of that object.

- **pid**

The `pid` points to a memory location of type `pid_t`, or `NULL`. The process ID of the current thread of control may be returned in this memory location, if it is not `NULL`.

- **tid**

The `tid` points to a memory location of type `db_threadid_t`, or `NULL`. The thread ID of the current thread of control may be returned in this memory location, if it is not `NULL`.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Assigning Thread IDs

The standard system library calls to return process and thread IDs are often sufficient for this purpose (for example, `getpid()` and `pthread_self()` on POSIX systems or `GetCurrentThreadID` on Windows systems). However, if the Berkeley DB application dynamically creates processes or threads, some care may be necessary in assigning unique IDs. In most threading systems, process and thread IDs are available for re-use as soon as the process or thread exits. If a new process or thread is created between the time of process or thread exit, and the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method is run, it may be possible for `DB_ENV->failchk()` to not detect that a thread of control exited without properly releasing all Berkeley DB resources.

It may be possible to handle this problem by inhibiting process or thread creation between thread of control exit and calling the `DB_ENV->failchk()` method. Alternatively, the `thread_id` function must be constructed to not re-use `pid/tid` pairs. For example, in a single process application, the returned process ID might be used as an incremental counter, with the returned thread ID set to the actual thread ID. Obviously, the `is_alive` function specified to the `DB_ENV->set_isalive()` method must be compatible with any `thread_id` function specified to `DB_ENV->set_thread_id()`.

The `db_threadid_t` type is configured to be the same type as a standard thread identifier, in Berkeley DB configurations where this type is known (for example, systems supporting `pthread_t` or `thread_t`, or `DWORD` on Windows). If the Berkeley DB configuration process is unable to determine the type of a standard thread identifier, the `db_thread_t` type is set to `uintmax_t` (or the largest available unsigned integral type, on systems lacking the `uintmax_t` type). Applications running on systems lacking a detectable standard thread type, and which are also using thread APIs where a thread identifier is not an integral value and so will not fit into the configured `db_threadid_t` type, must either translate between the `db_threadid_t` type and the thread identifier (mapping the thread identifier to a unique identifier of the appropriate size), or modify the Berkeley DB sources to use an appropriate `db_threadid_t` type. Note: we do not currently know of any systems where this is necessary. If your application has to solve this problem, please contact our support group and let us know.

If no `thread_id` function is specified by the application, the Berkeley DB library will identify threads of control by using the `taskIdSelf()` call on VxWorks, the `getpid()` and `GetCurrentThreadID()` calls on Windows, the `getpid()` and `pthread_self()` calls when the Berkeley DB library has been configured for POSIX pthreads or Solaris LWP threads, the `getpid()` and `thr_self()` calls when the Berkeley DB library has been configured for UI threads, and otherwise `getpid()`.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_thread\_id\_string()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_thread_id_string(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    char *(*thread_id_string)(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    pid_t pid, db_threadid_t tid, char *buf));
```

Declare a function that formats a process ID and thread ID identifier pair for display into a caller-supplied buffer. The function must return a reference to the caller-specified buffer. The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id_string()` method supports the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_thread\\_id\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id_string()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id_string()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id_string()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **thread\_id\_string**

The `thread_id_string` parameter is a function which returns a buffer in which is an identifier pair formatted for display. The function takes four arguments:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment handle, allowing application access to the application-private fields of that object.

- `pid`

The `pid` argument is a process ID.

- `tid`

The `tid` argument is a thread ID.

- `buf`

The `buf` argument is character array of at least `DB_THREADID_STRLEN` bytes in length, into which the identifier pair should be formatted.

If no `thread_id_string` function is specified, the default routine displays the identifier pair as "pid/tid", that is, the process ID represented as an unsigned integer value, a slash ( '/') character, then the thread ID represented as an unsigned integer value.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_thread_id_string()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_timeout()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_timeout(DB_ENV *dbenv, db_timeout_t timeout,
    u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->set_timeout()` method sets timeout values for locks or transactions in the database environment, and the wait time for a process to exit the environment when [DB\\_REGISTER](#) recovery is needed.

`DB_SET_LOCK_TIMEOUT` and `DB_SET_TXN_TIMEOUT` timeouts are checked whenever a thread of control blocks on a lock or when deadlock detection is performed. In the case of `DB_SET_LOCK_TIMEOUT`, the lock is one requested explicitly through the Lock subsystem interfaces. In the case of `DB_SET_TXN_TIMEOUT`, the lock is one requested on behalf of a transaction. In either case, it may be a lock requested by the database access methods underlying the application. These timeouts are only checked when the lock request first blocks or when deadlock detection is performed, the accuracy of the timeout depends on how often deadlock detection is performed.

Lock and transaction timeout values specified for the database environment may be overridden on a per-lock or per-transaction basis. See [DB\\_ENV->lock\\_vec\(\)](#) and [DB\\_TXN->set\\_timeout\(\)](#) for more information.

The `DB_ENV->set_timeout()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_timeout()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_SET_LOCK_TIMEOUT`

Set the timeout value for locks in this database environment.

The database environment's lock timeout value may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lock\_timeout", one or more whitespace characters, and the lock timeout value. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

This flag configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

- `DB_SET_REG_TIMEOUT`

Set the timeout value on how long to wait for processes to exit the environment before recovery is started when the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method was called with the [DB\\_REGISTER](#) flag and recovery must be performed.

This wait timeout value may also be configured using the environment's [DB\\_CONFIG](#) file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_reg\_timeout", one or more whitespace characters, and the wait timeout value. Because the [DB\\_CONFIG](#) file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

This flag configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

- [DB\\_SET\\_TXN\\_TIMEOUT](#)

Set the timeout value for transactions in this database environment.

The database environment's transaction timeout value may also be configured using the environment's [DB\\_CONFIG](#) file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_txn\_timeout", one or more whitespace characters, and the transaction timeout value. Because the [DB\\_CONFIG](#) file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

This flag configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

### **timeout**

The **timeout** parameter is the timeout value. It must be specified as an unsigned 32-bit number of microseconds, limiting the maximum timeout to roughly 71 minutes.

## **Errors**

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_timeout\(\)](#) method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## **See Also**

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_tmp\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_tmp_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *dir);
```

Specify the path of a directory to be used as the location of temporary files. The files created to back in-memory access method databases will be created relative to this path. These temporary files can be quite large, depending on the size of the database.

If no directories are specified, the following alternatives are checked in the specified order. The first existing directory path is used for all temporary files.

1. The value of the environment variable **TMPDIR**.
2. The value of the environment variable **TEMP**.
3. The value of the environment variable **TMP**.
4. The value of the environment variable **TempFolder**.
5. The value returned by the **GetTempPath** interface.
6. The directory **/var/tmp**.
7. The directory **/usr/tmp**.
8. The directory **/temp**.
9. The directory **/tmp**.
10. The directory **C:/temp**.
11. The directory **C:/tmp**.



Environment variables are only checked if one of the [DB\\_USE\\_ENVIRON](#) or [DB\\_USE\\_ENVIRON\\_ROOT](#) flags were specified.



The **GetTempPath** interface is only checked on Win/32 platforms.

The database environment's temporary file directory may also be configured using the environment's **DB\_CONFIG** file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_tmp\_dir", one or more whitespace characters, and the directory name. Because the **DB\_CONFIG** file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The **DB\_ENV->set\_tmp\_dir()** method configures operations performed using the specified **DB\_ENV** handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The **DB\_ENV->set\_tmp\_dir()** method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### **dir**

The **dir** parameter is the directory to be used to store temporary files.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the this argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_tmp_dir()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_verbose()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_verbose(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t which, int onoff);
```

The `DB_ENV->set_verbose()` method turns specific additional informational and debugging messages in the Berkeley DB message output on and off. To see the additional messages, verbose messages must also be configured for the application. For more information on verbose messages, see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method.

The database environment's messages may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_verbose", one or more whitespace characters, and the method **which** parameter as a string; for example, "set\_verbose DB\_VERB\_RECOVERY". Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_verbose()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_verbose()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_verbose()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **onoff**

If the **onoff** parameter is set to non-zero, the additional messages are output.

#### **which**

The **which** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_VERB_DEADLOCK`

Display additional information when doing deadlock detection.

- `DB_VERB_FILEOPS`

Display additional information when performing filesystem operations such as open, close or rename. May not be available on all platforms.

- `DB_VERB_FILEOPS_ALL`

Display additional information when performing all filesystem operations, including read and write. May not be available on all platforms.

- `DB_VERB_RECOVERY`

Display additional information when performing recovery.

- DB\_VERB\_REGISTER

Display additional information concerning support for the `DB_REGISTER` flag to the `DB_ENV->open()` method.

- DB\_VERB\_REPLICATION

Display all detailed information about replication. This includes the information displayed by all of the other `DB_VERB_REP_*` and `DB_VERB_REPMGR_*` values.

- DB\_VERB\_REP\_ELECT

Display detailed information about replication elections.

- DB\_VERB\_REP\_LEASE

Display detailed information about replication master leases.

- DB\_VERB\_REP\_MISC

Display detailed information about general replication processing not covered by the other `DB_VERB_REP_*` values.

- DB\_VERB\_REP\_MSGS

Display detailed information about replication message processing.

- DB\_VERB\_REP\_SYNC

Display detailed information about replication client synchronization.

- DB\_VERB\_REPMGR\_CONNFAIL

Display detailed information about Replication Manager connection failures.

- DB\_VERB\_REPMGR\_MISC

Display detailed information about general Replication Manager processing.

- DB\_VERB\_WAITSFOR

Display the waits-for table when doing deadlock detection.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_verbose()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->stat_print(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->stat_print()` method displays the default statistical information. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->stat_print()` method may not be called before the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.
- `DB_STAT_SUBSYSTEM`  
Display information for all configured subsystems.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## db\_strerror

```
#include <db.h>

char *
db_strerror(int error);
```

The `db_strerror()` method returns an error message string corresponding to the error number **error** parameter.

This function is a superset of the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) `strerror(3)` function. If the error number **error** is greater than or equal to 0, then the string returned by the system function `strerror(3)` is returned. If the error number is less than 0, an error string appropriate to the corresponding Berkeley DB library error is returned. See Error returns to applications for more information.

### Parameters

#### **error**

The **error** parameter is the error number for which an error message string is wanted.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## db\_version

```
#include <db.h>

char *
db_version(int *major, int *minor, int *patch);
```

The `db_version()` method returns a pointer to a string, suitable for display, containing Berkeley DB version information.

### Parameters

#### **major**

If **major** is non-NULL, the major version of the Berkeley DB release is copied to the memory to which it refers.

#### **minor**

If **minor** is non-NULL, the minor version of the Berkeley DB release is copied to the memory to which it refers.

#### **patch**

If **patch** is non-NULL, the patch version of the Berkeley DB release is copied to the memory to which it refers.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 6. The DB\_LOCK Handle

```
#include <db.h>

typedef struct __db_lock_u DB_LOCK;
```

The locking interfaces for the Berkeley DB database environment are methods of the [DB\\_ENV](#) handle. The `DB_LOCK` object is the handle for a single lock, and has no methods of its own.

## Locking Subsystem and Related Methods

Locking Subsystem and Related Methods	Description
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_detect()</code>	Perform deadlock detection
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_get()</code>	Acquire a lock
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_id()</code>	Acquire a locker ID
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_id_free()</code>	Release a locker ID
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_put()</code>	Release a lock
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_stat()</code>	Return lock subsystem statistics
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_stat_print()</code>	Print lock subsystem statistics
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;lock_vec()</code>	Acquire/release locks
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;cmsgroup_begin()</code>	Get a locker ID in Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store
<b>Locking Subsystem Configuration</b>	
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_timeout(), DB_ENV-&gt;get_timeout()</code>	Set/get lock and transaction timeout
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_lk_conflicts(), DB_ENV-&gt;get_lk_conflicts()</code>	Set/get lock conflicts matrix
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_lk_detect(), DB_ENV-&gt;get_lk_detect()</code>	Set/get automatic deadlock detection
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_lk_max_lockers(), DB_ENV-&gt;get_lk_max_lockers()</code>	Set/get maximum number of lockers
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_lk_max_locks(), DB_ENV-&gt;get_lk_max_locks()</code>	Set/get maximum number of locks
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_lk_max_objects(), DB_ENV-&gt;get_lk_max_objects()</code>	Set/get maximum number of lock objects
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_lk_partitions(), DB_ENV-&gt;get_lk_partitions()</code>	Set/get number of lock partitions

## DB\_ENV->get\_lk\_conflicts()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lk_conflicts(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    const u_int8_t **lk_conflictsp, int *lk_modesp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_conflicts()` method returns the current conflicts array. You can specify a conflicts array using [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_conflicts\(\)](#)

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_conflicts()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_conflicts()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lk\_conflictsp**

The `lk_conflictsp` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the current conflicts array is copied.

#### **lk\_modesp**

The `lk_modesp` parameter references memory into which the size of the current conflicts array is copied.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_conflicts()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

The method was called on an environment which had been opened without being configured for locking.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_conflicts\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lk\_detect()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lk_detect(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lk_detectp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_detect()` method returns the deadlock detector configuration. You can manage this using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_detect\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_detect()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_detect()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lk\_detectp**

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_detect()` method returns the deadlock detector configuration in `lk_detectp`.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_detect()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

The method was called on an environment which had been opened without being configured for locking.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_detect\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lk\_max\_lockers()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lk_max_lockers(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lk_maxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_lockers()` method returns the maximum number of potential lockers. You can configure this using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_max\\_lockers\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_lockers()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_lockers()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lk\_maxp**

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_lockers()` method returns the maximum number of lockers in `lk_maxp`.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_lockers()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

The method was called on an environment which had been opened without being configured for locking.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_max\\_lockers\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lk\_max\_locks()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lk_max_locks(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lk_maxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_locks()` method returns the maximum number of potential locks. You can configure this using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_max\\_locks\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_locks()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_locks()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lk\_maxp**

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_locks()` method returns the maximum number of locks in `lk_maxp`.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_locks()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

The method was called on an environment which had been opened without being configured for locking.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_max\\_locks\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lk\_max\_objects()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lk_max_objects(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lk_maxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_objects()` method returns the maximum number of locked objects. You can configure this using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_max\\_objects\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_objects()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_objects()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lk\_maxp**

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_objects()` method returns the maximum number of potentially locked objects in `lk_maxp`.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_max_objects()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

The method was called on an environment which had been opened without being configured for locking.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_max\\_objects\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lk\_partitions()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lk_partitions(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lk_partitions);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_partitions()` method returns the number of lock table partitions used in the Berkeley DB environment. You can configure this using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_partitions\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_partitions()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_partitions()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lk\_partitions**

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_partitions()` method returns the number of partitions in `lk_partitions`.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->get_lk_partitions()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

The method was called on an environment which had been opened without being configured for locking.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_partitions\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_conflicts()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lk_conflicts(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    u_int8_t *conflicts, int nmodes);
```

Set the locking conflicts matrix.

If `DB_ENV->set_lk_conflicts()` is never called, a standard conflicts array is used; see [Standard Lock Modes](#) for more information.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_conflicts()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_conflicts()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called. If the database environment already exists when `DB_ENV->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_lk_conflicts()` will be ignored.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_conflicts()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### conflicts

The `conflicts` parameter is the new locking conflicts matrix. The `conflicts` parameter is an `nmodes` by `nmodes` array. A non-0 value for the array element indicates that `requested_mode` and `held_mode` conflict:

```
conflicts[requested_mode][held_mode]
```

The *not-granted* mode must be represented by 0.

#### nmodes

The `nmodes` parameter is the size of the lock conflicts matrix.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_conflicts()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

#### ENOMEM

The conflicts array could not be copied.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

## See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_detect()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lk_detect(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t detect);
```

Set if the deadlock detector is to be run whenever a lock conflict occurs, and specify what lock request(s) should be rejected. As transactions acquire locks on behalf of a single locker ID, rejecting a lock request associated with a transaction normally requires the transaction be aborted.

The database environment's deadlock detector configuration may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lk\_detect", one or more whitespace characters, and the method **detect** parameter as a string; for example, "set\_lk\_detect DB\_LOCK\_OLDEST". Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_detect() method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified DB\_ENV handle.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_detect() method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_detect() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### detect

The **detect** parameter configures the deadlock detector. The specified value must be one of the following list:

- DB\_LOCK\_DEFAULT

Use whatever lock policy was specified when the database environment was created. If no lock policy has yet been specified, set the lock policy to DB\_LOCK\_RANDOM.

- DB\_LOCK\_EXPIRE

Reject lock requests which have timed out. No other deadlock detection is performed.

- DB\_LOCK\_MAXLOCKS

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the most locks.

- DB\_LOCK\_MAXWRITE

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the most write locks.

- DB\_LOCK\_MINLOCKS

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the fewest locks.

- DB\_LOCK\_MINWRITE  
Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the fewest write locks.
- DB\_LOCK\_OLDEST  
Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the oldest lock.
- DB\_LOCK\_RANDOM  
Reject the lock request for a random locker ID.
- DB\_LOCK\_YOUNGEST  
Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the youngest lock.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_detect()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

## See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_max\_lockers()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lk_max_lockers(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t max);
```

Set the maximum number of locking entities supported by the Berkeley DB environment. This value is used by [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) to estimate how much space to allocate for various lock-table data structures. The default value is 1000 lockers. For specific information on configuring the size of the lock subsystem, see [Configuring locking: sizing the system](#).

The database environment's maximum number of lockers may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lk\_max\_lockers", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of lockers. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_lockers()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_lockers()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_lockers()` will be ignored.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_lockers()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **max**

The `max` parameter is the maximum number simultaneous locking entities supported by the Berkeley DB environment.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_lockers()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_max\_locks()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lk_max_locks(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t max);
```

Set the maximum number of locks supported by the Berkeley DB environment. This value is used by [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) to estimate how much space to allocate for various lock-table data structures. The default value is 1000 locks. For specific information on configuring the size of the lock subsystem, see [Configuring locking: sizing the system](#).

The database environment's maximum number of locks may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lk\_max\_locks", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of locks. Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_locks()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_locks()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_locks()` will be ignored.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_locks()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **max**

The `max` parameter is the maximum number of locks supported by the Berkeley DB environment.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_locks()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_max\_objects()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lk_max_objects(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t max);
```

Set the maximum number of locked objects supported by the Berkeley DB environment. This value is used by [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) to estimate how much space to allocate for various lock-table data structures. The default value is 1000 objects. For specific information on configuring the size of the lock subsystem, see [Configuring locking: sizing the system](#).

The database environment's maximum number of objects may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lk\_max\_objects", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of objects. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_objects()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_objects()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_objects()` will be ignored.

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_objects()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **max**

The `max` parameter is the maximum number of locked objects supported by the Berkeley DB environment.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_lk_max_objects()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_partitions()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lk_partitions(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t partitions);
```

Set the number of lock table partitions in the Berkeley DB environment. The default value is 10 times the number of CPUs on the system if there is more than one CPU. Increasing the number of partitions can provide for greater throughput on a system with multiple CPUs and more than one thread contending for the lock manager. On single processor systems more than one partition may increase the overhead of the lock manager. Systems often report threading contexts as CPUs. If your system does this, set the number of partitions to 1 to get optimal performance.

The database environment's number of partitions may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lk\_partitions", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of partitions. Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_partitions() method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified DB\_ENV handle.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_partitions() method may not be called after the DB\_ENV->open() method is called. If the database environment already exists when DB\_ENV->open() is called, the information specified to DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_partitions() will be ignored.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_partitions() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### partitions

The **partitions** parameter is the number of partitions to be configured in the Berkeley DB environment.

### Errors

The DB\_ENV->set\_lk\_partitions() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after DB\_ENV->open() was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_detect()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_detect(DB_ENV *env,
    u_int32_t flags, u_int32_t atype, int *rejected);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_detect()` method runs one iteration of the deadlock detector. The deadlock detector traverses the lock table and marks one of the participating lock requesters for rejection in each deadlock it finds.

The `DB_ENV->lock_detect()` method is the underlying method used by the [db\\_deadlock](#) utility. See the [db\\_deadlock](#) utility source code for an example of using `DB_ENV->lock_detect()` in a IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

The `DB_ENV->lock_detect()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **rejected**

If the **rejected** parameter is non-NULL, the memory location to which it refers will be set to the number of lock requests that were rejected.

#### **atype**

The **atype** parameter specifies which lock request(s) to reject. It must be set to one of the following list:

- `DB_LOCK_DEFAULT`

Use whatever lock policy was specified when the database environment was created. If no lock policy has yet been specified, set the lock policy to `DB_LOCK_RANDOM`.

- `DB_LOCK_EXPIRE`

Reject lock requests which have timed out. No other deadlock detection is performed.

- `DB_LOCK_MAXLOCKS`

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the most locks.

- `DB_LOCK_MAXWRITE`

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the most write locks.

- `DB_LOCK_MINLOCKS`

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the fewest locks.

- DB\_LOCK\_MINWRITE

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the fewest write locks.

- DB\_LOCK\_OLDEST

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the oldest lock.

- DB\_LOCK\_RANDOM

Reject the lock request for a random locker ID.

- DB\_LOCK\_YOUNGEST

Reject the lock request for the locker ID with the youngest lock.

### **flags**

The **flags** parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

## **Errors**

The `DB_ENV->lock_detect()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

## **See Also**

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_get()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_get(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t locker,
                u_int32_t flags, const DBT *object,
                const db_lockmode_t lock_mode, DB_LOCK *lock);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_get()` method acquires a lock from the lock table, returning information about it in the `lock` parameter.

The `DB_ENV->lock_get()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### locker

The `locker` parameter is an unsigned 32-bit integer quantity. It represents the entity requesting the lock.

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_LOCK_NOWAIT`

If a lock cannot be granted because the requested lock conflicts with an existing lock, return `DB_LOCK_NOTGRANTED` immediately instead of waiting for the lock to become available.

#### object

The `object` parameter is an untyped byte string that specifies the object to be locked. Applications using the locking subsystem directly while also doing locking via the Berkeley DB access methods must take care not to inadvertently lock objects that happen to be equal to the unique file IDs used to lock files. See Access method locking conventions in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* for more information.

#### lock\_mode

The `lock_mode` parameter is used as an index into the environment's lock conflict matrix. When using the default lock conflict matrix, `lock_mode` must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_LOCK_READ`  
read (shared)
- `DB_LOCK_WRITE`  
write (exclusive)

- `DB_LOCK_IWRITE`  
intention to write (shared)
- `DB_LOCK_IREAD`  
intention to read (shared)
- `DB_LOCK_IWR`  
intention to read and write (shared)

See [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_conflicts\(\)](#) and Standard Lock Modes for more information on the lock conflict matrix.

### lock

The `DB_ENV->lock_get()` method returns the lock information in **lock**.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->lock_get()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

The [DB\\_LOCK\\_NOWAIT](#) flag or lock timers were configured and the lock could not be granted before the wait-time expired.

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### **EINVAL**

The method was called on an environment which had been opened without being configured for locking.

### **ENOMEM**

The maximum number of locks has been reached.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

## See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_id()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_id(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t *idp);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_id()` method copies a locker ID, which is guaranteed to be unique in the environment's lock table, into the memory location to which `idp` refers.

The `DB_ENV->lock_id_free()` method should be called to return the locker ID to the Berkeley DB library when it is no longer needed.

The `DB_ENV->lock_id()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `idp`

The `idp` parameter references memory into which the allocated locker ID is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_id\_free()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_id_free(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t id);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_id_free()` method frees a locker ID allocated by the `DB_ENV->lock_id()` method.

The `DB_ENV->lock_id_free()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

**id**

The `id` parameter is the locker id to be freed.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->lock_id_free()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the locker ID is invalid or locks are still held by this locker ID; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_put()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_put(DB_ENV *env, DB_LOCK *lock);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_put()` method releases **lock**.

The `DB_ENV->lock_put()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lock**

The **lock** parameter is the lock to be released.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->lock_put()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

### See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_stat(DB_ENV *env, DB_LOCK_STAT **statp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat()` method returns the locking subsystem statistics.

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat()` method creates a statistical structure of type `DB_LOCK_STAT` and copies a pointer to it into a user-specified memory location.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

The following `DB_LOCK_STAT` fields will be filled in:

- **u\_int32\_t st\_id;**  
The last allocated locker ID.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_cur\_maxid;**  
The current maximum unused locker ID.
- **int st\_nmodes;**  
The number of lock modes.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxlocks;**  
The maximum number of locks possible.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxlockers;**  
The maximum number of lockers possible.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxobjects;**  
The maximum number of lock objects possible.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_partitions;**  
The number of lock table partitions.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_nlocks;**  
The number of current locks.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxnlocks;**  
The maximum number of locks at any one time. Note that if there is more than one partition, this is the sum of the maximum across all partitions.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxhlocks;**  
The maximum number of locks in any hash bucket at any one time.
- **uintmax\_t st\_locksteals;**  
The maximum number of locks stolen by an empty partition.
- **uintmax\_t st\_maxlsteals;**  
The maximum number of lock steals for any one partition.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_nlockers;**  
The number of current lockers.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxnlockers;**  
The maximum number of lockers at any one time.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_nobjects;**  
The number of current lock objects.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxnobjects;**  
The maximum number of lock objects at any one time. Note that if there is more than one partition this is the sum of the maximum across all partitions.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxhobjects;**  
The maximum number of objects in any hash bucket at any one time.
- **uintmax\_t st\_objectsteals;**  
The maximum number of objects stolen by an empty partition.
- **uintmax\_t st\_maxosteals;**  
The maximum number of object steals for any one partition.
- **uintmax\_t st\_nrequests;**  
The total number of locks requested.
- **uintmax\_t st\_nreleases;**  
The total number of locks released.

- **uintmax\_t st\_nupgrade;**  
The total number of locks upgraded.
- **uintmax\_t st\_ndowngrade;**  
The total number of locks downgraded.
- **uintmax\_t st\_lock\_wait;**  
The number of lock requests not immediately available due to conflicts, for which the thread of control waited.
- **uintmax\_t st\_lock\_nowait;**  
The number of lock requests not immediately available due to conflicts, for which the thread of control did not wait.
- **uintmax\_t st\_ndeadlocks;**  
The number of deadlocks.
- **db\_timeout\_t st\_locktimeout;**  
Lock timeout value.
- **uintmax\_t st\_nlocktimeouts;**  
The number of lock requests that have timed out.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_txntimeout;**  
Transaction timeout value.
- **uintmax\_t st\_nxntimeouts;**  
The number of transactions that have timed out. This value is also a component of **st\_ndeadlocks**, the total number of deadlocks detected.
- **uintmax\_t st\_objs\_wait;**  
The number of requests to allocate or deallocate an object for which the thread of control waited.
- **uintmax\_t st\_objs\_nowait;**  
The number of requests to allocate or deallocate an object for which the thread of control did not wait.
- **uintmax\_t st\_lockers\_wait;**  
The number of requests to allocate or deallocate a locker for which the thread of control waited.
- **uintmax\_t st\_lockers\_nowait;**

The number of requests to allocate or deallocate a locker for which the thread of control did not wait.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_hash\_len;**

Maximum length of a lock hash bucket.

- **roff\_t st\_regsz;**

The size of the lock region, in bytes.

- **uintmax\_t st\_part\_wait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining the lock partition mutex.

- **uintmax\_t st\_part\_nowait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain the lock partition mutex without waiting.

- **uintmax\_t st\_part\_max\_wait;**

The maximum number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining any one lock partition mutex.

- **uintmax\_t st\_part\_max\_nowait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain any one lock partition mutex without waiting.

- **uintmax\_t st\_region\_wait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining the lock region mutex.

- **uintmax\_t st\_region\_nowait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain the lock region mutex without waiting.

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`

Reset statistics after returning their values.

**statp**

The **statp** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated statistics structure is copied.

**Errors**

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

**See Also**

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_stat_print(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat_print()` method displays the locking subsystem statistical information, as described for the `DB_ENV->lock_stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgfile()` method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgcall()` method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat_print()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->lock_stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.
- `DB_STAT_LOCK_CONF`  
Display the lock conflict matrix.
- `DB_STAT_LOCK_LOCKERS`  
Display the lockers within hash chains.
- `DB_STAT_LOCK_OBJECTS`  
Display the lock objects within hash chains.
- `DB_STAT_LOCK_PARAMS`  
Display the locking subsystem parameters.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

## See Also

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->lock\_vec()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->lock_vec(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t locker, u_int32_t flags,
                DB_LOCKREQ list[], int nlist, DB_LOCKREQ **elistp);
```

The `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` method atomically obtains and releases one or more locks from the lock table. The `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` method is intended to support acquisition or trading of multiple locks under one lock table semaphore, as is needed for lock coupling or in multigranularity locking for lock escalation.

If any of the requested locks cannot be acquired, or any of the locks to be released cannot be released, the operations before the failing operation are guaranteed to have completed successfully, and `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` returns a non-zero value. In addition, if **elistp** is not NULL, it is set to point to the `DB_LOCKREQ` entry that was being processed when the error occurred.

Unless otherwise specified, the `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **elistp**

If an error occurs, and the **elistp** parameter is non-NULL, it is set to point to the `DB_LOCKREQ` entry that was being processed when the error occurred.

#### **flags**

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_LOCK_NOWAIT`

If a lock cannot be granted because the requested lock conflicts with an existing lock, return `DB_LOCK_NOTGRANTED` immediately instead of waiting for the lock to become available. In this case, if non-NULL, **elistp** identifies the request that was not granted.

#### **locker**

The **locker** parameter is an unsigned 32-bit integer quantity. It represents the entity requesting or releasing the lock.

#### **list**

The **list** array provided to `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` is typedef'd as `DB_LOCKREQ`.

To ensure compatibility with future releases of Berkeley DB, all fields of the `DB_LOCKREQ` structure that are not explicitly set should be initialized to 0 before the first time the structure is used. Do this by declaring the structure external or static, or by calling `memset(3)`.

A `DB_LOCKREQ` structure has at least the following fields:

- lockop\_t op;

The operation to be performed, which must be set to one of the following values:

- DB\_LOCK\_GET

Get the lock defined by the values of the **mode** and **obj** structure fields, for the specified **locker**. Upon return from `DB_ENV->lock_vec()`, if the **lock** field is non-NULL, a reference to the acquired lock is stored there. (This reference is invalidated by any call to `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` or `DB_ENV->lock_put()` that releases the lock.)

- DB\_LOCK\_GET\_TIMEOUT

Identical to `DB_LOCK_GET` except that the value in the **timeout** structure field overrides any previously specified timeout value for this lock. A value of 0 turns off any previously specified timeout.

- DB\_LOCK\_PUT

The lock to which the **lock** structure field refers is released. The **locker** parameter, and **mode** and **obj** fields are ignored.

- DB\_LOCK\_PUT\_ALL

All locks held by the specified **locker** are released. The **lock**, **mode**, and **obj** structure fields are ignored. Locks acquired in operations performed by the current call to `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` which appear before the `DB_LOCK_PUT_ALL` operation are released; those acquired in operations appearing after the `DB_LOCK_PUT_ALL` operation are not released.

- DB\_LOCK\_PUT\_OBJ

All locks held on **obj** are released. The **locker** parameter and the **lock** and **mode** structure fields are ignored. Locks acquired in operations performed by the current call to `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` that appear before the `DB_LOCK_PUT_OBJ` operation are released; those acquired in operations appearing after the `DB_LOCK_PUT_OBJ` operation are not released.

- DB\_LOCK\_TIMEOUT

Cause the specified **locker** to timeout immediately. If the database environment has not configured automatic deadlock detection, the transaction will timeout the next time deadlock detection is performed. As transactions acquire locks on behalf of a single locker ID, timing out the locker ID associated with a transaction will time out the transaction itself.

- DB\_LOCK lock;

A lock reference.

- const lockmode\_t mode;

The lock mode, used as an index into the environment's lock conflict matrix. When using the default lock conflict matrix, **mode** must be set to one of the following values:

- DB\_LOCK\_READ  
read (shared)
- DB\_LOCK\_WRITE  
write (exclusive)
- DB\_LOCK\_IWRITE  
intention to write (shared)
- DB\_LOCK\_IREAD  
intention to read (shared)
- DB\_LOCK\_IWR  
intention to read and write (shared)

See [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lk\\_conflicts\(\)](#) and Standard Lock Modes for more information on the lock conflict matrix.

- **const DBT obj;**

An untyped byte string that specifies the object to be locked or released. Applications using the locking subsystem directly while also doing locking via the Berkeley DB access methods must take care not to inadvertently lock objects that happen to be equal to the unique file IDs used to lock files. See Access method locking conventions in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* for more information.

- **u\_int32\_t timeout;**

The lock timeout value.

### **nlist**

The **nlist** parameter specifies the number of elements in the **list** array.

## **Errors**

The `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

A transactional database environment operation was selected to resolve a deadlock.

### **DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

A Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store database environment configured for lock timeouts was unable to grant a lock in the allowed time.

**DB\_LOCK\_NOTGRANTED**

The [DB\\_LOCK\\_NOWAIT](#) flag or lock timers were configured and the lock could not be granted before the wait-time expired.

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**ENOMEM**

The maximum number of locks has been reached.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOCK](#)

**See Also**

[Locking Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 7. The DB\_LSN Handle

```
#include <db.h>

typedef struct __typedef struct __db_lsn DB_LSN; ;
```

The DB\_LSN object is a *log sequence number* which specifies a unique location in a log file. A DB\_LSN consists of two unsigned 32-bit integers -- one specifies the log file number, and the other specifies an offset in the log file.

## Logging Subsystem and Related Methods

Logging Subsystem and Related Methods	Description
DB_ENV->log_archive()	List log and database files
DB_ENV->log_file()	Map Log Sequence Numbers to log files
DB_ENV->log_flush()	Flush log records
DB_ENV->log_printf()	Append informational message to the log
DB_ENV->log_put()	Write a log record
DB_ENV->log_stat()	Return log subsystem statistics
DB_ENV->log_stat_print()	Print log subsystem statistics
log_compare	Compare two Log Sequence Numbers
<b>Logging Subsystem Cursors</b>	
DB_ENV->log_cursor()	Create a log cursor handle
The DB_LOGC Handle	A log cursor handle
DB_LOGC->close()	Close a log cursor
DB_LOGC->get()	Retrieve a log record
<b>Logging Subsystem Configuration</b>	
DB_ENV->log_set_config(), DB_ENV->log_get_config()	Configure the logging subsystem
DB_ENV->set_lg_bsize(), DB_ENV->get_lg_bsize()	Set/get log buffer size
DB_ENV->set_lg_dir(), DB_ENV->get_lg_dir()	Set/get the environment logging directory
DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode(), DB_ENV->get_lg_filemode()	Set/get log file mode
DB_ENV->set_lg_max(), DB_ENV->get_lg_max()	Set/get log file size
DB_ENV->set_lg_regionmax(), DB_ENV->get_lg_regionmax()	Set/get logging region size

## DB\_ENV->get\_lg\_bsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lg_bsize(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lg_bsizep);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_bsize()` method returns the size of the log buffer, in bytes. You can manage this value using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_bsize\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_bsize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_bsize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lg\_bsizep**

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_bsize()` method returns the size of the log buffer, in bytes in **lg\_bsizep**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_bsize\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lg\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lg_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char **dirp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_dir()` method returns the log directory, which is the location for logging files. You can manage this value using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_dir\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_dir()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_dir()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dirp**

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_dir()` method returns a reference to the log directory in **dirp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_dir\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lg\_filemode()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lg_filemode(DB_ENV *dbenv, int *lg_modep);
```

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method returns the log file mode. You can manage this value using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_filemode\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lg\_modep**

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method returns the log file mode in **lg\_modep**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_filemode\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lg\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lg_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lg_maxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_max()` method returns the maximum log file size. You can manage this value using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_max\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_max()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_max()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lg\_maxp**

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_max()` method returns the maximum log file size in **lg\_maxp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_max\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_lg\_regionmax()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_lg_regionmax(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *lg_regionmaxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_regionmax()` method returns the size of the underlying logging subsystem region. You can manage this value using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_regionmax\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_regionmax()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_regionmax()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lg\_regionmaxp**

The `DB_ENV->get_lg_regionmax()` method returns the size of the underlying logging subsystem region in `lg_regionmaxp`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_lg\\_regionmax\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_archive()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_archive(DB_ENV *env, char *(*listp)[], u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_archive()` method returns an array of log or database filenames.

By default, `DB_ENV->log_archive()` returns the names of all of the log files that are no longer in use (for example, that are no longer involved in active transactions), and that may safely be archived for catastrophic recovery and then removed from the system. If there are no filenames to return, the memory location to which `listp` refers will be set to `NULL`.

Arrays of log filenames are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

Log cursor handles (returned by the [DB\\_ENV->log\\_cursor\(\)](#) method) may have open file descriptors for log files in the database environment. Also, the Berkeley DB interfaces to the database environment logging subsystem (for example, [DB\\_ENV->log\\_put\(\)](#) and [DB\\_TXN->abort\(\)](#)) may allocate log cursors and have open file descriptors for log files as well. On operating systems where filesystem related system calls (for example, `rename` and `unlink` on Windows/NT) can fail if a process has an open file descriptor for the affected file, attempting to move or remove the log files listed by `DB_ENV->log_archive()` may fail. All Berkeley DB internal use of log cursors operates on active log files only and furthermore, is short-lived in nature. So, an application seeing such a failure should be restructured to close any open log cursors it may have, and otherwise to retry the operation until it succeeds. (Although the latter is not likely to be necessary; it is hard to imagine a reason to move or rename a log file in which transactions are being logged or aborted.)

See [db\\_archive](#) for more information on database archival procedures.

The `DB_ENV->log_archive()` method is the underlying method used by the [db\\_archive](#) utility. See the [db\\_archive](#) utility source code for an example of using `DB_ENV->log_archive()` in a IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

The `DB_ENV->log_archive()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_ARCH_ABS`

All pathnames are returned as absolute pathnames, instead of relative to the database home directory.

- DB\_ARCH\_DATA

Return the database files that need to be archived in order to recover the database from catastrophic failure. If any of the database files have not been accessed during the lifetime of the current log files, DB\_ENV->log\_archive() will not include them in this list. It is also possible that some of the files referred to by the log have since been deleted from the system.

The DB\_ARCH\_DATA and DB\_ARCH\_LOG flags are mutually exclusive.

- DB\_ARCH\_LOG

Return all the log filenames, regardless of whether or not they are in use.

The DB\_ARCH\_DATA and DB\_ARCH\_LOG flags are mutually exclusive.

- DB\_ARCH\_REMOVE

Remove log files that are no longer needed; no filenames are returned. Automatic log file removal is likely to make catastrophic recovery impossible.

The DB\_ARCH\_REMOVE flag may not be specified with any other flag.

### **listp**

The **listp** parameter references memory into which the allocated array of log or database filenames is copied. If there are no filenames to return, the memory location to which **listp** refers will be set to NULL.

## **Errors**

The DB\_ENV->log\_archive() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

## **See Also**

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_cursor()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_cursor(DB_ENV *dbenv, DB_LOGC **cursorp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_cursor()` method returns a created log cursor.

The `DB_ENV->log_cursor()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **cursorp**

The `cursorp` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the created log cursor is copied.

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->log_cursor()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_file()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_file(DB_ENV *env,
                const DB_LSN *lsn, char *namep, size_t len);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_file()` method maps `DB_LSN` structures to filenames, returning the name of the file containing the record named by `lsn`.

This mapping of `DB_LSN` structures to files is needed for database administration. For example, a transaction manager typically records the earliest `DB_LSN` needed for restart, and the database administrator may want to archive log files to tape when they contain only `DB_LSN` entries before the earliest one needed for restart.

The `DB_ENV->log_file()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lsn**

The `lsn` parameter is the `DB_LSN` structure for which a filename is wanted.

#### **namep**

The `namep` parameter references memory into which the name of the file containing the record named by `lsn` is copied.

#### **len**

The `len` parameter is the length of the `namep` buffer in bytes. If `namep` is too short to hold the filename, `DB_ENV->log_file()` will fail. (Log filenames are always 14 characters long.)

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->log_file()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If supplied buffer was too small to hold the log filename; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_flush()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_flush(DB_ENV *env, const DB_LSN *lsn);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_flush()` method writes log records to disk.

The `DB_ENV->log_flush()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### lsn

All log records with [DB\\_LSN](#) values less than or equal to the `lsn` parameter are written to disk. If `lsn` is NULL, all records in the log are flushed.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->log_flush()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_get\_config()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_get_config(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t which, int *onoffp);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_get_config()` method returns whether the specified **which** parameter is currently set or not. You can manage this value using the [DB\\_ENV->log\\_set\\_config\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->log_get_config()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->log_get_config()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **which**

The **which** parameter is the message value for which configuration is being checked. Must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_LOG_DIRECT`

System buffering is turned off for Berkeley DB log files to avoid double caching.

- `DB_LOG_DSYNC`

Berkeley DB is configured to flush log writes to the backing disk before returning from the write system call, rather than flushing log writes explicitly in a separate system call, as necessary.

- `DB_LOG_AUTO_REMOVE`

Berkeley DB automatically removes log files that are no longer needed.

- `DB_LOG_IN_MEMORY`

Transaction logs are maintained in memory rather than on disk. This means that transactions exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability).

- `DB_LOG_ZERO`

All pages of a log file are zeroed when that log file is created.

#### **onoffp**

The **onoffp** parameter references memory into which the configuration of the specified **which** parameter is copied.

If the returned **onoff** value is zero, the parameter is off; otherwise, on.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods, DB\\_ENV->log\\_set\\_config\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_printf()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_printf(DB_ENV *env, DB_TXN *txnid, const char *fmt, ...);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_printf()` method appends an informational message to the Berkeley DB database environment log files.

The `DB_ENV->log_printf()` method allows applications to include information in the database environment log files, for later review using the [db\\_printlog](#) utility. This method is intended for debugging and performance tuning.

The `DB_ENV->log_printf()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **txnid**

If the logged message refers to an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_begin\(\)](#); otherwise NULL.

#### **fmt**

A format string that specifies how subsequent arguments (or arguments accessed via the variable-length argument facilities of `stdarg(3)`) are converted for output. The format string may contain any formatting directives supported by the underlying C library `vsprintf(3)` function.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->log_printf()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_put()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_put(DB_ENV *env,
               DB_LSN *lsn, const DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_put()` method appends records to the log. The `DB_LSN` of the put record is returned in the `lsn` parameter.

The `DB_ENV->log_put()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **data**

The **data** parameter is the record to write to the log.

The caller is responsible for providing any necessary structure to **data**. (For example, in a write-ahead logging protocol, the application must understand what part of **data** is an operation code, what part is redo information, and what part is undo information. In addition, most transaction managers will store in **data** the `DB_LSN` of the previous log record for the same transaction, to support chaining back through the transaction's log records during undo.)

#### **flags**

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_FLUSH`

The log is forced to disk after this record is written, guaranteeing that all records with `DB_LSN` values less than or equal to the one being "put" are on disk before `DB_ENV->log_put()` returns.

#### **lsn**

The `lsn` parameter references memory into which the `DB_LSN` of the put record is copied.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->log_put()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the record to be logged is larger than the maximum log record; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

## See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_set\_config()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_set_config(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t flags, int onoff);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` method configures the Berkeley DB logging subsystem.

The `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_LOG_DIRECT`

Turn off system buffering of Berkeley DB log files to avoid double caching.

Calling `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` with the `DB_LOG_DIRECT` flag only affects the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all [DB\\_ENV](#) handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_LOG_DIRECT` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_LOG_DIRECT` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_LOG_DSYNC`

Configure Berkeley DB to flush log writes to the backing disk before returning from the write system call, rather than flushing log writes explicitly in a separate system call, as necessary. This is only available on some systems (for example, systems supporting the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) standard `O_DSYNC` flag, or systems supporting the Windows `FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH` flag). This flag may result in inaccurate file modification times and other file-level information for Berkeley DB log files. This flag may offer a performance increase on some systems and a performance decrease on others.

Calling `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` with the `DB_LOG_DSYNC` flag only affects the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle (and any other Berkeley DB handles opened within the scope of that handle). For consistent behavior across the environment, all [DB\\_ENV](#) handles opened in the environment must either set the `DB_LOG_DSYNC` flag or the flag should be specified in the `DB_CONFIG` configuration file.

The `DB_LOG_DSYNC` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- DB\_LOG\_AUTO\_REMOVE

If set, Berkeley DB will automatically remove log files that are no longer needed.

Automatic log file removal is likely to make catastrophic recovery impossible.

Replication applications will rarely want to configure automatic log file removal as it increases the likelihood a master will be unable to satisfy a client's request for a recent log record.

Calling `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` with the `DB_LOG_AUTO_REMOVE` flag affects the database environment, including all threads of control accessing the database environment.

The `DB_LOG_AUTO_REMOVE` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- DB\_LOG\_IN\_MEMORY

If set, maintain transaction logs in memory rather than on disk. This means that transactions exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability); that is, database integrity will be maintained, but if the application or system fails, integrity will not persist. All database files must be verified and/or restored from a replication group master or archival backup after application or system failure.

When in-memory logs are configured and no more log buffer space is available, Berkeley DB methods may return an additional error value, `DB_LOG_BUFFER_FULL`. When choosing log buffer and file sizes for in-memory logs, applications should ensure the in-memory log buffer size is large enough that no transaction will ever span the entire buffer, and avoid a state where the in-memory buffer is full and no space can be freed because a transaction that started in the first log "file" is still active.

Calling `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` with the `DB_LOG_IN_MEMORY` flag affects the database environment, including all threads of control accessing the database environment.

The `DB_LOG_IN_MEMORY` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB only before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

- DB\_LOG\_ZERO

If set, zero all pages of a log file when that log file is created. This has shown to provide greater transaction throughput in some environments. The log file will be zeroed by the thread which needs to re-create the new log file. Other threads may not write to the log file while this is happening.

Calling `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` with the `DB_LOG_ZERO` flag affects only the current environment handle.

The `DB_LOG_ZERO` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time.

## **onoff**

If the `onoff` parameter is zero, the specified flags are cleared; otherwise they are set.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->log_set_config()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_stat(DB_ENV *env, DB_LOG_STAT **statp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_stat()` method returns the logging subsystem statistics.

The `DB_ENV->log_stat()` method creates a statistical structure of type `DB_LOG_STAT` and copies a pointer to it into a user-specified memory location.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

The following `DB_LOG_STAT` fields will be filled in:

- **u\_int32\_t st\_magic;**  
The magic number that identifies a file as a log file.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_version;**  
The version of the log file type.
- **int st\_mode;**  
The mode of any created log files.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_lg\_bsize;**  
The in-memory log record cache size.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_lg\_size;**  
The log file size.
- **uintmax\_t st\_record;**  
The number of records written to this log.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_w\_mbytes;**  
The number of megabytes written to this log.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_w\_bytes;**  
The number of bytes over and above `st_w_mbytes` written to this log.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_wc\_mbytes;**  
The number of megabytes written to this log since the last checkpoint.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_wc\_bytes;**  
The number of bytes over and above **st\_wc\_mbytes** written to this log since the last checkpoint.
- **uintmax\_t st\_wcount;**  
The number of times the log has been written to disk.
- **uintmax\_t st\_wcount\_fill;**  
The number of times the log has been written to disk because the in-memory log record cache filled up.
- **uintmax\_t st\_rcount;**  
The number of times the log has been read from disk.
- **uintmax\_t st\_scount;**  
The number of times the log has been flushed to disk.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_cur\_file;**  
The current log file number.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_cur\_offset;**  
The byte offset in the current log file.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_disk\_file;**  
The log file number of the last record known to be on disk.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_disk\_offset;**  
The byte offset of the last record known to be on disk.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxcommitperflush;**  
The maximum number of commits contained in a single log flush.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_mincommitperflush;**  
The minimum number of commits contained in a single log flush that contained a commit.
- **roff\_t st\_regsz;**  
The size of the log region, in bytes.

- `uintmax_t st_region_wait;`

The number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining the log region mutex.

- `uintmax_t st_region_nowait;`

The number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain the log region mutex without waiting.

The `DB_ENV->log_stat()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->log_stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`

Reset statistics after returning their values.

### statp

The `statp` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated statistics structure is copied.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->log_stat()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

## See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->log\_stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->log_stat_print(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->log_stat_print()` method displays the logging subsystem statistical information, as described for the `DB_ENV->log_stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->log_stat_print()` method may not be called before the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->log_stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_bsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lg_bsize(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t lg_bsize);
```

Set the size of the in-memory log buffer, in bytes.

When the logging subsystem is configured for on-disk logging, the default size of the in-memory log buffer is approximately 32KB. Log information is stored in-memory until the storage space fills up or transaction commit forces the information to be flushed to stable storage. In the presence of long-running transactions or transactions producing large amounts of data, larger buffer sizes can increase throughput.

When the logging subsystem is configured for in-memory logging, the default size of the in-memory log buffer is 1MB. Log information is stored in-memory until the storage space fills up or transaction abort or commit frees up the memory for new transactions. In the presence of long-running transactions or transactions producing large amounts of data, the buffer size must be sufficient to hold all log information that can accumulate during the longest running transaction. When choosing log buffer and file sizes for in-memory logs, applications should ensure the in-memory log buffer size is large enough that no transaction will ever span the entire buffer, and avoid a state where the in-memory buffer is full and no space can be freed because a transaction that started in the first log "file" is still active.

The database environment's log buffer size may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lg\_bsize", one or more whitespace characters, and the size in bytes. Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_bsize() method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_bsize() method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_bsize() will be ignored.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_bsize() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### lg\_bsize

The **lg\_bsize** parameter is the size of the in-memory log buffer, in bytes.

### Errors

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_bsize() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

## See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_dir()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lg_dir(DB_ENV *dbenv, const char *dir);
```

The path of a directory to be used as the location of logging files. Log files created by the Log Manager subsystem will be created in this directory.

If no logging directory is specified, log files are created in the environment home directory. See Berkeley DB File Naming for more information.

For the greatest degree of recoverability from system or application failure, database files and log files should be located on separate physical devices.

The database environment's logging directory may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lg\_dir", one or more whitespace characters, and the directory name. Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_dir() method configures operations performed using the specified DB\_ENV handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_dir() method may not be called after the DB\_ENV->open() method is called. If the database environment already exists when DB\_ENV->open() is called, the information specified to DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_dir() must be consistent with the existing environment or corruption can occur.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_dir() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### dir

The **dir** parameter is the directory used to store the logging files.

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the **dir** argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

### Errors

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_dir() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after DB\_ENV->open() was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

## See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_filemode()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode(DB_ENV *dbenv, int lg_filemode);
```

Set the absolute file mode for created log files. This method is **only** useful for the rare Berkeley DB application that does not control its umask value.

Normally, if Berkeley DB applications set their umask appropriately, all processes in the application suite will have read permission on the log files created by any process in the application suite. However, if the Berkeley DB application is a library, a process using the library might set its umask to a value preventing other processes in the application suite from reading the log files it creates. In this rare case, the `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method can be used to set the mode of created log files to an absolute value.

The database environment's log file mode may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lg\_filemode", one or more whitespace characters, and the absolute mode of created log files. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_filemode()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lg\_filemode**

The `lg_filemode` parameter is the absolute mode of the created log file.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lg_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t lg_max);
```

Set the maximum size of a single file in the log, in bytes. Because [DB\\_LSN](#) file offsets are unsigned four-byte values, the set value may not be larger than the maximum unsigned four-byte value.

When the logging subsystem is configured for on-disk logging, the default size of a log file is 10MB.

When the logging subsystem is configured for in-memory logging, the default size of a log file is 256KB. In addition, the configured log buffer size must be larger than the log file size. (The logging subsystem divides memory configured for in-memory log records into "files", as database environments configured for in-memory log records may exchange log records with other members of a replication group, and those members may be configured to store log records on-disk.) When choosing log buffer and file sizes for in-memory logs, applications should ensure the in-memory log buffer size is large enough that no transaction will ever span the entire buffer, and avoid a state where the in-memory buffer is full and no space can be freed because a transaction that started in the first log "file" is still active.

See [Log File Limits](#) for more information.

The database environment's log file size may also be configured using the environment's [DB\\_CONFIG](#) file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lg\_max", one or more whitespace characters, and the size in bytes. Because the [DB\\_CONFIG](#) file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_max()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_max()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

If no size is specified by the application, the size last specified for the database region will be used, or if no database region previously existed, the default will be used.

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_max()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lg\_max**

The `lg_max` parameter is the size of a single log file, in bytes.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_lg_max()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the size of the log file is less than four times the size of the in-memory log buffer; the specified log file size was too large; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

**See Also**

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_regionmax()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_lg_regionmax(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t lg_regionmax);
```

Set the size of the underlying logging area of the Berkeley DB environment, in bytes. By default, or if the value is set to 0, the minimum region size is used, approximately 128KB. The log region is used to store filenames, and so may need to be increased in size if a large number of files will be opened and registered with the specified Berkeley DB environment's log manager.

The database environment's log region size may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_lg\_regionmax", one or more whitespace characters, and the size in bytes. Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_regionmax() method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_regionmax() method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_regionmax() will be ignored.

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_regionmax() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### lg\_regionmax

The [lg\\_regionmax](#) parameter is the size of the logging area in the Berkeley DB environment, in bytes.

### Errors

The DB\_ENV->set\_lg\_regionmax() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## The DB\_LOGC Handle

```
#include <db.h>

typedef struct __typedef struct __db_log_cursor DB_LOGC;
```

The `DB_LOGC` object is the handle for a cursor into the log files, supporting sequential access to the records stored in log files. The handle is not free-threaded. Once the `DB_LOGC->close()` method is called, the handle may not be accessed again, regardless of that method's return.

For more information, see the [DB\\_LSN](#) handle.

## DB\_LOGC->close()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_LOGC->close(DB_LOGC *cursor, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_LOGC->close()` method discards the log cursor. After `DB_LOGC->close()` has been called, regardless of its return, the cursor handle may not be used again.

The `DB_LOGC->close()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `DB_LOGC->close()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the cursor is already closed; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_LOGC->get()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_LOGC->get(DB_LOGC *logc, DB_LSN *lsn, DBT *data, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_LOGC->get()` method returns records from the log.

Unless otherwise specified, the `DB_LOGC->get()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### data

The `data` field of the `data` structure is set to the record retrieved, and the `size` field indicates the number of bytes in the record. See [DBT](#) for a description of other fields in the `data` structure. The [DB\\_DBT\\_MALLOC](#), [DB\\_DBT\\_REALLOC](#) and [DB\\_DBT\\_USERMEM](#) flags may be specified for any `DBT` used for data retrieval.

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_CURRENT`

Return the log record to which the log currently refers.

- `DB_FIRST`

The first record from any of the log files found in the log directory is returned in the `data` parameter. The `lsn` parameter is overwritten with the [DB\\_LSN](#) of the record returned.

The `DB_LOGC->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_FIRST` is set and the log is empty.

- `DB_LAST`

The last record in the log is returned in the `data` parameter. The `lsn` parameter is overwritten with the [DB\\_LSN](#) of the record returned.

The `DB_LOGC->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_LAST` is set and the log is empty.

- `DB_NEXT`

The current log position is advanced to the next record in the log, and that record is returned in the `data` parameter. The `lsn` parameter is overwritten with the [DB\\_LSN](#) of the record returned.

If the cursor has not been initialized via `DB_FIRST`, `DB_LAST`, `DB_SET`, `DB_NEXT`, or `DB_PREV`, `DB_LOGC->get()` will return the first record in the log.

The `DB_LOGC->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_NEXT` is set and the last log record has already been returned or the log is empty.

- `DB_PREV`

The current log position is advanced to the previous record in the log, and that record is returned in the `data` parameter. The `lsn` parameter is overwritten with the `DB_LSN` of the record returned.

If the cursor has not been initialized via `DB_FIRST`, `DB_LAST`, `DB_SET`, `DB_NEXT`, or `DB_PREV`, `DB_LOGC->get()` will return the last record in the log.

The `DB_LOGC->get()` method will return `DB_NOTFOUND` if `DB_PREV` is set and the first log record has already been returned or the log is empty.

- `DB_SET`

Retrieve the record specified by the `lsn` parameter.

### **lsn**

When the `flag` parameter is set to `DB_CURRENT`, `DB_FIRST`, `DB_LAST`, `DB_NEXT` or `DB_PREV`, the `lsn` parameter is overwritten with the `DB_LSN` value of the record retrieved. When `flag` is set to `DB_SET`, the `lsn` parameter is the `DB_LSN` value of the record to be retrieved.

## **Errors**

The `DB_LOGC->get()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If the `DB_CURRENT` flag was set and the log cursor has not yet been initialized; the `DB_CURRENT`, `DB_NEXT`, or `DB_PREV` flags were set and the log was opened with the `DB_THREAD` flag set; the `DB_SET` flag was set and the specified log sequence number does not appear in the log; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

## **See Also**

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## log\_compare

```
#include <db.h>

int
log_compare(const DB_LSN *lsn0, const DB_LSN *lsn1);
```

The `log_compare()` method allows the caller to compare two `DB_LSN` structures, returning 0 if they are equal, 1 if `lsn0` is greater than `lsn1`, and -1 if `lsn0` is less than `lsn1`.

### Parameters

#### **lsn0**

The `lsn0` parameter is one of the `DB_LSN` structures to be compared.

#### **lsn1**

The `lsn1` parameter is one of the `DB_LSN` structures to be compared.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_LOGC](#), [DB\\_LSN](#)

### See Also

[Logging Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 8. The DB\_MPOOLFILE Handle

```
#include <db.h>

typedef struct __db_mpoolfile DB_MPOOLFILE;
```

The memory pool interfaces for the Berkeley DB database environment are methods of the [DB\\_ENV](#) handle. The [DB\\_ENV](#) memory pool methods and the `DB_MPOOLFILE` class provide general-purpose, page-oriented buffer management of files. Although designed to work with the other [DB](#) classes, they are also useful for more general purposes. The memory pools are referred to in this document as simply *the cache*.

The cache may be shared between processes. The cache is usually filled by pages from one or more files. Pages in the cache are replaced in LRU (least-recently-used) order, with each new page replacing the page that has been unused the longest. Pages retrieved from the cache using [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->get\(\)](#) are *pinned* in the cache until they are returned to the control of the cache using the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->put\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE` object is the handle for a file in the cache. The handle is not free-threaded. Once the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->close\(\)](#) method is called, the handle may not be accessed again, regardless of that method's return.

## Memory Pools and Related Methods

Memory Pools and Related Methods	Description
<a href="#">DB-&gt;get_mpf()</a>	Return the DB_MPOOLFILE for a DB
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;memp_stat()</a>	Return cache statistics
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;memp_stat_print()</a>	Print cache statistics
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;memp_sync()</a>	Flush all pages from the cache
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;memp_trickle()</a>	Flush some pages from the cache
<b>Memory Pool Configuration</b>	
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;memp_register()</a>	Register a custom file type
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;set_cache_max()</a> , <a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;get_cache_max()</a>	Set/get the maximum cache size
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;set_cachesize()</a> , <a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;get_cachesize()</a>	Set/get the environment cache size
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;set_mp_max_openfd()</a> , <a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;get_mp_max_openfd()</a>	Set/get the maximum number of open file descriptors
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;set_mp_max_write()</a> , <a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;get_mp_max_write()</a>	Set/get the maximum number of sequential disk writes
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;set_mp_mmapsize()</a> , <a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;get_mp_mmapsize()</a>	Set/get maximum file size to memory map when opened read-only
<b>Memory Pool Files</b>	
<a href="#">DB_ENV-&gt;memp_fcreate()</a>	Create a memory pool file handle
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;close()</a>	Close a file in the cache
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get()</a>	Get page from a file in the cache
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;open()</a>	Open a file in the cache
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;put()</a>	Return a page to the cache
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;sync()</a>	Flush pages from a file from the cache
<b>Memory Pool File Configuration</b>	
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_clear_len()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_clear_len()</a>	Set/get number of bytes to clear when creating a new page
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_fileid()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_fileid()</a>	Set/get file unique identifier
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_flags()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_flags()</a>	Set/get file options
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_ftype()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_ftype()</a>	Set/get file type
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_lsn_offset()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_lsn_offset()</a>	Set/get file log-sequence-number offset

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Memory Pools and Related Methods	Description
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_maxsize()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_maxsize()</a>	Set/get maximum file size
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_pgcookie()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_pgcookie()</a>	Set/get file cookie for pgin/pgout
<a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;set_priority()</a> , <a href="#">DB_MPOOLFILE-&gt;get_priority()</a>	Set/get cache file priority

## DB->get\_mpf()

```
#include <db.h>

DB_MPOOLFILE *
DB->get_mpf(DB *db);
```

The `DB->get_mpf()` method returns the handle for the cache file underlying the database.

The `DB->get_mpf()` method should be used with caution on a replication client site. This method exposes an internal structure that may not be valid after a client site synchronizes with its master site.

The `DB->get_mpf()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_cache\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_cache_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *gbytesp, u_int32_t *bytesp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_cache_max()` method returns the maximum size of the cache as set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_cache\\_max\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_cache_max()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_cache_max()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bytesp**

The **bytesp** parameter references memory into which the additional bytes of memory in the cache is copied.

#### **gbytesp**

The **gbytesp** parameter references memory into which the gigabytes of memory in the cache is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_cache\\_max\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_cachesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_cachesize(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    u_int32_t *gbytesp, u_int32_t *bytesp, int *ncachep);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_cachesize()` method returns the current size and composition of the cache, as set using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_cachesize\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_cachesize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_cachesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bytesp**

The **bytesp** parameter references memory into which the additional bytes of memory in the cache is copied.

#### **gbytesp**

The **gbytesp** parameter references memory into which the gigabytes of memory in the cache is copied.

#### **ncachep**

The **ncachep** parameter references memory into which the number of caches is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [Database Environments and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_cachesize\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_mp\_max\_openfd()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_mp_max_openfd(DB_ENV *env, int *maxopenfdp);
```

Returns the maximum number of file descriptors the library will open concurrently when flushing dirty pages from the cache. This value is set by the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_mp\\_max\\_openfd\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_max_openfd()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_max_openfd()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **maxopenfdp**

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_max_openfd()` method returns the maximum number of file descriptors open in **maxopenfdp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_mp\\_max\\_openfd\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_mp\_max\_write()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_mp_max_write(DB_ENV *env, int *maxwritep, db_timeout_t *maxwrite_sleepp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_max_write()` method returns the current maximum number of sequential write operations and microseconds to pause that the library can schedule when flushing dirty pages from the cache. These values are set by the `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_write()` method.

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_max_write()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_max_write()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **maxwritep**

The `maxwritep` parameter references memory into which the maximum number of sequential write operations is copied.

#### **maxwrite\_sleepp**

The `maxwrite_sleepp` parameter references memory into which the microseconds to pause before scheduling further write operations is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_mp\\_max\\_write\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_mp\_mmapsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_mp_mmapsize(DB_ENV *dbenv, size_t *mp_mmapsizep);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_mmapsize()` method returns the the maximum file size, in bytes, for a file to be mapped into the process address space. This value can be managed using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_mp\\_mmapsize\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_mmapsize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_mmapsize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **mp\_mmapsizep**

The `DB_ENV->get_mp_mmapsize()` method returns the maximum file map size in `mp_mmapsizep`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_mp\\_mmapsize\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->memp\_fcreate()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->memp_fcreate(DB_ENV *dbenvp, DB_MPOOLFILE **dbmfp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->memp_fcreate()` method creates a [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) structure that is the handle for a Berkeley DB cache (that is, a shared memory buffer pool file). A pointer to this structure is returned in the memory to which `dbmfp` refers. Calling the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->close\(\)](#) method will discard the returned handle.

The `DB_ENV->memp_fcreate()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dbmfp**

The `DB_ENV->memp_fcreate()` method returns a pointer to a mpool structure in `dbmfp`.

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->memp\_register()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->memp_register(DB_ENV *env, int ftype,
    int (*pgin_fcn)(DB_ENV *env, db_pgno_t pgno, void *pgaddr,
    DBT *pgcookie), int (*pgout_fcn)(DB_ENV *env, db_pgno_t pgno,
    void *pgaddr, DBT *pgcookie));
```

The `DB_ENV->memp_register()` method registers page-in and page-out functions for files of type **ftype** in the cache.

If the **pgin\_fcn** function is non-NULL, it is called each time a page is read into the cache from a file of type **ftype**, or a page is created for a file of type **ftype** (see the `DB_MPOOL_CREATE` flag for the `DB_MPOOLFILE->get()` method).

If the **pgout\_fcn** function is non-NULL, it is called each time a page is written to a file of type **ftype**.

The purpose of the `DB_ENV->memp_register()` function is to support processing when pages are entered into, or flushed from, the cache. For example, this functionality might be used to do byte-endian conversion as pages are read from, or written to, the underlying file.

A file type must be specified to make it possible for unrelated threads or processes that are sharing a cache, to evict each other's pages from the cache. During initialization, applications should call `DB_ENV->memp_register()` for each type of file requiring input or output processing that will be sharing the underlying cache. (No registry is necessary for the standard Berkeley DB access method types because `DB->open()` registers them separately.)

If a thread or process does not call `DB_ENV->memp_register()` for a file type, it is impossible for it to evict pages for any file requiring input or output processing from the cache. For this reason, `DB_ENV->memp_register()` should always be called by each application sharing a cache for each type of file included in the cache, regardless of whether or not the application itself uses files of that type.

The `DB_ENV->memp_register()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **ftype**

The **ftype** parameter specifies the type of file for which the page-in and page-out functions will be called.

The **ftype** value for a file must be a non-zero positive number less than 128 (0 and negative numbers are reserved for internal use by the Berkeley DB library).

#### **pgin\_fcn, pgout\_fcn**

The page-in and page-out functions.

The `pgin_fcn` and `pgout_fcn` functions are called with a reference to the current database environment, the page number being read or written, a pointer to the page being read or written, and any parameter `pgcookie` that was specified to the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_pgcookie\(\)](#) method.

The `pgin_fcn` and `pgout_fcn` functions should return 0 on success, and a non-zero value on failure, in which case the shared Berkeley DB library function calling it will also fail, returning that non-zero value. The non-zero value should be selected from values outside of the Berkeley DB library namespace.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

## See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->memp\_stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->memp_stat(DB_ENV *env, DB_MPOOL_STAT **gsp,
                 DB_MPOOL_FSTAT *(*fsp)[], u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat()` method returns the memory pool (that is, the buffer cache) subsystem statistics.

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat()` method creates statistical structures of type `DB_MPOOL_STAT` and `DB_MPOOL_FSTAT`, and copy pointers to them into user-specified memory locations. The cache statistics are stored in the `DB_MPOOL_STAT` structure and the per-file cache statistics are stored the `DB_MPOOL_FSTAT` structure.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

If `gsp` is non-NULL, the global statistics for the cache `mp` are copied into the memory location to which it refers. The following `DB_MPOOL_STAT` fields will be filled in:

- **u\_int32\_t st\_gbytes;**  
Gigabytes of cache (total cache size is `st_gbytes` + `st_bytes`).
- **u\_int32\_t st\_bytes;**  
Bytes of cache (total cache size is `st_gbytes` + `st_bytes`).
- **u\_int32\_t st\_ncache;**  
Number of caches.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_max\_ncache;**  
Maximum number of caches, as configured with the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_cache\\_max\(\)](#) method.
- **roff\_t st\_regsize;**  
Individual cache size, in bytes.
- **size\_t st\_mmapsize;**  
Maximum memory-mapped file size.
- **int st\_maxopend;**  
Maximum open file descriptors.

- **int st\_maxwrite;**  
Maximum sequential buffer writes.
- **db\_timeout\_t st\_maxwrite\_sleep;**  
Microseconds to pause after writing maximum sequential buffers.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_map;**  
Requested pages mapped into the process' address space (there is no available information about whether or not this request caused disk I/O, although examining the application page fault rate may be helpful).
- **uintmax\_t st\_cache\_hit;**  
Requested pages found in the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_cache\_miss;**  
Requested pages not found in the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_create;**  
Pages created in the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_in;**  
Pages read into the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_out;**  
Pages written from the cache to the backing file.
- **uintmax\_t st\_ro\_evict;**  
Clean pages forced from the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_rw\_evict;**  
Dirty pages forced from the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_trickle;**  
Dirty pages written using the [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_trickle\(\)](#) method.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_pages;**  
Pages in the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_clean;**  
Clean pages currently in the cache.

- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_dirty;**  
Dirty pages currently in the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_buckets;**  
Number of hash buckets in buffer hash table.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_searches;**  
Total number of buffer hash table lookups.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_longest;**  
Longest chain ever encountered in buffer hash table lookups.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_examined;**  
Total number of hash elements traversed during hash table lookups.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_nowait;**  
Number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain a hash bucket lock without waiting.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_wait;**  
Number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining a hash bucket lock.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_max\_nowait;**  
The number of times a thread of control was able to obtain the hash bucket lock without waiting on the bucket which had the maximum number of times that a thread of control needed to wait.
- **uintmax\_t st\_hash\_max\_wait;**  
Maximum number of times any hash bucket lock was waited for by a thread of control.
- **uintmax\_t st\_region\_wait;**  
Number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining a cache region mutex.
- **uintmax\_t st\_region\_nowait;**  
Number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain a cache region mutex without waiting.
- **uintmax\_t st\_mvcc\_frozen;**  
Number of buffers frozen.
- **uintmax\_t st\_mvcc\_thawed;**  
Number of buffers thawed.

- **uintmax\_t st\_mvcc\_freed;**  
Number of frozen buffers freed.
- **uintmax\_t st\_alloc;**  
Number of page allocations.
- **uintmax\_t st\_alloc\_buckets;**  
Number of hash buckets checked during allocation.
- **uintmax\_t st\_alloc\_max\_buckets;**  
Maximum number of hash buckets checked during an allocation.
- **uintmax\_t st\_alloc\_pages;**  
Number of pages checked during allocation.
- **uintmax\_t st\_alloc\_max\_pages;**  
Maximum number of pages checked during an allocation.
- **uintmax\_t st\_io\_wait;**  
Number of operations blocked waiting for I/O to complete.
- **uintmax\_t st\_sync\_interrupted;**  
Number of mpool sync operations interrupted.

If **fsp** is non-NULL, a pointer to a NULL-terminated variable length array of statistics for individual files, in the cache **mp**, is copied into the memory location to which it refers. If no individual files currently exist in the cache, **fsp** will be set to NULL.

The per-file statistics are stored in structures of type `DB_MPOOL_FSTAT`. The following `DB_MPOOL_FSTAT` fields will be filled in for each file in the cache; that is, each element of the array:

- **char \* file\_name;**  
The name of the file.
- **size\_t st\_pagesize;**  
Page size in bytes.
- **uintmax\_t st\_cache\_hit;**  
Requested pages found in the cache.
- **uintmax\_t st\_cache\_miss;**

Requested pages not found in the cache.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_map;**

Requested pages mapped into the process' address space.

- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_create;**

Pages created in the cache.

- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_in;**

Pages read into the cache.

- **uintmax\_t st\_page\_out;**

Pages written from the cache to the backing file.

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`

Reset statistics after returning their values.

### fsp

The **fsp** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated per-file statistics structures is copied.

### gsp

The **gsp** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated global statistics structure is copied.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

## See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->memp\_stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->memp_stat_print(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat_print()` method displays cache subsystem statistical information, as described for the `DB_ENV->memp_stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgfile()` method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgcall()` method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat_print()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->memp_stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.
- `DB_STAT_MEMP_HASH`  
Display the buffers with hash chains.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->memp\_sync()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->memp_sync(DB_ENV *env, DB_LSN *lsn);
```

The `DB_ENV->memp_sync()` method flushes modified pages in the cache to their backing files.

Pages in the cache that cannot be immediately written back to disk (for example, pages that are currently in use by another thread of control) are waited for and written to disk as soon as it is possible to do so.

The `DB_ENV->memp_sync()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### lsn

The purpose of the `lsn` parameter is to enable a transaction manager to ensure, as part of a checkpoint, that all pages modified by a certain time have been written to disk.

All modified pages with a a log sequence number ([DB\\_LSN](#)) less than the `lsn` parameter are written to disk. If `lsn` is NULL, all modified pages in the cache are written to disk.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->memp\_trickle()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->memp_trickle(DB_ENV *env, int percent, int *nwrotep);
```

The `DB_ENV->memp_trickle()` method ensures that a specified percent of the pages in the cache are clean, by writing dirty pages to their backing files.

The purpose of the `DB_ENV->memp_trickle()` function is to enable a memory pool manager to ensure that a page is always available for reading in new information without having to wait for a write.

The `DB_ENV->memp_trickle()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **nwrotep**

The `nwrotep` parameter references memory into which the number of pages written to reach the specified percentage is copied.

#### **percent**

The `percent` parameter is the percent of the pages in the cache that should be clean.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->memp_trickle()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors: following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_cache\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_cache_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t gbytes, u_int32_t bytes);
```

The `DB_ENV->set_cache_max()` method sets the maximum cache size, in bytes. The specified size is rounded to the nearest multiple of the cache region size, which is the initial cache size divided by the number of regions specified to the `DB_ENV->set_cachesize()` method. If no value is specified, it defaults to the initial cache size.

The database environment's maximum cache size may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_cache\_max", one or more whitespace characters, and the size in bytes. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_cache_max()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_cache_max()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_cache_max()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### bytes

The `bytes` parameter specifies the number of bytes which, when added to the `gbytes` parameter, specifies the maximum size of the cache.

#### gbytes

The `gbytes` parameter specifies the number of bytes which, when added to the `bytes` parameter, specifies the maximum size of the cache.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_cache_max()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_cachesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_cachesize(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    u_int32_t gbytes, u_int32_t bytes, int ncache);
```

Set the size of the shared memory buffer pool – that is, the cache. The cache should be the size of the normal working data set of the application, with some small amount of additional memory for unusual situations. (Note: the working set is not the same as the number of pages accessed simultaneously, and is usually much larger.)

The default cache size is 256KB, and may not be specified as less than 20KB. Any cache size less than 500MB is automatically increased by 25% to account for cache overhead; cache sizes larger than 500MB are used as specified. The maximum size of a single cache is 4GB on 32-bit systems and 10TB on 64-bit systems. (All sizes are in powers-of-two, that is, 256KB is  $2^{18}$  not 256,000.) For information on tuning the Berkeley DB cache size, see [Selecting a cache size](#).

It is possible to specify caches to Berkeley DB large enough they cannot be allocated contiguously on some architectures. For example, some releases of Solaris limit the amount of memory that may be allocated contiguously by a process. If `ncache` is 0 or 1, the cache will be allocated contiguously in memory. If it is greater than 1, the cache will be split across `ncache` separate regions, where the **region size** is equal to the initial cache size divided by `ncache`.

The cache may be resized by calling `DB_ENV->set_cachesize()` after the environment is open. The supplied size will be rounded to the nearest multiple of the region size and may not be larger than the maximum size configured with `DB_ENV->set_cache_max()`. The `ncache` parameter is ignored when resizing the cache.

The database environment's initial cache size may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_cachesize", one or more whitespace characters, and the initial cache size specified in three parts: the gigabytes of cache, the additional bytes of cache, and the number of caches, also separated by whitespace characters. For example, "set\_cachesize 2 524288000 3" would create a 2.5GB logical cache, split between three physical caches. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_cachesize()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_cachesize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_cachesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### bytes

The size of the cache is set to **gbytes** gigabytes plus **bytes**.

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**ncache**

The **ncache** parameter is the number of caches to create.

**Errors**

The `DB_ENV->set_cachesize()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the specified cache size was impossibly small; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Database Environments and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_mp\_max\_openfd()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_mp_max_openfd(DB_ENV *env, int maxopenfd);
```

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_openfd()` method limits the number of file descriptors the library will open concurrently when flushing dirty pages from the cache.

The database environment's limit on open file descriptors to flush dirty pages may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_max\_openfd", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of open file descriptors. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_openfd()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_openfd()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **maxopenfd**

The maximum number of file descriptors that may be concurrently opened by the library when flushing dirty pages from the cache.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_openfd()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_mp\_max\_write()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_mp_max_write(DB_ENV *env, int maxwrite, db_timeout_t maxwrite_sleep);
```

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_write()` method limits the number of sequential write operations scheduled by the library when flushing dirty pages from the cache.

The database environment's maximum number of sequential write operations may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_mp\_max\_write", one or more whitespace characters, and the maximum number of sequential writes and the number of microseconds to sleep, also separated by whitespace characters. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_write()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_write()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **maxwrite**

The maximum number of sequential write operations scheduled by the library when flushing dirty pages from the cache, or 0 if there is no limitation on the number of sequential write operations.

#### **maxwrite\_sleep**

The number of microseconds the thread of control should pause before scheduling further write operations. It must be specified as an unsigned 32-bit number of microseconds, limiting the maximum pause to roughly 71 minutes.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_max_write()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_mp\_mmapsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_mp_mmapsize(DB_ENV *dbenv, size_t mp_mmapsize);
```

Files that are opened read-only in the cache (and that satisfy a few other criteria) are, by default, mapped into the process address space instead of being copied into the local cache. This can result in better-than-usual performance because available virtual memory is normally much larger than the local cache, and page faults are faster than page copying on many systems. However, it can cause resource starvation in the presence of limited virtual memory, and it can result in immense process sizes in the presence of large databases.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_mmapsize()` method sets the maximum file size, in bytes, for a file to be mapped into the process address space. If no value is specified, it defaults to 10MB.

The database environment's maximum mapped file size may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_mp\_mmapsize", one or more whitespace characters, and the size in bytes. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_mmapsize()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_mmapsize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_mmapsize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **mp\_mmapsize**

The `mp_mmapsize` parameter is the maximum file size, in bytes, for a file to be mapped into the process address space.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_mp_mmapsize()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->close()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->close(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->close()` method closes the source file indicated by the `DB_MPOOLFILE` structure. Calling `DB_MPOOLFILE->close()` does not imply a call to `DB_MPOOLFILE->sync()`; that is, no pages are written to the source file as a result of calling `DB_MPOOLFILE->close.()`.

If the `DB_MPOOLFILE` was temporary, any underlying files created for this `DB_MPOOLFILE` will be removed.

After `DB_MPOOLFILE->close()` has been called, regardless of its return, the `DB_MPOOLFILE` handle may not be accessed again.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->close()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf,
                 db_pgno_t *pgnoaddr, DB_TXN * txnid, u_int32_t flags, void **pagep);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get()` method returns pages from the cache.

All pages returned by `DB_MPOOLFILE->get()` will be retained (that is, *latched*) in the cache until a subsequent call to `DB_MPOOLFILE->put()`. There is no deadlock detection among latches so care must be taken in the application if the `DB_MPOOL_DIRTY` or `DB_MPOOL_EDIT` flags are used as these get exclusive latches on the pages.

The returned page is `size_t` type aligned.

Fully or partially created pages have all their bytes set to a nul byte, unless the `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_clear_len()` method was called to specify other behavior before the file was opened.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get()` method will return `DB_PAGE_NOTFOUND` if the requested page does not exist and `DB_MPOOL_CREATE` was not set. Unless otherwise specified, the `DB_MPOOLFILE->get()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_MPOOL_CREATE`

If the specified page does not exist, create it. In this case, the `pgin` method, if specified, is called.

- `DB_MPOOL_DIRTY`

The page will be modified and must be written to the source file before being evicted from the cache. For files open with the `DB_MULTIVERSION` flag set, a new copy of the page will be made if this is the first time the specified transaction is modifying it. A page fetched with the `DB_MPOOL_DIRTY` flag will be **exclusively latched** until a subsequent call to `DB_MPOOLFILE->put()`.

- `DB_MPOOL_EDIT`

The page will be modified and must be written to the source file before being evicted from the cache. No copy of the page will be made, regardless of the `DB_MULTIVERSION` setting. This flag is only intended for use in situations where a transaction handle is not available, such as during aborts or recovery. A page fetched with the `DB_MPOOL_EDIT` flag will be **exclusively latched** until a subsequent call to `DB_MPOOLFILE->put()`.

- `DB_MPOOL_LAST`

Return the last page of the source file, and copy its page number into the memory location to which **pgnoaddr** refers.

- DB\_MPOOL\_NEW

Create a new page in the file, and copy its page number into the memory location to which **pgnoaddr** refers. In this case, the `pgin_fcn` callback, if specified on `DB_ENV->memp_register()`, is **not** called.

The `DB_MPOOL_CREATE`, `DB_MPOOL_LAST`, and `DB_MPOOL_NEW` flags are mutually exclusive.

### pagep

The **pagep** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the returned page is copied.

### pgnoaddr

If the **flags** parameter is set to `DB_MPOOL_LAST` or `DB_MPOOL_NEW`, the page number of the created page is copied into the memory location to which the **pgnoaddr** parameter refers. Otherwise, the **pgnoaddr** parameter is the page to create or retrieve.



Page numbers begin at 0; that is, the first page in the file is page number 0, not page number 1.

### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; otherwise NULL. A transaction is required if the file is open for multiversion concurrency control by passing `DB_MULTIVERSION` to `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` and the `DB_MPOOL_DIRTY`, `DB_MPOOL_CREATE` or `DB_MPOOL_NEW` flags were specified. Otherwise it is ignored.

## Errors

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EACCES

The `DB_MPOOL_DIRTY` or `DB_MPOOL_EDIT` flag was set and the source file was not opened for writing.

### EAGAIN

The page reference count has overflowed. (This should never happen unless there is a bug in the application.)

### EINVAL

If the `DB_MPOOL_NEW` flag was set, and the source file was not opened for writing; more than one of `DB_MPOOL_CREATE`, `DB_MPOOL_LAST`, and `DB_MPOOL_NEW` was set; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**DB\_LOCK\_DEADLOCK**

For transactions configured with [DB\\_TXN\\_SNAPSHOT](#), the page has been modified since the transaction began.

**ENOMEM**

The cache is full, and no more pages will fit in the cache.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

**See Also**

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->open()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->open(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf,
    char *file, u_int32_t flags, int mode, size_t pagesize);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` method opens a file in the in-memory cache.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### file

The **file** parameter is the name of the file to be opened. If **file** is NULL, a private temporary file is created that cannot be shared with any other process (although it may be shared with other threads of control in the same process).

When using a Unicode build on Windows (the default), the **file** argument will be interpreted as a UTF-8 string, which is equivalent to ASCII for Latin characters.

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to zero or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_CREATE`

Create any underlying files, as necessary. If the database do not already exist and the `DB_CREATE` flag is not specified, the call will fail.

- `DB_DIRECT`

If set and supported by the system, turn off system buffering of the file to avoid double caching.

- `DB_MULTIVERSION`

Open the file with support for multiversion concurrency control. Calls to [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->get\(\)](#) with dirty pages will cause copies to be made in the cache.

- `DB_NOMMAP`

Always copy this file into the local cache instead of potentially mapping it into process memory (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_mp\\_mmapsize\(\)](#) method for further information).

- `DB_ODDFILESIZE`

Attempts to open files which are not a multiple of the page size in length will fail, by default. If the `DB_ODDFILESIZE` flag is set, any partial page at the end of the file will be ignored and the open will proceed.

- `DB_RDONLY`

Open any underlying files for reading only. Any attempt to modify the file using the memory pool (cache) functions will fail, regardless of the actual permissions of the file.

### mode

On Windows systems, the mode parameter is ignored.

On UNIX systems or in IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environments, files created by `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` are created with mode **mode** (as described in `chmod(2)`) and modified by the process' umask value at the time of creation (see `umask(2)`). Created files are owned by the process owner; the group ownership of created files is based on the system and directory defaults, and is not further specified by Berkeley DB. System shared memory segments created by `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` are created with mode **mode**, unmodified by the process' umask value. If **mode** is 0, `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` will use a default mode of readable and writable by both owner and group.

### pagesize

The **pagesize** parameter is the size, in bytes, of the unit of transfer between the application and the cache, although it is not necessarily the unit of transfer between the cache and the underlying filesystem.

## Errors

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

If the file has already been entered into the cache, and the **pagesize** value is not the same as when the file was entered into the cache, or the length of the file is not zero or a multiple of the **pagesize**; the `DB_RDONLY` flag was specified for an in-memory cache; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### ENOMEM

The maximum number of open files has been reached.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

## See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->put()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->put(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf,
                 void *pgaddr, DB_CACHE_PRIORITY priority, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->put()` method returns a reference to a page in the cache, setting the priority of the page as specified by the **priority** parameter.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->put()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

#### pgaddr

The **pgaddr** parameter is the address of the page to be returned to the cache. The **pgaddr** parameter must be a value previously returned by the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->get\(\)](#) method.

#### priority

Set the page's **priority** as follows:

- `DB_PRIORITY_UNCHANGED`

The priority is unchanged.

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_LOW`

The lowest priority: pages are the most likely to be discarded.

- `DB_PRIORITY_LOW`

The next lowest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_DEFAULT`

The default priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_HIGH`

The next highest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_HIGH`

The highest priority: pages are the least likely to be discarded.

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## Errors

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->put()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

## See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->sync()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->sync(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->sync()` method writes all modified pages associated with the `DB_MPOOLFILE` back to the source file. If any of the modified pages are *pinned* (that is, currently in use), `DB_MPOOLFILE->sync()` will ignore them.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->sync()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_clear\_len()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_clear_len(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, u_int32_t *lenp);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_clear_len()` method returns the bytes to be cleared.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_clear_len()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_clear_len()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lenp**

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_clear_len()` method returns the bytes to be cleared in **lenp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_fileid()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_fileid(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, u_int8_t *fileid);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_fileid()` method copies the file's identifier into the memory location referenced by `fileid`. The `fileid` specifies a unique identifier for the file, which is used so that the cache functions (that is, the shared memory buffer pool functions) are able to uniquely identify files. This is necessary for multiple processes wanting to share a file to correctly identify the file in the cache.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_fileid()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_fileid\(\)](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_flags(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_flags()` method returns the flags used to configure a file in the cache.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_flags()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_flags()` method returns the flags in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_flags\(\)](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_ftype()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_ftype(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, int *ftypep);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_ftype()` method returns the file type. The file type is used for the purposes of file processing, and will be the same as is set using the [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_register\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_ftype()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_ftype()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **ftypep**

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_ftype()` method returns the file type in **ftypep**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_ftype\(\)](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_lsn\_offset()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_lsn_offset(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, int32_t *lsn_offsetp);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_lsn_offset()` method returns the log sequence number byte offset configured for a file's pages using the `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_lsn_offset()` method.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_lsn_offset()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_lsn_offset()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lsn\_offsetp**

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_lsn_offset()` method returns the log sequence number byte offset in `lsn_offsetp`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_lsn\\_offset\(\)](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_maxsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_maxsize(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf,
    u_int32_t *gbytesp, u_int32_t *bytesp);
```

Returns the maximum size configured for the file, as configured using the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_maxsize\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_maxsize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_maxsize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

### Parameters

#### **bytesp**

The **bytesp** parameter references memory into which the additional bytes of memory in the maximum file size is copied.

#### **gbytesp**

The **gbytesp** parameter references memory into which the gigabytes of memory in the maximum file size is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_maxsize\(\)](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_pgcookie()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_pgcookie(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, DBT *dbt);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_pgcookie()` method returns the byte string provided to the functions registered to do input or output processing of the file's pages as they are read from or written to, the backing filesystem store. This byte string is configured using the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_pgcookie\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_pgcookie()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_pgcookie()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dbt**

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_pgcookie()` method returns a reference to the byte string in `dbt`.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_pgcookie\(\)](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->get\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->get_priority(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, DB_CACHE_PRIORITY *priorityp);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_priority()` method returns the cache priority for the file referenced by the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle. The priority of a page biases the replacement algorithm to be more or less likely to discard a page when space is needed in the cache. This value is set using the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_priority\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_priority()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **priorityp**

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->get_priority()` method returns a reference to the cache priority for the file referenced by the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle in **priorityp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->set\\_priority\(\)](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_clear\_len()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_clear_len(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, u_int32_t len);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_clear_len()` method sets the number of initial bytes in a page that should be set to nul when the page is created as a result of the `DB_MPOOL_CREATE` or `DB_MPOOL_NEW` flags specified to `DB_MPOOLFILE->get()`. If no clear length is specified, the entire page is cleared when it is created.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_clear_len()` method configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_MPOOLFILE` handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_clear_len()` method may not be called after the `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` method is called. If the file is already open in the cache when `DB_MPOOLFILE->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_clear_len()` must be consistent with the existing file or an error will be returned.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_clear_len()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **len**

The `len` parameter is the number of initial bytes in a page that should be set to nul when the page is created. A value of 0 results in the entire page being set to nul bytes.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_fileid()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_fileid(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, u_int8_t *fileid);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_fileid()` method specifies a unique identifier for the file. (The shared memory buffer pool functions must be able to uniquely identify files in order that multiple processes wanting to share a file will correctly identify it in the cache.)

On most UNIX/POSIX systems, the `fileid` field will not need to be set, and the memory pool functions will use the file's device and inode numbers for this purpose. On Windows systems, the memory pool functions use the values returned by `GetFileInformationByHandle()` by default — these values are known to be constant between processes and over reboot in the case of NTFS (in which they are the NTFS MFT indices).

On other filesystems (for example, FAT or NFS), these default values are not necessarily unique between processes or across system reboots. **Applications wanting to maintain a shared cache between processes or across system reboots, in which the cache contains pages from files stored on such filesystems, must specify a unique file identifier using the `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_fileid()` method, and each process opening the file must provide the same unique identifier.**

This call should not be necessary for most applications. Specifically, it is not necessary if the cache is not shared between processes and is reinstantiated after each system reboot, if the application is using the Berkeley DB access methods instead of calling the pool functions explicitly, or if the files in the cache are stored on filesystems in which the default values as described previously are invariant between process and across system reboots.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_fileid()` method configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_fileid()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_fileid()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **fileid**

The `fileid` parameter is the unique identifier for the file. Unique file identifiers must be a `DB_FILE_ID_LEN` length array of bytes.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

## See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_flags(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, u_int32_t flags, int onoff)
```

Configure a file in the cache.

To set the flags for a particular database, call the `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_flags()` method using the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle stored in the `mpf` field of the [DB](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_MPOOL_NOFILE`

If set, no backing temporary file will be opened for the specified in-memory database, even if it expands to fill the entire cache. Attempts to create new database pages after the cache has been filled will fail.

The `DB_MPOOL_NOFILE` flag configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOL_NOFILE` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

- `DB_MPOOL_UNLINK`

If set, remove the file when the last reference to it is closed.

The `DB_MPOOL_ULINK` flag configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOL_ULINK` flag may be used to configure Berkeley DB at any time during the life of the application.

#### onoff

If `onoff` is zero, the specified flags are cleared; otherwise they are set.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

## See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_ftype()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_ftype(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, int ftype);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_ftype()` method specifies a file type for the purposes of input or output processing of the file's pages as they are read from or written to, the backing filesystem store.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_ftype()` method configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_ftype()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the file is already open in the cache when [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_ftype()` will replace the existing information.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_ftype()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **ftype**

The **ftype** parameter sets the file's type for the purposes of input and output processing. The **ftype** must be the same as a **ftype** parameter previously specified to the [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_register\(\)](#) method.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_lsn\_offset()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_lsn_offset(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, int32_t lsn_offset);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_lsn_offset()` method specifies the zero-based byte offset of a log sequence number ([DB\\_LSN](#)) on the file's pages, for the purposes of page-flushing as part of transaction checkpoint. (See the [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_sync\(\)](#) documentation for more information.)

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_lsn_offset()` method configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_lsn_offset()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the file is already open in the cache when [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_lsn_offset()` must be consistent with the existing file or an error will be returned.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_lsn_offset()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **lsn\_offset**

The `lsn_offset` parameter is the zero-based byte offset of the log sequence number on the file's pages.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_maxsize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_maxsize(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf,
    u_int32_t gbytes, u_int32_t bytes);
```

Set the maximum size for the file to be **gbytes** gigabytes plus **bytes**. Attempts to allocate new pages in the file after the limit has been reached will fail.

To set the maximum file size for a particular database, call the `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_maxsize()` method using the `DB_MPOOLFILE` handle stored in the `mpf` field of the `DB` handle. Attempts to insert new items into the database after the limit has been reached may fail.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_maxsize()` method configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_MPOOLFILE` handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_maxsize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_maxsize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bytes**

The maximum size of the file is set to **gbytes** gigabytes plus **bytes**.

#### **gbytes**

The maximum size of the file is set to **gbytes** gigabytes plus **bytes**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_pgcookie()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_pgcookie(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, DBT *pgcookie);
```

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_pgcookie()` method specifies a byte string that is provided to the functions registered to do input or output processing of the file's pages as they are read from or written to, the backing filesystem store. (See the [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_register\(\)](#) documentation for more information.)

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_pgcookie()` method configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_pgcookie()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the file is already open in the cache when [DB\\_MPOOLFILE->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_pgcookie()` will replace the existing information.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_pgcookie()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **pgcookie**

The `pgcookie` parameter is a byte string provided to the functions registered to do input or output processing of the file's pages.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

### See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_MPOOLFILE->set\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_MPOOLFILE->set_priority(DB_MPOOLFILE *mpf, DB_CACHE_PRIORITY priority);
```

Set the cache priority for pages referenced by the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The priority of a page biases the replacement algorithm to be more or less likely to discard a page when space is needed in the cache. The bias is temporary, and pages will eventually be discarded if they are not referenced again. The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_priority()` method is only advisory, and does not guarantee pages will be treated in a specific way.

To set the priority for the pages belonging to a particular database, call the `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_priority()` method using the [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle returned by the [DB->get\\_mpf\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_priority()` method configures a file in the cache, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#) handle.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_priority()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_MPOOLFILE->set_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### priority

The **priority** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_LOW`

The lowest priority: pages are the most likely to be discarded.

- `DB_PRIORITY_LOW`

The next lowest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_DEFAULT`

The default priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_HIGH`

The next highest priority.

- `DB_PRIORITY_VERY_HIGH`

The highest priority: pages are the least likely to be discarded.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_MPOOLFILE](#)

## See Also

[Memory Pools and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 9. Mutex Methods

This chapter describes methods that can be used to manage mutexes within DB. Many of the methods described here are used to configure DB's internal mutex system. However, a series of APIs are available for use as a general-purpose, cross platform mutex management system. These methods can be used independently of DB's main purpose, which is as a high-end data management engine.

## Mutex Methods

Mutexes and Related Methods	Description
DB_ENV->mutex_alloc()	Allocate a mutex
DB_ENV->mutex_free()	Free a mutex
DB_ENV->mutex_lock()	Lock a mutex
DB_ENV->mutex_stat()	Mutex statistics
DB_ENV->mutex_stat_print()	Print mutex statistics
DB_ENV->mutex_unlock()	Unlock a mutex
<b>Mutex Configuration</b>	
DB_ENV->mutex_set_align(), DB_ENV->mutex_get_align()	Configure mutex alignment
DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment(), DB_ENV->mutex_get_increment()	Configure number of additional mutexes
DB_ENV->mutex_set_max(), DB_ENV->mutex_get_max()	Configure total number of mutexes
DB_ENV->mutex_set_tas_spins(), DB_ENV->mutex_get_tas_spins()	Configure test-and-set mutex spin count

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_alloc()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_alloc(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t flags, db_mutex_t *mutexp);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_alloc()` method allocates a mutex and returns a reference to it into the memory specified by `mutexp`.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_alloc()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_alloc()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_MUTEX_PROCESS_ONLY`

The mutex is associated with a single process. The `DB_ENV->failchk()` method will release mutexes held by any process which has exited.

- `DB_MUTEX_SELF_BLOCK`

The mutex must be self-blocking. That is, if a thread of control locks the mutex and then attempts to lock the mutex again, the thread of control will block until another thread of control releases the original lock on the mutex, allowing the original thread of control to lock the mutex the second time. Attempting to re-acquire a mutex for which the `DB_MUTEX_SELF_BLOCK` flag was not specified will result in undefined behavior.

#### mutexp

The `mutexp` parameter references memory into which the mutex reference is copied.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_alloc()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_free()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_free(DB_ENV *dbenv, db_mutex_t mutex);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_free()` method discards a mutex allocated by [DB\\_ENV->mutex\\_alloc\(\)](#).

The `DB_ENV->mutex_free()` method may not be called before the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_free()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **mutex**

The `mutex` parameter is a mutex previously allocated by [DB\\_ENV->mutex\\_alloc\(\)](#).

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_free()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_get\_align()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_get_align(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *alignp);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_align()` method returns the mutex alignment, in bytes.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_align()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_align()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **alignp**

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_align()` method returns the mutex alignment, in bytes in **alignp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_get\_increment()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_get_increment(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *incrementp);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_increment()` method returns the number of additional mutexes to allocate.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_increment()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_increment()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **incrementp**

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_increment()` method returns the number of additional mutexes to allocate in **incrementp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

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## DB\_ENV->mutex\_get\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_get_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *maxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_max()` method returns the total number of mutexes allocated.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_max()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_max()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **maxp**

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_max()` method returns the total number of mutexes allocated in **maxp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_get\_tas\_spins()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_get_tas_spins(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *tas_spinsp);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_tas_spins()` method returns the test-and-set spin count. This value may be configured using the `DB_ENV->mutex_set_tas_spins()` method.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_tas_spins()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_tas_spins()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **tas\_spinsp**

The `DB_ENV->mutex_get_tas_spins()` method returns the test-and-set spin count in **tas\_spinsp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_lock()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_lock(DB_ENV *dbenv, db_mutex_t mutex);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_lock()` method locks the mutex allocated by `DB_ENV->mutex_alloc()`. The thread of control calling `DB_ENV->mutex_lock()` will block until the lock is available.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_lock()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **mutex**

The `mutex` parameter is a mutex previously allocated by `DB_ENV->mutex_alloc()`.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_lock()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_align()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_set_align(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t align);
```

Set the mutex alignment, in bytes.

It is sometimes advantageous to align mutexes on specific byte boundaries in order to minimize cache line collisions. The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_align()` method specifies an alignment for mutexes allocated by Berkeley DB.

The database environment's mutex alignment may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "mutex\_set\_align", one or more whitespace characters, and the mutex alignment in bytes. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_align()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_align()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called. If the database environment already exists when `DB_ENV->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->mutex_set_align()` will be ignored.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_align()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### align

The `align` parameter is the mutex alignment, in bytes. The mutex alignment must be a power-of-two.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_align()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_increment()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t increment);
```

Configure the number of additional mutexes to allocate.

If an application will allocate mutexes for its own use, the `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` method is used to add a number of mutexes to the default allocation.

Calling the `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` method discards any value previously set using the `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` method.

The database environment's number of additional mutexes may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "mutex\_set\_increment", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of additional mutexes. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called. If the database environment already exists when `DB_ENV->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` will be ignored.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### increment

The `increment` parameter is the number of additional mutexes to allocate.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the method was called after `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_set_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t max);
```

Configure the total number of mutexes to allocate.

Berkeley DB allocates a default number of mutexes based on the initial configuration of the database environment. That default calculation may be too small if the application has an unusual need for mutexes (for example, if the application opens an unexpectedly large number of databases) or too large (if the application is trying to minimize its memory footprint). The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` method is used to specify an absolute number of mutexes to allocate.

Calling the `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` method discards any value previously set using the `DB_ENV->mutex_set_increment()` method.

The database environment's total number of mutexes may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "mutex\_set\_max", one or more whitespace characters, and the total number of mutexes. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called. If the database environment already exists when `DB_ENV->open()` is called, the information specified to `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` will be ignored.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **max**

The **max** parameter is the absolute number of mutexes to allocate.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_set_max()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_tas\_spins()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_set_tas_spins(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t tas_spins);
```

Specify that test-and-set mutexes should spin **tas\_spins** times without blocking. The value defaults to 1 on uniprocessor systems and to 50 times the number of processors on multiprocessor systems.

The database environment's test-and-set spin count may also be configured using the environment's DB\_CONFIG file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_tas\_spins", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of spins. Because the DB\_CONFIG file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_tas\_spins() method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_tas\_spins() method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_tas\_spins() method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### tas\_spins

The **tas\_spins** parameter is the number of spins test-and-set mutexes should execute before blocking.

### Errors

The DB\_ENV->mutex\_set\_tas\_spins() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_stat(DB_ENV *env, DB_MUTEX_STAT **statp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat()` method returns the mutex subsystem statistics.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat()` method creates a statistical structure of type `DB_MUTEX_STAT` and copies a pointer to it into a user-specified memory location.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

The following `DB_MUTEX_STAT` fields will be filled in:

- **u\_int32\_t st\_mutex\_align;**  
The mutex alignment, in bytes.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_mutex\_tas\_spins;**  
The number of times test-and-set mutexes will spin without blocking.
- **int st\_mutex\_cnt;**  
The total number of mutexes configured.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_mutex\_free;**  
The number of mutexes currently available.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_mutex\_inuse;**  
The number of mutexes currently in use.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_mutex\_inuse\_max;**  
The maximum number of mutexes ever in use.
- **roff\_t st\_regsz;**  
The size of the mutex region, in bytes.
- **uintmax\_t st\_region\_wait;**  
The number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining the mutex region mutex.

- `uintmax_t st_region_nowait;`

The number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain the mutex region mutex without waiting.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat()` method may not be called before the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`

Reset statistics after returning their values.

### statp

The `statp` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated statistics structure is copied.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_stat_print(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat_print()` method displays the mutex subsystem statistical information, as described for the `DB_ENV->mutex_stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgfile()` method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgcall()` method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat_print()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->mutex\_unlock()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->mutex_unlock(DB_ENV *dbenv, db_mutex_t mutex);
```

The `DB_ENV->mutex_unlock()` method unlocks the mutex locked by `DB_ENV->mutex_lock()`.

The `DB_ENV->mutex_unlock()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **mutex**

The `mutex` parameter is a mutex previously locked by `DB_ENV->mutex_lock()`.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->mutex_unlock()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Mutex Methods](#)

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## Chapter 10. Replication Methods

This chapter describes the APIs available to build Berkeley DB replicated applications. There are two different ways to build replication into a Berkeley DB application, and the APIs for both are described in this chapter.

For an overview of the two different ways to build a replicated application, see the *Berkeley DB Getting Started with Replicated Applications* guide.

The first, and simplest, way to build a replication Berkeley DB application is via the *Replication Manager*. If the Replication Manager does not meet your application's architectural requirements, they you can write your own replication implementation using the "Base APIs".

Note that the Replication Manager is written using the Base APIs.

Note, also, that applications which make use of the Replication Manager use many of the Base APIs as the situation warrants. That said, a few Base API methods cannot be used by applications that are making use of the Replication Manager. Where this is the case, this is noted in the following method descriptions.

## Replication and Related Methods

Replication Manager Methods	Description
DB_ENV->repmgr_add_remote_site()	Specify the Replication Manager's remote sites
DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy(), DB_ENV->repmgr_get_ack_policy()	Specify the Replication Manager's client acknowledgement policy
DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site()	Specify the Replication Manager's local site
DB_ENV->repmgr_site_list()	List the sites and their status
DB_ENV->repmgr_start()	Start the Replication Manager
DB_ENV->repmgr_stat()	Replication Manager statistics
DB_ENV->repmgr_stat_print()	Print Replication Manager statistics
<b>Base API Methods</b>	
DB_ENV->rep_elect()	Hold a replication election
DB_ENV->rep_process_message()	Process a replication message
DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()	Configure replication transport callback
DB_ENV->rep_start()	Start replication
<b>Additional Replication Methods</b>	
DB_ENV->rep_stat()	Replication statistics
DB_ENV->rep_stat_print()	Print replication statistics
DB_ENV->rep_sync()	Replication synchronization
<b>Replication Configuration</b>	
DB_ENV->rep_set_clockskew(), DB_ENV->rep_get_clockskew()	Configure master lease clock adjustment
DB_ENV->rep_set_config(), DB_ENV->rep_get_config()	Configure the replication subsystem
DB_ENV->rep_set_limit(), DB_ENV->rep_get_limit()	Limit data sent in response to a single message
DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites(), DB_ENV->rep_get_nsites()	Configure replication group site count
DB_ENV->rep_set_priority(), DB_ENV->rep_get_priority()	Configure replication site priority
DB_ENV->rep_set_request(), DB_ENV->rep_get_request()	Configure replication client retransmission requests
DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout(), DB_ENV->rep_get_timeout()	Configure replication timeouts

## DB\_ENV->rep\_elect()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_elect(DB_ENV *env,
                 u_int32_t nsites, u_int32_t nvotes, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_elect()` method holds an election for the master of a replication group.

The `DB_ENV->rep_elect()` method is not called by most replication applications. It should only be called by Base API applications implementing their own network transport layer, explicitly holding replication group elections and handling replication messages outside of the Replication Manager framework.

If the election is successful, Berkeley DB will notify the application of the results of the election by means of either the `DB_EVENT_REP_ELECTED` or `DB_EVENT_REP_NEWMASTER` events (see `DB_ENV->set_event_notify()` method for more information). The application is responsible for adjusting its relationship to the other database environments in the replication group, including directing all database updates to the newly selected master, in accordance with the results of the election.

The thread of control that calls the `DB_ENV->rep_elect()` method must not be the thread of control that processes incoming messages; processing the incoming messages is necessary to successfully complete an election.

Before calling this method, the enclosing database environment must already have been opened by calling the `DB_ENV->open()` method and must already have been configured to send replication messages by calling the `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method.

### How Elections are Held

Elections are done in two parts: first, replication sites collect information from the other replication sites they know about, and second, replication sites cast their votes for a new master. The second phase is triggered by one of two things: either the replication site gets election information from `nsites` sites, or the election timeout expires. Once the second phase is triggered, the replication site will cast a vote for the new master of its choice if, and only if, the site has election information from at least `nvotes` sites. If a site receives `nvotes` votes for it to become the new master, then it will become the new master.

We recommend `nvotes` be set to at least:

```
(sites participating in the election / 2) + 1
```

to ensure there are never more than two masters active at the same time even in the case of a network partition. When a network partitions, the side of the partition with more than half the environments will elect a new master and continue, while the environments communicating with fewer than half of the environments will fail to find a new master, as no site can get `nvotes` votes.

We recommend `nsites` be set to:

```
number of sites in the replication group - 1
```

when choosing a new master after a current master fails. This allows the group to reach a consensus without having to wait for the timeout to expire.

When choosing a master from among a group of client sites all restarting at the same time, it makes more sense to set **nsites** to the total number of sites in the group, since there is no known missing site. Furthermore, in order to ensure the best choice from among sites that may take longer to boot than the local site, setting **nvotes** also to this same total number of sites will guarantee that every site in the group is considered. Alternatively, using the special timeout for full elections allows full participation on restart but allows election of a master if one site does not reboot and rejoin the group in a reasonable amount of time. (See the Elections section in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* for more information.)

Setting **nsites** to lower values can increase the speed of an election, but can also result in election failure, and is usually not recommended.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### nsites

The **nsites** parameter specifies the number of replication sites expected to participate in the election. Once the current site has election information from that many sites, it will short-circuit the election and immediately cast its vote for a new master. The **nsites** parameter must be no less than **nvotes**, or 0 if the election should use the value previously set using the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_nsites\(\)](#) method. If an application is using master leases, then the value **must** be 0 and the value from [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_nsites\(\)](#) method must be used.

### nvotes

The **nvotes** parameter specifies the minimum number of replication sites from which the current site must have election information, before the current site will cast a vote for a new master. The **nvotes** parameter must be no greater than **nsites**, or 0 if the election should use the value  $((\text{nsites} / 2) + 1)$  as the **nvotes** argument.

## Errors

The [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_elect\(\)](#) method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### DB\_REP\_UNAVAIL

The replication group was unable to elect a master, or was unable to complete the election in the election timeout period (see [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_timeout\(\)](#) method for more information).

### EINVAL

If the database environment was not already configured to communicate with a replication group by a call to [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_transport\(\)](#); if the database environment was not already opened; if this

method is called from a Replication Manager application; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_get\_clockskew()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_get_clockskew(DB_ENV *env,
    u_int32_t *fast_clockp, u_int32_t *slow_clockp);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_clockskew()` method returns the current clock skew ratio values, as set by the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_clockskew\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_clockskew()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_clockskew()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **fast\_clockp**

The `fast_clockp` parameter references memory into which the value for the fastest clock in the group of sites is copied.

#### **slow\_clockp**

The `slow_clockp` parameter references memory into which the value for the slowest clock in the group of sites is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_clockskew\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_get\_config()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_get_config(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t which, int *onoffp);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_config()` method returns whether the specified **which** parameter is currently set or not. See the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_config\(\)](#) method for the configuration flags that can be set for replication.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_config()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_config()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **onoffp**

The **onoffp** parameter references memory into which the configuration of the specified **which** parameter is copied.

If the returned **onoff** value is zero, the parameter is off; otherwise it is on.

#### **which**

The **which** parameter is the configuration flag which is being checked. See the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_config\(\)](#) method for a list of configuration flags that you can provide to this parameter.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_config\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_get\_limit()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_get_limit(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t *gbytesp,
    u_int32_t *bytesp);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_limit()` method returns the byte-count limit on the amount of data that will be transmitted from a site in response to a single message processed by the `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method. This value is configurable using the `DB_ENV->rep_set_limit()` method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_limit()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_limit()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **bytesp**

The **bytesp** parameter references memory into which the bytes component of the current transmission limit is copied.

#### **gbytesp**

The **gbytesp** parameter references memory into which the gigabytes component of the current transmission limit is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_limit\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_get\_nsites()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_get_nsites(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t *nsitesp);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_nsites()` method returns the total number of sites in the replication group. This value is configurable using the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_nsites\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_nsites()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_nsites()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **nsitesp**

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_nsites()` method returns the total number of sites in the replication group in **nsitesp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_nsites\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_get\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_get_priority(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t *priorityp);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_priority()` method returns the database environment priority as configured using the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_priority\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_priority()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **priorityp**

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_priority()` method returns the database environment priority in **priorityp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_priority\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_get\_request()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_get_request(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t *minp, u_int32_t *maxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_request()` method returns the minimum and maximum number of microseconds a client waits before requesting retransmission. These values can be configured using the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_request\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_request()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_request()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **minp**

The **minp** parameter references memory into which the minimum number of microseconds a client will wait before requesting retransmission is copied.

#### **maxp**

The **maxp** parameter references memory into which the maximum number of microseconds a client will wait before requesting retransmission is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_request\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_get\_timeout()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_get_timeout(DB_ENV *env, int which, u_int32_t *timeoutp);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_timeout()` method returns the timeout value for the specified **which** parameter. Timeout values can be managed using the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_timeout\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_timeout()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_timeout()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **timeoutp**

The **timeoutp** parameter references memory into which the timeout value of the specified **which** parameter is copied.

The returned timeout value is in microseconds.

#### **which**

The **which** parameter is the timeout for which the value is being returned. See the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_timeout\(\)](#) method for a list of timeouts that you can provide to this parameter.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_get_timeout()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_timeout\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_process\_message()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_process_message(DB_ENV *env,
    DBT *control, DBT *rec, int envid, DB_LSN *ret_lsnp)
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method processes an incoming replication message sent by a member of the replication group to the local database environment.

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method is not called by most replication applications. It should only be called by Base API applications implementing their own network transport layer, explicitly holding replication group elections and handling replication messages outside of the Replication Manager framework.

For implementation reasons, all incoming replication messages must be processed using the same [DB\\_ENV](#) handle. It is not required that a single thread of control process all messages, only that all threads of control processing messages use the same handle.

Before calling this method, the enclosing database environment must already have been opened by calling the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method and must already have been configured to send replication messages by calling the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_transport\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method has additional return values:

- **DB\_REP\_DUPMASTER**

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method will return `DB_REP_DUPMASTER` if the replication group has more than one master. The application should reconfigure itself as a client by calling the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_start\(\)](#) method, and then call for an election by calling [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_elect\(\)](#).

- **DB\_REP\_HOLDELECTION**

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method will return `DB_REP_HOLDELECTION` if an election is needed. The application should call for an election by calling [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_elect\(\)](#).

- **DB\_REP\_IGNORE**

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method will return `DB_REP_IGNORE` if this message cannot be processed. This is an indication that this message is irrelevant to the current replication state (for example, an old message from a previous generation arrives and is processed late).

- **DB\_REP\_ISPERM**

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method will return `DB_REP_ISPERM` if processing this message results in the processing of records that are permanent. The maximum LSN of the permanent records stored is returned.

- **DB\_REP\_JOIN\_FAILURE**

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method will return `DB_REP_JOIN_FAILURE` if a new master has been chosen but the client is unable to synchronize with the new master (possibly because the client has been configured with the `DB_REP_CONF_NOAUTOINIT` flag to turn off automatic internal initialization).

- **DB\_REP\_NEWSITE**

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method will return `DB_REP_NEWSITE` if the system received contact information from a new environment. The `rec` parameter contains the opaque data specified in the `cdata` parameter to the `DB_ENV->rep_start()`. The application should take whatever action is needed to establish a communication channel with this new environment.

- **DB\_REP\_NOTPERM**

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method will return `DB_REP_NOTPERM` if a message carrying a `DB_REP_PERMANENT` flag was processed successfully, but was not written to disk. The LSN of this record is returned. The application should take whatever action is deemed necessary to retain its recoverability characteristics.

Unless otherwise specified, the `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### control

The `control` parameter should reference a copy of the `control` parameter specified by Berkeley DB on the sending environment. See the `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method for more information.

### envid

The `envid` parameter should contain the local identifier that corresponds to the environment that sent the message to be processed (see Replication environment IDs for more information).

### rec

The `rec` parameter should reference a copy of the `rec` parameter specified by Berkeley DB on the sending environment. See the `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method for more information.

### ret\_lsnp

If `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method returns `DB_REP_NOTPERM` then the `ret_lsnp` parameter will contain the log sequence number of this permanent log message that could not be written to disk. If `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method returns `DB_REP_ISPERM` then the `ret_lsnp` parameter will contain largest log sequence number of the permanent records that are now written to disk as a result of processing this message. In all other cases the value of `ret_lsnp` is undefined.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the database environment was not already configured to communicate with a replication group by a call to [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_transport\(\)](#); if the database environment was not already opened; if this method is called from a Replication Manager application; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_clockskew()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_clockskew(DB_ENV *env,
    u_int32_t fast_clock, u_int32_t slow_clock);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_clockskew()` method sets the clock skew ratio among replication group members based on the fastest and slowest measurements among the group for use with master leases. Calling this method is optional; the default values for clock skew assume no skew. The user must also configure leases via the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_config\(\)](#) method. Additionally, the user must also set the master lease timeout via the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_timeout\(\)](#) method and the number of sites in the replication group via the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_nsites\(\)](#) method. These methods may be called in any order. For a description of the clock skew values, see Clock skew in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide*. For a description of master leases, see Master leases in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide*.

These arguments can be used to express either raw measurements of a clock timing experiment or a percentage across machines. For example, if a group of sites has a 2% variance, then `fast_clock` should be set to 102, and `slow_clock` should be set to 100. Or, for a 0.03% difference, you can use 10003 and 10000 respectively.

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "rep\_set\_clockskew", one or more whitespace characters, and the clockskew specified in two parts: the `fast_clock` and the `slow_clock`. For example, "rep\_set\_clockskew 102 100". Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_clockskew()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_clockskew()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->repmgr\\_start\(\)](#) or [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_start\(\)](#) methods are called.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_clockskew()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **fast\_clock**

The value, relative to the `slow_clock`, of the fastest clock in the group of sites.

#### **slow\_clock**

The value of the slowest clock in the group of sites.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_clockskew()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If the method was called after replication is started with a call to the [DB\\_ENV->repmgr\\_start\(\)](#) or the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_start\(\)](#) method; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_config()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_config(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t which, int onoff);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_config()` method configures the Berkeley DB replication subsystem.

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string `"rep_set_config"`, one or more whitespace characters, and the method **which** parameter as a string; for example, `"rep_set_config DB_REP_CONF_NOWAIT"`. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_config()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_config()` method may not be called to set in-memory replication after the environment is opened using the `DB_ENV->open()` method. This method may also not be called to set master leases after the `DB_ENV->rep_start()` or `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` methods are called. For all other **which** parameters, this method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_config()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **onoff**

If the **onoff** parameter is zero, the configuration flag is turned off. Otherwise, it is turned on. All configuration flags are turned off by default.

#### **which**

The **which** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_REP_CONF_BULK`

The replication master sends groups of records to the clients in a single network transfer.

- `DB_REP_CONF_DELAYCLIENT`

The client should delay synchronizing to a newly declared master. Clients configured in this way will remain unsynchronized until the application calls the `DB_ENV->rep_sync()` method.

- `DB_REP_CONF_INMEM`

Store internal replication information in memory only.

By default, replication creates files in the environment home directory to preserve some internal information. If this configuration flag is turned on, replication only stores this internal information

in-memory and cannot keep persistent state across a site crash or reboot. This results in the following limitations:

- A master site should not reappoint itself master immediately after crashing or rebooting because the application would incur a slightly higher risk of client crashes. The former master site should rejoin the replication group as a client. The application should either hold an election or appoint a different site to be the next master.
- An application has a slightly higher risk that elections will fail or be unable to complete. Calling additional elections should eventually yield a winner.
- An application has a slight risk that the wrong site may win an election, resulting in the loss of some data. This is consistent with the general loss of data durability when running in-memory.

This configuration flag can only be turned on before the environment is opened with the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method. Its value cannot be changed while the environment is open.

- `DB_REP_CONF_LEASE`

Master leases will be used for this site.

Configuring this option may result in `DB_REP_LEASE_EXPIRED` error returns from the [DB->get\(\)](#) and [DBCursor->get\(\)](#) methods when attempting to read entries from a database after the site's master lease has expired.

This configuration flag may not be set after the [DB\\_ENV->repmgr\\_start\(\)](#) method or the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_start\(\)](#) method is called.

- `DB_REP_CONF_NOAUTOINIT`

The replication master will not automatically re-initialize outdated clients.

- `DB_REP_CONF_NOWAIT`

Berkeley DB method calls that would normally block while clients are in recovery will return errors immediately.

- `DB_REPMGR_CONF_2SITE_STRICT`

Replication Manager observes the strict "majority" rule in managing elections, even in a group with only 2 sites. This means the client in a 2-site group will be unable to take over as master if the original master fails or becomes disconnected. (See the Elections section in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* for more information.) Both sites in the replication group should have the same value for this configuration flag.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_config()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If setting in-memory replication after the database environment is already opened; if setting master leases after replication is started; if setting the 2-site strict majority rule for a Base API application; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_limit()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_limit(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t gbytes, u_int32_t bytes);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_limit()` method sets record transmission throttling. This is a byte-count limit on the amount of data that will be transmitted from a site in response to a single message processed by the `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method. The limit is not a hard limit, and the record that exceeds the limit is the last record to be sent.

Record transmission throttling is turned on by default with a limit of 10MB.

If the values passed to the `DB_ENV->rep_set_limit()` method are both zero, then the transmission limit is turned off.

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "rep\_set\_limit", one or more whitespace characters, and the limit specified in two parts: the gigabytes and the bytes values. For example, "rep\_set\_limit 0 1048576" sets a 1 megabyte limit.. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_limit()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_limit()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_limit()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### bytes

The **bytes** parameter specifies the number of bytes which, when added to the **gbytes** parameter, specifies the maximum number of bytes that will be sent in a single call to the `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method.

### gbytes

The **gbytes** parameter specifies the number of gigabytes which, when added to the **bytes** parameter, specifies the maximum number of bytes that will be sent in a single call to the `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()` method.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_nsites()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t nsites);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites()` method specifies the total number of sites in a replication group.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites()` method is typically called by Replication Manager applications. (However, see also the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_select\(\)](#) method `nsites` parameter.)

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "rep\_set\_nsites", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of sites specified. For example, "rep\_set\_nsites 5" sets the number of sites to 5. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

If master leases are in use, the `DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_start\(\)](#) or [DB\\_ENV->repmgr\\_start\(\)](#) methods are called. If master leases are not in use, the `DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **nsites**

An integer specifying the total number of sites in the replication group.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_nsites()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If master leases are in use and replication has already been started; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_priority()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_priority(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t priority);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_priority()` method specifies the database environment's priority in replication group elections. A special value of 0 indicates that this environment cannot be a replication group master.

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "rep\_set\_priority", one or more whitespace characters, and the priority of this site. For example, "rep\_set\_priority 1" sets the priority of this site to 1. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

Note that if the application never explicitly sets a priority, then a default value of 100 is used.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_priority()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_priority()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_priority()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### priority

The priority of this database environment in the replication group. The priority must be a non-zero integer, or 0 if this environment cannot be a replication group master. (See [Replication environment priorities](#) for more information).

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_request()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_request(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t min, u_int32_t max);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_request()` method sets a threshold for the minimum and maximum time that a client waits before requesting retransmission of a missing message. Specifically, if the client detects a gap in the sequence of incoming log records or database pages, Berkeley DB will wait for at least **min** microseconds before requesting retransmission of the missing record. Berkeley DB will double that amount before requesting the same missing record again, and so on, up to a maximum threshold of **max** microseconds.

These values are thresholds only. Since Berkeley DB has no thread available in the library as a timer, the threshold is only checked when a thread enters the Berkeley DB library to process an incoming replication message. Any amount of time may have passed since the last message arrived and Berkeley DB only checks whether the amount of time since a request was made is beyond the threshold value or not.

By default the minimum is 40000 and the maximum is 1280000 (1.28 seconds). These defaults are fairly arbitrary and the application likely needs to adjust these. The values should be based on expected load and performance characteristics of the master and client host platforms and transport infrastructure as well as round-trip message time.

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "rep\_set\_request", one or more whitespace characters, and the request times specified in two parts: the min and the max. For example, "rep\_set\_request 40000 1280000". Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_request()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_request()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_request()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **max**

The maximum number of microseconds a client waits before requesting retransmission.

#### **min**

The minimum number of microseconds a client waits before requesting retransmission.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_request()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_timeout()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout(DB_ENV *env, int which, u_int32_t timeout);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout()` method specifies a variety of replication timeout values.

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string `"rep_set_timeout"`, one or more whitespace characters, and the **which** parameter specified as a string and the timeout specified as two parts. For example, `"rep_set_timeout DB_REP_CONNECTION_RETRY 15000000"` specifies the connection retry timeout for 15 seconds. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout()` method may not be called to set the master lease timeout after the `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method or the `DB_ENV->rep_start()` method is called. For all other timeouts, the `DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### timeout

The **timeout** parameter is the timeout value. It must be specified as an unsigned 32-bit number of microseconds, limiting the maximum timeout to roughly 71 minutes.

### which

The **which** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_REP_ACK_TIMEOUT`

Configure the amount of time the Replication Manager's transport function waits to collect enough acknowledgments from replication group clients, before giving up and returning a failure indication. The default wait time is 1 second.

- `DB_REP_CHECKPOINT_DELAY`

Configure the amount of time a master site will delay between completing a checkpoint and writing a checkpoint record into the log. This delay allows clients to complete their own checkpoints before the master requires completion of them. The default is 30 seconds. If all databases in the environment, and the environment's transaction log, are configured to reside in memory (never preserved to disk), then, although checkpoints are still necessary, the delay is not useful and should be set to 0.

- `DB_REP_CONNECTION_RETRY`

Configure the amount of time the Replication Manager will wait before trying to re-establish a connection to another site after a communication failure. The default wait time is 30 seconds.

- DB\_REP\_ELECTION\_TIMEOUT

The timeout period for an election. The default timeout is 2 seconds.

- DB\_REP\_ELECTION\_RETRY

Configure the amount of time the Replication Manager will wait before retrying a failed election. The default wait time is 10 seconds.

- DB\_REP\_FULL\_ELECTION\_TIMEOUT

An optional configuration timeout period to wait for full election participation the first time the replication group finds a master. By default this option is turned off and normal election timeouts are used. (See the Elections section in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* for more information.)

- DB\_REP\_HEARTBEAT\_MONITOR

The amount of time the Replication Manager, running at a client site, waits for some message activity on the connection from the master (heartbeats or other messages) before concluding that the connection has been lost. This timeout should be of longer duration than the DB\_REP\_HEARTBEAT\_SEND timeout to ensure that heartbeats are not missed. When 0 (the default), no monitoring is performed.

- DB\_REP\_HEARTBEAT\_SEND

The frequency at which the Replication Manager, running at a master site, broadcasts a heartbeat message in an otherwise idle system. When 0 (the default), no heartbeat messages will be sent.

- DB\_REP\_LEASE\_TIMEOUT

Configure the amount of time a client grants its master lease to a master. When using master leases all sites in a replication group must use the same lease timeout value. There is no default value. If leases are desired, this method must be called prior to calling DB\_ENV->rep\_start() method. See also DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_clockskew() method, DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_config() method or Master leases.

## Errors

The DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_timeout() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

If setting the lease timeout and replication has already been started; if setting a Replication Manager timeout for a Base API application; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

### DB\_ENV

## See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_set\_transport()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_set_transport(DB_ENV *env, int envid,
    int (*send)(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    const DBT *control, const DBT *rec, const DB_LSN *lsnp,
    int envid, u_int32_t flags));
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method initializes the communication infrastructure for a database environment participating in a replicated application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method is not called by most replication applications. It should only be called by Base API applications implementing their own network transport layer, explicitly holding replication group elections and handling replication messages outside of the Replication Manager framework.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method configures operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.



Berkeley DB is not re-entrant. The callback function for this method should not attempt to make library calls (for example, to release locks or close open handles). Re-entering Berkeley DB is not guaranteed to work correctly, and the results are undefined.

## Parameters

### envid

The `envid` parameter is the local environment's ID. It must be a non-negative integer and uniquely identify this Berkeley DB database environment (see Replication environment IDs for more information).

### send

The `send` callback function is used to transmit data using the replication application's communication infrastructure. The parameters to `send` are as follows:

- `dbenv`

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment handle.

- `control`

The `control` parameter is the first of the two data elements to be transmitted by the `send` function.

- `rec`

The `rec` parameter is the second of the two data elements to be transmitted by the `send` function.

- `lsnp`

If the type of message to be sent has an LSN associated with it, then the `lsnp` parameter contains the LSN of the record being sent. This LSN can be used to determine that certain records have been processed successfully by clients.

- `envid`

The `envid` parameter is a positive integer identifier that specifies the replication environment to which the message should be sent (see Replication environment IDs for more information).

The special identifier `DB_EID_BROADCAST` indicates that a message should be broadcast to every environment in the replication group. The application may use a true broadcast protocol or may send the message in sequence to each machine with which it is in communication. In both cases, the sending site should not be asked to process the message.

The special identifier `DB_EID_INVALID` indicates an invalid environment ID. This may be used to initialize values that are subsequently checked for validity.

- `flags`

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_REP_ANYWHERE`

The message is a client request that can be satisfied by another client as well as by the master.

- `DB_REP_NOBUFFER`

The record being sent should be transmitted immediately and not buffered or delayed.

- `DB_REP_PERMANENT`

The record being sent is critical for maintaining database integrity (for example, the message includes a transaction commit). The application should take appropriate action to enforce the reliability guarantees it has chosen, such as waiting for acknowledgement from one or more clients.

- `DB_REP_REREQUEST`

The message is a client request that has already been made and to which no response was received.

It may sometimes be useful to pass application-specific data to the send function; see Environment FAQ for a discussion on how to do this.

The `send` function must return 0 on success and non-zero on failure. If the send function fails, the message being sent is necessary to maintain database integrity, and the local log is not configured for synchronous flushing, the local log will be flushed; otherwise, any error from the `send` function will be ignored.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

The method is called from a Replication Manager application; or an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_start()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_start(DB_ENV *env, DBT *cdata, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_start()` method configures the database environment as a client or master in a group of replicated database environments.

The `DB_ENV->rep_start()` method is not called by most replication applications. It should only be called by Base API applications implementing their own network transport layer, explicitly holding replication group elections and handling replication messages outside of the Replication Manager framework.

Replication master environments are the only database environments where replicated databases may be modified. Replication client environments are read-only as long as they are clients. Replication client environments may be upgraded to be replication master environments in the case that the current master fails or there is no master present. If master leases are in use, this method cannot be used to appoint a master, and should only be used to configure a database environment as a master as the result of an election.

The enclosing database environment must already have been opened by calling the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method and must already have been configured to send replication messages by calling the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_transport\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_start()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **cdata**

The `cdata` parameter is an opaque data item that is sent over the communication infrastructure when the client comes online (see [Connecting to a new site](#) for more information). If no such information is useful, `cdata` should be NULL.

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_REP_CLIENT`  
Configure the environment as a replication client.
- `DB_REP_MASTER`  
Configure the environment as a replication master.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_start()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**DB\_REP\_UNAVAIL****DB\_REP\_UNAVAIL**

If the flags parameter was passed as DB\_REP\_MASTER but the database environment cannot currently become the replication master because it is temporarily initializing and is incomplete.

If the database environment was not already configured to communicate with a replication group by a call to [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_set\\_transport\(\)](#); the database environment was not already opened; this method is called from a Replication Manager application; outstanding master leases are granted; this method is used to appoint a new master when master leases are in use; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_stat(DB_ENV *env, DB_REP_STAT **statp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat()` method returns the replication subsystem statistics.

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat()` method creates a statistical structure of type `DB_REP_STAT` and copies a pointer to it into a user-specified memory location.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

The following `DB_REP_STAT` fields will be filled in:

- `uintmax_t st_bulk_fills;`

The number of times the bulk buffer filled up, forcing the buffer content to be sent.

- `uintmax_t st_bulk_overflows;`

The number of times a record was bigger than the entire bulk buffer, and therefore had to be sent as a singleton.

- `uintmax_t st_bulk_records;`

The number of records added to a bulk buffer.

- `uintmax_t st_bulk_transfers;`

The number of bulk buffers transferred (via a call to the application's `send` function).

- `uintmax_t st_client_rerequests;`

The number of times this client site received a "re-request" message, indicating that a request it previously sent to another client could not be serviced by that client. (Compare to `st_client_svc_miss`.)

- `uintmax_t st_client_svc_miss;`

The number of "request" type messages received by this client that could not be processed, forcing the originating requester to try sending the request to the master (or another client).

- `uintmax_t st_client_svc_req;`

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The number of "request" type messages received by this client. ("Request" messages are usually sent from a client to the master, but a message marked with the `DB_REP_ANYWHERE` flag in the invocation of the application's `send` function may be sent to another client instead.)

- **u\_int32\_t st\_dupmasters;**

The number of duplicate master conditions originally detected at this site.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_egen;**

The election generation number for the current or next election.

- **int st\_election\_cur\_winner;**

The environment ID of the winner of the current or last election.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_gen;**

The master generation number of the winner of the current or last election.

- **DB\_LSN st\_election\_lsn;**

The maximum LSN of the winner of the current or last election.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_sites;**

The number of sites responding to this site during the current election.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_nvotes;**

The number of votes required in the current or last election.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_priority;**

The priority of the winner of the current or last election.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_sec;**

The number of seconds the last election took (the total election time is `st_election_sec` plus `st_election_usec`).

- **int st\_election\_status;**

The current election phase (0 if no election is in progress).

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_tiebreaker;**

The tiebreaker value of the winner of the current or last election.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_usec;**

The number of microseconds the last election took (the total election time is `st_election_sec` plus `st_election_usec`).

- **u\_int32\_t st\_election\_votes;**  
The number of votes received during the current election.
- **uintmax\_t st\_elections;**  
The number of elections held.
- **uintmax\_t st\_elections\_won;**  
The number of elections won.
- **int st\_env\_id;**  
The current environment ID.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_env\_priority;**  
The current environment priority.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_gen;**  
The current master generation number.
- **uintmax\_t st\_log\_duplicated;**  
The number of duplicate log records received.
- **uintmax\_t st\_log\_queued;**  
The number of log records currently queued.
- **uintmax\_t st\_log\_queued\_max;**  
The maximum number of log records ever queued at once.
- **uintmax\_t st\_log\_queued\_total;**  
The total number of log records queued.
- **uintmax\_t st\_log\_records;**  
The number of log records received and appended to the log.
- **uintmax\_t st\_log\_requested;**  
The number of times log records were missed and requested.
- **int st\_master;**  
The current master environment ID.
- **uintmax\_t st\_master\_changes;**

The number of times the master has changed.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_max\_lease\_sec;**

The number of seconds of the longest lease (the total lease time is **st\_max\_lease\_sec** plus **st\_max\_lease\_usec**).

- **u\_int32\_t st\_max\_lease\_usec;**

The number of microseconds of the longest lease (the total lease time is **st\_max\_lease\_sec** plus **st\_max\_lease\_usec**).

- **DB\_LSN st\_max\_perm\_lsn;**

The LSN of the maximum permanent log record, or 0 if there are no permanent log records.

- **uintmax\_t st\_msgs\_badgen;**

The number of messages received with a bad generation number.

- **uintmax\_t st\_msgs\_processed;**

The number of messages received and processed.

- **uintmax\_t st\_msgs\_recover;**

The number of messages ignored due to pending recovery.

- **uintmax\_t st\_msgs\_send\_failures;**

The number of failed message sends.

- **uintmax\_t st\_msgs\_sent;**

The number of messages sent.

- **uintmax\_t st\_newsites;**

The number of new site messages received.

- **DB\_LSN st\_next\_lsn;**

In replication environments configured as masters, the next LSN to be used. In replication environments configured as clients, the next LSN expected.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_next\_pg;**

The next page number we expect to receive.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_nsites;**

The number of sites used in the last election.

- **uintmax\_t st\_nthrottles;**  
Transmission limited. This indicates the number of times that data transmission was stopped to limit the amount of data sent in response to a single call to `DB_ENV->rep_process_message()`.
- **uintmax\_t st\_outdated;**  
The number of outdated conditions detected.
- **uintmax\_t st\_pg\_duplicated;**  
The number of duplicate pages received.
- **uintmax\_t st\_pg\_records;**  
The number of pages received and stored.
- **uintmax\_t st\_pg\_requested;**  
The number of pages missed and requested from the master.
- **uintmax\_t st\_startsync\_delayed;**  
The number of times the client had to delay the start of a cache flush operation (initiated by the master for an impending checkpoint) because it was missing some previous log record(s).
- **u\_int32\_t st\_startup\_complete;**  
The client site has completed its startup procedures and is now handling live records from the master.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_status;**  
The current replication mode. Set to `DB_REP_MASTER` if the environment is a replication master, `DB_REP_CLIENT` if the environment is a replication client, or 0 if replication is not configured.
- **uintmax\_t st\_txns\_applied;**  
The number of transactions applied.
- **DB\_LSN st\_waiting\_lsn;**  
The LSN of the first log record we have after missing log records being waited for, or 0 if no log records are currently missing.
- **u\_int32\_t st\_waiting\_pg;**  
The page number of the first page we have after missing pages being waited for, or 0 if no pages are currently missing.

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- DB\_STAT\_CLEAR

Reset statistics after returning their values.

### statp

The **statp** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated statistics structure is copied.

## Errors

The DB\_ENV->rep\_stat() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

If the database environment was not already opened; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_stat_print(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat_print()` method displays the replication subsystem statistical information, as described for the `DB_ENV->rep_stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgfile()` method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgcall()` method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat_print()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_stat_print()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called before `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->rep\_sync()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->rep_sync(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->rep_sync()` method forces master synchronization to begin for this client. This method is the other half of setting the `DB_REP_CONF_DELAYCLIENT` flag via the `DB_ENV->rep_set_config()` method.

If an application has configured delayed master synchronization, the application must synchronize explicitly (otherwise the client will remain out-of-date and will ignore all database changes forwarded from the replication group master). The `DB_ENV->rep_sync()` method may be called any time after the client application learns that the new master has been established (by receiving a `DB_EVENT_REP_NEWMASTER` event notification).

Before calling this method, the enclosing database environment must already have been opened by calling the `DB_ENV->open()` method and must already have been configured to send replication messages by calling the `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()` method.

The `DB_ENV->rep_sync()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->rep_sync()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the database environment was not already configured to communicate with a replication group by a call to `DB_ENV->rep_set_transport()`; the database environment was not already opened; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_add\_remote\_site()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_add_remote_site(DB_ENV *env,
    const char *host, u_int port, int *eidp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_add_remote_site()` method adds a new replication site to the Replication Manager's list of known sites. It is not necessary for all sites in a replication group to know about all other sites in the group.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_add_remote_site()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_add_remote_site()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **eidp**

If **eidp** is non-NULL, and the database environment has already been opened by calling `DB_ENV->open()`, then the environment ID assigned to the remote site is returned in the memory location referenced by **eidp**.

#### **flags**

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_REPMGR_PEER`

Specifying the `DB_REPMGR_PEER` flag configures client-to-client synchronization with the specified remote site.

Currently, the Replication Manager framework only supports a single client peer, and the last specified peer is used.

#### **host**

The site's host identification string, generally a TCP/IP host name.

#### **port**

The port number on which the remote site is receiving.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_add_remote_site()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**EINVAL**

If this method is called from a base replication API application; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_get\_ack\_policy()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_get_ack_policy(DB_ENV *env, int *ack_policyp);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_get_ack_policy()` method returns the Replication Manager's client acknowledgment policy. This is configured using the `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` method.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_get_ack_policy()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_get_ack_policy()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **ack\_policyp**

The `ack_policyp` parameter references memory into which the Replication Manager's client acknowledgement policy is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#), `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()`

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_set\_ack\_policy()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy(DB_ENV *env, int ack_policy);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` method specifies how master and client sites will handle acknowledgment of replication messages which are necessary for "permanent" records. The current implementation requires all sites in a replication group configure the same acknowledgement policy.

The database environment's replication subsystem may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "repmgr\_set\_ack\_policy", one or more whitespace characters, and the **ack\_policy** parameter specified as a string. For example, "repmgr\_set\_ack\_policy DB\_REPMGR\_ACKS\_ALL". Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

Waiting for client acknowledgements is always limited by the `DB_REP_ACK_TIMEOUT` specified by the `DB_ENV->rep_set_timeout()` method.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified `DB_ENV` handle.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### ack\_policy

Some acknowledgement policies use the concept of an electable peer, which is a client capable of being subsequently elected master of the replication group. The **ack\_policy** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- **DB\_REPMGR\_ACKS\_ALL**

The master should wait until all replication clients have acknowledged each permanent replication message.

- **DB\_REPMGR\_ACKS\_ALL\_PEERS**

The master should wait until all electable peers have acknowledged each permanent replication message.

- **DB\_REPMGR\_ACKS\_NONE**

The master should not wait for any client replication message acknowledgments.

- **DB\_REPMGR\_ACKS\_ONE**

The master should wait until at least one client site has acknowledged each permanent replication message.

- **DB\_REPMGR\_ACKS\_ONE\_PEER**

The master should wait until at least one electable peer has acknowledged each permanent replication message.

- **DB\_REPMGR\_ACKS\_QUORUM**

The master should wait until it has received acknowledgements from the minimum number of electable peers sufficient to ensure that the effect of the permanent record remains durable if an election is held. This is the default acknowledgement policy.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### **EINVAL**

If this method is called from a base replication API application; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_set\_local\_site()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site(DB_ENV *env,
    const char *host, u_int port, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site()` method specifies the host identification string and port number for the local system.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site()` method may not be called after the `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

#### host

The site's host identification string, generally a TCP/IP host name.

#### port

The port number on which the local site is listening.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If this method is called from a Base API application; if the method was called after replication is started with a call to the `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_site\_list()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_site_list(DB_ENV *env,
    u_int *countp, DB_REPMGR_SITE **listp);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_site_list()` method returns the status of the sites currently known by the Replication Manager.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_site_list()` method creates a statistical structure of type `DB_REPMGR_SITE` and copies a pointer to it into a user-specified memory location.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

The following `DB_REPMGR_SITE` fields will be filled in:

- **int eid;**

Environment ID assigned by the Replication Manager. This is the same value that is passed to the application's event notification function for the [DB\\_EVENT\\_REP\\_NEWMASTER](#) event.

- **char host[];**

Null-terminated host name.

- **u\_int port;**

TCP/IP port number.

- **u\_int32\_t status;**

Zero (if unknown), or one of the following constants: `DB_REPMGR_CONNECTED`, `DB_REPMGR_DISCONNECTED`.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_site_list()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_site_list()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

**countp**

A count of the returned structures will be stored into the memory referenced by **countp**.

**listp**

A reference to an array of structures will be stored into the memory referenced by **listp**.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#)

**See Also**

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_start()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_start(DB_ENV *env, int nthreads, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method starts the Replication Manager.

There are two ways to build Berkeley DB replication applications: the most common approach is to use the Berkeley DB library Replication Manager, where the Berkeley DB library manages the replication group, including network transport, all replication message processing and acknowledgment, and group elections. Applications using the Replication Manager generally make the following calls:

1. Call `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site()` to configure the local site in the replication group.
2. Call `DB_ENV->repmgr_add_remote_site()` to configure the remote site(s) in the replication group.
3. Call `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_ack_policy()` to configure the message acknowledgment policy which best supports the replication group's transactional needs.
4. Call `DB_ENV->rep_set_priority()` to configure the local site's election priority.
5. Call `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` to start the replication application.

For more information on building Replication Manager applications, please see the *Replication Getting Started Guide* included in the Berkeley DB documentation.

Applications with special needs (for example, applications using network protocols not supported by the Berkeley DB Replication Manager), must perform additional configuration and call other Berkeley DB replication Base API methods. For more information on building Base API applications, please see the Base API Methods section in the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide*.

Starting the Replication Manager consists of opening the TCP/IP listening socket to accept incoming connections, and starting all necessary background threads. When multiple processes share a database environment, only one process can open the listening socket; the `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method automatically opens the socket in the first process to call it, and skips this step in the later calls from other processes.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called to open the local environment and the `DB_ENV->repmgr_set_local_site()` method is called to configure the local site. In addition, the local environment must be opened with the `DB_THREAD` flag set.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method will return `DB_REP_IGNORE` as an informational, non-error return code, if another process has previously become the TCP/IP listener (though the current call has nevertheless successfully started Replication Manager's background threads). Unless otherwise specified, the `DB_ENV->repmgr_start()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- DB\_REP\_MASTER

Start as a master site, and do not call for an election. Note there must never be more than a single master in any replication group, and only one site at a time should ever be started with the DB\_REP\_MASTER flag specified.

- DB\_REP\_CLIENT

Start as a client site, and do not call for an election.

- DB\_REP\_ELECTION

Start as a client, and call for an election if no master is found.

### nthreads

Specify the number of threads of control created and dedicated to processing replication messages. In addition to these message processing threads, the Replication Manager creates and manages a few of its own threads of control.

## Errors

The DB\_ENV->repmgr\_start() method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

If the database environment was not already opened or was opened without the DB\_THREAD flag set; a local site has not already been configured, this method is called from a Base API application; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_stat(DB_ENV *env, DB_REPMGR_STAT **statp,
    u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat()` method returns the Replication Manager statistics.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat()` method creates a statistical structure of type `DB_REPMGR_STAT` and copies a pointer to it into a user-specified memory location.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

The following `DB_REPMGR_STAT` fields will be filled in:

- **uintmax\_t st\_connect\_fail;**

The number of times an attempt to open a new TCP/IP connection failed.

- **uintmax\_t st\_connection\_drop;**

The number of times an existing TCP/IP connection failed.

- **uintmax\_t st\_msgs\_dropped;**

The number of outgoing messages that were completely dropped, because the outgoing message queue was full. (Berkeley DB replication is tolerant of dropped messages, and will automatically request retransmission of any missing messages as needed.)

- **uintmax\_t st\_msgs\_queued;**

The number of outgoing messages which could not be transmitted immediately, due to a full network buffer, and had to be queued for later delivery.

- **uintmax\_t st\_perm\_failed;**

The number of times a message critical for maintaining database integrity (for example, a transaction commit), originating at this site, did not receive sufficient acknowledgement from clients, according to the configured acknowledgement policy and acknowledgement timeout.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat()` method may not be called before the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- DB\_STAT\_CLEAR

Reset statistics after returning their values.

### statp

The **statp** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated statistics structure is copied.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

If the method was called before `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

## See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->repmgr\_stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->repmgr_stat_print(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat_print()` method displays the Replication Manager statistical information, as described for the `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgfile()` method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the `DB_ENV->set_msgcall()` method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat_print()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->repmgr_stat_print()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If the method was called before `DB_ENV->open()` was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#)

### See Also

[Replication and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 11. The DB\_SEQUENCE Handle

Sequences provide an arbitrary number of persistent objects that return an increasing or decreasing sequence of integers. Opening a sequence handle associates it with a record in a database. The handle can maintain a cache of values from the database so that a database update is not needed as the application allocates a value.

A sequence is stored as a record pair in a database. The database may be of any type, but must not have been configured to support duplicate data items. The sequence is referenced by the key used when the sequence is created, therefore the key must be compatible with the underlying access method. If the database stores fixed-length records, the record size must be at least 64 bytes long.

You create a sequence using the [db\\_sequence\\_create](#) method.

For more information on sequences, see the *Berkeley DB Programmer's Reference Guide* guide.

## Sequences and Related Methods

Sequences and Related Methods	Description
<code>db_sequence_create</code>	Create a sequence handle
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;close()</code>	Close a sequence
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;get()</code>	Get the next sequence element(s)
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;get_dbp()</code>	Return a handle for the underlying sequence database
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;get_key()</code>	Return the key for a sequence
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;initial_value()</code>	Set the initial value of a sequence
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;open()</code>	Open a sequence
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;remove()</code>	Remove a sequence
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;stat()</code>	Return sequence statistics
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;stat_print()</code>	Print sequence statistics
<b>Sequences Configuration</b>	
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;set_cachesize(),</code> <code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;get_cachesize()</code>	Set/get the cache size of a sequence
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;set_flags(),</code> <code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;get_flags()</code>	Set/get the flags for a sequence
<code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;set_range(),</code> <code>DB_SEQUENCE-&gt;get_range()</code>	Set/get the range for a sequence

## db\_sequence\_create

```
#include <db.h>

int db_sequence_create(DB_SEQUENCE **seq, DB *db, u_int32_t flags);
```

Creates a sequence handle, which can then be opened with [DB\\_SEQUENCE->open\(\)](#).

`DB_SEQUENCE` handles are free-threaded if the [DB\\_THREAD](#) flag is specified to the [DB\\_SEQUENCE->open\(\)](#) method when the sequence is opened. Once the [DB\\_SEQUENCE->close\(\)](#) or [DB\\_SEQUENCE->remove\(\)](#) methods are called, the handle can not be accessed again, regardless of the method's return.

Each handle opened on a sequence may maintain a separate cache of values which are returned to the application using the [DB\\_SEQUENCE->get\(\)](#) method either singly or in groups depending on its `delta` parameter.

Calling the [DB\\_SEQUENCE->close\(\)](#) or [DB\\_SEQUENCE->remove\(\)](#) methods discards this handle.

`db_sequence_create()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **seq**

The `seq` parameter references the memory into which the returned structure pointer is stored.

#### **db**

The `db` parameter is an open database handle which holds the persistent data for the sequence. The database may be of any type, but must not have been configured to support duplicate data items.

#### **flags**

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `db_sequence_create` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->close()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->close(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->close()` method closes the sequence handle. Any unused cached values are lost.

The [DB\\_SEQUENCE](#) handle may not be accessed again after `DB_SEQUENCE->close()` is called, regardless of its return.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->close()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `DB_SEQUENCE->close()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->get()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->get(DB_SEQUENCE *seq,
                DB_TXN *txnid, int32_t delta, db_seq_t *retp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get()` method returns the next available element in the sequence and changes the sequence value by **delta**. The value of **delta** must be greater than zero. If there are enough cached values in the sequence handle then they will be returned. Otherwise the next value will be fetched from the database and incremented (decremented) by enough to cover the **delta** and the next batch of cached values.

For maximum concurrency a non-zero cache size should be specified prior to opening the sequence handle and `DB_TXN_NOSYNC` should be specified for each `DB_SEQUENCE->get()` method call.

By default, sequence ranges do not wrap; to cause the sequence to wrap around the beginning or end of its range, specify the `DB_SEQ_WRAP` flag to the `DB_SEQUENCE->set_flags()` method.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get()` method will return `EINVAL` if the record in the database is not a valid sequence record, or the sequence has reached the beginning or end of its range and is not configured to wrap.

### Parameters

#### **delta**

Specifies the amount to increment or decrement the sequence.

#### **flags**

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_TXN_NOSYNC`

If the operation is implicitly transaction protected (the `txnid` argument is `NULL` but the operation occurs to a transactional database), do not synchronously flush the log when the transaction commits.

#### **retp**

`retp` points to the memory to hold the return value from the sequence.

#### **txnid**

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cmsgroup_begin()`; otherwise `NULL`. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected. No `txnid` handle may be specified if the sequence handle was opened with a non-zero cache size.

If the underlying database handle was opened in a transaction, calling `DB_SEQUENCE->get()` may result in changes to the sequence object; these changes will be automatically committed in a transaction internal to the Berkeley DB library. If the thread of control calling `DB_SEQUENCE->get()` has an active transaction, which holds locks on the same database as the one in which the sequence object is stored, it is possible for a thread of control calling `DB_SEQUENCE->get()` to self-deadlock because the active transaction's locks conflict with the internal transaction's locks. For this reason, it is often preferable for sequence objects to be stored in their own database.

## Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

## See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->get\_cachesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->get_cachesize(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, u_int32_t *sizep);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_cachesize()` method returns the current cache size.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_cachesize()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_cachesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **sizep**

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_cachesize()` method returns the current cache size in **sizep**.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->get\_dbp()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->get_dbp(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, DB **dbp);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_dbp()` method returns the database handle used by the sequence.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_dbp()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_dbp()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **dbp**

The `dbp` parameter references memory into which a pointer to the database handle is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->get\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->get_flags(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, u_int32_t *flagsp);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_flags()` method returns the current flags.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_flags()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **flagsp**

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_flags()` method returns the current flags in **flagsp**.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->get\_key()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->get_key(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, DBT *key);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_key()` method returns the key for the sequence.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_key()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_key()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **key**

The **key** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the key data is copied.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->get\_range()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->get_range(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, db_seq_t *minp, db_seq_t *maxp);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_range()` method returns the range of values in the sequence.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_range()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_range()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **minp**

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_range()` method returns the minimum value in **minp**.

#### **maxp**

The `DB_SEQUENCE->get_range()` method returns the maximum value in **maxp**.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->initial\_value()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->initial_value(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, db_seq_t value);
```

Set the initial value for a sequence. This call is only effective when the sequence is being created.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->initial_value()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_SEQUENCE->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->initial_value()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### value

The initial value to set.

### Errors

The `DB_SEQUENCE->initial_value()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->open()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->open(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, DB_TXN *txnid, DBT *key, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->open()` method opens the sequence represented by the **key**. The key must be compatible with the underlying database specified in the corresponding call to `db_sequence_create`.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->open()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### key

The **key** specifies which record in the database stores the persistent sequence data.

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_CREATE`

Create the sequence. If the sequence does not already exist and the `DB_CREATE` flag is not specified, the `DB_SEQUENCE->open()` method will fail.

- `DB_EXCL`

Return an error if the sequence already exists. This flag is only meaningful when specified with the `DB_CREATE` flag.

- `DB_THREAD`

Cause the `DB_SEQUENCE` handle returned by `DB_SEQUENCE->open()` to be *free-threaded*; that is, usable by multiple threads within a single address space. Note that if multiple threads create multiple sequences using the same database handle that handle must have been opened specifying this flag.

#### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the **txnid** parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the **txnid** parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cmsgroup_begin()`; otherwise NULL. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected. Transactionally protected operations on a `DB_SEQUENCE` handle require the `DB_SEQUENCE` handle itself be transactionally protected during its open if the open creates the sequence.

## Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

## See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->remove()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->remove(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, DB_TXN *txnid, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->remove()` method removes the sequence from the database. This method should not be called if there are other open handles on this sequence.

The `DB_SEQUENCE` handle may not be accessed again after `DB_SEQUENCE->remove()` is called, regardless of its return.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->remove()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_TXN_NOSYNC`

If the operation is implicitly transaction protected (the `txnid` argument is `NULL` but the operation occurs to a transactional database), do not synchronously flush the log when the transaction commits.

#### txnid

If the operation is part of an application-specified transaction, the `txnid` parameter is a transaction handle returned from `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`; if the operation is part of a Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store group, the `txnid` parameter is a handle returned from `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()`; otherwise `NULL`. If no transaction handle is specified, but the operation occurs in a transactional database, the operation will be implicitly transaction protected.

### Errors

The `DB_SEQUENCE->remove()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->set\_cachesize()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->set_cachesize(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, int32_t size);
```

Configure the number of elements cached by a sequence handle.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_cachesize()` method may not be called after the `DB_SEQUENCE->open()` method is called.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_cachesize()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **size**

The number of elements in the cache.

### Errors

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_cachesize()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->set\_flags()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->set_flags(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, u_int32_t flags);
```

Configure a sequence. The flags are only effective when creating a sequence. Calling `DB_SEQUENCE->set_flags()` is additive; there is no way to clear flags.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_flags()` method may not be called after the `DB_SEQUENCE->open()` method is called.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_flags()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_SEQ_DEC`

Specify that the sequence should be decremented.

- `DB_SEQ_INC`

Specify that the sequence should be incremented. This is the default.

- `DB_SEQ_WRAP`

Specify that the sequence should wrap around when it is incremented (decremented) past the specified maximum (minimum) value.

### Errors

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_flags()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->set\_range()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->set_range(DB_SEQUENCE *seq, db_seq_t min, db_seq_t max);
```

Configure a sequence range. This call is only effective when the sequence is being created. The range is limited to a signed 64 bit integer.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_range()` method may not be called after the `DB_SEQUENCE->open()` method is called.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_range()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **min**

Specifies the minimum value for the sequence.

#### **max**

Specifies the maximum value for the sequence.

### Errors

The `DB_SEQUENCE->set_range()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->stat(DB_SEQUENCE *db, DB_SEQUENCE_STAT **spp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->stat()` method creates a statistical structure and copies a pointer to it into user-specified memory locations. Specifically, if `spp` is non-NULL, a pointer to the statistics for the database are copied into the memory location to which it refers.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see `DB_ENV->set_alloc()` for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

In the presence of multiple threads or processes accessing an active sequence, the information returned by `DB_SEQUENCE->stat()` may be out-of-date.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->stat()` method cannot be transaction-protected. For this reason, it should be called in a thread of control that has no open cursors or active transactions.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

The statistics are stored in a structure of type `DB_SEQUENCE_STAT`. The following fields will be filled in:

- **uintmax\_t st\_wait;**

The number of times a thread of control was forced to wait on the handle mutex.

- **uintmax\_t st\_nowait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain handle mutex without waiting.

- **db\_seq\_t st\_current;**

The current value of the sequence in the database.

- **db\_seq\_t st\_value;**

The current cached value of the sequence.

- **db\_seq\_t st\_last\_value;**

The last cached value of the sequence.

- **db\_seq\_t st\_min;**

The minimum permitted value of the sequence.

- **db\_seq\_t st\_max;**

The maximum permitted value of the sequence.

- `int32_t st_cache_size;`

The number of values that will be cached in this handle.

- `u_int32_t st_flags;`

The flags value for the sequence.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`

Reset statistics after printing their values.

## Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

## See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_SEQUENCE->stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_SEQUENCE->stat_print(DB_SEQUENCE *db, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_SEQUENCE->stat_print()` method prints diagnostic information to the output channel described by the `DB_ENV->set_msgfile()` method.

The `DB_SEQUENCE->stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`

Reset statistics after printing their values.

### Class

[DB\\_SEQUENCE](#)

### See Also

[Sequences and Related Methods](#)

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## Chapter 12. The DB\_TXN Handle

```
#include <db.h>

typedef struct __db_txn DB_TXN;
```

The `DB_TXN` object is the handle for a transaction. Methods of the `DB_TXN` handle are used to configure, abort and commit the transaction. `DB_TXN` handles are provided to `DB` methods in order to transactionally protect those database operations.

`DB_TXN` handles are not free-threaded; transactions handles may be used by multiple threads, but only serially, that is, the application must serialize access to the `DB_TXN` handle. Once the `DB_TXN->abort()` or `DB_TXN->commit()` methods are called, the handle may not be accessed again, regardless of the method's return. In addition, parent transactions may not issue any Berkeley DB operations while they have active child transactions (child transactions that have not yet been committed or aborted) except for `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`, `DB_TXN->abort()` and `DB_TXN->commit()`.

## Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods

Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods	Description
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;txn_checkpoint()</code>	Checkpoint the transaction subsystem
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;txn_recover()</code>	Distributed transaction recovery
<code>DB_TXN-&gt;set_timeout()</code>	Set transaction timeout
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;txn_stat()</code>	Return transaction subsystem statistics
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;txn_stat_print()</code>	Print transaction subsystem statistics
<b>Transaction Subsystem Configuration</b>	
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_timeout()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_timeout()</code>	Set/get lock and transaction timeout
<code>DB-&gt;get_transactional()</code>	Does the DB have transaction support
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;cmsgroup_begin()</code>	Get a locker ID in Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_tx_max()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_tx_max()</code>	Set/get maximum number of transactions
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;set_tx_timestamp()</code> , <code>DB_ENV-&gt;get_tx_timestamp()</code>	Set/get recovery timestamp
<b>Transaction Operations</b>	
<code>DB_TXN-&gt;abort()</code>	Abort a transaction
<code>DB_ENV-&gt;txn_begin()</code>	Begin a transaction
<code>DB_TXN-&gt;commit()</code>	Commit a transaction
<code>DB_TXN-&gt;discard()</code>	Discard a prepared but not resolved transaction handle
<code>DB_TXN-&gt;id()</code>	Return a transaction's ID
<code>DB_TXN-&gt;prepare()</code>	Prepare a transaction for commit
<code>DB_TXN-&gt;set_name()</code> , <code>DB_TXN-&gt;get_name()</code>	Associate a string with a transaction

## DB->get\_transactional()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB->get_transactional(DB *db);
```

The `DB->get_transactional()` method returns non-zero if the [DB](#) handle has been opened in a transactional mode.

The `DB->get_transactional()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB->get_transactional()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Class

[DB](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->cdsgroup\_begin()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin(DB_ENV *dbenv, DB_TXN **tid);
```

The `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()` method allocates a locker ID in an environment configured for Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store applications. It copies a pointer to a [DB\\_TXN](#) that uniquely identifies the locker ID into the memory to which `tid` refers. Calling the [DB\\_TXN->commit\(\)](#) method will discard the allocated locker ID.

See Berkeley DB Concurrent Data Store applications for more information about when this is required.

The `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->cdsgroup_begin()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **ENOMEM**

The maximum number of lockers has been reached.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_tx\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_tx_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t *tx_maxp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_max()` method returns the maximum number of active transactions currently configured for the environment. You can manage this value using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_max()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_max()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **tx\_maxp**

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_max()` method returns the number of active transactions in **tx\_maxp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->get\_tx\_timestamp()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->get_tx_timestamp(DB_ENV *dbenv, time_t *timestamp);
```

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_timestamp()` method returns the recovery timestamp. This value can be modified using the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_timestamp\(\)](#) method.

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_timestamp()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_timestamp()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **timestamp**

The `DB_ENV->get_tx_timestamp()` method returns the recovery timestamp in **timestamp**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#), [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_timestamp\(\)](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_tx\_max()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_tx_max(DB_ENV *dbenv, u_int32_t max);
```

Configure the Berkeley DB database environment to support at least **max** active transactions. This value bounds the size of the memory allocated for transactions. Child transactions are counted as active until they either commit or abort.

Transactions that update multiversion databases are not freed until the last page version that the transaction created is flushed from cache. This means that applications using multi-version concurrency control may need a transaction for each page in cache, in the extreme case.

When all of the memory available in the database environment for transactions is in use, calls to [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_begin\(\)](#) will fail (until some active transactions complete). If [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#) is never called, the database environment is configured to support at least 100 active transactions.

The database environment's number of active transactions may also be configured using the environment's `DB_CONFIG` file. The syntax of the entry in that file is a single line with the string "set\_tx\_max", one or more whitespace characters, and the number of transactions. Because the `DB_CONFIG` file is read when the database environment is opened, it will silently overrule configuration done before that time.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#) method configures a database environment, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#) method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called. If the database environment already exists when [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) is called, the information specified to [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#) will be ignored.

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#) method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### max

The **max** parameter configures the minimum number of simultaneously active transactions supported by Berkeley DB database environment.

## Errors

The [DB\\_ENV->set\\_tx\\_max\(\)](#) method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

### EINVAL

If the method was called after [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) was called; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

## See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->set\_tx\_timestamp()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->set_tx_timestamp(DB_ENV *dbenv, time_t *timestamp);
```

Recover to the time specified by **timestamp** rather than to the most current possible date.

Once a database environment has been upgraded to a new version of Berkeley DB involving a log format change (see [Upgrading Berkeley DB installations](#)), it is no longer possible to recover to a specific time before that upgrade.

The `DB_ENV->set_tx_timestamp()` method configures operations performed using the specified [DB\\_ENV](#) handle, not all operations performed on the underlying database environment.

The `DB_ENV->set_tx_timestamp()` method may not be called after the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->set_tx_timestamp()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **timestamp**

The **timestamp** parameter references the memory location where the recovery timestamp is located.

The **timestamp** parameter should be the number of seconds since 0 hours, 0 minutes, 0 seconds, January 1, 1970, Coordinated Universal Time; that is, the Epoch.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->set_tx_timestamp()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### **EINVAL**

If it is not possible to recover to the specified time using the log files currently present in the environment; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_TXN->abort()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_TXN->abort(DB_TXN *tid);
```

The `DB_TXN->abort()` method causes an abnormal termination of the transaction. The log is played backward, and any necessary undo operations are done through the `tx_recover` function specified to `DB_ENV->set_app_dispatch()`. Before `DB_TXN->abort()` returns, any locks held by the transaction will have been released.

In the case of nested transactions, aborting a parent transaction causes all children (unresolved or not) of the parent transaction to be aborted.

All cursors opened within the transaction must be closed before the transaction is aborted.

After `DB_TXN->abort()` has been called, regardless of its return, the `DB_TXN` handle may not be accessed again.

The `DB_TXN->abort()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->txn\_begin()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->txn_begin(DB_ENV *env,
                 DB_TXN *parent, DB_TXN **tid, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->txn_begin()` method creates a new transaction in the environment and copies a pointer to a `DB_TXN` that uniquely identifies it into the memory to which `tid` refers. Calling the `DB_TXN->abort()`, `DB_TXN->commit()` or `DB_TXN->discard()` methods will discard the returned handle.



Transactions may only span threads if they do so serially; that is, each transaction must be active in only a single thread of control at a time. This restriction holds for parents of nested transactions as well; no two children may be concurrently active in more than one thread of control at any one time.



Cursors may not span transactions; that is, each cursor must be opened and closed within a single transaction.



A parent transaction may not issue any Berkeley DB operations — except for `DB_ENV->txn_begin()`, `DB_TXN->abort()` and `DB_TXN->commit()` — while it has active child transactions (child transactions that have not yet been committed or aborted).

The `DB_ENV->txn_begin()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_READ_COMMITTED`

This transaction will have degree 2 isolation. This provides for cursor stability but not repeatable reads. Data items which have been previously read by this transaction may be deleted or modified by other transactions before this transaction completes.

- `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED`

This transaction will have degree 1 isolation. Read operations performed by the transaction may read modified but not yet committed data. Silently ignored if the `DB_READ_UNCOMMITTED` flag was not specified when the underlying database was opened.

- `DB_TXN_NOSYNC`

Do not synchronously flush the log when this transaction commits or prepares. This means the transaction will exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability); that is, database integrity will be maintained but it is possible that this transaction may be undone during recovery.

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This behavior may be set for a Berkeley DB environment using the `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method. Any value specified to this method overrides that setting.

- `DB_TXN_NOWAIT`

If a lock is unavailable for any Berkeley DB operation performed in the context of this transaction, cause the operation to return `DB_LOCK_DEADLOCK` (or `DB_LOCK_NOTGRANTED` if the database environment has been configured using the `DB_TIME_NOTGRANTED` flag).

This behavior may be set for a Berkeley DB environment using the `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method. Any value specified to this method overrides that setting.

- `DB_TXN_SNAPSHOT`

This transaction will execute with snapshot isolation. For databases with the `DB_MULTIVERSION` flag set, data values will be read as they are when the transaction begins, without taking read locks. Silently ignored for operations on databases with `DB_MULTIVERSION` not set on the underlying database (read locks are acquired).

The error `DB_LOCK_DEADLOCK` will be returned from update operations if a snapshot transaction attempts to update data which was modified after the snapshot transaction read it.

- `DB_TXN_SYNC`

Synchronously flush the log when this transaction commits or prepares. This means the transaction will exhibit all of the ACID (atomicity, consistency, isolation, and durability) properties.

This behavior is the default for Berkeley DB environments unless the `DB_TXN_NOSYNC` flag was specified to the `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method. Any value specified to this method overrides that setting.

- `DB_TXN_WAIT`

If a lock is unavailable for any Berkeley DB operation performed in the context of this transaction, wait for the lock.

This behavior is the default for Berkeley DB environments unless the `DB_TXN_NOWAIT` flag was specified to the `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method. Any value specified to this method overrides that setting.

- `DB_TXN_WRITE_NOSYNC`

Write, but do not synchronously flush, the log when this transaction commits. This means the transaction will exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability); that is, database integrity will be maintained, but if the system fails, it is possible some number of the most recently committed transactions may be undone during recovery. The number of transactions at risk is governed by how often the system flushes dirty buffers to disk and how often the log is flushed or checkpointed.

This behavior may be set for a Berkeley DB environment using the `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method. Any value specified to this method overrides that setting.

**parent**

If the **parent** parameter is non-NULL, the new transaction will be a nested transaction, with the transaction indicated by **parent** as its parent. Transactions may be nested to any level. In the presence of distributed transactions and two-phase commit, only the parental transaction, that is a transaction without a **parent** specified, should be passed as an parameter to [DB\\_TXN->prepare\(\)](#).

**Errors**

The `DB_ENV->txn_begin()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

**or ENOMEM**

The maximum number of concurrent transactions has been reached.

**Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

**See Also**

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->txn\_checkpoint()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->txn_checkpoint(const DB_ENV *env,
    u_int32_t kbyte, u_int32_t min, u_int32_t flags);
```

If there has been any logging activity in the database environment since the last checkpoint, the `DB_ENV->txn_checkpoint()` method flushes the underlying memory pool, writes a checkpoint record to the log, and then flushes the log.

The `DB_ENV->txn_checkpoint()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

The `DB_ENV->txn_checkpoint()` method is the underlying method used by the [db\\_checkpoint](#) utility. See the [db\\_checkpoint](#) utility source code for an example of using `DB_ENV->txn_checkpoint()` in a IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_FORCE`

Force a checkpoint record, even if there has been no activity since the last checkpoint.

#### kbyte

If the `kbyte` parameter is non-zero, a checkpoint will be done if more than `kbyte` kilobytes of log data have been written since the last checkpoint.

#### min

If the `min` parameter is non-zero, a checkpoint will be done if more than `min` minutes have passed since the last checkpoint.

### Errors

The `DB_ENV->txn_checkpoint()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

## See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_TXN->commit()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_TXN->commit(DB_TXN *tid, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_TXN->commit()` method ends the transaction.

In the case of nested transactions, if the transaction is a parent transaction, committing the parent transaction causes all unresolved children of the parent to be committed. In the case of nested transactions, if the transaction is a child transaction, its locks are not released, but are acquired by its parent. Although the commit of the child transaction will succeed, the actual resolution of the child transaction is postponed until the parent transaction is committed or aborted; that is, if its parent transaction commits, it will be committed; and if its parent transaction aborts, it will be aborted.

All cursors opened within the transaction must be closed before the transaction is committed.

After `DB_TXN->commit()` has been called, regardless of its return, the `DB_TXN` handle may not be accessed again. If `DB_TXN->commit()` encounters an error, the transaction and all child transactions of the transaction are aborted.

The `DB_TXN->commit()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to 0 or one of the following values:

- `DB_TXN_NOSYNC`

Do not synchronously flush the log. This means the transaction will exhibit the ACI (atomicity, consistency, and isolation) properties, but not D (durability); that is, database integrity will be maintained, but it is possible that this transaction may be undone during recovery.

This behavior may be set for a Berkeley DB environment using the `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method or for a single transaction using the `DB_ENV->txn_begin()` method. Any value specified to this method overrides both of those settings.

- `DB_TXN_SYNC`

Synchronously flush the log. This means the transaction will exhibit all of the ACID (atomicity, consistency, isolation, and durability) properties.

This behavior is the default for Berkeley DB environments unless the `DB_TXN_NOSYNC` flag was specified to the `DB_ENV->set_flags()` method. This behavior may also be set for a single transaction using the `DB_ENV->txn_begin()` method. Any value specified to this method overrides both of those settings.

## Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

## See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_TXN->discard()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_TXN->discard(DB_TXN *tid, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_TXN->discard()` method frees up all the per-process resources associated with the specified `DB_TXN` handle, neither committing nor aborting the transaction. This call may be used only after calls to `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` when there are multiple global transaction managers recovering transactions in a single Berkeley DB environment. Any transactions returned by `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` that are not handled by the current global transaction manager should be discarded using `DB_TXN->discard()`.

The `DB_TXN->discard()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

After `DB_TXN->discard()` has been called, regardless of its return, the `DB_TXN` handle may not be accessed again.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter is currently unused, and must be set to 0.

### Errors

The `DB_TXN->discard()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

#### EINVAL

If the transaction handle does not refer to a transaction that was recovered into a prepared but not yet completed state; or if an invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_TXN->get\_name()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_TXN->get_name(DB_TXN *txn, const char **namep);
```

The `DB_TXN->get_name()` method returns the string associated with the transaction.

The `DB_TXN->get_name()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_TXN->get_name()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **namep**

The `DB_TXN->get_name()` method returns a reference to the string associated with the transaction in **namep**.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

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## DB\_TXN->id()

```
#include <db.h>

u_int32_t
DB_TXN->id(DB_TXN *tid);
```

The `DB_TXN->id()` method returns the unique transaction id associated with the specified transaction. Locking calls made on behalf of this transaction should use the value returned from `DB_TXN->id()` as the locker parameter to the `DB_ENV->lock_get()` or `DB_ENV->lock_vec()` calls.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_TXN->prepare()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_TXN->prepare(DB_TXN *tid, u_int8_t gid[DB_XIDDATASIZE]);
```

The `DB_TXN->prepare()` method initiates the beginning of a two-phase commit.

In a distributed transaction environment, Berkeley DB can be used as a local transaction manager. In this case, the distributed transaction manager must send *prepare* messages to each local manager. The local manager must then issue a `DB_TXN->prepare()` and await its successful return before responding to the distributed transaction manager. Only after the distributed transaction manager receives successful responses from all of its *prepare* messages should it issue any *commit* messages.

In the case of nested transactions, preparing the parent causes all unresolved children of the parent transaction to be committed. Child transactions should never be explicitly prepared. Their fate will be resolved along with their parent's during global recovery.

The `DB_TXN->prepare()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **gid**

The **gid** parameter specifies the global transaction ID by which this transaction will be known. This global transaction ID will be returned in calls to `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` telling the application which global transactions must be resolved.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->txn\_recover()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->txn_recover(DB_ENV *dbenv, DB_PREPLIST preplist[],
    long count, long *retp, u_int32_t flags);
```

Database environment recovery restores transactions that were prepared, but not yet resolved at the time of the system shut down or crash, to their state prior to the shut down or crash, including any locks previously held. The `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` method returns a list of those prepared transactions.

The `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` method should only be called after the environment has been recovered.

Multiple threads of control may call `DB_ENV->txn_recover()`, but only one thread of control may resolve each returned transaction, that is, only one thread of control may call `DB_TXN->commit()` or `DB_TXN->abort()` on each returned transaction. Callers of `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` must call `DB_TXN->discard()` to discard each transaction they do not resolve.

On return from `DB_ENV->txn_recover()`, the **preplist** parameter will be filled in with a list of transactions that must be resolved by the application (committed, aborted or discarded). The **preplist** parameter is a structure of type `DB_PREPLIST`; the following `DB_PREPLIST` fields will be filled in:

- **DB\_TXN \* txn;**  
The transaction handle for the transaction.
- **u\_int8\_t gid[DB\_XIDDATASIZE];**  
The global transaction ID for the transaction. The global transaction ID is the one specified when the transaction was prepared. The application is responsible for ensuring uniqueness among global transaction IDs.

The `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### count

The **count** parameter specifies the number of available entries in the passed-in **preplist** array. The **retp** parameter returns the number of entries `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` has filled in, in the array.

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_FIRST`  
Begin returning a list of prepared, but not yet resolved transactions. Specifying this flag begins a new pass over all prepared, but not yet completed transactions, regardless of whether they have

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already been returned in previous calls to `DB_ENV->txn_recover()`. Calls to `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` from different threads of control should not be intermixed in the same environment.

- `DB_NEXT`

Continue returning a list of prepared, but not yet resolved transactions, starting where the last call to `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` left off.

### **prelist**

The **prelist** parameter references memory into which the list of transactions to be resolved by the application is copied.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

## **See Also**

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

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## DB\_TXN->set\_name()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_TXN->set_name(DB_TXN *txn, const char *name);
```

The `DB_TXN->set_name()` method associates the specified string with the transaction. The string is returned by `DB_ENV->txn_stat()` and displayed by `DB_ENV->txn_stat_print()`.

If the database environment has been configured for logging and the Berkeley DB library was configured with `--enable-diagnostic`, a debugging log record is written including the transaction ID and the name.

The `DB_TXN->set_name()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_TXN->set_name()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **name**

The `name` parameter is the string to associate with the transaction.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_TXN->set\_timeout()

```
#include <db.h>

u_int32_t
DB_TXN->set_timeout(DB_TXN *tid, db_timeout_t timeout, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_TXN->set_timeout()` method sets timeout values for locks or transactions for the specified transaction.

Timeouts are checked whenever a thread of control blocks on a lock or when deadlock detection is performed. In the case of `DB_SET_LOCK_TIMEOUT`, the timeout is for any single lock request. In the case of `DB_SET_TXN_TIMEOUT`, the timeout is for the life of the transaction. As timeouts are only checked when the lock request first blocks or when deadlock detection is performed, the accuracy of the timeout depends on how often deadlock detection is performed.

Timeout values may be specified for the database environment as a whole. See [DB\\_ENV->set\\_timeout\(\)](#) and for more information.

The `DB_TXN->set_timeout()` method configures operations performed on the underlying transaction, not only operations performed using the specified [DB\\_TXN](#) handle.

The `DB_TXN->set_timeout()` method may be called at any time during the life of the application.

The `DB_TXN->set_timeout()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The `flags` parameter must be set to one of the following values:

- `DB_SET_LOCK_TIMEOUT`  
Set the timeout value for locks in this transaction.
- `DB_SET_TXN_TIMEOUT`  
Set the timeout value for this transaction.

#### timeout

The `timeout` parameter is specified as an unsigned 32-bit number of microseconds, limiting the maximum timeout to roughly 71 minutes. A value of 0 disables timeouts for the transaction.

### Errors

The `DB_TXN->set_timeout()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

## **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

## **See Also**

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->txn\_stat()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->txn_stat(DB_ENV *env, DB_TXN_STAT **statp, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat()` method returns the transaction subsystem statistics.

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat()` method creates a statistical structure of type `DB_TXN_STAT` and copies a pointer to it into a user-specified memory location.

Statistical structures are stored in allocated memory. If application-specific allocation routines have been declared (see [DB\\_ENV->set\\_alloc\(\)](#) for more information), they are used to allocate the memory; otherwise, the standard C library `malloc(3)` is used. The caller is responsible for deallocating the memory. To deallocate the memory, free the memory reference; references inside the returned memory need not be individually freed.

The following `DB_TXN_STAT` fields will be filled in:

- **DB\_LSN st\_last\_ckp;**

The LSN of the last checkpoint.

- **time\_t st\_time\_ckp;**

The time the last completed checkpoint finished (as the number of seconds since the Epoch, returned by the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) `time` function).

- **u\_int32\_t st\_last\_txnid;**

The last transaction ID allocated.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxtxns;**

The maximum number of active transactions configured.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_nactive;**

The number of transactions that are currently active.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_nsnapshot;**

The number of transactions on the snapshot list. These are transactions which modified a database opened with [DB\\_MULTIVERSION](#), and which have committed or aborted, but the copies of pages they created are still in the cache.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxnactive;**

The maximum number of active transactions at any one time.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_maxnsnapshot;**

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The maximum number of transactions on the snapshot list at any one time.

- **uintmax\_t st\_nbegins;**

The number of transactions that have begun.

- **uintmax\_t st\_naborts;**

The number of transactions that have aborted.

- **uintmax\_t st\_ncommits;**

The number of transactions that have committed.

- **u\_int32\_t st\_nrestores;**

The number of transactions that have been restored.

- **roff\_t st\_regsize;**

The size of the transaction region, in bytes.

- **uintmax\_t st\_region\_wait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was forced to wait before obtaining the transaction region mutex.

- **uintmax\_t st\_region\_nowait;**

The number of times that a thread of control was able to obtain the transaction region mutex without waiting.

- **DB\_TXN\_ACTIVE \*st\_txnarray;**

A pointer to an array of **st\_nactive** **DB\_TXN\_ACTIVE** structures, describing the currently active transactions. The following fields of the **DB\_TXN\_ACTIVE** structure will be filled in:

- **u\_int32\_t txnid;**

The transaction ID of the transaction.

- **u\_int32\_t parentid;**

The transaction ID of the parent transaction (or 0, if no parent).

- **pid\_t pid;**

The process ID of the originator of the transaction.

- **db\_threadid\_t tid;**

The thread of control ID of the originator of the transaction.

- **DB\_LSN lsn;**  
The current log sequence number when the transaction was begun.
- **DB\_LSN read\_lsn;**  
The log sequence number of reads for snapshot transactions.
- **u\_int32\_t mvcc\_ref;**  
The number of buffer copies created by this transaction that remain in cache.
- **u\_int32\_t status;**  
One of the following list of constants: TXN\_ABORTED, TXN\_COMMITTED, TXN\_PREPARED, TXN\_RUNNING.
- **u\_int8\_t gid[DB\_GID\_SIZE];**  
If the transaction was prepared using [DB\\_TXN->prepare\(\)](#), then **gid** contains the transaction's Global ID. Otherwise, **gid**'s contents are undefined.
- **char name[];**  
If a name was specified for the transaction, up to the first 50 bytes of that name, followed by a nul termination byte.

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat()` method may not be called before the `DB_ENV->open()` method is called.

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

## Parameters

### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or the following value:

- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`

Reset statistics after returning their values.

### statp

The **statp** parameter references memory into which a pointer to the allocated statistics structure is copied.

## Errors

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat()` method may fail and return one of the following non-zero errors:

## **EINVAL**

An invalid flag value or parameter was specified.

## **Class**

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

## **See Also**

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

## DB\_ENV->txn\_stat\_print()

```
#include <db.h>

int
DB_ENV->txn_stat_print(DB_ENV *env, u_int32_t flags);
```

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat_print()` method displays the transaction subsystem statistical information, as described for the `DB_ENV->txn_stat()` method. The information is printed to a specified output channel (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgfile\(\)](#) method for more information), or passed to an application callback function (see the [DB\\_ENV->set\\_msgcall\(\)](#) method for more information).

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat_print()` method may not be called before the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method is called.

The `DB_ENV->txn_stat_print()` method returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### flags

The **flags** parameter must be set to 0 or by bitwise inclusively **OR**'ing together one or more of the following values:

- `DB_STAT_ALL`  
Display all available information.
- `DB_STAT_CLEAR`  
Reset statistics after displaying their values.

### Class

[DB\\_ENV](#), [DB\\_TXN](#)

### See Also

[Transaction Subsystem and Related Methods](#)

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# Appendix A. Berkeley DB Command Line Utilities

The following describes the command line utilities that are available for Berkeley DB.

## Utilities

Utility	Description
<a href="#">db_archive</a>	Archival utility
<a href="#">db_checkpoint</a>	Transaction checkpoint utility
<a href="#">db_deadlock</a>	Deadlock detection utility
<a href="#">db_dump</a>	Database dump utility
<a href="#">db_hotbackup</a>	Hot backup utility
<a href="#">db_load</a>	Database load utility
<a href="#">db_printlog</a>	Transaction log display utility
<a href="#">db_recover</a>	Recovery utility
<a href="#">db_sql</a>	SQL schema to Berkeley DB code in C
<a href="#">db_stat</a>	Statistics utility
<a href="#">db_upgrade</a>	Database upgrade utility
<a href="#">db_verify</a>	Verification utility

## db\_archive

```
db_archive [-adlsVv] [-h home] [-P password]
```

The **db\_archive** utility writes the pathnames of log files that are no longer in use (for example, no longer involved in active transactions), to the standard output, one pathname per line. These log files should be written to backup media to provide for recovery in the case of catastrophic failure (which also requires a snapshot of the database files), but they may then be deleted from the system to reclaim disk space.

The options are as follows:

- **-a**

Write all pathnames as absolute pathnames, instead of relative to the database home directory.

- **-d**

Remove log files that are no longer needed; no filenames are written. This automatic log file removal is likely to make catastrophic recovery impossible.

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.

- **-l**

Write out the pathnames of all the database log files, whether or not they are involved in active transactions.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-s**

Write the pathnames of all the database files that need to be archived in order to recover the database from catastrophic failure. If any of the database files have not been accessed during the lifetime of the current log files, **db\_archive** will not include them in this output.

It is possible that some of the files to which the log refers have since been deleted from the system. In this case, **db\_archive** will ignore them. When [db\\_recover](#) is run, any files to which the log refers that are not present during recovery are assumed to have been deleted and will not be recovered.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

- -v

Run in verbose mode.

Log cursor handles (returned by the `DB_ENV->log_cursor()` method) may have open file descriptors for log files in the database environment. Also, the Berkeley DB interfaces to the database environment logging subsystem (for example, `DB_ENV->log_put()` and `DB_TXN->abort()`) may allocate log cursors and have open file descriptors for log files as well. On operating systems where filesystem related system calls (for example, rename and unlink on Windows/NT) can fail if a process has an open file descriptor for the affected file, attempting to move or remove the log files listed by `db_archive` may fail. All Berkeley DB internal use of log cursors operates on active log files only and furthermore, is short-lived in nature. So, an application seeing such a failure should be restructured to close any open log cursors it may have, and otherwise to retry the operation until it succeeds. (Although the latter is not likely to be necessary; it is hard to imagine a reason to move or rename a log file in which transactions are being logged or aborted.)

The `db_archive` utility uses a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the `-h` option, the environment variable `DB_HOME`, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, `db_archive` should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause `db_archive` to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The `DB_ENV->log_archive()` method is the underlying method used by the `db_archive` utility. See the `db_archive` utility source code for an example of using `DB_ENV->log_archive()` in an IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

The `db_archive` utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the `-h` option is not specified and the environment variable `DB_HOME` is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the `DB_ENV->open()` method.

## db\_checkpoint

```
db_checkpoint [-lVv] [-h home]
               [-k kbytes] [-L file] [-P password] [-p min]
```

The **db\_checkpoint** utility is a daemon process that monitors the database log, and periodically calls `DB_ENV->txn_checkpoint()` to checkpoint it.

The options are as follows:

- **-1**

Force a single checkpoint of the log (regardless of whether or not there has been activity since the last checkpoint), and then exit.

When the **-1** flag is specified, the **db\_checkpoint** utility will checkpoint the log even if unable to find an existing database environment. This functionality is useful when upgrading database environments from one version of Berkeley DB to another.

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.

- **-k**

Checkpoint the database at least as often as every **kbytes** of log file are written.

- **-L**

Log the execution of the **db\_checkpoint** utility to the specified file in the following format, where **###** is the process ID, and the date is the time the utility was started.

```
db_checkpoint: ### Wed Jun 15 01:23:45 EDT 1995
```

This file will be removed if the **db\_checkpoint** utility exits gracefully.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-p**

Checkpoint the database at least every **min** minutes if there has been any activity since the last checkpoint.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

- **-v**

Write the time of each checkpoint attempt to the standard output.

At least one of the **-1**, **-k**, and **-p** options must be specified.

The **db\_checkpoint** utility uses a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_checkpoint** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_checkpoint** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_checkpoint** utility does not attempt to create the Berkeley DB shared memory regions if they do not already exist. The application that creates the region should be started first, and once the region is created, the **db\_checkpoint** utility should be started.

The [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_checkpoint\(\)](#) method is the underlying method used by the **db\_checkpoint** utility. See the **db\_checkpoint** utility source code for an example of using [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_checkpoint\(\)](#) in a IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

The **db\_checkpoint** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_deadlock

```
db_deadlock [-Vv]
             [-a e | m | n | o | W | w | y] [-h home] [-L file] [-t sec.usec]
```

The **db\_deadlock** utility traverses the database environment lock region, and aborts a lock request each time it detects a deadlock or a lock request that has timed out. By default, in the case of a deadlock, a random lock request is chosen to be aborted.

This utility should be run as a background daemon, or the underlying Berkeley DB deadlock detection interfaces should be called in some other way, whenever there are multiple threads or processes accessing a database and at least one of them is modifying it.

The options are as follows:

- **-a**

When a deadlock is detected, abort the locker:

- **m**

with the most locks

- **n**

with the fewest locks

- **o**

with the oldest locks

- **W**

with the most write locks

- **w**

with the fewest write locks

- **y**

with the youngest locks

- **e**

When lock or transaction timeouts have been specified, abort any lock request that has timed out. Note that this option does not perform the entire deadlock detection algorithm, but instead only checks for timeouts.

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.

- **-L**

Log the execution of the **db\_deadlock** utility to the specified file in the following format, where **###** is the process ID, and the date is the time the utility was started.

```
db_deadlock: ### Wed Jun 15 01:23:45 EDT 1995
```

This file will be removed if the **db\_deadlock** utility exits gracefully.

- **-t**

Check the database environment every **sec** seconds plus **usec** microseconds to see if a process has been forced to wait for a lock; if one has, review the database environment lock structures.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

- **-v**

Run in verbose mode, generating messages each time the detector runs.

If the **-t** option is not specified, **db\_deadlock** will run once and exit.

The **db\_deadlock** utility uses a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_deadlock** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_deadlock** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_deadlock** utility does not attempt to create the Berkeley DB shared memory regions if they do not already exist. The application which creates the region should be started first, and then, once the region is created, the **db\_deadlock** utility should be started.

The [DB\\_ENV->lock\\_detect\(\)](#) method is the underlying method used by the **db\_deadlock** utility. See the **db\_deadlock** utility source code for an example of using [DB\\_ENV->lock\\_detect\(\)](#) in a IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) environment.

The **db\_deadlock** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_dump

```
db_dump [-k1NpRrV] [-d ahr]
        [-f output] [-h home] [-P password] [-s database] file

db_dump [-kNpV] [-d ahr] [-f output] [-h home] -m database

db_dump185 [-p] [-f output] file
```

The **db\_dump** utility reads the database file **file** and writes it to the standard output using a portable flat-text format understood by the [db\\_load](#) utility. The **file** argument must be a file produced using the Berkeley DB library functions.

The **db\_dump185** utility is similar to the **db\_dump** utility, except that it reads databases in the format used by Berkeley DB versions 1.85 and 1.86.

The options are as follows:

- **-d**  
Dump the specified database in a format helpful for debugging the Berkeley DB library routines.
- **a**  
Display all information.
- **h**  
Display only page headers.
- **r**  
Do not display the free-list or pages on the free list. This mode is used by the recovery tests.  
**The output format of the -d option is not standard and may change, without notice, between releases of the Berkeley DB library.**
- **-f**  
Write to the specified file instead of to the standard output.
- **-h**  
Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.
- **-k**  
Dump record numbers from Queue and Recno databases as keys.
- **-l**

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List the databases stored in the file.

- **-m**

Specify a named in-memory database to dump. In this case the **file** argument must be omitted.

- **-N**

Do not acquire shared region mutexes while running. Other problems, such as potentially fatal errors in Berkeley DB, will be ignored as well. This option is intended only for debugging errors, and should not be used under any other circumstances.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-p**

If characters in either the key or data items are printing characters (as defined by `isprint(3)`), use printing characters in **file** to represent them. This option permits users to use standard text editors and tools to modify the contents of databases.

Note: different systems may have different notions about what characters are considered *printing characters*, and databases dumped in this manner may be less portable to external systems.

- **-R**

Aggressively salvage data from a possibly corrupt file. The **-R** flag differs from the **-r** option in that it will return all possible data from the file at the risk of also returning already deleted or otherwise nonsensical items. Data dumped in this fashion will almost certainly have to be edited by hand or other means before the data is ready for reload into another database

- **-r**

Salvage data from a possibly corrupt file. When used on a uncorrupted database, this option should return equivalent data to a normal dump, but most likely in a different order.

- **-s**

Specify a single database to dump. If no database is specified, all databases in the database file are dumped.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

Dumping and reloading Hash databases that use user-defined hash functions will result in new databases that use the default hash function. Although using the default hash function may not be optimal for the new database, it will continue to work correctly.

Dumping and reloading Btree databases that use user-defined prefix or comparison functions will result in new databases that use the default prefix and comparison functions. **In this case, it is quite likely that the database will be damaged beyond repair permitting neither record storage or retrieval.**

The only available workaround for either case is to modify the sources for the [db\\_load](#) utility to load the database using the correct hash, prefix, and comparison functions.

The **db\_dump185** utility may not be available on your system because it is not always built when the Berkeley DB libraries and utilities are installed. If you are unable to find it, see your system administrator for further information.

The **db\_dump** and **db\_dump185** utility output formats are documented in the Dump Output Formats section of the Berkeley DB Reference Guide.

The **db\_dump** utility may be used with a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_dump** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_dump** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

Even when using a Berkeley DB database environment, the **db\_dump** utility does not use any kind of database locking if it is invoked with the **-d**, **-R**, or **-r** arguments. If used with one of these arguments, the **db\_dump** utility may only be safely run on databases that are not being modified by any other process; otherwise, the output may be corrupt.

The **db\_dump** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

The **db\_dump185** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_hotbackup

```
db_hotbackup [-cDuVv] [-d data_dir ...] [-h home]
              [-l log_dir] [-P password] -b backup_dir
```

The **db\_hotbackup** utility creates "hot backup" or "hot failover" snapshots of Berkeley DB database environments.

The **db\_hotbackup** utility performs the following steps:

1. If the **-c** option is specified, checkpoint the source home database environment, and remove any unnecessary log files.
2. If the target directory for the backup does not exist, it is created with mode read-write-execute for the owner.

If the target directory for the backup does exist and the **-u** option was specified, all log files in the target directory are removed; if the **-u** option was not specified, all files in the target directory are removed.

3. If the **-u** option was not specified, copy application-specific files found in the database environment home directory, and any directories specified using the **-d** option, into the target directory for the backup.
4. Copy all log files found in the directory specified by the **-l** option (or in the database environment home directory, if no **-l** option was specified), into the target directory for the backup.
5. Perform catastrophic recovery in the target directory for the backup.
6. Remove any unnecessary log files from the target directory for the backup.

The **db\_hotbackup** utility does not resolve pending transactions that are in the prepared state. Applications that use `DB_TXN->prepare()` must specify `DB_RECOVER_FATAL` when opening the environment, and run `DB_ENV->txn_recover()` to resolve any pending transactions, when failing over to the backup.

The options are as follows:

- **-b**

Specify the target directory for the backup.

- **-c**

Before performing the backup, checkpoint the source database environment and remove any log files that are no longer required in that environment. **To avoid making catastrophic recovery impossible, log file removal must be integrated with log file archival.**

- **-D**

Use the data and log directories listed in a `DB_CONFIG` configuration file in the source directory. This option has four effects:

- The specified data and log directories will be created relative to the target directory, with mode read-write-execute owner, if they do not already exist.
- In step #3 above, all files in any source data directories specified in the DB\_CONFIG file will be copied to the target data directories.
- In step #4 above, log files will be copied from any log directory specified in the DB\_CONFIG file, instead of from the default locations.
- The DB\_CONFIG configuration file will be copied from the source directory to the target directory, and subsequently used for configuration if recovery is run in the target directory.

Care should be taken with the **-D** option where data and log directories are named relative to the source directory but are not subdirectories (that is, the name includes the element ".") Specifically, the constructed target directory names must be meaningful and distinct from the source directory names, otherwise running recovery in the target directory might corrupt the source data files.

**It is an error to use absolute pathnames for data or log directories in this mode, as the DB\_CONFIG configuration file copied into the target directory would then point at the source directories and running recovery would corrupt the source data files.**

- **-d**

Specify one or more directories that contain data files to be copied to the target directory.

**As all database files are copied into a single target directory, files named the same, stored in different source directories, would overwrite each other when copied to the target directory.**

Please note the database environment recovery log references database files as they are named by the application program. **If the application uses absolute or relative pathnames to name database files, (rather than filenames and the `DB_ENV->set_data_dir()` method or the DB\_CONFIG configuration file to specify filenames), running recovery in the target directory may not properly find the copies of the files or might even find the source files, potentially resulting in corruption.**

- **-h**

Specify the source directory for the backup. That is, the database environment home directory.

- **-l**

Specify a source directory that contains log files; if none is specified, the database environment home directory will be searched for log files.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-u**

Update a pre-existing hot backup snapshot by copying in new log files. If the **-u** option is specified, no databases will be copied into the target directory.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

- **-v**

Run in verbose mode, listing operations as they are done.

The **db\_hotbackup** utility uses a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_hotbackup** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_hotbackup** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_hotbackup** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_load

```
db_load [-nTV] [-c name=value] [-f file]
        [-h home] [-P password] [-t btree | hash | queue | recno] file

db_load [-r lsn | fileid] [-h home] [-P password] file
```

The **db\_load** utility reads from the standard input and loads it into the database **file**. The database **file** is created if it does not already exist.

The input to **db\_load** must be in the output format specified by the **db\_dump** utility, utilities, or as specified for the **-T** below.

The options are as follows:

- **-c**

Specify configuration options ignoring any value they may have based on the input. The command-line format is **name=value**. See the Supported Keywords section below for a list of keywords supported by the **-c** option.

- **-f**

Read from the specified **input** file instead of from the standard input.

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment.

If a home directory is specified, the database environment is opened using the [DB\\_INIT\\_LOCK](#), [DB\\_INIT\\_LOG](#), [DB\\_INIT\\_MPOOL](#), [DB\\_INIT\\_TXN](#), and [DB\\_USE\\_ENVIRON](#) flags to [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) (This means that **db\_load** can be used to load data into databases while they are in use by other processes.) If the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) call fails, or if no home directory is specified, the database is still updated, but the environment is ignored; for example, no locking is done.

- **-n**

Do not overwrite existing keys in the database when loading into an already existing database. If a key/data pair cannot be loaded into the database for this reason, a warning message is displayed on the standard error output, and the key/data pair are skipped.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-r**

Reset the database's file ID or log sequence numbers (LSNs).

All database pages in transactional environments contain references to the environment's log records. In order to copy a database into a different database environment, database page references to the old environment's log records must be reset, otherwise data corruption can occur when the database is modified in the new environment. The `-r lsn` option resets a database's log sequence numbers.

All databases contain an ID string used to identify the database in the database environment cache. If a database is copied, and used in the same environment as another file with the same ID string, corruption can occur. The `-r fileid` option resets a database's file ID to a new value.

**In both cases, the physical file specified by the file argument is modified in-place.**

- **-T**

The `-T` option allows non-Berkeley DB applications to easily load text files into databases.

If the database to be created is of type Btree or Hash, or the keyword **keys** is specified as set, the input must be paired lines of text, where the first line of the pair is the key item, and the second line of the pair is its corresponding data item. If the database to be created is of type Queue or Recno and the keyword **keys** is not set, the input must be lines of text, where each line is a new data item for the database.

A simple escape mechanism, where newline and backslash (\) characters are special, is applied to the text input. Newline characters are interpreted as record separators. Backslash characters in the text will be interpreted in one of two ways: If the backslash character precedes another backslash character, the pair will be interpreted as a literal backslash. If the backslash character precedes any other character, the two characters following the backslash will be interpreted as a hexadecimal specification of a single character; for example, `\0a` is a newline character in the ASCII character set.

For this reason, any backslash or newline characters that naturally occur in the text input must be escaped to avoid misinterpretation by **db\_load**.

If the `-T` option is specified, the underlying access method type must be specified using the `-t` option.

- **-t**

Specify the underlying access method. If no `-t` option is specified, the database will be loaded into a database of the same type as was dumped; for example, a Hash database will be created if a Hash database was dumped.

Btree and Hash databases may be converted from one to the other. Queue and Recno databases may be converted from one to the other. If the `-k` option was specified on the call to **db\_dump** then Queue and Recno databases may be converted to Btree or Hash, with the key being the integer record number.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

The **db\_load** utility may be used with a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the `-h` option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley

DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_load** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_load** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_load** utility exits 0 on success, 1 if one or more key/data pairs were not loaded into the database because the key already existed, and >1 if an error occurs.

## Examples

The **db\_load** utility can be used to load text files into databases. For example, the following command loads the standard UNIX */etc/passwd* file into a database, with the login name as the key item and the entire password entry as the data item:

```
awk -F: '{print $1; print $0}' < /etc/passwd |
sed 's/\\/\\\\/g' | db_load -T -t hash passwd.db
```

Note that backslash characters naturally occurring in the text are escaped to avoid interpretation as escape characters by **db\_load**.

## Environment Variables

### DB\_HOME

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## Supported Keywords

The following keywords are supported for the **-c** command-line option to the **db\_load** utility. See the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method for further discussion of these keywords and what values should be specified.

The parenthetical listing specifies how the value part of the **name=value** pair is interpreted. Items listed as (boolean) expect value to be 1 (set) or 0 (unset). Items listed as (number) convert value to a number. Items listed as (string) use the string value without modification.

- **bt\_minkey (number)**

The minimum number of keys per page.

- **chksum (boolean)**

Enable page checksums.

- **database (string)**

The database to load.

- **db\_lorder (number)**

The byte order for integers in the stored database metadata. For big endian systems, the order should be 4,321 while for little endian systems is should be 1,234.

- **db\_pagesize (number)**  
The size of database pages, in bytes.
- **duplicates (boolean)**  
The value of the [DB\\_DUP](#) flag.
- **dupsort (boolean)**  
The value of the [DB\\_DUPSORT](#) flag.
- **extentsize (number)**  
The size of database extents, in pages, for Queue databases configured to use extents.
- **h\_ffactor (number)**  
The density within the Hash database.
- **h\_nelem (number)**  
The size of the Hash database.
- **keys (boolean)**  
Specify whether keys are present for Queue or Recno databases.
- **re\_len (number)**  
Specify the length for fixed-length records. This number represents different things, depending on the access method the database is using. See the [DB->set\\_re\\_len\(\)](#) method for details on what this number represents.
- **re\_pad (string)**  
Specify the fixed-length record pad character.
- **recnum (boolean)**  
The value of the [DB\\_RECNUM](#) flag.
- **renumber (boolean)**  
The value of the [DB\\_RENUMBER](#) flag.
- **subdatabase (string)**  
The subdatabase to load.

## db\_printlog

```
db_printlog [-NrV] [-b start-LSN] [-e stop-LSN] [-h home] [-P password]
```

The **db\_printlog** utility is a debugging utility that dumps Berkeley DB log files in a human-readable format.

The options are as follows:

- **-b**

Display log records starting at log sequence number (LSN) **start-LSN**; **start-LSN** is specified as a file number, followed by a slash (/) character, followed by an offset number, with no intervening whitespace.

- **-e**

Stop displaying log records at log sequence number (LSN) **stop-LSN**; **stop-LSN** is specified as a file number, followed by a slash (/) character, followed by an offset number, with no intervening whitespace.

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.

- **-N**

Do not acquire shared region mutexes while running. Other problems, such as potentially fatal errors in Berkeley DB, will be ignored as well. This option is intended only for debugging errors, and should not be used under any other circumstances.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-r**

Read the log files in reverse order.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

For more information on the **db\_printlog** output and using it to debug applications, see [Reviewing Berkeley DB log files](#).

The **db\_printlog** utility uses a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment).

In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_printlog** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_printlog** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_printlog** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_recover

```
db_recover [-cefVv] [-h home] [-P password] [-t [[CC]YY]MMDDhhmm[.SS]]
```

The **db\_recover** utility must be run after an unexpected application, Berkeley DB, or system failure to restore the database to a consistent state. All committed transactions are guaranteed to appear after **db\_recover** has run, and all uncommitted transactions will be completely undone.

Note that this utility performs the same action as if the environment is opened with the **DB\_RECOVER** flag. If **DB\_RECOVER** is specified on environment open, then use of this utility is not necessary.

The options are as follows:

- **-c**  
Perform catastrophic recovery instead of normal recovery.
- **-e**  
Retain the environment after running recovery. This option will rarely be used unless a **DB\_CONFIG** file is present in the home directory. If a **DB\_CONFIG** file is not present, then the regions will be created with default parameter values.
- **-f**  
Display a message on the standard output showing the percent of recovery completed.
- **-h**  
Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.
- **-P**  
Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.
- **-t**  
Recover to the time specified rather than to the most current possible date. The timestamp argument should be in the form `[[CC]YY]MMDDhhmm[.SS]` where each pair of letters represents the following:
  - **CC**  
The first two digits of the year (the century).
  - **YY**  
The second two digits of the year. If "YY" is specified, but "CC" is not, a value for "YY" between 69 and 99 results in a "CC" value of 19. Otherwise, a "CC" value of 20 is used.

- **MM**  
The month of the year, from 1 to 12.
- **DD**  
The day of the month, from 1 to 31.
- **hh**  
The hour of the day, from 0 to 23.
- **mm**  
The minute of the hour, from 0 to 59.
- **SS**  
The second of the minute, from 0 to 61.

If the "CC" and "YY" letter pairs are not specified, the values default to the current year. If the "SS" letter pair is not specified, the value defaults to 0.

- **-V**  
Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.
- **-v**  
Run in verbose mode.

In the case of catastrophic recovery, an archival copy – or *snapshot* – of all database files must be restored along with all of the log files written since the database file snapshot was made. (If disk space is a problem, log files may be referenced by symbolic links). For further information on creating a database snapshot, see Archival Procedures. For further information on performing recovery, see Recovery Procedures.

If the failure was not catastrophic, the files present on the system at the time of failure are sufficient to perform recovery.

If log files are missing, **db\_recover** will identify the missing log file(s) and fail, in which case the missing log files need to be restored and recovery performed again.

The **db\_recover** utility uses a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_recover** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_recover** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_recover** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the `-h` option is not specified and the environment variable `DB_HOME` is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_sql

```
db_sql [-i <ddl input file>] [-o <output C code file>]
      [-h <output header file>] [-t <test output file>]
```

**Db\_sql** is a utility program that translates a schema description written in a SQL Data Definition Language dialect into C code that implements the schema using Berkeley DB. It is intended to provide a quick and easy means of getting started with Berkeley DB for users who are already conversant with SQL. It also introduces a convenient way to express a Berkeley DB schema in a format that is both external to the program that uses it and compatible with relational databases.

The **db\_sql** command reads DDL from an input stream, and writes C code to an output stream. With no command line options, it will read from stdin and write to stdout. A more common usage mode would be to supply the DDL in a named input file (-i option). With only the -i option, **db\_sql** will produce two files: a C-language source code (.c) file and a C-language header (.h) file, with names that are derived from the name of the input file. You can also control the names of these output files with the -o and -h options. Finally, the -t option will produce a simple application that invokes the generated function API. This is a C-language source file that includes a main function, and serves the dual purposes of providing a simple test for the generated C code, and of being an example of how to use the generated API.

The options are as follows:

- **-i**<ddl input file>  
Names the input file containing SQL DDL.
- **-o** <output C code file>  
Names the output C-language source code file.
- **-h** <output header file>  
Names the output C-language header file.
- **-t** <test output file>  
Names the output C-language test file.

The **db\_sql** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

### Input Syntax

The input file can contain the following SQL DDL statements.

- **CREATE DATABASE**

The DDL must contain a CREATE DATABASE statement. The syntax is simply

```
CREATE DATABASE name;
```

. The name given here is used as the name of the Berkeley DB environment in which the Berkeley DB databases are created.

- **CREATE TABLE**

Each CREATE TABLE statement produces functions to create and delete a primary Berkeley DB database. Also produced are functions to perform record insertion, retrieval and deletion on this database.

CREATE TABLE establishes the field set of records that can be stored in the Berkeley DB database. Every CREATE TABLE statement must identify a primary key to be used as the lookup key in the Berkeley DB database.

Here is an example to illustrate the syntax of CREATE TABLE that is accepted by **db\_sql**:

```
CREATE TABLE person (person_id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
                      name VARCHAR(64),
                      age INTEGER);
```

This results in the creation of functions to manage a database in which every record is an instance of the following C language data structure:

```
typedef struct _person_data {
    int person_id;
    char name[PERSON_DATA_NAME_LENGTH];
    int age;
} person_data;
```

- **CREATE INDEX** You can create secondary Berkeley DB databases to be used as indexes into a primary database. For example, to make an index on the "name" field of the "person" table mentioned above, the SQL DDL would be:

```
CREATE INDEX name_index ON person(name);
```

This causes **db\_sql** to emit functions to manage creation and deletion of a secondary database called "name\_index," which is associated with the "person" database and is set up to perform lookups on the "name" field.

## Hint Comments

The SQL DDL input may contain comments. Two types of comments are recognized. C-style comments begin with "/\*" and end with "\*/". These comments may extend over multiple lines.

Single line comments begin with "--" and run to the end of the line.

If the first character of a comment is "+" then the comment is interpreted as a "hint comment." Hint comments can be used to configure Berkeley DB features that cannot be represented in SQL DDL.

Hint comments are comma-separated lists of property assignments of the form "property=value." Hint comments apply to the SQL DDL statement that immediately precedes their appearance in the input. For example:

```
CREATE DATABASE peopledb; /*+ CACHESIZE = 16m */
```

This causes the generated environment creation function to set the cache size to sixteen megabytes.

In addition to the CACHESIZE example above, there is only one other hint comment that is currently recognized: After a CREATE TABLE statement, you may set the database type by assigning the DBTYPE property in a hint comment. Possible values for DBTYPE are BTREE and HASH.

## Type Mapping

**db\_sql** must map the schema expressed as SQL types into C language types. It implements the following mappings:

BIN	char[]
VARBIN	char[]
CHAR	char[]
VARCHAR	char[]
VARCHAR2	char[]
BIT	char
TINYINT	char
SMALLINT	short
INTEGER	int
INT	int
BIGINT	long
REAL	float
DOUBLE	double
FLOAT	double
DECIMAL	double
NUMERIC	double
NUMBER(p,s)	int, long, float, or double

While BIN/VARBIN and CHAR/VARCHAR are both represented as char arrays, the latter are treated as null-terminated C strings, while the former are treated as binary data.

The Oracle type NUMBER is mapped to different C types, depending on its precision and scale values. If scale is 0, then it is mapped to an integer type (long if precision is greater than 9). Otherwise it is mapped to a floating point type (float if precision is less than 7, otherwise double).

## Output

Depending on the options given on the command line, **db\_sql** can produce three separate files: a .c file containing function definitions that implement the generated API; a .h file containing constants, data structures and prototypes of the generated functions; and a second .c file that contains a sample program that invokes the generated API. The latter program is usually referred to as a smoke test.

Given the following sample input in a file named "people.sql":

```
CREATE DATABASE peopledb;
CREATE TABLE person (person_id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
                      name VARCHAR(64),
```

```
        age INTEGER);
CREATE INDEX name_index ON person(name);
```

The command

```
db_sql -i people.sql -t test_people.c
```

Will produce files named `people.h`, `people.c`, and `test_people.c`.

The file `people.h` will contain the information needed to use the generated API. Among other things, an examination of the generated `.h` file will reveal:

```
#define PERSON_DATA_NAME_LENGTH 63
```

This is just a constant for the length of the string mapped from the VARCHAR field.

```
typedef struct _person_data {
    int    person_id;
    char   name[PERSON_DATA_NAME_LENGTH];
    int    age;
} person_data;
```

This is the data structure that represents the record type that is stored in the person database. There's that constant being used.

```
int create_peopledb_env(DB_ENV **envpp);
int create_person_database(DB_ENV *envp, DB **dbpp);
int create_name_index_secondary(DB_ENV *envp, DB *primary_dbp,
                               DB **secondary_dbpp);
```

These functions must be invoked to initialize the Berkeley DB environment. However, see the next bit:

```
extern DB_ENV * peopledb_envp;
extern DB *person_dbp;
extern DB *name_index_dbp;

int initialize_peopledb_environment();
```

For convenience, `db_sql` provides global variables for the environment and database, and a single initialization function that sets up the environment for you. You may choose to use the globals and the single initialization function, or you may declare your own `DB_ENV` and `DB` pointers, and invoke the individual `create_*` functions yourself.

The word "create" in these function names might be confusing. It means "create the environment/database if it doesn't already exist; otherwise open it."

All of the functions in the generated API return Berkeley DB error codes. If the return value is non-zero, there was an error of some kind, and an explanatory message should have been printed on `stderr`.

```
int person_insert_struct(DB *dbp, person_data *personp);
int person_insert_fields(DB * dbp,
```

```
int person_id,  
char *name,  
int age);
```

These are the functions that you'd use to store a record in the database. The first form takes a pointer to the data structure that represents this record. The second form takes each field as a separate argument.

If two records with the same primary key value are stored, the first one is lost.

```
int get_person_data(DB *dbp, int person_key, person_data *data);
```

This function retrieves a record from the database. It seeks the record with the supplied key, and populates the supplied structure with the contents of the record. If no matching record is found, the function returns `DB_NOTFOUND`.

```
int delete_person_key(DB *dbp, int person_key);
```

This function removes the record matching the given key.

```
typedef void (*person_iteration_callback)(void *user_data,  
                                         person_data *personp);  
  
int person_full_iteration(DB *dbp,  
    person_iteration_callback user_func,  
    void *user_data);
```

This function performs a complete iteration over every record in the person table. The user must provide a callback function which is invoked once for every record found. The user's callback function must match the prototype provided in the typedef "person\_iteration\_callback." In the callback, the "user\_data" argument is passed unchanged from the "user\_data" argument given to person\_full\_iteration. This is provided so that the caller of person\_full\_iteration can communicate some context information to the callback function. The "personp" argument to the callback is a pointer to the record that was retrieved from the database. Personp points to data that is valid only for the duration of the callback invocation.

```
int name_index_query_iteration(DB *secondary_dbp,  
    char *name_index_key,  
    person_iteration_callback user_func,  
    void *user_data);
```

This function performs lookups through the secondary index database. Because duplicate keys are allowed in secondary indexes, this query might return multiple instances. This function takes as an argument a pointer to a user-written callback function, which must match the function prototype typedef mentioned above (person\_iteration\_callback). The callback is invoked once for each record that matches the secondary key.

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## Test output

The test output file is useful as an example of how to invoke the generated API. It will contain calls to the functions mentioned above, to store a single record and retrieve it by primary key and through the secondary index.

To compile the test, you would issue a command such as

```
cc -I$BDB_INSTALL/include -L$BDB_INSTALL/lib -o test_people people.c \  
test_people.c -ldb-4.8
```

This will produce the executable file `test_people`, which can be run to exercise the generated API. The program generated from `people.sql` will create a database environment in a directory named "peopledb." This directory must be created before the program is run.

## db\_stat

```
db_stat -d file [-fN] [-h home] [-P password] [-s database]
db_stat [-cEelmNrtVxZ] [-C Aclop] [-h home] [-L A] [-M Ah] [-R A]
        [-P password]
```

The **db\_stat** utility displays statistics for Berkeley DB environments.

The options are as follows:

- **-C**  
Display detailed information about the locking subsystem.
- **A**  
Display all information.
- **c**  
Display lock conflict matrix.
- **l**  
Display lockers within hash chains.
- **o**  
Display lock objects within hash chains.
- **p**  
Display locking subsystem parameters.
- **-c**  
Display locking subsystem statistics, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->lock\\_stat\(\)](#) method.
- **-d**  
Display database statistics for the specified file, as described in the [DB->stat\(\)](#) method.  
  
If the database contains multiple databases and the **-s** flag is not specified, the statistics are for the internal database that describes the other databases the file contains, and not for the file as a whole.
- **-E**  
Display detailed information about the database environment.
- **-e**

Display information about the database environment, including all configured subsystems of the database environment.

- **-f**

Display only those database statistics that can be acquired without traversing the database.

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.

- **-l**

Display logging subsystem statistics, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->log\\_stat\(\)](#) method.

- **-L**

Display all logging subsystem statistics.

- **A**

Display all information.

- **-M**

Display detailed information about the cache.

- **A**

Display all information.

- **h**

Display buffers within hash chains.

- **-m**

Display cache statistics, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->memp\\_stat\(\)](#) method.

- **-N**

Do not acquire shared region mutexes while running. Other problems, such as potentially fatal errors in Berkeley DB, will be ignored as well. This option is intended only for debugging errors, and should not be used under any other circumstances.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-R**  
Display detailed information about the replication subsystem.
- **A**  
Display all information.
- **-r**  
Display replication statistics, as described in in the [DB\\_ENV->rep\\_stat\(\)](#) method.
- **-s**  
Display statistics for the specified database contained in the file specified with the **-d** flag.
- **-t**  
Display transaction subsystem statistics, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->txn\\_stat\(\)](#) method.
- **-V**  
Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.
- **-x**  
Display mutex subsystem statistics, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->mutex\\_stat\(\)](#) method.
- **-Z**  
Reset the statistics after reporting them; valid only with the **-C**, **-c**, **-E**, **-e**, **-L**, **-l**, **-M**, **-m**, **-R**, **-r**, and **-t** options.

Values normally displayed in quantities of bytes are displayed as a combination of gigabytes (GB), megabytes (MB), kilobytes (KB), and bytes (B). Otherwise, values smaller than 10 million are displayed without any special notation, and values larger than 10 million are displayed as a number followed by "M".

The **db\_stat** utility may be used with a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_stat** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_stat** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_stat** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_upgrade

```
db_upgrade [-NsVv] [-h home] [-P password] file ...
```

The **db\_upgrade** utility upgrades the Berkeley DB version of one or more files and the databases they contain to the current release version.

The options are as follows:

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.

- **-N**

Do not acquire shared region mutexes while running. Other problems, such as potentially fatal errors in Berkeley DB, will be ignored as well. This option is intended only for debugging errors, and should not be used under any other circumstances.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-s**

This flag is only meaningful when upgrading databases from releases before the Berkeley DB 3.1 release.

As part of the upgrade from the Berkeley DB 3.0 release to the 3.1 release, the on-disk format of duplicate data items changed. To correctly upgrade the format requires that applications specify whether duplicate data items in the database are sorted or not. Specifying the **-s** flag means that the duplicates are sorted; otherwise, they are assumed to be unsorted. Incorrectly specifying the value of this flag may lead to database corruption.

Because the **db\_upgrade** utility upgrades a physical file (including all the databases it contains), it is not possible to use **db\_upgrade** to upgrade files where some of the databases it includes have sorted duplicate data items, and some of the databases it includes have unsorted duplicate data items. If the file does not have more than a single database, if the databases do not support duplicate data items, or if all the databases that support duplicate data items support the same style of duplicates (either sorted or unsorted), **db\_upgrade** will work correctly as long as the **-s** flag is correctly specified. Otherwise, the file cannot be upgraded using **db\_upgrade**, and must be upgraded manually using the [db\\_dump](#) and [db\\_load](#) utilities.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

- -v

Run in verbose mode, displaying a message for each successful upgrade.

**It is important to realize that Berkeley DB database upgrades are done in place, and so are potentially destructive.** This means that if the system crashes during the upgrade procedure, or if the upgrade procedure runs out of disk space, the databases may be left in an inconsistent and unrecoverable state. See [Upgrading databases](#) for more information.

The **db\_upgrade** utility may be used with a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_upgrade** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To cause **db\_upgrade** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_upgrade** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

## db\_verify

```
db_verify [-NoqV] [-h home] [-P password] file ...
```

The **db\_verify** utility verifies the structure of one or more files and the databases they contain.

The options are as follows:

- **-h**

Specify a home directory for the database environment; by default, the current working directory is used.

- **-o**

Skip the database checks for btree and duplicate sort order and for hashing.

If the file being verified contains databases with non-default comparison or hashing configurations, calling the **db\_verify** utility without the **-o** flag will usually return failure. The **-o** flag causes **db\_verify** to ignore database sort or hash ordering and allows **db\_verify** to be used on these files. To fully verify these files, verify them explicitly using the [DB->verify\(\)](#) method, after configuring the correct comparison or hashing functions.

- **-N**

Do not acquire shared region mutexes while running. Other problems, such as potentially fatal errors in Berkeley DB, will be ignored as well. This option is intended only for debugging errors, and should not be used under any other circumstances.

- **-P**

Specify an environment password. Although Berkeley DB utilities overwrite password strings as soon as possible, be aware there may be a window of vulnerability on systems where unprivileged users can see command-line arguments or where utilities are not able to overwrite the memory containing the command-line arguments.

- **-q**

Suppress the printing of any error descriptions, simply exit success or failure.

- **-V**

Write the library version number to the standard output, and exit.

**The **db\_verify** utility does not perform any locking, even in Berkeley DB environments that are configured with a locking subsystem. As such, it should only be used on files that are not being modified by another thread of control.**

The **db\_verify** utility may be used with a Berkeley DB environment (as described for the **-h** option, the environment variable **DB\_HOME**, or because the utility was run in a directory containing a Berkeley DB environment). In order to avoid environment corruption when using a Berkeley DB environment, **db\_verify** should always be given the chance to detach from the environment and exit gracefully. To

cause **db\_verify** to release all environment resources and exit cleanly, send it an interrupt signal (SIGINT).

The **db\_verify** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

## Environment Variables

### **DB\_HOME**

If the **-h** option is not specified and the environment variable **DB\_HOME** is set, it is used as the path of the database home, as described in the [DB\\_ENV->open\(\)](#) method.

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# Appendix B. Historic Interfaces

This appendix describe the usage of several historic interfaces that previous users of Berkeley DB may have made use of.

## Historic Interfaces

Historic Interfaces	Description
<a href="#">dbm/ndbm</a>	Compatibility for applications written to the historic dbm or hdbm interfaces
<a href="#">hsearch</a>	Compatibility for applications written to the historic hsearch interface

## dbm/ndbm

```
#define DB_DBM_HSEARCH    1
#include <db.h>

typedef struct {
    char *dptr;
    int dsize;
} datum;
```

### Dbm Functions

```
int
dbmopen(char *file);

int
dbmclose();

datum
fetch(datum key);

int
store(datum key, datum content);

int
delete(datum key);

datum
firstkey(void);

datum
nextkey(datum key);
```

### Ndbm Functions

```
DBM *
dbm_open(char *file, int flags, int mode);

void
dbm_close(DBM *db);

datum
dbm_fetch(DBM *db, datum key);

int
dbm_store(DBM *db, datum key, datum content, int flags);

int
dbm_delete(DBM *db, datum key);
```

```

datum
dbm_firstkey(DBM *db);

datum
dbm_nextkey(DBM *db);

int
dbm_error(DBM *db);

int
dbm_clearerr(DBM *db);

```

The dbm functions are intended to provide high-performance implementations and source code compatibility for applications written to historic interfaces. They are not recommended for any other purpose. The historic dbm database format is **not supported**, and databases previously built using the real dbm libraries cannot be read by the Berkeley DB functions.

To compile dbm applications, replace the application's **#include** of the dbm or ndbm include file (for example, **#include <dbm.h>** or **#include <ndbm.h>**) with the following two lines:

```

#define DB_DBM_HSEARCH 1
#include <db.h>

```

and recompile. If the application attempts to load against a dbm library (for example, **-ldb**), remove the library from the load line.

**Key** and **content** parameters are objects described by the **datum** typedef. A **datum** specifies a string of **dsize** bytes pointed to by **dptr**. Arbitrary binary data, as well as normal text strings, are allowed.

## Dbm Functions

Before a database can be accessed, it must be opened by `dbmopen`. This will open and/or create the database **file.db**. If created, the database file is created read/write by owner only (as described in `chmod(2)`) and modified by the process' `umask` value at the time of creation (see `umask(2)`). The group ownership of created files is based on the system and directory defaults, and is not further specified by Berkeley DB.

A database may be closed, and any held resources released, by calling `dbmclose`.

Once open, the data stored under a key is accessed by `fetch`, and data is placed under a key by `store`. A key (and its associated contents) are deleted by `delete`. A linear pass through all keys in a database may be made, in an (apparently) random order, by using `firstkey` and `nextkey`. The `firstkey` method will return the first key in the database. The `nextkey` method will return the next key in the database.

The following code will traverse the database:

```

for (key = firstkey(key);
     key.dptr != NULL; key = nextkey(key)) {
    ...
}

```

## Ndbm Functions

Before a database can be accessed, it must be opened by `dbm_open`. This will open and/or create the database file `file.db`, depending on the flags parameter (see `open(2)`). If created, the database file is created with mode `mode` (as described in `chmod(2)`) and modified by the process' `umask` value at the time of creation (see `umask(2)`). The group ownership of created files is based on the system and directory defaults, and is not further specified by Berkeley DB.

Once open, the data stored under a key is accessed by `dbm_fetch`, and data is placed under a key by `dbm_store`. The `flags` field can be either `DBM_INSERT` or `DBM_REPLACE`. `DBM_INSERT` will only insert new entries into the database, and will not change an existing entry with the same key. `DBM_REPLACE` will replace an existing entry if it has the same key. A key (and its associated contents) are deleted by `dbm_delete`. A linear pass through all keys in a database may be made, in an (apparently) random order, by using `dbm_firstkey` and `dbm_nextkey`. The `dbm_firstkey` method will return the first key in the database. The `dbm_nextkey` method will return the next key in the database.

The following code will traverse the database:

```
for (key = dbm_firstkey(db);
     key.dptr != NULL; key = dbm_nextkey(db)) {
    ...
}
```

## Compatibility Notes

The historic `dbm` library created two underlying database files, traditionally named `file.dir` and `file.pag`. The Berkeley DB library creates a single database file named `file.db`. Applications that are aware of the underlying database filenames may require additional source code modifications.

The historic `dbm_init` function required that the underlying `.dir` and `.pag` files already exist (empty databases were created by first manually creating zero-length `.dir` and `.pag` files). Applications that expect to create databases using this method may require additional source code modifications.

The historic `dbm_dirfno` and `dbm_pagfno` macros are supported, but will return identical file descriptors because there is only a single underlying file used by the Berkeley DB hashing access method. Applications using both file descriptors for locking may require additional source code modifications.

If applications using the `dbm` function exits without first closing the database, it may lose updates because the Berkeley DB library buffers writes to underlying databases. Such applications will require additional source code modifications to work correctly with the Berkeley DB library.

## Dbm Diagnostics

The `dbm_init` function returns -1 on failure, setting `errno`, and 0 on success.

The `fetch` function sets the `dptr` field of the returned `datum` to NULL on failure, setting `errno`, and returns a non-NULL `dptr` on success.

The `store` function returns -1 on failure, setting `errno`, and 0 on success.

The `delete` function returns -1 on failure, setting `errno`, and 0 on success.

The `firstkey` function sets the `dptr` field of the returned `datum` to NULL on failure, setting `errno`, and returns a non-NULL `dptr` on success.

The `nextkey` function sets the `dptr` field of the returned `datum` to NULL on failure, setting `errno`, and returns a non-NULL `dptr` on success.

## Dbm Errors

The `dbm_init`, `fetch`, `store`, `delete`, `firstkey`, and `nextkey` functions may fail and return an error for errors specified for other Berkeley DB and C library or system functions.

## Ndbm Diagnostics

The `dbm_close` method returns non-zero when an error has occurred reading or writing the database.

The `dbm_close` method resets the error condition on the named database.

The `dbm_open` function returns NULL on failure, setting `errno`, and a DBM reference on success.

The `dbm_fetch` function sets the `dptr` field of the returned `datum` to NULL on failure, setting `errno`, and returns a non-NULL `dptr` on success.

The `dbm_store` function returns -1 on failure, setting `errno`, 0 on success, and 1 if `DBM_INSERT` was set and the specified key already existed in the database.

The `dbm_delete` function returns -1 on failure, setting `errno`, and 0 on success.

The `dbm_firstkey` function sets the `dptr` field of the returned `datum` to NULL on failure, setting `errno`, and returns a non-NULL `dptr` on success.

The `dbm_nextkey` function sets the `dptr` field of the returned `datum` to NULL on failure, setting `errno`, and returns a non-NULL `dptr` on success.

The `dbm_close` function returns -1 on failure, setting `errno`, and 0 on success.

The `dbm_close` function returns -1 on failure, setting `errno`, and 0 on success.

## Ndbm Errors

The `dbm_open`, `dbm_close`, `dbm_fetch`, `dbm_store`, `dbm_delete`, `dbm_firstkey`, and `dbm_nextkey` functions may fail and return an error for errors specified for other Berkeley DB and C library or system functions.

## hsearch

```
#define DB_DBM_HSEARCH    1
#include <db.h>

typedef enum {
    FIND, ENTER
} ACTION;

typedef struct entry {
    char *key;
    void *data;
} ENTRY;

ENTRY *
hsearch(ENTRY item, ACTION action);

int
hcreate(size_t nelem);

void
hdestroy(void);
```

The `hsearch` functions are intended to provide a high-performance implementation and source code compatibility for applications written to the historic `hsearch` interface. It is not recommended for any other purpose.

To compile `hsearch` applications, replace the application's `#include` of the `hsearch` include file (for example, `#include <search.h>`) with the following two lines:

```
#define DB_DBM_HSEARCH    1
#include <db.h>
```

and recompile.

The `hcreate` function creates an in-memory database. The `nelem` parameter is an estimation of the maximum number of key/data pairs that will be stored in the database.

The `hdestroy` function discards the database.

Database elements are structures of type `ENTRY`, which contain at least two fields: `key` and `data`. The field `key` is declared to be of type `char *`, and is the key used for storage and retrieval. The field `data` is declared to be of type `void *`, and is its associated data.

The `hsearch` function retrieves key/data pairs from, and stores key/data pairs into the database.

The `action` parameter must be set to one of two values:

- `ENTER`

If the key does not already appear in the database, insert the key/data pair into the database. If the key already appears in the database, return a reference to an **ENTRY** structure which refers to the existing key and its associated data element.

- **FIND**

Retrieve the specified key/data pair from the database.

## Compatibility Notes

Historically, hsearch required applications to maintain the keys and data in the application's memory for as long as the **hsearch** database existed. Because Berkeley DB handles key and data management internally, there is no requirement that applications maintain local copies of key and data items, although the only effect of doing so should be the allocation of additional memory.

## Hsearch Diagnostics

The **hcreate** function returns 0 on failure, setting **errno**, and non-zero on success.

The **hsearch** function returns a pointer to an **ENTRY** structure on success, and **NULL**, setting **errno**, if the **action** specified was **FIND** and the item did not appear in the database.

## Hsearch Errors

The **hsearch** function will fail, setting **errno** to 0, if the **action** specified was **FIND** and the item did not appear in the database.

In addition, the **hcreate**, **hsearch** and **hdestroy** functions may fail and return an error for errors specified for other Berkeley DB and C library or system functions.

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# Appendix C. Berkeley DB Application Space Static Functions

This appendix describes functionality that existed on the DB\_ENV handle in releases prior to Berkeley DB 3.1. In 3.1, this functionality was moved to as series of static functions, as in this appendix.

## Static Functions

Static Function	Description
<code>db_env_set_func_close</code>	Replace Berkeley DB calls to <code>close()</code> with the identified function.
<code>db_env_set_func_dirfree</code>	Specify function used to free memory obtained due to a directory walk.
<code>db_env_set_func_dirlist</code>	Specify function used to free memory obtained due to a directory list.
<code>db_env_set_func_exists</code>	Specify function used to determine whether a file exists.
<code>db_env_set_func_file_map</code>	Specify function used to map a file into memory.
<code>db_env_set_func_free</code>	Specify function used to free memory.
<code>db_env_set_func_fsync</code>	Specify function used to sync a file to disk.
<code>db_env_set_func_ftruncate</code>	Specify function used to truncate a file.
<code>db_env_set_func_ioinfo</code>	Specify function used to determine file characteristics.
<code>db_env_set_func_malloc</code>	Specify function used to allocate memory.
<code>db_env_set_func_open</code>	Specify function used to open a file.
<code>db_env_set_func_pread</code>	Specify function used to read data from an object.
<code>db_env_set_func_pwrite</code>	Specify function used to write data to an object.
<code>db_env_set_func_read</code>	Specify function used to read data from an object.
<code>db_env_set_func_realloc</code>	Specify function used to change the size of memory pointed to by a pointer.
<code>db_env_set_func_region_map</code>	Specify function used to created shared memory regions.
<code>db_env_set_func_rename</code>	Specify function used to change the name of a file.
<code>db_env_set_func_seek</code>	Specify function used to specify a location in a file.
<code>db_env_set_func_unlink</code>	Specify function used to delete a file.
<code>db_env_set_func_write</code>	Specify function used to write data to an object.
<code>db_env_set_func_yield</code>	Specify function used to yield the processor to another thread of control.

## db\_env\_set\_func\_close

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_close(int (*func_close)(int fd));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) `close` function with `func_close`, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_close()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_close()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_close()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_close**

The `func_close` parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_dirfree

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_dirfree(void (*func_dirfree)(char **namesp, int cnt));
```

The Berkeley DB library requires the ability to return any memory allocated as part of the routine which reads through a directory and creates a list of files that the directory contains (see [db\\_env\\_set\\_func\\_dirlist](#)).

The `db_env_set_func_dirfree()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_dirfree()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_dirfree()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_dirfree**

The `func_dirfree` parameter is a function which frees the memory returned from the [db\\_env\\_set\\_func\\_dirlist](#) function.

The `namesp` and `cnt` parameters to this function are the same values as were returned by the [db\\_env\\_set\\_func\\_dirlist](#) function.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_dirlist

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_dirlist(int (*func_dirlist)(const char *dir,
char ***namesp, int *cntp));
```

The Berkeley DB library requires the ability to read through a directory and create a list of files that the directory contains.

The `db_env_set_func_dirlist` method configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_dirlist` method may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_dirlist()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_dirlist**

The `func_dirlist` parameter is the function which reads through a directory and returns a list of the files it contains.

The `dir` parameter to this function is the name of the directory to be searched.

The function must return a pointer to an array of nul-terminated file names into the memory location to which the `namesp` parameter refers, and a count of the number of elements in the array into the memory location to which `cntp` refers.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_exists

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_exists(int (*func_exists)(const char *path, int *isdirp));
```

The Berkeley DB library requires the ability to determine whether a file exists and whether it is a file of type directory.

The `db_env_set_func_exists()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_exists()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_exists()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_exists**

The `func_exists` parameter is the function which returns if a file exists and if it is a file of type directory.

The `path` parameter to this function is the pathname of the file to be checked.

If the `isdirp` parameter is non-NULL, it must be set to non-0 if `path` is a directory, and 0 if `path` is not a directory.

The `func_exists` function must return the value of `errno` on failure and 0 on success.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_file\_map

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_file_map(int (*func_file_map)(DB_ENV *dbenv, char *path,
      size_t len, int is_rdnly, void **addr),
      int (*func_file_unmap)(DB_ENV *dbenv, void *addr));
```

The Berkeley DB library optionally uses the ability to map a file into memory.

The `db_env_set_func_file_map()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_file_map()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_file_map()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### func\_file\_map

The `func_file_map` parameter is the function which maps a file into memory. The function takes 5 parameters:

- **dbenv**

The `dbenv` parameter is the enclosing database environment handle.

- **path**

The `path` parameter is the name of file. Repeated requests for the mapping of the same name should return a reference to the same memory.

- **len**

The `len` parameter is the length, in bytes, of the file.

- **is\_rdnly**

The `is_rdnly` parameter will be non-zero if the mapped file is read-only.

- **addr**

The `addr` parameter is the memory location into which a pointer to the mapped file is returned.

The `func_file_map` function must return the value of `errno` on failure and 0 on success.

**func\_file\_unmap**

The **func\_file\_unmap** parameter is the function which unmaps a file from memory. The function takes 2 parameters:

- **dbenv**

The **dbenv** parameter is the enclosing database environment handle.

- **addr**

The **addr** parameter is the value returned by the **func\_file\_map** function when the file or region was mapped into memory.

**See Also**

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_free

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_free(void (*func_free)(void *ptr));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) standard **free** function with **func\_free**, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_free()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_free()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_free()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_free**

The **func\_free** parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_fsync

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_fsync(int (*func_fsync)(int fd));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) **fsync** function with **func\_fsync**, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_fsync()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_fsync()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_fsync` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_fsync**

The **func\_fsync** parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_ftruncate

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_ftruncate(int (*func_ftruncate)(int fd, off_t offset));
```

The Berkeley DB library requires the ability to truncate a file.

The `db_env_set_func_ftruncate` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_ftruncate` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_ftruncate()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_ftruncate**

The `func_ftruncate` parameter is the function which truncates a file.

The `fd` parameter is an open file descriptor on the file.

The `ftruncate` function must truncate the file to the byte length specified by the `offset` parameter.

The `func_ftruncate` function must return the value of `errno` on failure and 0 on success.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_ioinfo

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_ioinfo(int (*func_ioinfo)(const char *path,
    int fd, u_int32_t *mbytesp, u_int32_t *bytesp, u_int32_t *iosizep));
```

The Berkeley DB library requires the ability to determine the size and I/O characteristics of a file.

The `db_env_set_func_ioinfo()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_ioinfo()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_ioinfo()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_ioinfo**

The `func_ioinfo` parameter is the function which returns the size and I/O characteristics of a file.

The `path` parameter is the pathname of the file to be checked, and the `fd` parameter is an open file descriptor on the file.

If the `mbytesp` and `bytesp` parameters are non-NULL, the `ioinfo` function must return in them the size of the file: the number of megabytes in the file into the memory location to which the `mbytesp` parameter refers, and the number of bytes over and above that number of megabytes into the memory location to which the `bytesp` parameter refers.

In addition, if the `iosizep` parameter is non-NULL, the `ioinfo` function must return the optimum granularity for I/O operations to the file into the memory location to which it refers.

The `func_ioinfo` function must return the value of `errno` on failure and 0 on success.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_malloc

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_malloc(void *(*func_malloc)(size_t size));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) standard **malloc** function with **func\_malloc**, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_malloc()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_malloc()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_malloc()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_malloc**

The **func\_malloc** parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_open

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_open(int (*func_open)(const char *path, int flags,
int mode));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) `open` function with `func_open`, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_open()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_open()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_open()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `func_open`

The `func_open` parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_pread

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_pread(ssize_t (*func_pread)(int fd, void *buf,
      size_t nbytes, off_t offset));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) `pread` function with `func_pread`, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_pread()` configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_pread()` may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_pread()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_pread**

The `func_pread` parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_pwrite

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_pwrite(ssize_t (*func_pwrite)(int fd, const void *buf,
        size_t nbytes, off_t offset));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) `pwrite` function with `func_pwrite`, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_pwrite()` configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_pwrite()` may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_pwrite()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `func_pwrite`

The `func_pwrite` parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_read

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_read(ssize_t (*func_read)(int fd, void *buf,
    size_t nbytes));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) **read** function with **func\_read**, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_read()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_read()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_read()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_read**

The **func\_read** parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_realloc

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_realloc(void *(*func_realloc)(void *ptr, size_t size));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the ANSI C X3.159-1989 (ANSI C) standard `realloc` function with `func_realloc`, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_realloc()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_realloc()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_realloc()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `func_realloc`

The `func_realloc` parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_region\_map

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_region_map(int (*func_region_map)(DB_ENV *dbenv,
    char *path, size_t len, int *is_create, void **addr),
    int (*func_region_unmap)(DB_ENV *dbenv, void *addr));
```

The Berkeley DB library optionally uses the ability to create shared memory regions (which may or may not be backed by physical files). The memory will be used as a shared memory region for synchronization between Berkeley DB threads/processes; while the returned memory may be of any kind (for example, anonymous memory), it must be able to support semaphores.

The `db_env_set_func_region_map()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_region_map()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the `db_env_create` or `db_create` methods.

The `db_env_set_func_region_map()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### func\_region\_map

The `func_region_map` parameter is the function which creates shared memory regions. The function takes 5 parameters:

- **dbenv**

The **dbenv** parameter is the enclosing database environment handle. This handle is provided to uniquely identify a shared memory region: the **dbenv** parameter and the path are a unique identifier pair for mapping any new region, and the **dbenv** parameter and the address are a unique identifier pair for unmapping any region.

- **path**

The **path** parameter is the name of the region. Repeated requests for the shared regions of the same name, in the same database environment, should return a reference to the same memory.

- **len**

The **len** parameter is the length, in bytes, needed for the region.

- **is\_create**

The memory referenced by the **is\_create** parameter will be non-zero if flags to Berkeley DB allowed creation of the mapped region; the memory referenced by the **is\_create** parameter must be set to non-zero if the region is created by the `func_region_map` function, and set to zero if the region is

not created by the function. This returned information will determine if the region is subsequently initialized by Berkeley DB.

- **addr**

The **addr** parameter is the memory location into which a pointer to the region or mapped file is returned.

### **func\_region\_unmap**

The **func\_region\_unmap** parameter is the function which unmaps a shared memory region. The function takes 2 parameters:

- **dbenv**

The **dbenv** parameter is the enclosing database environment handle.

- **addr**

The **addr** parameter is the value returned by the **func\_region\_map** function when the region was mapped into memory.

## **See Also**

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_rename

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_rename(int (*func_rename)(const char *from,
    const char *to));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) **rename** function with **func\_rename**, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_rename()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_rename()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_rename()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_rename**

The **func\_rename** parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_seek

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_seek(int (*func_seek)(int fd, off_t offset, int whence));
```

The Berkeley DB library requires the ability to specify that a subsequent read from or write to a file will occur at a specific location in that file.

The `db_env_set_func_seek()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_seek()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_seek()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_seek**

The `func_seek` parameter is the function which seeks to a specific location in a file.

The `fd` parameter is an open file descriptor on the file.

The `seek` function must cause a subsequent read from or write to the file to occur at the byte offset specified by the `offset` parameter.

The `whence` parameter specifies where in the file the byte offset is relative to, as described by the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) `lseek` system call.

The `func_seek` function must return the value of `errno` on failure and 0 on success.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_unlink

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_unlink(int (*func_unlink)(const char *path));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) `unlink` function with `func_unlink`, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_unlink()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_unlink()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_unlink()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### `func_unlink`

The `func_unlink` parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_write

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_write(ssize_t (*func_write)(int fd, const void *buffer,
      size_t nbytes));
```

Replace Berkeley DB calls to the IEEE/ANSI Std 1003.1 (POSIX) **write** function with **func\_write**, which must conform to the standard interface specification.

The `db_env_set_func_write()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_write()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_write()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_write**

The **func\_write** parameter is the replacement function. It must conform to the standard interface specification.

### See Also

Run-time configuration

## db\_env\_set\_func\_yield

```
#include <db.h>

int
db_env_set_func_yield(int (*func_yield)(u_long secs, u_long usecs));
```

The Berkeley DB library requires the ability to yield the processor from the current thread of control to any other waiting threads of control.

The **func\_yield** function must be able to cause the rescheduling of all participants in the current Berkeley DB environment, whether threaded or not. It may be incorrect to supply a thread **yield** function if more than a single process is operating in the Berkeley DB environment. This is because many thread-yield functions will not allow other processes to run, and the contested lock may be held by another process, not by another thread.

The `db_env_set_func_yield()` function configures all operations performed by a process and all of its threads of control, not operations confined to a single database environment.

Although the `db_env_set_func_yield()` function may be called at any time during the life of the application, it should normally be called before making calls to the [db\\_env\\_create](#) or [db\\_create](#) methods.

The `db_env_set_func_yield()` function returns a non-zero error value on failure and 0 on success.

### Parameters

#### **func\_yield**

The **func\_yield** parameter is the function which yields the processor.

The **secs** parameter is the number of seconds to pause before the thread of control should run again, or 0.

The **usecs** parameter is the number of microseconds to pause before the thread of control should run again, or 0.

The **func\_yield** function must return the value of **errno** on failure and 0 on success.

### See Also

Run-time configuration