

# Unix Domain Sockets

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(require racket/unix-socket) package: unix-socket-lib

This library provides support for *unix domain sockets* (specifically, sockets with family AF\_UNIX and type SOCK\_STREAM).

`unix-socket-available?` : `boolean?`

A boolean value that indicates whether unix domain sockets are available and supported on the current platform. The supported platforms are Linux, Mac OS X, and variants of BSD. This library does not currently support other Unix variants, and Windows does not have unix domain sockets.

(`unix-socket-connect socket-path`) → `input-port?` `output-port?`  
`socket-path` : `unix-socket-path?`

Connects to the unix domain socket associated with `socket-path` and returns an input port and output port for communicating with the socket. The connection is closed when both ports are closed.

(`unix-socket-path? v`) → `boolean?`  
`v` : `any/c`

Returns `#t` if `v` is a valid unix domain socket path for the current system. There are two kinds of socket paths: filesystem paths and abstract socket names.

- If `v` is a path (`path-string?`), the length of `v`'s corresponding absolute path must be less than or equal to the platform-specific length (108 bytes on Linux, 104 bytes on BSD and Mac OS X). Example: `"/tmp/mysocket"`.

- If *v* is a bytestring (`bytes?`), it represents an abstract socket name, supported on Linux. The first byte of *v* must be NUL, and its length must be less than or equal to 108 bytes. Such a value refers to a socket in the Linux abstract socket namespace. Example: `#\0mysocket`.  
Note that NUL bytes are allowed in abstract socket names. For example, `#\0abc` and `#\0abc\0` are both valid—and different—abstract socket names.

Otherwise, returns `#f`.

```
(unix-socket-listen socket-path [backlog]) → unix-socket-listener?
  socket-path : unix-socket-path?
  backlog : exact-nonnegative-integer? = 4
```

Listen for connections on a unix domain socket bound to *socket-path*, returning a listener that can be used to accept incoming connections.

If *socket-path* refers to a filesystem path, binding the socket creates a file that must be deleted separately from closing the listener.

```
(unix-socket-listener? v) → boolean?
  v : any/c
```

Returns `#t` if *v* is a unix socket listener created with `unix-socket-listen`; `#f` otherwise.

A unix socket listener acts as a synchronizable event. It is ready when a client connection is ready to be accepted (see `unix-socket-accept`), and its synchronization result is the listener itself.

```
(unix-socket-accept listener) → input-port? output-port
  listener : unix-socket-listener?
```

Accepts a client connection for *listener*. If no client connection is waiting to be accepted, the call to `unix-socket-accept` will block.