



Unix Exit Status Code Reference

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I always find myself constantly Googling the list of unix status codes (typically defined in `sysexit.h`).

```
0    # successful termination
64   # base value for error messages
65   # command line usage error
66   # data format error
67   # cannot open input
68   # addressee unknown
69   # host name unknown
70   # service unavailable
71   # internal software error
72   # system error (e.g., can't fork)
73   # critical OS file missing
74   # can't create (user) output file
75   # input/output error
76   # temp failure; user is invited to retry
77   # remote error in protocol
78   # permission denied
79   # configuration error
```

This quick reference helps avoid the tedium of looking up exit codes during system programming.

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