



Unix Exit Status Code Reference

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