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## lstat\_file

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### Synopsis

Get information about a symbolic link

### Syntax

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Struct_Type lstat_file (String_Type file)
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### Description

The `lstat_file` function behaves identically to `stat_file` but if `file` is a symbolic link, `lstat_file` returns information about the link itself, and not the file that it references.

See the documentation for `stat_file` for more information.

On systems that do not support symbolic links, there is no difference between this function and the `stat_file` function.

### See Also

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[chdir](#), [chmod](#), [chown](#), [listdir](#), [mkfifo](#), [open](#), [readlink](#), [stat\\_file](#), [stat\\_is](#), [umask](#)

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