



AHELP for CIAO 3.4

system

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Synopsis

Execute a shell command

Syntax

```
Integer_Type system (String_Type cmd)
```

Description

The system function may be used to execute the string expression cmd in an inferior shell. This function is an interface to the C system function which returns an implementation-defined result. On Linux, it returns 127 if the inferior shell could not be invoked, -1 if there was some other error, otherwise it returns the return code for cmd.

Example

```
define dir ()
{
  () = system ("DIR");
}
```

displays a directory listing of the current directory under MSDOS or VMS.

See Also

slangrtl[fopen](#), [listdir](#), [popen](#)

