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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

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

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