

# PERL SHMWRITE FUNCTION

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## Description

This function writes STRING from the position POS for SIZE bytes into the shared memory segment specified by ID. The SIZE is greater than the length of STRING. shmwrite appends null bytes to fill out to SIZE bytes.

## Syntax

Following is the simple syntax for this function –

```
shmwrite ID, STRING, POS, SIZE
```

## Return Value

This function returns 0 on failure and 1 on success.

## Example

Following is the example code showing its basic usage –

```
#!/usr/bin/perl

# Assume this file name is writer.pl

use IPC::SysV;

#use these next two lines if the previous use fails.
eval 'sub IPC_CREAT {0001000}' unless defined &IPC_CREAT;
eval 'sub IPC_RMID {0}' unless defined &IPC_RMID;

$key = 12345;
$size = 80;
$message = "Pennyfarthingale.";

# Create the shared memory segment

$key = shmget($key, $size, &IPC_CREAT | 0777 ) or
    die "Can't shmget: $!";

# Place a string in it
shmwrite( $id, $message, 0, 80 ) or die "Can't shmwrite: $!";

sleep 20;

# Delete it;

shmctl( $id, &IPC_RMID, 0 ) or die "Can't shmctl: $! ";
```

Write a reader program which retrieves the memory segment corresponding to \$key and reads its contents using shmread();.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl

# Assume this file name is reader.pl

$key = 12345;
$size = 80;

# Identify the shared memory segment
$id = shmget( $key, $size, 0777 ) or die "Can't shmget: $!";
```

```
# Read its contents into a string
shmread($id, $var, 0, $size) or die "Can't shmread: $!";

print $var;
```

Now First run writer.pl program in background and then reader.pl then it will produce the following result.

```
$perl writer.pl&
$perl reader.pl

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```