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NAME

signal.h ? signals

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <signal.h>
```

DESCRIPTION

Some of the functionality described on this reference page extends the ISO C standard. Applications shall define the appropriate feature test macro (see the System Interfaces volume of POSIX.1?2017, Section 2.2, The Compilation Environment) to enable the visibility of these symbols in this header.

The <signal.h> header shall define the following macros, which shall expand to constant expressions with distinct values that have a type compatible with the second argument to, and the return value of, the signal() function, and whose values shall compare unequal to the address of any declarable function.

SIG_DFL Request for default signal handling.

SIG_ERR Return value from signal() in case of error.

SIG_HOLD Request that signal be held.

SIG_IGN Request that signal be ignored.

The <signal.h> header shall define the pthread_t, size_t, and uid_t types as described in <sys/types.h>.

The <signal.h> header shall define the timespec structure as described in <time.h>.

The <signal.h> header shall define the following data types:

sig_atomic_t Possibly volatile-qualified integer type of an object that can be accessed as an atomic entity, even in the presence of asynchronous interrupts.

sigset_t Integer or structure type of an object used to represent sets of signals.

pid_t As described in <sys/types.h>.

The <signal.h> header shall define the pthread_attr_t type as described in <sys/types.h>.

The <signal.h> header shall define the sigevent structure, which shall include at least the following members:

int sigev_notify Notification type.

int sigev_signo Signal number.

union sigval sigev_value Signal value.

void (*sigev_notify_function)(union sigval)
Notification function.

pthread_attr_t *sigev_notify_attributes Notification attributes.

The <signal.h> header shall define the following symbolic constants for the values of sigev_notify:

SIGEV_NONE No asynchronous notification is delivered when the event of interest occurs.

SIGEV_SIGNAL A queued signal, with an application-defined value, is generated when the event of interest occurs.

SIGEV_THREAD A notification function is called to perform notification.

The sigval union shall be defined as:

int sival_int Integer signal value.

void *sival_ptr Pointer signal value.

The <signal.h> header shall declare the SIGRTMIN and SIGRTMAX macros, which shall expand to positive integer expressions with type int, but which need not be constant expressions. These macros specify a range of signal numbers that are reserved for application use and for which the realtime signal behavior specified in this volume of POSIX.1?2017 is supported. The signal numbers in this range do not overlap any of the signals specified in the following table.

The range SIGRTMIN through SIGRTMAX inclusive shall include at least {RTSIG_MAX} signal numbers.

It is implementation-defined whether realtime signal behavior is supported for other signals.

The <signal.h> header shall define the following macros that are used to refer to the signals that occur in the system. Signals defined here begin with the letters SIG followed by an uppercase letter. The macros shall expand to positive integer constant expressions with type int and distinct values. The value 0 is reserved for use as the null signal (see kill()). Additional implementation-defined signals may occur in the system.

The ISO C standard only requires the signal names SIGABRT, SIGFPE, SIGILL, SIGINT, SIGSEGV, and SIGTERM to be defined. An implementation need not generate any of these six signals, except as a result of explicit use of interfaces that generate signals, such as raise(), kill(), the General Terminal Interface (see Section 11.1.9, Special Characters), and the kill utility, unless otherwise stated (see, for example, the System Interfaces volume of POSIX.1?2017, Section 2.8.3.3, Memory Protection).

The following signals shall be supported on all implementations (default actions are explained below the table):

Signal	Default Action	Description
SIGABRT	A	Process abort signal.

- I Ignore the signal.
- S Stop the process.
- C Continue the process, if it is stopped; otherwise, ignore the signal.

The effects on the process in each case are described in the System Interfaces volume of POSIX.1-2017, Section 2.4.3, Signal Actions.

The `<signal.h>` header shall declare the `sigaction` structure, which shall include at least the following members:

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void (*sa_handler)(int) Pointer to a signal-catching function
                        or one of the SIG_IGN or SIG_DFL.

sigset_t sa_mask       Set of signals to be blocked during execution
                        of the signal handling function.

int sa_flags           Special flags.

void (*sa_sigaction)(int, siginfo_t *, void *)
                        Pointer to a signal-catching function.
```

The storage occupied by `sa_handler` and `sa_sigaction` may overlap, and a conforming application shall not use both simultaneously.

The `<signal.h>` header shall define the following macros which shall expand to integer constant expressions that need not be usable in `#if` preprocessing directives:

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SIG_BLOCK   The resulting set is the union of the current set and the
             signal set pointed to by the argument set.

SIG_UNBLOCK The resulting set is the intersection of the current set
             and the complement of the signal set pointed to by the
             argument set.

SIG_SETMASK The resulting set is the signal set pointed to by the ar?
             gument set.
```

The `<signal.h>` header shall also define the following symbolic constants:

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SA_NOCLDSTOP Do not generate SIGCHLD when children stop
              or stopped children continue.

SA_ONSTACK   Causes signal delivery to occur on an alternate stack.

SA_RESETHAND Causes signal dispositions to be set to SIG_DFL on entry
```

to signal handlers.

SA_RESTART Causes certain functions to become restartable.

SA_SIGINFO Causes extra information to be passed to signal handlers at the time of receipt of a signal.

SA_NOCLDWAIT Causes implementations not to create zombie processes or status information on child termination. See sigaction().

SA_NODEFER Causes signal not to be automatically blocked on entry to signal handler.

SS_ONSTACK Process is executing on an alternate signal stack.

SS_DISABLE Alternate signal stack is disabled.

MINSIGSTKSZ Minimum stack size for a signal handler.

SIGSTKSZ Default size in bytes for the alternate signal stack.

The <signal.h> header shall define the mcontext_t type through typedef.

The <signal.h> header shall define the ucontext_t type as a structure that shall include at least the following members:

ucontext_t *uc_link Pointer to the context that is resumed when this context returns.

sigset_t uc_sigmask The set of signals that are blocked when this context is active.

stack_t uc_stack The stack used by this context.

mcontext_t uc_mcontext A machine-specific representation of the saved context.

The <signal.h> header shall define the stack_t type as a structure, which shall include at least the following members:

void *ss_sp Stack base or pointer.

size_t ss_size Stack size.

int ss_flags Flags.

The <signal.h> header shall define the siginfo_t type as a structure, which shall include at least the following members:

int si_signo Signal number.

int si_code Signal code.

int si_errno If non-zero, an errno value associated with this signal, as described in <errno.h>.

pid_t si_pid Sending process ID.
uid_t si_uid Real user ID of sending process.
void *si_addr Address of faulting instruction.
int si_status Exit value or signal.
long si_band Band event for SIGPOLL.
union signal si_value Signal value.

The <signal.h> header shall define the symbolic constants in the Code column of the following table for use as values of si_code that are signal-specific or non-signal-specific reasons why the signal was generated.

Signal	Code	Reason
?SIGILL	?ILL_ILLOPC	?Illegal opcode.
? ?	?ILL_ILLOPN	?Illegal operand.
? ?	?ILL_ILLADR	?Illegal addressing mode.
? ?	?ILL_ILLTRP	?Illegal trap.
? ?	?ILL_PRVOPC	?Privileged opcode.
? ?	?ILL_PRVREG	?Privileged register.
? ?	?ILL_COPROC	?Coprocessor error.
? ?	?ILL_BADSTK	?Internal stack error.
?SIGFPE	?FPE_INTDIV	?Integer divide by zero.
? ?	?FPE_INTOVF	?Integer overflow.
? ?	?FPE_FLTDIV	?Floating-point divide by zero.
? ?	?FPE_FLTOVF	?Floating-point overflow.
? ?	?FPE_FLTUND	?Floating-point underflow.
? ?	?FPE_FLTRES	?Floating-point inexact result.
? ?	?FPE_FLTINV	?Invalid floating-point operation.
? ?	?FPE_FLTSUB	?Subscript out of range.
?SIGSEGV	?SEGV_MAPERR	?Address not mapped to object.
? ?	?SEGV_ACCERR	?Invalid permissions for mapped object.


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void psignal(int, const char *);
int pthread_kill(pthread_t, int);
int pthread_sigmask(int, const sigset_t *restrict,
    sigset_t *restrict);
int raise(int);
int sigaction(int, const struct sigaction *restrict,
    struct sigaction *restrict);
int sigaddset(sigset_t *, int);
int sigaltstack(const stack_t *restrict, stack_t *restrict);
int sigdelset(sigset_t *, int);
int sigemptyset(sigset_t *);
int sigfillset(sigset_t *);
int sighold(int);
int sigignore(int);
int siginterrupt(int, int);
int sigismember(const sigset_t *, int);
void (*signal(int, void (*)(int)))(int);
int sigpause(int);
int sigpending(sigset_t *);
int sigprocmask(int, const sigset_t *restrict, sigset_t *restrict);
int sigqueue(pid_t, int, union sigval);
int sigrelse(int);
void (*sigset(int, void (*)(int)))(int);
int sigsuspend(const sigset_t *);
int sigtimedwait(const sigset_t *restrict, siginfo_t *restrict,
    const struct timespec *restrict);
int sigwait(const sigset_t *restrict, int *restrict);
int sigwaitinfo(const sigset_t *restrict, siginfo_t *restrict);

```

Inclusion of the <signal.h> header may make visible all symbols from the <time.h> header.

The following sections are informative.

APPLICATION USAGE

On systems not supporting the XSI option, the si_pid and si_uid members

of `si_pid` and `si_uid` are only required to be valid when `si_code` is `SI_USER` or `SI_QUEUE`. On XSI-conforming systems, they are also valid for all `si_code` values less than or equal to 0; however, it is unspecified whether `SI_USER` and `SI_QUEUE` have values less than or equal to zero, and therefore XSI applications should check whether `si_code` has the value `SI_USER` or `SI_QUEUE` or is less than or equal to 0 to tell whether `si_pid` and `si_uid` are valid.

RATIONALE

None.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The `SIGPOLL` and `SIGPROF` signals may be removed in a future version.

SEE ALSO

`<errno.h>`, `<stropts.h>`, `<sys_types.h>`, `<time.h>`

The System Interfaces volume of POSIX.1-2017, Section 2.2, The Compilation Environment, `alarm()`, `ioctl()`, `kill()`, `killpg()`, `psiginfo()`, `pthread_kill()`, `pthread_sigmask()`, `raise()`, `sigaction()`, `sigaddset()`, `sigaltstack()`, `sigdelset()`, `sigemptyset()`, `sigfillset()`, `sighold()`, `siginterrupt()`, `sigismember()`, `signal()`, `sigpending()`, `sigqueue()`, `sigsuspend()`, `sigtimedwait()`, `sigwait()`, `timer_create()`, `wait()`, `waitid()`

The Shell and Utilities volume of POSIX.1-2017, `kill`

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