



Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'sysv_signal.3'

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NAME

sysv_signal - signal handling with System V semantics

SYNOPSIS

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE      /* See feature_test_macros(7) */

#include <signal.h>

typedef void (*sighandler_t)(int);

sighandler_t sysv_signal(int signum, sighandler_t handler);
```

DESCRIPTION

The `sysv_signal()` function takes the same arguments, and performs the same task, as `signal(2)`.

However `sysv_signal()` provides the System V `unreliable` signal semantics, that is: a) the disposition of the signal is reset to the default when the handler is invoked; b) delivery of further instances of the signal is not blocked while the signal handler is executing; and c) if the handler interrupts (certain) blocking system calls, then the system call is not automatically restarted.

RETURN VALUE

The `sysv_signal()` function returns the previous value of the signal handler, or `SIG_ERR` on error.

ERRORS

As for `signal(2)`.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at? `tributes(7)`.

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?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

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?`sysv_signal()` ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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CONFORMING TO

This function is nonstandard.

NOTES

Use of `sysv_signal()` should be avoided; use `sigaction(2)` instead.

On older Linux systems, `sysv_signal()` and `signal(2)` were equivalent.

But on newer systems, `signal(2)` provides reliable signal semantics; see `signal(2)` for details.

The use of `sighandler_t` is a GNU extension; this type is defined only if the `_GNU_SOURCE` feature test macro is defined.

SEE ALSO

`sigaction(2)`, `signal(2)`, `bsd_signal(3)`, `signal(7)`

COLOPHON

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