



## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'pthread\_sigmask.3' command**

### **\$ man pthread\_sigmask.3**

PTHREAD\_SIGMASK(3) Linux Programmer's Manual PTHREAD\_SIGMASK(3)

#### NAME

pthread\_sigmask - examine and change mask of blocked signals

#### SYNOPSIS

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

```
int pthread_sigmask(int how, const sigset_t *set, sigset_t *oldset);
```

Compile and link with -pthread.

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature\_test\_macros(7)):

```
pthread_sigmask():
```

```
  _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 199506L || _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500
```

#### DESCRIPTION

The pthread\_sigmask() function is just like sigprocmask(2), with the difference that its use in multithreaded programs is explicitly specified by POSIX.1. Other differences are noted in this page.

For a description of the arguments and operation of this function, see sigprocmask(2).

#### RETURN VALUE

On success, pthread\_sigmask() returns 0; on error, it returns an error number.

#### ERRORS

See sigprocmask(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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?pthread\_sigmask() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

NOTES

A new thread inherits a copy of its creator's signal mask. The glibc pthread\_sigmask() function silently ignores attempts to block the two real-time signals that are used internally by the NPTL thread? ing implementation. See nptl(7) for details.

EXAMPLES

The program below blocks some signals in the main thread, and then cre? ates a dedicated thread to fetch those signals via sigwait(3). The following shell session demonstrates its use:

```
$ ./a.out &
[1] 5423
$ kill -QUIT %1
Signal handling thread got signal 3
$ kill -USR1 %1
Signal handling thread got signal 10
$ kill -TERM %1
[1]+ Terminated ./a.out
```

Program source

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include <errno.h>
/* Simple error handling functions */
```

```

#define handle_error_en(en, msg) \
    do { errno = en; perror(msg); exit(EXIT_FAILURE); } while (0)

static void *
sig_thread(void *arg)
{
    sigset_t *set = arg;
    int s, sig;
    for (;;) {
        s = sigwait(set, &sig);
        if (s != 0)
            handle_error_en(s, "sigwait");
        printf("Signal handling thread got signal %d\n", sig);
    }
}

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    pthread_t thread;
    sigset_t set;
    int s;
    /* Block SIGQUIT and SIGUSR1; other threads created by main()
       will inherit a copy of the signal mask. */
    sigemptyset(&set);
    sigaddset(&set, SIGQUIT);
    sigaddset(&set, SIGUSR1);
    s = pthread_sigmask(SIG_BLOCK, &set, NULL);
    if (s != 0)
        handle_error_en(s, "pthread_sigmask");
    s = pthread_create(&thread, NULL, &sig_thread, &set);
    if (s != 0)
        handle_error_en(s, "pthread_create");
    /* Main thread carries on to create other threads and/or do
       other work */
}

```

```
    pause();      /* Dummy pause so we can test program */  
}
```

#### SEE ALSO

sigaction(2), sigpending(2), sigprocmask(2), pthread\_attr\_setsig?  
mask\_np(3), pthread\_create(3), pthread\_kill(3), sigsetops(3),  
pthreads(7), signal(7)

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