



Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'sem_post.3' command

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sem_post - unlock a semaphore

SYNOPSIS

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#include <semaphore.h>

int sem_post(sem_t *sem);

Link with -pthread.
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DESCRIPTION

sem_post() increments (unlocks) the semaphore pointed to by sem. If the semaphore's value consequently becomes greater than zero, then another process or thread blocked in a sem_wait(3) call will be woken up and proceed to lock the semaphore.

RETURN VALUE

sem_post() returns 0 on success; on error, the value of the semaphore is left unchanged, -1 is returned, and errno is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

EINVAL sem is not a valid semaphore.

E_OVERFLOW

The maximum allowable value for a semaphore would be exceeded.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see attributes(7).

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?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

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?sem_post() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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CONFORMING TO

POSIX.1-2001.

NOTES

sem_post() is async-signal-safe: it may be safely called within a signal handler.

EXAMPLES

See sem_wait(3) and shm_open(3).

SEE ALSO

sem_getvalue(3), sem_wait(3), sem_overview(7), signal-safety(7)

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