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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'sem\_getvalue.3'

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Linux Programmer's Manual

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## NAME

sem\_getvalue - get the value of a semaphore

## SYNOPSIS

#include <semaphore.h>

int sem\_getvalue(sem\_t \*sem, int \*sval);

Link with -pthread.

## DESCRIPTION

sem\_getvalue() places the current value of the semaphore pointed to sem

into the integer pointed to by sval.

If one or more processes or threads are blocked waiting to lock the

semaphore with sem\_wait(3), POSIX.1 permits two possibilities for the

value returned in sval: either 0 is returned; or a negative number

whose absolute value is the count of the number of processes and

threads currently blocked in sem\_wait(3). Linux adopts the former be?

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# RETURN VALUE

sem\_getvalue() returns 0 on success; on error, -1 is returned and errno

is set to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

EINVAL sem is not a valid semaphore. (The glibc implementation cur?

rently does not check whether sem is valid.)

### ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at?

tributes(7).

?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

?sem\_getvalue() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

#### CONFORMING TO

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

#### NOTES

The value of the semaphore may already have changed by the time sem\_getvalue() returns.

#### SEE ALSO

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sem_post(3), sem_wait(3), sem_overview(7)
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