NAME

bsd_signal − signal handling with BSD semantics

SYNOPSIS

#include <signal.h>

typedef void (*sighandler_t)(int);

sighandler_t bsd_signal(int *signum*, **sighandler_t** *handler*);

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see **feature_test_macros**(7)):

bsd_signal():
Since glibc 2.26:
_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500
&& ! (_POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200809L)
Glibc 2.25 and earlier:
_XOPEN_SOURCE

DESCRIPTION

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

The difference between the two is that **bsd_signal**() is guaranteed to provide reliable signal semantics, that is: a) the disposition of the signal is not reset to the default when the handler is invoked; b) delivery of further instances of the signal is blocked while the signal handler is executing; and c) if the handler interrupts a blocking system call, then the system call is automatically restarted. A portable application cannot rely on **signal**(2) to provide these guarantees.

RETURN VALUE

The **bsd_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 **attributes**(7).

Interface	Attribute	Value
bsd_signal()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

4.2BSD, POSIX.1-2001. POSIX.1-2008 removes the specification of **bsd_signal**(), recommending the use of **sigaction**(2) instead.

NOTES

Use of **bsd_signal**() should be avoided; use **sigaction**(2) instead.

On modern Linux systems, **bsd_signal**() and **signal**(2) are equivalent. But on older systems, **signal**(2) provided unreliable 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), **sysv_signal**(3), **signal**(7)

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