

**NAME**

psignal, psiginfo – print signal message

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <signal.h>

void psignal(int sig, const char *s);
void psiginfo(const siginfo_t *pinfo, const char *s);
extern const char *const sys_siglist[];
```

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

**psignal():**

Since glibc 2.19:

    \_DEFAULT\_SOURCE

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

    \_BSD\_SOURCE || \_SVID\_SOURCE

**psiginfo():** \_POSIX\_C\_SOURCE >= 200809L*sys\_siglist:*

Since glibc 2.19:

    \_DEFAULT\_SOURCE

Glibc 2.19 and earlier:

    \_BSD\_SOURCE

**DESCRIPTION**

The **psignal()** function displays a message on *stderr* consisting of the string *s*, a colon, a space, a string describing the signal number *sig*, and a trailing newline. If the string *s* is NULL or empty, the colon and space are omitted. If *sig* is invalid, the message displayed will indicate an unknown signal.

The **psiginfo()** function is like **psignal()**, except that it displays information about the signal described by *pinfo*, which should point to a valid *siginfo\_t* structure. As well as the signal description, **psiginfo()** displays information about the origin of the signal, and other information relevant to the signal (e.g., the relevant memory address for hardware-generated signals, the child process ID for **SIGCHLD**, and the user ID and process ID of the sender, for signals set using **kill(2)** or **sigqueue(3)**).

The array *sys\_siglist* holds the signal description strings indexed by signal number.

**RETURN VALUE**

The **psignal()** and **psiginfo()** functions return no value.

**VERSIONS**

The **psiginfo()** function was added to glibc in version 2.10.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
<b>psignal()</b> , <b>psiginfo()</b>	Thread safety	MT-Safe locale

**CONFORMING TO**

POSIX.1-2008, 4.3BSD.

**BUGS**

In glibc versions up to 2.12, **psiginfo()** had the following bugs:

- \* In some circumstances, a trailing newline is not printed.
- \* Additional details are not displayed for real-time signals.

**SEE ALSO**

[sigaction\(2\)](#), [perror\(3\)](#), [strsignal\(3\)](#), [signal\(7\)](#)

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