

NAME

sigwait – wait for a signal

SYNOPSIS

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

```
int sigwait(const sigset_t *set, int *sig);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

sigwait():

Since glibc 2.26:

```
_POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 199506L
```

Glibc 2.25 and earlier:

```
_POSIX_C_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The **sigwait()** function suspends execution of the calling thread until one of the signals specified in the signal set *set* becomes pending. The function accepts the signal (removes it from the pending list of signals), and returns the signal number in *sig*.

The operation of **sigwait()** is the same as [sigwaitinfo\(2\)](#), except that:

- * **sigwait()** returns only the signal number, rather than a *siginfo_t* structure describing the signal.
- * The return values of the two functions are different.

RETURN VALUE

On success, **sigwait()** returns 0. On error, it returns a positive error number (listed in [ERRORS](#)).

ERRORS**EINVAL**

set contains an invalid signal number.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
sigwait()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

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

NOTES

sigwait() is implemented using [sigtimedwait\(2\)](#).

The glibc implementation of **sigwait()** silently ignores attempts to wait for the two real-time signals that are used internally by the NPTL threading implementation. See [nptl\(7\)](#) for details.

EXAMPLE

See [pthread_sigmask\(3\)](#).

SEE ALSO

[sigaction\(2\)](#), [signalfd\(2\)](#), [sigpending\(2\)](#), [sigsuspend\(2\)](#), [sigwaitinfo\(2\)](#), [sigsetops\(3\)](#), [signal\(7\)](#)

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