

**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   |
|------------------|---------------|---------|
| <b>sigwait()</b> | 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)**

**COLOPHON**

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