

**NAME**

sigpending – examine pending signals

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
int sigpending(sigset_t *set);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see **feature\_test\_macros(7)**):

```
sigpending(): _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 1 || _XOPEN_SOURCE || _POSIX_SOURCE
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**sigpending()** returns the set of signals that are pending for delivery to the calling thread (i.e., the signals which have been raised while blocked). The mask of pending signals is returned in *set*.

**RETURN VALUE**

**sigpending()** returns 0 on success and -1 on error.

**ERRORS****EFAULT**

*set* points to memory which is not a valid part of the process address space.

**CONFORMING TO**

POSIX.1-2001.

**NOTES**

See **sigsetops(3)** for details on manipulating signal sets.

The set of signals that is pending for a thread is the union of the set of signals that is pending for that thread and the set of signals that is pending for the process as a whole; see **signal(7)**.

A child created via **fork(2)** initially has an empty pending signal set; the pending signal set is preserved across an **execve(2)**.

**BUGS**

In versions of glibc up to and including 2.2.1, there is a bug in the wrapper function for **sigpending()** which means that information about pending real-time signals is not correctly returned.

**SEE ALSO**

**kill(2)**, **sigaction(2)**, **signal(2)**, **sigprocmask(2)**, **sigsuspend(2)**, **sigsetops(3)**, **signal(7)**

**COLOPHON**

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