

NAME

pause – wait for signal

SYNOPSIS

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#include <unistd.h>
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```
int pause(void);
```

DESCRIPTION

pause() causes the calling process (or thread) to sleep until a signal is delivered that either terminates the process or causes the invocation of a signal-catching function.

RETURN VALUE

pause() only returns when a signal was caught and the signal-catching function returned. In this case **pause()** returns `-1`, and *errno* is set to **EINTR**.

ERRORS

EINTR

a signal was caught and the signal-catching function returned.

CONFORMING TO

SVr4, 4.3BSD, POSIX.1-2001.

SEE ALSO

kill(2), **select(2)**, **signal(2)**, **sigsuspend(2)**

COLOPHON

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