

After a signal has been handled, whether or not the handler needs to be reinstalled is implementation-defined. UNIX implementations typically leave the signal handler installed after it's been used, but other implementations may reset the handler to SIG_DFL. In the latter case, the handler can reinstall itself by calling signal before it returns.



C99 changes the signal-handling process in a few minor ways. When a signal is raised, an implementation may choose to disable not just that signal but others as well. If a signal-handling function returns from handling a SIGILL or SIGSEGV signal (as well as a SIGFPE signal), the effect is undefined. C99 also adds the restriction that if a signal occurs as a result of calling the abort function or the raise function, the signal handler itself must not call raise.

The raise Function

```
int raise(int sig);
```

raise

Although signals usually arise from run-time errors or external events, it's occasionally handy for a program to cause a signal to occur. The raise function does just that. The argument to raise specifies the code for the desired signal:

```
raise(SIGABRT); /* raises the SIGABRT signal */
```

The return value of raise can be used to test whether the call was successful: zero indicates success, while a nonzero value indicates failure.

PROGRAM Testing Signals

The following program illustrates the use of signals. First, it installs a custom handler for the SIGINT signal (carefully saving the original handler), then calls raise_sig to raise that signal. Next, it installs SIG_IGN as the handler for the SIGINT signal and calls raise_sig again. Finally, it reinstalls the original handler for SIGINT, then calls raise_sig one last time.

tsignal.c

```
/* Tests signals */
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void handler(int sig);
void raise_sig(void);

int main(void)
{
   void (*orig_handler)(int);
```