

**NAME**

INFINITY, NAN, HUGE\_VAL, HUGE\_VALF, HUGE\_VALL - floating-point constants

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#define _ISOC99_SOURCE /* See feature\_test\_macros\(7\)
*/
#include <math.h>
```

**INFINITY**

**NAN**

**HUGE\_VAL**

**HUGE\_VALF**

**HUGE\_VALL**

**DESCRIPTION**

The macro **INFINITY** expands to a *float* constant representing positive infinity.

The macro **NAN** expands to a *float* constant representing a quiet NaN (when supported). A *quiet* NaN is a NaN (not-a-number) that does not raise exceptions when it is used in arithmetic. The opposite is a *signaling* NaN. See IEC 60559:1989.

The macros **HUGE\_VAL**, **HUGE\_VALF**, **HUGE\_VALL** expand to constants of types *double*, *float* and *long double*, respectively, that represent a large positive value, possibly positive infinity.

**CONFORMING TO**

C99.

**AVAILABILITY**

On a glibc system, the macro **HUGE\_VAL** is always available. Availability of the **NAN** macro can be tested using `#ifdef NAN`, and similarly for **INFINITY**, **HUGE\_VALF**, **HUGE\_VALL**. They will be defined by `<math.h>` if `_ISOC99_SOURCE` or `_GNU_SOURCE` is defined, or `__STDC_VERSION__` is defined and has a value not less than 199901L.

**SEE ALSO**

[fpclassify\(3\)](#), [math\\_error\(7\)](#)

**COLOPHON**

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