

NAME

siginterrupt - allow signals to interrupt system calls

SYNOPSIS

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

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int siginterrupt(int sig, int flag);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

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siginterrupt():
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_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500 || /* Since glibc 2.12: */ _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200809L || /* Glibc
versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

The **siginterrupt()** function changes the restart behavior when a system call is interrupted by the signal *sig*. If the *flag* argument is false (0), then system calls will be restarted if interrupted by the specified signal *sig*. This is the default behavior in Linux.

If the *flag* argument is true (1) and no data has been transferred, then a system call interrupted by the signal *sig* will return -1 and *errno* will be set to **EINTR**.

If the *flag* argument is true (1) and data transfer has started, then the system call will be interrupted and will return the actual amount of data transferred.

RETURN VALUE

The **siginterrupt()** function returns 0 on success. It returns -1 if the signal number *sig* is invalid, with *errno* set to indicate the cause of the error.

ERRORS**EINVAL**

The specified signal number is invalid.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

Interface	Attribute	Value
siginterrupt()	Thread safety	MT-Unsafe const:signtr

CONFORMING TO

4.3BSD, POSIX.1-2001. POSIX.1-2008 marks **siginterrupt()** as obsolete, recommending the use of [sigaction\(2\)](#) with the **SA_RESTART** flag instead.

SEE ALSO

[signal\(2\)](#)

COLOPHON

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