



This is part of **Family API** which allow to create dual-os version of program runs under OS/2 and DOS

**Note:** This is legacy API call. It is recommended to use 32-bit equivalent

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## DosHoldSignal

This call temporarily disables or enables signal processing for the current process.

### Syntax

```
DosHoldSignal (ActionCode)
```

### Parameters

- ActionCode (USHORT) - input : Disables or enables signals intended for the current process.

| Value | Definition           |
|-------|----------------------|
| 0     | Signals are enabled  |
| 1     | Signals are disabled |

### Return Code

rc (USHORT) - return

Return code descriptions are:

- 0 NO\_ERROR
- 1 ERROR\_INVALID\_FUNCTION

### Remarks

DosHoldSignal with ActionCode = 1 causes signal processing (except central processing errors and numeric processor errors) to be postponed until a DosHoldSignal with ActionCode = 0 is issued. Any signals that occur while processing is disabled are recognized, but not accepted until signal recognition is enabled.

To allow for nesting of requests, a count of the number of outstanding DosHoldSignal requests with ActionCode = 1 are maintained.

DosHoldSignal is used by library routines, subsystems, and similar code that lock critical sections or temporarily reserve resources needed to prevent a signal from terminating a task. A process can have only one signal handling address for each signal. Dynalink routines should not have a signal handler (which might override a handler established by a calling process).

Signals can be held for a short period and should be released and re-held, if necessary. Their guidelines for proper use are similar to hardware interrupt counterparts such as the CLI/STI instructions.

## Family API Considerations

Some options operate differently in the DOS mode than in the OS/2 mode. Therefore, the following restriction applies to DosHoldSignal when coding for the DOS mode:

The only signal recognized in the DOS mode is SIGINTR (Ctrl-C) and SIGBREAK. Only SIGINTR and SIGBREAK are turned off by this call.

## Bindings

### C Binding

```
#define INCL_DOSSIGNALS

USHORT rc = DosHoldSignal(ActionCode);

USHORT      ActionCode;      /* Indicate to Disable/Enable Signals */

USHORT      rc;              /* return code */
```

### MASM Binding

```
EXTRN DosHoldSignal:FAR
INCL_DOSSIGNALS EQU 1

PUSH WORD ActionCode ;Indicate to Disable/Enable Signals
CALL DosHoldSignal

Returns NONE
```

## Example

The following example illustrates the use of the Ctrl-C (SIGINTR) signal to signal time-critical events. Process1 invokes process2, which establishes a signal handler named CtrlC\_Handler() and waits, by blocking on a reserved RAM semaphore, for a signal from process1. A portion of process2 is immune

to signalling.

```
#define INCL_DOSPROCESS
#define INCL_DOSSIGNALS

#include <os2.h>

#define SLEEPTIME      200L          /* Sleep interval */
#define START_PROGRAM  "process2.exe" /* Program name */

main()
{
    CHAR          ObjFail[50];
    PSZ           Args;
    PSZ           Envs;
    RESULTCODES   ReturnCodes;
    USHORT        rc;

    /* Start process2 and check its PID */
    if(!(DosExecPgm(ObjFail,          /* Object name buffer */
                   sizeof(ObjFail),  /* Length of obj. name buffer */
                   EXEC_ASYNC,       /* Execution flag */
                   Args,              /* Ptr. to argument string */
                   Envs,              /* Ptr. to environment string */
                   &ReturnCodes,     /* Ptr. to resultcodes struct.*/
                   START_PROGRAM)))   /* Name of program file */
        printf("Process2 started.\n");
    printf("Process2 ID is %d\n", ReturnCodes.codeTerminate);

    /* Sleep to give time slice to process2 */
    DosSleep(SLEEPTIME);             /* Sleep interval */

    /*** After process2 sets signal handler, send process2 a signal ***/
    if(!(rc = DosSendSignal(ReturnCodes.codeTerminate, /* PID of process2 */
                           SIG_CTRLC)))               /* Signal to send*/
        printf("Ctrl-C signal sent from Process1 to Process2.\n");
}

/* ----- process2.c ----- */

#define INCL_DOSPROCESS
#define INCL_DOSSIGNALS
#define INCL_DOSERRORS

#include <os2.h>

#define SLEEPTIME      50L
#define TIMEOUT        5000L
```

```

VOID APIENTRY CtrlC_Handler(arg1, arg2)    /** Define signal handler **/
    USHORT      arg1;
    USHORT      arg2;
{
    printf("Handler for Ctrl-C now running.\n");
    return;
}

main()
{
    ULONG          RamSem = 0L;    /* Allocate and initialize Ram
                                   Semaphore */
    ULONG far      *RamSemHandle = &RamSem;    /* Ram Semaphore handle */
    USHORT          rc;

    /* Establish signal handler */
    if(!(rc=DosSetSigHandler((PFNSIGHANDLER) CtrlC_Handler,
                            NULL,                /* Previous handler - ignored */
                            NULL,                /* Previous action - ignored */
                            SIGA_ACCEPT,        /* Request type */
                            SIG_CTRLC)))        /* Signal number */
        printf("Process2 has set Ctrl-C handler.\n");
    else

        /* Error processing on rc */;
        /* Get semaphore for first time */
        if(!(rc=DosSemRequest(RamSemHandle,        /* Semaphore handle */
                              TIMEOUT)))            /* Timeout interval */
            printf("Semaphore obtained.\n");

    /** Disable and then enable signal-handling ***/
    if(!(rc=DosHoldSignal(HLDSIG_DISABLE)))        /** Action code - disable **/
    {
        printf("Signalling DISABLED.\n");

        /* Do signal-proof work here */
        if(!(rc=DosHoldSignal(HLDSIG_ENABLE)))    /** Action code - enable **/
            printf("Signalling ENABLED.\n");
    }
    /* At this point, process1 may have sent a Ctrl-C signal. */
    /* Try to obtain semaphore again -- resulting in Timeout. */
    /* The Timeout, however, may be interrupted by the signal. */

    printf("Process2 will now wait on a Ramsem for a while.\n");
    if((rc=DosSemRequest(RamSemHandle,        /* Semaphore handle */
                        TIMEOUT))            /* Timeout interval */
        == ERROR_INTERRUPT)
        printf("Process2 interrupted while waiting, rc is %d.\n", rc);
}

```

## Note

Text based on <http://www.edm2.com/index.php/DosHoldSignal>

| Family API |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DOS        | Process Manager | DosBeep DosExit DosSleep DosExecPgm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|            | File Manager    | DosChDir DosChgFilePtr DosClose DosDelete DosDupHandle DosMkDir DosMove DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSetFileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead DosQFileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmDir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSetFileInfo DosSetVerify DosWrite DosFileLocks DosSetFHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSetFSinfo DosShutdown |
|            | Memory Manager  | DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAllocHuge DosAllocSeg DosReallocHuge DosReallocSeg DosGetHugeShift DosCreateCSAlias                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|            | NLS             | DosCaseMap DosGetCtryInfo DosGetDBCSEv DosSetCtryCode DosGetCollate DosGetMessage DosInsMessage DosPutMessage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|            | Date and Time   | DosSetDateTime DosGetDateTime                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|            | Devices         | DosDevConfig DosDevIOctl DosDevIOctl2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|            | Signals         | DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|            | Misc            | BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass DosSetVec                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| KBD        |                 | KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| VIO        |                 | VioGetBuf VioGetConfig VioGetCurPos VioGetCurType VioGetPhysBuf VioReadCellStr VioReadCharStr VioScrollUp VioScrollDn VioScrollLf VioScrollRt VioScrUnLock VioSetCurPos VioSetCurType VioSetMode VioGetMode VioShowBuf VioWrtCellStr VioWrtCharStr VioWrtCharStrAtt VioWrtNAttr VioWrtNCell VioWrtNChar VioWrtTTY VioScrLock VioPopUp                                        |
| Tools      |                 | BIND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Modules    |                 | DOSCALLS.DLL VIOCALLS.DLL KBDSCALLS.DLL MSG.DLL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Libraries  |                 | API.LIB OS2386.LIB FAPI.LIB DOSCALLS.LIB SUBCALLS.LIB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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